

Phrasal Verbs

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3. How is to recognize a phrasal verb?

Look at the whole sentence. If the two words can be understood literally, it is a prepositional verb – a verb and a preposition. If they have to be taken together with a meaning that has little or nothing to do with the meaning of the verb alone, it is a phrasal verb.

Consider these two sentences with the verb 'come':

She came into the living room. = She entered the living room.

She *came into* a large sum of money when her uncle died.
= She inherited a large sum of money.

In the first example 'come into' is not a phrasal verb because the preposition 'into' does not change the meaning of the verb 'come'; it is a prepositional verb. Other examples of prepositional verbs are *look at*, *listen to*, *ask for*, and *depend on*.

'Come into money' is a phrasal verb because its meaning is different from the original meaning of 'come'.

*Some grammarians consider *prepositional verbs* such as look at, sit down, send back, listen to, and ask for **transparent phrasal verbs** as they can be fully understood by recognizing the meanings of each word: the **verb** and the **preposition**.

4. Transitive or Intransitive?

To learn how to use phrasal verbs correctly, one of the first things is to find out whether it is a transitive or an intransitive phrasal verb.

If a phrasal verb is transitive, it needs something or someone; if it is intransitive, it stands on its own.

Take the example "*look up to*" which means to respect or admire someone but this phrasal verb always has to be followed by someone to make its sense clear. It cannot be said: "I

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1. What is a phrasal verb actually?

A phrasal verb, also called a two-word verb or a three-word verb or a multi-word verb, is a short verb plus one or two particles. In simpler words, it is a verb combined with a *preposition* or an *adverb*, or sometimes *both*, to give a **different meaning**, e.g., *put off*, *break out* and *get on with*.

A **particle** in a phrasal verb is either a *preposition* or an *adverb* that gives the verb a new meaning. If there are two particles, the first is an adverb, and the second is a preposition.

The meaning of a phrasal verb is often very different from the meanings of the two or three parts taken separately.

Examples

- i. We had to put *off* the meeting till Monday. one particle -- *preposition*
- ii. I looked the word *up* in the dictionary. one particle -- *preposition*
- iii. War broke *out* in 1939. one particle -- *adverb*
- iv. Joe turned *up* last night. one particle -- *adverb*
- v. Stop talking and get *on with* your work. two particles -- *adverb and preposition*
- vi. I am looking *forward to* the result. two particles -- *adverb and preposition*

2. Why do we use phrasal verbs?

Phrasal verbs are common in spoken English, informal correspondence such as e-mails, and semi-formal texts (blogs, newspaper articles, etc.). They are less common in formal written English such as contracts and academic articles, where we use one-word verbs such as 'encounter' and 'inherit'.

Though it is not essential, it is important to know common phrasal verbs in order to understand native speakers, who tend to use them frequently.

really look up to." The question arises: "Who do you look up to?" Thus, "Look up to" is a **transitive phrasal verb**.

But some phrasal verbs are intransitive which means they work fine on their own. For example, to "grow up" means to mature and it never needs to add an object here. Here are a few examples of how this works.

- i. He *grew up* in Singapore.
- ii. Your children are *growing up* so fast!
- iii. What do you want to be when you *grow up*?

Now some phrasal verbs are either transitive or intransitive, depending on the meaning. So, take the example "come over" which has two meanings. The first is an intransitive phrasal verb and it means to visit someone in the place where they are, usually their house. It stands on its own.

Why don't you *come over*?

But "come over" can also be transitive. If a feeling suddenly comes over you, it means an emotion affects one in a strong way.

A wave of anger *came over* him.

Hence, whether a phrasal verb is transitive or intransitive, it's important to know because it helps us to understand how to use it correctly.

Transitive Phrasal Verbs

- i. She *looks after* the child.
- ii. *Carry on* your work.
- iii. Do not *turn down* his proposal

Intransitive Phrasal Verbs

- i. Learn not to *give in* even in adverse circumstances.
- ii. The car *broke down* on the motorway.
- iii. The patient *passed away*.

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5. Placement: Separable or Inseparable?

Now in addition to knowing if a phrasal verb is transitive or intransitive, one also needs to know if it is separable or inseparable and this is as simple as it sounds!

i. **Separable** means that the verb and the particle are able to be separated in the sentence.

a. For example, the phrasal verb "*take on*" means to become responsible for something. It is a transitive phrasal verb because it does not make sense on its own.

I'm going to *take on* the project. OR I'm going to *take* the project *on*.

The phrasal verb "*take on*" is separable: *on* can be used either after the object or before the object.

b. You can *give up* this job. OR You can give this job *up*.

c. Let's pick up the boxes. OR Let's pick the boxes *up*.

ii. Now an **inseparable** phrasal verb means that we cannot separate the main verb from the other words in the phrasal verb. No way!

a. ~~I came the book across by chance.~~ OR ~~I came it across by chance.~~ *Incorrect*

I came across the book by chance. *Correct*

b. When her husband *passed away*, her relatives ~~rallied her around~~ *rallied around* (supported) her.

iii. Three-part verbs, also called 'phrasal-prepositional' verbs are always inseparable.

a. "*Look up to*" is an inseparable transitive phrasal verb. "*look someone up to*" or "*look up someone to*" is incorrect.

I really *look up to* your dad.

b. He has *come up with* an interesting idea.

c. He has *come up with* it.

d. She *came down with* (caught) a cold.

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iv. And of course, there is nothing to worry about when the phrasal verb is intransitive.

a. My TV has *broken down*.

b. I *stayed up* all night.

Now learning whether a phrasal verb is transitive or intransitive or separable or inseparable will help us to use it correctly.

The following **rule of thumb** may be helpful in this regard.

i. Verb + Particle + Short Noun Object

OR Verb + Short Noun Object + Particle

a. He *turned on* the light. OR He *turned* the light *on*.

b. Please *cut down* the prices. OR Please *cut* the prices *down*.

ii. Verb + Particle + Long Noun Object

~~She *tore* all the letters by her fans *up*.~~ *Incorrect*

She *tore up* all the letters by her fans. *Correct*

iii. Verb + Pronoun + Particle

~~She read all the letters and *tore up* them.~~ *Incorrect*

She read all the letters and *tore them up*. *Correct*

iv. If you are not sure whether a phrasal verb is separable or not, follow this tip:

a. Ask yourself a question, and produce a short answer with the preposition and the object. If it sounds correct to say the preposition before the object, the verb is likely to be inseparable.

Who did he come across? Across an old school friend.

The short answer sounds correct. 'Come across' is inseparable.

b. If it sounds strange to say the preposition before the object, the verb is likely to be separable.

What should we call off? Off these meetings.

The short answer sounds incorrect. 'Call off' is separable.

6. Types of Meaning

A. Literal or Idiomatic?

Normally, phrasal verbs do not have literal meaning; they have a meaning which is different from the meaning of its original verb.

- i. I learned last season not to *give up* (surrender).
- ii. He is trying to *give up* (quit) smoking.
- iii. He *carried out* (performed according to) the orders of the boss.
- iv. She was *brought up* (raised) by her aunt.
- v. The old man *came to* (restored) his senses.
- vi. Never *look down upon* (consider inferior) anyone.
- vii. We *set off* (started journey) for Karachi.
- viii. I will *put in for* (apply for a job) at a university.

B. Multiple

Some phrasal verbs have different meanings:

- i. Come round: a. visit someone at their home
b. regain consciousness
- ii. Take up: a. begin a new activity—I took up the horse riding last year.
b. accept an offer or invitation—He took up the job offer.
- iii. Turn down: a. reduce volume—Please turn down the radio.
b. reject—She turned down our invitation.

C. Synonyms

Some phrasal verbs are synonyms:

- i. Come round/around = Come over = visit someone at their home
- ii. Come round/around = Come to = regain consciousness

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7. Phrasal Verbs are multi-word verbs.

Now, phrasal verbs are just multi-word verbs. So, they need to be treated like any other verb in a sentence. They need to show which tense is being used and they need to match the subject that they're being used with. See how the verb changes each time with the tense.

- i. *I give up! It's too hard.*
- ii. *He always gives up without really trying.*
- iii. *We're not giving up yet!*
- iv. *I thought you'd given up!*

8. Top Tips for Learning and Using English Phrasal Verbs

A. Learn Phrasal Verbs in Context and within Sentences

Phrasal verbs are like new vocabulary, so it will be a waste of time to learn them through translation or by memorizing them from a list.

B. Practise Using Phrasal Verbs in the Right Way

Now, practise using phrasal verbs in the right way. Focus on topics, not on alphabetical lists. For example, if you're planning to take a holiday soon, think about all of the phrasal verbs you might use on your trip.

- i. *Get on* the bus.
- ii. *Take off* in the plane.
- iii. *Pick up* the hire car.
- iv. *Pack up* your suitcase.
- v. *Go out* for dinner.
- vi. *Hang out* with friends.

Do not forget to pay attention to whether the phrasal verbs are transitive or intransitive, separable or inseparable.

C. Just build a really simple story about the list of phrasal verbs.

It does not have to be true and it does not have to be really intelligent, but it challenges you to think creatively and to use these phrasal verbs.

Take the following phrasal verbs as the example.

- *Look after*
- *Take over*
- *Put away*
- *Clean up*
- *Hang out*

On Thursdays I **look after** my nephew in the evening because my sister works late. I only live over the road, so I usually **take over** dinner and we have a picnic in the back garden. My nephew is very cute but very cheeky. I spend most of my time **putting away** his toys and **cleaning up** after him. But I love to **hang out** with him!

For example, the phrasal verb "put down" can mean to place something down on the ground or a surface, to humiliate or criticise someone or to kill an animal that was sick or suffering.

Many phrasal verbs are idiomatic, as well, so their meaning is not always as the individual words suggest. For example, to "look up to someone" can mean that you respect them. You don't actually have to be shorter than someone and physically looking up to them to be able to use this phrasal verb.

No wonder phrasal verbs are so frustrating!

9. Important Phrasal Verbs

(Prepare at least those you came across in intermediate classes.)

(Given in a separate document.)

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		Example
Phrasal Verb	Meaning	
Act on	To take action because of something like information received.	The police were ACTING ON a tip from an informer and caught the gang red-handed.
Act out	Perform something with actions and gestures..	They ACTED OUT the story on stage.
Act up	Behave badly or strangely.	My computer's ACTING UP , I think I might have a virus.
Add on	Include in a calculation.	You have to ADD the VAT ON to the price they give.
Add up	To make a mathematical total.	We ADDED UP the bill to check it was correct.
Agree with	Affect- usually used in the negative to show that something has had a negative effect, especially if it makes you feel bad.	I feel terrible- that food didn't AGREE WITH my stomach.
Aim at	To target.	The magazine is AIMED AT teenagers.
Allow for	Include something in a plan or calculation.	You should ALLOW FOR delays when planning a journey.
Allow of	Make possible, permit.	The rules don't ALLOW OF any exceptions.
Angle for	Try to get something indirectly, by hinting or suggesting.	He's been ANGLING FOR an invitation, but I don't want him to come.
Answer back	To reply rudely to someone in authority.	Her mother was shocked when she started ANSWERING her BACK and refusing to help.
Argue down	Beat someone in a debate, discussion or argument.	The teacher tried to ARGUE the girl DOWN , but she couldn't.
Argue down	Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling.	She ARGUED him DOWN ten percent.
Argue out	Argue about a problem to find a solution.	If we can't ARGUE our differences OUT , we'll have to take them to court.
Ask about	Ask how someone is doing, especially professionally and in terms of health.	He ASKED ABOUT my father.
Ask after	Enquire about someone's health, how life is going.	Jenny rang earlier and ASKED AFTER you, so I told her you were fine.
Ask around	Ask a number of people for information or help.	I have no idea, but I'll ASK AROUND at work and see if anyone can help.
Ask in	To invite somebody into your house.	Jon's at the door. 'ASK him IN .'
Ask out	To invite someone for a date.	He wanted to ASK her OUT but was too shy.
Ask over	Invite.	They have ASKED us OVER for drinks on Friday.
Ask round	Invite someone.	We ASKED John ROUND for dinner.
Auction off	Sell something in an auction.	They AUCTIONED OFF their property as they were heavily in debt.
Back away	Retreat or go backwards.	The crowd BACKED AWAY when the man pulled a knife.
Back down	Retract or withdraw your position or proposal in an argument.	She refused to BACK DOWN and was fired.
Back into	Enter a parking area in reverse gear.	He prefers to BACK his car INTO the garage.
Back off	Retreat.	The police told the protesters to BACK OFF .
Back out	Fail to keep an arrangement or promise.	He BACKED OUT two days before the holiday so we gave the ticket to his sister.
Back out of	Fail to keep an agreement, arrangement.	She BACKED OUT OF the agreement at the last minute.
Back up	Make a copy of computer data.	You should always BACK UP important files and documents so that you won't lose all your work if something goes wrong with the hardware.
Bag out	Criticise.	Don't bag out BAG OUT Australian English.
Ball up	Confuse or make things complicated.	The new project has BALLED me UP - I have no idea what to do.
Bargain down	Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling.	I BARGAINED her DOWN to half what she originally wanted.
Bash about	Mistreat physically.	If you BASH your monitor ABOUT like that, it won't last long.
Bash in	Break, damage or injure by hitting.	The burglars BASHED the door IN to enter the house.
Bash out	Write something quickly without much preparation.	I BASHED the essay OUT the night before I had to hand it in.
Be after	Try to find or get.	The police ARE AFTER him because of the theft.
Be along	Arrive.	The next bus should BE ALONG in the next quarter of an hour or so.
Be away	Be elsewhere; on holiday, etc..	She's AWAY on business for three weeks.
Be cut out for	Be suitable, have the necessary qualities.	She's not CUT OUT FOR this kind of work.
Be cut up	Be upset.	She was very CUT UP about coming second as she thought she deserved to win.
Be down	Be depressed.	He's BEEN DOWN since his partner left him.
Be fed up	Be bored, upset or sick of something.	I AM FED UP of his complaints.
Be taken with	Like something.	I WAS very TAKEN WITH the performance- it was superb.
Be up	Be out of bed.	She's not UP yet.
Bear down on	Move towards	She spotted him on the other side of the room and BORE DOWN ON him.

Bear on	Influence, affect.	The judge's character may well BEAR ON the final decision.
Bear out	Confirm that something is correct.	Statistics BEAR OUT the government's positions on the issue.
Bear up	Resist pressure.	How are you BEARING UP under the strain?
Bear up under	Cope with something difficult or stressful.	He's BEARING UP UNDER the pressure.
Bear with	Be patient.	Please BEAR WITH me a moment while I finish this email.
Beat down	Strong sunshine.	The sun WAS really BEATING DOWN and we couldn't stay outdoors.
Beat out	Narrowly win in competition.	The marathon runner barely BEAT OUT his rival at the tape.
Beat up	Attack violently.	The mugger BEAT him UP and stole his wallet.
Belong with	Be in the correct or appropriate location with other items.	Does this disc BELONG WITH those on the shelf?
Bend down	Lower the top half of your body.	I BENT DOWN to pick it up off the floor.
Big up	Exaggerate the importance.	He BIGS himself UP all the time.
Bitch up	Spoil or ruin something.	I BITCHED UP the interview.
Black out	Fall unconscious.	He BLACKED OUT and collapsed on the floor.
Blast off	Leave the ground- spaceship or rocket.	The space shuttle BLASTED OFF on schedule yesterday.
Block in	Park a car and obstruct another car.	I couldn't drive here this morning because someone had BLOCKED me IN.
Block off	Obstruct an exit to prevent people from leaving.	The police BLOCKED OFF the road after the murder.
Blow away	Impress greatly.	Her first novel BLEW me AWAY.
Blow down	When the wind forces something to fall.	A tree was BLOWN DOWN in the storm.
Blow in	Arrive, sometimes suddenly or unexpectedly.	He BLEW IN from Toronto early this morning.
Blow off	Not keep an appointment.	We were going to meet last night, but she BLEW me OFF at the last minute.
Blow up	Explode.	The bomb BLEW UP without any warning.
Boil up	Feel a negative emotion strongly.	The anger BOILED UP in me when I saw what they had done.
Bone up on	Study hard for a goal or reason.	I need to BONE UP ON my French grammar for the test.
Book in	Check in at a hotel.	WE took a taxi from the airport to the hotel and BOOKED IN.
Call up	Telephone.	I CALLED him UP as soon as I got to a phone to tell him the news.
Calm down	Stop being angry or emotionally excited.	When I lose my temper, it takes ages for me to CALM DOWN again.
Cancel out	Have an opposite effect on something that has happened, taking things back to the beginning.	The airport taxes CANCELLED OUT the savings we had made on the flight tickets.
Cap off	Finish or complete, often with some decisive action.	She CAPPED OFF the meeting with a radical proposal.
Care for	Like.	I don't CARE FOR fizzy drinks; I prefer water.
Carried away	Get so emotional that you lose control.	The team got CARRIED AWAY when they won the championship and started shouting and throwing things around.
Carry forward	Make something progress.	They hope the new management will be able to CARRY the project FORWARD.
Carry off	Win, succeed.	She CARRIED OFF the first prize in the competition.
Carry on	Continue.	CARRY ON quietly with your work until the substitute teacher arrives.
Decide upon	Choose, select.	Jane spent a long time looking at houses before she bought one, but eventually DECIDED UPON one near her office.
Die away	Become quieter or inaudible (of a sound).	The last notes DIED AWAY and the audience burst into applause.
Die back	When the parts of a plant above ground die, but the roots remain alive.	The plant DIES BACK in the winter.
Die down	Decrease or become quieter.	It was on the front pages of all the papers for a few days, but the interest gradually DIED DOWN.
Die for	Want something a lot.	I'm DYING FOR the weekend- this week's been so hard.
Die off	Become extinct.	Most of the elm trees in the UK DIED OFF when Dutch elm disease arrived.
Die out	Become extinct or disappear.	Some scientists say that the dinosaurs DIED OUT when a comet hit the earth and caused a nuclear winter.
Dig in	Start eating greedily.	We were starving so we really DUG IN when the food finally did arrive.
Dig into	Reach inside to get something.	She DUG INTO her handbag and pulled out a bunch of keys.
Fawn over	Praise someone in an excessive way to get their favour or something from them.	She FAWNED OVER the inspectors in the hope that they would give her a good grade.
Feed off	Eat a food as part of an animals diet.	The gecko FEEDS OFF mosquitoes and other insects.
Feed on	Give someone a particular food.	He FEEDS his cat ON dry food.
Feed up	Give someone a lot of food to restore their health, make them bigger, etc.	She's been ill for a fortnight so we're FEEDING her UP.
Feel up	Touch sexually, grope.	Someone FELT me UP in the club as I was trying to get to the bar.
Feel up to	Feel capable of doing something.	I'm so tired, I don't think I FEEL UP TO going out tonight.
Get ahead	Progress.	Nowadays, you need IT skills if you want to GET AHEAD.
Get ahead of	Move in front of.	I work at home in the evening to GET AHEAD OF schedule.
Get along	Leave.	It's late; we must be GETTING ALONG.
Give up	Stop doing something that has been a habit.	I GAVE UP taking sugar in tea and coffee to lose weight.
Hit on	Have an idea.	I suddenly HIT ON the solution.

Hold off	Stop someone from attacking or beating you.	Chelsea couldn't HOLD their opponents OFF and lost the game.
Hold on	Wait.	Could you HOLD ON for a minute; she'll be free in a moment.
Hook up	Meet someone.	We HOOKED UP at the conference.
Hunt out	Search until you find something.	It took me ages to HUNT OUT the photos.
Jack up	Increase sharply.	They have JACKED UP the price of oil this month.
Jam on	Apply or operate something forcefully.	Jack JAMMED ON the brakes when the rabbit ran in front of his car.
Jaw away	Talk just for the point of talking rather than having anything to say.	That shows that your interest is not in helping the student, but in JAWING AWAY.
Jazz up	Make something more interesting or attractive.	The show was getting stale so they JAZZED it UP with some new scenes.
Keep around	Keep something near you.	I KEEP a dictionary AROUND when I'm doing my homework.
Keep at	Continue with something difficult.	She found the course hard but she KEPT AT it and completed it successfully.
Keep away	Don't allow someone near something.	Medicines should always be KEPT AWAY from children.
Keep back	Maintain a safe distance.	The police told the crowd to KEEP BACK from the fire.
Key to	Plan things to fit or suit people or situations.	Promotions are KEYED TO people's abilities.
Key up	Make someone excited or nervous.	The noise got us KEYED UP.
Kick about	Discuss.	We KICKED the idea ABOUT at the meeting.
Kick in	When a drug starts to take effect.	Her hayfever didn't feel half as bad once the antihistamines had KICKED IN.
Kick out	Expel.	The family KICKED the au pair OUT when they found out that she was planning to move to work for another household.
Knock off	Finish work for the day.	We KNOCKED OFF early on Friday to avoid the rush hour queues.
Lash down	Secure something with ropes or cords.	We LASHED the tarpaulin DOWN to stop the wind blowing it away.
Lash into	Criticise someone strongly.	He LASHED INTO them for messing things up.
Lash out	Suddenly become violent.	He LASHED OUT and broke the man's nose.
Lay on	Organise, supply.	They LAID ON a buffet lunch at the conference.
Lay out	Spend money.	They LAID OUT thousands of pounds on their wedding reception.
Let in	Allow someone to enter.	The doorstaff didn't LET him IN the nightclub because he was wearing jeans.
Let off	Not punish.	The judge LET him OFF with a fine rather than a prison sentence since it was his first offence.
Line up	Arrange events for someone.	We have LINED UP a lot of meetings for them.
Link up	Connect, join.	The train LINKS UP the cities.
Live by	Follow a belief system to guide your behaviour.	He tries hard to LIVE BY the Bible.
Live down	Stop being embarrassed about something.	If I fail the test and everyone else passes, I'll never be able to LIVE it DOWN.
Live with	Accept something unpleasant.	It's hard to LIVE WITH the pain of a serious illness.
Log in	Enter a restricted area on a computer system.	I had forgotten my password and couldn't LOG IN.
Log into	Enter a restricted area of a computer system.	I LOGGED INTO the staff intranet to check my email.
Log off	Exit a computer system.	When she'd finished working on the spreadsheet, she LOGGED OFF and left the office.
Log on	Enter a computer system.	He entered his password for the college intranet and LOGGED ON.
Log out	Exit a computer system.	Danny closed the programs and LOGGED OUT when it was time to go home.
Look up	Consult a reference work (dictionary, phonebook, etc.) for a specific piece of information..	I didn't know the correct spelling so I had to LOOK it UP in the dictionary.
Magic away	Make something disappear quickly.	He MAGICKED the bill AWAY and paid for us all before I could get my wallet out.
Make after	Chase.	The police MADE AFTER the stolen car.
Make away with	Steal.	The thieves MADE AWAY WITH the painting.
Make it	Arrive or get a result.	I thought you weren't coming, so I was really pleased you MADE IT.
Make it up to	Try to compensate for doing something wrong.	He tried to MAKE IT UP TO her, but she wouldn't speak to him.
Make of	Understand or have an opinion.	What do you MAKE OF your new boss?
Make off	Leave somewhere in a hurry.	They MADE OFF when they heard the police siren.
Mash up	Mix sources of audio, video or other computer sources..	She MASHED UP the songs into a single track.
Melt down	Heat something solid, especially metal, until it becomes liquid.	They MELTED the gold statue DOWN and turned it into gold bars.
Mess about	Not be serious, not use something properly.	The children were MESSING ABOUT with the TV remote control and broke it.
Mix up	Confuse.	I always MIX those two sisters UP because they look so like each other.
Move into	Start living in a place.	They MOVED INTO the house as soon as it was ready.
Move up	Move to make space.	Could you MOVE UP and let me sit down?
Nail down	Succeed in getting, achieve.	They are having trouble NAILING DOWN the contract.
Name after	Give someone a name to remember another person.	I was NAMED AFTER my uncle who died in the war.

Narrow down	Remove less important options to make it easier to choose.	I am not sure which university to apply to, but I have NARROWED my list DOWN to three.
Nerd out	Play safe and avoid taking a risk.	I'm going to NERD OUT and not go on the river trip.
Opt for	Choose.	I OPTED FOR an endowment mortgage and lost a lot of money.
Opt in	Choose to be part or a member of something.	If you want them to notify you of updates, you have to OPT IN.
Opt into	Choose to be a member or part of something.	I OPTED INTO the scheme.
Opt out	Choose not to be part of something.	The UK OPTED OUT of a lot of EU legislation on working hours and conditions.
Pack in	Stop doing something.	I'm trying to PACK IN smoking.
Pack off	Send someone away.	His boss PACKED him OFF to a regional office.
Pack out	Fill a venue.	The stadium was PACKED OUT.
Pack up	Stop doing something.	You should PACK UP smoking.
Pad down	Sleep somewhere for the night.	I'm too tired to come home; can I PAD DOWN here tonight?
Pad out	Make a text longer by including extra content, often content that isn't particularly relevant.	I couldn't think of much to write, so I PADDED the essay OUT with a few lengthy quotes.
Pal around	Be friendly and spend time with someone.	We PALLED AROUND at university.
Pal up	Become friends.	We PALLED UP when I started working with her.
Pass away	Die.	Sadly, Georgia's uncle PASSED AWAY yesterday after a short illness.
Pass back	Return.	I felt awful when the teacher started to PASS BACK the exam papers.
Pass by	Go past without stopping.	I was just PASSING BY when I saw the accident.
Patch up	Fix or make things better.	I tried to PATCH things UP after the argument, but they wouldn't speak to me.
Pay back	Repay money borrowed.	I PAID BACK the twenty pounds I'd borrowed.
Pay off	Produce a profitable or successful result.	Their patience PAID OFF when he finally showed up and signed the contract.
Peel away	Leave a group by moving in a different direction.	Some of the crowd PEELED AWAY to get out of the crush.
Peg out	Put washing outside to dry.	I PEGGED the washing OUT after it stopped raining.
Phase in	Introduce gradually.	They are PHASING IN the reforms over the next two years.
Phase out	Remove gradually.	They have introduced a compact edition of the newspaper and are PHASING OUT the broadsheet edition over the next few months.
Pick at	Eat unwillingly.	I wasn't very hungry so I just PICKED AT my food.
Pick up	Collect.	While you're in town, can you PICK UP my trousers from the Dry Cleaner?
Pig out	Eat a lot.	The food was great, so I really PIGGED OUT.
Pile up	Accumulate.	Work just keeps on PILING UP and I really can't manage to get it all done.
Pin down	Discover exact details about something.	The government can't PIN DOWN where the leak came from.
Pin on	Attach the blame to someone.	The police tried to PIN the crime ON him.
Pin up	Fix something to a wall, or other vertical surface, with a pin.	I PINNED the notice UP on the board.
Pine away	Suffer physically because of grief, stress, worry, etc.	He's been PINING AWAY since his wife died and is a shadow of his former self.
Pipe down	Be quiet (often as an imperative).	The lecturer asked the students to PIPE DOWN and pay attention.
Pipe up	To speak, raise your voice.	At first, no one answered, then finally someone PIPED UP.
Play along	Pretend to agree or accept something in order to keep someone happy or to get more information.	I disagreed with the idea but I had to PLAY ALONG because everyone else liked it.
Play around	Be silly.	The children were PLAYING AROUND and being annoying.
Play up	Behave badly.	The children PLAYED UP all evening and drove the babysitter mad.
Plug in	Connect machines to the electricity supply.	He PLUGGED the TV IN and turned it on full blast.
Plump down	Put something in a place without taking care.	He PLUMPED his bag DOWN and kicked his shoes off.
Plump for	Choose.	I PLUMPED FOR the steak frites.
Point out	Make someone aware of something.	He POINTED OUT that I only had two weeks to get the whole thing finished.
Poke about	Move things around or search in a casual way to try to find something.	I POKED ABOUT in my CD collection to see if I could find it.
Poke around	Move things around or search in a casual way to try to find something.	I POKED AROUND in my desk to see if the letter was there.
Polish off	Finish, consume.	She POLISHES OFF half a bottle of gin every night.
Polish up	Improve something quickly.	I need to POLISH UP my French before I go to Paris.
Pop in	Visit for a short time.	He POPPED IN for a coffee on his way home.
Pop off	Talk loudly, complain.	He's always POPPING OFF when things don't suit him.
Power up	Turn a computer or electronic device on so that it is ready to use.	I POWERED UP my laptop and started work.
Price up	Charge more for something.	In rural areas where they have a monopoly, some garages PRICE UP fuel because there's nowhere else to buy it.
Pull ahead	Overtake, move in front.	The lorry was going slowly but we managed to PULL AHEAD.
Pull out	Move into traffic.	The traffic was so bad that it took me ages to PULL OUT.

Group 1 - Directions

breathe in

come in

fall in *

get in *

go in

move in

break in

get in

check in

log in

sign in

let ___ in

put ___ in *

Air goes into your lungs when you **breathe in**.

The President **came in** and everyone stood up.

The dog slipped and **fell into** the river.

He **got in** the car and drove away.

I'm scared. I don't want to **go in**.

We will **move into** our new flat next week.

Someone **broke into** my flat and stole my TV and my wife's jewellery.

Russians can't **get into** Europe without a Schengen visa.

You can **check in** any time after 14:00.

I can't **log into** my account because I have forgotten my password.

We have to **sign in** when get to work.

The security guard didn't **let me in** because I didn't have any ID.

Please **put** the cups **in** the cupboard.

* you don't need to use 'to' in these cases. Get in the car. Put it in the box. He fell in the pool.

breathe out

fall out

get out

go out

keep out

move out

check out

sign out

cut ___ out

get ___ out

let ___ out

take ___ out

take ___ out

take ___ out

throw ___ out

Air goes out of your lungs when you **breathe out**.

We have window bars so that the children don't **fall out** of the window.

They took the photo when she was **getting out** of the car.

Do you mind if I **go out** for a cigarette?

You should **keep out** of the forest. It is dangerous.

I want to **move out** of my parents house when I get a job.

You must **check out** before 11:00.

We have to **sign out** when we leave the office.

Draw three circles and **cut them out**.

My leg is stuck and I can't get it **out**!

Who let the dogs **out**?

It's my job to **take out** the rubbish.

Please **take** everything **out** of your bag.

Where's the bank? I need to **take out** some money.

We don't need this anymore. Let's **throw it out**.

I usually **get up** at 8am on weekdays.

I am lazy so I prefer to **go up** to the third floor in the lift.

I think prices will **go up** next year, so it is better to buy it now.

We will miss the train if you don't **hurry up**.

I need to go to the petrol station to **fill up**.

You can **speed up** now - we are on a fast road.

Everyone should **stand up** when the President enters the room.

We sat by the fire to **warm up**.

Pass me your cup and I will **fill it up**.

If it is too cold you can **heat it up** in the microwave.

Please **pick up** all the toys and put them in the box.

We usually **put up** our Christmas decorations on the 24th.

I deleted lots of programmes to **speed up** my computer.

I can't hear the music. Please **turn it up**.

get up

go up

go up

hurry up

fill up

speed up

stand up

warm up

fill up

heat up

pick up

put up

speed up

turn up

Group 1 - Directions (continued)

fall down
 go down
 go down
 lie down
 sit down
 calm down
 cool down
 slow down
 calm ___ down
 cool ___ down
 knock ___ down
 put ___ down
 slow ___ down
 take ___ down
 turn ___ down

get on
 step on
 hang ___ on
 have ___ on
 put ___ on
 put ___ on
 try ___ on

fall off
 get off
 jump off
 take ___ off
 knock ___ off

get away
 go away
 run away
 give ___ away
 put ___ away
 take ___ away
 throw ___ away

come back
 get back
 go back
 bring ___ back
 call ___ back
 get ___ back
 give ___ back
 pay ___ back
 put ___ back
 take ___ back

After they were hit on 9/11 both of the Twin Towers **fell down**.
 I want to buy one but I am waiting for the price to **go down**.
 I **went down** to open the door because our intercom wasn't working.
 I want to **lie down**. I don't feel well.

Let's **sit down**. The food is almost ready.
 When someone gets less angry, stressed or scared they **calm down**.
 I need to go outside to **cool down**.

Everyone **slowed down** to look at the accident.
 His teammates tried to **calm him down** before he did something stupid.

I'm so hot! I need a drink to **cool me down**.
 The government wants to **knock down** my house to build a new road.

Put me down! I don't want you to carry me any more.
 Please **slow down** the video - I want to look more closely.
 We usually **take down** our Christmas decorations at the end of January.

The music is too loud. Please **turn it down**.

I usually **get on** the bus at this stop.
 Be careful - don't **step on** any dog poo.
 Can you **hang** these lights **on** the tree
 When I saw him he didn't **have** any shoes **on**.
 He **put on** his coat and walked out.
 Please **put** the glasses **on** the table.
 I always **try on** clothes before I buy them.

I broke my arm when I **fell off** my bicycle.
 Get ready! We need to **get off** at the next stop.
 I was too scared to **jump off** the bridge with my friends.
 He **took off** his coat and sat down.
 The cat **knocked** the books **off** the shelf.

The rabbit didn't **get away** from the wolf.
 I want to **go away** for a couple of days. I'm tired of this city.
 The children **ran away** when the dog started barking.
 I want to **give away** this furniture.
 I always **put away** my winter clothes in April.
 The police grabbed the man and **took him away**.
 I had to **throw away** the tomatoes because they were rotten.

We'll miss you. **Come back** soon!
 What time will you **get back**?

I will never **go back** there. It's a terrible place!
 You can take it home but you must **bring it back** tomorrow.
 I'm busy now. Can you **call me back** later?

My car has been stolen and I don't expect to **get it back**.
 You can borrow this pen if you **give it back** at the end of the lesson.
 When will you **pay back** the money I lent you last week?
 When you've finished reading **put** the book **back** where you found it.
 I need to **take** these books **back** to the library.

be out of
run out
run out of
sell out
die out
go out
put out

find out
turn out
find ___ out
sort ___ out
sort ___ out
figure ___ out
point ___ out
make ___ out

be off
run off
set off
take off
kick off
go on
set off
see off

be on
be off
be on
be off
go on
switch ___ on
switch ___ off
put ___ on
call ___ off
put ___ off

go on
get on
carry on
keep on
move on
come on
pass ___ on

OUT = all gone

I'm sorry. We **are out** of time.

My battery is **running out**. I need a charger.

We **ran out** of time so we couldn't do all the tasks.

The tickets **sold out** within 30 minutes.

Mammoths **died out** more than 10 000 years ago.

The fire will **go out** if you don't add some wood.

The firefighters worked hard to **put** the fire **out**.

OUT = known, clear, understood, organised

Yesterday I **found out** that my friend is going to get married.

The test **turned out** to be easier than I expected.

I want to **find out** more about it.

My life is a mess! I need to **sort it out**!

I have to **sort out** a lot of things for the wedding.

I have **figured out** a way to fix it.

The guide **pointed out** lots of interesting things.

I can just **make out** the shape of a building in the distance.

OFF = start moving

I need to **be off** now. I can't stay any longer.

The children **ran off** when they saw the guard.

We **set off** as soon as it got light.

I am always a bit scared when the plane **takes off**.

The match **kicked off** at 15:00.

The fire alarm **went off** so we had to stop the lesson.

If you smoke in the toilet it will **set off** the fire alarm.

My parents came to the station to **see me off**.

ON = working/happening, OFF = not working/not happening

The lights **are** still **on** in the office.

All the lights **were off** when I got there.

Is the meeting **on** tomorrow?

The game **is off** because the pitch is frozen.

There's always something **going on** in my town.

Oh no! I forgot to **switch on** the washing machine!

Don't forget to **switch off** the lights when you leave.

We want to **put on** a great show!

We had to **call off** the festival because not enough tickets were sold.

When I don't want to do something I **put it off** until the last minute.

ON = forward (onward)

The man looked up and then **went on** reading his book.

My parents don't **get on** with my boyfriend.

Keep calm and **carry on** working.

I **keep on** forgetting that word!

Let's **move on** to the next task.

Come on!!! You can do it!

Can you **pass on** a message for me?

Special Meanings (continued)

UP = in pieces

My friend is depressed because his girlfriend **broke up** with him.

The Beatles **split up** in 1970.

Move away from the vehicle. It might **blow up**.

Take a piece of paper and **cut it up**.

Take a tomato and **chop it up**.

He said he was not interested and **tore up** the contract.

She **ripped up** the letter and dropped it into the fire.

If students can't work together it is better to **split them up**.

Guy Fawkes wanted to **blow up** the Houses of Parliament.

UP = not asleep

I was surprised that the kids **were still up** when I came home.

Wake up! Breakfast is ready!

I often **stay up** late at the weekend watching films.

The boy's parents **waited up** until he came home.

My cat **woke me up** at 6am this morning!

My neighbours had a party yesterday and they **kept me up** until 2am.

UP = in order

Let's go to bed. We can **tidy up** in the morning.

It took us three hours to **clean up** after the party.

I cooked so you should **wash up**.

We can't **make up** until I believe that you are really sorry.

We always spend the last 5 minutes of the lesson **clearing up**.

I spend all my time **tidying up** mess that my kids make!

Nobody can leave until this mess is **cleaned up**.

I **washed up** the pans last time.

In the morning we **packed up** our tents and continued our journey.

Oops! I spilt some milk. Can you give me something to **wipe it up**?

UP = completely gone

Our time **is up**.

Shut up and do your work.

I **give up**. I can't do it.

The sofa **takes up** half the room!

I know that I **messed up**. Can you forgive me?

I got fired because I **screwed up** too many times.

I gave you three chances and you have **used them up**.

I used to smoke but I **gave it up** last year.

I had a test yesterday and I **messed it up** completely.

I gave you a chance but you **screwed it up**.

DOWN = not working, UP = working

The computer system **is down** so we can't do any work.

We were late because our car **broke down**.

The shop is **closing down** so they are selling everything for low prices.

Remember to **shut down** the computers before you leave.

Can you help me to **set up** a wifi network?

I want to **start up** my own business one day.

Group 3 - Metaphorical Directions

pass away	My Grandfather passed away last week. The funeral is today.
get away with	I can't believe you got away with cheating in your exam!
get back to	I'll get back to you as soon as I have an answer.
let ___ down	I put my trust in you and you let me down . I can't forgive you.
write ___ down	Please can you write down everything he says.
look down on	I don't like it when people look down on others because they are rich.
fill ___ in	Please fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verb.
take ___ in	There was too much information for me to take in .
hand ___ in	Please hand in your homework at the end of the lesson.
get into	If you get into difficulty at sea you should call the coastguard.
run into	You'll never guess who I ran into today in town - my old piano teacher!
drop ___ off	You have to pay £2 to drop off passengers outside the airport.
hold on	I can't hold on much longer. I'm going to fall!
put ___ on	If you eat a lot of cakes you'll put on weight quickly.
ask ___ out	I was really shy at school and I didn't dare to ask any girls out .
bring ___ out	I can't wait for them to bring out the new Pokemon game.
come out	The first Harry Potter book came out in 1997.
carry ___ out	I want you to carry out all my instructions very carefully..
cross ___ out	If you make a mistake, cross it out and write the answer below.
drop out	I had to drop out of university because the course was too difficult.
eat out	I like eating out with my friends.
give ___ out	I always feel sorry for people who give out leaflets in the street.
go out	I like to go out at weekends with my friends.
go out with	When I was at school I went out with lots of girls.
hang out	At the weekends my son's friends often hang out at my house.
read ___ out	The teacher asked me to read out what I had written.
stand out	I like to wear unusual clothes so that I stand out from the crowd.
stick out	Be careful - your wallet is sticking out of your pocket!
freak out	I freaked out when the airplane started shaking violently.
freak ___ out	Spiders freak me out . I'm so scared of them.
hang up	He hung up before I had time to explain. He was clearly very angry.
pick ___ up	I need to go to the post office to pick up a parcel.
pick ___ up	I'll pick you up from outside your house at 18:30 tomorrow.
pick ___ up	I called three times but nobody picked up the phone.
take ___ up	I realised that I was putting on weight so I took up Yoga to get fit.
throw up	I was really ill yesterday. I threw up three times.
look up to	I really look up to my dad. He is an inspiration to me.
warm up	It's important to warm up before you do sports.

Group 4 - Random Particles

be in
turn into
turn ___ into
go off
pay off
print ___ off
show off
tell ___ off
work on
check ___ out
chill out
fall out
catch up
catch up with
come up
come up to
end up
look ___ up
make ___ up
meet up
mix ___ up
save up
set ___ up
sign up for
take up
put up with

I **believed in** Santa until I was 9.

It's hard to believe that a caterpillar can **turn into** a butterfly.
She is a great cook. She can **turn** simple ingredients **into** great food.

The chicken has **gone off**. We can't eat it.
I worked hard all year and it **paid off** - I did very well in the exam.
I need to get to school early today to **print off** some worksheets.

I can't stand people who **show off** all the time.
I was a naughty child. My teachers used to **tell me off** all the time.

I am **working on** a couple of projects at the moment.
I want to **check out** the new cafe - I've heard that the food is great!

I like to **chill out** and do nothing on Sundays.
I've **fallen out** with my friend. We aren't talking at the moment.

Look how far ahead they are. We will never **catch up**.
It was hard for me to **catch up with** my class after I missed 3 lessons.

I have to work hard because my exams are **coming up**.
I don't like it when people **come up to** me in the street.

I only went into the shop to have a look and I **ended up** spending £90.
If you don't know a word you can **look it up** in the dictionary.

My children are brilliant at **making up** stories.
I'm coming to London next week. Let's **meet up**!

I always **mix up** two of the boys in my class. They look really similar.
I am **saving up** to buy a new laptop.

I've decided to **set up** a meeting between my sister and my colleague.

Lots of people have **signed up** for the free English course.
We had to throw out the old TV because it **took up** too much space.

I don't like my room but I'll **put up with** it. It's only for a week.

Group 5 - Other Particles

go through

go round

go across

go over

go under

go past

go by

go forwards

go backwards

go along

come across

run after

look after

name after

be apart

take _ apart

tell apart

look forward to

fall over

get over

go over

hand _ over

knock _ over

roll over

stop over

take over

think _ over

turn _ over

turn over

look around

get around

mess around

turn _ around

turn round

get through to

go through

be together

get together

put _ together

get along

The railway **goes through** lots of tunnels.

There are bulls in the field. Lets go round it.

We went across the river by boat.

The road **goes over** the top of the mountain.

The river **goes under** the house.

The railway **goes past** lots of beautiful places.

Time **goes by** so fast!

Go forwards a little bit more and you'll be in the parking space.

When I'm driving I prefer not to go backwards.

The path **goes along** the river for 3km.

Yesterday I **came across** someone's wallet in the street.

I **ran after** the man who took my wallet but I couldn't catch him.

Who will **look after** the cats while you are on holiday?

This building is **named after** the founder of the university.

When we are **apart** we call every day.

I like **taking apart** computers and putting them back together again.

My car is really old - I'm worried it might **fall apart**!

I am **looking forward to** my holiday next week.

My son has just started to walk, but he **falls over** all the time.

It took him three years to **get over** his divorce. He was really upset.

I have **gone over** this topic three times. I don't want to do it again.

They finally **handed over** the money after hours of negotiation.

Be careful - don't **knock over** any of the glasses.

He **rolled over** and kissed her on the cheek.

We **stopped over** in Singapore on our way to Australia.

Trump **took over** from Obama in January 2017.

I'll **think it over** and get back to you in a few days.

Please do not **turn over** your tests until I say so.

The boat **turned over** in the storm.

On the first day we **looked around** the town.

I think the subway is the best way to **get around** the city.

Our teacher gets angry when we **mess around** during lessons.

It takes a long time to **turn** a big ship around.

I think we are going the wrong way. We should **turn round**.

I called her three times but I didn't **get through**.

I **went through** a lot of pain and suffering to get this far.

They have **been together** for three years.

My family **gets together** every Christmas.

I took my phone apart but I couldn't put it together again!

My colleagues and I **get along** very well.

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FOR - IN - INTO - OFF - ON - OUT - OVER - UP

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23. After a short break, she **carried** _____ with her work.
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ACROSS – AFTER – AWAY – BACK – DOWN – INTO –
OFF – ON – OUT – OVER – UP

1. We were lucky that the bomb didn't blow _____.
2. He missed so much at school that he found it difficult to catch _____.
3. As a single mother, she brought _____ her two sons on her own.
4. When I read the book I came _____ a word I had never seen before.
5. Would you like to stay at home or eat _____ tonight?
6. Could you turn the volume _____ . - I'm trying to work.
7. The woman finally calmed _____ and told everything to the police.
8. I'll call you _____ later when I'm not so busy.
9. Could you look _____ the baby for a few hours?
10. Burglars broke _____ the new house on High Street.
11. Jerry hung _____ without even saying goodbye.
12. I asked the author when her new book was coming _____.
13. I don't think you can do something that's wrong and get _____ with it.
14. I was looking _____ my briefcase, but I couldn't find it.
15. We watched as the planes took _____ from the airport.
16. I don't feel well. I think I'll lie _____ for a while.
17. Cars should be kept _____ of the city center. They don't belong there.
18. You need to get _____ the bus opposite the supermarket.
19. It can take weeks to get _____ an illness like that.
20. Don't get nervous. We'll work _____ a solution to the problem.
21. I trusted him but then he let me _____.
22. He pointed _____ that there was no sense in playing if four of us were ill.
23. I had to look _____ that word in the dictionary.
24. Put your clothes and scarfs _____ - it's cold outside.
25. Many hospitals are running _____ of money.
26. My dad is going to set _____ a new taxi company next year.
27. Do you want to write _____ my phone number?
28. The firefighters were able to put _____ the fire.
29. Did you pay _____ the money I gave you?
30. Please try _____ these shoes to see if they're the right size.

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1. We were lucky that the bomb didn't blow UP .
2. He missed so much at school that he found it difficult to catch UP .
3. As a single mother, she brought UP her two sons on her own.
4. When I read the book I came ACROSS a word I had never seen before.
5. Would you like to stay at home or eat OUT tonight?
6. Could you turn the volume DOWN . - I'm trying to work.
7. The woman finally calmed DOWN and told everything to the police.
8. I'll call you BACK later when I'm not so busy.
9. Could you look AFTER the baby for a few hours ?
10. Burglars broke INTO the new house on High Street.
11. Jerry hung UP without even saying goodbye.
12. I asked the author when her new book was coming OUT .
13. I don't think you can do something that's wrong and get AWAY with it.
14. I was looking FOR my briefcase, but I couldn't find it.
15. We watched as the planes took OFF from the airport.
16. I don't feel well. I think I'll lie DOWN for a while.
17. Cars should be kept OUT of the city center. They don't belong there.
18. You need to get off/on the bus opposite the supermarket.
19. It can take weeks to get OVER an illness like that.
20. Don't get nervous. We'll work OUT a solution to the problem.
21. I trusted him but then he let me DOWN .
22. He pointed OUT that there was no sense in playing if four of us were ill.
23. I had to look UP that word in the dictionary.
24. Put your clothes and scarfs ON - it's cold outside.
25. Many hospitals are running OUT of money.
26. My dad is going to set UP a new taxi company next year.
27. Do you want to write DOWN my phone number?
28. The firefighters were able to put OUT the fire.
29. Did you pay BACK the money I gave you ?
30. Please try ON these shoes to see if they're the right size.

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I	start a journey
M	meet someone by chance
H	stop doing something
P	chase or follow
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A	to enter a place to steal something
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Q	discuss in detail
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Match the phrasal verbs with their correct definitions!

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Mini dictionary

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- allow for sth** to consider or include something when you are making plans or judging a situation 37
- **answer (sb) back** if someone, especially a child, answers back, or answers someone back, they reply rudely to someone they should be polite to 20
 - **ask after sb/sth** to ask for information about someone, especially about their health 59
- ask out sb or ask sb out** to invite someone to come with you to a place such as the cinema or a restaurant, especially as a way of starting a romantic relationship 1, 52
- ask sb over/round** to invite someone to come to your house 1, 59
- back down** to admit that you are wrong or that you have been defeated, often because you are forced to 38
- back off** to stop being involved in a situation, especially in order to allow other people to deal with it themselves 34
- back onto sth** if a building backs onto something, its back faces that thing 24
- back out** to decide not to do something that you were going to do or that you had agreed to do 38
- back up (sth) or back (sth) up** to make a copy of computer information so that you do not lose it 65
- back up sb or back sb up** to say that someone is telling the truth 38
- back up sb or back sb up** to support or help someone 68
- back-up** *n* an extra copy of computer information 65
- bang into sth** to knock against something, usually by accident 21
- bank on sth** to depend on something happening 34
- bargain for/on sth** to expect something to happen and be prepared for it 37
- barrack for sb** *informal, American & Australian* to shout encouragement to the players in a football team 69
- bash sth/sb about** to treat something or someone in a rough way 18
- bawl out sb or bawl sb out** *informal, American & Australian* to tell someone angrily that something they have done is wrong 69
- be booked up** if an event, person, or place is booked up, they have no space or time available for someone 33
- be caught up in sth** to be involved in a situation, often when you do not want to be 34
- be cut off** to be a long way from other places and people 24
- be dying for sth** *informal* to want something very much, especially food or drink 19
- be getting at sth** *informal* if you ask someone what they are getting at, you are asking them what they mean, usually because they have expressed something indirectly 7
- be hung up** *informal* to be very worried about something and spend a lot of time thinking about it 51
- be left over** if an amount of money or food is left over, it remains when the rest has been used or eaten 60
- be left over** to exist from an earlier time 23
- be littered with sth** if something is littered with a particular type of thing, it has or contains a lot of that thing 32
- be mixed up in sth** *informal* to be involved in an illegal or unpleasant activity 67
- be partied out** *informal* to have had enough of parties because you have been to so many 70
- be playing at sth** if you ask what someone is playing at, you ask what they are doing, in a way which shows that you are surprised and angry 40
- be pressed for sth** to have very little or not enough of something, especially time or money 22
- be put out** to be annoyed, often because of something that someone has done or said to you 11
- be rained off** if a sport or other outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining 61
- be set against sth/doing sth** to be opposed to doing or having something 37
- be snowed in** if a person or place is snowed in, there is so much snow that it is impossible to travel anywhere or leave that place 61
- be snowed under** *informal* to have so much work that you have problems dealing with it 46
- be spread out** if people or things are spread out, they are in different parts of a large area and are not close together 24
- be taken up with sth** to be very busy doing something 12
- be thrown together** if people are thrown together in a situation, that situation causes them to meet each other and to get to know each other 34
- be tied up** *informal* to be busy so that you are unable to see or speak to anyone else or go anywhere 46
- be tucked away** to be in a quiet or hidden place which not many people see or go to 24
- beat down sb/sth or beat sb/sth down** to force someone to reduce the price of something 48

beat up sb or beat sb up to hurt someone badly by hitting or kicking them again and again 67

become of sb/sth if you ask what became of someone or something, you want to know where they are and what happened to them 55

belt into sth *Australian* to begin to do something quickly and with a lot of effort 69

Belt up! *informal, British & Australian* something that you say angrily to someone in order to tell them to be quiet 41

bend over backwards to do sth to try extremely hard to do something to help or please someone 30

big up sb/sth *informal* to talk a lot about how excellent someone or something is, sometimes praising them more than is deserved 70

bite back to do something bad to someone because they have done something bad to you 20

bite back sth or back sth back to stop yourself from saying something that shows your real feelings or thoughts 20

blend in or blend into sth if something or someone blends in, they look or seem the same as the things or people around them and so you do not notice them 32

bliss (sb) out *informal* to become or make someone become totally happy and relaxed 70

blocked-up *adj* filled with something so that nothing can pass through [used of a narrow space] 4, 56

blow down (sth) or blow (sth) down if something blows down, or if the wind blows something down, that thing falls to the ground because the wind blows it 17

blow over if a storm blows over, it becomes less strong and then ends 61

blow over if an unpleasant situation [e.g. argument] blows over, it gradually becomes less important and is then forgotten 26

blow up (sth/sb) or blow (sth/sb) up to destroy something or kill someone with a bomb, or to be destroyed or killed with a bomb 5

blow up sth or blow sth up to fill something [e.g. balloon, tyre] with air 5, 29

blow up *informal* to suddenly become very angry 5

boil over if a liquid that is being heated boils over, it flows over the side of the pan 17, 60

booked up if an event, person, or place is booked up, they have no space or time available for someone 33

bottle out *informal, British* to suddenly decide not to do something because you are afraid 36

bottle up sth or bottle sth up *informal* to not allow yourself to show or talk about your feelings, especially feelings of anger and sadness 51

bounce back if an e-mail bounces back, it comes back to you because the address is wrong or there is a computer problem 70

branch out to start to do something different from what you usually do, especially in your job 46

break away to stop being part of a group because you disagree with them or because you do not want to be controlled by them 68

break down if a machine or vehicle breaks down, it stops working 1, 2

break down to be unable to control your feelings and to start to cry 51

break down to become mentally or physically ill because of an unpleasant experience 56

break in to get into a building or car by using force, usually in order to steal something 4

break into sth to get into a building or car by using force, usually in order to steal something 67

break-in *n* when someone forces their way into a building or car, usually to steal something 4, 67

break off (sth) or break (sth) off to stop doing something 28

break off (sth) or break (sth) off if discussions between two groups of people break off, or if someone breaks them off, they end suddenly, before they have been completed 66

break off to suddenly stop speaking 15

break off sth or break sth off to end a relationship 53

break off with sb to end a romantic relationship with someone 53

break out if something dangerous and unpleasant [e.g. war, disease, fire] breaks out, it suddenly starts 66

outbreak *n* when something unpleasant or difficult to control starts, such as war or disease 66

break out to escape from prison 67

breakout *n* an escape 66, 67

break through sth to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficult situation 66

breakthrough *n* an important discovery or success that helps you achieve or deal with something 4, 66

break up if a marriage breaks up, or if two people who have a romantic relationship break up, their marriage or relationship ends 53

break-up *n* the act or event of breaking up 53

break up if schools or universities, or the people who study or work in them break up, classes end and the holidays start 43

break up if someone who is talking on a mobile phone is breaking up, their voice cannot be heard 50

brighten up if the weather brightens up, the sky becomes lighter and the sun starts to shine 61

brighten up to suddenly look or feel happier 51

brighten up sth or brighten sth up to make somewhere more attractive, often by adding colours 24

bring about sth or bring sth about to make something happen 25

bring along sb/sth or bring sb/sth along to bring someone or something somewhere 59

bring around/round sb/sth or bring sb/sth around/round to bring someone or something somewhere, especially to someone's house 59

bring sb around/round to persuade someone to agree with you or to do what you want them to do 39

bring back sth or bring sth back to make someone remember or think about something from the past 1, 25

bring down sb or bring sb down to cause people in positions of power [e.g. government, president] to lose their position 66

bring forward sth or bring sth forward to change the date or time of an event so that it happens earlier than planned 22

bring in sth or bring sth in if a government or organisation brings in something new [e.g. law, rule], they make it exist for the first time 68

bring off sth or bring sth off to succeed in doing something difficult 27

bring round/around sb/sth or bring sb/sth round/around see **bring around/round**

bring up sb or bring sb up to look after a child and educate them until they are old enough to look after themselves 55

bring up sth or bring sth up to start to talk about a particular subject 1, 31

brush aside sb/sth or brush sb/sth aside to refuse to listen to what someone says, or to refuse to think about something seriously 2, 39

brush up (on) sth to practise and improve your skills or your knowledge of something that you learned in the past but have partly forgotten 43

bubble over to be very excited and enthusiastic 31

build on sth to use a success or achievement as a base from which to achieve more success 27

bump into sb to meet someone you know when you had not planned to meet them 21

burn off sth or burn sth off to use or get rid of energy or something which provides energy [e.g. calories, fat], by doing a lot of physical exercise 57

burnout *n* illness or extreme tiredness because you have been working too hard 70

burst into sth to suddenly start to make a noise, especially to start crying, laughing or singing 21

butt in to interrupt a conversation or discussion or someone who is talking 31

buy into sth *informal* to completely believe in a set of ideas 70

bygone *adj* from the past 23

bystander *n* a person who sees something happening but who is not involved 4

call around *American* to telephone several people, often in order to find out information 69

call back to go back to a place in order to visit someone or collect something that you were unable to visit or collect earlier 24

call back (sb) or call (sb) back to telephone someone for the second time or to telephone someone who rang you earlier 20, 50

call for sth to need or deserve a particular action or quality 36

call for sth to say that you think a particular thing should be done, usually in order to change or improve a situation 39

call for sb to visit a place in order to collect someone 19

call in *British & American* to visit a place or person for a short time, usually while you are going somewhere else 16

call off sth or call sth off to decide that a planned event or activity will not happen, especially because it is no longer possible or useful 1, 2, 33

call off sth or call sth off to decide to stop an activity that has already started 5, 28

call round *British & American* to visit someone who lives near to you for a short time 59

calm down (sb) or calm (sb) down to stop feeling upset, angry, or excited, or to make someone stop feeling this way 51

calm down (sth) or calm (sth) down if a situation calms down, or if you calm it down, it becomes more peaceful 34

can't/couldn't get over sth if someone can't get over something, they are very surprised or shocked that something has happened or that something is true 7

care for sb to look after someone who is too young, too old, or too ill to look after themselves 56

carried away to become so excited about something that you do not control what you say or do and you forget about everything else 51

carry on to continue doing something 55

carry out sth or carry sth out to do or complete something, especially something important 45

carry out sth or carry sth out if you carry out something that you said you would do, or that you have been told to do [e.g. instructions, order, threat], you do it 68

cashback *n* money from your bank account that you can get from a shop when you buy goods with a debit card 70

catch on to become popular 27

catch up to reach someone in front of you by going faster than them 27

catch up to reach the same quality or standard as someone or something else 42

catch up on/with sth to do something you did not have time to do earlier 46

catch up with sb to meet someone you know, after not seeing them for a period of time 19

caught up in sth to be involved in a situation, often when you do not want to be 34

changeover *n* a complete change from one system or method to another 4, 26

charge up sth or charge sth up if you charge up a piece of electrical equipment, you put electricity into it 50, 64

chase up sb or chase sb up to ask someone to do something that they said they would do but that they have not done yet 46

chase up sth or chase sth up to try to get something that belongs to you or that you need, or to try to discover more information about something 2

chat up sb or chat sb up *informal, British & Australian* to talk to someone in a way that shows them that you are sexually attracted to them and to try to make them attracted to you 52

chat-up *n informal* a way of talking which suggests you are sexually attracted to someone and want them to be attracted to you 52

check in to show your ticket at an airport so that you can be told where you are sitting and so that your bags can be put on the aircraft 62

check-in *n* the place at an airport where you go to say that you have arrived for your flight 4, 62

check in or check into sth to arrive at a hotel and say who you are so that you can be given a key for your room 62

check out to leave a hotel after paying and giving back the key of your room 62

checkout *n* the place where you pay for things in a big shop 4

check over sth/sb or check sth/sb over to examine something or someone to make sure that they are correct, healthy or working properly 17

check up on sb to discover what someone is doing in order to be certain that they are doing what they should be doing or what they said they would do 35

cheer up (sb) or cheer (sb) up if someone cheers up, or if someone or something cheers them up, they start to feel happier 51

chicken out *informal* to decide not to do something you had planned to do because you are too frightened 37

chill out *informal* to relax completely, or not allow things to upset you 70

chop down sth or chop sth down to cut through a tree or a group of trees so that they fall to the ground 17

chop up sth or chop sth up to cut something, especially food, into small pieces 13

clamp down if someone in authority clamps down, they do something in order to stop or limit a particular activity 68

clampdown *n* a sudden action taken by a government or people in authority to stop or limit a particular activity 68

clear off *informal* to leave a place quickly 15

clear out sth or clear sth out to make a place tidy by removing things that are unwanted 14

clear up (sth) or clear (sth) up to make a place tidy and clean, especially by putting things where they usually belong 5, 13

clear up if the weather clears up, it improves 61

clock in/on to record the time you arrive at work, usually on a machine with a clock 22

clock off/out to record the time you leave work, usually on a machine with a clock 22

clog up (sth) or clog (sth) up if something [e.g. road, pipe] clogs up, or if something clogs it up, it becomes blocked and nothing in it is able to move 13

close down (sth) or close (sth) down if a business or organisation closes down, or if someone or something closes it down, it stops doing business 17

cloud over if the sky clouds over, it becomes covered with clouds 61

club together if a group of people club together, they share the cost of something between them 48

come about when you say how or why something comes about, especially something which is not planned, you explain how or why it happens 6

come across sth/sb to discover something by chance, or to meet someone by chance 1, 6

come along to arrive at a place 6

come apart if something comes apart, it separates into pieces 6

come around/round to visit someone at their house 2, 59

come around/round to become conscious again 2, 6

come back to sth to start talking about a particular subject again 31

come down to sth if a situation or decision comes down to something, that is the thing that will influence it most 6

come down with sth to become ill, usually with a disease that is not very serious 56

come off to happen successfully or as planned 6, 27

Come off it! *informal* something that you say in order to tell someone that you do not believe them or that you disagree with them 41

Come on! something that you say to someone in order to encourage them to do something you want them to do, especially to hurry up, to try harder, or to tell you something 41

come out if dirt or colour comes out of something, especially clothing or cloth, it disappears or becomes less strong after being in water 6

come out if someone who has been in prison or hospital comes out, they leave 6

come out if something that is published [e.g. book, newspaper], a musical recording [e.g. single, album], or a film comes out, it becomes available for people to buy or see it 14

come out if the truth about something comes out, it becomes known publicly after it has been kept secret 6

come out if results or information come out, they are given to people 6

come over to visit someone at their house 59

come round/around see **come around/round**

come to sth to be a particular total when amounts or numbers are added together 47

come to sth if you come to a decision or a conclusion, you make a decision about something, or you decide what you think about something 6

come under sth if a piece of information comes under a particular part of a list, book, or collection of things, you can find it in that part 35

come up if a subject [e.g. issue, name] comes up in a conversation, it is discussed or mentioned 6

come up if a job or opportunity comes up, it becomes available 6

come up if a problem or difficult situation comes up, it happens when you do not expect it 6

come up if a question or a subject comes up in an exam, that question is asked or questions about that subject are asked in the exam 43

come up against sth/sb to have to deal with a difficult situation or someone who disagrees with you or tries to stop you doing what you want to do 1, 6

come up with sth to think of or to suggest a plan or idea, a solution to a problem, or an answer to a question 36

cool down (sb/sth) or cool (sb/sth) down to become cooler, or to make someone or something become cooler 57, 61

cool down/off (sb/sth) or cool (sb/sth) down/off to become calmer, or to make someone or something become calmer 51, 61

could do with sth/sb to need or want something or someone 19

I could do without sth *informal* something you say when something is annoying you or causing problems for you, because your situation at that time makes it difficult for you to deal with it 37

couldn't ask for sb/sth if you say that you couldn't ask for someone or something better, you mean that that person or thing is the best of their kind 19

count on/upon sb to have confidence in someone because you know that they will do what you want 16

cover-up *n* an attempt to stop people discovering the truth about something bad 4

crack down if someone in authority [e.g. police, government] cracks down, they start treating people much more strictly in order to try to stop them from doing things they should not do 17, 66

crackdown *n* when bad or illegal behaviour is dealt with in a very severe way, in order to stop it happening 66

cram in/into if a lot of people or animals cram in or cram into a place, they all go into it even though it is too small for all of them and becomes very full 33

crop up if a problem crops up, it suddenly happens, often when it is not expected 34

crop up if something, especially a word, crops up, it appears, often in something that you read, hear, or see 44

cross out sth or cross sth out to draw a line through something that you have written, usually because it is wrong 42

cut back (sth) or cut (sth) back to reduce the amount of money that is being spent on something 47

cutback *n* a reduction in the amount of money that is being spent on something 4

cut down sth or cut sth down if you cut down a tree or a bush, you make it fall to the ground by cutting it near the bottom 17

cut down to eat or drink less of a particular thing, usually in order to improve your health 17

cut down sth or cut sth down to reduce the amount or number of something 28

cut off sb or cut sb off to stop people from continuing a telephone conversation by breaking the telephone connection 50

cut off sb/sth or cut sb/sth off to prevent people from reaching a place or leaving a place 2

cut off to be a long way from other places and people 24

cut out sth or cut sth out to remove something by cutting, especially something made of paper or cloth 2, 14

cut out sth or cut sth out to remove part of a piece of writing 44

cut out if an engine, machine, or piece of equipment cuts out, it suddenly stops working 2, 64

date back to have existed since a particular time 23

dawn on/upon sb if a fact dawns on you, you realise or understand something after a period of time when you did not realise or understand it 36

deal with sth to take action in order to achieve something, or in order to solve a problem 31, 36

deal with sth if something [e.g. book, film, article] deals with a particular subject or idea, it is about that subject or idea 19

depend on/upon sth/sb to trust someone or something and know that they will help you or do what you expect them to do 16

dial out to use a telephone in order to call someone in another building 50

die for sth *informal* see **be dying for sth** 19

dip into sth to read small parts of a book or magazine 44

divide up (sth) or divide (sth) up to separate something into smaller parts or groups, or to form smaller parts or groups 13

do away with sth to get rid of something, or to stop using something 1, 68

do up sth or do sth up to fasten something 32

do with → could do with sth/sb to need or want something or someone 19

do without (sth/sb) to manage without something or someone 37 see **I could do without sth/sb**

downfall *n* the sudden failure of a person or organisation, or something that causes this 4, 27

downpour *n* a sudden, heavy fall of rain 61

doze off *informal* to gradually start to sleep, especially during the day 15

drag on if an unpleasant or difficult situation or process drags on, it continues for too long 23

draw on/upon sth to use information or your knowledge or experience of something to help you do something 35

draw up if a vehicle, or someone in a vehicle, draws up, they arrive somewhere and stop 63

dress up (sb) or dress (sb) up to put on formal or special clothes for a special occasion, or to put them on someone else 2, 32

dress-down *adj* used about an occasion when you wear less formal clothes than normal 70

drift apart if two friends drift apart, they gradually become less friendly and their relationship ends 53

drink up (sth) or drink (sth) up to completely finish your drink 13

drop around/round *informal* to make a short visit to someone in their home, usually without arranging it before 59

drop around/round sth or drop sth around/round *informal* to deliver something, usually something small 59

drop in to make a short visit to someone in their home, usually without arranging it before 59

drop off sb/sth or drop sb/sth off to take someone to a place that they want to go to, or to deliver something to a place, usually in a car, often when you are going somewhere else 63

drop off sth or drop sth off to take someone to a place that they want to go to, or to deliver something to a place, usually in a car, often when you are going somewhere else 1

drop out if a student drops out, they stop going to classes before they have finished their course 4, 43, 55

dropout *n* a person who leaves school or college before finishing a course 4

drop round/around see **drop around/round**

dry up if a supply of something dries up, it ends 28

dry up to stop speaking when you are acting or making a speech, especially because you suddenly forget what to say next 31

dying for sth *informal* to want something very much, especially food or drink 19

eat out to eat a meal in a restaurant, not at home 1, 60

eat up sth or eat sth up to eat all the food you have been given 13

e-mail back (sb) or e-mail (sb) back to send a reply to someone by e-mail, usually a reply to an e-mail someone has sent you 20

end up to finally be in a particular place, state, or situation, especially without having planned it 55

end up doing sth to finally do something, especially without having planned to 55

enter into sth to start to become involved in something, especially a discussion 21

enter into sth if you enter into an agreement, you officially agree to something 68

face up to sth to accept that a difficult or unpleasant situation exists 36

fall apart if something falls apart, it breaks or breaks into pieces because it is old or weak 30

fall behind (sth/sb) to fail to develop at the same rate as something else, or to fail to achieve a standard reached by other people 42

fall down to fall to the ground 29

fall down to fail because of not being satisfactory for a particular purpose 4 **downfall** *n* the sudden failure of a person or organisation, or something that causes this 4, 27

fall for sb/sth *informal* to be attracted to someone or something 52

fall for sth to be tricked into believing something that is not true 2, 39

- fall out** to argue with someone and stop being friendly with them 38, 52
- falling-out** *n informal* an argument 52
- fall over** if someone falls over, they fall to the ground 3, 17
- fall through** if a plan or agreement falls through, it fails to happen 27
- feel for sb** to feel sorry for someone because they are very unhappy or in a difficult situation 51
- fight back** to defend yourself when someone or something attacks you or causes problems for you 30
- fight off sth or fight sth off** to try hard to get rid of something unpleasant or unwanted, especially an illness or bad emotions 56
- figure out sth or figure sth out** *American* to understand something or someone, or to find the answer to something by thinking carefully 69
- fill in sth or fill sth in** to write the necessary information on an official document [e.g. form, questionnaire] 44
- fill in sb or fill sb in** to tell someone about the things that have happened while they have not been there, or to give someone the information they need in order to do something 45
- fill out sth or fill sth out** to write the necessary information on an official document [e.g. form, questionnaire] 44
- fill up (sth) or fill (sth) up** to become full, or to make something become full 26
- find out (sth) or find (sth) out** to get information about something because you want to know more about it, or to learn a fact or piece of information for the first time 35
- finish off sth or finish sth off** to complete the last part of something that you are doing 28
- finish with sb** *informal, British & Australian* to end a romantic relationship with someone 53
- Fire away!** *informal* something that you say in order to tell someone that you are ready for them to start asking you questions, or to start speaking 41
- fit in** to feel happy in a group of people because you are similar to them 52
- fit in sb/sth or fit sb/sth in** to find time to do something or see someone 22
- fix up sb/sth or fix sb/sth up** to provide or arrange something for someone 45
- fizzle out** to gradually end or disappear, especially in a disappointing way 28
- flare up** if something [e.g. violence, argument, anger] flares up, it suddenly happens and becomes very serious 66
- flick through sth** to look briefly at the pages of something [e.g. book, magazine] 20
- flip through sth** to look briefly at the pages of something [e.g. book, magazine] 20
- flood out sb or flood sb out** to force someone to leave their home because of floods 61
- follow up sth or follow sth up** to do something in order to make the effect of an earlier action or thing stronger or more certain 45
- fool around** to spend time having fun or behaving in a silly way 18
- fork out sth or fork sth out** *informal* to pay or give money for something, especially when you do not want to 48
- freshen up** to quickly wash yourself so that you feel clean 32, 69
- get across sth or get sth across** to successfully communicate an idea to other people 31
- get ahead** to be successful in the work that you do 45
- get along** if two or more people get along, they like each other and are friendly to each other 52
- get around/round sth** to find a way of dealing with or avoiding a problem 7
- get around/round to sth/doing sth** to do something that you have intended to do for a long time 7
- get at sth** see **be getting at sth** 7
- get away** to leave a place or person, often when the situation makes it difficult for you to do this 2, 7
- get away** to go somewhere to have a holiday, especially because you need to rest 62
- getaway** *adj* used to escape something or someone 62
- get away with sth/doing sth** to succeed in not being criticised or punished for something wrong that you have done 7
- get away with sth/doing sth** to do something successfully even though it is not the best way of doing it 1, 7
- get sth back or get back sth** if you get something back, something that you had before is given to you again 47
- get back to sb** if you get back to someone, you talk to them, usually on the telephone, in order to give them some information that they have asked you for, or because you were not able to speak to them before 50
- get behind** if you get behind with work or with payments, you have not done as much work or paid as much money as you should by a particular time 7
- get by** to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need, but nothing more 7
- get carried away** to become so excited about something that you do not control what you say or do and you forget about everything else 51
- get down to sth/doing sth** to start doing something seriously and with a lot of your attention and effort 5

get in if a train, plane, or other vehicle gets in at a particular time, that is when it arrives 62

get into sb *informal, Australian* to criticise someone 69

get mixed up in sth to become involved in an illegal or bad activity 67

get off (sth) to leave a bus, train, aircraft, or boat 62

get on (sth) to go onto a bus, train, aircraft, or boat 2, 5, 62

get on if two or more people get on, they like each other and are friendly to each other 2, 5, 7

get on to continue doing something, especially work 5, 7

get on to/onto sth to start talking about a subject after discussing something else 31

get out to move out of a vehicle 63

get out of sth/doing sth to avoid doing something that you should do, often by giving an excuse 34

get over sth to begin to feel better after an experience that has made you unhappy 17, 26

get over see **can't/couldn't get over sth**

get sth over with to do and complete something difficult or unpleasant that must be done 7

get round/around see **get around/round**

get through to manage to talk to someone on the telephone 1, 50

get through to sb to succeed in making someone understand or believe something 31

get to sb *informal* to make someone feel upset or angry 38

get together (sb) or get (sb) together if two or more people get together, or if someone gets two or more people together, they meet in order to do something or spend time together 7

get (sb) up to wake up and get out of bed, or to make someone do this 58

getting at sth *informal* if you ask someone what they are getting at, you are asking them what they mean, usually because they have expressed something indirectly 7

give away sth or give sth away to give something to someone without asking for payment 47

give in to finally agree to what someone wants after a period when you refuse to agree 2, 38

give in to accept that you have been defeated and agree to stop competing or fighting 57

give in sth or give sth in to give a piece of written work or a document to someone for them to read, judge, or deal with 2, 42

give out sth or give sth out to give something to a large number of people 42

give up (sth) or give (sth) up if you give up a habit [e.g. smoking, drinking] or give up something unhealthy [e.g. cigarettes, alcohol], you stop doing it or having it 26

give up sth or give sth up to stop doing a regular activity or a job 28

give up (sth/doing sth) or give (sth) up to stop doing an activity or piece of work before you have completed it, usually because it is too difficult 28

give up to stop trying to think of the answer to a joke or question 35

go about sth/doing sth to start to do something or deal with something 8

go about doing sth if someone goes about doing something for a long time, they spend their time behaving badly or doing something that is unpleasant for other people 8

go against sth/sb to do the opposite of what someone has asked or advised you to do 2

go ahead to start to do something 68

go-ahead *n* permission for something to start 68

go along with sth/sb to support an idea, or to agree with someone's opinion 8

go back if schools or students go back, the schools are open and the students start going to lessons again after the holidays 43

go back sth *informal* if people go back a number of years, they have been friends for that many years or since that time 20

go back on sth to not do something that you promised or said you would do 54

go by if time goes by, it passes 23 **bygone** *adj* from the past 23

go down to become lower in level 2

go down with sth *informal, British* to become ill, usually with a disease that is not very serious 56

go for sth to choose something 8

go for sth to try to get or achieve something 19, 57

go for sb/sth to like a particular type of thing or person 52

go forward to win one stage of a competition and compete in another stage 57

go in for sth to compete in a competition, or to do an exam 8

go into sth to describe, discuss, or examine something in a detailed way 21

go off to leave a place and go somewhere else 8

go off if food or drink goes off, it is not good to eat or drink any more because it is too old 8, 60

go off if a warning device [e.g. alarm] goes off, it suddenly makes a loud noise 64

go off if a bomb or gun goes off, it explodes or fires 66

go on to continue to exist or happen 8

go on to continue doing something 8

go on to happen 8

goings-on *n* strange or amusing events 4

go on to talk in an annoying way about something for a long time 8

Go on! *informal* something that you say to encourage someone to do something 8, 41

go out if a light goes out, it stops giving light 8

go out *British* to lose when you are playing in a sports competition, so that you must stop playing in the competition 57

go out with sb to have a romantic relationship with someone 52

go over sth to talk or think about something in order to explain it or make sure that it is correct 17

go through sth to experience an unpleasant or difficult situation or event 2, 8

go through sth to carefully examine the contents of something or a collection of things in order to find something 8

go through sth to carefully read or discuss every part of something in order to make sure that it is correct or acceptable 17, 20

go through with sth to do something unpleasant or difficult which you have planned or promised to do 8

go together if two types of thing or people go together, they are usually found with each other 8

go together if two pieces of clothing or two types of food go together, they look or taste good when you wear or eat them at the same time 32

go under if a company or business goes under, it fails financially 49

go up if an amount, rate, or standard goes up, it rises 26

go with sth if one thing goes with another, they suit each other or they look or taste good together 19, 60

go without (sth) to not have something which you usually have 8

goings-on *n* strange or amusing events 4

goof off *informal, American* to avoid doing any work 69

grow apart if people who are good friends grow apart, they gradually become less friendly, often because they do not have the same interests and opinions any more 53

grow on sb *informal* if something or someone grows on you, you like them more and more, although you did not like them at first 51

grow up to gradually change from being a child to being an adult 55

hack into sth to get into someone else's computer system without permission in order to look at information or do something illegal 65

hand down sth or hand sth down to give or teach something to someone who will be alive after you have died 55

hand in sth or hand sth in to give a piece of written work [e.g. essay] to a teacher 42

hand out sth or hand sth out to give something to each person in a group of people 42

handout *n* a piece of paper that is given to people who go to a talk or class and which has information on it about the subject dealt with in the talk or class 4, 42

hand over sth or hand sth over to give something to someone else 17

hand over (sth/sb) or hand (sth/sb) over to give someone else responsibility for or control of something or someone 45

hand round sth or hand sth round to offer something, especially food or drink, to each person in a group of people 60

hang about/around/round (swb) *informal* to spend time somewhere, usually without doing very much 18

hang on *informal* to wait, especially for a short time 22

Hang on! *informal* something that you say when you are confused or surprised by something and you need to think 41

hang out *informal* to spend a lot of time in a particular place, or to spend a lot of time with someone 22

hang up to end a telephone conversation, often suddenly, by putting the part of the telephone that you speak into back into its usual position 50

hang up sth or hang sth up to hang something, especially clothes, on a hook 13

hang up *informal* see **hung up** 51

hang-up *n* *informal* a feeling of embarrassment or fear about something, often when it is not necessary to feel that way 51

have it out with sb *informal* to talk to someone about something that they have said or done that has made you angry in order to improve the situation 54

have sb around/round if you have someone around, they come to your house for a social visit 59

have sb on to persuade someone that something is true when it is not, usually as a joke 39

have sth on to have an arrangement to do something 37

have sb over if you have someone over, they come to your house to visit you 59

head off to start a journey or leave a place 15

heat up sth or heat sth up to make food hot so that it can be eaten 60

heat up (sth) or heat (sth) up to become warm or hot, or to make something warmer or hotter 26

help out (sb) or help (sb) out to help someone, especially by giving them money or by doing work for them 14

help sb off with sth to help someone remove a piece of outer clothing [e.g. coat] 29

help sb on with sth to help someone to put on a piece of clothing 29

hide away to go to a place where other people will not find you 66

hideaway *n* a place where someone goes to be alone 66

hire out sth or hire sth out *British & Australian* to allow someone to use something for a short period of time after they have paid you money 49

hit back to criticise or attack someone who has criticised or attacked you 40

hit it off if two or more people hit it off, they like each other and become friendly immediately 52

hold sth against sb to like or respect someone less because they have done something wrong or behaved badly 38

hold down sth or hold sth down to control the level of something [e.g. prices, costs, inflation] and to prevent it from increasing 17

hold off (sth/doing sth) to delay something or doing something 15

hold on to wait for a short time 50

Hold on! something you say to show that you are surprised or confused about something and that you need time to think about it for a short time 41

hold up sth/sb or hold sth/sb up to delay something or someone 23

hold up sth/sb or hold sth/sb up to steal money from a building [e.g. bank], a person, or a vehicle, by using violence or by threatening to use violence 67

hold-up *n* a delay 23

hold-up *n* when someone steals from someone else using violence or the threat of violence 67

hot up *informal* if an event or situation *hots up*, it becomes more exciting and there is a lot more activity 34

hung up *informal* to be very worried about something and spend a lot of time thinking about it 51

hurry up to do something more quickly 41

hurry up sb/sth or hurry sb/sth up to make someone do something more quickly, or to make something happen sooner 23

I could do without sth something that you say when something is annoying you or causing problems for you, because your situation at that time makes it difficult for you to deal with it 37

invite along sb or invite sb along to ask someone if they would like to go with you to an event or activity 3

invite around/round sb or invite sb around/round to ask someone to come to your home 3, 59

invite back sb or invite sb back to ask someone to come to your home after you have been out somewhere together 3

invite in sb or invite sb in to ask someone if they would like to come into your house 3

invite out sb or invite sb out to ask someone to go with you to a place, for example a restaurant or the cinema 3, 59

invite over sb or invite sb over to ask someone to come to your home 3, 59

invite up sb or invite sb up to ask someone if they would like to come upstairs 3

join in (sth) to become involved in an activity with other people 57

jot down sth or jot sth down to write something quickly on a piece of paper so that you remember it 44

jumble up sth or jumble sth up to mix things together in an untidy way 13

jump at sth to eagerly accept a chance to do or have something 51

jump out at sb if something jumps out at you, you notice it immediately 36

keep (sb) at sth to continue working hard at something difficult or something which takes a long time, or to make someone continue to work hard 46

keep away (sb/sth) or keep (sb/sth) away to not go somewhere or near something, or to prevent someone or something from going somewhere or near something 21

keep down sth or keep sth down to stop the number, level, or size of something from increasing 17

keep on at sb to talk to someone about something many times, usually because you want to complain about something they have done or not done 54

keep on doing sth to continue to do something, or to do something again and again 2, 16

keep sth from sb to not tell someone about something 54

keep to sth to do what you have promised or planned to do 31

keep up to go at the same speed as someone or something that is moving forward, so that you stay level with them 23

keep up to increase or to make progress at the same speed as something or someone else so that you stay at the same level as them 27

keep up sth or keep sth up to practise a skill that you learned in the past so that you continue to be good at it 43

keep it up to continue to do something, especially to work hard or to do good work 41

key in sth or key sth in to put information into a computer using a keyboard 65

kick-off *n* the time when a football match begins 57

knock about/around together *informal* to spend a lot of time with someone, either because they are your friend or because you are having a romantic relationship with them 22

knock down sb or knock sb down to hit someone with a vehicle and injure or kill them 63

knockdown *adj* very low (in price) 47

knock off (sth) *informal* to stop working, usually at the end of a day 45

knock off sth or knock sth off (sth) to take a particular amount away from something, especially a price 48

knock out to defeat a person or team in a competition so that they have to stop taking part in it 57

knockout *n* a competition in which only the winners of each stage play in the next stage, until one person or team is the final winner 57

knock over sth/sb or knock sth/sb over to hit or push something or someone, especially accidentally, so that they fall to the ground or onto their side 17, 30

latch on *informal, British & Australian* to understand something 35

latch on to/onto sb to spend time with someone, especially when they do not want you with them 22

laugh off sth or laugh sth off to laugh about something unpleasant in order to make it seem less important or serious 15

launch into sth to start doing or saying something [e.g. speech, story] in a very enthusiastic way 21

lay into sb to attack or criticise someone in an angry way 40, 69

lay off sb or lay sb off to stop employing someone because there is no work for them to do 45

laze about/around to relax and enjoy yourself by doing very little 18

lead on sb or lead sb on to make someone believe something that is not true 67

leak out if secret information leaks out, people who should not know this information find out about it 66

lean on sb *informal* to try to make someone do what you want by threatening or persuading them 67

leave aside sth or leave sth aside to not discuss or consider a particular subject so that you can discuss a different subject 31

leave behind sth/sb or leave sth/sb behind to leave a place without taking something or someone with you, either because you have forgotten them or because you cannot take them with you 24

leave out sb/sth or leave sb/sth out to not include someone or something 2, 14

leave sb to sth *informal* to go away from someone so that they do something by themselves or so they can continue what they are doing 45

left over if an amount of money or food is left over, it remains when the rest has been used or eaten 4, 60

left over to exist from an earlier time 23

leftover *adj* existing from an earlier time 23

leftovers *n* food that was prepared for a meal but not eaten 4, 60

let down sb or let sb down to disappoint someone by failing to do what you agreed to do or what you were expected to do 53

let off sb or let sb off to not punish someone who has committed a crime or done something wrong, or to not punish someone severely 67

let on to tell someone about something which was supposed to be a secret 54

let out sb/sth or let sb/sth out to allow a person or animal to leave somewhere, especially by opening a locked or closed door 14

let-out *n* an excuse or way of avoiding doing something you agreed to do 36

let up *informal* if bad weather or an unpleasant situation lets up, it stops or improves 5, 61

lie about/around *informal* to spend time lying down and doing very little 18

lie ahead if an event or situation that will cause problems lies ahead, it will happen in the future 23

lie behind sth to be the real reason for something 25

lie in *British & Australian* to stay in bed in the morning later than you usually do 58

lie-in *n* *British & Australian* when you stay in bed in the morning longer than usual 58

lie in sth to exist or be found in something 36

lift off if a spacecraft or aircraft lifts off, it leaves the ground 15

lift-off *n* the moment when a spacecraft leaves the ground 15

lighten up to become more relaxed and less serious 70

Lighten up! *informal* something you say to tell someone to stop being so serious or annoyed 41

listen in to secretly listen to a conversation, especially a telephone conversation 50

Listen up! *informal, American* something you say to tell people to listen to what you are going to say 69

littered with sth if something is littered with a particular type of thing, it has or contains a lot of that thing 32

live down sth or live sth down to stop feeling embarrassed about something you have done by waiting until people forget about it 53

live for sth/sb to believe that something or someone is the most important thing or person in your life 19

live off sth/sb to have enough money for the things you need by taking it from a supply of money or from another person 58

live off sth to only eat a particular type of food 60

live on sth to have a particular amount of money in order to buy the things you need 58

live on sth to only eat a particular type of food 60

live through sth to experience a difficult situation or event 20

live up to sth if someone or something lives up to people's expectations or a particular standard, they are as good as they were expected to be 55

liven up (sth) or liven (sth) up to become more interesting and exciting, or to make something become like this 13

load down sb or load sb down to give someone too many things to carry 17

load up (sth) or load (sth) up to put a lot of things into a vehicle or machine 64

lock yourself away to go to a room or building where you can be alone, usually so that you can work 21

lock in sb or lock sb in to prevent someone from leaving a room or building by locking the door 16

lock out sb or lock sb out to prevent someone from entering a building by locking the door 14

lock yourself out to accidentally prevent yourself from getting into a building or vehicle by leaving the keys inside when you shut the door 14

log in to connect a computer to a system of computers by typing your name, usually so that you can start working 65

log off (sth) to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working 65

log on to connect a computer to a system of computers by typing your name, usually so that you can start working 65

log out to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working 65

look after sb/sth to take care of someone or something by doing what is needed to keep them well or in good condition 1, 9

look ahead to think about what will happen in the future and plan for these events 9

look around/round (swh) to walk through a building or around a place and look at the things in it 18

look around/round to try to find something you want [e.g. job] by asking different people or by looking in different places 9

look at sth to consider a subject carefully in order to make a decision about it 9

look at sth to read something quickly and not very carefully 9

look back to think about or remember something that happened in the past 2

look down on sb/sth to think that someone is less important than you, or to think that something is not good enough quality for you to use 1, 9

look for sth/sb to try to find something or someone, either because you have lost them or because you need them 3

look forward to sth/doing sth to feel pleased and excited about something that is going to happen 1, 9

look into sth to discover and examine the facts about a problem or situation 9, 21

look on to watch an activity or event without becoming involved in it 4, 9

onlooker n a person who watches an activity or event without becoming involved in it 4, 9

look out for sb/sth to carefully watch the people or things around you so that you will notice a particular person or thing 9, 66

lookout n a person who is watching for danger 9, 66

Look out! something you say or shout in order to tell someone that they are in danger 41

look over sth/sb or look sth/sb over to quickly examine something or someone 3, 9, 17

look round/around see **look around/round**

look through sth to read something quickly and not very carefully 9, 17, 20

look up if a situation is looking up, it is improving 1, 9, 26

look up sb or look sb up to visit someone who you have not seen for a long time when you are visiting the place where they live 1, 9

look up sth or look sth up to look at a book or computer in order to find a piece of information 1, 9

look up to sb to respect and admire someone 9

lose out to not have an advantage that other people have 14

make for swh to go in the direction of a place 10

make out sth/sb or make sth/sb out to be able to see or hear something or someone, usually with difficulty 2, 10

make out sth or make sth out to understand something, especially the reason why something has happened 10

make out sth or make sth out to write all the necessary information on an official document [e.g. cheque, application, ticket] 44

make out sb or make sb out to understand why someone behaves in the way that they do 1, 10

make up sth or make sth up to say or write something that is not true [e.g. excuse, report, story] in order to deceive someone 10

make up sth or make sth up to invent something [e.g. story, game] 10

make up sth to form the whole of something 10

make-up *n* the combination of things which form something 10

make up to forgive someone who you have argued with and to become friendly with them again 53

make up for sth to replace something that has been lost, or to provide something good in order to make a bad situation better 10

make it up to sb to do something good for someone who you have done something bad to in the past, or to someone who has done something good for you 10

match up if two pieces of information match up, they are the same and this shows that the information is likely to be correct 35

measure out sth or measure sth out to take a small amount of something from a larger amount, first weighing or measuring it in order to make sure that it is the right amount 64

measure up to be good enough 40

meet with sb *American* to have a meeting with someone in order to discuss or arrange something 69

mess about/around to spend time playing or doing things with no particular purpose 18

mess about/around to behave stupidly or to waste time doing unimportant things 18, 69

mess sb about/around *informal* to treat someone badly, especially by changing your mind a lot or not doing what you have promised 1, 18

mess up (sth) or mess (sth) up to spoil or damage something, or to do something badly 42

mill about/around (swb) to walk around a particular place or area, usually while waiting for something 18

Mind out! *British & American* something that you say in order to tell someone to be careful or to warn someone of a danger 41

miss out to not do or get something that you would enjoy or that would be good for you, or to not have something that other people have 53

miss out sb/sth or miss sb/sth out *British & American* to fail to include someone or something 42

mix up sth/sb or mix sth/sb up to confuse two people or things by thinking that one person or thing is the other person or thing 34

mix-up *n* a mistake caused by confusion which prevents something from being done or causes something to be done incorrectly 4, 34

mixed up in sth *informal* to be involved in an illegal or unpleasant activity 67

mouth off *informal* to talk about a subject as if you know more than everyone else, or to complain a lot about something 54

move (sth) along if a process moves along, or if you move a process along, it develops in a satisfactory way 46

move in to begin living in a new house or area 58

move in together to start living in the same house as someone you are having a romantic relationship with 58

move out to stop living in a particular house 58

move over to change the place where you are sitting or standing so that there is space for someone else to sit or stand 3, 17, 29

move up *British & Australian* to move slightly so that there is enough space for someone else 29

muck about/around *informal* to waste time doing silly things 22

muddle through to succeed in doing something even though you have difficulties because you do not really know how to do it 27

muddle up sb/sth or muddle sb/sth up to confuse two people or things in your mind 34

mug up (sth) or mug (sth) up *informal, British* to quickly try to learn the main facts about a subject, especially before an exam 43

name sb/sth after sb/sth to give someone or something the same name as someone or something else 55

narrow down sth or narrow sth down to make something [e.g. list, choice, option] smaller and clearer by removing the things that are less important 36

note down sth or note sth down to write words or numbers, often so that you do not forget them 17, 44

off-putting *adj* unattractive or unpleasant 15

onlooker *n* a person who watches an activity or event without becoming involved in it 9

open onto sth if a room, window, or door opens onto a place, it opens in the direction of that place or has a view of it 24

open up (sth) or open (sth) up to start a new shop or business 13

open up to start to talk more about yourself and your feelings 54

opt out to choose not to be part of an activity or arrangement, or to stop being involved with it 37

order sb about/around to tell someone what they should do all the time 18, 31

outbreak *n* when something unpleasant or difficult to control starts, such as war or disease 66

outcry *n* a public expression of anger or disapproval 4, 38

outlet *n* a shop that is one of many owned by a particular company and that sells the company's goods 49

outpouring *n* a strong expression of emotion 54

outset *n* the beginning of something 4, 28

outstanding *adj* extremely good, or of a very high standard 40

oversleep to sleep longer than you had intended 58

own up to admit that you have done something wrong, especially something that is not important 54

pack away sth or pack sth away to put something into a bag or container, or to put something in the place where it is usually kept 21

packed out *adj* very full of people 33

pack up (sth) or pack (sth) up to collect your things together and put them into bags or boxes, especially when you have finished doing something 28

pair off if two people pair off, they start a romantic relationship 52

pan out to develop or happen in a particular way 26

partied out *informal* to have had enough of parties because you have been to so many 70

pass away to die 56

pass by if time or a period of time [e.g. week] passes by, it goes past 23

pass for sb/sth if someone or something passes for someone or something else, they appear like that person or thing 55

pass off *British & American* if an event passes off in a good way, it happens in that way 33

pass on sth or pass sth on to give something to someone else 16

pass on sth or pass sth on to tell someone something that someone else has told you 31

pass on to die 56

pass round sth or pass sth round to offer something to each person in a group of people 60

pass out to become unconscious 56

pay back sb/sth or pay sb/sth back to pay someone the money that you owe them 47

pay back sb or pay sb back to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something unpleasant to you 25

pay off sth or pay sth off if you pay off a debt [e.g. loan, mortgage, overdraft], you pay back all the money you owe 47

pay off if something that you have done to try to achieve something pays off, it is successful 27

pay up *informal* to give someone the money that you owe them, especially when you do not want to 47

pencil in sth/sb or pencil sth/sb in to arrange for something to happen or for someone to do something on a particular date, knowing that the arrangement might be changed later 45

phase in sth or phase sth in to make a new system, process, or law gradually begin to happen or exist 26

phase out sth or phase sth out to gradually stop using or supplying something 26

phone around/round (sb) to telephone several people, often in order to find out information 50, 69

phone (sb) back to telephone someone for the second time or to telephone someone who rang you earlier 20

phone up (sb) or phone (sb) up to telephone someone 50

pick on sb to choose one person from a group of people to criticise or treat unfairly, especially when they are smaller or weaker than you 40

pick up sth/sb or pick sth/sb up to lift something or someone by using your hands 29

pick up sth/sb or pick sth/sb up to collect someone who is waiting for you, or to collect something that you have left somewhere or that you have bought 2, 63

pick-up *n* when a car, taxi, etc. collects you 48

pickup *n* small truck with an open back 48

pick up sth or pick sth up to collect something you have left somewhere 65

pick up sth or pick sth up to get or buy something when you have gone to a place to do something else 47

pick up sth or pick sth up to buy something cheaply 48

pick up sth or pick sth up to learn a new skill or language by practising it rather than being taught it 43

pick up if something [e.g. business, economy, trade] picks up, it improves or increases after a bad period 26

pick-up *n* an increase or improvement 48

pick up if the wind picks up, it becomes stronger 61

pick-up *n informal* when you start talking to someone you do not know because you want to have a sexual relationship with them 48

pile up (sth) or pile (sth) up if something unpleasant [e.g. work, bills, losses] piles up, or if you pile it up, you get more and more of it 46

pile-up *n* an accident involving several cars 4, 63

pin down sb or pin sb down to make someone give you exact details or a decision about something 54

plan ahead to make decisions or plans about something you will do or something that might happen in the future 37

Can

put down (sth) or put (sth) down to land in an aircraft, or to make an aircraft land 11

put down sth or put sth down if you put the phone down, you put the part of the telephone that you speak into back into its usual position after your conversation has ended 50

put down sb or put sb down to make someone feel stupid or unimportant by criticising them 38

put-down *n* an unkind remark that makes someone seem foolish 4

put forward sth or put sth forward to state an idea or opinion, or to suggest a plan, so that it can be considered or discussed 39

put forward to change the date or time of an event so that it happens earlier than planned 33

put forward sth or put sth forward if you put forward a clock or watch, you make it show a later time 11

put in sth or put sth in to fix new equipment or a new system in the correct place in a room or building 11

put off sth/doing sth or put sth off to decide or arrange to do something at a later time 1, 2, 11, 33

put off sb or put sb off to tell someone that you cannot see them or do something for them until a later time 11

put off sb or put sb off (sb/sth/doing sth) to make someone not like someone or something, or not want to do something 15 **off-putting** *adj* unattractive or unpleasant 15

put on sth or put sth on to put a piece of clothing onto your body 11, 32

put on sth or put sth on to make a device [e.g. light, fire] work by pressing a switch 11

put on sth or put sth on to pretend to have a particular feeling, or to behave in a way which is not real or natural for you 16

put-on *adj* pretend or not genuine 16

put on sth or put sth on to organise a play, show, or competition 33

put on sth or put sth on to begin to cook food 60

put on sth or put sth on to put something that sounds or pictures are recorded onto [e.g. CD, video] into a machine which makes you able to hear or see the recording 11

put on sb or put sb on (sth) to give someone the telephone so that they can speak to the person who is on it 50

put sb on to/onto sth to tell someone about something or someone that could help them, often something or someone they did not know about before 11

put out sth or put sth out to make a light stop shining by pressing a switch 11

put out sth or put sth out to make something that is burning [e.g. fire, cigarette] stop burning 11, 30

put out sth or put sth out to produce information [e.g. statement, warning, press release] and make it available for everyone to read or hear 2

put out sth or put sth out to injure a part of your body [e.g. back, shoulder] by making a bone move from its usual place 56

put out to be annoyed, often because of something that someone has done or said to you 11

put over sth or put sth over to express an idea clearly so that people understand it 17, 39

put through sb or put sb through to connect a telephone caller to the person they want to speak to 50

put sth to sb to suggest an idea or plan to someone so that they can consider it or discuss it 39

put up sth or put sth up to build a structure [e.g. wall, building, statue] 11

put up sth or put sth up to stick or fasten a piece of paper [e.g. notice, poster] to a wall so that it can be seen 11

put up sth or put sth up to open something that is folded or rolled up [e.g. tent, umbrella] so that it is ready to be used 11

put up sb or put sb up to let someone stay in your home for a short period 58

put sb up to sth to encourage someone to do something stupid or wrong 67

put up with sth/sb to accept unpleasant behaviour or an unpleasant situation, even though you do not like it 1, 11, 19

rained off if a sport or other outside activity is rained off, it cannot start or continue because it is raining 61

reach down sth or reach sth down to get something that is above your head by reaching with your hand 29

reach out (sth) or reach (sth) out to stretch your arm in front of your body, usually in order to get or touch something 29

read sth into sth to believe that an action, remark, or situation has a particular importance or meaning, often when this is not true 21

read out sth or read sth out to read something and say the words aloud so that other people can hear 44

read over/through sth or read sth over/through to read something from the beginning to the end in order to find any mistakes or to understand it better 3, 17

read through to read something from the beginning to the end in order to find any mistakes or to understand it better 17

read up on sth to read a lot about a particular subject in order to learn about it 44

rely on/upon sb/sth to trust someone or something to do what you need them to do 16

- see sb about/around** to see someone in the places you usually see them 18
- see off sb or see sb off** to go to the place that someone is leaving from in order to say goodbye 15
- see out sb or see sb out** to go with someone to the door of a room or building when they are leaving 14
- see through sb/sth** if you see through someone who is trying to deceive you, or if you see through someone's behaviour, you realise what they are really like and what they are trying to do 20
- see sb through (sth)** to help or support someone during a difficult period in their life 30
- see to sth/sb** to deal with something that needs doing or to help someone who needs your help 2, 30
- sell off sth or sell sth off** to sell something at a low price because you do not want it or because you need some money 48
- sell off sth or sell sth off** to sell all or part of a business 15
- sell-off** *n* a sale of all or part of a business 48
- sell out** if a shop sells out, it has no more of a particular product available to buy 48
- sell-out** *n* when all the tickets for an event have been sold 48
- sell up (sth) or sell (sth) up** to sell your house or business in order to go somewhere else or do something else 49
- send away for sth** to write to an organisation to ask them to send you something 21
- send back sth or send sth back** to return something to the company you bought it from because it is unsuitable or damaged 20
- send for sb** to send someone a message asking them to come to see you 19
- send off sth or send sth off** to send a letter, document, or parcel by post 1, 15
- send off sb or send sb off** *British & Australian* to order a sports player to leave the playing area during a game because they have done something wrong 57
- send up sb/sth or send sb/sth up** *informal* to make someone or something seem stupid by copying them in a funny way 33
- set about sth/doing sth** to start doing something, especially something that uses a lot of time or energy 28
- set against sth/doing sth** to be opposed to doing or having something 37
- set apart sb/sth or set sb/sth apart** if a quality sets someone or something apart, it makes them different from and usually better than others of the same type 32
- set aside sth or set sth aside** to use something, especially time or money, for one purpose and no other purpose 47
- setback** *n* a problem that makes something happen later or more slowly than it should 30
- set off** to start a journey 62
- set off sth or set sth off** to cause a loud noise or explosion [e.g. bomb, firework, alarm] to begin or happen 25
- set off sth or set sth off** to cause a series of events or a lot of activity, often without intending to do this 25
- set out** to start a journey 28, 62
- set out** to start an activity, especially when you have already decided what you want to achieve 4
- outset** *n* the beginning of something 4, 28
- set out sth or set sth out** to give all the details of something, or to explain something clearly, especially in writing 44
- set sb off (doing sth)** to make someone start to laugh, cry, or talk about something that they often talk about 25
- set up sth or set sth up** to start a company or organisation 13, 49
- set-up** *n* the way in which things are organised or arranged 13, 49
- settle down** to start living in a place where you intend to stay for a long time, usually with the same partner, especially after a period in which you have travelled a lot or changed partners 53
- settle for sth** to accept something, often something that is not exactly what you want, or is not the best 53
- settle up** to pay someone the money that you owe them 47
- sex up sth or sex sth up** to make something more exciting than it really is 70
- shake off sth or shake sth off** to get rid of an illness or something that is causing you problems 56
- shoot through** *informal, Australian* to leave a place suddenly and often secretly, especially to avoid something 69
- shoot up** if the number, amount, or rate of something shoots up, it increases very quickly 66
- shop around** to compare the price and quality of the same item or service from different shops or companies before deciding which one to buy 48
- show sb around/round (swb)** to go with someone to a place that they have not visited before and show them the interesting parts 18
- show off** to try to make people admire your abilities or achievements in a way which other people find annoying 40
- show-off** *n* someone who tries to make people admire them in a way other people find annoying 4, 40
- show out sb or show sb out** to lead a visitor who is leaving to the door of a room or building 14

stand down *British & Australian* to leave an important job or official position so that someone else can do it instead 45

stand for sth if a letter stands for a word or name, it is the first letter of that word or name and it is used to represent it 19

stand for sth *British & Australian* to compete in an election for an official position, or to try to be elected as a member of an organisation [e.g. parliament] 68

stand in to do someone else's job for a short period of time, or to take someone else's place at an event, because that person cannot be there 33

stand out to be much better than other similar things or people 40 **outstanding** *adj* extremely good, or of a very high standard 40

stand out if someone or something stands out, they are very noticeable because they look different or behave differently from other people or things 32

stand round see **stand about**

stand up sb or stand sb up to fail to meet someone on purpose, especially someone with whom you were starting to have a romantic relationship 59

stand up for sth/sb to defend something that you believe is important [e.g. principle, right], or to defend a person who is being criticised 68

stand up to sb if you stand up to a powerful person or organisation, you state your opinions forcefully and refuse to agree with them or do what they want 68

start off to start a life, existence, or profession in a particular way 28

start off to start a journey 62

start out to start a life, existence, or profession in a particular way 28

start up (sth) or start (sth) up if a business or other organisation starts up, or if someone starts one up, it is created and starts to operate 49

stay ahead to continue to be more advanced and successful than other people 27

stay away from sth to avoid something that has a bad effect on you 21

stay behind to not leave a place when other people leave it 24

stay in to remain at home, especially in the evening 24

stay on to stay in a place longer than you planned or after other people have left it 24

stay out to not come home at night, or to come home late 24

stay out of sth to not become involved in a discussion or an argument 38

stay over to spend the night somewhere instead of returning to your home or continuing your journey 17

stay up to go to bed later than usual 58

Steady on! *British & Australian* something that you say in order to tell someone that you think what they are saying is too extreme 41

step down to leave your job, especially so that someone else can do it 45

Step on it! *informal* something that you say to someone, especially someone who is driving, when you want them to hurry 41

step up sth or step sth up to do more of an activity or to increase the speed of a process, usually in order to improve a situation 66

stick around *informal* to stay somewhere for a period of time 18

stick at sth to continue to work hard at something even though it is difficult or tiring 46

stick by sb to continue to support someone when they are having problems 68

stick out if part of something sticks out, it comes out beyond the edge or surface of something 32

stick out if a quality or characteristic of someone or something sticks out, it is very easy to notice 32

stick together *informal* if two or more people stick together, they support each other, especially when they are in a difficult situation 38

stick up for sb *informal* to defend a person when they are being criticised 38

stick with sth to do or use something as you had planned and not change to something else, or to continue doing something even though it is difficult 26

stick with it *informal* to continue doing something even though it is difficult 19

stir up sth or stir sth up to cause arguments or bad feeling between people, usually on purpose 25

stock up to buy a lot of something, often food or drink 48

stop off to visit a place for a short time when you are going somewhere else 62

stop over to stop somewhere for a period of time when you are on a long journey 62

stopover *n* a short stay in a place that you make while you are on a longer journey somewhere else 62

stressed-out *adj* very worried and anxious 70

stretch away if an area of land stretches away, it continues over a long distance 24

sum up (sth/sb) or sum (sth/sb) up to describe briefly the most important facts or characteristics of something or someone 44

suss out sb/sth or suss sb/sth out *informal, British & Australian* to discover what someone or something is really like, or to find out how a machine or piece of equipment works 69

sweep up (sth) or sweep (sth) up to remove rubbish or dirt, usually from the floor, using a brush 13

swell up if a part of your body swells up, it becomes larger or rounder than usual, often because of an illness or injury 56

switch off (sth) or switch (sth) off to turn off an electrical device [e.g. light, radio] or an engine by using a switch 50, 64

switch on (sth) or switch (sth) on to turn on an electrical device [e.g. light, radio] or an engine by using a switch 64

swot up (sth) or swot (sth) up *informal, British & Australian* to learn as much as you can about something, especially before an exam 43

tag along to go somewhere with a person, especially when they have not asked you to go with them 59

tailback *n* a long line of traffic that is moving very slowly 63

take after sb to have a similar appearance or character as an older member of your family 55

take apart sth or take sth apart to separate something into its different parts 12

take around/round sb or take sb around/round (sth) to walk through a building or to visit a place with someone, showing them the most interesting or important parts 18

take aside sb or take sb aside to separate someone from a group of people so that you can speak to them privately 12

take away sth or take sth away if you take one number away from another one, you subtract the first number from the second 12

take away sth or take sth away *British & Australian* to buy food in a shop or restaurant and eat it somewhere else 60

takeaway *n* a meal that you can buy and take somewhere else to eat, or a shop where you can buy this food 60

take back sth or take sth back to return something to the person or organisation that you borrowed or bought it from 12

take back sth or take sth back if a shop takes back goods that it has sold to you, it agrees to give you money or goods for them because they are damaged or unsuitable 20

take back sth or take sth back to admit that something you said was wrong 12

take back sb or take sb back if something takes you back, it makes you remember a period or an event in the past 23

take down sth or take sth down to write something, especially something that someone says 1, 17

take in sb or take sb in to let someone stay in your house 5

take in sb or take sb in to deceive someone, or to make someone believe something that is not true 5, 67

take in sth or take sth in to look at something carefully, noticing all the details 5, 12

take in sth or take sth in to understand the meaning or importance of news or information, or to understand and remember facts 5, 35

take in sth or take sth in if a boat takes in water, water enters the boat through a hole 5

take in sth or take sth in to make a piece of clothing narrower by removing the sewing from the edges and sewing closer to the middle of the material 5, 16

take off sth or take sth off to remove something, especially something that you are wearing 2

take off sth or take sth off to spend time away from your work 22

take off if an aircraft, bird, or insect takes off, it moves from the ground and begins to fly 62

take-off *n* when an aircraft leaves the ground and begins to fly 62

take off to suddenly become successful or popular 27

take off to suddenly leave somewhere, especially without telling anyone that you are going 12

take off sth or take sth off (sth) to subtract a particular amount from a total 12

take off sb/sth or take sb/sth off to copy the way a person behaves, or to copy the way something is done, often in order to make people laugh 33

take on sb or take sb on to begin to employ someone 45

take on sth or take sth on to accept a particular job or responsibility and begin to do what is needed 45

take out sth or take sth out to get money from a bank 47

take out sth or take sth out to arrange to get an official document [e.g. insurance policy] from an organisation or court of law 12

take out sth on sb or take sth out on sb to treat someone badly because you are upset or angry, even though they have done nothing wrong 40

take sth out of sb to make someone feel very tired 12

take over (sth) or take (sth) over to start doing a job or being responsible for something that someone else was doing or was responsible for before you 45

take over sth or take sth over to get control of a company by buying most of its shares (= the equal parts into which the ownership of the company is divided) 49

takeover *n* an act of gaining control of a company 49

take over to become more successful or powerful than something or someone else that is involved in the same type of activity 27

take round see **take around**

take sb through sth to explain something to someone, or to show someone how to do something 20

take to sb/sth to start to like someone or something 51

take to sth/doing sth to start to do something often 12

take up sth or take sth up to start doing a particular job or activity 12

take sb up on sth to accept an offer that someone has made 12

taken up with sth to be very busy doing something 12

talk sb around/round to persuade someone to agree with you or to do what you want them to do 39

talk down to sb to talk to someone as if they were less clever than you 54

talk over sth or talk sth over to discuss a problem or situation, especially before making a decision about it 3, 36

talk sb into sth/doing sth to persuade someone to do something 39

talk sb out of sth/doing sth to persuade someone not to do something 39

tear apart sth or tear sth apart to pull something violently so that it breaks into two or more pieces 30

tear sb apart to make someone feel very unhappy 51

tear sb away to force someone to stop doing something that they enjoy in order to do something else 21

tear down sth or tear sth down to destroy a building or other structure because it is not being used or it is not wanted any more 4, 30

tear up sth or tear sth up to tear something, especially paper or cloth, into a lot of small pieces 29

tell sb/sth apart to be able to see the differences between two similar things or people and judge which is which 32

tell sth/sb from sth/sb if you can tell one person or thing from a similar person or thing, you are able to say which of them is which because you can see the differences between them 32

tell off sb or tell sb off to speak angrily to someone because they have done something wrong 69

text back sb or text sb back to send a text message in reply to someone 70

thaw out (sth) or thaw (sth) out if frozen food thaws out, or if you thaw it out, it is taken out of a freezer so that it gradually becomes warmer and is not frozen any more 60

think ahead to think carefully about what might happen in the future, or to make plans for things you want to do in the future 37

think back to think about things that happened in the past 23

think over sth or think sth over to think carefully about an idea or plan before making a decision 3, 37

think through sth or think sth through to think carefully about something you are planning to do and to consider the possible results of it 3, 37

throw yourself into sth to start doing something with a lot of enthusiasm and energy 21, 69

throw out sb or throw sb out to force someone to leave a college, school, house or organisation 43

throw up (sth) or throw (sth) up to vomit 56

thrown together if people are thrown together in a situation, that situation causes them to meet each other and to get to know each other 34

tidy away sth or tidy sth away *British & Australian* to put things in cupboards and drawers, etc. after you have been using them 21

tidy up (sth) or tidy (sth) up to make a room or a group of things tidy by putting things in the correct place 5, 13

tie in with sth if one event ties in with another, it is planned so that both events happen at the same time 33

tie up sth or tie sth up to put string or rope around something so that it is fastened together 29

tied up *informal* to be busy so that you are unable to see or speak to anyone else or go anywhere 46

tip off sb or tip sb off to warn someone secretly about something that will happen so that they can take action or prevent it from happening 67

tip-off *n* a secret warning or piece of secret information 67

tone down sth or tone sth down to make a piece of writing, a speech, or a performance less offensive or less critical 44

top up sb or top sb up to put more drink into someone's glass or cup 60

top-up *n* more drink poured into a glass or cup 60

touch down when an aircraft touches down, it lands on the ground 62

touchdown *n* when an aircraft lands 62

touch on/upon sth to mention a subject briefly when speaking or writing about something 44

track down sb/sth or track sb/sth down to find someone or something after searching for them in many different places 35

trigger off sth or trigger sth off to make something suddenly begin, often a difficult or violent situation 25

try on sth or try sth on to put on a piece of clothing to find out whether it fits you or whether you like it, especially before buying it 16

try out sth or try sth out to test something in order to find out if it works or to decide whether you like it 14

tucked away to be in a quiet or hidden place which not many people see or go to 24

turn down sb/sth or turn sb/sth down to refuse an offer or request 31

turn in *informal* to go to bed 58

turn off sth or turn sth off to touch a switch so that a machine or a piece of electrical equipment stops working, or to stop the flow or supply of something [e.g. water, electricity] 2, 64

turn off (sth) to leave the road you are travelling on and travel along another one 63

turn-off *n* a place where you can leave a main road and go onto another road 63

turn off sb or turn sb off (sth) to make someone decide that they are not interested in something 15

turn on sth or turn sth on to touch a switch so that a machine or a piece of electrical equipment starts to work, or to start a flow or supply of something [e.g. water, electricity] 64

turn on sb or turn sb on to make someone interested in something 52

turn on/upon sb to attack someone or criticise someone very strongly 30

turn out to happen in a particular way or to have a particular result 34

turn over (sth) or turn (sth) over to turn a page in a book so that the side which was facing down is now facing up 3, 44

turn to sb to ask someone for help, sympathy or advice 31

turn to sth to start to do or take something bad [e.g. crime, drugs, drink], usually because you are unhappy 55

turn (sth) to sth if someone turns to a particular subject, or if they turn their thoughts or attention to it, they begin to think, speak or write about it 35

turn up sth or turn sth up to increase the amount of something, especially sound or heat, that is produced by a machine [e.g. television, oven] 64

turn up if someone or something turns up somewhere, they arrive at that place 1, 2, 5, 13

turnout *n* the number of people who come to watch or take part in an event or activity 33

turnover *n* the total amount of money made by a company or business in a particular period of time 4, 49

type in sth or type sth in to put information into a computer using a keyboard 65

upkeep *n* the cost or process of keeping something, such as a building, in good condition 49

use up sth or use sth up to finish a supply of something 13

veg out *informal* to relax and spend time doing very little 70

visit with sb *American* to spend time talking with someone that you know 69

wait about/around to stay in one place without doing anything while you are waiting for something to happen 18

wait up to stay awake because you are expecting someone to arrive 58

Wait up! *American* something you say to tell someone to stop so that you can talk to them or go somewhere with them 69

wake up (sb) or wake (sb) up to become conscious after sleeping, or to make someone do this 3, 58

wake up to sth to become aware of a situation or problem 26

walk into sth to get a job very easily 27

walk off with sth *informal* to steal something, or to take something without the owner's permission 67

walk out to leave a performance or meeting before it has ended because you do not like it or because you are angry 33

warm to sth to become more enthusiastic about an idea 51

warm up (sth) or warm (sth) up to prepare yourself for a physical activity by doing some gentle exercise 4, 57

warm up (sth/sb) or warm (sth/sb) up to become warmer, or to make something or someone warmer 61

warm-up *n* a preparation for physical activity 4, 57

wash up (sth) or wash (sth) up *British & Australian* to clean the plates, pans and other things you have used for cooking and eating a meal 69

wash up *American* to clean your hands and face with soap and water 69

Watch out! something you say to tell someone to be careful so that they can avoid danger or an accident 41

watch out for sb/sth to be careful to notice someone or something interesting 35

watch out for sth to be careful to notice something, especially something that might cause you problems 35

wear down (sth) or wear (sth) down to make someone feel tired and less able to deal with a situation 17

wear off if a feeling or the effect of something [e.g. anaesthetic, alcohol] wears off, it gradually disappears 26

wear out (sth) or wear (sth) out use something so much that it becomes weak or damaged and cannot be used any more, or to become weak and damaged in this way 14

weigh down sb or weigh sb down if you are weighed down with something, you are carrying too much of it 17

weigh on/upon sb/sth if a problem or responsibility weighs on you, it makes you worried or unhappy 16

weigh up sth or weigh sth up to think carefully about the advantages and disadvantages involved in a situation before making a decision 37

while away sth or while sth away to spend time in a relaxed way because you are waiting for something or because you have nothing else to do 22

wind down (sth) or wind (sth) down if a business or organisation winds down, or if someone winds it down, the amount of work it does is gradually reduced until it closes completely 49

wind down to gradually relax after doing something that has made you feel tired or worried 28

wind up to finally be in a particular place, state, or situation, especially without having planned it 55

wind up doing sth to finally do something, especially without having planned to 55

wind up sb or wind sb up *informal, British* to tell someone something that is not true in order to make a joke 54

work at sth/doing sth to try hard to achieve something or improve something 46

work off sth or work sth off to get rid of an unpleasant feeling [e.g. aggression, anger] by doing something energetic 57

work on/upon sth to spend time working in order to produce or repair something 46

work out sth or work sth out to do a calculation to get an answer to a mathematical question 42

work out sth or work sth out to understand something or to find the answer to something by thinking about it 69

work out to exercise in order to improve the strength or appearance of your body 57

work through sth or work sth through to deal with a problem or difficulty by talking about it in detail 36

work towards sth to try hard to achieve something 46

wrap up sth or wrap sth up to cover something in paper, cloth, or other material, especially in order to give it to someone as a present or in order to protect it 29

wrap up (sb) or wrap (sb) up to dress in warm clothes, or to dress someone in warm clothes or cover them with material that protects them from the cold 32

wriggle out of sth *informal* to avoid doing something that other people think you should do, often in a dishonest way 46

write down sth or write sth down to write something on a piece of paper so that you do not forget it 17

write off sth or write sth off to accept that an amount of money [e.g. debt, investment] has been lost or will never be paid 47

write off sth or write sth off to damage a vehicle so badly that it cannot be repaired 63

write-off *n* a vehicle that is too badly damaged to be repaired 63

write out sth or write sth out to write something [e.g. report, list] on paper, often in order to write it in a better or more complete way 44

write out sth or write sth out to write information on a document [e.g. cheque, prescription] so that it can be used 44

write up sth or write sth up to write something on paper or on a computer in a complete or final form, often using notes you have made 43

zoom in if a camera zooms in, it starts to show a clear and detailed picture of something, as if the camera was moving closer to that thing 65

zoom out if a camera zooms out, it starts to show someone or something in less detail, as if the camera was moving away from that person or thing 65