

# Phrasal verb index

This index lists over 1,000 English verbs and – for each one – gives one or more phrasal verbs that express the same meaning. The purpose of this list is to enable you to take a single-word verb that you already know (such as prepare or interrupt) and find an equivalent phrasal verb that you may be able to use instead. It is rare for two words to be exact equivalents, so there are two points to remember when you are using this list:

- the meaning of one word may be more limited than the meaning of the other. For example, resemble (meaning 'to be similar to someone or something else') has the equivalent take after, but take after is used only to talk about people in the same family who resemble each other.
- there is often a difference in register. For example, the phrasal verb may be more informal than the single-word verb, as in the case of discharge (a rather formal word meaning 'to do something that you have a responsibility to do') and its less formal equivalent carry out.

Single word	Phrasal verb
abandon	call off give up throw up
abolish	do away with
absorb	take in 3 take in 6 take in 7
abuse	interfere with
accelerate	speed up
accept	bow to
accumulate	add up pile up
acquire	take on
add	add up
address	deal with
admire	look up to
admit	let in let on
advance	get ahead
afflict	strike down
agree	come around
alight	light on
allow	permit of
amplify	flesh out
amuse	break up crack up crease up
anaesthetize	put under
annoy	get to hack off

Single word	Phrasal verb
anticipate	tee off wind up look forward to
appear	break out come across come along come off as come out come over roll up spring up put on
apply	put in
appoint	share out
apportion	border on
approach	come at come up come up to
argue	talk back
arise	come up 2 come up 3 come up 4
arouse	stir up 1 stir up 3 turn on
arrange	fix up line up
arrest	pull in run in
arrive	come in draw in get in 1 get in 9 pull in call on
ask	bring together
assemble	piece together put together 2 put together 3
assess	size up weigh up
assign	put on
attack	beat up do over go for lay about lay into set about set on turn out turn up
attend	bring in bring into pull in
attract	read for keep off
audition	back up 5 back up 6 side with
avoid	clean out
back	rap out break into
bankrupt	
bark	
begin	

Single word	Phrasal verb
benefit	kick off 1 kick off 2 lead off set about start off strike up take to
betray	cash in give away 3 give away 6 grass on grass up rat on
bin	chuck out throw away throw out
block	block up bung up
block	cut off fill in pen in
boost	build up buoy up pump up soup up
borrow	check out
bother	play up
bribe	buy off pay off
brighten	light up
bring	bring along bring round
broadcast	put out
broaden	broaden out open out open up
burden	weigh down weigh on
burgle	break into turn over
calculate	work out
call	call up phone up ring up
cancel	call off cry off write off
capitulate	cave in
capsize	keel over
catch	go down with pick up
cause	bring about bring on set up
challenge	take on
chew	chew up
choke	choke up
choose	go for opt for pick out plump for
chuck	pack in

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clean	go over wash down	convey	get across pass on	devise	work out
clog	clog up	copy	put across	devote	dedicate to put in
close	board up push to	corroborate	back up	devour	gobble down gobble up
close	shut up	couple	hook up	die	wolf down pass away
clown	fool around	cover	deal with	dilute	pass on
cohabit	live together	crash	fall over	dim	water down
collapse	break down cave in fall apart fall down flake out keel over	criticize	go down keel over lay into take apart tear into	disappear	go down fade away go away
collect	get together pick up rack up scrape together	cross	pass through	disappoint	let down
communicate	put across put over	dampen	damp down	discard	cast off throw away throw out
complete	fill in fill out finish off tie up	date	go with	discern	make out
comprehend	catch on cotton on	deal	deal out	discharge	carry out
conceal	blot out paper over	deceive	put on string along take in	discount	factor out mark down
conclude	wrap up	decelerate	slow down	discover	find out sniff out spy out
concoct	dream up	decline	fall off	discuss	turn up deal with go into
confess	cough up own up	decrease	come down fall away fall off go down	discuss	talk about
confine	shut in	dedicate	devote to	disguise	dress up
conform	fit in	defeat	dispose of	disgust	gross out
confuse	mix up 1 mix up 3 muddle up	defect	knock out	disinherit	cut off
connect	hook up 1 hook up 4 put through	defend	put out see off	disintegrate	fall apart
conscript	call up	deflate	cross over	dismantle	take apart take down
consider	chew over look at mull over think over think through	deflect	stand up for stick up for let down	dismiss	boot out brush aside brush away brush off
constitute	amount to make up	delay	fend off hold up put off	disparage	kick out lay off shrug off sweep aside
constrain	box in hem in	delete	cross out	dispatch	do down put down
consume	eat up 1 eat up 2 eat up 3	deliver	drop off	display	send off 1 send off 2 lay out set out
consume	put away	demand	call for	disregard	show off put aside
contain	bottle up	demolish	knock down pull down tear down	distinguish	make out mark off mark out
continue	go on 1 go on 11 go on 12 take up	denounce	turn in	distract	set apart put off
contract	come down with	deposit	pay in	distress	tear apart tear up
contribute	chip in kick in	depress	bring down get down	distribute	dish out parcel out pass out
		destroy	kill off take out tear apart tear up	disturb	break into
		detach	break off 4 break off 5	ditch	pack in
		detain	keep in		
		detect	smell out		
		deteriorate	go down go off		
		detonate	let off set off		
		develop	bring on build up		

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diversify	branch out	enter	go in for	extract	squeeze out
divide	break up		go into	face	winkle out
	split up		key in		face up to
do	carry out 1		put in for		stand up to
	carry out 2	entice	lead on	fail	conk out
dock	put in	equalize	even up		fall down
down	drink down	equip	fit out		fall through
	knock back		fit up		give out
download	pull off	eradicate	kit out		go under
downplay	play down		root out		strike out
draft	call up		stamp out	faint	black out
	draw up	erase	wipe out		pass out
	rough out	erect	rub out	fall	come down 2
draw	pull in		put up		come down 4
drop	fall back	erode	set up	fasten	do up
	take down		eat away		tie up
dry	dry off		eat into	fell	cut down
	rub down	erupt	wear away	fetch	go for
dupe	take in	escape	flare up	finalize	nail down
dwindle	tail off	establish	get away	find	track down
earn	pick up		carve out	finish	come in
ease	smooth over		set up 1		get through
eavesdrop	listen in	evict	set up 8	fire	knock off
ebb	go out	evoke	start up		fire off
elect	put in		turn out	fit	loose off
	vote in	examine	bring back	flatten	put in
elicit	bring forth		call up	flatter	level off
	call forth		conjure up		butter up
eliminate	do away with	exceed	look at	fleece	play up to
	weed out	exchange	pore over	fold	rip off
elude	shake off	exclaim	go beyond	follow	fold up
	throw off	exclude	trade in		abide by
embarrass	show up		burst out	forge	adhere to
embellish	embroider on		count out	forget	stick to
emerge	come out		cut out	form	carve out
	leak out	excuse	factor out	frame	leave behind
emit	give off	exhaust	freeze out		make up
	give out		keep out		fit up
	let off		rule out		set up
	let out	exit	let off	freeze	stitch up
	pump out	expand	tire out	frisk	ice over
	send out		wear out	fulfil	pat down
emphasize	point up	expel	wipe out	gain	carry out
empty	turn out	experience	log off	get	put on
enact	act out	explain	broaden out 2	grab	come by
encounter	come across	explode	broaden out 3	graduate	snap up
	come on	exploit	drive out	grasp	pass out
	come upon	expose	throw out	gut	take in
encourage	run into	extend	come up against	handle	burn out
	cheer on	extinguish	go through		deal with 1
	egg on		account for 1	harvest	deal with 2
end	break up		account for 3	hatch	deal with 4
	run out		go off		gather in
endure	live through		let off	head	hatch out 1
	ride out		capitalize on	heal	hatch out 2
energize	liven up		catch out	head up	head up
enjoy	lap up		add on	close up	close up
enlarge	blow up		add on to	turn up	turn up
enlist	join up		drag out	usher in	usher in
enter	come in		spread out	hesitate	hang back
	come on		put out	hide	hide away
	go in		stamp out		hide away
					hole up

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highlight	bring out pick out		make up 2 think up	match	accord with come up to
hinder	point up hold back keep back	invest investigate	put into dig into inquire into	mature	live up to grow up
hit	lay into		look into	maximize	play up
hoard	salt away	invoke	call down on	meet	come together
identify	pin down	involve	draw in	mend	patch up
ignore	pass over	isolate	cut off 4 cut off 5	mention	bring up rake up
illuminate	light up	issue	put out	minimize	touch on play down
imitate	take off	join	fall in with	misbehave	act up play up
impress	bowl over knock out	kill	bump off cut down	mislead	fob off
improve	buck up come on look up		dispose of finish off	mist	mist over
	pick up		gun down	moderate	tone down
improvise	cobble together rig up		put away rub out	moor	tie up
inaugurate	swear in		take out	neaten	straighten up
include	build in count in factor in	lambast lampoon	land on send up	need	depend on
	take in throw in	land	bring down put down	nerve	psych up
inconvenience	put out	last	touch down	notice	pick up on spy out
incorporate	build in 1 build in 2 work in	lead	hold out	obey	abide by keep to
increase	bump up crank up go up	learn	last out	obstruct	block off block up
	jack up scale up step up	leave	head up mug up	obtain	come by take out
indicate	point out		pick up check out	occupy	take up tie up
induce	put up to		draw out get away	occur	go on
indulge	pander to		get off get out	offset	balance out cancel out
inflate	blow up pump up		go off head off	omit	leave out miss out
inform	tell of		move on move out	open	come out open up
inherit	come into		pull out set forth	organize	set up
initiate	set up		set off set out	outdistance	leave behind
inspect	check out look over	like	care for go for	outdo	rise above
install	put in		go in for stick around	outgrow	grow out of
intend	start out	linger	wind up	overact	ham up
intensify	hot up step up	liquidate	heel over	overcome	break down break through
interrupt	break into butt in	list	listen up go down	overflow	get over boil over
	cut in cut into	listen	bring down let down		brim over 1 brim over 2
	cut off jump in	lose	post off send off	overrun	run over spill over
	put in step in	lower	keep up rack up	oversleep	run over sleep in
intervene	bring in	mail	rough up get by	overthrow	bring down set aside
introduce	roll out	maintain		overturn	pack up split up
	muscle in	make		pack	join in
intrude	cook up	maltreat		part	hand over
invent	make up 1	manage		participate	while away
				pass	go through
				perform	soldier on
				persevere	prevail on
				persuade	

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phone	talk round call up phone up ring up	receive	look back pick up	request	ask for send for
plateau	level off	recite	reel off	require	call for
plug	fill in	recline	lie back	resemble	take after
ponder	chew over mull over puzzle over	record	write down	reserve	keep back put aside set aside
post	post off send off	recover	bounce back 1 bounce back 2 claw back 1 claw back 2	resign	stand aside stand down
postpone	hold over put back put off 2 put off 3	recruit	sign on sign up take on	resolve	sort out work out
precede	lead up to	recur	come around come back cash in	respond	come back
prepare	cook up make up rustle up	redeem	boil down	restore	bring back
press	force on	reduce	bring down cut back 1 cut back 2 cut down 1 cut down 2 cut into	restrain	hold back hold in
pressurize	lean on	refrain	knock down	resuscitate	bring back
pretend	make out	refuse	mark down	retain	keep back keep on
prevent	head off	register	scale down hold back turn down	retaliate	fight back hit back 1 hit back 2
produce	bring forth churn out come across with come up with	rehearse	check in 1 check in 4 pick up on go through run over	retouch	touch up
produce	knock out turn out	reinforce	run through	retreat	back away
profit	cash in	reinstate	bolster up	retrieve	dig out get back
progress	come along come on move along move on	reject	bring back 2 bring back 3 knock back shoot down throw out toss aside	return	give back go back send back take back
prolong	draw out string out	relax	turn away from turn down chill out	reveal	give away let on
promote	move up	release	kick back wind down	reverse	back up
propose	put forward	relinquish	bring out put out	revive	bring back bring round
prosecute	haul up have up for	remain	hand over stay on	revolve	wake up go around
protrude	jut out stick out	remember	look back	rewind	wind back
provide	lay on	remove	cut out take away take off	ring	call up phone up ring up
prune	cut back	repay	weed out pay back	rise	get up go up stand up
publish	bring out get out put out	replace	put back	rob	hold up
pursue	come after go after run after	represent	act for stand for sum up	rob	knock over stick up
quell	put down	repress	fight back	rouse	knock up wake up
raise	bring up 1 bring up 2 bring up 4 bump up put up	reprimand	speak to tell off	ruin	mess up muck up give up
reach	arrive at get at			sacrifice	fill up
rebel	rise up			satisfy	chalk up put away
rebuke	tell off tick off			score	rack up
recall	dredge up			scorn	look down on
				search	look around scout around
				select	pick out
				separate	break up

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	split up 1 split up 2	<b>subtract</b>	take away	<b>unearth</b>	dig out
<b>serve</b>	serve up	<b>succeed</b>	come off		dig up 1
	wait on		get on		dig up 3
<b>set</b>	go down	<b>suggest</b>	put forward	<b>unfold</b>	open out
<b>shed</b>	slough off	<b>summarize</b>	sum up		open up
	throw off	<b>summon</b>	call in 3	<b>unite</b>	pull together
<b>shoot</b>	blow away		call in 4	<b>unleash</b>	set off
<b>shorten</b>	cut down		call out	<b>unroll</b>	roll out
	take up		conjure up	<b>unwind</b>	wind down
	turn up	<b>support</b>	send for	<b>vent</b>	act out
<b>shout</b>	call out		back up	<b>violate</b>	go against
	cry out		bear out	<b>visit</b>	call by
	yell out		get behind		call in
<b>show</b>	put out		hold up		call on
<b>shut</b>	push to		speak up for		call round
<b>silence</b>	shut up		stand by		come around
<b>sink</b>	bury in	<b>suppress</b>	stick up for		come by
	go down		choke back		come over
<b>skim</b>	go down		cover up		drop in
<b>soar</b>	dip into		put down	<b>volunteer</b>	pop over
<b>socialize</b>	shoot up	<b>surrender</b>	give up		come forward
<b>sound</b>	go out		hand in	<b>vomit</b>	step forward
<b>spot</b>	go off	<b>survive</b>	come through		bring up
	pick out 2		get by		chuck up
	pick out 3		get through		heave up
<b>spread</b>	pass on		last out		puke up
	put about		live on		sick up
	put around		live through		throw up
<b>squander</b>	fritter away	<b>switch</b>	pull through	<b>wait</b>	hang on
	gamble away	<b>table</b>	change over	<b>wake</b>	wake up
<b>stabilize</b>	calm down	<b>tackle</b>	put down	<b>warn</b>	tip off
	level off	<b>tackle</b>	deal with	<b>wash</b>	freshen up
<b>stage</b>	put on	<b>tease</b>	go about	<b>waste</b>	fritter away
<b>start</b>	break out	<b>telephone</b>	have on		throw away
	crank up		call up	<b>widen</b>	broaden out
	cut in		phone up		open out
	kick off 1		ring up		open up
	kick off 2	<b>test</b>	try out	<b>win</b>	carry off
	lead off	<b>tether</b>	tie up		pick up
	set about	<b>thrash</b>	take apart	<b>withdraw</b>	bottle out
	start out	<b>tolerate</b>	live with		pull back
<b>steal</b>	knock off		put up with		pull out 1
	rip off		stand for		pull out 2
<b>stifle</b>	gulp back	<b>topple</b>	bring down 1		take back
<b>stipulate</b>	lay down		bring down 4	<b>wither</b>	waste away
	provide for	<b>total</b>	add up to	<b>withhold</b>	hold back
	cut out		amount to		keep back
<b>stop</b>	dry up		come to	<b>wreck</b>	smash up
	give over		count up		write off
	jack in	<b>transform</b>	shake up	<b>wring</b>	squeeze out
	lay off	<b>transpire</b>	turn out	<b>yell</b>	cry out
	leave off	<b>trap</b>	pen in	<b>yield</b>	back down
	pull in	<b>trip</b>	fall over		cave in
	pull up	<b>trust</b>	swear by		give in
<b>store</b>	lay in	<b>uncover</b>	dig out		
<b>strengthen</b>	beef up		get at		
	firm up	<b>undergo</b>	pass through		
<b>strike</b>	come out	<b>undermine</b>	wear down		
<b>stumble</b>	trip up		latch on		
<b>stun</b>	knock out 4	<b>understand</b>	make out		
	knock out 5		take in		
<b>subside</b>	die down	<b>undertake</b>	take on		