

This list is the first fifteen of the list of 150 most common phrasal verbs

1: GO ON = happen

- What's going on?
- There's a class going on at the moment.
- What went on last night?

2: PICK UP = get something or someone from a place

- I picked up my brother from the airport.
- Please pick up some bread.
- Would you come and pick me up from work tonight?

3: COME BACK = return to a place (the speaker is in that place)

- She came back around 10pm last night.
- When will you come back from France?
- Please come back! It's boring here without you.

4: COME UP WITH = produce an idea

- Julie came up with a great idea.
- He came up with an answer to the question very quickly.
- Can you come up with a better solution?

5: GO BACK = return to a place (the speaker isn't in that place)

- He finished his work and went back to his flat.
- When is she planning to go back to Japan?
- I'll go back to the library later.

6: FIND OUT = get information

- Can you find out what time the restaurant opens?
- I found out that we need to submit our essays next Tuesday.
- I don't know what the weather forecast is for tomorrow, but I'll find out.

7: COME OUT = appear from a place

- She came out of the kitchen.
- He went to the cafe and came out with a coffee.
- Please come out of the bedroom.

8: GO OUT = go to an event / restaurant / pub / party

- Let's go out for dinner.
- You're going out a lot these days.
- We should go out more.

9: POINT OUT = show / mention

- She pointed out the beautiful paintings on the walls.
- Please point out to the students that they must attend all the lectures.
- 'We'll miss the bus if we don't hurry', he pointed out.

10: GROW UP = become an adult

- I grew up in Scotland.
- My children are growing up too fast!
- When will he grow up?

11: SET UP = create / arrange

- I need to set up a new bank account.
- She's decided to set up her own company.
- I set up some language classes at the school.

12: TURN OUT = in the end we discover

- The maid turned out to have stolen the money.
- He turned out to be a friend of Alex's.
- The party turned out to be a big success.

13: GET OUT = leave a room / building / car

- I need to get out of the house!
- She got out of the car and went into the shop.
- Get out! There's a fire in the kitchen!

14: COME IN / INTO = enter (the speaker is in that place)

- Please come in! It's great to see you.
- She came into the living room and sat down.
- Don't come in! I'm not ready yet!

15: TAKE ON = to be responsible for

- He's going to take on the new project.
- She isn't taking on any new students at the moment.
- Could you take on some extra work?

Put in the correct phrasal verb (choose from the Phrasal Verbs 1 list)

- 1) Can you _____ (think of an idea) a better idea?
- 2) She _____ (showed / mentioned) that the shops would be closed.
- 3) I wish I hadn't _____ (become responsible for) so much work!
- 4) I _____ (went to an event) for dinner with my husband last night.
- 5) He _____ (entered a place where the speaker is) the kitchen and made some tea.
- 6) Where did you _____ (become an adult)?
- 7) I'd love to _____ (arrange / create) my own business.
- 8) I really want to _____ (leave a building) of this office and go for a walk.
- 9) As I arrived, he _____ (appeared from a place) of the door.
- 10) She _____ (got something from a place) some dinner on the way home.
- 11) Could you _____ (get information) what time we need to arrive?
- 12) I thought the conference was going to be boring, but it _____ (in the end we discovered) to be quite useful.
- 13) What time did you _____ (return to a place where the speaker is) last night?
- 14) She _____ (appeared from a place) of the cafe and put on her gloves.
- 15) A performance _____ (is happening) at the moment.
- 16) He _____ (left a car) of the car.
- 17) He _____ (went to an event) a lot at the weekend, so he's tired today.
- 18) Can we _____ (arrange / create) a meeting next week?
- 19) Would anybody like to _____ (become responsible for) this new client?
- 20) He _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is) before I left.
- 21) It's lovely watching my children _____ (become adults).
- 22) She _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is not) to school.
- 23) He _____ (showed / mentioned) the stars to the children.
- 24) He _____ (returned to a place where the speaker is not) to Poland last year.
- 25) He _____ (thought of an idea) a solution.
- 26) Please _____ (enter a place where the speaker is).
- 27) At the end of the film it _____ (in the end we discovered) that John was a good guy.
- 28) Could you _____ (get someone from a place) Lucy later?
- 29) We need to _____ (get information) how much it costs.
- 30) What _____ ('s happening)?