



DRIVING PHRASAL VERBS

1. Buckle up: To fasten the seatbelt in a vehicle.

- Get in the car and buckle up.
- Don't forget, buckle up before you start driving.

2. Drive off: To leave a place by driving away.

- After saying their goodbyes, she got into her car and drove off.
- The robber attempted to drive off with the stolen vehicle, but the police arrived just in time.

3. Pull in: To enter a specific area or space, often referring to parking.

- We decided to pull in at a small roadside cafe, where we could have some breakfast.
- After finding a parking spot, Lisa decided to pull in and stop the car.

4. Block in: To put a vehicle so close to another vehicle that it cannot drive away.

- Another car had parked behind me and blocked me in.
- The delivery truck has double-parked and blocked her in.

5. Slow down: To reduce speed.

- The road is icy, better to slow down the car.
- The car slowed down, then suddenly pulled away.





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6. Speed up: To increase speed; to accelerate.

- The car suddenly sped up and went through a red light.
- I think you need to speed up a bit - we're going to be late.

7. Pull up: To bring a vehicle to a stop, often briefly or temporarily.

- At the traffic light, John had to pull up and wait for the signal to turn green.
- I pulled up by the train station to let my son out.

8. Turn off: To leave the road you are travelling on and travel along another one.

- You need to turn off left just before you get to the village.
- Turn off the motorway at the next exit.

9. Run over: To drive a vehicle over someone or something.

- I think we've just run a rabbit over.
- My dog almost got run over.

10. Break down: If a machine or vehicle breaks down, it stops working.

- The car broke down in the middle of nowhere.
- Our car broke down and we had to push it off the road.





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11. Pull over: To move a vehicle to the side of the road and come to a stop.

- The police officer signalled the driver to pull over for exceeding the speed limit.
- Feeling unwell, she had to pull over and rest before continuing the journey.

12. Cut in: To move suddenly in front of another vehicle, leaving little space between the two vehicles.

- There is always someone trying to cut in in front of you.
- Did you see that white car cut in on us?

13. Flag down: To signal a vehicle to stop by waving or other means.

- Unable to find a taxi, she decided to flag down a passing car for a ride.
- They flagged down a passing family who stopped to help them.

14. Knock down: To hit someone with a vehicle and injure or kill them.

- She was knocked down by a bus.
- He died in hospital after being knocked down by a car.

15. Turn back: To reverse direction and go back the way you came.

- Due to the road closure, they had to turn back and find an alternative route.
- We're lost - we'll have to turn back.

