

PHRASAL VERBS (R)

race off

hurry away or leave quickly
They raced off immediately after lunch to get to the airport.

rack up

acquire much of something
His habit caused him to rack up huge gambling debts.

rain on

spoil or express negatively
I do not mean to rain on your parade but that idea excludes too many stakeholders.

rain out

postpone or stopped by rain
All the games for the weekend were rained out and will be played later.

rake it in

make a lot of money
The new shopping mall is raking in the cash with their sales.

rake over

to scold or chastise
He was raked over the coals by the Boss for giving such a big discount.

ramble on

talk much without getting to the point
The President loves to ramble on before making any comment.

rat on

to inform about something wrongly done
Gang members take an oath never to rat on other members who have done wrong.

ratchet up

increase

They will ratchet up the fund raising drive on television this weekend.

reach out to

• offer help The government will reach out and help those affected by the earthquake.

read up on

• research

I have to read up on the new import regulations.

reel in

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attract people The new advertising will reeel in many new customers looking for bargains.

ride off

go away by bike or horse
The cowboys always ride off into the distance in western movies.

ring back

call back
I will ring you back before the end of business today.

ring up

to call
I will ring up their service department to arrange for the repair.

rip off

cheat out of

That store has many fake goods to rip off unsuspecting customers.

roll back

reduce

They are going to roll back their prices to their pre-merger prices.

roll in

• arrive

In the afternoon we expect heavy rain clouds to roll in with showers later.

roll up

appear in large numbers
They expect huge crowds to roll up for the festival.

romp in

win easily

The relay team was so good that they simply romped in during the final.

root for

support

They will root for the team no matter what the score is.

rope in

get someone to help
We will have to rope in everybody to get the project done on time. Ugh up

rough up

• assault

The criminal was roughed up by the police when he was arrested.