

With "get"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
get around	be mobile	My mum is old, but still <i>gets around</i> .
get at	imply	What are you <i>getting at</i> ?
get away	go on holiday	We were looking forward to <i>getting away</i> for the weekend.
get back	return from somewhere	The house was cold when we <i>got back</i> .
get by	cope or survive	They are not wealthy, but they <i>get by</i> .
get on	board a vehicle	The bus stopped so we <i>got on</i> .
get out	leave	He was told to <i>get out</i> after they argued.
get over	recover	It is hard to <i>get over</i> the loss of a pet.
get rid of	dispose of	She <i>got rid of</i> everything that reminded her of him.
get together	meet up	We planned to <i>get together</i> next weekend for a chat.
get up	rise from seat or bed	I <i>get up</i> at 6.30 a.m. every morning.
get across	be understood	I wanted to <i>get my feelings across</i> .
get back	retrieve	Eventually I <i>got</i> the book he borrowed <i>back</i> .
get in	enter	We didn't <i>get in</i> the house until midnight.

With "take"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
take after	resemble	They say I <i>take after</i> my father.
take care of	be responsible for	She <i>took care of</i> her plants.
take on	undertake	He struggled after <i>taking on</i> too many tasks at work.
take out	remove from a place	<i>Take</i> the money <i>out</i> your purse and spend it.
take off	clothes	The last thing I <i>take off</i> at night are my socks.
take aback	surprise or shock	She was <i>taken aback</i> when a joke was made about her.
take aside	isolate and talk to privately	He was <i>taken aside</i> and spoken to about his behaviour.
take over	assume control	The government <i>took over</i> control of the train company.
take through	explain	<i>Take</i> me <i>through</i> your plans for the garden.
take up	accept	I'd like to <i>take up</i> your offer.
take down	record in writing	He was asked to <i>take down</i> some notes of the meeting.

With "up"

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put up	tolerate	She <i>put up</i> with her insulting language.
set up	establish	They <i>set up</i> a new business in the city.
show up	appear or arrive	He <i>showed up</i> five minutes late.
shut up	stop talking	He rudely told him to <i>shut up</i> .
stick up	defend	He <i>stuck up</i> for his father when he was criticised.
use up	consume the last amount	Please <i>use up</i> what's in the fridge before going shopping.
break up	end a relationship	They'd been together for four years before <i>breaking up</i> .
do up	renovate	I bought this house and will <i>do it up</i> .
cut up	chop into pieces	<i>Cut up</i> the tomatoes and put them in the salad.
turn up	appear unexpectedly	My son just <i>turned up</i> at my house.
warm up	prepare for exercise	Always <i>warm up</i> before playing football.
come up	thought of	I have <i>come up</i> with a good idea.

With "out"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
break out	escape	He helped the inmates <i>break out</i> from prison.
check out	inspect or look at	The family <i>checked out</i> the swimming pool as soon as they arrived.
drop out	stop before completing	He <i>dropped out</i> of college after the first year.
fall out	diminish a relationship	The siblings <i>fell out</i> over their mother's will.
figure out	deduce or calculate	It took her six minutes to <i>figure out</i> the final part of the crossword.
fill out	add information to	He needed to <i>fill out</i> the customs form before crossing the border.
find out	learn or discover	He <i>found out</i> he was adopted when he turned eighteen.
hand out	distribute	The teacher <i>handed out</i> the permission slips.
leave out	omit	The coach <i>left her out</i> of the team because she was injured.
run out	use the last of something	They were worried when they <i>ran out</i> of toilet paper.
keep out	deny entry	Close the window to <i>keep</i> the mosquitoes <i>out</i> .
cut out	eliminate	<i>Cut out</i> excessive sugar from your diet.
hang out	relax in a casual way	She decided to stay home that night and just <i>hang out</i> .
point out	draw attention to or highlight	The flight attendant <i>pointed out</i> the emergency exits.

With "put"

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put off	postpone	They <i>put</i> their wedding <i>off</i> until next year.
put on	pretend or insincere	Her smile was <i>put on</i> ; she didn't find it funny.
put up	accommodate	I told my cousin I could <i>put</i> her <i>up</i> for four days only.
put down	criticise	I took his reluctant praise as a real <i>put down</i> .
put out	extinguish	Remember to <i>put</i> the fire <i>out</i> before going to bed.
put together	compile or assemble	Her boss asked her to <i>put together</i> all the likely outcomes.

With "over"

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get over	recover from	It took her months to <i>get over</i> losing the championship game.
go over	review or explain	The teacher offered to <i>go over</i> the lesson again.
hand over	give	They had to <i>hand</i> the keys <i>over</i> when they sold their house.
look over	review or examine	Matt <i>looked over</i> his son's homework.
think over	consider or reflect on	I'll <i>think over</i> the choices before deciding which hotel to pick.
talk over	discuss	We <i>talked over</i> the idea of immigrating.
take over	gain control	The local taxi company got <i>taken over</i> by a bigger rival.
pull over	temporarily stop a vehicle	The driver felt tired so decided to <i>pull over</i> .

With "look"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
look after	take care of	She <i>looked after</i> her elderly father.
look forward to	await eagerly	I am really <i>looking forward</i> to meeting you for a chat.
look into	investigate	They <i>looked into</i> the history of the village.
look out	be aware	The cyclists <i>looked out</i> for potholes on the road.
look up	admire or respect	He <i>looked up</i> to his older brother.

With "set"

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set off	start a journey	They <i>set off</i> on holiday.
set up	arrange or organize	The best man <i>set up</i> the stag do.
set about	start a task with determination	It was a difficult job, but they <i>set about</i> it nevertheless.
set aside	isolate for later use	Chop up the herbs and <i>set</i> them <i>aside</i> to garnish the dish.
set back	delay or impede	Failing the exam was <i>set back</i> for his university plans.

With "on"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
carry on	continue	It was late, but we decided to <i>carry on</i> our journey.
count on	rely on	He was a good worker that the boss could <i>count on</i> .
drag on	become tedious	This lecture has <i>dragged on</i> for over two hours.
hang on	pause or wait briefly	The assistant asked me to <i>hang on</i> while she answered the phone.
keep on	continue doing something	I decided to <i>keep on</i> my diet even though it was difficult.
take on	undertake	I was busy at work but agreed to <i>take on</i> one more task.
try on	wear clothing as a trial	The shop has a changing room where you can <i>try on</i> clothes.
cut back on	reduce consumption	I need to <i>cut back on</i> my beer drinking.
brush up on	refresh one's knowledge	I should <i>brush up on</i> my French language skills.
get on	have a harmonious relationship	She <i>got on</i> really well with her sister-in-law.

With "fall"

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
fall through	not happen	The new house plans <i>fell through</i> when planning permission was refused.
fall out	end or diminish a relationship	They used to be friends, but they <i>fell out</i> .
fall behind	fail to keep up or maintain	He lost his job and <i>fell behind</i> with his rent.
fall for	be tricked or fooled	He <i>fell for</i> the scammers story.