



PHRASAL VERBS (I)

idle away

- *to waste (time), to spend (time) on idle pursuits*
Don't idle away or waste your time on games - focus on your studies instead.

invite in

- *to invite somebody to come into (one's home, a room)*
When I saw my friend passing by my home, I invited him in.

iron out

- *remove small or minor problems*
We still have to iron out the small details to finalize the deal.

Invite out

- *to ask somebody to go out*
My classmate invited me out for dinner and a movie this weekend.

jabber away

- *talk a lot*
He just jabbes away instead of getting to the point.

jack up

- *raise the price*
The florists will jack up their prices significantly before Valentine's Day.

jam up against

- *to force together*
Just jam up those boards against the back wall.

jazz up

- *to make more interesting*
You need to jazz up your report with some graphics to make it more interesting.

jerk around

- *waste someone's time*
I hate it when they just mess around and nothing positive gets accomplished.

join in

- *to take part in*

The kid soon became comfortable with his new classmates and joined in the fun with them.

join up

- *to connect (wires)*

He joined up or connected the wrong wires, which blew out all the bulbs.

jot down

- *to briefly write down*

He jotted down a series of numbers and passed them to me.

juice up

- *make more exciting*

The news of their relationship will juice up the office gossip to a new level.

jump at

- *to seize (an opportunity)*

All students should jump at the opportunity to get a scholarship to study abroad.

jump up

- *to suddenly or quickly stand up*

While the judges compile their scores, the audience will jump up to cheer the success of their own team members.