

FULL ENGLISH

LIST OF PHRASAL VERBS

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Break in on	Interrupt (a conversation).	I was talking to Mom on the phone when the operator broke in on our call.
Catch up with	Keep abreast.	After our month-long trip, it was time to catch up with the neighbors and the news around town
Check up on	Examine, investigate.	The boys promised to check up on the condition of the summer house from time to time.
Come up with	To contribute (suggestion, money).	After years of giving nothing, the old parishioner was able to come up with a thousand-dollar donation.
Cut down on	Curtail (expenses).	We tried to cut down on the money we were spending on entertainment.
Drop out of	Leave school.	I hope none of my students drop out of school this semester.
Get along with	Have a good relationship with.	I found it very hard to get along with my brother when we were young.
Get away with	Escape, blame.	Janik cheated on the exam and then tried to get away with it.

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Get rid of	Eliminate.	The citizens tried to get rid of their corrupt mayor in the recent election.
Get through with	Finish.	When will you ever get through with that program?
Keep up with	Maintain pace with.	It's hard to keep up with the Joneses when you lose your job!
Look forward to	Anticipate with Pleasure.	I always look forward to the beginning of a new semester.
Look down on	Despise.	It's typical of a jingoistic country that the citizens look down on their geographical neighbors.
Look in on	Visit (somebody).	We were going to look in on my brother-in-law, but he wasn't home.
Look out for	Be careful, anticipate.	Good instructors will look out for early signs of failure in their students.
Look up to	Respect.	First-graders really look up to their teachers.
Make sure of	Verify.	Make sure of the student's identity before you let him into the classroom.

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Put up with	Tolerate.	The teacher had to put up with a great deal of nonsense from the new students.
Run out of	Exhaust, supply.	The runners ran out of energy before the end of the race.
Take care of	Be responsible for.	My oldest sister took care of us, after Mom died.
Talk back to	Answer impolitely.	The star player talked back to the coach and was thrown off the team.
Think back on	Recall.	I often think back on my childhood with great pleasure.
Walk out on	Abandon.	Her husband walked out on her and their three children.
Pass out	Lose consciousness, faint.	He had drunk too much; he passed out on the sidewalk outside the bar.
Show off	Demonstrate something proudly.	Whenever he sat down at the piano, we knew he was going to show off.
Show up	Arrive.	Day after day, Efrain showed up for class twenty minutes late.
Wake up	Awake from sleep.	I woke up when the rooster crowed.

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Break down	Stop functioning.	That old Jeep had a tendency to break down just when I needed it the most.
Catch on	Become popular.	Popular songs seem to catch on in California first and then spread eastward.
Come back	Return to a place.	Father promised that we would never come back to this horrible place.
Come in	Enter.	They tried to come in through the back door, but it was locked.
Come to	Regain consciousness.	He was hit on the head very hard, but after several minutes, he started to come to again.
Come over	To visit.	The children promised to come over, but they never do.
Drop by	Visit without appointment.	We used to just drop by, but they were never home, so we stopped doing that.
Eat out	Eat in a restaurant.	When we visited Paris, we loved eating out in the sidewalk cafes.

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Get by	Survive.	Uncle Heine didn't have much money, but he always seemed to get by without borrowing money from relatives.
Get up	Arise.	Grandmother tried to get up, but the couch was too low, and she couldn't make it on her own.
Go back	Return to a place.	It's hard to imagine that we will ever go back to Lithuania.
Go on	Continue.	He would finish one Dickens novel and then just go on to the next.
Go on (2)	Happen.	The cops heard all the noise and stopped to see what was going on.
Grow up	Get older	Charles grew up to be a lot like his father.
Keep away	Remain at a distance.	The judge warned the stalker to keep away from his victim's home.
Keep on (with gerund)	Continue with the same.	He tried to keep on singing long after his voice was ruined.