

PHRASAL VERBS LIST

PHRASAL VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Take back	Retract (sth.)	I wish I could take back what I said in anger.
Look back	Look behind/ reminiscence	As I look back in the past, I remind myself that the best is yet to come.
Bring back	Return with	Do you want me to bring back some snacks from the store?
Call back	Return a phone call	I will call back when as soon as I get home.
Get back	Return	I visited Chiapas last year and I can't wait to get back!
Have back	Something: be returned	My sister wants me to have her sweater back by tomorrow.
Sit back	Relax / rest	You just sit back and let me do the cooking.
Walk back	Return on foot	My car is broken, I walked back from work.
Turn up	Increase volume	When I listen to my favorite music I always put the volume up.
Turn down	Reduce volume	Please, turn your music down! I am trying to study for my exam.
Carry on	Continue doing something	The teacher told us to carry on with our exam while she talks to the principal.
Put on	Clothing: wear	Put on your jacket. It's cold outside.
Take off	Clothing: remove	Please, take off your shoes when you enter the room.
Try on	Clothing: test for fit	I always try clothes on before I buy them.
Wear out	Be destroyed through use	If you don't change your uniform, it will wear out quickly.
Turn off	Switch off	Before I go to sleep I turn off the TV.
Turn on	Switch on	Before I go to bed I always turn on my alarm clock.
Take after	Parent: resemble	My son takes after me.
Take away	Buy food at a restaurant and carry it elsewhere to eat it.	Two burritos and a soda to take away, please.

Take off	Leave the ground (a plane)	The plane is going to take off at 7 o'clock.
Write down	Put in writing	Write my cell phone number down, please.
Sit out	Not take part in	He sat out the game because he had a bad headache.
Sit up	Rise into seated position	When the principal arrived, we all sat up.
Sit around	Be idle	I can't sit around and wait for you!
Go on	Continue	Go on with your work!
Go away	Leave	Don't disturb me, go away!
Cheer up	Make happier	I need some chocolate to cheer me up.
Bring up	Raise: a child	My cousin Ceci brought her children up very well.
Eat up	Finish meal	If you eat up your vegetables, you will get a treat.
Drink up	Finish beverage	Drink up all your milk!
Sleep in	Get up late	On Sundays, I can sleep in.
Sleep over	Spend the night at sb's house	We finished our homework at midnight, so I invited my friends to sleep over.
Get off	Alight: from the bus, combi, etc.	I always get off at the bus stop that is in front of my school.
Get in	Enter a vehicle	The taxi driver opened the door and I got in the taxi.
Get on	Be friends / have a good relationship	I get on with my neighbors.
Get over	Recover from	I hope you get over your flu very soon.
Run away	Escape	The thief ran away from the police.
Call off	Cancel	The meeting was called off.
Look for	Search for, seek	She is looking for her car keys.
Do up	Redecorate	She did up her old apartment.
Look up	Seek information	I use my dictionary to look new words up.
Watch out	Be careful	When you drive at night you have to watch out for potholes.
Hang out	Spend time idly	We are going to hang out for a while.
Get along	Informal (be friends)	My friends and I get along very well.
Hang up	Replace phone receiver	It's very rude to hang up in the middle of a telephone conversation.

Exercise 1

Replace the highlighted verbs using their synonym phrasal verb.

1. When you go to the grocery's **return with** some bread and ham, please. _____
2. We went to Oaxaca last year on vacation. I would like to **return** one day. _____
3. You look exhausted! You just **rest**. I'll I do the housework for you. _____
4. She lost the bus, so had to **return home on foot**. _____
5. The audience couldn't hear the speaker, so he had to **increase the volume** of his microphone. _____
6. Please, **reduce the volume of** the TV! The baby is sleeping. _____
7. Cecilia's daughter **resembles to** her a lot. _____
8. My flight **left** two hours late. We all were really upset. _____
9. Please, **finish** your vegetables. They are good for you. _____
10. Hurry up! **Enter** the taxi, please. _____
11. I don't have to go to work tomorrow. I can **get up late**. _____
12. Please, **remove** your cap when you enter the church. _____
13. **Wear** a raincoat. It is raining outside. _____
14. You **make me happy!** ☺ _____
15. He **spent the night** at his grandmother's house. _____
16. Alice **raised** her sister's children when she died. _____
17. You haven't **finished** your coffee. _____
18. Please, **leave!** I don't want to talk to you. _____
19. They broke up and **continued** with their lives. _____
20. I want to hamburgers and chips to **carry**, please. _____
21. Please, **return the phone call** when you get my message. _____
22. He was very rude at her but he **didn't retract** his words. _____

Answer sheet

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Replace the highlighted verbs using their synonym phrasal verb.

1. When you go to the grocery's **return with** some bread and ham, please. *bring back*
2. We went to Oaxaca last year on vacation. I would like to **return** one day. *get back*
3. You look exhausted! You just **rest**. I'll I do the housework for you. *sit back*
4. She lost the bus, so shehad to **return** home **on foot**. *walked back*
5. The audience couldn't hear the speaker, so he had to **increase the volume of** his microphone. *turn up*
6. Please, **reduce the volume of** the TV! The baby is sleeping. *turn down*
7. Cecilia's daughter **resembles** her a lot. *takes after*
8. My flight **left** two hours late. We all were really upset. *took off*
9. Please, **finish** your vegetables. They are good for you. *eat up*
10. Hurry up! **Enter** the taxi, please. *get in*
11. I don't have to go to work tomorrow. I can **get up late**. *sleep in*
12. Please, **remove** your cap when you enter the church. *take off*
13. **Wear** a raincoat. It is raining outside. *put on*
14. You **make me happy!** ☺ *cheer me up*
15. He **spent the night** at his grandmother's house. *slept over*
16. Alice **raised** her sister's children when she died. *brought up*
17. You haven't **finished** your coffee. *drunk up*
18. Please, **leave!** I don't want to talk to you. *go away*
19. They broke up and **continued** with their lives. *carried on*
20. I want two hamburgers and chips to **carry**, please. *take away*
21. Please, **return the phone call** when you get my message. *call back*
22. He was very rude at her but he **didn't retract** his words. *didn't take back*