

Phrasal Verbs-Relationships



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| break up | bring up | grow apart | put up with | fall out |
| go out | look after | look down on | take after | look up to |
| pick on | fall for | settle down | get along | |

1. Break up – to end a relationship

Tim and Sarah **broke up** last week.

I think Tim and Sarah are going to **break up** soon.

2. Go out – date (to be in a relationship – boyfriend and girlfriend)

Tim and Sarah are going out. <-- They are dating. They are a couple.

Tim and Sarah are going out to dinner. <--- Current action

3. Pick on – bully/make fun of

Sally is picking on Mark. She needs to stop. It's not nice.

Sally picked on Mark a lot when they were children. She used to call him names.

4. Bring up – to start a topic in a conversation

Tim brought up his **father's name** during the conversation.

He **brought** his father **up** in the conversation.

Bring up (other meaning) – how someone was raised in family

I was brought up in a family of 5.

I was brought up in a safe home.

I was brought up in a broken home. My parents were always fighting and eventually divorced.

5. Look after – take care of someone/something

Can you **look after** my e-mails while I'm on vacation?

I am going to **look after** my supervisor's dog while he's on vacation.

6. Fall for – to fall in love with

I **fell in love with** carpentry the moment I touched a table saw.

I **fell for you** the moment I saw you.

7. **Grow apart** – to grow separately from someone over time (a relationship weakens over time)

When you finish a relationship, you stop talking to the person. Then, you have separate lives. You live separate lives. You grow apart.

If you leave a job, you might stop talking to the people at that job.

When I left College Boreal, Sarah and I grew apart (we stopped talking and we don't see each other anymore). Growing apart can happen naturally (normal).

If you move to a new country, you might **grow apart** from old friends.

8. **Look down on** – to view someone in a negative way/thinking someone is less than you
Tyler looked down on Sarah. He didn't like her actions or behaviour. He thought she was immature.

TYLER: Wow, Sarah, you need to get a life. Why don't you have a full-time job yet? I have been working full-time since I was 16 years old. You need to make a change in your life.

SARAH: Don't look down on **me**. You don't know me! You are judging me.

Someone might look down on **someone** who drinks alcohol.

Someone might look down on someone who doesn't have a job.

TYLER is looking down on **Sarah**.

He thinks he is better than her.

If you think you are better than someone, you might look down on that person.

9. **Settle down** – to make a home, you are getting comfortable with someone or something

When you get married, you settle down with your partner.

When you move to a new country, you might settle down in a specific city.

When I moved to Canada, I chose to settle down in Windsor.

10. **Put up with** – you deal with a difficult situation, but you accept it

MOTHER: I have to put up with 3 teenage boys eating all the food in the fridge.

As a teacher, sometimes you have to **put up with** difficult students.

However, you shouldn't put up with **disrespect** (you shouldn't accept **disrespect**).

11. **Take after** – to be similar (usually to a parent)

I look like my mother. I **take after** my mother.

I am very different from my father. I don't **take after** him.

12. **Get along** – to have a friendly relationship with someone

When I was younger, my brother and I **got along** really well.

When I was younger, my sister and I didn't get along well.

When I was younger, I **didn't get along** with my sister.

If you don't get along, you probably fight or argue.

You can try to get along with someone. You can be friendly to them, ask them questions, or **get to know** them.

13. **Fall out** – VERB – to detach oneself from relationship

14. I have fallen out with my family. «--- I am not talking to them. We had an argument.

Fall out –NOUN- a break down of a relationship

I had a **fall out** with my family. «--- You had an argument and now you are not talking as much or at all.

OTHER MEANING (MORE PHYSICAL)

Fall out – to drop

My hair is falling out. «----- This is a physical thing falling to the ground.