

## 200 common Phrasal Verbs List

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### 1. **Ask out** (invite on a date somebody)

Brian **asked** Judy **out** to dinner and a movie.

### 2. **Ask around** (ask many people the same question)

I **asked around** but nobody has seen my wallet.

### 3. **Add up to** (something equal)

Your purchases **add up to** \$205.32.

### 4. **Back up** (reverse something)

You'll have to **back up** your car so that I can get out.

### 5. **Back up** (support somebody)

My wife **backed me up** over my decision to quit my job.

### 6. **Blow up** (explode)

The racing car **blew up** after it crashed into the fence.

### 7. **Blow up** (add air something)

We have to **blow** 50 balloons **up** for the party.

### 8. **Break down** (stop functioning (vehicle, machine))

Our car **broke down** at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.

### 9. **Break down** (get upset)

The woman **broke down** when the police told her that her son had died.

**10. Break down** (divide something into smaller parts)

Our teacher **broke** the final project **down** into three separate parts.

**11. Break in** (force entry to a building)

Somebody **broke in** last night and stole our stereo.

**12. Break into** (enter something forcibly)

The firemen had to **break into** the room to rescue the children.

**13. break in** (wear something a few times so that it doesn't look/feel new)

I need to **break** these shoes **in** before we run next week.

**14. Break in** (interrupt)

The TV station **broke in** to report the news of the president's death.

**15. Break up** (end a relationship)

My boyfriend and I **broke up** before I moved to America.

**16. Break up** (start laughing)

The kids just **broke up** as soon as the clown started talking.

**17. Break out** (escape)

The prisoners **broke out** of jail when the guards weren't looking.

**18. Break out in** (develop something a skin condition)

I **broke out in** a rash after our camping trip.

**19. Bring down** (make somebody unhappy)

This sad music is **bringing me down**.

**20. Bring up** (raise a child)

My grandparents **brought me up** after my parents died.  
**bring something up**

**21. Call around** (phone many different places/people)

We **called around** but we weren't able to find the car part we needed.

**22. Call back** (return a phone call)

I **called** the company **back** but the offices were closed for the weekend.

**23. call off** (cancel)

Jibon **called** the wedding **off** because he wasn't in love with his fiancé.

**24. call on** (somebody ask for an answer or opinion)

The professor **called on** me for question 1.

**25. Call on** (visit somebody)

We **called on** you last night but you weren't home.

**26. Call up** (phone somebody)

Give me your phone number and I will **call you up** when we are in town.

**27. calm down** (relax after being angry)

You are still mad. You need to **calm down** before you drive the car.  
not **care for** somebody.

**28. catch up** (get to the same point as somebody else)

You'll have to run faster than that if you want to **catch up** with Marty.

**29. check in** (arrive and register at a hotel or airport)

We will get the hotel keys when we **check in**.

**30. Check out** (leave a hotel)

You have to **check out** of the hotel before 11:00 AM.

**31. Check** somebody **out** (look at carefully, investigate)

The company **checks out** all new employees.

**32. Check out** (somebody look at)

**Check out** the crazy hair on that guy!

**33. Cheer up** (become happier)

She **cheered up** when she heard the good news.

**34. Cheer up** (make happier)

I brought you some flowers to **cheer you up**.

**35. Chip in** (help)

If everyone **chips in**, we can get the kitchen painted by noon.

**36. Clean up** (tidy, clean)

Please **clean up** your bedroom before you go outside.

**37. come across** (something find unexpectedly)

I **came across** these old photos when I was tidying the closet.

**38. Come apart** (separate)

The top and bottom **come apart** if you pull hard enough.

**39. Come down with** (something become sick)

My nephew **came down with** chicken pox this weekend.

**40. come forward** (volunteer for a task or to give evidence)

The woman **came forward** with her husband's finger prints.

**41. Come from** (some place originate in)

The art of origami **comes from** Asia.

**42. Count on** (somebody rely on)

I am **counting on** you to make dinner while I am out.

**43. Cross out** (draw a line through)

Please **cross out** your old address and write your new one.

**44. Cut back on** (something consume less)

My doctor wants me to **cut back on** sweets and fatty foods.

**45. Cut down** (make something fall to the ground)

We had to **cut** the old tree in our yard **down** after the storm.

**46. Cut in** (interrupt)

Your father **cut in** while I was dancing with your uncle.

**47. Cut in** (pull in too closely in front of another vehicle)

The bus driver got angry when that car **cut in**.

**47. Cut in** (start operating an engine or electrical device)

The air conditioner **cuts in** when the temperature gets to 22°C.

**48. cut off** (remove with something sharp)

The doctors **cut off** his leg because it was severely injured.

**49. cut off** (stop providing)

The phone company **cut off** our phone because we didn't pay the bill.

**50. Cut somebody off**

take out of a will

My grandparents **cut** my father **off** when he remarried.

**51. Cut out** (remove part of something)

I **cut** this ad **out** of the newspaper.

**52. Do over** (beat up, ransack)

He's lucky to be alive. His shop was **done over** by a street gang.

**53. Do something over** (do again)

My teacher wants me to **do** my essay **over** because she doesn't like my topic.

**54. Do away with** (something discard)

It's time to **do away with** all of these old tax records.

**55. Do up** (fasten, close)

**Does** your coat **up** before you go outside? It's snowing!

**56 dress up** (wear nice clothing)

It's a fancy restaurant so we have to **dress up**.

**57. Drop back** (move back in a position/group)

Andrea **dropped back** to third place when she fell off her bike.

**58. Drop in/by/over** (come without an appointment)

I might **drop in/by/over** for tea sometime this week.

**59. Drop off** (take somebody/somewhere and leave them/it there)

I have to **drop** my sister **off** at work before I come over.

**60. Drop out** (quit a class, school)

I **dropped out** of Science because it was too difficult.

**61. Eat out** (eat at a restaurant)

I don't feel like cooking tonight. Let's **eat out**.

**62. End up** (eventually reach/do/decide)

We **ended up** renting a movie instead of going to the theatre.

**63. Fall apart** (break into pieces)

My new dress **fell apart** in the washing machine.

**64. Fall down** (fall to the ground)

The picture that you hung up last night **fell down** this morning.

**64. Fall out** (separate from an interior)

The money must have **fallen out** of my pocket.

**65. Fall out** (of hair/teeth become loose and unattached)

His hair started to **fall out** when he was only 35.

**66. figure out** (understand, find the answer)

I need to **figure out** how to fit the piano and the bookshelf in this room



**70. Find out** (discover)

We don't know where he lives. How can we **find out**?

**71. find out** (discover)

We tried to keep the time of the party a secret, but Samantha **found it out**.

**72. Get across/over** (communicate, make understandable)

I tried to **get** my point **across/over** to the judge but she wouldn't listen.

**73. Get along/on** (like each other)

I was surprised how well my new girlfriend and my sister **got along/on**.

**74. Get around** (have mobility)

My grandfather can **get around** fine in his new wheelchair.

**75. Get away** (go on a vacation)

We worked so hard this year that we had to **get away** for a week.

**76. Get away with** (do without being noticed or punished)

Jibon always **gets away with** cheating in his math tests.

**77. Get back** (return)

We **got back** from our vacation last week.

**78. Get back** (receive something you had before)

Liz finally **got** her Science notes **back** from my room-mate.

**79. Get back at** (retaliate, take revenge)

My sister **got back at** me for stealing her shoes. She stole my favorite hat.

**80. Get back into** (become interested in something again)

I finally **got back into** my novel and finished it.

**81. Get on** (step onto a vehicle)

We're going to freeze out here if you don't let us **get on** the bus.

**82. Get over** (recover from an illness, loss, difficulty)

I just **got over** the flu and now my sister has it.

**83. Get over** (overcome a problem)

The company will have to close if it can't **get over** the new regulations.

**84. Get round to/get around to** (finally find time to do something)

I don't know when I am going to **get round to** writing the thank you cards.

**85. Get together** (meet usually for social reasons)

Let's **get together** for a BBQ this weekend.

**86. Get up** (get out of bed)

I **got up** early today to study for my exam.

**87. Get up** (stand)

You should **get up** and give the elderly man your seat.

**88. Give away** (reveal hidden information about somebody)

His wife **gave** him **away** to the police.

**89. Give away** (take the bride to the altar)

My father **gave** me **away** at my wedding.

**90. Give away** (ruin a secret)

My little sister **gave** the surprise party **away** by accident.

**91. Give away** (give something to somebody for free)

The library was **giving away** old books on Friday.

**92. Give back** (return a borrowed item)

I have to **give** these skates **back** to Franz before his hockey game.

**93. Give in** (reluctantly stop fighting or arguing)

My boyfriend didn't want to go to the ballet, but he finally **gave in**.

**94. Give out** (give to many people usually at no cost)

They were **giving out** free perfume samples at the department store.

**95. Give up** (quit a habit)

I am **giving up** smoking as of January 1st.

**96. Give up** (stop trying)

My math homework was too difficult so I **gave up**.

**97. Go after** (follow somebody)

My brother tried to **go after** the thief in his car.

**98. Go after** (try to achieve something)

I **went after** my dream and now I am a published writer.

**99. Go against** (somebody compete, oppose)

We are **going against** the best soccer team in the city tonight.

**100. Go ahead** (start, proceed)

Please **go ahead** and eat before the food gets cold.

**102. Go back** (return to a place)

I have to **go back** home and get my lunch.

**103. Go out** (leave home to go on a social event)

We're **going out** for dinner tonight.

**104. Go out with** (somebody date)

Jesse has been **going out with** Luke since they met last winter.

**105. Go over** (review)

Please **go over** your answers before you submit your test.

**106. Go over** (visit somebody nearby)

I haven't seen Tina for a long time. I think I'll **go over** for an hour or two.

**107. Go without** (suffer lack or deprivation)

When I was young, we **went without** winter boots.

**108. Grow apart** (stop being friends over time)

My best friend and I **grew apart** after she changed schools.

**109. Grow back** (regrow)

My roses **grew back** this summer.

**110. Grow into** (grow big enough to fit)

This bike is too big for him now, but he should **grow into** it by next year.

**111. Grow out of** (get too big for)

Elizabeth needs a new pair of shoes because she has **grown out of** her old ones.

**112. Grow up** (become an adult)

When Jack **grows up** he wants to be a fireman.

**113. hand down** (give something used to somebody else)

I **handed** my old comic books **down** to my little cousin.

**114. Hand in** (submit)

I have to **hand in** my essay by Friday.

**115. Hand out** (to distribute to a group of people)

We will **hand out** the invitations at the door.

**116. Hand over** (give usually unwillingly)

The police asked the man to **hand over** his wallet and his weapons.

**117. Hang in** (stay positive)

**Hang in** there. I'm sure you'll find a job very soon.

**118. Hang on** (wait a short time)

**Hang on** while I grab my coat and shoes!

**119. Hang out** (spend time relaxing)

Instead of going to the party we are just going to **hang out** at my place.

**120. Hang up** (end a phone call)

He didn't say goodbye before he **hung up**.

**121. Hold back** (prevent from doing/going)

I had to **hold** my dog **back** because there was a cat in the park.

**hold back** (hide an emotion)

Jibon **held back** his tears at his grandfather's funeral.

**122. Hold on** (wait a short time)

Please **hold on** while I transfer you to the Sales Department.

**123. Hold onto** (hold firmly using your hands or arms)

**Hold onto** your hat because it's very windy outside.

**hold up** (rob)

A man in a black mask **held** the bank **up** this morning.

**124. Keep on doing** (continue doing)

**Keep on** stirring until the liquid comes to a boil.

**125. Keep from** (not tell)

We **kept** our relationship **from** our parents for two years.

**126. Keep out** (stop from entering)

Try to **keep** the wet dog **out** of the living room.

**127. Keep up** (continue at the same rate)

If you **keep** those results **up**, you will get into a great college.

**128. Let down** (fail to support or help, disappoint)

I need you to be on time. Don't **let** me **down** this time.

**129. Let in** (allow to enter)

Can you **let** the cat **in** before you go to school?

**130. Log in** (or **on**) (sign in (to a website, database)

I can't **log in** to Facebook because I've forgotten my password.

**131. Log out** (or **off**) (sign out of a website, database)

If you don't **log off** somebody could get into your account.

**132. Look after** (take care of)

I have to **look after** my sick grandmother.

**133. Look down on** (somebody thinks less of, consider inferior)

Ever since we stole that chocolate bar your dad has **looked down on** me.

**134. Look for** (try to find something)

I'm **looking for** a red dress for the wedding.

**135. Look forward to** (something be excited about the future)

I'm **looking forward to** the Christmas break.

**136. Look into** (something investigate)

We are going to **look into** the price of snowboards today.

**137. Look out** (be careful, vigilant, and take notice)

Look out! That car's going to hit you!

**138. Look out for** (be especially vigilant for)

Don't forget to **look out for** snakes on the hiking trail.

**139. Look over** (check, examine)

Can you **look over** my essay for spelling mistakes?

**140. Look up** (search and find information in a reference book or database)

We can **look up** her phone number **up** on the Internet.



**141. Look up to** (somebody have a lot of respect for)

My little sister has always **looked up** to me.

**142. Make up** (invent, lie about something)

Josie **made up** a story about why we were late.

**143. Make up** (forgive each other)

We were angry last night, but we **made up** at breakfast.

**144. Make up** (apply cosmetics to)

My sisters **made me up** for my graduation party.

**145. Mix up** (confuse two or more things)

I **mixed up** the twins' names again!

**146. Pass away** (die)

His uncle **passed away** last night after a long illness.

**147. Pass out** (faint)

It was so hot in the church that an elderly lady **passed out**.

**148. Pass out** (give the same thing to many people)

The professor **passed** the textbooks **out** before class.

**149. Pass up** (decline (usually something good))

I **passed up** the job because I am afraid of change.

**150. Pay back** (return owed money)

Thanks for buying my ticket. I'll **pay you back** on Friday.

**151. Pay for** (be punished for doing something bad)

That bully will **pay for** being mean to my little brother.

**152. Pick out** (choose)

I **picked out** three sweaters for you to try on.

**153. Point out** (indicate with your finger)

I'll **point** my boyfriend **out** when he runs by.

**154. Put down** (put what you are holding on a surface or floor)

You can **put** the groceries **down** on the kitchen counter.

**155. Put somebody down** (insult, make somebody feel stupid)

The students **put** the substitute teacher **down** because his pants were too short.

**156. Put off** (postpone)

We are **putting off** our trip until January because of the hurricane.

**157. Put out** (extinguish)

The neighbors **put** the fire **out** before the firemen arrived.

**158. Put together** (assemble)

I have to **put** the crib **together** before the baby arrives.

**159. Put up with** (tolerate)

I don't think I can **put up with** three small children in the car.

**160. Put on** (put clothing/accessories on your body)

Don't forget to **put on** your new earrings for the party.

**161. Run into** (meet unexpectedly)

I **ran into** an old school-friend at the mall.

**162. Run over** (drive a vehicle over a person or thing)

I accidentally **ran over** your bicycle in the driveway.

**163. Run over/through** (rehearse, review)

Let's **run over/through** these lines one more time before the show.

**164. Run away** (leave unexpectedly, escape)

The child **ran away** from home and has been missing for three days.

**165. Run out** (have none left)

We **ran out** of shampoo so I had to wash my hair with soap.

**166. Send back** (return usually by mail)

My letter got **sent back** to me because I used the wrong stamp.

**167. Set up** (arrange, organize)

Our boss **set** a meeting **up** with the president of the company.

**168. Set up** (trick, trap)

The police **set up** the car thief by using a hidden camera.

**169. Shop around** (compare prices)

I want to **shop around** a little before I decide on these boots.

**170. Show off** (act extra special for people watching)

He always **shows off** on his skateboard

**171. Sleep over** (stay somewhere for the night)

You should **sleep over** tonight if the weather is too bad to drive home.

**172. Sort out** (organize, resolve a problem)

We need to **sort** the bills **out** before the first of the month.

**173. Stick to** (continue doing, limit yourself to one particular thing)

You will lose weight if you **stick to** the diet.

**174. Switch off** (stop the energy flow, turn off)

The light's too bright. Could you **switch it off**?

**175. Switch on** (start the energy flow, turn on)

We heard the news as soon as we **switched on** the car radio.

**176. Take after** (resemble a family member)

I **take after** my mother. We are both impatient.

**177. Take apart** (purposely break into pieces)

He **took** the car brakes **apart** and found the problem.

**178. Take back** (return an item)

I have to **take** our new TV **back** because it doesn't work.

**179. Take off** (start to fly)

My plane **takes off** in five minutes.

**180. Take off** (remove something usually clothing)

**Take off** your socks and shoes and come in the lake!

**181. Take out** (remove from a place or thing)

Can you **take** the garbage **out** to the street for me?

**182. Take out** (pay for somebody to go somewhere with you)

My grandparents **took** us **out** for dinner and a movie.

**183. Tear up** (rip into pieces)

I **tore up** my ex-boyfriend's letters and gave them back to him.

**184. Think back** (remember often/to, sometimes on)

When I **think back** on my youth, I wish I had studied harder.

**185. Think over** (consider)

I'll have to **think** this job offer **over** before I make my final decision.

**186. Throw away** (dispose of)

We **threw** our old furniture **away** when we won the lottery.

**187. Turn down** (decrease the volume or strength heat, light)

Please **turn** the TV **down** while the guests are here.

**188. Turn down** (refuse)

I **turned** the job **down** because I don't want to move.

**189. Turn off** (stop the energy flow, switch off)

Your mother wants you to **turn** the TV **off** and come for dinner.

**190. Turn on** (start the energy, switch on)

It's too dark in here. Let's **turn** some lights **on**.

**191. Turn up** (increase the volume or strength)

Can you **turn** the music **up**? This is my favorite song.

**192. Turn up** (appear suddenly)

Our cat **turned up** after we put posters up all over the neighborhood.

**193. Try on** (sample clothing)

I'm going to **try** these jeans **on**, but I don't think they will fit.

**194. Try out** (test)

I am going to **try** this new brand of detergent **out**.

**195. Use up** (finish the supply)

The kids **used** all of the toothpaste **up** so we need to buy some more.

**196. Wake up** (stop sleeping)

We have to **wake up** early for work on Monday.

**warm up** (increase the temperature)

You can **warm** your feet **up** in front of the fireplace.

**197. Warm up** (prepare body for exercise)

I always **warm up** by doing sit-ups before I go for a run.

**198. Wear off** (fade away)

Most of my make-up **wore off** before I got to the party.

**199. Work out** (be successful)

Our plan **worked out** fine.

**200. Work out** (make a calculation)

We have to **work out** the total cost before we buy the house.