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Phrasal Verbs

Read the definition and example of the phrasal verb and write the translation on the given line.

PHRASAL VERB	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
bring out _____	make a quality noticeable	That green dress really brings out your eyes because it's the same color.
bring up _____	start talking about a subject	She has very strong opinions about politics so don't bring up the elections unless you want an argument!
bring up _____	say where someone lived as a child (usually passive)	He was brought up in China and only moved to the U.S. as an adult.
carry on _____	continue doing something	I have to leave now, but we can carry on our discussion when I return.
carry out _____	do a job, perform a task	She carried out the task with a smile on her face.
carry over _____	extend into another period of time	I can't pay the whole bill this month so I will carry over the balance to next month.
come across _____	find something by chance	I came across some old pictures in my desk drawer that I hadn't seen for ages.
cut down on _____	reduce, use or do less	The doctor advised him to cut down on sugar because he had gained too much weight.
cut off _____	bring to an unplanned end	Our conversation was cut off when the battery in my phone ran out.
do away with _____	get rid of, stop	The bank is finally doing away with fees for cash withdrawals so we'll be paying less every month.
do up _____	fasten	Her husband did up the buttons on the back of her dress.
do with _____	be connected with something	What do her political opinions have to do with her ability to do the job?
fall behind _____	make less progress, fail to keep up	He fell behind with his mortgage payments and almost lost his house.
get across _____	communicate successfully	Her suggestions were accepted after she got across their urgency to her supervisors.
get away _____	escape	The police chased the car thief, but he got away and they never caught him.
get away with _____	manage to do something without punishment or bad results	I can't believe you let him get away with saying that to you.

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get off _____	leave a bus, train, plane, etc.	I need to get off the bus at the next stop.
get on _____	board a bus, train, plane, etc.	We finally got on the plane after a two hour delay.
get on with _____	make progress with something	We need to get on with the job in order to meet the deadline.
get out of _____	avoid doing something you should do	She hates walking the dog so she always tries to get out of it.
get over _____	deal with something difficult, overcome	It took her a long time to get over her mother's death.
get up _____	rise (from sitting or sleeping) or wake up	He usually gets up at 6 a.m., but today he slept until 7.
give in _____	finally agree without really wanting to	The mother refused to give in to the child's demands for candy.
give away _____	reveal or tell a secret	It's a surprise party, so don't give it away !
give away _____	distribute for free	The company is giving away samples of the product so people will try and hopefully buy it.
give back _____	return something to the person who gave it to you	I'll give back your dictionary after the exam.
give up _____	part with, stop using or doing	She gave up her car and switched to public transportation.
go up _____	rise, increase	A housing shortage has caused the prices to go up recently.
hold on _____	wait	Hold on a moment while I turn off the lights and then we can go.
keep up with _____	stay up to date or informed about something	It's hard to keep up with the latest technology because every month there is something new.
knock down _____	destroy something, like a building or wall	Let's knock down the wall between the two rooms to create one big room.
leave aside _____	ignore something or not consider it	Leaving aside the problem of the mortgage, do you like this house?
leave behind _____	forget something	I left my wallet behind at home so I couldn't pay for the groceries.
leave out _____	not include someone or something	We should leave out this chapter because it doesn't fit with the theme of the book.

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look after	take care of	She looks after her younger brother in the afternoons while their parents are at work.
look down on	think that you are better or more important than someone else	He looks down on anyone who doesn't have a college education.
look for	try to find	She's looking for a dress to wear to her friend's wedding.
look forward to	be excited about something that will happen in the future	I'm really looking forward to our vacation.
look into	investigate, try to discover facts about something	I don't know why the school changed its policy, but I will look into it and tell you what I find out.
look out for	look carefully to try to find something specific	The police were told to look out for a man with a scar on his left cheek.
look up	try to find a piece of information	You can look up anything you don't know on the Internet these days.
look up to	admire, respect	He looks up to his older brother and wants to be like him.
make off with	escape with something stolen	We came home and discovered that thieves had made off with our laptop.
make over	improve appearance	They decided to make over their kitchen because it was so old.
make up for	provide something to make something better, compensate	The man brought his date flowers to make up for being late.
pay off	result in success	All the time you spent studying will pay off when you pass the exam.
put away	return something to its place	I told my kids to put away the toys when they finished playing with them.
put off	postpone something	We put off the picnic until the next day because of the rain.
put on	dress yourself in a piece of clothing	She put her coat on and went out into the snow.
put up with	tolerate	I can't put up with the noise from the party so I'm calling the police.
run away	leave suddenly from somewhere	The criminals ran away when the police arrived on the scene.
run for	compete in an election	She's running for mayor in the next election.

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run into _____	meet unexpectedly	I hadn't seen my friend for months and then I ran into her at the mall.
run out of _____	use up a supply of something	Our car got stuck on the highway after we ran out of gas.
set aside _____	save something for later use	Every month she set aside some money for her yearly vacation.
set off _____	start a journey	He sets off very early in the morning to avoid rush hour traffic.
set up _____	arrange and prepare a place for an event	We need to set up the room before the meeting.
throw away _____	get rid of something you no longer want	The parents threw away the toys that had broken pieces.
turn into _____	change or develop into something different	She turned some jars into flower vases.
turn down _____	reduce the amount of sound, heat or light	Please turn down the TV so we can hear ourselves talking.
turn down _____	refuse an offer	She turned down the job offer because the salary didn't meet her expectations.
work out _____	end nicely, be a success	There were a lot of problems along the way but in the end it all worked out .
work out _____	calculate	I worked out how much food we'll need for the party.