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PHRASAL VERBS

WITH EASY MEANINGS & EXAMPLES

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Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Break down	Stop working	My car broke down on the way.
Bring up	Mention a topic	She brought up an interesting idea.
Call off	Cancel	They called off the meeting.
Carry on	Continue	Please carry on with your work.
Come across	Find by chance	I came across an old photo.
Come up with	Think of an idea	He came up with a smart plan.
Cut off	Disconnect	The electricity was cut off.
Drop by	Visit briefly	I'll drop by your office later.
End up	Finally do	He ended up working late.
Figure out	Understand	I can't figure out this problem.
Find out	Discover	She found out the truth.
Get along	Be friendly	They get along very well.
Get away	Escape	The thief got away easily.
Get back	Return	I'll get back home soon.
Give up	Stop trying	Don't give up so easily.
Go on	Continue	What's going on here?
Grow up	Become an adult	He grew up in London.
Hang on	Wait	Hang on a minute, please.
Hang out	Spend time	They hang out after school.
Hold on	Wait	Hold on, I'm coming.
Keep on	Continue	Keep on trying your best.

Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Look after	Take care of	She looks after her little brother.
Look for	Search	I'm looking for my phone.
Look forward to	Await eagerly	I look forward to your reply.
Look into	Investigate	The police looked into the case.
Look out	Be careful	Look out! The car is coming.
Look up	Search information	Look up the word in a dictionary.
Make up	Invent or create	She made up an excuse.
Pass away	Die	His grandfather passed away.
Pick up	Collect	Can you pick me up at 5?
Point out	Indicate	She pointed out my mistake.
Put off	Postpone	Don't put off your homework.
Put on	Wear	She put on her coat.
Run out of	Have no more	We ran out of milk.
Set up	Arrange	They set up a new company.
Show up	Arrive	He didn't show up for class.
Shut down	Close completely	The factory shut down last year.
Take after	Resemble	She takes after her mother.
Take off	Remove or depart	The plane took off on time.
Take over	Control something	He took over his father's business.
Throw away	Discard	Don't throw away old clothes.
Turn down	Reject	She turned down his offer.

Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Turn off	Switch off	Please turn off the lights.
Turn on	Switch on	He turned on the TV.
Turn up	Appear or increase	She turned up late.
Wake up	Stop sleeping	I woke up early today.
Work out	Exercise or solve	I work out every morning.
Back up	Support	Please back up your data.
Break into	Enter by force	The thief broke into the house.
Bring back	Return something	Please bring back my book.
Calm down	Relax	Calm down and listen.
Catch up	Reach same level	I must catch up on my work.
Check in	Register at hotel	We checked in at noon.
Check out	Leave or examine	We checked out this morning.
Come back	Return	When did you come back?
Come out	Be published	Her new book came out today.
Count on	Depend on	You can count on me.
Cut down on	Reduce	Cut down on sugar intake.
Deal with	Handle	She deals with customers daily.
Dress up	Wear fancy clothes	They dressed up for the party.
Drop out	Leave school	He dropped out of college.
Eat out	Dine outside	Let's eat out tonight.
Fill in	Complete	Fill in this form, please.

Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Find out	Discover	She found out the truth.
Get in	Enter	He got in the car quickly.
Get off	Leave transport	We got off at the next stop.
Get on	Board transport	She got on the bus.
Get over	Recover	He got over his illness.
Give away	Donate	They gave away old clothes.
Go back	Return	Let's go back home.
Go out	Leave home	They went out for dinner.
Go through	Experience	She went through a hard time.
Hold up	Delay	The flight was held up by fog.
Join in	Participate	Will you join in the game?
Keep away	Stay at distance	Keep away from danger.
Keep up	Maintain	Keep up the good work.
Lay off	Dismiss from job	Many workers were laid off.
Leave out	Omit	You left out an important detail.
Let down	Disappoint	Don't let me down.
Look back	Reflect	She looked back on her childhood.
Make out	Understand	I can't make out his handwriting.
Mix up	Confuse	I mixed up the files.
Pay back	Return money	I'll pay you back tomorrow.
Pick out	Choose	She picked out a red dress.

Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Pull over	Stop vehicle	The police asked him to pull over.
Put away	Store	Please put away the toys.
Put up with	Tolerate	I can't put up with noise.
Run away	Escape	The prisoner ran away.
Run into	Meet unexpectedly	I ran into an old friend.
Set off	Start journey	They set off early.
Show off	Boast	He always shows off his car.
Slow down	Reduce speed	Slow down, you're driving fast.
Speak up	Talk louder	Please speak up, I can't hear.
Stand by	Support	She stood by her friend.
Stand out	Be noticeable	Her dress stood out in the crowd.
Stay up	Not sleep	I stayed up all night.
Take back	Withdraw words	I take back what I said.
Take in	Understand fully	She couldn't take in the news.
Tear up	Rip into pieces	He tore up the letter.
Think over	Consider carefully	Think over the offer.
Throw up	Vomit	The child threw up after eating.
Turn around	Change direction	Turn around and look.
Warm up	Prepare	The players warmed up before the game.
Watch out	Be careful	Watch out for the dog.
Write down	Note	Write down your address.

Phrasal Verb	Short Meaning	Example Sentence
Break up	End a relationship	They broke up last month.
Bring in	Introduce	The company brought in new rules.
Carry out	Perform	The test was carried out carefully.
Come down	Decrease	Prices have come down.
Cut out	Remove	Cut out that bad habit.
Do over	Repeat	You must do the task over.
Fall apart	Break into pieces	The old chair fell apart.
Fill up	Make full	Fill up the bottle.
Get through	Succeed or finish	I finally got through the exam.
Go ahead	Proceed	Go ahead with your plan.
Knock out	Make unconscious	The boxer knocked him out.
Let in	Allow to enter	Let him in, please.
Put out	Extinguish	They put out the fire.
Run over	Hit with vehicle	The car ran over a cat.
Set aside	Save for later	Set aside some money.
Step down	Resign	The manager stepped down yesterday.

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