

Extended List Of Phrasal Verbs

This is not an exhaustive list of all phrasal verbs in the English language—there are far too many to cover in one place. However, the list below includes many of the most commonly used phrasal verbs, each with a brief definition and example for easy reference. For a full overview, you can explore more extensive databases and dictionaries online.

Phrasal verb	Meaning	Example
Add up	Make sense	His story doesn't add up.
Ask out	Invite on a date	He asked her out to dinner.
Back up	Support; save	Make sure to back up your files.
Blow up	Explode	The engine blew up.
Break down	Stop working; lose control	The car broke down on the highway.
Break up	End a relationship	They broke up after five years.
Bring up	Start talking about something	She brought up an interesting idea.
Call off	Cancel	The professor called off the lecture.
Calm down	Relax after being angry	You need to calm down.
Carry on	Continue	Please carry on with your work.
Catch up	Reach the same level	I need to catch up on my reading.
Check in	Register (hotel, flight)	We checked in at the airport.
Check out	Examine; leave a hotel	Check out this article on phrasal verbs.
Come across	Find unexpectedly	I came across an old letter.
Come up with	Think of (an idea)	She came up with a solution.
Cut off	Disconnect	The phone call was cut off.
Do over	Repeat something	I had to do the assignment over.
Dress up	Wear formal clothes	He dressed up for the interview.
Drop off	Deliver; fall asleep	I'll drop off the report later.
Drop out	Quit a class or school	He dropped out of university.
Figure out	Understand	I can't figure out this problem.
Fill in	Complete (a form)	Please fill in the blanks.
Find out	Discover	I found out the truth.
Get along	Be friendly	They get along really well.
Get away	Escape	The thieves got away.
Get by	Manage to survive	How do you get by on that salary?
Get over	Recover from	She got over the flu.
Give in	Surrender	He gave in to pressure.
Give up	Stop trying	Don't give up now!
Go on	Continue	Go on with your presentation.
Go over	Review	Let's go over the chapter again.
Grow up	Become an adult	She grew up in Italy.
Hand in	Submit	He handed in his thesis yesterday.
Hang out	Spend time socially	I hung out with friends last night.
Hold on	Wait	Hold on a second.
Keep on	Continue doing	Keep on studying.



Look after	Take care of	I look after my siblings.
Look forward to	Anticipate with pleasure	I'm looking forward to the trip.
Look into	Investigate	We'll look into the complaint.
Look up	Search for information	I looked it up online.
Make up	Invent; reconcile	He made up an excuse.
Pass out	Faint	She passed out from heat.
Pick up	Collect; learn	I picked up some new vocabulary.
Point out	Indicate	She pointed out the error.
Put off	Delay	Don't put off your homework.
Put on	Dress; gain weight	He put on a jacket.
Run into	Meet unexpectedly	I ran into my tutor.
Run out (of)	Have none left	We ran out of paper.
Set up	Establish; arrange	They set up a new lab.
Show up	Arrive	She didn't show up to class.
Take off	Depart; remove	The plane took off.
Take up	Begin a hobby	I took up photography.
Turn down	Reject	She turned down the offer.
Turn off	Stop a machine	Turn off your phone.
Turn on	Start a machine	He turned on the light.
Work out	Exercise; find a solution	It all worked out in the end.
Write down	Record on paper	Write down your ideas.