



Phrasal verbs

Study the following phrasal verbs. Note that there may be other meanings for the verbs listed here.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning and example
Add up	Make sense " <i>His evidence just doesn't add up</i> "
Break up	Come to an end " <i>The party finally broke up at 3.00 am</i> "
Bring up	Mention " <i>I feel I ought to bring up another small matter</i> "
Come up	Occur – usually a problem " <i>Look, something has come up and I can't meet you</i> "
Count on	Rely on " <i>Don't worry, you can count on me</i> "
End up	Finish in a certain way or place " <i>We ended up staying there for lunch</i> "
Fall back on	Use as a last resource " <i>We've got our savings to fall back on</i> "
Get across	Be understood – especially get an idea across " <i>I had the feeling I wasn't getting across.</i> "

Practice

Select the correct phrasal verb

1. I was delayed something *fell back on* / *ended up* / *came up* at home.
2. Jack's explanation doesn't *bring up* / *add up* / *count on*.
3. Your meaning didn't really get across / end up / bring up.
4. The company has money in the bank to *add up* / *fall back on* / *get across*.
5. I was doing my homework but then I *ended up* / *added up* / *broke up* in a party.
6. The meeting didn't *fall back on* / *bring up* / *break up* at 7.00 pm.
7. We are friends, you know you can always *come up* / *count on* / *add up* me.
8. The employees do not want to *bring up* / *get across* / *add up* the topic because they are afraid of their boss.