

Phrasal verb	Meaning / Formal expression	Phrasal verb	Meaning / Formal expression
back up	support	come out	become available, appear
be carried away	captivated, enraptured	come round	become conscious, visit, happen
take in someone	trick, deceive	come to	become conscious
blow up	become famous, explode	come up	be discussed
break down	fail	come up against	have to deal with
break in	enter illegally	come up with	think of (a plan, idea, etc.)
break off	end a relationship	count on	be confident in someone
break out	escape, begin suddenly	cross out	ALREADY FORMAL
break through	force through	cut across	ALREADY FORMAL
break up	separate	cut down on	consume less of
bring out	reveal, release	cut out	stop working
bring up	raise	deal with	take action
build up	increase gradually	do away with	abolish, remove
burst in	enter suddenly	do up	fasten, decorate
burst out	begin suddenly	do without	manage without
call in	phone to give or get information	draw up	prepare, plan
call off something	cancel	face up to	accept a situation
call on someone	ALREADY FORMAL	fall for	have strong feelings for
care for someone	protect and provide for someone	fall out	argue, stop being friends
carry on	continue	fall through	not happen
catch on	become popular	fit in with	align
catch up with someone	meet someone	get across	convey
check (up) on someone	monitor	get at	reach
check something out	examine	get away from	distance
clear something away	make tidy	get away with	avoid punishment for
clear up	clarify	get down to	focus on
come across	seem, become clear	get into	become interested in
come along	arrive, appear, go somewhere with someone	get on with	continue
come down	fall, decrease	get over	recover from
come down with	become ill	get round to something	do something you've intended to do for some time
come off	happen successfully	get through	reach (someone on the phone)
come on	start, make progress	get together	meet

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get up	stand up	live up to	meet expectations
give away	give something for free	lock in	get and keep
give in	finally agree	lock out	prevent someone from doing something
give up	quit, surrender	look back	remember
go ahead	start, begin	look forward to	ALREADY FORMAL
go by	move past	look into	examine
go down with	start to suffer from	look on	watch, observe
go for	choose	look up to	admire
go off	stop working, explode, fire (gun), expire (food)	make for	cause something
go on	happen, continue	make into	change
go over	examine	make out	succeed
go through something	experience	make up	forgive
hand over	ALREADY FORMAL	make up for	use as a replacement
head for	be likely to experience	miss out on	miss an opportunity
hold back	hesitate, stop yourself from doing something	mix up	confuse, mistake
hold on	wait	pass around	offer something to people in a group
keep away from	stay away from	pass away	ALREADY FORMAL
keep back	save, not tell	pass out	become unconscious
keep down	ALREADY FORMAL	pay off	be successful
keep off	avoid talking about	pick on someone	criticise, punish, be unkind
keep up with	stay level/equal	point out	inform
knock down	hit to the ground	pull over	stop on the side of the road (car)
knock out	hit someone so hard that they lose consciousness	pull up	stop for a short time (car)
knock over	hit something so it falls to the ground	put off	delay, postpone
leave out	not include	put out something	turn off, stop (fire)
let down	disappoint	put someone through	connect someone (phone)
let someone off	not punish someone	put up	stay overnight
let out	end, release	put up with	accept something unpleasant
live for	enjoy a lot	rub out	erase
live on	ALREADY FORMAL	run down	weaken

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run into	meet unexpectedly	talk someone into something	persuade
run out (of)	finish, sell out, use completely	talk over	discuss
see off someone	watch someone leave	run on something	be fueled by something
see to	attend to	think over	consider
send off	mail	think through	consider
set back	delay	throw up	vomit
set off	start, begin	try out	test
set out	start, begin (a journey)	turn back	return
set up	arrange, organise, prepare	turn down	refuse, reject
show off	boast, display	turn out	result in
stand back	keep your distance	turn to someone	ask for help
stand by	be ready, hold	turn over	sell, replace (goods)
stand for	represent	turn up	appear, arrive
stand out	attract attention, be conspicuous	watch out for	be careful to notice
stand up for	advocate, defend, support	wear off	stop having an effect
stand up to	defend, argue, face	wear out	exhaust/tire someone
stay on	last, remain	work at	pursue
stay up	stay awake	work out	exercise, develop, be successful (situation)
stick out	poke, protrude, be noticeable	write up	record, write (an article or post)
stick to	continue, maintain, not change		
stick together	support (each other)		
stick with someone/something	continue with		
stop over	stay overnight		
take after	be similar to a family member in appearance or character		
take down	remove		
take in someone	deceive, trick		
take on someone/something	fight, compete with		
take out someone/something	remove		
take over	ALREADY FORMAL		
take to	start as a habit		
take up	start, begin (a hobby)		