

Common Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal Verb	Meaning
1. add up	To refer to information which is meaningful, logical and that makes sense
2. answer back	To reply rudely to someone
3. ask someone out	To invite someone on a date
4. break down	To stop functioning (vehicle, machine)
5. break in/into	To enter a place by force in order to steal
6. break something down	To divide into smaller parts
7. bring something up	To start talking about a subject
8. bump into someone	To meet someone you know without having planned it
9. call something off	To cancel something
10. carry out	To do or complete something
11. catch up with someone	To meet someone to update on each other's life events
12. come across as	To give other people a certain feeling or opinion
13. come up with something	To suggest or think of an idea
14. do without	To manage without something
15. drag on	To last longer than expected
16. drop by	To stop by for a short visit
17. drop someone/something off	To leave someone or something in a place or destination
18. fall behind	To fail to do something fast enough or on time
19. fill someone in	To give someone details about something
20. follow up	To take further action connected to something that has already happened
21. get along with someone	To have a good relationship with someone
22. get down to	To start to actually doing something
23. get on with	To continue doing something
24. give up	To stop trying
25. hang on to something	To keep something

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26. hang out	To spend time with someone
27. keep up with something/someone	To do whatever is necessary to stay level or equal with someone or something
28. kick off	To begin (usually referring to sports)
29. let someone down	To disappoint
30. look forward to	To feel excited about something that is going to happen
31. look up	To check for the meaning of something
32. make do with	To use what is available although it is not enough or what you wanted
33. miss out	To lose an opportunity to do something
34. narrow down	To reduce a list of options
35. pass out	To faint or lose consciousness
36. point out	To emphasise or indicate a piece of information
37. pull through	To get through an illness or other dangerous or difficult situation
38. put something off	To postpone or delay something
39. put up with something/someone	To tolerate, endure
40. rule something out	To eliminate or not consider something
41. run into someone	To meet someone by chance
42. run up against	To encounter difficulties
43. show off	To attract people's attention by displaying one's abilities or accomplishments
44. sleep over	To stay overnight at someone else's home
45. stand up for	To support or defend someone or something
46. work something out	To come up with a solution
47. take after	To resemble in appearance to someone
48. talk someone into	To persuade or convince someone to do something
49. turn up	To appear suddenly
50. wind up	To finish or put an end to something