



## PHRASAL VERBS (A)

### abide by

- *to obey a rule or the law*  
All drivers need to abide by the traffic rules to avoid total chaos on the roads.

### account for

- *to give a reason or an explanation for something*  
He couldn't give a good account for why he was absent from the class yesterday.

### add up

- *to calculate the total of several figures*  
Just add up all the money you spend on stupid computer games and you will see how much you are wasting.
- *to make sense*  
Your budget plan doesn't add up to the boss, so you need to prepare a new one.

### aim for

- *to work towards*  
Every student in the class is aiming for a high score in the final exam.

### allow for

- *to consider additional, unforeseen factors*  
We should allow for more unexpected weather conditions when we go hiking.

### apply for

- *to offer one's services for*  
I think I am qualified enough to apply for that position in that company.

### ask after

- *to enquire about somebody's health or some news*  
I asked after my best friend's mom health who is in hospital now.

### ask for

- *to request*  
The student asked for the teacher's help with his homework.

### ask out

- *to invite somebody to go out*  
I would like to ask my girlfriend out for a nice dinner this weekend.