



PHRASAL VERBS (B)

bank on

- *to trust somebody*
I can bank on my work partner to complete the new project by the deadline.
- *To expect that something will happen*
We cannot bank on the good weather for the weekend.

barge in

- *to suddenly interrupt*
Don't just barge in without knocking on the door. It is rude.
It is not polite to barge into a conversation.

be against

- *to oppose*
Mary is against the new rule because it is not fair to the female staff.

be away

- *to have left a place temporarily*
He is away at the moment, but he will be back next Monday.

be back

- *to have returned from somewhere*
He is back at work after his honeymoon.

be behind

- *to be late with*
The post office was late with the mail delivery during the Holiday Season.

be fed up (with)

- *be frustrated with*
I am fed up with so much paperwork every day.

be for

- *to favor or agree with*
We all are for the policy to decrease the income tax for all income groups.

be keen on

- *be fond of*
Recently, I have become very keen on detective or crime novels.

be on

- *to be connected to a light, an electrical device etc.*
The light in my teacher's office is still on, she must be working overtime again.
- *to be on duty.*
I have to be on duty from Monday to Friday and I get the weekends off.

be out of

- *to have exhausted one's supply of*
I am out of my coffee so I need to buy another bottle.

be over

- *to have finished*
My class will be over at 4 p.m., so we will meet at the movies at 4:30p.m.

be up against

- *to face a formidable problem*
In the final this evening our team will be up against the local championship team.

beat down

- *to obtain a lower price by bargaining*
I successfully beat down the price by \$20 and got that coat I've always wanted.

become of

- *to have happened to somebody or something*
What will become of you if you fail the final exam?

bend down

- *to stoop*
I hurt my back in the football match it is difficult for me to bend and pick up things.

black out

- *to temporarily lose consciousness*
The old lady blacked out for few minutes in the car accident.
- *to block or not to make available*
The government blacked out the news to prevent the local people from knowing the truth.

blast off

- *to begin or start*
Our boss expects everyone to blast off with the new project next Monday.
- *to leave the ground and rise into the air forcefully*
The Rocket blasted off on another space mission.

blow out

- *to extinguish by blowing*
Make sure to blow out the candle before you go to bed.

blurt out

- *to say suddenly*
Don't just blurt out the answers in class without the teacher asking you.

bounce back

- *be become well and happy again*
He was ill but he will bounce back very soon and come back to work.

bow out

- *to leave or retire gracefully from an important position*
After working as the company president for many years he finally bowed out.

branch out

- *to start a new line of business*
Our company is planning to branch out and open an office on the east coast.

Break away

- *to detach or separate from*
Some politicians want to break away from the party due to an ideological discrepancy.

break into

- *to interrupt*
Please don't jump into our conversation.
- *to burglarize*
Two burglars broke into the bank and shot two security staff members.

break out

- *to start or arise*
A company-wide strike broke out last week for high salaries.
- *to run away*
Ten criminals broke out last night and the police are still searching for them..

bring about

- *to cause to happen*
What brought about the change of going abroad to study?

bring back

- *to return*
Please bring back my umbrella as the weather forecast says it will rain this afternoon.
- *to prompt memories*
The old pictures always bring back good memories of my childhood.

bring down

- *to carry downstairs*
Please bring down the garbage when you go out.
- *to reduce in price*
If you bring the price down by 20%, I will buy this car.
- *to precipitate one's downfall*
Many small companies were brought down and forced to close due to the economic crisis,.

bring on

- *to cause as a side-effect*
Heavy drinking brings on a huge hangover.

bring out

- *to publish, to launch (a product)*
Cell phone manufacturers regularly bring out new models.
- *To emphasize (a quality)*
That task will bring out the best of our team

bring up

- *to raise or rear (a child)*
Nowadays many grandparents help their children by bringing up their grandchildren.
- *to mention or touch on (an issue)*
Please don't bring up the old proposal in the next meeting.
- *to vomit, to throw up*
After drinking the whole bottle, he went out to throw up.

brush aside

- *to ignore*
We have to brush that incident aside and forget it and move on now.

build on

- *to further develop or grow (an idea, a project) from an established base*
We will invest more in the coming year to build on the existing sales model.

bump into

- *to meet unexpectedly*
I bumped into an old friend who I haven't seen for ten years while out shopping.

bump off

- *to murder, to kill*
That millionaire was bumped off after he was kidnapped.

bump up

- *to increase or raise*
In the peak season, airlines will bump up or jack up their ticket prices.

burn down

- *to destroy by fire*
An apartment building was burned down in a huge fire.

butt in

- *to interrupt (a conversation)*
Don't butt in on people when they are talking.

burn out

- *to burn until nothing is left*
The fire had to burn out completely before it was safe to enter.
- *to tax one's nerves or health*
I feel burnt out these days and I need to take a break from work.

burst out

- *to show emotions suddenly and forcefully*
I cannot help bursting out in tears at weddings.

butter up

- *to flatter*
Some people like to butter up their bosses, hoping to get promoted.

buzz off

- *to (tell somebody to) go away*
He was told to buzz off when he wanted to butt in on their conversation.