

# Phrasal Verbs

## GO

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| <b>To go away</b>  | To leave a place or a person's company. |
| <b>To go ahead</b> | To do something as planned.             |
| <b>To go by</b>    | To pass (for time); to pass a place.    |
| <b>To go in</b>    | To enter.                               |
| <b>To go down</b>  | To get smaller or decrease.             |
| <b>To go on</b>    | To continue; to happen.                 |

## GET

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| <b>To get across</b>    | To cause to be understood, transmit.                |
| <b>To get around</b>    | To become known, circulate.                         |
| <b>To get away with</b> | To escape the (negative) consequences of something. |
| <b>To get by</b>        | To manage to survive in spite of difficulties.      |
| <b>To get in</b>        | To go inside a car, a bus, etc.                     |
| <b>To get into</b>      | To become interested in; to fit in.                 |
| <b>To get on</b>        | To continue doing an activity, make progress.       |
| <b>To get on with</b>   | To have a friendly relationship.                    |
| <b>To get off</b>       | To leave a bus, train, plane, etc.                  |
| <b>To get over</b>      | To recover from an illness, overcome a problem.     |

## GIVE

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|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>To give away</b> | To give something without asking for anything in exchange. |
| <b>To give back</b> | To return something to somebody.                           |
| <b>To give in</b>   | To stop trying, surrender.                                 |
| <b>To give out</b>  | To distribute.                                             |
| <b>To give off</b>  | To emit, release (a smell, light...)                       |
| <b>To give up</b>   | To stop doing something such as smoking.                   |

## COME

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>To come accross</b> | To encounter something or somebody by chance.       |
| <b>To come along</b>   | To appear, arrive.                                  |
| <b>To come out</b>     | To become available or known (book, movie, news...) |
| <b>To come round</b>   | To recover consciousness.                           |
| <b>To come through</b> | To survive, endure; succeed in doing something.     |
| <b>To come up</b>      | A topic: to be raised or mentioned.                 |

## LOOK

|                           |                                                      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>To look after</b>      | To take care of.                                     |
| <b>To look ahead</b>      | To see what is in front, to think of the future.     |
| <b>To look at</b>         | To watch, observe.                                   |
| <b>To look around</b>     | To examine the surrounding area.                     |
| <b>To look back</b>       | To look behind, to think of the past.                |
| <b>To look down on</b>    | To consider oneself superior to.                     |
| <b>To look for</b>        | To search for.                                       |
| <b>To look forward to</b> | To await with excitement.                            |
| <b>To look out</b>        | To be attentive, careful.                            |
| <b>To look up</b>         | To search for in reference work (dictionaries, etc.) |

## MAKE

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>To make for</b>    | To head towards.                      |
| <b>To make out</b>    | To see, perceive.                     |
| <b>To make up</b>     | To become reconciled after a quarrel. |
| <b>To make sth up</b> | To invent or imagine something.       |
| <b>To make up for</b> | To compensate for.                    |

## PUT

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| <b>To put aside</b>   | To save (money)                      |
| <b>To put sb down</b> | To humiliate, speak ill of somebody. |

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| <b>To put forward</b> | To propose, suggest.                         |
| <b>To put off (1)</b> | To postpone or delay until later.            |
| <b>To put off (2)</b> | To discourage, deter.                        |
| <b>To put out</b>     | To extinguish (cigarette, light...)          |
| <b>To put through</b> | To connect to somebody on the phone.         |
| <b>To put sb up</b>   | To accommodate.                              |
| <b>To put up with</b> | To tolerate or endure somebody or something. |

## TAKE

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>To take after</b>   | To resemble somebody (family member) |
| <b>To take in</b>      | To understand, absorb.               |
| <b>To take on</b>      | To employ somebody.                  |
| <b>To take off (1)</b> | To depart (plane)                    |
| <b>To take off (2)</b> | To remove clothing.                  |
| <b>To take out</b>     | To invite on a date.                 |
| <b>To take over</b>    | To assume control or charge of.      |
| <b>To take up</b>      | To start (a hobby)                   |

## OTHERS

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| <b>To bring about</b> | To provoke, cause to happen.                         |
| <b>To bring up</b>    | To raise, educate.                                   |
| <b>To break into</b>  | To enter by force.                                   |
| <b>To break out</b>   | To begin suddenly.                                   |
| <b>To break up</b>    | To separate, split.                                  |
| <b>To cut down on</b> | To reduce (mainly for health reasons)                |
| <b>To clear up</b>    | To tidy up; to become clear (weather)                |
| <b>To keep on</b>     | To persist in doing something.                       |
| <b>To pass away</b>   | To die (euphemism)                                   |
| <b>To pick up</b>     | To grasp and lift; to collect somebody in a vehicle. |
| <b>To run away</b>    | To flee, escape.                                     |

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| <b>To run out of</b> | To have none left of something. |
| <b>To set up</b>     | To establish, found.            |
| <b>To set off</b>    | To begin a journey.             |
| <b>To stand out</b>  | To be remarkable, noticeable.   |
| <b>To throw away</b> | To get rid of as useless.       |
| <b>To work out</b>   | To do exercise.                 |

## EXERCISES

### 1. Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb with *go*, *get* or *give*.

- Several years \_\_\_\_\_ before he saw his parents again.
- Jane hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ her divorce with Mark.
- I twisted my ankle when I was \_\_\_\_\_ the train.
- I have to \_\_\_\_\_ these CDs \_\_\_\_\_ to Katie. I borrowed them two weeks ago.
- I heard people shouting in the street, and I went out to see what was \_\_\_\_\_.
- The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the exam papers to the class.
- I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ all the clothes that I can't wear anymore.
- I really \_\_\_\_\_ my brother's wife. I've liked her since I first met her.
- The trip \_\_\_\_\_ even if some people couldn't come at the last minute.
- He first \_\_\_\_\_ politics when he was studying at university.
- She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her views at the meeting, but nobody could really understand what she wanted to say.
- He promised that he would \_\_\_\_\_ drinking alcohol after the summer holidays.
- When you are a student you have to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ with very little money.
- Uranium \_\_\_\_\_ radio-activity.

**2. Now complete the sentences with a phrasal verb with *come, look or make*.**

- He \_\_\_\_\_ the toilet as soon as he got home.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ his colleagues because he thinks he's better than they are.
- When I was a child, my grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ me while my parents were at work.
- The magazine \_\_\_\_\_ once a week.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the shop and decided that we didn't like anything enough to buy it.
- I will only ask her about her new job if the topic \_\_\_\_\_ in the conversation.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ some fossils while they were playing on the beach.
- If you don't know the meaning of one of the words, just \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ in the dictionary.
- It took John a while to \_\_\_\_\_ after the cow kicked his head.
- The serious accident of her husband has been a very difficult situation to \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has been \_\_\_\_\_ a job for ages with no luck.
- It wasn't easy to \_\_\_\_\_ the letters on the sign from the distance.

**3. Finally, complete the sentences with a phrasal verb with *put, take or 'others'*.**

- As there is a train strike, we'll just have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ until next week.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowd because of his height.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ aerobics because her doctor told her she would have to get more exercise.
- As her parents had both died, she was \_\_\_\_\_ by her grandparents.
- The weather is horrible at the moment. I hope it \_\_\_\_\_ later.
- Don't stay in a hotel. We can \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ for a few days.

- The police \_\_\_\_\_ the house by breaking the front door.
- You should \_\_\_\_\_ a small sum of money each week for the quarterly electricity bill.
- The main problem with this flat is that we have to \_\_\_\_\_ such noisy neighbours.
- The Worldwide Chemicals Company was recently \_\_\_\_\_ by its biggest rival.
- You can see from his nose that he \_\_\_\_\_ his father.
- The doctor advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ sugar.
- When they moved, they had to \_\_\_\_\_ many useless belongings.
- The Spanish Civil War \_\_\_\_\_ in 1936.

**4. Now, write one sentence for each of the given groups of phrasal verbs.**

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