

## The 50 most common phrasal verbs

Phrasal verb	Meaning	Example
1. Bend down	lean down	I had to bend down to pick up book I dropped.
2. Break down	1. to cause to fall or collapse by breaking or shattering 2. to stop functioning because of breakage or wear	Mom's car broke down. Now we need a mechanic.
3. Break up	1. to cease to exist as a unified whole 2. to lose morale, composure, or resolution	The group broke up in fits of laughter at his joke.
4. Chill out	to calm down, go easy, relax	I just want to go chill out on the beach.
5. Come back	to return to a place	When will you come back home?
6. Come down with	To begin to have or suffer from (an illness)	I think I am coming down with a cold.
7. Come in	1. enter a room, building, or other place. 2. to become available 3. to place among those finishing 4. to assume a role or function	I came in third in the race.
8. Doze off	to fall asleep especially for a short period of time	I dozed off in front of the TV.
9. Dress up	1. to make more attractive, glamorous, or fancy 2. to attire in best or formal clothes	We dressed up for the Christmas dinner at my aunt's house.
10. Drink up	to drink all of something	We drank up all the milk.



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11. Fall out with	have an argument	The brother and sister fell out with each other.
12. Get up	1. to arise from bed 2. to rise to one's feet	After an hour of watching TV, I got up from the couch.
13. Give in	accept someone's wish or cease fighting; admit defeat	She reluctantly gave in to the pressure of the group.
14. Give up	1. to yield control or possession of 2. to desist from	He was forced to give up his job.
15. Go off	1. to burst forth or break out suddenly or noisily 2. to undergo decline or deterioration 3. to make a characteristic noise	My alarm goes off at 7 in the morning.
16. Go for	1. to try to secure or attain (something, such as a goal) 2. to have an interest in or liking for	I am going for the top math prize this year.
17. Hang out	1. to protrude and droop 2. to spend time idly or in relaxing or socializing	The dog's tongue is hanging out of its mouth.
18. Hang up	1. to place on a hook or hanger designed for the purpose 2. to replace (a telephone receiver) on the cradle so that the connection is broken 3. to keep delayed, suspended, or held up	Hang up your jacket!
19. Heat up	1. to become warm or hot 2. to become more active, intense, or angry	The competition between the teams is heating up.
20. Kick out	to dismiss or eject forcefully or summarily	They kicked out the player for playing dangerously.



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21. Let in	1. admit someone to a room, building, or area 2. to share information with or allow to participate	I'll let you in on our secret plan for your cousin's birthday party.
22. Log in	go through the procedures to begin using a computer, database, or system	When I get to work, I first log in to my computer.
23. Log out	go through the procedures to conclude the use of a computer, database, or system	Before I leave work, I always log out my computer.
24. Look after	take care of something or someone	Can you look after my hamster next week?
25. Look for	1. to await with hope or anticipation 2. to search for	They joined us in looking for our lost rabbit.
26. Look up	1. search for and find a piece of information in a book or database 2. a situation that improves	Our vacation was looking up as we finally got some sunshine.
27. Move over	1. change position to make space 2. stop so someone else can do something 3. start doing something in a different way	The girls moved over to make space on the bench for their friend.
28. Pay back	1. repay a loan to someone 2. take revenge on someone	I finally paid back my parents the money.
29. Pick up	1. to take hold of and lift up 2. to clean up 3. to take (passengers or freight) into a vehicle 4. to resume after a break 5. answer a telephone call	Please, pick up your trash.
30. Plug in	to establish an electric circuit by inserting a plug	Can you plug in the lamp, please?



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31. Print out	to make a printout of	Once I finished my essay, I printed it out.
32. Put back	to return (something) to the place where it belongs	Put the book back on the shelf, please.
33. Put on	1. place a garment, piece of jewelry, etc. on part of one's body 2. cause a device to operate	Shall I put the light on?
34. Put up with	to endure or tolerate without complaint or attempt at reprisal	She put up with her baby sister's screaming.
35. Rip up	to <u>completely destroy</u> (something) by tearing it into pieces	She ripped up the letter.
36. Run out of	1. to come to an end 2. to become exhausted or used up	We've run out of milk. Can you go to the store to get some more?
37. Speak up	1. to speak loudly and distinctly 2. to express an opinion freely	Could you speak up, please? I can't hear you.
38. Stand up	1. rise to one's feet 2. ( <u>of</u> an argument, claim, evidence, etc.) remain valid after close scrutiny or analysis	Will your story stand up in court?
39. Switch on	to turn on (something) by turning or pushing a button or moving a switch, lever, etc.	I switched on the TV to watch the news.
40. Talk back to	reply defiantly or insolently	Teenagers sometimes talk back to their parents.



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41. Take off	1. to take or allow as a discount 2. to start off or away often suddenly 3. to take away 4. to spend (a period of time) away from a usual occupation or activity 5. to remove clothing	We took two weeks off for our vacation.
42. Tear out	to separate or remove something (from something else) by ripping or pulling it out forcefully	She tore out the discount coupons from the newspaper.
43. Tidy up	to clean up, bring order <u>to</u> , arrange neatly	We tidy up our playroom every night.
44. Turn on	to activate or cause to flow, operate, or function by or as if by turning a control	She turned on the tap to fill the sink with water.
45. Turn off	top the operation or flow of something by means of a tap, switch, or button	Please turn off the lights before you leave the house.
46. Wake up	to cease sleeping, to become awake	I wake up at 7 a.m.
47. Warm up	to engage in exercise or practice especially before entering a game or contest	"Team, let's warm up with a lap around the field," shouted coach.
48. Wash up	1. to be deposited by or as if by a swell of waves 2. to wash one's face and hands	Seaweed washed up on the shore.
49. Work out	1. engage in vigorous physical exercise 2. to solve (something, such as a problem) by a process of reasoning or calculation	The student worked out the math problem.
50. Write back	to send someone a letter, email, etc., in response to one that was sent	I wrote back to the company in response to their job offer.

