

117 C1 Phrasal Verbs

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1. They've made their demands and they're not going to **back down**. – stop demanding something
2. My car always **breaks down** when I don't have enough money to get it repaired. – stop working
3. They **broke/split up** last year but then they got back together. – to end; to separate (a marriage / a relationship / etc.)
4. My parents died when I was very young so my grandma **brought me up**. – raise/educate/care for (a child)
5. I **bumped/ran into** an old friend from uni in the street. – to meet someone unexpectedly
6. The situation **calls for** calm negotiations and cool heads from everyone involved. – demand / request
7. They've had to **call off** the match due to bad weather. – cancel (an event)
8. I'm just going to **carry on** working on my presentation, but let me know if you need anything. – continue
9. The new hairstyle has really **caught on** with teenagers in my town. catch on – to become popular (an idea or a style);
10. I kept dropping hints about what I wanted for my birthday but my wife didn't **catch on**. – to understand/realise after a long time
11. I bought him a pint to try to **cheer him up** – make happier
12. I **came across** my old school books while I was clearing out the attic. – find by chance
13. He **came into** quite a lot of money when his grandparents passed away. come into (money) – inherit
14. **Come round** after school and we'll work on the science project together. – come to your house
15. I've **come up with** a great idea for our Halloween costumes. – think of and suggest an idea
16. The topic of a pay rise **came up** in my meeting with the boss. – be mentioned, arise or appear (in class / an exam / a meeting)
17. Don't be late! Everyone is **counting on** you. – to rely on
18. My New Year's resolution is to **cut down on** fast food.– reduce the amount you consume
19. Sorry, the call got **cut off** when we went through a tunnel. – separate / isolate / interrupt
20. My doctor has told me I need to **cut out** all processed meats from my diet. – stop doing / eating something
21. The child was struggling to **do up** his shoelaces. We're **doing up** our house this summer. – fasten, button up clothes; repair, redecorate or modernize a building or room
22. We all **dressed up** as monsters for Halloween.– put on different clothes in order to disguise yourself
23. My Dad **dropped by** on his way home to work to say hello. – to visit informally or unexpectedly
24. He also came to **drop off** my Christmas presents. The taxi **dropped us off** outside the airport. – to take something (or someone) to a place and leave it there
25. He didn't enjoy the economics degree course and **dropped out** after 6 months. – stop taking part in (a competition, a university, etc.)
26. We got lost and **ended up** in a completely different town. We were supposed to go out clubbing but we **ended up** staying in. – an end result of something planned or unplanned
27. She **fell for** him the moment she met him. – fall in love with
28. She **fell out with** her younger sister over who was going to look after grandma at Christmas. – argue and stop being friendly with someone
29. Yesterday she **found out** that she passed her law degree. – discover
30. I wrote them an email to **follow up** my complaint from the previous day. – find out more about something; take further action
31. I **get along/on** really **well** with all my teachers. – have a good relationship with
32. We just want to **get away** for the weekend and have some peace and quiet. – go on a short holiday/break
33. He stole €10 from his mum's purse and **got away with** it, she blamed his brother. – not be punished for doing something
34. I don't earn much but it's enough to **get by**. – manage to survive / live
35. Stop chatting and **get on with** your work! – start or continue doing something (especially work)
36. It took him a long time to **get over** her, I think he still loves her. – recover after the end of a relationship with someone
37. I'm still **getting over** a nasty cold but I should be fine in a couple of days. – recover from
38. I **get together** with my old uni friends every 6 months or so. – meet (usually for social reasons)
39. I'm cleaning out my garage this weekend, I'm going to **get rid of** so much old stuff. – eliminate/discard
40. He accidentally **gave away** the surprise birthday party to the birthday girl, what an idiot! – reveal
41. Hey! That's my bag! **Give it back** – return
42. Don't forget to **give/hand in** your essays at the end of the class. – submit (homework, etc.)

43. The kids wouldn't stop asking for an ice cream so I finally **gave in** and let them have one. – agree to something you do not want to
44. The rotting fruit was **giving off** a nasty smell. (a smell) – produce and send into the air
45. The receptionist **gave out** all the most important information to the guests. – announce or broadcast information
46. They're **giving/handing out** free samples of delicious cheese at the supermarket. – distribute to a group of people
47. The sudoku puzzle was too difficult so I **gave up** and read a book instead. – to stop trying to do something (often because it is too difficult)
48. A: We should decorate the kitchen. B: Yeah, I'd **go along with** that. – support an idea or agree with someone's opinion
49. The milk has **gone off**, we'll have to buy some more. A bomb **went off** outside the airport, luckily nobody was hurt. – explode; become bad (food)
50. The poker game **went on** for hours and hours. – to continue
51. Have you heard? Charlie is **going out with** Kathy. – have a romantic relationship with someone
52. My Dad's threatening to take away my car keys if I don't tidy my room but I don't think he will **go through with** it. – complete a promise or plan
53. My best friend from primary school and I **grew apart** over the years and now we hardly speak. – get distant from someone, like a friend
54. When I **grow up**, I want to be a firefighter. – slowly become an adult
55. We **hung around** outside the concert hall for 2 hours after the show trying to get an autograph. – to wait or spend time somewhere, doing nothing
56. I'm just going to **hang out** with my friends tonight. – spend time relaxing (informal)
57. Don't leave your shirts on the floor, you need to **hang** them **up**. She finished the call and then **hung up**. – to hang clothes or an object on a hook or line; to end a phone call
58. Go down this street and then **head for** the big church, your hotel is right next door to it. – go towards
59. My shyness always **holds** me **back** in social situations. – prevent someone from making progress
60. We need to **hurry up!** Our train leaves in five minutes. – do something more quickly
61. Just **keep on** walking this way and you'll get to the station in no time. – to continue
62. Where were you on Saturday? I really needed your help and you **let me down**. – disappoint
63. The police decided to **let** the kids **off** with a warning because it was their first offence. – give someone a lighter punishment than they expected (or not punish at all)
64. I can't come out, I need to **look after** my baby brother. – take care of
65. I hate it when people **look down on** those who are less fortunate than them. – feel superior to
66. I've been **looking for** a flat for 2 months but haven't found one I like yet. – try to find
67. I'm really **looking forward to** Christmas this year. – feel happy about something that is going to happen
68. The police are **looking into** the case of the missing dog. – investigate
69. I had never heard of my Dad's favorite footballer, I had to **look** him **up** on wikipedia. – find information about (e.g. a word in a dictionary)
70. I've always **looked up to** my mum, she's very resilient. – admire and respect
71. They gave us free tickets to a different show to **make up for** the cancellation. – compensate for
72. They fell out over something stupid but now they've **made up**. – become friends again
73. He's always **making up** ridiculous stories and excuses for why he's late. (something) – invent (stories, excuses)
74. Ok, thanks for that report Jon, now let's **move on** to Sarah's presentation. – change to a different job, activity or place
75. I **moved out** of my parents house when I was 18. – stop living in a house or flat
76. He was so dehydrated that he **passed out** and woke up in the back of an ambulance. – lose consciousness
77. When are you going to **pay back** the money you owe me? – return money
78. Don't worry, my parents are going to **pay for** dinner. – purchase
79. They've finally managed to **pay off** the mortgage on the house. She got into Oxford University, all of her hard work has **paid off!** – finish paying for something; have a positive result from hard work
80. Mum, it's raining really hard, can you come and **pick** me **up** from the train station? – meet / collect someone (e.g. at the station / from school)
81. At the end of the presentation our boss **pointed out** several obvious mistakes we had made. – to draw attention to something or someone
82. Vicky! Come and **put away** your toys before you have dinner. – put something back in the correct place
83. I'm going to the dentist tomorrow, I've been **putting it off** for months. – postpone
84. They **put on** a big show to raise money for charity. (an event/a show) – organize an event
85. **Put** your coat **on**, it's cold outside. (clothes /make up) – place something on your body
86. I **put on** quite a lot of weight during lockdown. (weight) – increase (weight)

87. The firefighters were finally able to **put** the fire **out**. – extinguish (e.g. fire)
88. My uncle can **put** us **up** for a couple of nights while we're in London. (for the night) – accommodate
89. **Put** your hand **up** if you have any questions. (your hand) – lift into the air
90. I'm not going to **put up with** anymore lateness from those kids. – tolerate
91. The car rental company tried to **rip** us **off** but I was having none of it. – charge someone too much for something
92. We **ran out of** petrol in the middle of nowhere, it was terrifying. – use up (e.g. money, petrol, time)
93. We had to **set off** at 4am, it was horrible. – start a journey
94. We **set up** the company in 1995 and it's still going strong to this day. – establish / start (e.g. a company)
95. Dan! Stop **showing off** and pass us the ball, we're losing 4-0. – try to impress people by telling or showing them what you are capable of
96. They've had to **shut down** 5 stores in the area because sales have dropped. – to close
97. We need to **sort out** accommodation for our trip to Paris. – arrange or order by classes or categories; find a solution
98. BBC **stands for** the British Broadcasting Corporation. – to represent
99. His ginger hair really makes him **stand out** from the rest of the boys in his class. - be easy to see because of being different
100. I'd say I **take after** my Dad in my looks and my Mum in my personality. (someone) – resemble a member of your family in appearance, behaviour or character
101. Please **take** your feet **off** the seat, your shoes are very dirty. – to remove from a surface or your body (clothes)
102. Our plane **takes off** at 9pm. – leave the ground (e.g. a plane)
103. She's **taken on** a lot of extra responsibilities in her new job. – attempt something new; employ
104. A new manager has **taken over** the department. – take control of
105. I **took to** ice-skating really quickly and now I've signed up for weekly classes.– start to like, especially after only a short time
106. I first **took up** volleyball when I was in secondary school. – start doing (a hobby)
107. The teacher **told** us **off** for being late. – speak angrily to someone who has done something wrong
108. I've decided to **throw away** my old sofa, unless you want it. – get rid of something you do not need any more
109. The weather on the mountain got really bad so we had to **turn back**. – return towards the place you started from
110. They've **turned down** our offer for the house, they want more money. – reject or refuse
111. On a full moon he **turns into** a werewolf! They've **turned** my favourite restaurant **into** a Burger King! – to transform
112. Don't forget to **turn/switch off** the lights when you leave. – to disconnect (e.g. a computer)
113. He **switched/turned on** the TV and sat down to watch the match. – to connect (e.g. the TV)
114. Our bus didn't **turn up** for 2 hours. – arrive, usually unexpectedly, early or late
115. He always **uses up** all the toilet roll and doesn't replace it. – finish a supply of something
116. I've completely **worn out** my old football boots, I need to get some new ones. - to use something until it becomes unusable
117. I **work out** 3 times a week at the gym. The students struggled to **work out** the complicated equations.
The police couldn't **work out** how the burglars got into the house. – think about and find a solution; do exercise

