

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal Verb	Example	Meaning
aim at	The product was aimed at kids under 18	to target
back down	He backed down under pressure and sold	withdraw position
break down	The car broke down again this morning	stop working
break into	The burglars always break into the same house	enter by force
	Breaking into that new market isn't easy	be involved in
break up	John and Mary broke up 2 weeks ago	separate
	We had to break them up in the playground	stop a fight
bring about	The strike brought about a change in the country	cause to happen
bring back	When are you going to bring back that CD?	return
bring down	They promised to bring down taxes	reduce
bring in	She brings in a lot of new business every week	attract
bring out	When will they bring out the new iphone?	launch a product
bring up	I was brought up in Scotland	raise
brush up on	I have been brushing up on my computer skills	master
bump into	I bumped into John in the supermarket	Meet by accident
buy out	I bought him out last year. I bought all his shares	buy all of
carry on	Carry on! You're doing really well	continue
catch on	Wait a minute. I'm beginning to catch on	finally understand
call off	The meeting was called off due to the weather	cancelled
check in	What time do we need to check in at?	register
clear out	We'll first clear out the office and then disinfect	remove things
come across	I came across a beautiful vase in that shop	find by chance
come between	Nothing can come between him and Sporting	be a barrier
come down to	At the end it's going to come down to the price	reduce to 1 result
come out	When do the results come out ?	make public
come round	Please come round and see me	pay a visit
come up	An important point came up at the meeting	be raised
come up with	He came up with a great way to solve that	invent an idea
cut down	He was advised to cut down his working hours	reduce
deal in	He deals in art in Miami	buy and sell
deal with	He finds it difficult to deal with all the kids in class	handle
do away with	We're going to do away with all our plastic bags	dispose of
drop in	I'll drop in for 5 minutes after work to see you	unexpected visit
drop off	I'll drop the package off tomorrow	leave in a place

drop out	He dropped out of school at the age of 15	quit school
end up	After studying Law, he ended up working in a bar	end result
feel up to	I don't feel up to going out tonight	with energy
fill out	Fill out the application form and give it back to me	complete a form
find out	I found out that she was cheating on me	become aware
get ahead	He'll do almost anything to get ahead	improve career
get at	I hope the police get at the truth	reach
get away	We're going to get away after our hard week	escape
get away with	The robbers got away with a lot of money	not be caught
get along with	I don't get along well with my in-laws	good relationship
get by	We can't get by on my salary alone	survive
get down	The weather in Asturias gets me down	depress
get on	He's getting on well at school	manage
	I'm going to get on the bus in Hope street	enter
get off	Let's get off the train at the next stop	leave
get over	I'm getting over a bad case of the flu	recover
get up to	What are the children getting up to ?	do
give away	On Instagram they are giving away a free course	give for free
go for	Which starter are you going to go for ?	choose
go off	The milk will go off if you leave it out too long	go bad
	The alarm clock went off at 7:30	ring
go on	What's going on over there?	happen
	He went on working despite the noise	continue
go through	I don't want to go through that again	endure
go with	Those shoes don't go with those trousers	match
grow up	He'll never grow up . He still behaves like a kid	become mature
head up	Steve is going to head up the Sales team	be in charge of
keep on	Even though it's hard, we will keep on trying	continue
look after	She looks after her grandmother	take care of
look back on	I look back on my school days with pleasure	recall
look for	Can you help me look for my keys?	try to find
look forward to	I'm looking forward to the weekend	wait for excitedly
look into	The police are looking into that crime	investigate
look out	Look out! A car is coming	be careful
look up	I'm going to look that word up in a dictionary	find in a book
look up to	He has always looked up to his older brother	admire / respect
look through	Look through the exam. What do you think?	examine

pick up	I'll pick you up from the airport at 5	collect
put across	He's good at putting across his ideas	communicate
put away	Put away all your toys	tidy
put forward	I will put my name forward for the elections	propose
put off	The match was put off because of the rain	postpone
put out	The fireman put out the fire	extinguish
put up	Don't put up those posters here	stick
	I can only put you up for 3 days	give a place
	The government are planning to put up taxes	increase
put up with	How do you put up with his bad behaviour?	tolerate
set off	We must set off early to see the sun rise	start a journey
set up	The bank will help you to set up a new business	start / establish
show off	Don't show off ! We know you can play the piano	show you're good
show up	He didn't show up for class	appear
take off	When I get home after work, I take off my tie	remove
throw away	You have to throw away those old books	put in rubbish
throw up	I drank so much last night that I threw up	vomit
turn around	I pushed him in the back and he turned around	turn your body
turn away	He was turned away as he is only 16	refuse entry
turn down	Turn down the music! It's really loud	lower in volume
	I turned down the job because it wasn't for me	reject
turn off	I've got a headache. Turn off the radio please	switch off
turn on	It's dark in here. Turn on the light please	switch on
turn over	They turned over 500,000€ last year	generate money
turn up	I'm going home because she hasn't turned up	appear
take after	He really takes after his father	resemble
take back	I wish I could take back what I said. I'm sorry	withdraw
take in	She was completely taken in by him	deceive
take off	The plane took off at 6:30	leave the ground
	Take your jacket off . It's hot in here	remove
take up	When did you take up golf?	start a hobby
work out	Before going to the office, I work out at home	do exercise