

Phrasal verbs wordlist

Abbreviations: n/np = noun / noun phrase; v/vp = verb / verb phrase; adj/adjp = adjective / adjective phrase; adv/advp = adverb / adverb phrase; T/I = transitive/intransitive; C/U = countable/uncountable

The numbers indicate the unit and then the page on which the phrasal verb first appears. RS indicates that the phrasal verb appears in the recording script (a student version of the recording scripts can be found at www.cambridge.org/elt/completcae).

act on sb's (advice) *v* [T] (U1,11) to do something because someone has said that you should

back sth up *v* [T] (U12,125) to make an extra copy of computer information, for example on a disk or a hard drive

be up to sth *v* [I] (U1, RS) to be doing something

break up sth *v* [T] (U4,39) to divide something into different areas

call for sth *v* [T] (U8,83) to demand that something happens

call sth off *v* [T] (U11,109) to decide that a planned event or activity will not happen because it is not possible or wanted now

clutter sth up *v* [T] (U4,39) to cover a surface or fill a place with things that are not tidy or well organised

come across sb/sth *v* [T] (U2,RS) to discover something or someone by chance

come round *v* [I] (U1,10) to visit someone at their house

cope with sth *v* [T] (U8,78) to deal successfully with a difficult situation

deal with sth *v* [T] (U3,32) to take action in order to achieve something or to solve a problem

die out *v* [I] (U2,19) to become more and more rare and then disappear completely

dream sth up *v* [T] (U3,36) to think of a new idea or plan

drop off (to sleep) *v* [I] (U5,53) to start to sleep

drop out *v* [I] (U11,113) to stop working and doing things that most people do because you do not want to be part of society any longer

end up *v* [I] (U14,RS) to finally be in a particular place or situation

fiddle with sth *v* [I or T] (U4,42) to move things about or touch things with no particular purpose

fit in *v* [I] (U14,RS) to feel that you belong to a particular group and are accepted by them

get down to sth *v* [T] (U2,18) to start doing something seriously and with a lot of attention and effort

go about doing sth *v* [T] (U2,18) to start to do something in a purposeful way

go for + n (a break/walk/coffee) *v* [T] (U4,39) to go somewhere in order to take a break/walk/drink a cup of coffee, etc.

go for sth *v* [T] (U10,RS) to choose something

go off (alarm) *v* [I] (U10,RS) if something that makes a noise *goes off*, it suddenly starts making a noise

head for sth *v* [I] (U5,RS) to move towards something

hit up sb for sth *v* [T] (U11,113) (US) to ask someone for something, e.g. money

hold down a job *v* [T] (U1,14) to manage to keep a job

keep up with sth *v* [I or T] (U5,56) to manage to do work as it is given to you and not be late in doing what you have to do

lap sth up *v* [T] (U8,80) to enjoy something very much

live sth down *v* [T] (U11,RS) if you say you will never *live something down*, you mean that it is in an embarrassing experience that other people will not let you forget

live off sth *v* [T] (U9,RS) if you *live off* money, you use that money to buy the things that you need to live, such as food, clothes, etc.

meet up with sb *v* [I or T] (U7,76) to meet another person in order to do something together

move on *v* [I] (U1,12) to leave the place where you are and go somewhere else

- move out** *v* [I] (U1,RS) to stop living in a particular home
- pay up** *v* [I] (U11,109) INFORMAL to give someone all of the money that you owe them
- pick up sth** *v* [T] (U2,17) to start learning something or doing something regularly without intending to
- pick sth out** *v* [T] (U10,99) to choose something from a group of things
- pull over** *v* [I or T] (U5,56) if a vehicle *pulls over*, it moves to the side of the road and stops
- pull up** *v* [I] (U9,91) if a vehicle *pulls up*, it stops
- put sth off** *v* [T] (U11,109) to arrange to do something at a later time
- set off sth** *v* [T] (U9,RS) to cause something to explode
- set sth out** *v* [T] (U11,116) to arrange a number of things in a particular way
- set up sth** *v* [T] (U14,RS) to arrange for something to happen, for example to start a new business
- settle down** *v* [I] (U14, RS) to start living somewhere that you are going to live for a long time, usually with a partner
- settle into sth** *v* [T] (U2,RS) to start to feel relaxed and comfortable in a new situation
- settle on sth** *v* [T] (RS) to make a decision after spending a period of time thinking about the choices
- settle up** *v* [I] (U5,52) to pay someone the money that you owe them
- study under sb** *v* [I or T] (U2,18) FORMAL to be taught by someone
- sweep sth aside** *v* [T] (U2,19) to replace or destroy something
- tease out sth** *v* [T] (U6,58) to manage to reveal something
- turn out** *v* [I] (U6,RS) to happen in a particular way
- turn over** *v* [I] (U5,52) if someone who is lying down *turns over*, they change position so that they are facing a different direction
- vote sb off** *v* [T] (U8,79) if a person in a television show is *voted off*, the people watching the programme vote in order to make that person leave the show
- wind sb up** *v* [T] (U1,12) INFORMAL to annoy someone, often on purpose
- wipe sth out** *v* [T] (U12,124) to destroy something completely