



**MINI-DICTIONARY OF  
ENGLISH PHRASAL VERBS**

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## PHRASAL VERB LIST

### 1. account for

to form a particular amount or part of something:

**Afro-Americans account for 12% of the US population.**

to be the reason why something happens [= explain]:

**Recent pressure at work may account for his behavior.**

to give a satisfactory explanation of why something has happened or why you did something [= explain]:

**Can you account for your movements on that night?**

to say where all the members of a group of people or things are, especially because you are worried that some of them may be lost:  
**Three days after the earthquake, more than 150 people had still to be accounted for.**

### 2. add on

Add something on

to include or put on something extra:

**proposals to add a penny on income tax**

add something on to

**The private chapel was added on to the church much later.**

### 3. add up

add up

to calculate the total of several numbers:

**I can add up in my head quite easily.**

add something up

**Specialized software adds up the statistics.**

not add up

a) if a set of facts does not add up, it does not provide a reasonable explanation for a situation:

**He was troubled by a feeling that things just didn't add up.**

b) if sums, numbers etc do not add up, there is a mistake in them:

**These figures don't add up.**

### 4. allow for

all sth (for sb/sth) to make sure that you have enough of sth for a particular purpose

**How much time would you allow for the trip?**

**You need to allow three metres of fabric for the dress.**

accept/admit

## 5. answer back

to defend yourself against criticism

**He was given the chance to answer back in a radio interview.**

answer back | answer sb back to speak rudely to sb in authority, especially when they are criticizing you or telling you to do sth

**Don't answer back!**

**Stop answering your mother back!**

## 6. apply for

to make a formal request, usually in writing, for sth such as a job, a place at college, university, etc

**You should apply in person/by letter .**

Apply for sth to apply for a job/passport/grant

Apply to sb/sth (for sth) to apply to a company/university

## 7. ask after

ask after sb ( BrE ) to say that you would like to know how sb is, what they are doing, etc

**He always asks after you in his letters.**

ask around to speak to a number of different people in order to try and get some information

**I don't know of any vacancies in the company but I'll ask around.**

ask sb back ( especially BrE ) to invite sb to come back to your house when you are both out together

**I hoped he wouldn't ask me back.**

ask for sb/sth to say that you want to speak to sb or be directed to a place

**When you arrive, ask for Jane.**

ask sb out to invite sb to go out with you, especially as a way of starting a romantic relationship

**He's too shy to ask her out.**

## 8. ask out

ask somebody out (=ask someone, especially someone of the opposite sex, to go to a film, a restaurant etc with you)

**Jerry's too scared to ask her out.**

## 9. back away

back away (from sb/sth) to move away backwards from sb/sth that is frightening or unpleasant; to avoid doing sth that is unpleasant

back down (on/from sth)

to take back a demand, an opinion, etc. that other people are strongly opposed to; to admit defeat

**She refused to back down on a point of principle.**

**10. back down**

to admit that you are wrong or that you have lost an argument:

**Both sides have refused to back down**

**11. back off**

to move backwards, away from someone or something:

**She backed off and then turned and ran.**

to stop telling someone what to do, or stop criticizing them, especially so that they can deal with something themselves:

**I think you should back off for a while.**

**Back off, Marc! Let me run my own life!**

to stop supporting something, or decide not to do something you were planning to do:

**Jerry backed off when he realized how much work was involved.**

**back off from**

**The company has backed off from investing new money.**

**12. back out**

to decide not to do something that you had promised to do:

**It's too late to back out now.**

**After you've signed the contract, it will be impossible to back out.**

**back out of**

**The government is trying to back out of its commitment to reduce pollution.**

**13. back up**

**back somebody/something up** to say or show that what someone is saying is true:

**Jane would back me up if she were here.**

**There's no evidence to back up his accusations.**

**These theories have not been backed up by research.**

**back somebody/something up** to provide support or help for someone or something:

**The plan's success depends on how vigorously the UN will back it up with action.**

**The police officers are backed up by extra teams of people at the weekend.**

**14. be against**

**opposing or disagreeing with sb/sth**

**Are you for or against the death penalty?**

**She is against seeing (= does not want to see) him.**

**I'd advise you against doing that.**

**not to the advantage or favour of sb/sth**

**The evidence is against him.**

**Her age is against her.**

**15. be away**

**not present**

**absent**

**There were ten children away yesterday.**

**Sorry, he's away.**

**Be away from sb/sth**

**She was away from work for a week.**

**16. be back**

**Return to place in, into, or to the place or position where someone or something was before:**

**I'll be back in a minute.**

**Put that book back where you found it!**

**17. be for**

**supporting or in agreement with something or someone:**

**We have studied the arguments for and against nuclear energy.**

**How many people voted for the proposal?**

**Three cheers for the captain.**

**18. be in**

**inside or into a building, especially your home or the place where you work [≠ out]:**

**Come in and sit down.**

**I'm afraid Mr Stewart won't be in until tomorrow morning.**

**We're staying in this evening.**

**if a train, boat, or plane is in, it has arrived at a station, airport etc:**

**Our train's not in yet.**

**given or sent to a person or organization to be dealt with by them:**

**All entries must be in by next week.**

**if a player or team is in during a game of cricket (2), they are batting**

**if a ball is in during a game, it is inside the area where the game is being played [≠ out]:**

Agassi's second serve was just in.

when the tide is in, the sea by the shore is at its highest level [ $\neq$  out]:

The tide was in, and the sea lapped against the harbour wall.

19. be in for

be in for something

if someone is in for something unpleasant, it is going to happen to them:

I'm afraid he's in for a bit of a disappointment.

be in for it informal if someone is in for it, they are going to be punished:

If they find out what I've done, I'll be in for it, won't I?

20. be off

away from a place:

Once we were off the main freeway, the trip felt more like a vacation.

Her husband was off on a business trip somewhere.

I must be off now (=I must leave).

a machine, piece of equipment etc that is off is not working or operating [ $\neq$  on]:

Will someone switch the radio off?

Make sure all the lights are off.

not at work, school etc because you are ill or on holiday [ $\leftrightarrow$  absent]:

My secretary's been off with flu for the past week.

if an event which has been arranged is off, it will not now take place [cancelled, postponed]:

The wedding's off.

The race may have to be called off if the bad weather continues.

American English not correct or not right:

Our calculations were off.

Guess again. You're way off (=very far from being correct).

21. be out

not inside a building [= outside]:

Many of the homeless have been sleeping out for years.

Children were out playing in the snow

not at home

away from your home, office etc, especially for a short time [ $\neq$  in]:

Did anyone call while I was out?

**My parents are both out at the moment.**

**Not working especially American English** if a machine, piece of equipment etc is out, it is not working:

**I don't believe it - the elevator's out again!**

**22. be over**

**if an event or period of time is over, it has finished:**

**Is the meeting over yet?**

**more than** more than or higher than a particular number, amount, or level [ $\neq$  under]:

**Almost 40% of women are size 14 or over.**

**23. be up**

**not in bed** not in bed:

**Are the kids still up?**

**24. be up to**

**be up to somebody**

**used to say that someone can decide about something:**

**You can pay weekly or monthly - it's up to you.**

**used to say that someone is responsible for a particular duty:**

**It's up to the travel companies to warn customers of any possible dangers.**

**25. bear out**

**bear sb/sth out ( especially BrE ) to show that sb is right or that sth is true**

**The other witnesses will bear me out.**

**The other witnesses will bear out what I say.**

**26. bear up**

**to show courage or determination during a difficult or unpleasant time:**

**How is he bearing up since the accident?**

**27. blow down**

**if the wind blows something down, or if something blows down, the wind makes it fall:**

**The garden gate has blown down.**

**blow something down**

**Several trees were blown down in the night.**

**28. blow over**

**if the wind blows something over, or if something blows over, the wind makes it fall:**

**Our fence blew over in the storm.**

**blow something over**

**The hurricane blew some palm trees over.**

**if an argument or unpleasant situation blows over, it ends or is forgotten:**

**They weren't speaking to each other, but I think it's blown over now.**

**if a storm blows over, it goes away**

**29. blow out**

**if you blow a flame or a fire out, or if it blows out, it stops burning:**

**The match blew out in the wind.**

**blow something out**

**Blow out all the candles.**

**if a tyre blows out, it bursts**

**30. blow up**

**to destroy something, or to be destroyed, by an explosion:**

**The plane blew up in mid-air.**

**blow something up**

**Rebels attempted to blow up the bridge.**

**blow something up to fill something with air or gas:**

**Can you blow up this balloon?**

**We'll blow the tyres up.**

**if a situation, argument etc blows up, it suddenly becomes important or dangerous:**

**A crisis had blown up over the peace talks.**

**blow something up if you blow up a photograph, you make it larger [= enlarge]**

**informal to become very angry with someone:**

**Jenny's father blew up when she didn't come home last night.**

**blow up at**

**I was surprised at the way he blew up at Hardy.**

**if bad weather blows up, it suddenly arrives:**

**It looks as if there's a storm blowing up.**

**blow up in somebody's face if something you have done or planned to do blows up in your face, it suddenly goes wrong:**

**One of his deals had just blown up in his face.**

**31. boil away**

if a liquid boils away, it disappears because it has been heated too much:

**The soup's almost boiled away.**

**32. boil over**

if a liquid boils over when it is heated, it rises and flows over the side of the container:

**The milk was boiling over on the stove behind her.**

if a situation or an emotion boils over, the people involved stop being calm:

**All the bitterness of the last two years seemed to boil over.**

**33. break away**

to leave a group or political party and form another group, usually because of a disagreement:

**More than 30 Labour MPs broke away to form a new left-wing party.**

**break away from**

**They broke away from the national union and set up their own local organization.**

**34. break down**

if a car or machine breaks down, it stops working:

**The car broke down just north of Paris.**

**The printing machines are always breaking down.**

to fail or stop working in a successful way:

**Negotiations broke down after only two days.**

**I left London when my marriage broke down.**

**35. break in**

to enter a building by using force, in order to steal something:

**Thieves broke in and stole £10,000 worth of computer equipment.**

to interrupt someone when they are speaking

**break in on**

**I didn't want to break in on his telephone conversation.**

**36. break into**

to enter a building or car by using force, in order to steal something:

**Someone broke into my car and stole the radio.**

**Her house was broken into last week.**

to become involved in a new job or business activity:

**She made an attempt to break into journalism.**

**It's a profession that is very hard to break into.**

**Many British firms have failed in their attempts to break into the American market.**

**to start to spend money that you did not want to spend:**

**I don't want to break into my savings unless I have to.**

**37. break off**

**to suddenly stop talking:**

**She started to speak, then broke off while a waitress served us coffee.**

**He broke off in mid-sentence to shake hands with the new arrivals.**

**break something off**

**broke off the conversation and answered the phone.**

**break something off to end a relationship:**

**She broke off their engagement only a few weeks before they were due to be married.**

**The US has broken off diplomatic relations with the regime.**

**if something breaks off, or if you break it off, it comes loose and is no longer attached to something else:**

**One of the car's wing mirrors had broken off.**

**break something off**

**He broke off a piece of bread.**

**38. break up**

**if something breaks up, or if you break it up, it breaks into a lot of small pieces:**

**It seems that the plane just broke up in the air.**

**break something up**

**Use a fork to break up the soil.**

**break something up to separate something into several smaller parts:**

**There are plans to break the company up into several smaller independent companies.**

**You need a few trees and bushes to break up the lawn.**

**break something up to stop a fight:**

**Three policemen were needed to break up the fight.**

**break something up to make people leave a place where they have been meeting or protesting:**

**Government soldiers broke up the demonstration.**

**Police moved in to break up the meeting.**

**if a marriage, group of people, or relationship breaks up, the people in it separate and do not live or work together any more:**

**He lost his job and his marriage broke up.**

**The couple broke up last year.**

**Many bands break up because of personality clashes between the musicians.**

**39. break through**

**break through (something) to manage to get past or through something that is in your way:**

**Several demonstrators broke through the barriers despite warnings from the police.**

**After hours of fierce fighting, rebels broke through and captured the capital.**

**break through (something) if the sun breaks through, you can see it when you could not see it before because there were clouds:**

**The sun broke through at around lunch time.**

**The sun soon broke through the mist.**

**to manage to do something successfully when there is a difficulty that is preventing you:**

**He's a very talented young actor who's just ready to break through.**

**40. break out of**

**to escape from a prison**

**break out of**

**Three men have broken out of a top security jail.**

**to change the way you live because you feel bored**

**break out of**

**She felt the need to break out of her daily routine.**

**41. break out**

**if something unpleasant such as a fire, fight, or war breaks out, it starts to happen:**

**I was still living in London when the war broke out.**

**Does everyone know what to do if a fire breaks out?**

**Fighting broke out between demonstrators and the police.**

**42. bring about**

**bring something about**

**to make something happen [= cause]:**

**How can we bring about a change in attitudes?**

**A huge amount of environmental damage has been brought about by the destruction of the rainforests.**

**43. bring back**

**bring something back** to start to use something again that was used in the past [= reintroduce]:

**The city council has decided to bring back the old electric trams. Bringing back the death penalty has done absolutely nothing to reduce crime.**

**bring something back** to make you remember something:

**The trip brought back a lot of happy memories.**

**Seeing those pictures on TV brought it all back to me.**

**bring something back** to take something or someone with you when you come back from somewhere

**bring something back for somebody**

**Don't forget to bring something back for the kids.**

**bring somebody back something**

**If you're going to the store, could you bring me back a six-pack?**

**bring somebody back** to return someone to their previous job or position of authority [= reinstate]:

**Following their latest defeat, soccer fans are urging the club to bring back the former manager.**

**bring somebody back to something** if something that is said brings you back to a particular subject, it is connected with that subject, so you will start talking about it again:

**This brings us back to the question of funding.**

**44. bring down**

**to reduce something to a lower level:**

**The government hopes these measures will help to bring down inflation.**

**to fly a plane down to the ground [= land]:**

**The pilot managed to bring the plane down safely.**

**to make a plane, bird, or animal fall to the ground by shooting at it:**

**A bomber had been brought down by anti-aircraft fire.**

**to force a government or ruler to stop ruling a country:**

**a crisis that could bring down the government**

**to make someone fall over:**

**He was brought down by the goalkeeper and awarded a penalty.**

**45. bring in**

to introduce a new law:

Harsh anti-Trade Union laws were brought in in the early 1980s.

to ask someone to become involved in a discussion or situation:

I'd like to bring in Doctor Hall here and ask him his views.

bring somebody in to do something

The police were brought in to investigate the matter.

to earn a particular amount or produce a particular amount of profit:

The sale of the house only brought in about £45,000.

to attract customers to a shop or business:

We've got to bring in more business if we want the restaurant to survive.

bring in a verdict

to say officially in a law court whether someone is guilty or not guilty of a crime [= return a verdict]:

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

46. bring off

to succeed in doing something difficult [= pull off]:

They managed to bring off the most daring jewellery robbery in history.

47. bring on

to make something bad or unpleasant happen [= cause]:

Stress can bring on an asthma attack.

What's brought this on? Have I upset you somehow?

to help someone to improve or make progress:

Teachers have to bring on the bright children and at the same time give extra help to those who need it.

to make plants or crops grow faster:

Keeping the young plants in a greenhouse will help bring them on.

bring it on informal used to say that you are prepared and willing to deal with something bad that is likely to happen

bring something on/upon somebody

to make something unpleasant happen to someone:

You have brought disaster on the whole village!

bring something on/upon yourself

I've got no sympathy for him - he's brought this all on himself!

48. bring round

bring somebody/something round

bring around

bring somebody through (something)

to help someone to successfully deal with a very difficult event or period of time:

**Both my children have brought me through extremely difficult times since my husband died.**

**49. build in**

build something

to make something so that it is a permanent part of a wall, room etc:

**You could build in a wardrobe with mirrored doors.**

**50. build up**

increase gradually if something builds up somewhere or if you build it up, it gradually becomes bigger or greater

build something up

**The museum has built up a fine art collection.**

the rate at which the pension builds up

build-up

develop build something up to make something develop or form

build something up into

**He's built up the family firm into a multinational company.**

feeling if a feeling builds up or if you build it up, it increases gradually over a period of time:

**If you don't express your feelings, frustration and anger can build up.**

build up something

**You have to build up trust.**

make healthy build somebody/something ↔ up to make someone well and strong again, especially after an illness:

**Taking exercise will build up your strength.**

praise build somebody/something ↔ up to praise someone or something so that other people think they are really good or so that they have more confidence:

**The coach has been building his men up before the match.**

build up somebody's hopes/build somebody's hopes up to unfairly encourage someone to think that they will get what they hope for:

**Don't build your hopes up too much.**

**build up to something**

**to prepare for a particular moment or event:**

**I could tell she was building up to some kind of announcement.**

**51. bump into**

**bump into somebody**

**to meet someone who you know when you were not expecting to [= run into]:**

**I bumped into Jean in town.**

**52. burn down**

**if a building burns down or is burned down, it is destroyed by fire:**

**She was worried that the house might burn down while they were away.**

**burn something down**

**The old town hall was burnt down in the 1970s.**

**if a fire burns down, the flames become weaker and it produces less heat**

**53. burst in**

**burst in on/upon somebody/something**

**to interrupt something by entering a room, in a way that embarrasses you or other people:**

**I'm sorry to burst in on you like this.**

**54. burst out**

**burst out**

**burst out laughing/crying/singing etc to suddenly start to laugh, cry etc:**

**Everyone burst out laughing.**

**to suddenly say something in a forceful way:**

**'I don't believe it!' she burst out angrily.**

**55. call at**

**call at... ( BrE ) ( of a train, etc. ) to stop at a place for a short time**

**This train calls at Didcot and Reading.**

**56. Call away**

**call sb away to ask sb to stop what they are doing and to go somewhere else**

**She was called away from the meeting to take an urgent phone call.**

**57. Call back**

**call (somebody) back to telephone someone again, for example because they were not at home when you telephoned last time:**

**I'll call back later.**

**Can you ask John to call me back when he gets in?**

**British English** to return to a place you went to earlier:

**You could call back to collect her at noon.**

**58. Call for**

**if a group of people calls for something, they ask publicly for something to be done:**

**Human Rights groups are calling for the release of political prisoners.**

**to need or deserve a particular type of behaviour or treatment:**

**Dealing with children who are so damaged calls for immense tact and sensitivity.**

**That kind of abuse is really not called for (=it is unnecessary and unwelcome).**

**uncalled for**

**British English** to meet someone at their home in order to take them somewhere:

**I'll call for you at 8 o'clock.**

**American English** to say that a particular kind of weather is likely to happen [= predict]:

**The forecast calls for more rain.**

**59. Call in**

**call somebody/something ↔ in** to ask someone to come and help you with a difficult situation:

**The government then called in troops to deal with the disturbances.**

**to telephone somewhere, especially the place where you work, to tell them where you are, what you are doing etc:**

**Rachael called in sick (=telephoned to say she was too ill to come to work).**

**to telephone a radio or television show to give your opinion or to ask a question:**

**Over 2000 viewers called in with complaints about the bad language used in the programme.**

**call in a loan/debt** to officially tell someone to pay back money you lent them:

**The bank can call in the loan at any time.**

**British English** to visit a person or place while you are on your way to somewhere else

**call in on/at**

**Could you call in on Mum on your way home?**

**60. Call off**

**call sth off**

**to decide that a planned event, especially a sports event, will not happen, or to end an activity because it is no longer useful or possible**

**Tomorrow's match has been called off because of the icy weather.**

**The police have called off the search for the missing child until dawn tomorrow.**

**call sb/sth off**

**to order a dog, or sometimes a person, to stop attacking someone or something**

**I shouted to him to call his dog off, but he just laughed at me.**

**Call off your thugs, and I'll show you where the money is.**

**61. Call on**

**call on/upon sb ( formal )**

**to formally invite or ask sb to speak, etc**

**I now call upon the chairman to address the meeting.**

**to ask or demand that sb do sth**

**I feel called upon (= feel that I ought) to warn you that...**

**62. Call out**

**to say something loudly**

**call something out**

**'Hi there!' I called out.**

**call out to**

**The firemen called out to him.**

**call somebody out to ask or order a person or an organization to help, especially in a difficult or dangerous situation:**

**The army was called out to help fight fires.**

**call somebody/something out British English to order workers to go on strike:**

**The transport workers were called out.**

**63. Call up**

**informal especially American English to telephone someone**

**call somebody up**

**He called me up to tell me about it.**

**I'm going to call up and cancel my subscription.**

**call something up** if you call up information on a computer, you make the computer show it to you:

**I called up their website, but it didn't have the information I was looking for.**

**call somebody up** British English to officially order someone to join the army, navy, or air force [= draft American English]

**I was called up three months after war broke out.**

**call somebody up** to choose someone for a national sports team [↔ call-up]:

**Hurst was called up for the game against Mexico.**

**call something up** to produce something or make it appear:

**She can call up the spirits of the dead.**

**64. Calm down**

**to become quiet and relaxed after you have been angry, excited, nervous, or upset, or to make someone become quiet and relaxed:**

**Calm down and tell me what happened.**

**calm yourself (down)**

**She lit a cigarette to calm herself down.**

**if a situation calms down, it becomes easier to deal with because there are fewer problems and it is not as busy as it was before:**

**It took months for things to calm down after we had the baby.**

**65. Care about**

**to think that something is important, so that you are interested in it, worried about it etc**

**care about**

**The only thing he seems to care about is money.**

**care what/how/whether etc**

**She didn't care what her father thought.**

**to be concerned about what happens to someone, because you like or love them [↔ caring]**

**care about**

**I care about him and hate to see him hurt like this.**

**66. Care for**

**care for somebody/something**

**to look after someone who is not able to look after themselves [= take care of]:**

**He thanked the nurses who had cared for him.**

**The children are well cared for.**

to do things that keep something in good condition:

**Instructions on caring for your new sofa are included.**

would you care for something? spoken formal used to ask someone politely if they would like something:

**Would you care for another drink?**

not care for somebody/something formal to not like someone or something:

**I don't much care for his parents.**

**67. Carry off**

carry something ↔ off phrasal verb

to do something difficult successfully:

**I was flattered to be offered the job but wasn't sure if I could carry it off.**

to win a prize:

**a film that carried off three Oscars**

**68. Carry on**

carry (sth) on phrasal verb [ M ]

to continue doing something, or to cause something to continue

**Let's carry on this discussion at some other time.**

**Carry on the good work !**

**Sorry to interrupt, do carry on ( with what you were saying).**

**You just have to carry on as if nothing's happened.**

[ + -ing verb ] **Steve just carried on playing on his computer.**

**Daphne is carrying on the family tradition by becoming a lawyer.**

carry on phrasal verb **BEHAVE**

informal to behave in an uncontrolled, excited or anxious (= worried and nervous) way

**The children have been carrying on all day.**

carry on phrasal verb **HAVE SEX**

old-fashioned informal to have a sexual relationship

**Is it true that Rachel and Marcus have been carrying on ( with each other) ?**

**69. Carry on with**

old-fashioned to have a sexual relationship with someone, when you should not:

**She was carrying on with a neighbour.**

**70. Carry out**

carry something out

**to do something that needs to be organized and planned:**

**We need to carry out more research.**

**A survey is now being carried out nationwide.**

**Turn off the water supply before carrying out repairs.**

**to do something that you have said you will do or that someone has asked you to do:**

**Nicholson didn't carry out his threat to take legal action.**

**We carried out her instructions precisely.**

**Will the government carry out its promise to reform the law?**

**71. Catch on**

**to become popular and fashionable:**

**The idea of glasses being a fashion item has been slow to catch on.**

**to begin to understand or realize something**

**catch on to**

**It was a long time before the police caught on to what he was really doing.**

**72. Catch up**

**to improve and reach the same standard as other people in your class, group etc:**

**If you miss a lot of classes, it's very difficult to catch up.**

**73. Catch up with**

**to reach sb who is ahead by going faster**

**Go on ahead. I'll catch up with you.**

**to reach the same level or standard as sb who was better or more advanced**

**After missing a term through illness he had to work hard to catch up with the others.**

**catch up with sb**

**to finally start to cause problems for sb after they have managed to avoid this for some time**

**She was terrified that one day her past problems would catch up with her.**

**if the police or authorities catch up with sb, they find and punish them after some time**

**The law caught up with him years later when he had moved to Spain.**

**74. Check in**

if you check in or are checked in at a hotel or airport, you go to the desk and report that you have arrived:

**Check in two hours before the flight.**

check in at

**He checked in at the Europa Hotel.**

check somebody in

**Airline employees were checking in passengers.**

check something in to leave your bags at an official place so they can be put on a plane or a train, or to take someone's bags in order to do this:

**I said goodbye and went to check in my suitcases.**

American English to call someone to tell them that you are safe or where you are:

**He just called to check in and tell them how he was doing.**

75. Check out

check something out to make sure that something is actually true, correct, or acceptable [= investigate]:

**I made a phone call to check out his address.**

check something out with

**Check it out with your boss before you do anything.**

if information checks out, it is proved to be true, correct, or acceptable:

**His credit record checks out.**

look at somebody/something check somebody/something ↔ out to look at someone or something because they are interesting or attractive:

**If I hear about a website that sounds interesting, I check it out.**

**Hey, check out that car!**

get information check somebody ↔ out informal to get information about someone, especially to find out if they are suitable for something:

**I'll check them out as potential employers.**

to leave a hotel after paying the bill:

**We checked out at noon.**

books check something out American English to borrow a book from a library:

**The library allows you to check out six books at a time.**

76. Check over

**check something/somebody over**

**to look closely at something to make sure it is correct or acceptable:**

**They spent the rest of the morning checking over their equipment.**

**to examine someone to make sure they are healthy:**

**I'd like the doctor to check you over and do a few tests.**

**77. Check through**

**Check through sth to examine sth carefully to make sure that it is correct or acceptable**

**Check through your work for mistakes.**

**We checked through the photographs to make sure there were none missing.**

**78. Cheer up**

**to become less sad, or to make someone feel less sad:**

**Cheer up! The worst is over.**

**They cheered up when they saw us coming along.**

**cheer somebody up**

**Here's a bit of news that will cheer you up.**

**You both need cheering up, I think.**

**cheer something up to make a place look more attractive:**

**I bought some posters to cheer the place up a bit.**

**79. Clean out**

**clean somebody/something out**

**clean something out to make the inside of a room, house etc clean or tidy:**

**We'd better clean out the attic this week.**

**clean somebody out informal if something expensive cleans you out, you spend so much money on it that you now have very little left:**

**Our trip to Paris cleaned me out.**

**clean somebody/something out informal to steal everything from a place, or all of someone's possessions**

**Some burglars broke into a bank in the neighbourhood and cleaned out all the cash.**

**80. Clean up**

**to make a place completely clean and tidy:**

**We spent all Saturday morning cleaning up.**

**clean something up**

**plans to clean up the beaches**

**clean up after**

**John always expects other people to clean up after him (=to make a place clean after he has used it).**

**to wash yourself after you have got very dirty**

**clean yourself up**

**Let me just go clean myself up.**

**Dad's upstairs getting cleaned up.**

**clean up your act informal to start behaving sensibly and responsibly:**

**Some companies could face heavy fines if they fail to clean up their act.**

**informal to win a lot of money or make a lot of money in a business deal:**

**He cleaned up at the races yesterday.**

**clean something up to improve moral standards in a place or organization:**

**It's high time British soccer cleaned up its image.**

**81. Clear away**

**to make a place look tidier by removing things or putting things back where they belong:**

**When dinner was done and cleared away, Auntie Lou made some tea.**

**Homeowners are clearing away brush near their houses to prevent fires.**

**82. Clear off**

**to leave a place quickly:**

**They cleared off when they saw the police coming.**

**clear off! (=used to tell someone angrily to go away)**

**83. Clear out**

**clear sth out to make a place tidy by removing things from it and getting rid of them:**

**I need to clear out my closet.**

**to leave a place or building quickly:**

**Wait to get on the train until the people getting off have cleared out.**

**clear out! British English (=used to tell someone angrily to go away)**

**84. Clear up**

to make a place look tidier by putting things back where they belong:

I don't mind you using the kitchen as long as you clear up afterwards.

clear something up

Adam, clear up this mess before your father sees it.

clear up after

I get really tired of clearing up after you (=tidying places that you have made untidy).

clear sth up to explain or solve something, or make it easier to understand:

The White House hopes these problems can be cleared up soon.

There are a couple of points we need to clear up before the meeting begins.

if the weather clears up, it gets better

if an illness or infection clears up, it disappears

85. Close down

close something down if a company, shop etc closes down or is closed down, it stops operating permanently:

Paramount closed down its London office in 1968.

British English to stop broadcasting radio or television programmes at the end of the day:

BBC 2 closes down at 12:45 tonight.

86. Close in

to move closer to someone or something, especially in order to attack them:

The snake closed in for the kill.

close in on/around/upon etc

enemy soldiers closing in on them from all sides

if the night, bad weather etc closes in, it becomes darker or gets worse:

The sun had set and dusk was closing in.

if the days close in, they become shorter because it is autumn

87. Close up

close something up if a shop or building closes up or is closed up, it stops being open to the public for a period of time:

The resorts are all closed up for the season.

**close up shop** to stop doing something for a period of time or permanently:

When it rains, there is no alternative but to close up shop.

if a group of people close up, they move closer together

**close something up** if a wound closes up or if someone closes it up, the edges grow together again or are sewn together:

The scar is closing up nicely - it'll soon be time to take the stitches out.

to become narrower or to shut:

The flowers close up at night.

Occasionally the channel widened then closed up tight again.

to refuse to talk to someone about something:

The moment I said I was a police officer, everyone would close up like a clam.

**88. Cloud over**

also **cloud up** American English if the sky clouds over, it becomes dark and full of black clouds

if someone's face or eyes cloud over, they start to look angry or sad:

His face clouded over in disappointment.

**89. Come about**

to happen, especially in a way that is not planned:

The opportunity to get into computing came about quite by accident.

How did this situation come about?

if a ship comes about, it changes direction

**90. Come across**

come across somebody/something to meet, find, or discover someone or something by chance:

I came across an old diary in her desk.

I've never come across anyone quite like her before.

if an idea comes across well, it is easy for people to understand:

Your point really came across at the meeting.

if someone comes across in a particular way, they seem to have particular qualities [= come over]

come across as

He comes across as a very intelligent, sensitive man.

She sometimes comes across as being rather arrogant.

**91. Came apart**

**to split or fall into pieces:**

**I picked the magazine up and it came apart in my hands.**

**to begin to fail:**

**The whole basis of the agreement was coming apart.**

**She felt as if her life was coming apart at the seams (=failing completely).**

**92. Come back**

**to return to a particular place or person [= return]:**

**My mother was scared that if I left home I'd never come back.**

**Ginny's left me, and there's nothing I can do to persuade her to come back.**

**to become fashionable or popular again [↔ comeback]:**

**Who'd have thought hippy gear would ever come back!**

**High heels are coming back into fashion.**

**to appear or start to affect someone or something again [= return]:**

**The pain in her arm came back again.**

**It took a while for my confidence to come back.**

**come back to**

**if something comes back to you, you remember it or remember how to do it:**

**As I walked the city streets, the memories came flooding back.**

**I can't think of her name at the moment, but it'll come back to me.**

**93. Come down**

**if a price, level etc comes down, it gets lower:**

**It looks as if interest rates will come down again this month.**

**to accept a lower price**

**come down to**

**He's asking £5000, but he may be willing to come down to £4800.**

**if someone comes down to a place, they travel south to the place where you are:**

**Why don't you come down for the weekend sometime?**

**Are you coming down to Knoxville for Christmas?**

**to fall to the ground:**

**A lot of trees came down in the storm.**

**We were still out in the fields when the rain started coming down.**

**come down on the side of somebody/something also come down in favour of somebody/something to decide to support someone or something:**

**The committee came down in favour of making the information public.**

**informal to start to feel normal again after you have been feeling very happy and excited:**

**He was on a real high all last week and he's only just come down.**

**informal to stop feeling the effects of a strong drug:**

**When I came down, I remembered with horror some of the things I'd said.**

**British English old-fashioned to leave a university after completing a period of study**

**come down on somebody phrasal verb**

**to punish someone or criticize them severely:**

**We need to come down hard on young offenders.**

**I made the mistake of answering back, and she came down on me like a ton of bricks (=very severely).**

**94. Come down with**

**come down with something**

**to get an illness:**

**I think I'm coming down with a cold.**

**95. Come in**

**when the tide comes in, it moves towards the land**

**go out**

**to finish a race in a particular position**

**My horse came in last.**

**to become fashionable**

**Long hair for men came in in the sixties.**

**go out**

**to become available**

**We're still waiting for copies of the book to come in.**

**to have a part in sth**

**I understand the plan perfectly, but I can't see where I come in.**

**to arrive somewhere; to be received**

**The train is coming in now.**

**News is coming in of a serious plane crash in France.**

**She has over a thousand pounds a month coming in from her investments.**

**to take part in a discussion**

**Would you like to come in at this point, Susan?**

( of a law or rule ) to be introduced; to begin to be used

**New traffic regulations came in last spring.**

come in (on sth) to become involved in sth

**If you want to come in on the deal, you need to decide now.**

**96. Come in for**

come in for something

come in for criticism/blame/scrutiny to be criticized, blamed etc for something:

**The government has come in for fierce criticism over its handling of this affair.**

**97. Come into**

come into something

to receive money, land, or property from someone after they have died:

**She'll come into quite a lot of money when her father dies.**

to be involved in something:

**Josie doesn't come into the movie until quite near the end.**

**Where do I come into all this?**

**98. Come off**

come off (something) to become removed from something:

**The label had come off, so there was no way of knowing what was on the disk.**

come off (something) British English to fall off something:

**Dyson came off his bike as he rounded the last corner, but wasn't badly hurt.**

informal if something that has been planned comes off, it happens:

**In the end the trip never came off.**

informal to be successful:

**It was a good idea, but it didn't quite come off.**

**The performance on the first night came off pretty well.**

come off something to stop taking a drug that you have been taking regularly:

**It wasn't until I tried to come off the pills that I realized I was addicted.**

come off best/better/worst etc British English to gain or lose the most, more, the least etc from a situation:

**As far as pensions go, it's still women who come off worst.**

come off it! British English spoken used to tell someone that you do not believe what they are saying:

Oh come off it! You can't seriously be saying you knew nothing about this.

99. Come out

if something comes out, it is removed from a place:

These stains will never come out!

if information comes out, people learn about it, especially after it has been kept secret:

No doubt the truth will come out one day.

It's come out that several ministers received payments from the company.

if a photograph comes out, it shows a clear picture:

I took some photographs, but they didn't come out.

The wedding photos have come out really well.

if a book, record etc comes out, it becomes publicly available:

When is the new edition coming out?

if something comes out in a particular way, that is what it is like after it has been made or produced:

I've made a cake, but it hasn't come out very well.

The cover has come out a bit too big.

if something you say comes out in a particular way, that is how it sounds or how it is understood:

His words came out as little more than a whisper.

That didn't come out the way I meant it to.

I tried to explain everything to her, but it came out all wrong (=not in the way I intended).

if someone comes out in a particular way, that is the situation they are in at the end of an event or series of events:

The more experienced team came out on top.

100. Come out in

come out in something

come out in spots/a rash etc if you come out in spots etc, spots appear on your body:

If I eat eggs, I come out in a rash.

101. Come round

come around

**come round British English** to come to someone's home or the place where they work in order to visit them [= come over]:

**I'll come around later and see how you are.**

**Why don't you come round for lunch?**

**come round British English** to change your opinion so that you now agree with someone or are no longer angry with them

**come around to**

**It took him a while to come around to the idea.**

**Don't worry - she'll come round eventually.**

**come round British English** if a regular event comes around, it happens as usual:

**By the time the summer came around, Kelly was feeling much better.**

**American English** to become conscious again after you have been unconscious [= come round British English]

**When she came around her mother was sitting by her bed.**

**come around from**

**You might feel a little sick when you come around from the anesthetic.**

**102. Come round to**

**come around/round (to sth)** to change your mood or your opinion

**He'll never come round to our way of thinking.**

**103. Come to**

**come to a decision/conclusion/agreement etc** to decide something, agree on something etc after considering or discussing a situation [= reach]:

**We came to the conclusion that there was no other way back to the camp.**

**If they don't come to a decision by midnight, the talks will be abandoned.**

**come to a halt/stop**

**a) to slow down and stop [= stop]:**

**The train came to a stop just yards from the barrier.**

**b) to stop operating or continuing:**

**After the election our funding came to an abrupt halt.**

**come to something** to develop so that a particular situation exists, usually a bad one:

**I never thought it would come to this.**

**We need to be prepared to fight, but hopefully it won't come to that (=that won't be necessary).**

**All those years of studying, and in the end it all came to nothing. It's come to something when I'm not allowed to express an opinion in my own house!**

**what is the world/the country etc coming to? (=used to say that the world etc is in a bad situation)**

**come to something to add up to a total amount:**

**That comes to £23.50.**

**The bill came to £48.50.**

**come to somebody if a thought or idea comes to you, you realize or remember something:**

**The answer came to me in a flash.**

**I've forgotten her name, but maybe it'll come to me later.**

**to become conscious again after you have been unconscious:**

**When he came to, he was lying on the floor with his hands tied behind his back.**

**when it comes to something informal when you are dealing with something or talking about something:**

**He's a bit of an expert when it comes to computers.**

**104. Come up**

**if a subject comes up, people mention it and discuss it [= arise]:**

**His name came up in the conversation.**

**The subject of salaries didn't come up.**

**if a problem or difficulty comes up, it appears or starts to affect you [= arise]:**

**I'm afraid I'll have to cancel our date -something's come up.**

**The same problems come up every time.**

**if a job or an opportunity comes up, it becomes available:**

**A vacancy has come up in the accounts department.**

**to be dealt with in a law court:**

**Your case comes up next week.**

**be coming up to be going to happen soon:**

**With Christmas coming up, few people have much money to spare.**

**if the sun or moon comes up, it moves up into the sky where you can see it [= rise]:**

**It was six o'clock, and the sun was just coming up.**

**if a plant comes up, it begins to appear above the ground:**

**The first spring bulbs are just coming up.**

if food comes up, it goes back through your mouth from your stomach after being swallowed [ vomit]  
coming (right) up! Spoken used to say that food or drink will be ready very soon:

**'Two martinis, please.' 'Coming up!'**

**105. Come up against**

come up against something/somebody  
to have to deal with problems or difficulties:

**We may find we come up against quite a lot of opposition from local people.**

**You've got no idea of what you're going to come up against.**

**106. Come up to**

if someone comes up to you, they come close to you, especially in order to speak to you:

**One of the teachers came up and started talking to me.**

**A man came up to him and asked for a light.**

if someone comes up to a place, they travel north to the place where you are

come up to

**Why don't you come up to New York for the weekend?**

**107. Come up with**

to think of an idea, answer etc:

**Is that the best excuse you can come up with?**

**We've been asked to come up with some new ideas.**

informal to produce an amount of money:

**We wanted to buy the house but we couldn't come up with the cash.**

**How am I supposed to come up with \$10,000?**

**108. Count down**

count down phrasal verb

to count the number of days, minutes etc until a particular moment or event

count something down

**We are counting down the days to the end of this tour.**

**109. Count in**

count somebody in phrasal verb

to include someone in an activity:

**When the game gets started, you can count me in.**

**110. Count out**

**count somebody/something out phrasal verb**

**to not include someone or something in an activity:**

**I'm sorry, you'll have to count me out tonight.**

**to decide that someone or something is not important or worth considering:**

**I wouldn't count him out. If anybody can make a comeback, he can.**

**count something out to put things down one by one as you count them:**

**The teller counted out ten \$50 bills.**

**111. Count for**

**Important [intransitive not in progressive] to be important or**

**His promises don't count for much.**

**His overseas results count for nothing.**

**112. Count on**

**count on/upon somebody/something phrasal verb**

**to depend on someone or something, especially in a difficult situation:**

**You can count on me.**

**With luck, you might cover your costs, but don't count on it.**

**count on (somebody/something) doing something**

**We're all counting on winning this contract.**

**They were counting on him not coming out of hospital.**

**count on somebody/something to do something**

**You can count on Dean to ruin any party.**

**to expect something:**

**The presence of Paula was one thing he hadn't counted on.**

**count on (somebody/something) doing something**

**We didn't count on so many people being on vacation.**

**113. Count up**

**count up [transitive] to calculate the total number of things or people in a group:**

**Count up how many ticks are in each box.**

**say numbers also count up [intransitive] to say numbers in order, one by one or in groups**

**count to**

**Sarah can count up to five now.**

**114. Crack down**

to become more strict in dealing with a problem and punishing the people involved

**crack down on**

**The government is determined to crack down on terrorism.**

**The police are cracking down hard on violent crime.**

**115. Crop up**

if a problem crops up, it happens or appears suddenly and in an unexpected way [= arise]

if something such as a name or a subject crops up, it appears in something you read or hear [= come up]:

**Your name kept cropping up in conversation.**

**116. Cross out**

**cross something ↔ out phrasal verb**

to draw a line or lines through something you have written or drawn, usually because it is wrong:

**I crossed out 'Miss' and wrote 'Ms'.**

**117. Crowd around**

**crowd around/round (sb/sth) to gather in large numbers around sb/sth**

**We all crowded around the stove to keep warm.**

**Photographers were crowding around outside.**

**118. Crowd in**

**crowd in phrasal verb**

if problems or thoughts crowd in on you, you cannot stop thinking about them

**crowd in on**

**She shut her mind against the fears that crowded in on her.**

**119. Cry out**

to make a loud sound of fear, shock, pain etc

**cry out in/with**

**Even the smallest movement made him cry out in pain.**

**John tightened his grip until she cried out.**

to shout or say something loudly:

**'Why are you doing this?' she cried out suddenly.**

**cry out for**

**I felt too terrified to even cry out for help.**

be crying out for something informal to need something urgently:

**The kitchen is crying out for a coat of paint.**

**My parents had divorced and I was crying out for love.**

**120. Cut back**

**cut back**

**to reduce the amount, size, cost etc of something**

**cut back on**

**Several major hospitals are cutting back on staff at the moment.**

**cut something back**

**Education spending cannot be cut back any further.**

**Richer countries must do more to cut back carbon emissions.**

**cut something back to remove the top part of a plant in order to help it to grow:**

**Cut back the shoots in spring to encourage bushier growth.**

**to eat, drink, or use less of something, especially in order to improve your health**

**cut back on**

**Try to cut back on foods containing wheat and dairy products.**

**121. Cut down**

**to reduce the amount of something**

**cut something down**

**Installing double-glazing will cut down the noise from traffic.**

**122. Cut down on**

**cut down on = reduce**

**By getting the design right, you can cut down on accidents.**

**Eat/use less to eat, drink, or use less of something, especially in order to improve your health:**

**I've always smoked, but I'm trying to cut down.**

**cut down on**

**Cut down on fatty foods if you want to lose weight.**

**123. Cut in**

**interrupt to interrupt someone who is speaking by saying something:**

**'What shall I do?' Patrick cut in again.**

**cut in on**

**Sorry to cut in on you, but there are one or two things I don't understand.**

**124. Cut off**

**cut somebody/something off**

separate cut something off to separate something by cutting it away from the main part:

**One of his fingers was cut off in the accident.**

cut something off something

**Cut the fat off the meat.**

stop supply cut something off to stop the supply of something such as electricity, gas, water etc:

**The gas had been cut off.**

**The US has threatened to cut off economic and military aid.**

get cut off to suddenly not be able to hear someone that you were speaking to on the telephone:

**I don't know what happened - we just got cut off.**

be cut off

a) if a place is cut off, people cannot leave it or reach it:

**In winter, the town is often cut off by snow.**

b) to be a long way from other places and be difficult to get to:

**Accessible only by air, the town is cut off from the rest of the country.**

c) if someone is cut off, they are lonely and not able to meet many other people:

**Many older people feel cut off and isolated.**

stop being friendly cut somebody off to stop having a friendly relationship with someone:

**Julia had been completely cut off by all her family and friends.**

cut yourself off (from somebody)

**After his wife died, he cut himself off completely from the rest of the world.**

interrupt to interrupt someone and stop them from finishing what they were saying:

**Emma cut him off in mid-sentence.**

prevent something cut somebody off from something to prevent someone from having something that they need or want:

**The project aims to ensure that poorer people are not cut off from the benefits of computer technology.**

money/property to refuse to let someone receive your money or property, especially when you die:

**My parents threatened to cut me off without a penny if I married him.**

**driving cut somebody off** American English to suddenly drive in front of a moving car in a dangerous way:

**A man in a station wagon cut me off on the freeway.**

**cut off your nose to spite your face** to do something because you are angry, even though it will harm you

**125. Cut out**

**remove something cut something ↔ out** to remove something by cutting round it:

**The cancerous cells had to be cut out.**

**cut something out of**

**Billy showed me the article he'd cut out of the magazine**

**cut a shape cut something out** to cut a shape from a piece of paper, cloth etc:

**The children were cutting out squares from the scraps of material.**

**stop something happening cut something out** to stop something from happening or existing:

**The idea behind these forms is to cut out fraud.**

**A catalytic converter will cut out 90% of carbon monoxide emissions.**

**stop doing/eating something cut something out** to stop doing or eating something, especially because it might be bad for your health:

**The current advice to pregnant women is to cut out alcohol.**

**from writing cut something out** to remove something from a piece of writing, especially because it might offend people:

**Cut out the bit about racial prejudice.**

**cut it/that out** spoken used to tell someone to stop doing something because it is annoying you:

**Hey, you guys, cut it out - Mom's trying to get some sleep.**

**not involve somebody cut somebody out** to stop someone from doing something or being involved in something:

**The new rules will cut out 25% of people who were previously eligible to vote.**

**be cut out for something** also **be cut out to be something** [usually in questions and negatives] to have the qualities that you need for a particular job or activity:

**In the end, I decided I wasn't cut out for the army.**

**Are you sure you're really cut out to be a teacher?**

**engine** if an engine or machine cuts out, it suddenly stops working:  
The engine cut out halfway across the lake.

**light/view cut something out** to prevent light, sound etc from reaching somewhere:

**You'll need sunglasses that will cut out harmful UV rays from the sun.**

**cut somebody out** to prevent someone from getting something, especially your money after your death:

**Em's father decided to cut her out of his will.**

**126. Cut out for (=be cut out for)**

**be cut out for sth | be cut out to be sth (informal)** to have the qualities and abilities needed for sth

**He's not cut out for teaching.**

**He's not cut out to be a teacher.**

**127. Cut up**

**cut into pieces cut something ↔ up** to cut something into small pieces:

**Could you cut the pizza up, please?**

**cut something up into**

**He cut the paper up into little pieces.**

**driving cut somebody/something ↔ up** British English to suddenly drive in front of a moving vehicle in a dangerous way:

**Some idiot cut me up on the motorway.**

**behave badly** American English informal to behave in a noisy or rude way

**cut up rough** British English informal to react in an angry or violent way:

**Careful how you approach him - he can cut up a bit rough if he's got a mind to.**

**criticize cut somebody up** informal to criticize someone in an unpleasant way

**128. Deal with**

**deal with somebody/something**

to take the necessary action, especially in order to solve a problem [= handle]:

**a strategy for dealing with disruptive pupils**

**Don't worry, I'll deal with this.**

**deal with a problem/issue/matter etc**

**The council has failed to deal with the problem of homelessness in the city.**

**deal effectively/adequately etc with something**

**They should deal properly and fairly with any complaint.**

**if a book, speech etc deals with a particular subject, it is about that subject:**

**These ideas are dealt with more fully in Chapter Four.**

**to do business with someone or have a business connection with someone:**

**Most travel agents do not deal directly with these companies.**

**to succeed in controlling your feelings about an emotional problem so that it does not affect your life [= cope with]:**

**How's he dealing with the whole thing?**

**129. Die away**

**If sound, wind, or light dies away, it becomes gradually weaker until you cannot hear, feel, or see it:**

**Her voice died away as she saw the look on David's face.**

**She waited until the footsteps had died away.**

**130. Die down**

**if something dies down, it becomes less strong, active, or violent:**

**Don't worry, the gossip will soon die down.**

**when the excitement had died down**

**131. Die out**

**to disappear or stop existing completely:**

**The wild population of koalas is in danger of dying out.**

**There will be outbreaks of rain, gradually dying out later.**

**132. Do away with**

**do away with sb/yourself ( informal ) to kill sb/yourself**

**do away with sth ( informal ) to stop doing or having sth; to make sth end**

**abolish**

**He thinks it's time we did away with the monarchy.**

**133. Do in**

**to kill someone:**

**He was planning to do himself in.**

**to make someone feel extremely tired:**

**That walk really did me in.**

**134. Do up**

to fasten something, or to be fastened in a particular way

do something up

Do up your coat or you'll get cold.

a skirt which does up at the back

do something up to repair an old building or car, or to improve its appearance:

They did up an old cottage in the Scottish Highlands.

do something up to decorate something in a particular way:

The apartment was done up in Viennese style.

do something ↔ up to wrap something in paper

do yourself up to make yourself look neat and attractive:

Sue spent ages doing herself up.

135. Do with

do with something

could do with something spoken to need or want something:

I could have done with some help this morning.

have/be to do with somebody/something to be about something, be related to something, or be involved with something:

Their conversation had been largely to do with work.

I'm sorry about the accident, but it's nothing to do with me (=I am not involved in any way).

This question doesn't have anything to do with the main topic of the survey.

I'm sure her problems have something to do with what happened when she was a child.

what to do with yourself how to spend your time:

She didn't know what to do with herself after she retired.

what somebody should do with something/what to do with something etc used to ask or talk about how someone should deal with something:

What shall I do with these papers?

I wouldn't know what to do with a newborn baby.

what has somebody done with something? spoken used to ask where someone has put something:

What have you done with the remote for the TV?

what is somebody doing with something? used to ask why someone has something:

What are you doing with my diary?

**I can't be doing with something** British English spoken used to say that you are annoyed by something and do not want to have to think about it:

**I can't be doing with all this right now.**

**136. Do without**

**do without (something) to live or do something without a particular thing:**

**I don't have any sugar so you'll have to do without.**

**You can do without a carpet but you've got to have somewhere to sit.**

**can do without something** used to say that something is annoying you or causing you problems:

**You can do without all that hassle.**

**Those are the type of stupid remarks I can do without.**

**137. Doze off**

**to go to sleep, especially when you did not intend to [= drop off, nod off]:**

**I must have dozed off.**

**138. Draw back**

**to move backwards, especially because you are frightened or surprised:**

**Suddenly, she drew back, startled.**

**draw back in horror/shock/fear etc**

**She peeped into the box and drew back in horror.**

**to decide not to do something, especially because you think it would be bad for you [= withdraw]**

**draw back from**

**The government drew back from their extreme standpoint.**

**139. Draw up**

**draw something to prepare a written document, such as a list or contract:**

**Draw up a list of all the things you want to do.**

**draw up plans/proposals**

**He was asked to draw up proposals for reforming the law.**

**The contract was drawn up last year.**

**if a vehicle draws up, it arrives somewhere and stops:**

**A taxi drew up at the gate.**

**draw up a chair to move a chair closer to someone or something**

**draw yourself up (to your full height)** to stand up very straight because you are angry or determined about something:

**He drew himself up and said, 'This has gone far enough'.**

**draw your knees up** to bring your legs closer to your body:

**Ruth sat, knees drawn up under her chin, and waited.**

**140. Dress down**

to wear clothes that are more informal than the ones you would usually wear:

**In many offices, people dress down on Fridays.**

**dress somebody down** to speak angrily to someone about something they have done wrong

**141. Drop in**

**drop by/in/round | drop in on sb | drop into sth** to pay an informal visit to a person or a place

**Drop by sometime.**

**I thought I'd drop in on you while I was passing.**

**Sorry we're late—we dropped into the pub on the way.**

**142. Drop in on**

**drop in (on somebody)**

**Why don't you drop in on Auntie Sally one evening?**

**143. Drop off**

to begin to sleep:

**She kept dropping off at her desk.**

**I must have dropped off to sleep.**

**drop somebody/something ↔ off** to take someone or something to a place by car and leave them there on your way to another place:

**I'll drop you off on my way home.**

to fall to a lower level or amount:

**The number of graduates going into teaching has dropped off sharply.**

**144. Drop out**

to no longer do an activity or belong to a group:

**The group gets smaller as members move away or drop out.**

to leave a school or university before your course has finished [→ dropout]

**drop out of**

**Bill dropped out of college after his first year.**

to refuse to take part in ordinary society because you do not agree with its principles:

In the 60s, Leary urged kids to 'Turn on, tune in and drop out.'

145. Eat out

to eat in a restaurant instead of at home:

Do you eat out a lot?

146. Eat in

to eat at home instead of in a restaurant

147. Eat away

eat away at something/somebody

to gradually remove or reduce the amount of something:

His gambling was eating away at their income.

to make someone feel very worried over a long period of time:

The thought of mother alone like that was eating away at her.

148. Eat up

to eat all of something:

Come on, eat up, there's a good girl.

eat something ↔ up

She's made a cake and wants us to help eat it up.

eat something ↔ up informal to use a lot of something, especially until there is none left:

Big cars just eat up money.

be eaten up with/by jealousy/anger/curiosity etc to be very jealous, angry etc, so that you cannot think about anything else

149. End up

to be in a particular situation, state, or place after a series of events, especially when you did not plan it:

She'll end up penniless if she carries on spending like that.

After working her way around the world, she ended up teaching English as a foreign language.

I wondered where the pictures would end up after the auction.

150. Face up to

face up to something

to accept and deal with a difficult fact or problem:

They'll never offer you another job; you might as well face up to it.

She had to face up to the fact that he was guilty.

151. Fade away

to slowly disappear, lose importance or become weaker

The voices became louder and closer and then faded away again.  
As the years passed, the memories faded away.

**152. Fall back**

if soldiers fall back, they move back because they are being attacked [= retreat]:

He yelled for his men to fall back.

to move backwards because you are very surprised, frightened etc:

Scott fell back a pace in astonishment.

British English to decrease [= fall; ≠ rise]:

When inflation started to rise, house prices fell back.

fall back into something phrasal verb

to go back to doing something or behaving in a way which you did before:

I was amazed at how easily I fell back into the old routine.

**153. Fall back on**

fall back on somebody/something phrasal verb

to use something or depend on someone's help when dealing with a difficult situation, especially after other methods have failed

have somebody/something to fall back on

She has no relatives to fall back on.

Where negotiation fails, they must fall back on the law.

**154. Fall behind**

to go more slowly than other people so that they gradually move further ahead of you:

His mother was chatting and didn't notice that he had fallen behind.

She hurt her ankle and had fallen behind the others.

to become less successful than other people, companies, countries etc:

After her time in hospital, Jenny's parents are afraid she has fallen behind educationally.

Companies that are not market-driven risk falling behind the competition.

to fail to finish a piece of work or pay someone money that you owe them at the right time

fall behind (somebody/something) with/on

After losing his job, he fell behind with his mortgage payments.

The project has fallen behind schedule.

**155. Fall down**

[intransitive] to suddenly go down onto the ground after you have been standing, walking, or running, especially without intending to:

**Rob fell down the stairs.**

**Lizzie fell down and hurt her knee.**

**156. Fall for**

fall for somebody/something phrasal verb

to be tricked into believing something that is not true:

**He is too smart to fall for that trick.**

to start to love someone:

**That was the summer I worked at the fairground, and met and fell for Lucy.**

to like a place as soon as you see it

**157. Fall in**

if the roof, ceiling etc falls in, it falls onto the ground [= collapse]

to start walking or forming a line of people behind someone else

fall in behind

**His men fell in behind him.**

**158. Fall in with**

all in with somebody/something phrasal verb

to accept someone's ideas, decisions etc and not disagree with them:

**Once she explained her problem, he was happy to fall in with her plans.**

to become friendly with a person or group of people after meeting them by chance [= get in with]:

**She fell in with the wrong crowd in her teens.**

**159. Fall on**

special event/celebration [intransitive always +

adverb/preposition] to happen on a particular day or at a particular time:

**Her birthday will fall on a Friday this year.**

**160. Fall out**

if a tooth or your hair falls out, it is then no longer attached to your body:

**The drugs made her hair fall out.**

if soldiers fall out, they stop standing in a line and move away to different places

161. **Fall out with**

**to have a quarrel**

**fall out with**

**Carrie's always falling out with people.**

162. **Fall through**

**if an agreement, plan, sale etc falls through, it is not completed successfully:**

**The studio planned to make a movie of the book but the deal fell through.**

163. **Fed up with**

**annoyed or bored, and wanting something to change:**

**She felt tired and a bit fed up.**

**fed up with**

**I'm really fed up with this constant rain.**

**Anna got fed up with waiting.**

164. **Feel down**

**informal ) feel sad or depressed**

**I feel a bit down today.**

165. **Feel for**

**feel for somebody**

**to feel sympathy for someone:**

**At the Center, the other mothers know what it's like, and they really feel for you.**

166. **Feel up to**

**feel up to sth: to have the strength and energy to do or deal with sth**

**Do we have to go to the party? I really don't feel up to it.**

**feel up to doing sth After the accident she didn't feel up to driving.**

**I just didn't feel up to going.**

167. **fight off**

**fight sb/sth off to resist sb/sth by fighting against them/it**

**The jeweller was stabbed as he tried to fight the robbers off.**

168. **fight for**

**try to do something [intransitive and transitive] to try hard to do or get something**

**fight for**

**The men were fighting for higher wages.**

Stockley is fighting for his life (=trying to stay alive), with serious head injuries.

**She fought her way back into the first team.**

**169. fill in**

fill in

document fill something in to write all the necessary information on an official document, form etc:

**Don't forget to fill in your boarding cards.**

tell somebody news fill somebody in to tell someone about recent events, especially because they have been away from a place

fill somebody in on

**I think you'd better fill me in on what's been happening.**

crack/hole fill something in to put a substance into a hole, crack etc so it is completely full and level

fill in time to spend time doing something unimportant because you are waiting for something to happen:

**She flipped through a magazine to fill in the time.**

space fill something in to paint or draw over the space inside a shape

do somebody's job to do someone's job because they are not there

fill in for

**I'm filling in for Joe for a few days.**

**170. fill up**

if a container or place fills up, or if you fill it up, it becomes full

fill something ↔ up

**Shall I fill the car up (=with petrol)?**

fill up with

**Her eyes filled up with tears.**

fill (yourself) up informal to eat so much food that you cannot eat any more

fill (yourself) up with/on

**Don't fill yourself up with cookies.**

**He filled up on pecan pie.**

fill somebody up informal food that fills you up makes you feel as though you have eaten a lot when you have only eaten a small amount

**171. find out**

to get information, after trying to discover it or by chance

find out who/what/how etc

Has anyone bothered to find out how much all this is going to cost?

find out if/whether

Did you find out whether there are any seats left?

find out (that)

I found out that my parents had never been married.

find something out

To find out more, visit our website.

find out (something) about something

I need to find out more about these night courses.

find out from

We could find out from the local council.

I thought it best to let you find out for yourself.

find somebody out [usually passive] if you are found out, someone discovers that you have been doing something dishonest or illegal [catch]:

What happens if we get found out?

172. fit in

if someone fits in, they are accepted by the other people in a group:

I never really fitted in at school.

fit in with

I wasn't sure if she would fit in with my friends.

fit something/somebody in to manage to do something or see someone, even though you have a lot of other things to do [= squeeze something/somebody in]:

The doctor said he can fit me in at 4:30.

I wanted to fit in a swim before breakfast.

if something fits in with other things, it is similar to them or goes well with them:

I don't know quite how this new course will fit in.

fit in with

A new building must fit in with its surroundings.

You can't expect a baby to fit in with your existing routine.

173. fix up

fix somebody/something up

to arrange a meeting, event etc:

I fixed up an interview with him.

**We'll have to fix up a time to meet.**

**to decorate or repair a room or building [= do up]:**

**We fixed up the guest bedroom before he came to stay.**

**to provide someone with something they want**

**fix somebody/something ↔ up with**

**Can you fix me up with a bed for the night?**

**to find a suitable romantic partner for someone**

**fix somebody/something ↔ up with**

**I asked my best friend to fix me up with someone.**

**follow up**

**fool around**

**174. get about**

**to go or travel to different places:**

**She's eighty now, and doesn't get about much any more.**

**He's got an old van which he uses for getting about.**

**if news or information gets about, it is told to a lot of people:**

**I don't really want this to get about.**

**175. get across**

**to succeed in communicating an idea or piece of information to someone, or to be communicated successfully**

**get something across**

**It took him ages to get his point across.**

**We must get across the simple fact that drugs are dangerous.**

**The message isn't getting across.**

**get across to**

**It is important that we get this message across to voters.**

**176. get along with**

**get along**

**if two or more people get along, they have a friendly relationship:**

**We've always got along quite well.**

**get along with**

**They seem to get along with each other.**

**177. get around**

**get around (something) to go or travel to different places:**

**We had to use public transport to get around.**

**It's quite easy to get around London.**

**if news or information gets around, it is told to a lot of people:**

**News of the accident soon got around.**

Word got around that the department might be closed.

get around something to avoid something that is difficult or causes problems for you:

I think we should be able to get around most of these problems.

She was always very clever at getting around the rules.

get around to something

to do something that you have been intending to do for some time:

I meant to phone her yesterday, but I never got around to it.

get around to doing something

We finally got around to clearing out the garage.

178. get at

get at somebody/something

criticize to keep criticizing someone in an unkind way:

Why is he always getting at me?

He felt he was being got at by the other students.

be getting at something to be trying to say something in a way that is difficult for other people to understand:

What are you getting at, Helen?

Do you see the point I'm getting at?

reach to be able to reach something:

We had to move the washing machine out to get at the wiring behind it.

information to discover information, especially the truth about a situation:

I was determined to get at the truth.

threaten informal to use threats to influence the decision of people who are involved in a court case:

Do you think some of the jury have been got at?

179. get away

leave to leave a place, especially when this is not easy:

The meeting dragged on, and I didn't get away until seven.

get away from

like to get away from London at the weekend.

on holiday informal to take a holiday away from the place you normally live:

Will you manage to get away this summer?

get away to

We're hoping to get away to Scotland for a few days.

escape to escape from someone who is chasing you or trying to catch you:

The three men got away in a stolen car.

get away from

We knew it wouldn't be easy to get away from the police.

get away with

The thieves got away with jewellery worth over £50,000.

get away!

British English spoken used to say you are very surprised by something or do not believe it

the one that got away something good that you nearly had or that nearly happened

180. get away with

get away with something

to not be caught or punished when you have done something wrong:

Watch Frank - he'll cheat if he thinks he can get away with it.

No one insults my family and gets away with it!

get away with murder informal to not be punished for doing something wrong:

Some of those children get away with murder!

to receive only a small punishment for something:

The charge was reduced to manslaughter, and she got away with three years in prison.

to do something without experiencing any problems or difficulties, even though it is not the best thing to do:

At school he had always got away with doing the bare minimum amount of work.

The colour's not quite right, but I think you'll get away with it.

181. get back

return to return to a place:

I'll talk to you when I get back.

get back to

He got back to the office just before lunchtime.

do something again to start doing something again or talking about something again

get back to

Let's get back to the main point of the discussion.

**Well, I must get back to work.**

**get back into**

**Have you ever thought about getting back into teaching?**

**be in state again to change to a previous state or condition again**

**get back to**

**Life was beginning to get back to normal.**

**I couldn't get back to sleep.**

**get back together**

**Do you think they'll get back together (=start having a relationship again)?**

**get something again get something back to get something again after you have lost it or someone else has taken it:**

**Did you get your books back?**

**punish somebody get somebody back informal to do something to hurt or harm someone who has hurt or harmed you**

**get somebody back for**

**I'll get you back for this!**

**182. get by**

**to have enough money to buy the things you need, but no more:**

**I don't earn a huge salary, but we get by.**

**get by on**

**Sometimes they had to get by on very little.**

**183. get down**

**make somebody sad get somebody down to make someone feel unhappy and tired:**

**His lack of social life was beginning to get him down.**

**write something down get something ↔ down to write something, especially something that someone is saying:**

**He was followed by a group of reporters trying to get down every word he said.**

**It's important to get things down on paper.**

**eat/drink get something down (somebody) to eat or drink something, or persuade someone else to eat or drink something:**

**I knew I'd feel better once I'd got some food down.**

**Get that tea down you.**

**He still says he's not hungry, and I can't get anything down him.**

**after a meal British English to leave the table after a meal - used by children or when you are talking to children:**

Please may I get down?

184. get down to

get down to something

to start doing something that is difficult or needs a lot of time or energy:

It's time we got down to work.

We need to get down to some serious talking.

get down to doing something

I always find it hard to get down to revising.

185. get in

enter to enter a place, especially when this is difficult:

We managed to get in through a window.

The theatre was already full, and we couldn't get in.

arrive if a train, plane etc gets in at a particular time, it arrives at that time:

What time does the bus get in?

get in to

We get in to Heathrow at ten o'clock.

get home to arrive home:

We didn't get in until late.

What time do the boys get in from school?

be elected to be elected to a position of political power:

The Conservatives have promised to increase spending on health and education if they get in.

college/university to be allowed to be a student at a university, college etc:

I applied to Bristol University, but I didn't get in.

buy a supply get something ↔ in to buy a supply of something:

I must remember to get some food in for the weekend.

crops get something ↔ in TADF to gather a crop and bring it to a sheltered place:

The whole village was involved with getting the harvest in.

ask for worker get somebody ↔ in to ask someone to come to your home to do a job, especially to repair something:

We'll have to get a plumber in.

give something to somebody get something in to send something to a particular place or give it to a particular person:

Please can you get your essays in by Thursday.

**It's best to get your insurance claim in as quickly as possible.**

**to do something get something ↔ in to manage to do something even though you do not have much time:**

**We're hoping to get in a game of golf over the weekend.**

**186. get off**

**get off**

**leave to leave a place, or to help someone to leave a place:**

**We'll try and get off straight after lunch.**

**get off something**

**Get off my land!**

**get somebody off**

**I'll phone you as soon as I've got the children off to school.**

**finish work get off (something) to finish work and leave the place where you work at the end of the day:**

**I usually get off at six o'clock.**

**What time do you get off work?**

**send something get something off TCM to send a letter or package by post:**

**I'll have to get this letter off by tonight.**

**get something off to**

**I'll get the forms off to you today.**

**clothing get something off to remove a piece of clothing:**

**Why don't you get those wet clothes off?**

**not be punished if someone gets off, they are not punished for doing something wrong, or they receive only a small punishment:**

**In the end he got off because there wasn't enough evidence against him.**

**The police felt he had got off very lightly.**

**get off with**

**If you're lucky, you'll get off with a fine.**

**help somebody not be punished get somebody off to help someone avoid being punished for a crime:**

**Her lawyers were confident that they could get her off.**

**sleep get (somebody) off to go to sleep, or to help a child go to sleep:**

**I went to bed but couldn't get off to sleep.**

**It took us ages to get the baby off.**

**get off to a good/bad etc start to start in a particular way:**

**The day had got off to a bad start.**

stop talking about something get off something to stop talking about a subject:

**Can we get off the subject of death, please?**

stop touching something get off (something/somebody)informal  
used to tell someone to stop touching something or someone:

**Get off me!**

**Get off those cakes, or there'll be trouble.**

**Get off (=stop touching me)!**

tell somebody where to get off informal to tell someone that they are asking you for too much or are behaving in a way you will not accept:

**He wanted £50, but I told him where to get off.**

**187. get off with**

get off (with sth) get sb off (with sth) to receive no or almost no punishment; to help sb do this

**He was lucky to get off with a small fine.**

**A good lawyer might be able to get you off.**

to have no or almost no injuries in an accident

**She was lucky to get off with just a few bruises.**

**188. get on**

get on

like somebody especially British English if people get on, they like each other and have a friendly relationship with each other

get on with

**I've always got on well with Henry.**

**The two boys get on well most of the time.**

**189. get on for**

The time's getting on—we ought to be going.

be getting on for... ( especially BrE ) to be nearly a particular time, age or number

**It must be getting on for midnight.**

**He's getting on for eighty.**

**190. get on with**

get on

like somebody especially British English if people get on, they like each other and have a friendly relationship with each other

get on with

**I've always got on well with Henry.**

**The two boys get on well most of the time.**

**progress to deal with a job or situation or to make progress:**

**How is George getting on at school?**

**get on with**

**How are you getting on with your essay?**

**get on without**

**I don't know how we'll get on without Michael.**

**continue doing something to continue doing something**

**get on with**

**Be quiet and get on with your work!**

**be successful to be successful in your job:**

**You'll have to work hard if you want to get on.**

**clothing get something on to put a piece of clothing on:**

**I can't get my boots on!**

**191. get out**

**leave to leave a room or building:**

**You ought to get out into the fresh air.**

**Mary screamed at me to get out.**

**get out of**

**Get out of the kitchen!**

**escape to escape from a place:**

**Some of the animals had got out.**

**get out of**

**He was determined to get out of prison.**

**help somebody escape get somebody out to help someone leave a place or escape from a place:**

**It's important to get these people out as soon as possible.**

**get somebody out of**

**We knew it was going to be difficult to get him out of the country.**

**take something from a place get something out to take something from the place where it is kept:**

**She got out her violin and started to play.**

**information if information gets out, a lot of people then know it although it is meant to be secret:**

**We have to make absolutely certain that none of this gets out.**

**It's bound to get out that he's retiring soon.**

produce something get something out to produce a book or other product that can be sold to people:

**We're hoping to get the new catalogue out next week.**

say something get something out to succeed in saying something, especially when this is very difficult:

**I wanted to tell him I loved him, but couldn't get the words out**

**192. get out of**

get out of something

avoid doing something to avoid doing something you have promised to do or are supposed to do:

**See if you can get out of that meeting tomorrow.**

get out of doing something

**He's trying to get out of tidying his room.**

stop doing something to stop doing something or being involved in something:

**I wanted to get out of teaching.**

make somebody give/tell you something get something out of somebody to force or persuade someone to tell you something or give you something:

**I was determined to get the truth out of her.**

enjoy something get something out of something to enjoy

something you do or experience, or to learn something as a result:

**I hope he got something out of his visit.**

get something out of doing something

**Children can get a lot out of being involved in community projects.**

**193. get over**

illness get over something to become well again after an illness:

**It's taken me ages to get over the flu.**

unpleasant experience get over something to begin to feel better after a very upsetting experience:

**She never got over the death of her son.**

ideas/information get something ↔ over to succeed in communicating ideas or information to other people

get something ↔ over to

**It's important that we get this message over to young people.**

finish something get something over also get something over with to do and finish something difficult that you have to do:

**I'll be in touch once I've got my exams over.**

**I can't wait to get the interview over with.**

**problem/difficulty get over something to successfully deal with a problem or difficulty:**

**I don't know how we're going to get over this problem.**

**Once we've got over the first few months, we should be making a reasonable profit.**

**can't/couldn't get over something spoken used to say that you are very surprised, shocked, or amused by something:**

**I can't get over how well you look.**

**194. get rid of**

**get rid of somebody/something**

**a) to throw away or destroy something you do not want any more:**

**It's time we got rid of all these old toys.**

**Governments should be encouraged to get rid of all nuclear weapons.**

**to take action so that you no longer have something unpleasant that you do not want:**

**I can't get rid of this cough.**

**He opened the windows to get rid of the smell.**

**c) to make someone leave because you do not like them or because they are causing problems:**

**Are you trying to get rid of me?**

**It can be difficult for schools to get rid of poor teachers.**

**195. get round**

**get round (somewhere) UK (US get around (somewhere))**

**If news or information gets round, a lot of people hear about it**

**News of her pregnancy soon got round (the office).**

**get round sb UK**

**to persuade someone to allow you something by using your charm [ + to infinitive ]**

**See if you can get round your father to give you a lift to the cinema.**

**get round sth UK (US get around sth )**

**to succeed in avoiding or solving a problem**

**We can get round the problem of space by building an extension.**

**196. get round to**

**to do something that you have intended to do for a long time**

**I still haven't got round to fixing that tap.**

**197. get through**

**get through**

**do work get through something to do an amount of work:**

**We got through half the application forms this morning.**

**We've got a lot of work to get through.**

**use something get through something informal to use a lot of something:**

**You wouldn't believe the amount of food children can get through in a week!**

**spend money get through something informal to spend a lot of money:**

**He can get through £100 in one evening.**

**difficult time get (somebody) through something to come successfully to the end of an unpleasant experience or period of time, or to help someone do this:**

**I don't know how we're going to get through the winter.**

**It was their love that got me through those first difficult months.**

**test/competition get (somebody/something) through (something) to be successful in a test or competition, or to make sure that someone or something is successful:**

**I finally managed to get through my driving test.**

**I knew it was going to be difficult to get the car through its MOT test.**

**get (somebody/something) through (something) to**

**Liverpool have got through to the final of the FA Cup.**

**reach a person/place to reach a place or person that is difficult to reach**

**get through to**

**Aid agencies have been unable to get through to the thousands of refugees stranded on the border.**

**by telephone to succeed in speaking to someone on the telephone:**

**I tried phoning her office, but I couldn't get through.**

**get through to**

**At last I managed to get through to one of the managers.**

**new law get (something) through (something) if a new law gets through parliament, or if someone gets it through, it is officially approved:**

**Anti-hunting legislation will never get through the House of Lords.  
Once again we failed to get the Bill through Parliament.**

**get (something) through to somebody  
to succeed in making someone understand something, especially  
when this is difficult:**

**I couldn't seem to get through to her.**

**How can I get it through to him that this is really important?**

**198. get up**

**get up**

**get (somebody) up to get out of your bed after sleeping, or to  
make someone get out of their bed:**

**We didn't get up until lunch time.**

**Get me up at seven, would you?**

**to stand up:**

**He got up and walked over to the window.**

**if a wind or storm gets up, it starts and gets stronger**

**be got up as/in something British English informal to be dressed  
in particular clothes:**

**He arrived at the party got up as Count Dracula.**

**The men were all got up in suits.**

**199. get up to**

**get up to sth UK**

**to do something, often something that other people would  
disapprove of**

**She's been getting up to all sorts of mischief lately.**

**I wonder what those two got up to yesterday?**

**200. give away**

**give somebody/something away**

**to give something to someone because you do not want or need it for  
yourself:**

**I gave most of my books away when I left college.**

**give somebody/something away to**

**Give your old clothes away to a thrift shop.**

**to give something to someone without asking for any money, rather  
than selling it to them:**

**We're giving away a free diary with tomorrow's newspaper.**

**give somebody/something away to**

**We have 1,000 CDs to give away to our readers.**

to show where someone is or what they are doing or thinking when they are trying to keep this a secret:

Don't worry, I won't give you away.

Sue tried to smile, but her voice gave her away.

give yourself away

I knew that if I moved I would give myself away.

The look on his face gave the game away (=showed something that he was trying to keep secret).

to tell someone something that you should keep secret:

He gave away as little information as possible.

I don't want to give away exactly how the system works.

I don't want to give the game away (=give information that should be secret) by saying too much.

to lose in a game or competition by doing something badly or making mistakes:

We gave away two goals in the first half.

The Democrats are now in danger of giving the whole election away.

to give formal permission for a woman to marry a man as part of a traditional wedding ceremony

201. give back

to give something to the person it belongs to or the person who gave it to you:

This isn't your money and you must give it back.

Of course you can have a look at it, as long as you give it back.

give something back to somebody

I'll give the keys back to you tomorrow morning.

give somebody something back

Her ex-husband refused to give her back any of her old photos and letters.

to make it possible for someone to have or do something again [= restore]

give somebody something back

He underwent an expensive operation to give him back his sight.

The company finally agreed to give the women their old jobs back.

give something back to somebody

This legislation will give more power back to local authorities.

202. give in

to finally agree to do or accept something that you had at first opposed, especially because someone has forced or persuaded you to:

Eventually I gave in and accepted the job on their terms.

Bob's wife went on at him so much that eventually he gave in.  
give in to

The government refused to give in to their demands.

to accept that you are defeated in a game, fight, competition etc [↔ surrender]:

The rebels were eventually forced to give in.

We will carry on fighting to the end. We will never give in.

give something in British English to give a piece of work or something you have written to someone in authority [= hand in]:

You were supposed to give this work in four days ago.

Rose decided to give in her notice (=officially say she was going to leave her job).

give something in to

All assignments must be given in to your teacher by Friday.

give in to something

to no longer try to stop yourself from doing something you want to do:

Don't give in to the temptation to argue back.

If you feel the urge for a cigarette, try not to give in to it.

203. give off

to produce a smell, light, heat, a sound etc:

The wood gave off a sweet, perfumed smell as it burned.

204. give out

give something ↔ out to give something to each person in a group [= hand out]:

Can you give the drinks out, please?

give something ↔ out to

Students were giving out leaflets to everyone on the street.

if part of your body gives out, it stops working properly or becomes much weaker:

Just as I approached the town, my legs finally gave out.

if a supply of something gives out, there is none left:

My money was beginning to give out and there were no jobs to be found.

After two hours her patience gave out.

give out something to produce something such as light, heat, or a signal [= emit]:

A gas lamp gave out a pale yellowish light.

give something ↔ out British English formal to announce something, especially officially:

It was given out that the government was to enter into negotiations with the rebels.

205. give up

give something up to stop doing something, especially something that you do regularly:

Darren has decided to give up football at the end of this season.

She gave up her job and started writing poetry.

give up doing something

I gave up going to the theatre when I moved out of London.

Why don't you give up smoking?

to stop trying to do something:

We spent half an hour looking for the keys, but eventually gave up and went home.

I give up. What's the answer?

You shouldn't give up so easily.

give up doing something

I gave up trying to persuade him to continue with his studies.

give something up

She has still not given up the search.

give yourself/somebody up to allow yourself or someone else to be caught by the police or enemy soldiers:

The siege ended peacefully after the gunman gave himself up.

give yourself/somebody up to

In the end, his family gave him up to the police.

give up something to use some of your time to do a particular thing:

I don't mind giving up a couple of hours a week to deal with correspondence.

give something/somebody ↔ up to give something that is yours to someone else:

The family refused to give up any of their land.

She was put under tremendous pressure to give the baby up.

give something/somebody up to

I would always give my seat up to an elderly person on the bus.  
give somebody ↔ up to end a romantic relationship with  
someone, even though you do not really want to:

**I knew deep down that I should give him up.**

give somebody up for dead/lost etc to believe that someone is  
dead and stop looking for them:

**The ship sank and the crew were given up for dead.**

give up the ghost at ghost

give up on somebody/something

to stop hoping that someone or something will change or improve:

**He'd been in a coma for six months, and doctors had almost given  
up on him.**

**At that point, I hadn't completely given up on the marriage.**

give yourself up to something

to allow yourself to feel an emotion completely, without trying to  
control it:

**He gave himself up to despair.**

**206. go about**

go about something to start to do something:

**I want to learn German but I don't know the best way to go about  
it.**

go about doing something

The leaflet tells you how to go about making a will.

go about something to do something in the way that you usually  
do:

**The villagers were going about their business as usual.**

**She went about her preparations in a quiet businesslike way.**

**British English if a ship goes about, it turns to go in the opposite  
direction**

**207. go after**

go after something/somebody

to follow or chase someone or something because you want to catch  
them:

**Joe went after her to make sure she was unhurt.**

to try to get something:

**I can't decide whether to go after the job or not.**

**208. go ahead**

to start to do something, especially after planning it or asking permission to do it

go ahead with

**They've decided to go ahead with plans to build 50 new houses on the site.**

go ahead and do something

**I went ahead and arranged the trip anyway.**

if an event or process goes ahead, it happens:

**A judge has ruled that the music festival can go ahead.**

spoken used to give someone permission to do something, or let them speak before you:

**'Do you mind if I open the window?' 'No, go ahead.'**

**If you want to leave, go right ahead.**

also go on ahead to go somewhere before the other people in your group:

**You go ahead and we'll catch you up later.**

go ahead of

**He stood back to let Sue go ahead of him.**

to start to be winning a game or competition:

**Dulwich went ahead after 22 minutes.**

209. go ahead with

go a head (with sth) to begin to do sth, especially when sb has given permission or has expressed doubts or opposition

**'May I start now?' 'Yes, go ahead.'**

**The government intends to go ahead with its tax cutting plans**

210. go along with

go along with sth/sb

to support an idea, or to agree with someone's opinion

**Kate's already agreed, but it's going to be harder persuading Mike to go along with it.**

211. go away

to leave a place

**Go away and leave me alone!**

to leave your home in order to spend time somewhere else, usually for a holiday

**We usually go away for the summer.**

**He goes away on business a lot.**

go away **DISAPPEAR**

**to disappear**

**It was weeks before the bruises went away.**

**going away US**

**In sports, if a team or person wins a competition going away, they win it by a lot of points, goals, etc**

**They seemed to score at will in the final period and the Knicks won going away.**

**212. go back**

**go back RETURN**

**to return**

**That restaurant was terrible - I'm never going back there again.**

**I'll have to go back for my umbrella.**

**Do you think you'll ever go back to London?**

**When do you go back to school?**

**Let's go back to the beginning and start again.**

**We can always go back to the original plan if necessary.**

**go back**

**to be returned**

**When are these library books due to go back ?**

**That TV will have to go back to the shop - it hasn't worked properly ever since I bought it.**

**go back ORIGIN**

**to have existed since a time in the past**

**Their relationship goes back to when they were at university together.**

**Our house goes back to (= has existed since) the 18th century.**

**213. go back on**

**go back on sth**

**to fail to keep a promise, or to change a decision or agreement**

**The government looks likely to go back on its decision to close the mines.**

**She's gone back on her word and decided not to give me the job after all.**

**214. go by**

**to move past, in space or time**

**You can watch the trains going by from this window.**

**You can't let an opportunity like that go by - it's too good to miss.**

**Hardly a day goes by when I don't think about her.**

**in days gone by**

**in the past**

**The house was a railway station in days gone by.**

**go by sth FOLLOW**

**to follow something or be shown the way by something**

**I'm sorry, madam, but we have to go by the rules.**

**go by sth BASE**

**to base an opinion, decision or judgment on something**

**What do you go by when you're deciding whether or not to employ someone?**

**Going by what she said yesterday, I would say she's about to resign.**

**If past experience is anything to go by.**

**215. go down**

**go down (sth) MOVE DOWN**

**to move down to a lower level or place**

**He went down on his knees and begged for forgiveness.**

**He first went down the mines when he was 17.**

**The plane went down (= fell to the ground because of an accident, bomb, etc.) ten minutes after takeoff.**

**Everyone took to the lifeboats when the ship started to go down (= sink) .**

**Could I have a glass of water to help these pills go down (= to help me swallow them) ?**

**go down (sth) REACH**

**to reach or go as far as**

**Its roots can go down three metres.**

**This path goes down to the river.**

**Go down to (= Read as far as) the bottom of the page.**

**go down SUN**

**When the sun goes down, it moves down in the sky until it cannot be seen any more**

**On summer evenings we would sit on the verandah and watch the sun go down.**

**go down BE REDUCED**

**to be reduced in price, value, amount, quality, level or size**

**The temperature went down to minus ten last night.**

**The company's shares went down 7p to 53p.**

**The swelling's gone down but there's still a lot of bruising.**

**He went down in my estimation when he started trying to be a singer as well as an actor.**

**go down BE RECEIVED**

**to be received in a particular way**

**I think my speech went down rather well, don't you?**

**go down LOSE**

**to lose or be defeated**

**England's unbeaten run of ten games ended last night when they went down 4-2 to France.**

**Dictators rarely go down without a fight.**

**go down PRISON**

**UK slang to be put in prison**

**She went down for three years for her part in the robbery.**

**go down COMPUTER**

**If a computer system goes down, it stops working**

**The battery should prevent the computer system from going down in the event of a power cut.**

**go down HAPPEN**

**US slang If an event such as a crime or a deal goes down, it happens**

**I tried to tell Tyrell what was going down, but he wouldn't listen.**

**go down LEAVE**

**UK old-fashioned If you go down from a college or university, especially Oxford University or Cambridge University, you leave either permanently or for a holiday.**

**216. go for**

**go for sb**

**to attack someone**

**Their dog had to be put to sleep after it went for the postwoman.**

**go for sth CHOOSE**

**to choose something**

**Instead of butter, I always go for margarine or a low-fat spread.**

**go for sth verb LIKE**

**to like or admire**

**I don't go for war films in a big way (= very much).**

**What sort of men do you go for (= are you attracted to)?**

**go for sth TRY**

**to try to have or achieve something**

**She tripped me as I went for the ball.**

**Are you planning to go for that scholarship to Harvard University?**

**The Russian relay team will again be going for the gold medal at the Olympic Games.**

**go for sth MONEY**

**If something goes for a certain amount of money, it is sold for that amount.**

**The painting is expected to go for at least a million dollars.**

**217. go in for**

**go in for sth ENJOY**

**to do something regularly, or to enjoy something**

**I've never really gone in for classical music, but I love jazz.**

**go in for sth COMPETE**

**to take part in a competition**

**Are you planning to go in for the 100 metres race?**

**218. go into**

**go into sth verb START**

**to start doing a particular type of work**

**My son's planning to go into journalism.**

**She's decided to go into business as a freelance computer programmer.**

**to start an activity, or start to be in a particular state or condition**

**The drug is still being tested and will not go into commercial production for at least two years.**

**How many companies have gone into liquidation/receivership during the current recession?**

**Repeated death threats have forced them to go into hiding .**

**Her baby was born three hours after she went into labour .**

**Some of the fans seemed to go into a trance when she appeared on stage.**

**go into DISCUSS**

**to discuss, examine, describe or explain something in a detailed or careful way**

**This is the first book to go into her personal life as well as her work.**

**I'd rather not go into that now. Can we discuss it later?**

**I'm unable to go into detail(s) at this stage because I still have very little information about how the accident happened.**

**go into sth BE USED**

mainly UK If time, money or effort goes into a product or activity, it is used when producing or doing it

A considerable amount of time and effort has gone into this exhibition.

go into sth HIT

If a vehicle goes into something such as a tree or a wall, it hits it

Their car was travelling at 50 miles an hour when it went into the tree.

Compare collide

219. go off

go off STOP WORKING

If a light or a machine goes off, it stops working

The lights went off in several villages because of the storm.

go off EXPLODE

If a bomb goes off, it explodes.

The bomb went off at midday.

If a gun goes off, it fires

His gun went off accidentally.

go off FOOD

UK If food or drink goes off, it is not good to eat or drink any more because it is too old .

This bacon smells a bit funny - do you think it's gone off?

go off NOISE

If a warning device goes off, it starts to ring loudly or make a loud noise.

The alarm should go off automatically as soon as smoke is detected.

Didn't you hear your alarm clock going off this morning?

go off LEAVE

to leave a place and go somewhere else

She's gone off to the pub with Tony

go off HAPPEN

to happen in a particular way

The protest march went off peacefully.

go off BECOME WORSE

UK to become worse in quality

That paper's really gone off since they got that new editor.

go off sb/sth

**to stop liking or being interested in someone or something**

**I went off beefburgers after I got food poisoning from a take-away.**

**I went off Peter when he said those dreadful things about Clare.**

**220. go on**

**to happen**

**I'm sure we never hear about a lot of what goes on in government.**

**This war has been going on for years.**

**go on CONTINUE**

**to continue or move to the next thing**

**Please go on with what you're doing and don't let us interrupt you.**

**[ + -ing verb ] We really can't go on living like this - we'll have to find a bigger house.**

**[ + to infinitive ] She admitted her company's responsibility for the disaster and went on to explain how compensation would be paid to the victims.**

**What proportion of people who are HIV-positive go on to develop (= later develop) AIDS?**

**If you go on (= continue behaving) like this you won't have any friends left at all.**

**go on OPERATE**

**to start operating**

**The spotlights go on automatically when an intruder is detected in the garden.**

**When does the heating go on?**

**go on TALK AGAIN**

**to start talking again after a pause**

**She paused to light another cigarette and then went on with her account of the accident.**

**[ + speech ] "What I want more than anything else, " he went on, "is a house in the country with a large garden for the children to play in."**

**informal something that you say to encourage someone to say or do something**

**Go on, what happened next?**

**go on TALK A LOT**

**UK to talk in an annoying way about something for a long time**

**I just wish he'd stop going on about how brilliant his daughter is."**

**"Yes, he does go on (a bit) , doesn't he?"**

I wish you'd stop going on at (= criticizing repeatedly) me about my haircut.

go on PLEASE DO

used when encouraging or asking someone to do something.

Go , have another drink.

"I don't really feel like seeing a film tonight." "Oh go on. We haven't been to the cinema for ages."

go on AGREE

informal something that you say in order to agree to do or allow something that you did not want to do or to allow before

"Are you sure you don't want another slice of cake?" "Oh go on then , but just a small one."

go on TIME

to continue or pass

Tomorrow will start cold but it should get warmer as the day goes on.

As the evening went on it became clear that we should never have agreed to see each other again.

go on NOT BELIEVE

Go on!

mainly UK old-fashioned used when you do not believe someone

go on sth verb

to use a piece of information in order to help you discover or understand something

I'm only going on what I overheard him saying to Chris, but I think he's planning to leave next month.

The investigation has only just started so the police haven't got much to go on at the moment.

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go out LEAVE

221. go on with

go on (with sth) to continue an activity, especially after a pause or break

That's enough for now—let's go on with it tomorrow.

go on doing sth to continue an activity without stopping

He said nothing but just went on working.

enough/something to be going on with ( BrE ) something that is enough for a short time

£50 should be enough to be going on with.

Go on (with you) ( old-fashioned ) used to express the fact that you do not believe sth, or that you disapprove of sth

Go on with you—you're never forty. You don't look a day over thirty.

222. go out

go out LEAVE

to leave a room or building, especially in order to do something for entertainment

Please close the door as you go out.

Do you fancy going out for a meal after work?

It's terribly smoky in here - I'm just going out for a breath of fresh air.

[ + -ing verb ] I wish you'd spend more time at home instead of going out drinking with your friends every night.

go out RELATIONSHIP

to have a romantic and usually sexual relationship with someone

How long have you been going out with him?

They'd been going out (together/with each other) for almost five years before he moved in with her.

go out verb SEA

If the tide goes out, it moves back and covers less of the beach.

Compare come in

go out LIGHT/FIRE

If a light or something that is burning goes out, it stops producing light or heat.

When I woke up the fire had gone out.

go out verb SPORT

UK to lose when you are playing in a sports competition, so that you must stop playing in the competition

England went out to France in the second round of the championship.

go out to sb

If your thoughts or sympathies go out to someone in a difficult or sad situation, you think of them and feel sorry for them

Our deepest sympathies go out to her husband and children.

223. go over

go over

US for go down (BE RECEIVED)

go over sth EXAMINE

to examine or look at something in a careful or detailed way

Forensic scientists are going over the victim's flat in a search for clues about the murderer.

Remember to go over your essay checking for grammar and spelling mistakes before you hand it in to me.

I've gone over the problem several times, but I can't think of a solution.

go over sth STUDY

to study or explain something

I always go over my revision notes just before I go into an exam.

Could you go over the main points of your argument again, Professor?

go over to sth

to change to something new or to a new way of doing things

Many motorists are going over from leaded to unleaded fuel.

She went over (= changed her support) to the Democrats at the last election.

to change to another broadcaster or place of broadcast

We're now going over to Kate Adie speaking live from Baghdad.

Later in this bulletin we will be going over to our Westminster studio for an update on the situation.

224. go round

go round UK (US go around) SPIN

to spin like a wheel

Compare revolve ; rotate

go round UK (US go around) BE ENOUGH

If there is enough of something to go round, there is enough for everyone in a group of people

**Are there enough pencils to go round?**

**go round UK (US go around) BEHAVE BADLY**

**to spend your time behaving in the stated way**

**[ + -ing verb ] You can't go round being rude to people.**

**go round UK (US go around) VISIT**

**to visit someone in their home**

**I'm just going round to Martha's for half an hour.**

**Why didn't you tell me Perry had been round?**

**go round sth UK (US go around)**

**to travel to all, or the main, parts of a place that you are visiting in order to find out what it is like or to learn about it**

**For a few weeks in the summer, visitors are able to go round Buckingham Palace.**

**go round (somewhere) UK (US go around (somewhere))**

**to go or be given from one person to another, or to move from one place to another**

**A nasty flu bug's going round (the school) at the moment.**

**There's a rumour going round (the village) that they're having an affair.**

**225. go through**

**go through**

**If a law, plan or deal goes through, it is officially accepted or approved.**

**A council spokeswoman said that the proposals for the new shopping centre were unlikely to go through.**

**go through sth EXPERIENCE**

**to experience a difficult or unpleasant situation**

**I've been going through a bad patch recently.**

**You'd think his children would be more sympathetic towards him after all he's gone through (= the many bad things he has experienced) .**

**go through sth EXAMINE**

**to examine something which contains a collection of things carefully in order to organize them or find something**

**I'm going through my wardrobe and throwing out all the clothes I don't wear any more.**

**Remember to go through the pockets before you put those trousers in the washing machine.**

**go through sth PRACTISE**

**to do something in order to practise or as a test**

**I'd like you to go through that manoeuvre again and then bring the car to a halt.**

**go through sth USE**

**to use a lot of something**

**Before I gave up smoking I was going through 40 cigarettes a day.**

**I went through a hundred quid on my last trip to London.**

**226. go through with**

**go through with sth**

**to do something unpleasant or difficult that has already been agreed or promised**

**He'd threatened to divorce her but I never thought he'd go through with it.**

**The company has decided not to go through with the takeover of its smaller rival.**

**227. go up**

**go up RISE**

**to move higher, rise or increase**

**The average cost of a new house has gone up by 5% to £276 500.**

**go up EXPLODE**

**to suddenly explode**

**There's a gas leak and the whole building could go up at any moment.**

**go up BE FIXED**

**If a sign goes up, it is fixed into position.**

**The new 'No Parking' signs went up yesterday.**

**go up BUILD**

**If a building goes up, it is built.**

**A new factory is going up on the old airport.**

**go up UNIVERSITY**

**UK old-fashioned If you go up to a college or university, especially Oxford University or Cambridge University, you begin studying there, or continue studying after a holiday.**

**228. go with**

**go with sth SUIT**

**If one thing goes with another, they suit each other or they look or taste good together.**

**This wine goes particularly well with seafood.**

**I'm not sure that this hat really goes with this dress.**

**Compare match ; suit**

**go with sth RESULT**

**If a problem, activity or quality goes with another one, they often happen or exist together and the first thing is often caused by the second**

**[ + -ing verb ] What are the main health problems that go with smoking ?**

**go with sb informal**

**to have a romantic or sexual relationship with someone**

**Did he ever go with anyone else while they were living together?**

**go with sb/sth informal**

**to accept an idea or agree with a person**

**I think we can go with the advertising agency's suggestions, don't you?**

**229. go without**

**go without (sth)**

**to not have something or to manage to live despite not having something**

**If you don't want fish for dinner, then you'll just have to go without!**

**I'd rather go without food than work for him.**

**230. grow on**

**grow on sb**

**If someone or something grows on you, you like them more and more although you did not like them at first**

**I wasn't sure about this album when I bought it but it's really grown on me.**

**231. grow out of**

**grow out of sth CLOTHES**

**If children grow out of clothes, they become too big to fit into them.**

**grow out of sth INTEREST**

**If you grow out of an interest or way of behaving, you stop having or doing it as you become older**

**He wants to join the army when he leaves school, but I hope he'll grow out of the idea.**

**grow out of sth IDEA**

If an idea grows out of another one, it develops from it  
The idea for the story grew out of a strange experience I had last year.

232. **chill out**

chill out ( also chill ) informal

to relax completely, or not allow things to upset you

I'm just chilling out in front of the TV.

Chill out, Dad. The train doesn't leave for another hour!

233. **grow out**

if you grow out a hair style, or if it grows out, you gradually grow your hair until the style disappears

grow something out

I'm growing my fringe out.

234. **grow up**

grow up PERSON

to gradually become an adult

I grew up in Scotland (= I lived in Scotland when I was young) .

Taking responsibility for yourself is part of the process of growing up.

grow up CITY

If a town or city grows up in a particular place or way, it develops there or in that way

The city grew up originally as a crossing point on the river.

235. **hand down**

hand sth down OBJECT

to give something to someone younger than you in the family

because you want them to have it or because you no longer need it

This necklace was handed down to my mother by my grandmother.

hand sth down TRADITION

to pass traditions from older people to younger ones

a custom handed down through the generations

hand sth down DECISION

to announce an official decision, often a decision about how someone should be punished

The court handed down an eight-year sentence.

236. **hand in**

hand sth in

to give something to someone in a position of authority

**Have you handed in your history essay yet?**

**I've decided to hand in my resignation (= tell my employer I am leaving my job) .**

**237. hand out**

**hand sth out**

**to give something to each person in a group or place**

**The teacher asked her to hand out the worksheets.**

**They stood on the street corner handing out leaflets.**

**238. hand over**

**hand sth over**

**to give something to someone else**

**We were ordered to hand over our passports.**

**hand sth/sb over**

**to give another person control of someone or something, or responsibility for dealing with them**

**The hijacker was handed over to the French police.**

**If you'll hold the line a moment I'll hand you over to someone who might be able to help.**

**239. hang about**

**( BrE , informal )**

**to wait or stay near a place, not doing very much**

**kids hanging about in the streets**

**to be very slow doing sth**

**I can't hang about—the boss wants to see me.**

**( informal ) used to tell sb to stop what they are doing or saying for a short time**

**Hang about! There's something not quite right here.**

**hang about with sb ( BrE )**

**240. hang back**

**hang back to remain in a place after all the other people have left**

**hang back (from sth) to hesitate because you are nervous about doing or saying sth**

**I was sure she knew the answer but for some reason she hung back.**

**hang on**

**241. hang on**

**hang on WAIT**

**informal to wait for a short time**

Sally's on the other phone - would you like to hang on?  
Do you need the toilet right now or can you hang on for a while?  
Hang on a minute - I'll be with you in a moment!

**hang on HOLD**

**to hold or continue holding onto something**

Hang on tight - it's going to be a very bumpy ride.

**hang sth on sb informal**

**to blame someone for something, especially something they did not do**

I wasn't anywhere near the house when the window was broken, so you can't hang that on me!

**hang on/upon sth GIVE ATTENTION**

**to give careful attention to something, especially something that someone says**

He hangs on her every word as if she were some sort of goddess.

**hang on/upon sth DEPEND ON**

**to depend on something**

The safety of air travel hangs partly on the thoroughness of baggage checking.

**242. hang out**

**(informal) to spend a lot of time in a place or with someone**

You still hang out at the pool hall?

I've been hanging out backstage with the band.

**243. hang on to**

**hang onto sth**

**to keep something**

You should hang onto that painting - it might be valuable.

**244. hang up**

**to end a telephone conversation**

He started shouting so I hung up (on him).

Let me speak to Melanie before you hang up.

**hang sth up**

**to stop using and needing something because you have given up the sport or activity it is used for**

So when did you hang up your boxing gloves/golfclubs/ballet shoes?

**245. have it in for**

**have it in for sb informal**

to be determined to harm or criticize someone

**She's always had it in for me.**

**246. have on**

**have (got) sth on verb**

**If you have clothes or shoes on, you are wearing them**

**I loved that dress you had on last night.**

**If you have something on, you have planned to do it**

**Have you got anything on this week?**

**I've got something on this Tuesday, but I'm free on Wednesday.**

**247. have someone on**

**have sb on UK (US put sb on)**

**to persuade someone that something is true when it is not, usually as a joke**

**That's your new car? You're having me on!**

**248. hit it off (with)**

**249. hit it off informal**

**to like someone and become friendly immediately**

**I didn't really hit it off with his friends.**

**Jake and Sue hit it off immediately.**

**250. hold back**

**to not do something, often because of fear or because you do not want to make a bad situation worse**

**He held back, terrified of going into the dark room.**

**hold sb/sth back STOP DEVELOPMENT**

**to stop someone or something developing or doing as well as they should**

**She felt that having children would hold her back.**

**hold sb/sth back STOP MOVEMENT**

**If you hold something back, you stop it coming or advancing**

**Sandbags will hold the flood waters back for a while.**

**hold sth back**

**to keep information secret from someone on purpose**

**251. hit on (hit upon)**

**hit on/upon**

**to think of an idea when you didn't expect or intend to, especially one that solves a problem**

**When we first hit on the idea, everyone told us it would never work.**

**252. hold off**

**hold off NOT DO**

**to not do something immediately [ + -ing verb ] Let's hold off making a decision until next week.**

**US They've decided to hold off on buying a car until they're both working.**

**hold off RAIN/STORM**

**If rain or a storm holds off, it does not start immediately.**

**hold sb off**

**to stop someone from attacking or defeating you**

**How much longer will the resistance fighters be able to hold off the enemy?**

**253. hold on**

**informal to wait for a short time**

**Hold on, I'll check in my diary.**

**hold on HOLD**

**to hold something or someone firmly with your hands or arms**

**She held on tightly to his waist.**

**254. hold on to**

**hold onto sth**

**to hold something or someone firmly with your hands or your arms**

**Hold onto the rope and don't let go.**

**hold onto/on to**

**to keep something you have**

**Hold on to your ticket - you'll need it later.**

**Lewis held onto the lead until the final lap.**

**255. hold out**

**hold out**

**to continue to defend yourself against an enemy or attack without being defeated**

**They won't be able to hold out much longer under this sort of bombardment.**

**hold out SUPPLY OF STH**

**If a supply of something such as food or money holds out, there is enough of it to last for a particular period of time.**

**hold sth out**

**to offer a possibility, solution, hope, etc**

**Few people hold out any hope of finding more survivors.**

**256. hold up**

**hold up**

**to remain strong or successful**

**Will his alibi hold up (= continue to seem true) in court?**

**I hope the repairs hold up until we can get to a garage.**

**hold sb/sth up**

**to delay someone or something**

**Traffic was held up for several hours by the accident.**

**hold sb/sth up STEAL**

**to steal from someone using violence or the threat of violence**

**They held the same bank up twice in one week.**

**He was held up at gunpoint by a gang of masked youths.**

**257. hold with**

**hold [ no passive ] ( used in negative sentences or in questions ) to agree with sth**

**approve of**

**I don't hold with the use of force.**

**hold with doing sth They don't hold with letting children watch as much TV as they want.**

**258. join in**

**join in (sth)**

**to become involved in an activity with other people**

**We only need one more player for this game - can you persuade your sister to join in?**

**At the end of this verse, we'd like everyone to join in with the chorus.**

**259. join up**

**join up UK**

**If you join up, you become a member of one of the armed forces**

**"Have you been in the army for a long time?" "I joined up as soon as I'd left school."**

**260. keep back**

**keep (sth/sb) back**

**to not go near something, or to prevent someone or something from going past a particular place**

**Barriers were built to keep back the flood water.**

**keep sth back phrasal verb NOT USE ALL**

**to not use the whole amount of something so that there is a small amount remaining for later**

**keep sth back NOT TELL**

**to not tell someone everything you know about a situation or an event that has happened**

**I suspect she's keeping something back.**

**261. keep off**

**keep (sb/sth) off sth**

**to not go onto an area, or to stop someone or something going onto an area**

**There was a notice saying 'Keep off the grass'.**

**keep sth off (sb/sth)**

**to stop something touching or harming someone or something**

**Put a cloth over the salad to keep the flies off.**

**Wear a hat to keep the sun off (= to prevent it harming your skin) .**

**keep (sb) off sth**

**to not eat, drink or use something that can harm you, or to stop someone else from doing this**

**The doctor told me to keep off fatty foods.**

**262. keep on**

**keep on UK informal**

**to continue to talk in an annoying way about something**

**Don't keep on, I'll sort it out in a minute.**

**He kept on at me about the money, even though I told him I hadn't got it.**

**263. keep out**

**keep out (of sth) to not enter a place; to stay outside**

**The sign said 'Private Property—Keep Out!'**

**keep sb/sth out (of sth) to prevent sb/sth from entering a place**

**Keep that dog out of my study!**

**keep out of sth | keep sb out of sth to avoid sth; to prevent sb from being involved in sth or affected by sth**

**That child can't keep out of mischief.**

**Keep the baby out of the sun.**

**264. keep up**

**keep up if particular weather keeps up , it continues without stopping**

**The rain kept up all afternoon.**

**keep sth up**

**to make sth stay at a high level**

**The high cost of raw materials is keeping prices up.**

**to continue sth at the same, usually high, level**

**The enemy kept up the bombardment day and night.**

**We're having difficulty keeping up our mortgage payments.**

**Well done! Keep up the good work/Keep it up !**

**to make sth remain at a high level**

**They sang songs to keep their spirits up.**

**to continue to use or practise sth**

**to keep up old traditions**

**Do you still keep up your Spanish?**

**to take care of a house, garden/yard, etc. so that it stays in good condition maintain related noun upkeep**

**265. keep up with**

**keep up with sth**

**to learn about or be aware of the news, current events, etc**

**She likes to keep up with the latest fashions.**

**to continue to pay or do sth regularly**

**If you do not keep up with the payments you could lose your home.**

**266. knock off**

**knock off ( sth ) informal**

**to stop working, usually at the end of the day**

**I don't knock off until six.**

**What time do you knock off work?**

**knock sth off ( sth ) informal**

**to take a particular amount away from a price**

**The manager knocked £5 off because it was damaged.**

**knock sth off STEAL**

**( US knock sth over ) slang to steal something**

**He has a stack of computer equipment he's knocked off from various shops.**

**Terrorist groups are knocking off ( US also knocking over ) banks to get money.**

**He was caught selling knocked-off car radios in the pub.**

**267. knock out**

**knock yourself out informal**

**to make yourself ill with tiredness**

**If you carry on working like this, you'll knock yourself out.**

**knock sth out PRODUCE**

to produce something quickly without spending time thinking about the details

I've knocked out a first draft of the report which we can amend at a later date.

knock sth out

If something such as a piece of equipment is knocked out by something else, it stops working or is damaged or destroyed

The surge in the power supply knocked out all the computers.

Enemy aircraft have knocked out 25 tanks.

knock sth out of sb

If a quality is knocked out of someone, they lose that quality because the situation they are in does not allow it to exist

Any creativity I had was soon knocked out of me at school.

268. knock up

knock up

Players knock up before beginning a game of tennis or similar sport by hitting the ball to each other

The players have a couple of minutes to knock up before the match starts.

informal to wake someone up by knocking on the door of their house or bedroom

I'm sorry to have to knock you up in the middle of the night.

269. laugh off

laugh sth off

to make yourself laugh about something unpleasant in order to make it seem less important or serious

She tried to laugh off their remarks, but I could see she was hurt.

270. lay down

lay sth down WINE

specialized to store wine for drinking in the future

lay sth down WEAPONS

If someone lays down their weapons, they stop fighting

They laid down their weapons and surrendered.

Mediators have persuaded both sides to lay down their arms .

lay sth down RULES

to officially establish a rule, or to officially state the way in which something should be done

This is in line with the policy laid down by the management.

**271. lay in**

**lay sth in**

**to get a supply of something because you will probably need it in the future**

**We'd better lay in plenty of food in case we're cut off when it snows.**

**272. lay off**

**lay sb off**

**to stop employing someone, usually because there is no work for them to do**

**Because of falling orders, the company has been forced to lay off several hundred workers.**

**lay off (sth/sb) informal**

**to stop using or doing something**

**You'd better lay off alcohol for a while.**

**Why can't you lay off (= stop criticising or hurting) the kid for once!**

**273. lay out**

**lay sth out ARRANGE**

**to arrange something on a flat surface**

**Most of Manhattan is laid out in/on a grid pattern with avenues going north-south and streets east-west.**

**We laid the pieces of the dress pattern out on the floor.**

**lay sth out SPEND MONEY**

**informal to spend money, especially a large amount**

**It's not every day you lay out £2000 on a holiday.**

**lay sb out DEAD BODY**

**to prepare a dead person's body to be buried**

**lay sb out HIT**

**informal to hit someone so hard that they fall down and become unconscious**

**Tyson was laid out for several minutes by a blow to the head.**

**274. lay up (be laid up)**

**lay sb up [ usually passive ] if sb is laid up, they are unable to work, etc. because of an illness or injury**

**She's laid up with a broken leg.**

**lay sth up**

**if you lay up problems or trouble for yourself, you do sth that will cause you problems later**

to stop using a ship or other vehicle while it is being repaired

**275. lead up to**

**lead up to sth HAPPEN**

If a period of time or series of events leads up to an event or activity, it happens until that event or activity begins

**The pilot had no recollection of the events leading up to the crash.**

**lead up to sth phrasal verb TALK**

to prepare to talk about something by gradually mentioning the subject you want to talk about

**He started telling me about a wonderful new restaurant he'd been to and I wondered what he was leading up to.**

**276. leave off**

**leave sth/sb off**

to not include something or someone on a list

**He left three people off the list by mistake.**

**leave off ( sth/doing sth )**

to stop, or to stop doing something

**This film begins where the other one leaves off.**

**I've decided to leave off eating meat for a while.**

**Leave off! old-fashioned informal**

used to tell someone to stop being annoying

**Hey, leave off! I hate people touching my hair.**

**277. leave out**

**leave sb/sth out**

to not include someone or something

**You can leave the butter out of this recipe if you're on a low-fat diet.**

**I've made a list of names - I hope I haven't left anyone out.**

**None of the other children play with her, and I think she feels rather left out (= feels that no one wants to be her friend) .**

**278. let down**

**let sb down**

to disappoint someone by failing to do what you agreed to do or were expected to do

**You will be there tomorrow - you won't let me down, will you?**

**When I was sent to prison, I really felt I had let my parents down.**

**let sth down CLOTHES**

**If you let down a piece of clothing, you make it longer**

**My trousers shrank in the wash so I let them down.**

**let sth down**

**If you let down something filled with air, you cause the air to go out of it**

**Someone let my tyres down while I was at the gym.**

**279. let in**

**let sb/sth in**

**to allow someone or something to enter**

**She opened the door and let me in.**

**These shoes are starting to let water in.**

**280. let in on**

**let sb in on**

**to tell someone about something that is secret, or to allow someone to become involved in something which only very few people are involved in**

**Debbie agreed to let me in on her plans.**

**281. let off**

**let sb off**

**to not punish someone who has committed a crime or done something wrong, or to not punish them severely**

**Instead of a prison sentence they were let off with a fine.**

**You won't be let off so lightly (= you will be punished more severely) the next time.**

**let sth off**

**to fire a gun or make something such as a bomb or fireworks explode**

**Don't let off fireworks near the house.**

**282. let on**

**let sb in on sth**

**to tell someone about something that is secret, or to allow someone to become involved in something which only very few people are involved in**

**Debbie agreed to let me in on her plans.**

**283. let out**

**let sb/sth out**

**to allow someone or something to leave a place, especially by opening a closed or fastened door**

**I heard a voice from the cupboard shouting "Let me out!"**

**let sth out**

**to cause something to come out**

**He let the air out of the balloon.**

**She let out a scream (= She made this noise) .**

**let sth out**

**to make a piece of clothing wider by removing the sewing from the sides and sewing closer to the edge of the material**

**These trousers are too tight - I'm going to have to let them out.**

**284. live down**

**live sth down to be able to make people forget about sth embarrassing you have done**

**She felt so stupid. She'd never be able to live it down.**

**285. live off**

**live off somebody/something**

**to get your income or food from a supply of money or from another person:**

**Mom used to live off the interest from her savings.**

**286. live on**

**live on sth MONEY**

**If you live on an amount of money, that is the money that you use to buy the things that you need**

**We lived on very little when we first got married.**

**live on sth FOOD**

**to only eat a particular type of food**

**I more or less live on pasta.**

**287. live up to**

**live up to sth to be as good as something**

**The concert was brilliant - it lived up to all our expectations.**

**288. liven up**

**liven (sth) up**

**to become more interesting and exciting, or to make something become like this**

**A new coat of paint would liven the kitchen up.**

**Liven up your meals with fresh herbs and spices.**

**The party livened up as soon as Sally arrived.**

**liven (sb) up**

**to become more energetic or in a better mood, or to make someone feel this way**

**She was a bit subdued to start with, but after a while she livened up.**

**I'm going to liven my self up a bit by going for a run.**

**289. lock out**

**lock sb out STOP ENTERING**

**to prevent someone from entering a building or room by locking the door**

**He had to break into the house because his girlfriend had locked him out.**

**lock sb out STOP WORKING**

**usually disapproving to prevent workers from entering their place of work until they agree to particular conditions given by the employer**

**Management has threatened to lock out the workforce if they do not accept the proposed changes in working methods.**

**290. lock up**

**lock (sth) up**

**to lock all the doors and windows of a building when you leave it**  
**Sandra, will you lock up tonight when you go?**

**lock sb up**

**to put someone in a prison or a hospital for people who are mentally ill**

**Murderers should be locked up for life.**

**After what she did, they should lock her up and throw away the key (= lock her up until she dies) .**

**291. look after**

**look after sb/sth**

**to take care of or be in charge of someone or something**

**We look after the neighbours' cat while they're away.**

**If you look after your clothes they last a lot longer.**

**Don't worry about Mia - she can look after her self .**

**292. look ahead**

**look ahead**

**to think about what will happen in the future and plan for these events**

**We are trying to look ahead and see what our options are.**

**293. look around**

**look around/round to turn your head so that you can see sth**

People came out of their houses and looked around.

look around/round (sth) to visit a place or building, walking around it to see what is there

Let's look round the town this afternoon.

look around/round for sth to search for sth in a number of different places

We're looking around for a house in this area.

**294. look at**

look at sth **THINK**

to think about a subject carefully so that you can make a decision about it

Management is looking at ways of cutting costs.

look at sth **OPINION**

to consider something in a particular way

If I'd had children I might have looked at things differently.

look at sth **READ**

to read something in order to check it or form an opinion about it

Can you look at my essay sometime?

look at sth **EXAMINE**

If someone, usually an expert, looks at something, they examine it

Did you get the doctor to look at your knee?

**295. look back**

to think about something that happened in the past

When I look back I can see where we went wrong.

never/not look back (informal) to become more and more successful

Her first novel was published in 2007 and since then she hasn't looked back.

**296. look back on**

to think about something that happened in the past

look back on/to

When I look back on those days I realize I was desperately unhappy.

Looking back on it, I still can't figure out what went wrong.

**297. look down on**

look down on somebody/something

to think that you are better than someone else, for example because you are more successful, or of a higher social class than they are:

**Mr Garcia looks down on anyone who hasn't had a college education.**

**298. look for**

**look out for sb/sth**

**to try to notice someone or something**

**Look out for Anna while you're there.**

**299. look forward to**

**look forward to sth**

**to feel pleased and excited about something that is going to happen**

**I'm really looking forward to my holiday.**

**[ + -ing verb ] She was looking forward to seeing the grandchildren again.**

**I'm not looking forward to Christmas this year.**

**[ + -ing verb ] formal used at the end of a formal letter to say you hope to hear from or see someone soon, or that you expect something from them**

**I look forward to hearing from you .**

**In the circumstances, I look forward to receiving your client's cheque for the sum of £570 within the next seven days.**

**300. look in**

**look in informal**

**to visit a person for a short time, usually when you are on your way somewhere else**

**I thought I might look in on Bob on my way to the shops.**

**Can you look in on the kids before you go to bed?**

**301. look into**

**look into sth**

**to examine the facts about a problem or situation**

**We're looking into the possibility of merging the two departments.**

**302. look like**

**[ intransitive ] ( not usually used in the progressive tenses ) to have a similar appearance to sb/sth; to have an appearance that suggests that sth is true or will happen**

**look (to sb) like sb/sth That photograph doesn't look like her at all.**

**It looks like rain (= it looks as if it's going to rain) .**

**look (to sb) as if.../as though... You look as though you slept badly.**

**They don't look like they're trying to win.**

In spoken English people often use **like** instead of **as if** or **as though** in this meaning, especially in **NAme** You look like you slept badly. This is not considered correct in written **BrE** .

**303. look on**

**look on** slightly formal

**to watch something happen but not become involved in it**

**A large crowd looked on as the band played.**

**304. look out**

**look out**

**to watch what is happening and be careful**

**The police have warned shopkeepers to look out for forged notes.**

**said or shouted in order to tell someone that they are in danger**

**Look out! There's a car coming!**

**look sth out** UK

**to search for and find something**

**I'll look out that recipe I told you about and send it to you.**

**305. look over**

**look out for** sb/sth

**to try to notice someone or something**

**Look out for Anna while you're there.**

**306. look round**

**look round** (somewhere/sth)

**to visit a place and look at the things in it**

**She spent the afternoon looking round the shops.**

**When we went to Stratford, we only had a couple of hours to look round.**

**307. look someone up**

**look sb up** phrasal verb [ M ] informal

**to visit someone who you have not seen for a long time when you are visiting the place where they live**

**Look me up next time you're in Los Angeles.**

**308. look through**

**look through** sth

**to read something quickly**

**I've looked through some catalogues.**

**309. look up**

**look up** informal

**to become better**

**I hope things will start to look up in the new year.**

**Our financial situation is looking up at last.**

**look sth**

**to try to find a piece of information by looking in a book or on a computer**

**If you don't know what the word means, look it up in a dictionary.**

**310. look up and down**

**look sb up and down**

**to look at sb in a careful or critical way**

**311. look up to**

**look up to sb phrasal verb**

**to admire and respect someone**

**He'd always looked up to his uncle.**

**312. make for**

**make for somewhere/sth**

**to go in the direction of a place or thing**

**They made for the centre of town.**

**make for sth**

**to result in or make possible**

**Having faster computers would make for a more efficient system.**

**313. make off with**

**make off informal**

**to leave quickly, usually in order to escape**

**The burglars made off before the police arrived.**

**make off with sth informal**

**to steal something**

**Somebody broke into the shop and made off with several TVs and videos.**

**314. make out**

**make sth out**

**to write all the necessary information on an official document**

**I made a cheque out for £20 to 'Henry's Supermarket'.**

**make out phrasal verb informal**

**to state, usually falsely, that something is true**

**He made himself out to be a millionaire.**

**The British weather is not always as bad as it is made out to be .**

[ + ( that ) ] **He made out (that) he had been living in Paris all year.**

**make out US informal SUCCEED**

**to deal with a situation, usually in a successful way**

**How is Frances making out in her new job?**

**The business made out better than expected in 1992 and profits were slightly up.**

**315. make up**

**make sth up INVENT**

**to invent something, such as an excuse or a story, often in order to deceive**

**I made up an excuse about having to look after the kids.**

**My dad was always really good at making up stories .**

**make sth up PREPARE**

**to prepare or arrange something by putting different things together**

**Could you make up a list of all the things that need to be done?**

**He asked the man behind the counter to make up a box with a mixed selection of chocolates.**

**The maid will make up your room later.**

**specialized to produce or prepare something from cloth**

**make sth up COMPLETE**

**to make an amount of something complete or correct**

**I have £20 000 and I need £25 000 but my parents have promised to make up the difference .**

**UK I suspect we were only invited to make up numbers (= to provide enough people) .**

**make sth up REPLACE**

**to reduce or replace something, usually an amount of time or work, that has been lost**

**We're hoping to make up time on the return journey by not stopping at night.**

**You'll have to make up the work you've missed while you were away.**

**make (sb/sth) up**

**to put make-up on your face, or on another person's face, to improve or change its appearance**

**She takes ages to make up in the mornings.**

**For the film, they made him up as an Indian.**

**make up sth**

**to form a particular thing, amount or number as a whole**

**Road accident victims make up almost a quarter of the hospital's patients.**

**The book is made up of a number of different articles.**

**make up ( also make it up )**

**to forgive someone and be friendly with them again after an argument or disagreement**

**They kissed and made up, as usual.**

**We often quarrel but we always make it up soon after.**

**316. make up for**

**make up for sth**

**to take the place of something lost or damaged or to compensate for something bad with something good**

**No amount of money can make up for the death of a child.**

**This year's good harvest will make up for last year's bad one.**

**[ + -ing verb ] He bought me dinner to make up for being so late the day before.**

**317. measure out**

**measure sth out**

**to weigh or measure a small amount of something from a larger amount of something**

**Measure out 250 grams of flour and sift it into a large mixing bowl.**

**318. measure up to**

**measure up (to sth/sb) ( usually used in negative sentences and questions ) to be as good, successful, etc. as expected or needed**

**match up**

**Last year's intake just didn't measure up.**

**The job failed to measure up to her expectations.**

**319. miss out**

**miss out**

**to fail to use an opportunity to enjoy or get an advantage from something**

**Don't miss out on the fantastic bargains in our summer sale.**

**We didn't have a TV at home when I was young, and I felt as though I missed out.**

**320. miss out on**

**miss out (on sth)** to fail to benefit from sth useful or enjoyable by not taking part in it

**Of course I'm coming—I don't want to miss out on all the fun!**

**321. mistake for**

**mistake sb/sth for sb/sth**

**to confuse someone or something with a different person or thing**

**I often mistake her for her mother on the phone.**

**322. mix up**

**mix sb up**

**to confuse, worry or upset someone**

**The roadworks mixed me up and I went the wrong way.**

**mix sth up**

**to make a group of things untidy or badly organized, or to move them into the wrong order**

**Don't mix up the bottles - you'll have to repeat the experiment if you do.**

**Your jigsaw puzzles and games are all mixed up together in that box.**

**323. mix up in/with**

**be/get mixed up in sth**

**to be/become involved in sth, especially sth illegal or dishonest**

**Don't tell me you're mixed up in all of this?**

**be/get mixed up with sb**

**to be/become friendly with or involved with sb that other people do not approve of**

**He got mixed up with a crowd who were into drugs and crime.**

**324. move in**

**move in | move into sth** to start to live in your new home

**Our new neighbours moved in yesterday.**

**move sb/sth in**

**If the police, army or any group of people in authority move in, or if someone moves them in, they take control or attack, in order to deal with a difficult or dangerous situation**

**When a company goes out of business, officials usually move in to take control.**

**The decision has been made to move UN troops in to try and stop the fighting.**

**325. move on**

**move on NEW PLACE**

**to leave the place where you are staying and go somewhere else**

**I've been in Paris long enough - it's time to move on.**

**326. move out**

**move out**

**to stop living in a particular home**

**Her landlord has given her a week to move out.**

**327. note down**

**note sth down to write down sth important so that you will not forget it**

**jot down**

**The police officer noted down details of the burglary.**

**328. order about**

**order sb about/around ( disapproving ) to keep telling sb what to do in a way that is annoying or unpleasant**

**It was obvious he was used to ordering people around.**

**329. own up**

**own up (to sth/to doing sth) to admit that you are responsible for sth bad or wrong**

**confess**

**I'm still waiting for someone to own up to the breakages.**

**Why don't you just own up and hope she forgives you?**

**330. pack in**

**pack sb in [ no passive ] ( of plays, performers, etc. ) to attract a lot of people to see it/them**

**The show is still packing them in .**

**The band can always pack in the crowds.**

**pack sth in ( informal ) to stop doing sth give up**

**She decided to pack in her job.**

**( especially BrE ) Pack it in (= stop behaving badly or annoying me) , you two!**

**331. part with**

**part with sth to give sth to sb else, especially sth that you would prefer to keep**

**Make sure you read the contract before parting with any money.**

**332. pass away**

**to die. People say ' pass away ' to avoid saying ' die '**

**His mother passed away last year.**

to stop existing  
civilizations that have passed away  
pass by (sb/sth) to go past

The procession passed right by my front door.

333. pass on

To proceed from one existence or activity to another; to die.

When my dad passed on there was just enough insurance to have let me finish up.

Too late! The old Doc has passed on to his Maker.

Old Snowy had long since died, 'passed on' or 'been taken', however one liked to put it.

pass sth on TELL

to tell someone something that another person has told you

If he provided us with any information, no one passed it on to me.

pass sth on GIVE

to give someone something that another person has given you

Could you pass it on to Laura when you've finished reading it?

Pass on sth

not accept [intransitive] to not accept an invitation or offer

pass on

I'm afraid I'll have to pass on that offer of coffee.

334. pass out

pass out BECOME UNCONSCIOUS

to become unconscious for a short time, for example when ill, badly hurt or drunk

I was hit on the head and passed out.

pass out LEAVE COLLEGE

to leave a military college after successfully finishing the course

The new officers passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College on Thursday 1 August.

pass sth out US

to give something to each person in a group of people

The teacher passed out the test booklets.

335. pay back

pay sb/sth back

to pay someone the money that you owe them

Can you lend me a fiver? I'll pay you/it back tomorrow.

pay sb back

to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something unpleasant to you

He swore he'd pay her back for all she'd done to him.

**336. pay for**

pay for sth

to be punished for doing something bad to someone else, or to suffer because of a mistake that you made

We all pay for our mistakes in some way at some time.

He tricked me and I'm going to make him pay for it!

**337. pay in**

pay sth in ( US usually deposit )

to put money into a bank account

If you go to the bank, will you pay these cheques in for me?

**338. pay off**

pay off

If something you have done pays off, it is successful

All her hard work paid off in the end, and she finally passed the exam.

pay sth off

to pay back money that you owe

We should be able to pay off the debt within two years.

pay sb off

If your employer pays you off, they pay you for the last time and then end your job, because they do not need you or could not pay you in the future.

to give someone money so that they will not do or say something, or so that they will go away

**339. pay out**

pay (sth) out

to spend a lot of money on something, or to pay a lot of money to someone

I've just paid out £500 on getting the car fixed.

pay sth out

to release a piece of rope or cable in a controlled way

**340. pay up**

pay up informal

to give someone the money that you owe them, especially when you do not want to

Eventually they paid up, but only after receiving several reminders.

341. pick off

pick sb/sth off

to shoot at one particular person, animal or vehicle which you have chosen from a group

The snipers picked the soldiers off one by one as they ran for cover.

pick sb/sth off TAKE THE BEST

to take the best person or thing from a group

It is relatively easy for newcomers to pick off the most lucrative business and ignore the rest.

342. pick on

pick on sb phrasal verb

to criticize, punish or be unkind to the same person often and unfairly

He gets picked on by the other boys because he's so small.

Why don't you pick on someone your own size ?

343. pick out

pick sb/sth out RECOGNIZE

to recognize, find or make a choice among different people or things in a group

Can you pick out the three deliberate mistakes in this paragraph?

The critics picked him out as the outstanding male dancer of the decade.

pick sb/sth out EMPHASIZE

to choose and emphasize, make clearer or highlight someone or something

The ship's name was picked out in bright gold letters along her stern.

pick sth out

If you pick out a tune, you play it slowly or with difficulty, note by note

I can pick out a simple tune on the piano, but that's about it.

344. pick up

pick sb/sth up LIFT

to lift someone or something using your hands

If she starts to cry, pick her up and give her a cuddle.

I picked up the kids' clothes that were lying on the floor.

**I went to pick up the phone/receiver, but it had stopped ringing.**

**pick sb/sth up COLLECT**

**to collect, or to go and get, someone or something**

**When you're in town could you pick up the books I ordered?**

**Whose turn is it to pick the children up after school?**

**The crew of the sinking tanker were picked up (= saved from the sea) by helicopter.**

**pick sth up LEARN**

**to learn a new skill or language by practising it rather than being taught it**

**Don't bother with the computer manual - you'll pick it up as you go along.**

**When you live in a country you soon pick up the language.**

**to learn interesting or useful information from someone or something**

**The nurse had picked up the information from a conversation she overheard.**

**pick sth up BUY**

**to buy something cheaply**

**She picked up some real bargains in the sale.**

**pick sth up WIN**

**to win or get a prize or something that gives you an advantage, such as votes or support**

**The People's Front expect to pick up a lot more votes in this year's elections.**

**pick sth up SIGNAL**

**(of a piece of electrical equipment) to receive a signal**

**Can you pick up (= receive broadcasts from) Moscow on your radio?**

**pick sth up NOTICE**

**to notice and react to something**

**Police dogs picked up the scent of the two men from clothes they had left behind.**

**pick sth up ILLNESS**

**to catch an illness from someone or something, caused by bacteria or a virus**

**He picked up malaria when he was visiting the country on business.**

**pick (sth) up**

to start again after an interruption; to return to something

The author picks the same theme up again on page ten.

After lunch shall we pick up where we left off yesterday?

pick sb up POLICE

UK informal (of the police) to stop someone and take them to a police station in order to question them or arrest them

He was picked up by the police for drug dealing.

The police picked her up just outside Canterbury.

pick sb up MEET

informal to start a sexual or romantic relationship with someone you do not know, by talking to them and giving them a lot of attention

He said he'd picked the woman up in a bar.

pick up INCREASE

to increase or improve

The truck picked up speed slowly.

The wind always picks up in the evening.

The number of applicants will pick up during the autumn.

His spirits picked up when he got the good news.

Her career only began to pick up when she was in her forties.

pick up TELEPHONE

to answer the telephone

I tried his home number but he didn't pick up.

345. play down

play sth down

to make something seem less important or less bad than it really is

Military spokespeople tried to play down the seriousness of the disaster.

346. play up

play sth up

to emphasize a particular quality or part of something, or make it seem more important than it really is, usually for your own advantage

The official report plays up the likely benefits of the scheme, but glosses over the costs.

play (sb) up informal

to cause someone pain

His knee's been playing him up again.

**My stomach was playing up so I had to go home.**

**play up CHILD**

**UK When children play up, they behave badly**

**The boys have been playing up at school again.**

**play up MACHINE**

**If a machine plays up, it does not work as it should**

**The starter motor was playing up again.**

**347. plug in**

**348. to plug sth in**

**to connect a computer to a computer system**

**All our computers are plugged into the main network.**

**plug into sth**

**( of a piece of electrical equipment ) to be able to be connected to the main supply of electricity or to another piece of electrical equipment**

**The DVD player plugs into the back of the television.**

**to become involved with a particular activity or group of people**

**The company has doubled its profits since plugging into lucrative overseas markets.**

**349. point out**

**point (sth/sb)**

**to make a person notice someone or something, usually by telling them where they are or by holding up one of your fingers towards them**

**If you see her, please point her out to me.**

**The tour guide pointed out the inscription that runs round the inside of the dome.**

**point sth out**

**to tell someone about some information, often because you believe they do not know it or have forgotten it**

**[ + that ] He was planning to book a rock-climbing holiday, till I pointed out that Denis is afraid of heights.**

**[ + question word ] I feel I should point out how dangerous it is.**

**350. pop in**

**( BrE , informal ) to go somewhere quickly, suddenly or for a short time**

**I'll pop over and see you this evening.**

**Why don't you pop in (= visit us) for a drink next time you're in the area?**

**351. pour down**

**when rain pours down or when it's pouring (with) rain, rain is falling heavily**

**The rain continued to pour down.**

**352. pull away**

**pull away phrasal verb VEHICLE**

**If a vehicle pulls away, it starts moving**

**There was a roar and a cloud of smoke as the car pulled away from the traffic lights.**

**pull away PERSON**

**If you pull away from someone who is holding you, you suddenly move your body backwards, away from them**

**She pulled away just as he was about to kiss her.**

**353. pull in**

**pull sb in mainly US informal**

**If the police pull you in, they arrest you**

**The police pulled in scores of protesters during the demonstration.**

**354. pull off**

**pull sth off informal**

**to succeed in doing something difficult or unexpected**

**The central bank has pulled off one of the biggest financial rescues of recent years.**

**pull off UK**

**If a vehicle pulls off, it starts moving.**

**The car pulled off and sped up the road.**

**355. pull out**

**If a vehicle pulls out, it starts moving onto a road or onto a different part of the road**

**A car pulled right out in front of me.**

**pull (sb/sth) out AREA**

**If soldiers or military forces pull out or are pulled out, they move out of an area because they have been ordered to.**

**pull (sb/sth) out ACTIVITY**

**to stop being involved in an activity or agreement**

**He pulled out of the deal at the last moment.**

**They've pulled all their athletes out of the competition.**

**356. pull over**

**pull over**

If a vehicle pulls over, it moves to the side of the road and stops  
Just pull over here, and I'll get out and walk the rest of the way.

**357. pull through**

**pull through (sth)**

to become well again after a serious illness, especially when you might have died

They said the operation had been successful and they expected his wife to pull through.

**pull (sb) through (sth)**

to succeed in dealing with a difficult period, or to help someone do this

He'd never have managed on his own, but his colleagues have pulled him through.

It was a crisis year for the company, but we have pulled through.

**358. pull up**

**pull sb up**

to tell someone that they have done something wrong

She's always pulling me up for/over my bad spelling.

When a car or someone driving a car pulls up, the driver stops the car, often for a short time

A car pulled up outside my house.

**359. push on**

**push on**

to continue doing something, especially when this is difficult

They are pushing on with their campaign for improved childcare facilities.

to continue travelling somewhere

"You've been driving for a long time - do you want to stop for a rest?" "No, we're nearly there - let's push on."

**360. push about**

**push sb about/around informal disapproving**

to tell someone what to do in a rude or threatening way

If you think you can push me about like that, you're mistaken.

**361. put about**

**put sth about/around informal**

to tell a lot of people something that is not true

**I'd like to know who put the rumour around that I'm pregnant. Someone's been putting it about that Dan is leaving.**

**362. put across**

**put sth across/over sb informal**

**to cause a piece of false information to be believed by one or more people**

**You didn't manage to put that story across on the tax people, did you?**

**put sth across**

**to express your ideas and opinions clearly so that people understand them easily**

**It's an interesting idea and I thought he put it across well.**

**put yourself across**

**to express your ideas and opinions clearly so that people understand them and realize what you are like as a person**

**I don't think I managed to put myself across very well in my interview.**

**363. put aside**

**put sth aside SAVE**

**to save something, usually time or money, for a special purpose**

**I put aside a little every month for a deposit on a house.**

**He tries to put some time aside every evening to read to the kids.**

**put sth aside IGNORE**

**If you put a disagreement or problem aside, you ignore it temporarily so that it does not prevent you doing what you want to do**

**Let's put our differences aside and make a fresh start.**

**Can we put that question aside for now, and come back to it later?**

**364. put away**

**put sth away STORE**

**to put something in the place or container where it is usually kept**

**Put your toys away now.**

**put sth away FOOD informal**

**to eat a large amount of food**

**He put away a whole box of chocolates in one evening.**

**put sb away informal**

**to move someone into a place where people live and are cared for together, such as a mental hospital or old people's home**

**In the past, people who suffered from schizophrenia were often put away.**

**365. put back**

**put sth back REPLACE**

**to return an object to where it was before it was moved**

**Will you put the books back when you've finished with them?**

**put sth back DELAY UK**

**to delay a planned event**

**We had to put the meeting back a week.**

**put sth back DRINK**

**mainly UK informal to drink something quickly, especially a large amount of alcohol**

**He regularly puts back six pints a night - I don't know how he does it.**

**put sth back CLOCK**

**to change a clock or watch to make it show an earlier time, for example because you are now in a part of the world where the time is different**

**366. put by**

**put sth by**

**to save an amount of money to use later**

**I try to put by a few pounds every week.**

**367. put down**

**put sth/sb down STOP HOLDING**

**put sth/sb down**

**to put an object that you are holding onto the floor or onto another surface, or to stop carrying someone**

**I put my bags down while we spoke.**

**Put me down, Daddy!**

**put sth/sb down NAME**

**to write someone's name on a list or document, usually in order to include them in an event or activity**

**Do you want me to put you down for the trip to London?**

**I've put myself down for the office football team.**

**If you want to get your children into that school, you have to put their names down at birth.**

**put sth down TELEPHONE**

If you put the telephone down, you place the receiver back in the position you keep it in when it is not being used.

put sth down PAY

to pay part of the cost and promise to pay the rest later

**I've put a deposit down on a new car.**

put sb down INSULT

informal to make someone feel silly or not important by criticizing them

**Why did you have to put me down in front of everybody like that?**

put sb down BABY

to place and make a baby comfortable in the place where it sleeps

**I'd just put Jack down for his nap.**

put sth down KILL

to kill an animal that is old, ill or injured, to prevent it from suffering

**If a horse breaks its leg, it usually has to be put down.**

put sth down OPPOSITION

to stop or limit an opposing political event or group

**Police used tear gas to put the riot down.**

**Thousands of troops were needed to put down the uprising .**

put sth down PRICE

UK ( UK and US bring sth down ) to reduce a price or a charge

**Shops are being forced to put their prices down in order to attract customers.**

**It's time that the government put down interest rates.**

put (sth) down (somewhere)

When an aircraft puts down, it lands, and when pilots put down their aircraft, they land

**She put down safely in the corner of the airfield.**

put sb down somewhere UK slightly old-fashioned

to stop a vehicle and allow someone to get out of it or off it

**Ask the taxi driver to put you down outside the church.**

put sb down as sth

to think that someone is a particular type of person, especially when you do not know them very well

**I'd hate them to put me down as a snob.**

put sb down for sth

to make a record that someone has promised to pay a particular sum of money as part of a collection to help people in need

Put me down for a £10 donation, and you can put my husband down for the same.

368. put down to

put sth down to sth

to think that a problem or situation is caused by a particular thing

I put the children's bad behaviour down to the fact that they were tired.

put it down to experience

to decide that instead of being upset about something bad that has happened or that you have done, you will learn from it

Okay, so you made a mistake - you just have to put it down to experience and carry on with your life.

369. put forward

put sth/sb forward ( US put sth/sb forth ) to state an idea or opinion, or to suggest a plan or person, for other people to consider

The proposals that you have put forward deserve serious consideration.

I wasn't convinced by any of the arguments that he put forward.

Many suggestions have been put forward, but a decision is unlikely until after next year's general election.

The peace plan put forward last August has been revived for the latest round of negotiations.

She has decided to put her name /put her self forward as a candidate.

put sth forward

to change a clock or watch to make it show a later time, especially an hour later

Most European countries put the clocks forward in the spring.

370. put in

put sth in EQUIPMENT

to fix a large piece of equipment or system into a room or building, ready to be used

I've just had central heating/a new kitchen put in.

put sth in OFFER

to formally offer a particular thing to be considered

I've put in an application to the college.

**They've put in a bid for the company/a bid to buy the company.**

**put sth in/put sth into sth**

**to spend a lot of time or effort doing something**

**You've obviously put a lot of work in on your garden.**

**If I put in some extra hours (= spend some extra hours working)**

**today, I can have some time off tomorrow.**

**We've put a lot of time and effort into making the house look nice.**

**put (sth) in**

**to say something which adds to or interrupts what is already being said [ + speech ]**

**"But she's rather inexperienced for the job," put in Jane.**

**371. put in for**

**put in for sth**

**to make an official request to have or do something**

**I'm putting in for a job at the hospital.**

**Richard's finally put in for his driving test.**

**372. put off**

**put sth off**

**to decide or arrange to delay an event or activity until a later time or date**

**The meeting has been put off for a week.**

**[ + -ing verb ] I can't put off going to the dentist any longer.**

**Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. (saying)**

**said to emphasize that you should not delay doing something if you can do it immediately**

**put sb off**

**to tell someone that you cannot see them or do something for them, or stop them from doing something, until a later time**

**I really don't want to go out with Helen and Greg tonight - can't we put them off ?**

**He keeps asking me out, and I keep putting him off.**

**put sb off (sth)**

**to take someone's attention away from what they want to be doing or should be doing**

**Once she's made up her mind to do something, nothing will put her off.**

**Could you be quiet please - I'm trying to concentrate and you're putting me off.**

**The sudden flash of the camera put the players off their game.**

**put sb off their stride ( UK also put sb off their stroke )**

**to take someone's attention away from what they are doing, so that they stop doing it or do it wrong**

**He interrupted mid-speech and it put me off my stride.**

**put sb off (sth/sb)**

**to make someone dislike something or someone, or to discourage someone from doing something**

**The smell of hospitals always puts me off.**

**You have to work long hours and that puts off a lot of people.**

**His attitude put me right off him.**

**[ + -ing verb ] Personally, I didn't enjoy the film, but don't let that put you off going .**

**373. put on**

**put sth on OPERATE**

**mainly UK to make a device operate, or to cause a device to play something, such as a CD or video, by pressing a switch**

**Could you put the light on?**

**Do you mind if I put the television/some music on?**

**Don't forget to put the brake on.**

**put sth on COVER BODY**

**put sth on**

**to cover part of the body with clothes, shoes, make-up or something similar**

**Put your shoes on - we're going out.**

**He put on his jacket.**

**She puts face cream on every night.**

**put sth on PRETEND**

**to pretend to have a particular feeling or way of behaving which is not real or natural to you**

**Why are you putting on that silly voice ?**

**There's no need to put on that injured expression - you know you're in the wrong.**

**I can't tell whether he's really upset, or if he's just putting it on.**

**put sth on PRODUCE**

**mainly UK to produce or provide something, especially for the good of other people or for a special purpose**

**She put on a wonderful meal for us.**

**They've put on a late-night bus service for students.**

**put sth on WEIGHT**

**If people or animals put weight on, they become heavier  
I'd expected to put weight on when I gave up smoking, but I didn't.**

**He's put on 10 pounds in the last month.**

**put sb on mainly US informal**

**to try to deceive someone into believing something that is not true**

**She said she was planning to give her house to a charity for the homeless but I thought she was putting me on.**

**put sb onto sth**

**to introduce a person to something or someone that could bring them an advantage**

**David put me onto a wonderful vegetarian cookery book.**

**Can you put me onto (= tell me where to find) a good dentist?**

**374. put oneself out**

**put yourself out**

**to make an effort to do something to help somebody, even if it is not convenient**

**Brian's always willing to put himself out for other people.**

**375. put out**

**put sth out LIGHT**

**to make a light stop shining by pressing a switch**

**Did you put the lights out downstairs?**

**Put that torch out!**

**put sth out STOP BURNING**

**to make something that is burning, such as a fire or cigarette, stop burning**

**Firefighters have been called to put out the fire in the city centre.**

**Would you mind putting your cigarette out, please?**

**put sb out**

**to cause trouble or extra work for someone**

**Would it put you out if we came tomorrow instead of today?**

**[ usually passive ] to annoy or upset someone, often by what you do or say to them**

**She was rather put out when they turned up two hours late for dinner.**

**He seemed a bit put out at not having been invited.**

**put sth out MOVE FORWARD**

to move forward part of your body, such as your hand or your tongue, from your body

**She put out her hand to shake mine.**

**Don't put your tongue out - it's rude.**

**put sth out INJURE**

informal to injure part of your body by causing it to be moved out of its correct position

**He put his knee out playing football.**

**put sth out MAKE AVAILABLE**

to produce something in large quantities, so that it can be sold

**They put out millions of pairs of shoes a year.**

**put sth out MAKE WRONG**

If a mistake puts out a set of mathematical calculations, it causes them to be wrong

**That one error put the figures out by several thousand pounds.**

**put sth out WORK**

[ UK (US usually contract sth out) If you put work out, you employ someone outside your organization to do it

**The council has put the job of street-cleaning out to a private firm.**

**put out US slang**

(especially of a woman) to agree to have sex

**I wasn't going to put out just because he'd paid for dinner.**

**376. put someone up**

**put sb up**

to provide someone with a place to stay temporarily

**Sally is putting me up for the weekend.**

**put sth/sb up**

to suggest an idea, or to make a person available, to be considered

**It was Bob who originally put up the idea of the exhibition.**

**Each party is allowed to put up one candidate .**

**William has been put up as a candidate for the committee.**

**Is Chris willing to be put up for election?**

**377. put through**

**put sb through**

to connect a person using a telephone to the person they want to speak to

**Could you put me through to customer services, please?**

**378. put up**

**to stay somewhere for the night**

**We put up at a small hotel for the night.**

**put sth up RAISE**

**to raise something, or to fix something in a raised position**

**Why don't you put up your hood/umbrella (= raise it over your head) ?**

**I put my hand up to ask the teacher a question.**

**I put my hair up (= fixed it into a position on the top of my head) for the wedding.**

**put sth up BUILD**

**to build something**

**They're planning to put a hotel up where the museum used to be.**

**We're going to put up a new fence around our garden.**

**put sth up FIX**

**to fix an object to a vertical surface**

**We've put up some new curtains in the living room.**

**Posters advertising the concert have been put up all over the town.**

**put sth up MONEY**

**mainly UK to increase the price or value of something**

**I see they've put up the price of fuel again.**

**to provide or lend an amount of money for a particular purpose**

**The money for the new hospital was put up by an anonymous donor.**

**His brother has agreed to put up bail for him.**

**put your feet up UK**

**to relax, especially by sitting with your feet supported above the ground**

**You go home and put your feet up, love.**

**379. put up with**

**put up with sth/sb**

**to accept or continue to accept an unpleasant situation or experience, or someone who behaves unpleasantly**

**I can put up with the house being untidy, but I hate it if it's not clean.**

**He's so moody - I don't know why she puts up with him.**

**They have a lot to put up with (= They have a lot of difficulties) .**

**380. ring back**

**ring (sb) back UK**

**to telephone someone who rang you earlier or to telephone someone for a second time**

**I'm a bit busy - can I ring you back later?**

**381. ring off**

**ring off UK**

**to end a telephone conversation intentionally**

**She said "No, thank you" and rang off hurriedly.**

**382. ring up**

**ring sb/sth up**

**to make a telephone call to someone**

**She rang me up to say she couldn't come.**

**He rang up the office and asked to speak to the manager.**

**ring sth up**

**to record the money that has been paid by a customer by pressing buttons on a cash register**

**I'm sorry, I've rung up the wrong amount.**

**383. rip off**

**rip sb off informal**

**to cheat someone by making them pay too much money for something**

**Bob's tickets cost much less than ours - I think we've been ripped off.**

**rip sth off REMOVE**

**to remove something very quickly and carelessly**

**They ripped off their clothes and ran into the sea.**

**rip sth off STEAL**

**slang to steal something**

**He rips stuff off from supermarkets to pay for his heroin.**

**384. round off**

**round sth off SHAPE**

**to make something that is pointed or sharp into a smooth, curved shape by rubbing it**

**He used a special machine to round off the corners of the old table.**

**round sth off COMPLETE**

**to complete an event or activity in a pleasant or satisfactory way**

**To round off her education, her father sent her to a Swiss finishing school.**

**We rounded the meal off with a chocolate and rum cake.**

**385. round up**

**round sth/sb up**

**to find and bring together a group of animals or people**

**The cowboys rounded the cattle up.**

**I'll just go and round up Andrew and Patrick for the meeting.**

**round sth up**

**to increase a number to the nearest whole or simple number**

**386. round down**

**round sth down**

**to reduce a number to the nearest whole or simple number**

**387. rub out**

**rub sth out UK**

**to remove writing or a mark from something by rubbing it with a piece of rubber or a cloth**

**It's in pencil, so you can rub it out if you need to.**

**rub sb out US slang**

**to murder someone**

**He was rubbed out by the Mafia.**

**388. rule out**

**rule sb/sth out**

**(as sth) to state that sth is not possible or that sb/sth is not suitable  
exclude**

**Police have not ruled out the possibility that the man was murdered.**

**The proposed solution was ruled out as too expensive.**

**to prevent sb from doing sth; to prevent sth from happening**

**His age effectively ruled him out as a possible candidate.**

**rule sb out of sth [ usually passive ] ( in sport ) to state that a player, runner, etc. will not be able to take part in a sporting event;  
to prevent a player from taking part**

**He has been ruled out of the match with a knee injury.**

**389. run across**

**run across sb**

**to meet someone you know when you are not expecting to**

**I ran across several old friends when I went back to my hometown.**

**run across sth informal**

**to experience a problem when you are not expecting to**

**We've run across a slight problem with the instruction manual.**

**390. run after**

**run after sb/sth**

**to chase someone or something that is moving away from you**

**Why do dogs run after cats?**

**She ran after me to hand me some papers I'd dropped.**

**run after sth**

**to try very hard to get or achieve something**

**She has spent her life running after fame and fortune.**

**run after sb informal disapproving**

**to try to start a sexual relationship with someone**

**He's always running after women.**

**391. run away**

**run away LEAVE**

**to leave a place or person secretly and suddenly**

**He ran away from home when he was only 12.**

**Malcolm and my sister are planning to run away together to get married.**

**run away AVOID**

**to avoid dealing with a problem or difficult situation**

**She accused him of running away from his responsibilities.**

**392. run away with**

**run away with sb RIDE**

**If an animal or machine that someone is riding runs away with them, they lose control of it and it carries them away**

**Her horse ran away with her.**

**run away with sb FEELING**

**If a feeling or idea runs away with you, you cannot control it and it makes you behave stupidly**

**Sometimes my imagination runs away with me and I convince myself that they are having an affair.**

**run away with sth informal**

**to win a competition or prize very easily**

**She ran away with four first prizes.**

**393. run down**

**run sb/sth down CRITICIZE**

**informal to criticize someone or something, often unfairly**

**He's always running himself down.**

**run sb/sth down HIT**

to hit and injure a person or animal with a vehicle, especially intentionally

**Two masked men on motorbikes tried to run me down.**

**run sb/sth down FIND**

to find someone or something after following or searching for them for a long time

**I finally ran Mr Green down in/to a house in the country.**

**run (sth) down REDUCE**

UK to reduce a business or organization in size or importance, or to become reduced in this way

**They claim that the government is secretly running down the Youth Training Schemes.**

**run (sth) down] LOSE POWER**

If a machine or device such as a clock or battery runs down, it loses power, or if you run it down, you cause this to happen

**These batteries can be recharged when they run down.**

You'll run the battery down if you leave your car lights on.

**run sth down specialized**

**If a large ship runs down a smaller one, it hits it.**

**run yourself down**

to make yourself tired and ill

**Since he took that extra job, he's really run himself down.**

**394. run down (be/feel run down)**

[not before noun] someone who is run-down is tired and not healthy:

**You look a bit run-down.**

**395. run into**

**run into sb**

to meet someone you know when you are not expecting to

**Graham ran into someone he used to know at school the other day.**

**run into sth EXPERIENCE PROBLEMS**

If you run into problems, you begin to experience them

**We ran into bad weather/debt/trouble.**

**run into sth REACH AN AMOUNT**

to reach a particular cost or amount, as a total

**The repairs will probably run into thousands of pounds.**

**396. run out**

to finish, use or sell all of something, so that there is none left  
I've run out of milk/money/ideas/patience.

**"Have you got any milk?" "Sorry, I've run out."**

If a supply of something runs out, all of it has been used or it is completely finished

**The milk has run out.**

**My patience is beginning to run out.**

If a document or official agreement runs out, the period of time for which it lasts finishes

**My passport runs out next month - I must get it renewed.**

time is running out

used to say that there is not much time left in which to achieve something

**Time is running out for the men trapped under the rubble.**

run sb out

If you are run out in cricket, a player on the opposing team throws the ball at the wicket you are running towards and hits it before you can reach it, and your turn as batsman ends

**Their best batsman was run out for (= having scored) 99.**

397. run out of

They ran out of money and had to abandon the project.

**He'd run out of ideas.**

b) if something is running out, there will soon be none left:

**We must act now because time is running out.**

**My patience was running out.**

His luck had run out (=there was none left).

run out of steam

to suddenly lose the energy or interest to continue doing what you are doing

**The peace talks seem to have run out of steam.**

398. run over

run over

If liquid runs over, it flows over the edges of something, because there is too much of it

**The water/The bath is running over - quick, turn the taps off.**

run over (sth)

to continue after the expected finishing time

I'm afraid we're starting to run over time , so could you make your speeches short please.

**run over/through sth REPEAT**

**to quickly say or practise something**

I'll just run over what's been said so far, for latecomers who missed the first speakers.

She quickly ran over her speech before going on-stage.

The director wants to run through the whole play this morning.

**399. run through**

**run through sth EXAMINE**

**to look at, examine or deal with a set of things, especially quickly**

We ran through the list, but none of the machines seemed any good.

I'd like to run through these points/questions with you, if that's okay, because you've made several mistakes.

**run through sth EXIST**

**If a quality runs through something, it is in all parts of it**

Melancholy runs through all her stories.

Racism runs right through society.

**run through sth USE UP**

**to use up an amount of something quickly**

It took him just a few months to run through all the money his father left him.

**run sb/sth through literary**

**to push a sword or similar pointed weapon right into a person or animal**

He drew his sword and ran the villain through.

**400. run to**

**run to sth SIZE**

**to reach a particular amount, level or size**

The new encyclopedia runs to several thousand pages.

**run to sth MONEY**

**to have enough money to buy something or (of an income, etc.) to be enough to buy something**

I can lend you £1000, but I can't run to more than that.

My salary won't run to foreign holidays.

**run to sth ACTIVITY**

If your taste or skill runs to something, that is the type of thing that you enjoy or can manage to do I doubt if his musical taste runs to opera.

**I'm afraid my cooking skills don't run to fancy cakes and desserts.**

**401. run up**

**run sth up phrasal verb DEBT**

If you run up a debt, you do things which cause you to owe a large amount of money

**She stayed two weeks at the hotel and ran up a bill which she couldn't pay.**

**run sth up MATERIAL**

to quickly make something such as a piece of clothing from material [ + two objects ] **I can run you up some curtains in a few hours, if you want.**

**run sth up VALUE**

to make the price or value of something increase

**Heavy buying ran the price of stocks up higher than expected.**

**run sth up FLAG**

UK to raise a flag into the air on a pole or mast

**They've run up a British flag on the roof.**

**402. run up against**

**run up against sth**

to experience an unexpected difficulty

**The community centre scheme has run up against strong local opposition.**

**403. rush into**

**rush into sth**

If you rush into something such as a job, you start doing it without having really decided if it is the right thing to do or having considered the best way to do it.

**Jane rushed into marriage and later regretted it.**

**rush sb into (doing) sth**

If someone rushes you into doing something, they forcefully persuade you to do it without giving you time to really decide.

**Don't rush me into marriage. I've got a career to think about.**

**404. scare away**

**scare sb/sth away/off**

to make a person or an animal so frightened that they go away

**Don't make too much noise or you'll scare away the birds.**

**She scared off her attacker by screaming.**

**scare sb away/off**

**to make someone so worried about doing something that they decide not to do it**

**If you charge as much as that, you'll scare customers off.**

**405. scare off**

**see "sb/sth away/off " above**

**406. see about**

**see about sth informal**

**to prepare for or deal with an action or event, or to arrange for something to be done**

**It's getting late - I'd better see about lunch.**

**[ + -ing verb ] You should see about getting your hair cut.**

**407. see off**

**see sb off SAY GOODBYE**

**to go to the place that someone is leaving from in order to say goodbye to them**

**My parents saw me off at the airport.**

**408. see someone off**

**see sb off GET RID OF**

**to send away an attacker or unwanted person, usually forcefully**

**The caretaker ran out and saw off the boys who had been damaging the fence.**

**see sb/sth off informal**

**to defeat someone or something, or to deal with them effectively so that they can no longer cause harm**

**England saw off Luxembourg 5-0.**

**He may not have seen off the challengers for the leadership of the party, but he has at least silenced them for a while.**

**409. see through**

**see sb through sth**

**to help or support someone during a difficult period in their life**

**He was a prisoner of war for five years, but his courage saw him through.**

**My brother's lent me £500 to see me through the next few weeks.**

**see sth through**

to continue doing a job or activity until it is finished, especially when it is difficult

The course would take me three years to complete, but I was determined to see it through.

see through sb/sth

to realise that someone is trying to deceive you to get an advantage, or that someone's behaviour is intended to deceive you, and to understand the truth about the situation

410. see to

see to sth/sb

to deal with a person or task that needs to be dealt with or is waiting to be dealt with

"These letters need posting." "I'll see to them later."

Mrs Chapman asked for some help with the orders - could you see to it?

[ + that ] Please see to it that no-one comes in without identification.

411. sell off

sell sth off to charge a low price for something to encourage people to buy it

They're selling off last year's stock at half price.

to sell all or part of a business

The company announced that it would be selling off its hotel business.

412. sell out

sell out SELL ALL

to sell all of the supply that you have of something

We sold out of the T-shirts in the first couple of hours.

If a supply of something sells out, there is no more of that thing to buy

The first issue of the magazine sold out within two days.

When a show or film is sold out, all of the tickets for it have been sold

We couldn't get seats - the concert was sold out.

sell out SELL BUSINESS

to sell your business or part of your business

They decided to sell out to their competitors.

sell (sb) out informal

to not do what you have promised someone you will do or what you should do because you will get more advantages for yourself if you do something else

**French farmers feel they've been sold out by their government in the negotiations.**

**They've sold out to the road transport lobby (= done what these people wanted) .**

**413. send away**

**send away (to sb) (for sth) = send off (for sth)**

**send sb down ( BrE )**

**( informal ) to send sb to prison**

**( old-fashioned ) to order a student to leave a university because of bad behaviour**

**414. send away for**

**send away for something**

**to send a letter to a company or organization asking them to send something to you:**

**Send away for a free recipe booklet.**

**415. send for**

**send for somebody/something**

**to ask or order that something be brought or sent to you, especially by writing a letter or by telephone:**

**Send for your free sample today!**

**old-fashioned to ask or tell someone to come to you by sending them a message:**

**Charlie said he'd find a place to live and then send for me.**

**Get back into bed. I'll send for the doctor.**

**I've sent for help.**

**416. send in**

**send sth in**

**to send something to an organization**

**The magazine asked its readers to send in their comments about the new style of presentation.**

**send sb in**

**to send soldiers, police, etc. to a place in order to deal with a dangerous situation**

**UN troops were sent in as the situation got worse.**

**417. send off**

**send sth off**

**to send a letter, document or parcel by post**

**Have you sent off your application form yet?**

**send sb off UK (US eject)**

**to order a sports player to leave the playing area during a game**

**because they have done something wrong**

**He was sent off for swearing at the referee.**

**418. send off for**

**send (off/away) for/to sth**

**to write to an organization or place to ask them to send you something**

**I've sent off for a catalogue.**

**We had to send off to Ireland for a replacement part.**

**419. send on**

**send sth off**

**to send a letter, document or parcel by post**

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**send sb off UK (US eject)**

**to order a sports player to leave the playing area during a game**

**because they have done something wrong**

**He was sent off for swearing at the referee.**

**420. send up**

**send sb/sth up UK informal**

**to make someone or something seem stupid by copying them in a funny way**

**The show was very funny - they were sending up sports commentators.**

**421. set upon/set on**

**set up/on sb [ usually passive ] to attack sb suddenly**

**I opened the gate, and was immediately set on by a large dog.**

**set sb/sth on sb to make a person or an animal attack sb suddenly**

**The farmer threatened to set his dogs on us.**

**422. set about**

**set about sth**

**to start to do or deal with something**

**[ + -ing verb ] I've no idea how to set about changing a tyre on a car.**

**I tried to apologize, but I think I set about it the wrong way.**

**set about sb literary**

**to attack someone**

**Her attacker set about her with a knife.**

**423. set back**

**set sth/sb back**

**to delay an event, process or person**

**The opening of the new swimming pool has been set back by a few weeks.**

**A war would inevitably set back the process of reform.**

**set sth back**

**to reduce something to a weaker or less advanced state**

**This result has set back their chances of winning the competition.**

**424. set down**

**set sth down WRITING**

**[often passive ] to write or print something, especially to record it in a formal document**

**The rules of the club are set down in the members' handbook.**

**set sth down AIRCRAFT**

**to land an aircraft**

**set sb down**

**If a vehicle sets down a passenger, it stops so that the passenger can get out**

**The taxi set us down a long way from our hotel, and we had to walk.**

**425. set in**

**set in**

**When something unpleasant sets in, it begins and seems likely to continue in a serious way**

**This rain looks as if it has set in for the rest of the day.**

**If you get bitten by a dog, you have to make sure the wound is properly cleaned, or an infection could set in.**

**Despair seems to have set in among the team.**

**426. set off**

**set sth off CAUSE**

**to cause an activity or event, often a series of events, to begin or happen**

**The court's initial verdict in the police officers' trial set off serious riots.**

to cause a loud noise or explosion, such as that made by a bomb or an alarm (= a warning sound) to begin or happen

**Terrorists set off a bomb in the city centre.**

**Somebody set the alarm off on my car.**

set sth off **MAKE NOTICEABLE**

to make something look attractive by providing a contrast (= attractive difference) to it

**The new yellow cushions nicely set off the pale green of the chair covers.**

set sb off **informal**

to cause someone to start doing something

[ + -ing verb ] Every time I think about it, it sets me off laughing

**She's finally stopped crying - now don't set her off again.**

set off/out

to start a journey

**What time will we have to set off for the station tomorrow?**

**Jenny set off down the road on her new bike.**

**They've just set off on a round-the-world cruise.**

427. set out

to start an activity with a particular aim

**She set out with the aim of becoming the youngest ever winner of the championship.**

[ + to infinitive ] They set out to discover a cure for cancer.

to start a journey

( formal set sth forth ) to give the details of something or to explain it, especially in writing, in a clear, organized way

**The management board has set out its goals/plans/proposals for the coming year.**

**Your contract will set out the terms and conditions of your employment.**

set sth out **ARRANGEMENT**

to arrange something, usually a number of things, in an attractive or organized way

**The market was full of brightly coloured vegetables set out on stalls.**

**Every evening Michael sets out the breakfast things on the table, ready for the morning.**

428. set up

**set sth up**

**to formally establish a new company, organization, system, way of working, etc**

**A committee has been set up to organize social events in the college.  
She plans to set up her own business.**

**They've set up a fund for victims of the earthquake.**

**to arrange for an event or activity to happen**

**We need to set up a meeting to discuss the proposals.**

**The government has agreed to set up a public enquiry.**

**set sb up ESTABLISH**

**to establish someone or yourself in a business or position**

**After he left college, his father set him up in the family business.**

**She set herself up as an interior designer.**

**set sb up BENEFIT**

**to provide the money that someone needs for an important task or activity which is expected to last a long time**

**Winning the lottery has set them up for life .**

**to provide someone with the energy or health that you need for a particular period of time**

**A good breakfast really sets you up for the day.**

**set sb up DECEIVE**

**[ often passive ] informal to trick someone in order to make them do something, or in order to make them seem guilty of something that they have not done**

**They claimed that they weren't selling drugs, but that they'd been set up by the police.**

**set sth/sb up**

**to provide someone or something with all the necessary things for a particular activity or period of time**

**I think we're set up with everything we need for the journey.**

**We went on a shopping trip and got him all set up for the new term.**

**set (sth) up**

**to prepare something for use, especially by putting the different parts of it together**

**set yourself up as sth often disapproving**

**to say that you are a particular type of person**

**He sets himself up as an expert on vegetable growing, but he doesn't seem to me to know much about it.**

**429. settle down**

**settle down FEEL COMFORTABLE**

( also settle into somewhere ) to become familiar with a place and to feel happy and confident in it

**She quickly settled down in her new house/job/school.**

**settle down MAKE HOME**

to start living in a place where you intend to stay for a long time, usually with your partner

**Eventually I'd like to settle down and have a family, but not yet.**

**settle (sb) down**

to become quiet and calm, or to make someone become quiet and calm

**Come on children, stop chatting and settle down please!**

**They settled down on the sofa to watch the film.**

**430. settle in**

**settle in**

to become familiar with somewhere new, such as a new house, job or school, and to feel comfortable and happy there

**Once we've settled in, you must come round for dinner.**

**settle sb in**

to help someone to become familiar with a new job or a new place where they will be living, working or staying

**The nurse will be with you soon - she's settling a new patient in at the moment.**

**431. settle up**

**settle up phrasal verb**

to pay someone the money that you owe them

**Would you like to settle up now, sir?**

**432. settle up with**

to pay someone the money that you owe them

**You buy the tickets and I'll settle up with you later.**

**433. shake off**

**shake sth off informal**

to get rid of an illness

**I hope I can shake off this cold before the weekend.**

**shake sb/sth off**

to get away from someone or something that will not stop following you

**He drove through the red lights in an attempt to shake off the police car that was chasing him.**

**informal to beat an opponent, or to free yourself from someone or something that is limiting you**

**I have no doubt that we will be able to shake off the challenge from our rivals.**

**434. share out**

**to divide something between two or more people**

**After his death, his property was shared out between his children.**

**435. shop around**

**to compare the price and quality of the same or a similar object in different shops before you decide which one to buy**

**When you're buying a flight, you should always shop around for the best deal.**

**436. shout down**

**shout sb down**

**to prevent someone who is speaking at a meeting from being heard, by shouting**

**She was shouted down when she tried to speak on the issue of abortion.**

**437. show around**

**show sb round/around (sth)**

**to go with someone to all parts, or the main parts, of a place that they have not visited before, so that they can see what it is like or learn about it**

**Let me know when you're coming to Cambridge and I'll show you around.**

**A guide showed us round the exhibition.**

**438. show in**

**show somebody in**

**Guide somebody [transitive] to go with someone and guide them to a place**  
**show somebody out/in**

**The secretary showed the delegates into the boardroom.**

**439. show off**

**to behave in a way which is intended to attract attention or admiration, and which other people often find annoying**

**She only bought that sports car to show off and prove she could afford one.**

**He's always showing off to his classmates.**

**show sth/sb off**

**to show something or someone you are proud of to other people, so that they will admire them**

**She likes to wear short skirts to show off her legs.**

**440. show up**

**show up ( mainly US show ) informal**

**to arrive somewhere in order to join a group of people, especially late or unexpectedly**

**I invited him for eight o'clock, but he didn't show up until nine-thirty.**

**We were expecting thirty people to come, but half of them never showed up.**

**show sb up**

**to behave in a way which makes someone you are with feel ashamed or embarrassed**

**I wish you wouldn't show me up in front of my parents by getting so drunk.**

**441. shut away**

**shut sb away**

**to put a person in a place which they are not allowed or able to leave**

**He was ten years old when he was shut away in an asylum for stealing an apple.**

**shut sth away**

**to put something in a place where other people cannot see it or get it**

**The diamonds are shut away in a bank vault somewhere.**

**shut yourself away**

**to go into a place that you are unwilling to leave and where you do not want to be interrupted by other people**

**Andy shuts himself away in his studio for hours on end when he's recording a song.**

**442. shut down**

**shut (sth) down**

**If a business or a large piece of equipment shuts down or someone shuts it down, it stops operating**

**The company plans to shut down four factories and cut 10 000 jobs.  
The crew shut down the right-hand engine of the aircraft.**

**443. shut up**

**shut (sb) up informal**

**to stop talking or making a noise, or to make someone do this**

**I wish you'd shut up for a moment and listen to what the rest of us have to say.**

**Just shut up and get on with your work!**

**My dad never stops talking. It's impossible to shut him up!**

**figurative If you breathe a single word to the police, we'll come round and shut you up for good (= kill you) .**

**to stop someone from talking about a particular subject or from complaining or asking for things**

**The kids kept on about how hungry they were, so their father gave them some biscuits to shut them up.**

**shut sb/sth up**

**to keep a person or animal in a closed place**

**She can't spend her whole life shut up in her office.**

**shut (sth) up UK**

**to close a shop or other business for a period of time, usually when business is finished for the day**

**By the time we got there, all the market traders were shutting up.**

**444. side with**

**side with sb**

**to support one person or group in an argument**

**If ever there was any sort of argument, she'd always side with my father against me.**

**445. sink in**

**sink in informal**

**If an unpleasant or surprising fact or idea sinks in, you gradually start to believe it, understand it, or realize the effect it will have on you**

**How many times do I have to tell you something before it sinks in?**

**His voice trailed off as the seriousness of his position sank in.**

**sink in/sink into sth**

**If a liquid or soft substance sinks into something solid, it gradually passes into it through its surface**

**You'd better wipe up that coffee you spilled on the carpet before it sinks in.**

**446. sit down**

**sit down phrasal verb**

**to move your body so that the lower part of it is resting on a seat or on the ground**

**I sat down on the sofa next to Barbara.**

**447. sleep through**

**sleep through sth phrasal verb**

**If you sleep through a lot of noise or an activity, it does not wake you or keep you awake**

**I never heard the storm last night - I must have slept through it.**

**I was so bored that I slept through the second half of the film.**

**448. slip out**

**If a remark slips out, you say it without intending to.**

**slip out of sth ( also slip sth off )**

**to quickly take off a piece of clothing**

**Slip your shirt off and I'll listen to your heart.**

**449. slip up**

**slip up**

**to make a mistake**

**These figures don't make sense - have we slipped up somewhere?**

**450. slow down**

**slow (sb/sth) down/up**

**to become slower, or to make someone or something become slower**

**Slow down, you two, you're walking too fast!**

**If I run with Christina she tends to slow me down.**

**We slowed up when we saw the police.**

**slow down**

**to be less active and relax more**

**The doctor has told him to slow down or he'll have a heart attack.**

**451. sort out**

**sort sth out**

**to separate one type of things from a group of things**

**Sort out any clothes you want to throw away and give them to me.**

**sort sth/sb out**

**to deal satisfactorily or successfully with a problem, a situation, or a person who is having difficulties**

**We've sorted out the computer system's initial problems.**

[ + question word ] **It'll be difficult to sort out how much each person owes.**

**Most of the job involves sorting customers out who have queries.**

**sort sb out UK informal**

**to punish or attack someone, usually to make them understand that they have behaved badly**

**Has he been bothering you again - do you want me to sort him out?**

**452. speak up**

**used to ask someone to speak louder:**

**Could you speak up, please?**

**to say something, especially to express your opinion:**

**There was a brief silence, then Gerald spoke up.**

**speak up for somebody to speak in support of someone:**

**He is willing to speak up for the rights of women.**

**453. split up**

**split up informal**

**If two people split up, they end their relationship or marriage**

**Steve's parents split up when he was four.**

**454. split up with**

**if people split up, or if someone splits them up, they end a marriage or relationship with each other:**

**I thought she'd split up with her boyfriend.**

**455. stand by**

**stand by sb**

**to continue to support or help someone who is in a difficult situation**

**She has vowed to stand by her husband during his trial.**

**stand by BE READY**

**to be waiting and ready to do something or to help**

**Cabin crew, please stand by for takeoff.**

**stand by DO NOTHING**

**to allow something unpleasant to happen without doing anything to stop it**

**We can't stand by while millions of people starve.**

**stand by sth**

**to continue doing what you said you would when you made a decision, agreement or promise**

**Despite its financial problems, the company is standing by the no-redundancy agreement.**

**to continue to believe that something you have said before is still true**

**I stand by the statement I made earlier - there is no reason for the minister to resign.**

**456. stand for**

**stand for sth ACCEPT**

**If you will not stand for something, you will not accept a situation or a particular type of behaviour**

**I wouldn't stand for that sort of behaviour from him, if I were you.**

**stand for sth REPRESENT**

**to support or represent a particular idea or set of ideas**

**This party stands for low taxes and individual freedom.**

**If one or more letters stand for a word or name, they are the first letter or letters of that word or name and they represent it**

**457. stand in for**

**to temporarily do someone else's job or take their place**

**Would you mind standing in for me for a while?**

**458. stand out**

**stand out**

**to be very noticeable**

**The black lettering really stands out on that orange background.**

**to be much better than other similar things or people**

**We had lots of good applicants for the job, but one stood out from the rest.**

**459. stand up**

**If an idea or some information stands up, it is proved to be true or correct**

**Their evidence will never stand up in court.**

**Their argument won't stand up to detailed criticism (= when it is studied critically) .**

**460. stand up for**

**stand up for sth/sb ( also stick up for sth/sb )**

**to defend or support a particular idea or a person who is being criticized or attacked**

**It's high time we all stood up for our rights around here.**

**Don't be bullied, learn to stand up for yourself and what you believe in.**

**461. stand up to**

**stand up to sb/sth**

**to defend yourself against a powerful person or organization when they treat you unfairly**

**He wasn't afraid to stand up to bullies.**

**stand up to sth**

**to not be changed or damaged by something**

**Will the lorries stand up to the journey over rough roads?**

**462. stay in**

**to stay in your home**

**Let's stay in tonight and watch a video.**

**463. stay up**

**to go to bed later than usual**

**We stayed up (late) to watch a film.**

**464. step down**

**step down/aside**

**to leave an important job or position, especially to allow someone else to take your place**

**He has decided to step down as captain of the team.**

**He is unwilling to step aside in favour of a younger person.**

**step sth down**

**to reduce the amount, supply or rate of something**

**The doctor has said that I can start stepping down my medication in a few days' time.**

**This device is used for stepping down the voltage .**

**465. step up**

**step sth up**

**to increase the size, amount or speed of a process that is intended to achieve something**

**The police are stepping up their efforts to fight crime.**

**Following the bomb explosion, security has been stepped up at the airport.**

**466. stick out**

**stick out**

**if something sticks out, you notice it because part of it comes out further than the rest of a surface:**

**The children were so thin their ribs stuck out.**

**stick out of/from/through etc**

**Paul's legs were sticking out from under the car.**

**stick it out to continue doing something that is difficult, painful, or boring:**

**It wasn't a happy period of his life, but he stuck it out.**

**stick your neck out informal to risk giving your opinion about something, even though you may be wrong or other people may disagree with you:**

**I'm going to stick my neck out with some predictions for the next two years.**

**stick out to somebody/stick out in somebody's mind to seem more important to someone than other people or things:**

**The thing that sticks out to me is that they need more help than they're getting.**

**stick/stand out a mile at mile**

**stick out like a sore thumb at**

**stick out for something**

**to refuse to accept less than what you asked for [= hold out for]:**

**They offered him £250 but Vic stuck out for £500.**

**467. stick up for**

**stick up for somebody**

**to defend someone who is being criticized, especially when no one else will defend them:**

**You're supposed to be sticking up for me!**

**stick up for yourself**

**She's always known how to stick up for herself.**

**468. stir up**

**stir somebody/something**

**to deliberately try to cause arguments or bad feelings between people:**

**John was always stirring up trouble in class.**

**Dave's just trying to stir things up because he's jealous.**

**to make small pieces of something move around in the air or in water:**

**The wind had stirred up a powdery red dust.**

**469. stop over**

**stop over**

to stop somewhere and stay a short time before continuing a long journey, especially when travelling by plane:

**The plane stops over in Dubai on the way to India.**

**470. sum up**

to give the main information in a report, speech etc in a short statement at the end [= summarize]:

**Gerald will open the debate and I will sum up.**

to sum up

**To sum up, for a healthy heart you must take regular exercise and stop smoking.**

sum something up

**In your final paragraph, sum up your argument.**

when a judge sums up or sums up the case at the end of a trial, he or she explains the main facts of the case

to describe something using only a few words:

**The city's problem can be summed up in three words: too many people.**

to show the most typical qualities of someone or something:

**That image sums up the whole film.**

sum somebody/something up

to form a judgment or opinion about someone or something:

**Pat summed up the situation at a glance.**

that (about) sums it up spoken used to say that a description of a situation is correct:

**'So you want us to help you change but you don't believe change is possible?' 'That about sums it up.'**

**471. switch off**

informal to stop giving your attention to someone or something

**If he gets bored, he just switches off and looks out the window.**

**472. switch on**

switch sth on usually disapproving

If someone switches on a particular emotion or behaviour, they suddenly start to feel or behave in that way, but usually not sincerely

**When a customer walks in, she switches on the charm.**

**473. tail back**

tail back UK

If traffic tails back, it forms a long line and moves very slowly or stops

There is traffic tailing back along the motorway for ten miles because of road repairs.

474. take aback (to be taken aback)

take sb aback

to surprise or shock someone so much that they do not know how to behave for a short time

I was a little taken aback at the directness of the question.

The news really took us aback.

475. take (it) out on

take sth out on sb

to treat someone badly because you are upset or angry, even though they have done nothing wrong

I know you've had a bad day, but there's no need to take it out on me!

476. take after

take after sb

to be similar to an older member of your family in appearance or character

He takes after his mother/his mother's side of the family.

477. take apart

take sth apart

to separate something into its different parts

We took the engine apart to see what the problem was.

take sb apart informal

to defeat someone very easily in a sport

He took their defence apart, scoring three goals in the first twenty minutes.

478. take away

take sth away REMOVE

to remove something

Take these chairs away - we don't need them.

Supermarkets are taking business away from small local shops.

take sth away CALCULATE

to subtract a number (= remove it from another number)

Four take away two is two.

If you take 4 away from 12 you get 8.

**479. take back**

**take sth back SOMETHING BOUGHT**

to return something you have bought to a shop

**Is it too small? Take it back and get a refund.**

**take sth back phrasal verb STATEMENT**

to admit that something you said was wrong

**All right, I take it all back. It wasn't your fault.**

**take sb back PARTNER**

to allow a partner who previously left your home because of a disagreement or another relationship to come back to live with you

**His wife said she would never take him back.**

**take sb back MEMORY**

If something takes you back, it makes you remember a period or an event

**That piece of music really took me back ( to my schooldays).**

**480. take down**

**take sth down REMOVE**

to remove something that is on a wall or something that is temporary, or to remove a structure by separating its different parts

**I've taken the pictures down.**

**take sth down WRITE**

to write something that another person has just said

**He took down my address and phone number and said he'd phone back.**

**481. take for**

[ transitive ] ( not used in the progressive tenses ) to consider sb/sth to be sb/sth, especially when you are wrong

**take for sb/sth for sb/sth Even the experts took the painting for a genuine Van Gogh.**

**Of course I didn't do it! What do you take me for (= what sort of person do you think I am) ?**

**take sb/sth to be sb/sth I took the man with him to be his father.**

**have feeling/opinion**

**482. take in**

**take sth in UNDERSTAND**

to understand completely the meaning or importance of something

**I had to read the letter twice before I could take it all in.**

**It was an interesting exhibition, but there was too much to take in at once.**

**take sth in INCLUDE**

**to include something**

**The new town takes in three former villages.**

**take sth in WATCH**

**mainly US to go to watch a film or performance, or to visit a place such as a museum**

**I thought we might get something to eat and then take in a movie.**

**take sth in CLOTHES**

**to make a piece of clothing narrower, by changing the position of some of the stitching joining it together**

**I'll have to take this dress in at the waist - it's too big.**

**take sth in WORK**

**to do paid work for other people, such as washing or sewing, in your home**

**She supported her family by taking in laundry.**

**to take care of someone and provide a place in your home for them**

**Several families take in foreign students.**

**take sb in DECEIVE**

**[ often passive ] to cause someone to believe something which is not true, or to trick or deceive someone**

**I can't believe she was taken in by him.**

**take sb in POLICE**

**If the police take you in, they take you to the police station**

**Detectives on the murder inquiry have taken in a new suspect for questioning.**

**483. take off**

**take sth off REMOVE**

**to remove something, especially clothes**

**He took off his clothes and got into the bath.**

**After the poisoning scare, the product was taken off the shelves/the market (= removed from sale).**

**take sth off NOT WORK**

**to spend time away from your work**

**He took off two weeks in September.**

**take off FLY**

If an aircraft, bird or insect takes off, it leaves the ground and begins to fly

**The plane took off at 8.30 a.m.**

take off **SUCCEED**

to suddenly start to be successful or popular

**Her singing career had just begun to take off.**

take off **LEAVE**

informal to suddenly leave somewhere, usually without telling anyone that you are going

**When he saw me, he took off in the other direction.**

take sb off informal

to copy the way a particular person speaks or behaves, or the way something is done, usually in order to entertain other people

**She's really good at taking people off.**

484. take on

take sth on

to accept a particular job or responsibility

**She took too much on and made herself ill.**

take on sth

to begin to have a particular quality

**Her voice took on a troubled tone.**

take sb on **EMPLOY**

to employ someone

**She was taken on as a laboratory assistant.**

485. take out

take sth out

to remove something from somewhere

**I've had a tooth taken out.**

take sb out

to go somewhere and do something with someone, usually something you plan and pay for

**Dad's taking the whole family out to the cinema.**

**Our boss took us out for a meal.**

take sb/sth out slang

to kill someone or destroy something

**The soldiers said that they were trying to take out the snipers.**

486. take over

take (sth) over **START DOING**

to start doing a job or being responsible for something that another person did or had responsibility for before

He took over from the previous headmaster in February.

She took over as manager two weeks ago.

Colin Lamb has taken over responsibility for this project.

take (sth) over GET CONTROL

to get control of a company by buying most of its shares (= the equal parts into which the ownership of the company is divided)

The company he works for has recently been taken over.

487. take to someone

take to sb/sth

to start to like someone or something

His wife took to her new neighbours at once.

She's taken to tennis like a duck to water (= she likes it and is good at it).

take to sth phrasal verb

to start doing something often

She was so depressed she took to drink.

[ + -ing verb ] He's taken to staying out very late.

488. take up

take sth up FILL

to fill an amount of space or time

This desk takes up too much room.

Too much of this report is taken up with out-of-date figures.

take sth up START

to start doing a particular job or activity

He's taken up the post of supervisor.

[ + -ing verb ] Have you ever thought of taking up acting ?

Ian took up (= continued) the story where Sue had left off.

take up office

to start an official job

take sth up DISCUSS

to discuss something or deal with something

The school took the matter up with the police.

UK I'd like to take you up on your sales figures for June.

A leading law firm took up his case.

take sth up CLOTHING

to shorten a piece of clothing, such as a skirt or trousers

**take sb up on sth**

**to accept an offer that someone has made**

**Could I take you up on that offer of a lift, Rob?**

**take up with sb**

**to become friendly or start a relationship with someone, especially someone who might have a bad influence on you**

**She's taken up with a strange crowd of people.**

**489. talk back**

**talk back**

**If a child talks back, they reply rudely to someone they should be polite to**

**Children who talk back are regarded as cheeky and disrespectful.**

**490. talk into**

**talk sb into sth**

**to persuade someone to do something**

**He's against the idea, but I think I can talk him into it .**

**491. talk over**

**talk sth over**

**to discuss a problem or situation with someone, often to find out their opinion or to get advice before making a decision about it**

**I'd like to talk it over with my wife first.**

**492. talk out of**

**talk sb out of sth**

**to persuade someone not to do something**

**[ + -ing verb ]**

**With some difficulty, he was able to talk his way out of paying the fine.**

**493. tear down**

**tear sth down**

**to intentionally destroy a building or other structure because it is not being used or it is not wanted any more**

**They're going to tear down the old hospital and build a new one.**

**494. tear up**

**tear sth up**

**to tear paper into a lot of small pieces**

**He tore the letter up and threw it away.**

**tear sth up AGREEMENT**

**If you tear up an agreement, you refuse to accept it or be controlled by it any more**

**495. tell apart**

**tell sth/sb apart**

**to be able to see the difference between two very similar things or people**

**As babies, the twins were so alike that I just couldn't tell them apart.**

**496. tell off**

**tell sb off**

**to speak angrily to someone because they have done something wrong**

**The teacher told me off for swearing.**

**497. think about**

**think of/about doing something to consider the possibility of doing something:**

**I had never thought of becoming an actor.**

**We did think about moving to Tokyo.**

**Don't even think about calling him (=used to tell someone strongly not to do something).**

**498. think of**

**think of somebody/something**

**to produce an idea, name, suggestion etc by thinking:**

**They're still trying to think of a name for the baby.**

**Can you think of any other way to do it?**

**to remember something:**

**I can't think of the name of the hotel we stayed in.**

**to behave in a way that shows that you want to treat other people well:**

**It was very good of you to think of me.**

**He's always thinking of other people.**

**think only of yourself to only do things that are good for you and not think about what other people want - used to show disapproval:**

**She's a spoiled child who thinks only of herself.**

**be thinking of somebody used to say that you care about and feel sympathy for someone who is in a difficult situation:**

**Take care! I'll be thinking of you.**

**499. think out**

**think sth out**

**to consider all the possible details of something**

**The scheme was well thought out.**

**500. think over**

**think sth over**

**to consider an idea or plan carefully before making a decision**

**I'll think it over and give you an answer next week.**

**501. think through**

**think sth through**

**to carefully consider the possible results of doing something**

**I need some time to think it through - I don't want to make any sudden decisions.**

**502. throw away**

**throw sth away**

**to waste a skill or opportunity**

**You've spent three years studying - don't throw it all away.**

**503. throw off**

**throw sth off CLOTHES**

**If you throw off your clothes, you take them off quickly and carelessly**

**They threw off their clothes and jumped in the sea.**

**throw sth off ILLNESS**

**to stop suffering from a cold or other illness that is not serious**

**I can't seem to throw off this cold.**

**throw sth/sb off**

**to escape from something or someone following you**

**They threw the police off the scent by travelling on false passports.**

**504. throw up**

**throw (sth) up informal**

**to vomit**

**I spent the night throwing up.**

**He threw up his breakfast all over the back seat of the car.**

**throw sth up JOB**

**UK informal If you throw up your job, you choose to leave it or stop doing it**

**He's thrown up his job and gone off to Africa to work for a children's charity.**

**throw sth up IDEA**

to produce new problems or ideas

**The meeting threw up some interesting ideas.**

**505. throw out**

**throw sth out GET RID OF**

see throw sth away/out

**throw sth out NOT ACCEPT**

**If people in authority throw out a plan, idea, case, etc. they refuse to accept or use it**

**The case was thrown out by the courts due to lack of evidence.**

**throw the baby out with the bath-water**

**to lose valuable ideas or things in your attempt to get rid of what is not wanted**

**throw sb out**

**to force someone to leave a college, school, house or organization**

**She was thrown out of college for not attending lectures.**

**They had a big row and she threw him out (= made him leave the house).**

**506. tie down**

**tie sb down LIMIT**

**[often passive ] informal to limit someone's freedom**

**He's tied down by having to work every Saturday.**

**We'd like to travel more, but having children at school really ties us down.**

**tie sb down phrasal verb GET DECISION**

**informal to make someone give you a clear decision**

**I'll try to tie her down on her plans.**

**507. tie in with**

**tie (sth) in with sth**

**to plan an event or activity so that it combines with or happens at the same time as another, or to be planned in this way**

**We're trying to tie our holiday in with Simon's lecture tour.**

**508. tie up**

**tie sb up FASTEN**

**to make a person unable to move by tying a rope or something similar around their body or part of their body**

**The burglars had tied him up ( to the bed).**

**tie sb up NOT AVAILABLE**

When someone is tied up, they are busy or are prevented from doing something, such as speaking to someone or going somewhere, because they are involved in another event or activity

**I'm afraid we can't meet till Wednesday - I'm tied up on Monday and Tuesday.**

**Mrs Moran is tied up in a meeting at the moment, but I'll ask her to call you later.**

**tie sth up FASTEN**

to fasten something together using string, rope or something similar

**Could you tie up the parcel for me?**

**tie sth up NOT AVAILABLE**

to cause something, often money or possessions, not to be available for use

**All my money is tied up in property.**

**He tied up the printer all morning, printing out his reports.**

**509. tone down**

**tone sth down**

to make something less forceful or offensive, usually a piece of writing or a speech

**Some of the language in the original play has been toned down for the television version.**

**510. touch on**

**touch on/upon sth**

to mention a subject quickly when speaking or writing about another subject

**The talk was about educational opportunities for adults, and the speaker also touched upon sources of finance.**

**511. toy with**

**toy with sth CONSIDER**

to consider something or doing something, but not in a very serious way, and without making a decision

**We're toying with the idea of going to Peru next year.**

**toy with sth TOUCH**

to touch an object or move it around with your hand, without any purpose but while thinking about something else

**She just toyed with her salad.**

**He toyed nervously with a button on his jacket as he was speaking.**

**512. track down**

**track sth/sb down**

**to find something or someone after looking for them in a lot of different places**

**He finally managed to track down the book he wanted.**

**513. try on**

**try sth on**

**to put on a piece of clothing to discover if it fits you or if you like it**

**Try on the shoes to see if they fit.**

**What a lovely dress - why don't you try it on for size (= to discover whether it fits) ?**

**514. try out**

**try sth out**

**to use something to discover if it works or if you like it**

**Don't forget to try out the equipment before setting up the experiment.**

**try out for sth US**

**to compete for a position in a sports team or a part in a play**

**Luke's trying out for the college football team.**

**515. tune in**

**tune in TV/RADIO**

**to watch or listen to a particular television or radio programme or station**

**Be sure to tune in to next week's show.**

**Millions of viewers tune in every weekday for 'News at Night'.**

**tune in UNDERSTANDING**

**be tuned in**

**to have a good understanding of what is happening in a situation or what other people are thinking**

**She just doesn't seem to be tuned in to her students' needs.**

**516. turn against**

**turn (sb) against sb/sth**

**to start not to like or agree with someone or something, or to make someone do this**

**After six years of fighting public opinion has turned against the war.**

**The girl's natural father claimed that her stepfather was turning her against him.**

**517. turn away**

**turn away**

**to move your face so you are not looking at something**

**When they show an operation on TV, I have to turn away.**

**turn sb away**

**to not allow someone to enter a place**

**They turned us away at the entrance because we hadn't got tickets.**

**518. turn back**

**turn (sb)**

**to return in the direction you have come from, or to make someone do this**

**We're lost - we'll have to turn back.**

**519. turn down**

**turn sth/sb down**

**to refuse an offer or request**

**He offered her a trip to Australia but she turned it/him down.**

**He turned down the job because it involved too much travelling.**

**520. turn in**

**turn in informal**

**to go to bed**

**I usually turn in at about midnight.**

**turn sb in**

**to take a criminal to the police, or to go to them yourself to admit a crime**

**The hit-and-run driver turned himself in to the police the day after the accident.**

**turn sth in RETURN**

**to return something to an organization or a person in authority**

**Please turn your old parking permits in at the end of the week.**

**Thousands of weapons were turned in during the national gun amnesty.**

**521. turn into**

**turn (sb/sth) into sb/sth to change and become someone or something different, or to make someone or something do this**

**The council was hoping to turn a children's home into a residence for adolescent girls.**

**The town turned from a small seaside resort into a major commercial centre when oil was discovered.**

**522. turn off**

**turn off (sth)**

**to leave the road you are travelling on and travel along another one**

**Turn off the motorway at the next exit.**

**turn sb off phrasal verb informal**

**to stop someone feeling interested or excited, especially sexually**

**I should think the smell of her breath would turn any man off.**

**523. turn on**

**turn sth on**

**to start to show a particular quality**

**He can really turn on the charm when he wants to.**

**turn on sb**

**to attack or criticize someone suddenly and unexpectedly**

**Suddenly she just turned on me and accused me of undermining her.**

**turn on sth**

**If something turns on something else, it depends on it or is decided by it**

**The success of the talks turns on whether both sides are willing to make some concessions.**

**turn sb on informal**

**to make someone feel interested or excited, especially sexually**

**Short men really turn me on.**

**"In my spare time I make models out of matchsticks." "Oh well, whatever turns you on, I suppose (= That would not interest me)."**

**524. turn out**

**turn out GO**

**If people turn out for an event, they go to be there or to watch**

**Thousands of people turned out to welcome the England team home.**

**Compare turn up ( somewhere )**

**turn sth out PRODUCE**

**to produce or make something, often quickly or in large amounts**

**They turn out thousands of these games every week.**

**turn sth out EMPTY**

**If you turn out a container or the things in it, you empty it completely**

**We turned out all the cupboards and drawers and found things we hadn't seen for years.**

**turn sb out REMOVE**

**to force someone to leave**

**He was turned out of his flat because he couldn't pay the rent.**

**turn sb out DRESS**

**be beautifully/well, etc. turned out**

**to be beautifully/well, etc. dressed**

**She's always beautifully turned out.**

**525. turn over**

**turn (sth) over UK**

**to change to a different television station**

**This programme's boring - shall I turn over to BBC?**

**turn over sth**

**If a business turns over a particular amount of money, it produces that amount from its business activities during a stated period**

**The profits are not high, but the company turns over a large sum every year.**

**turn sth over USE**

**to use or allow something to be used for a different purpose**

**Grants are being offered to farmers who agree to turn over their land to woodland and forests.**

**turn sth over THINK**

**to think about something for a period of time**

**His father had been turning the idea over in his mind for some time.**

**turn somewhere/sth over informal**

**to steal something from a place or to search it, making it very untidy or causing damage**

**Did you hear Paul's flat got turned over last week?**

**turn sth over to sb**

**to give something to someone in authority or someone who has a legal right to it, or to give someone legal responsibility for something**

**They turned the videos over to the police.**

**All documents are to be turned over to the court.**

**turn sb over to sb**

**to take a criminal to the police or other authority**

**He was working here illegally and was terrified that his boss would turn him over to the police.**

**526. turn to**

**turn to sb/sth**

**to ask a person or organization for help or support**

**Without someone to turn to for advice, making the most appropriate choice can be difficult.**

**Her family lived a long way away, and she had no one to turn to.**

**turn to sth**

**to start to do or use something bad, especially because you are unhappy**

**She turned to drugs after the break-up of her marriage.**

**turn (sth) to sth**

**If someone turns to a particular subject or they turn their thoughts or attention to it, they begin to speak, think or write about it**

**I'd like us now to turn our attention to next year's budget.**

**We're now going to turn to an issue that concerns us all - racism.**

**527. turn up**

**turn up (somewhere) informal**

**to arrive or appear somewhere, usually unexpectedly or in a way that was not planned**

**Do you think many people will turn up?**

**She turned up at my house late one night.**

**turn up HAPPEN**

**If a better situation or an opportunity to do something turns up, it happens or becomes available unexpectedly or in a way that was not planned**

**Don't worry about it - something will turn up, you'll see.**

**This job turned up just when I needed it.**

**turn up FIND**

**If something that you have been looking for turns up, you find it unexpectedly**

**The missing letter eventually turned up inside a book.**

**turn sth up FOLD**

**to make a piece of clothing or part of a piece of clothing shorter, by folding the material and sewing it into position**

**You could always turn the sleeves up.**

**turn sth up DISCOVER**

**informal to discover something, especially information, after a lot of searching**

See what you can turn up about the family in the files.

**528. wait on**

wait on sb/sth mainly US

to serve food and drink, especially to customers in a restaurant

The staff who waited on us at dinner were excellent.

She waited on tables (= served meals as a job) to earn some extra money.

wait on sb

to do everything for someone so that they do not have to do anything for themselves

While she was pregnant, her husband waited on her hand and foot (= did everything for her) .

wait on sth formal

to wait until you know the result of an activity before doing or deciding something

The lawyers are waiting on the jury's verdict.

**529. walk out**

walk out LEAVE

to leave an event such as a meeting or performance because you are angry or disapprove of something

All the parents walked out ( of the meeting) in protest.

to suddenly leave your husband, wife or partner and end your relationship with them

He walked out on his wife and two kids.

walk out STOP WORK

to stop working or leave your job because of a disagreement with your employer

Workers are threatening to walk out.

**530. walk out on**

to leave your husband, wife etc suddenly and go and live somewhere else:

Five years later she walked out on Matthew and their two boys.

**531. wash out**

wash (sth) out

If a colour or dirty mark washes out, or if you wash it out, it disappears when you wash it

Do you think these stains will wash out?

wash sth out [ usually passive ]

If an event or sports competition is washed out, it is prevented from happening or stopped early because of heavy rain

**The men's semi-finals in the tennis were washed out this morning.**

**532. wash up**

**wash (sth) up**

**to clean the plates, pans, and other things that you have used for cooking and eating**

**He washed up his mug and put it back on the shelf.**

**wash up US**

**to wash your hands, especially before a meal**

**Go and wash up - your dinner's ready.**

**533. watch out for**

**watch out for sb/sth**

**to be careful to notice someone or something interesting**

**Watch out for his latest movie, which comes out next month.**

**534. watch over**

**watch over sb**

**to protect someone and make certain that they are safe**

**The prince has two bodyguards watching over him every hour of the day.**

**535. wear away**

**wear (sth) away**

**to become thin and disappear after repeated use or rubbing, or to cause something to become thin and disappear in this way**

**In some diseases, the protective layer in a joint wears away.**

**536. wear off**

**wear off**

**If a feeling or the effect of something wears off, it gradually disappears**

**Most patients find that the numbness from the injection wears off after about an hour.**

**537. wear out**

**wear sb out**

**to make someone extremely tired**

**Walking around a museum all day really wears you out.**

**wear (sth) out**

**to use something so much that it is damaged and cannot be used any more, or to become damaged in this way**

**Moving parts in engines wear out much more quickly than stationary parts.**

**538. wind down**

**wind something down** to gradually reduce the work of a business or organization so that it can be closed down completely (about a business, a piece of machinery, etc.) to go slowly and then stop:

**The market is winding down ahead of the holidays.**

**to rest and relax after a lot of hard work or excitement:**

**I find it difficult to wind down after a day at work.**

**wind something down** British English

**to make something, especially a car window, move down by turning a handle or pressing a button**

**539. wind up**

**wind up**

**to bring an activity, meeting etc to an end:**

**OK, just to wind up, could I summarize what we've decided?**

**wind something up**

**It's time to wind things up - I have a plane to catch.**

**wind something up** to close down a company or organization:

**informal** to be in an unpleasant situation or place after a lot has happened [= end up]

**wind up in/at/with etc**

**You know you're going to wind up in court over this.**

**wind up doing something**

**I wound up wishing I'd never come.**

**wind somebody up** British English to deliberately say or do

**something that will annoy or worry someone, as a joke [↔ tease]:**

**They're only winding you up.**

**wind something up** to turn part of a machine around several times, in order to make it move or start working

**wind something up** British English to make something, especially a car window, move up by turning a handle or pressing a button:

**Could you wind the window up, please?**

**540. wind forwards**

**wind something forward/back**

**[transitive]** to make a tape move in a machine

**Please wind the video forwards a little way - I want to see the next scene .**

**541. wind backwards**

**wind something forward/back**

**[transitive] to make a tape move in a machine**

**Please wind the video backwards - I want to see the previous scene.**

**542. wipe out**

**wipe sth out**

**to destroy something completely**

**Whole villages were wiped out in the fighting.**

**One bad harvest could wipe out all of a grower's profits for the previous two years.**

**wipe out US informal**

**to lose control, especially in a vehicle, and have an accident**

**I was going too fast and I wiped out on the bend.**

**543. work in**

**work somebody/something in**

**work something in also work something into something**

**to include something in a speech, piece of writing, activity etc:**

**He managed to work in a few references to his new book.**

**Here are a few goodies you can work into your daily diet.**

**work something in also work something into something**

**to add one substance to another and mix them together in a very thorough way:**

**Work the butter into the flour.**

**American English spoken to arrange to meet someone, even though you are very busy [= fit somebody in British English]**

**My schedule's pretty full, but I think I can work you in.**

**544. work off**

**work something off**

**to get rid of something, especially a feeling such as anger, nervousness etc, by doing something that uses a lot of your energy:**

**Walking is excellent for working off tension.**

**I need to go and work off a few of these calories.**

**to do a job for someone else because you owe them money or because they have helped you in the past:**

**She hasn't worked off her debts to me yet.**

**545. work up**

**1 work up enthusiasm/interest/courage etc** to make yourself feel interested, brave etc:

**I'm trying to work up enough courage to go to the dentist.**

**work up an appetite/a thirst/a sweat** to make yourself hungry or thirsty, or make yourself sweat, especially by doing physical exercise:

**You can work up a really big thirst playing tennis.**

**work somebody up** to make someone very angry, excited, or upset about something

**work yourself up**

**You're working yourself up again.**

**She had worked herself up into a state.**

**worked up**

**work something up** to develop and improve something such as a project or a piece of writing:

**Jack took notes which he would work up into a report later.**

**work up to something** phrasal verb

to gradually prepare yourself to do something difficult

**work up to doing something**

**He'd been working up to asking her for a date all week.**

**546. write away for**

**write away for something**

to write a letter to a company or organization asking them to send you goods or information:

**I've written away for their free catalog.**

**547. write off**

to write a letter to a company or organization asking them to send you goods or information [= send off, write away]

**write off for**

**Are you going to write off for that free poster?**

**write somebody/something off** to decide that someone or something is useless, unimportant, or a failure [= dismiss]

**write somebody/something ↔ off as**

**After six months of work, we eventually wrote the project off as a non-starter.**

**write something off** to officially say that a debt no longer has to be paid, or officially accept that you cannot get back money you have spent or lost:

**The United States agreed to write off debts worth billions of dollars.**

**The Inland Revenue wrote off £900 million in unpaid taxes.**

**write something off** to make an official record of the amount of money that you have spent on things relating to your business, in order to reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay

**write something off against**

**The costs of setting up a business can be written off against tax.**

**write something off** British English

**to damage a vehicle so badly that it can never be used again:**

**At thirteen he stole a car and wrote it off.**

**548. write off for**

**to write a letter to a company or organization asking them to send you goods or information [= send off, write away]**

**Are you going to write off for that free poster?**