

24 really useful phrasal verbs



The 24 most common phrasal verbs. Learn them and impress your friends.



1

Call off

to cancel:
"They called off the concert because the lead singer was sick."



2

Check in/out

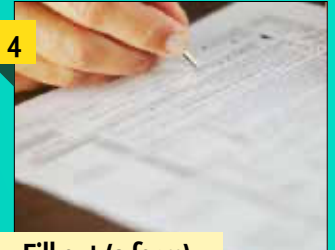
to inform a hotel manager/receptionist of your arrival/departure:
"We checked out of the hotel at 09:00."



3

End up

to be something/somewhere in the end:
"We ended up at Sharon's house."



4

Fill out (a form)

to complete (a form):
"Please fill out the form with your full name."



5

Find out

to discover information:
"Did you find out who stole your bike?"



6

Get on/off

to enter/leave a bus/train, etc:
"I got on the bus."



7

Get up

to stand up; to stop lying down; to get out of bed:
"I got up at 7 in the morning."



8

Give up

to stop doing something:
"She gave up smoking."



9

Hang up

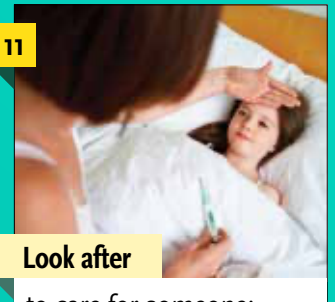
to stop a telephone conversation by putting the phone down:
"She dialled the number then hung up without speaking to him."



10

Look up

to find a word in a dictionary / the internet, etc to discover its meaning:
"If you don't know what it means, look it up in the dictionary."



11

Look after

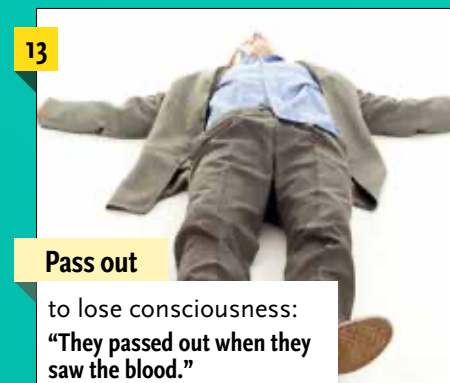
to care for someone:
"I looked after him when he was sick."



12

Make up

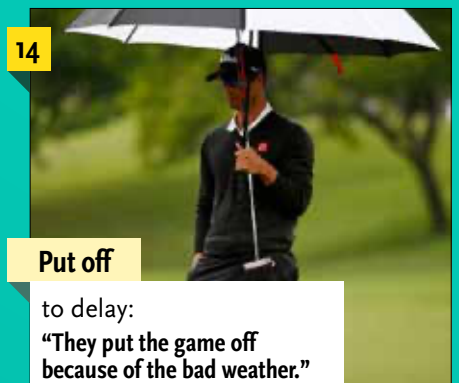
to invent:
"I made up the story."



13

Pass out

to lose consciousness:
"They passed out when they saw the blood."



14

Put off

to delay:
"They put the game off because of the bad weather."

Exercise

Match each phrasal verb (1 to 13) to its definition (A-M).

1. Check in
2. Get in/into (a car/bus/plane/train)
3. To pull in
4. Take off
5. Stop over in a place
6. Stop off
7. Set off
8. See someone off
9. Get back
10. Get away
11. Check out
12. Pull out
13. Touch down

- A:** If a train does this, it arrives at that station.
B: To arrive home after a trip.
C: To arrive at a hotel, to say who you are, and to take the key to your room.
D: If a plane does this, it leaves the ground in a controlled manner.
E: To start a journey.
F: To have a break from your usual routine and to travel somewhere.
G: To accompany someone to the airport / train station, etc in order to say goodbye to them.
H: If you do this, you stay in a place for one or more nights in the middle of a journey, especially as part of a plane journey.
I: If you do this, you stop driving for a short time in the middle of a journey in order to do something.
J: To enter a car/bus/plane/train, etc.
K: If a train does this, it leaves a station.
L: If a plane does this, it lands on the ground in a controlled manner.
M: To inform the hotel manager or receptionist that you are leaving and to hand back the key.



15

Put on

to put an item of clothing on:
 "I put on a coat."



16

Run out of

to have no more of something.
 "We've run out of sugar. Can you go and get some, please?"



17

Set off on a journey

to start a journey:
 "We set off at six."



18

Throw away

to dispose of something; to put rubbish in the bin:
 "We threw away the old sofa."



19

Turn on/off

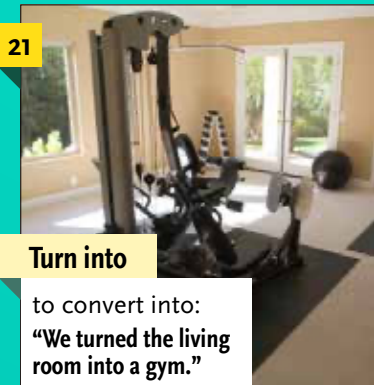
to connect/disconnect something to the electricity supply:
 "Please turn off the television when you've finished watching the programme."



20

Turn/show up

to arrive:
 "What time did you turn up last night?"



21

Turn into

to convert into:
 "We turned the living room into a gym."



22

Turn up/down

to increase/decrease the volume:
 "It's too loud. Turn down the volume, please."



23

Tell off

to speak angrily to someone about something bad that they have done:
 "She told me off for arriving late."



24

Wake up

to stop sleeping:
 "I woke up at six in the morning."

