

Quiz for Verb: 'To back'

Choose the correct definition for each phrasal verb...

1) 'Back up' means...

- A **Look carefully at someone**
- B **Make a copy of computer data**
- C **Stop working (electric/electronic equipment)**

2) 'Back into' means...

- A **Enter a parking area in reverse gear**
- B **Go somewhere quickly to do something, often to buy or get something**
- C **Avoid or delay creditors**

3) 'Back away' means...

- A **Discuss**
- B **Shoot, fire a gun (usually repeatedly)**
- C **Retreat or go backwards**

4) 'Back down' means...

- A **Retract or withdraw your position or proposal in an argument**
- B **Leave the area where you have been living**
- C **Clean everything used to prepare food and eat it**

5) 'Back out' means...

- A **Do something quickly, especially writing**
- B **Ask how someone is doing, especially professionally and in terms of health**
- C **Fail to keep an arrangement or promise**

6) 'Back sb up' means...

- A **Support**
- B **Remove someone secretly or discreetly**
- C **Search for something**

7) 'Back off' means...

- A **Ask someone to do something, especially to speak in public. (Formal)**
 - B **Remove water from something that is flooded**
 - C **Retreat**
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- 1 The guard asked the passengers to back away/down from the edge of the train platform.
- 2 The school carried on/out a fire safety drill.
- 3 Despite his accident, he carried on/out climbing.
- 4 Back up/out your computer files regularly.
- 5 The match was called off/back due to heavy rain.
- 6 She backed down/out of the race in the end.