

PHRASAL VERBS (S)

sail into

to criticize angrily

The manager sailed into me for a good hour for making such a stupid mistake.

sail through

pass easily, succeed
He will sail through the admissions test.

save up

money for a particular purpose

The kids will save up all the pocket money just to buy the latest gadget.

scale back

make something smaller than the original
They had to scale back the space program because of the increasing costs.

scale down

make something smaller than the original
They had to scale down the final phase to ensure completion on time.

scare away

frighten so that someone leaves
The cat will scare away the birds once they see it.

scout about

to look in different places

The company will scout about until they find a suitable manager.

scrape by

barely manage to succeed

Many people in poverty cannot eve scrape by on their welfare payments.

scrape though

just manage to pass a test

I just managed to scrape through the mid-term exams so I will study harder in future.

scrape together

manage to collect enough (usually money)

They managed to scrape together enough for their rent.

screen off

to separate or block off

They will screen off the reception area from the kitchen area with a new partition.

screw around

to waste time

You should get down to your studies, and stop screwing around so much.

screw over

to cheat or treat harshly

The old employees were screwed over the merger and many were demoted.

screw up

do badly or poorly

If you continue to work so carelessly you will screw up the whole project.

see through

continue to the end

You have to learn to persevere and see projects through to the very end.

sell off

sell a business or part of it

They are going to sell off their delivery division to a bigger company.

send back

return something

You have to send the printer because it does not produce good quality prints.

send for

ask someone to come in to help

We has better send for the technician to fix this problem for us.

send in

order people in

The police were sent in when the protest became violent.

set about

start doing

We need to set about getting the new holiday program in place.

set apart

distinguish or be better than

His exceptional Math scores set him apart from the other applicants.

set back

cost

A new car is going to set me back a few thousand.

settle down

to develop a fixed routine or pattern

I have to settle down and get serious about my studies before the exams.