

PHRASAL VERBS

phrasal verb quiz (PDF)

CATCH

1. Catch on = become popular
2. Catch on = understand
3. Catch up with = succeed in reaching
4. Catch up with = bring up to date

LIVE

1. Live on = have an income
2. Live through = survive despite difficulty
3. Live up to = reach the expected standard

PUT

1. Put aside = save
2. Put away = store, tidy
3. Put off = postpone
4. Put off = discourage/ distract
5. Put on = get dressed
6. Put on = increase (weight)
7. Put out = extinguish
8. Put through = connect
9. Put up = provide accommodation
10. Put up with = tolerate

GET

1. Get across = communicate
2. Get (a)round = overcome or avoid a problem, become known
3. Get at = reach; suggest
4. Get away = leave, escape
5. Get away with = escape with stolen goods; escape from punishment
6. Get back = regain possession
7. Get by = manage; survive
8. Get down = cause depression
9. get off = leave
10. get on = make progress
11. get on with = manage to work/live with
12. get out of = avoid a drug
13. get over = recover from (illness/ difficulties)
14. get round to = find time to do
15. get through = make contacts (telephone)

BREAK

1. Break down = fail to work; collapse
2. Break into = enter by force
3. Break off = end suddenly
4. Break out = escape
5. Break through = force a way through
6. Break up = separate
7. Break up = smash into pieces

WEAR

1. Wear off = pass away
2. Wear out = become useless

SET

1. Set down = write down on a paper
2. Set in = start and seem likely to continue
3. Set off/out= begin a journey

4. Set off = start; cause an explosion
5. Set out = begin a course of action
6. Set up = establish

LET

1. Let down = lower; disappoint
2. Let in = allow to enter
3. Let off = allow to explode; excuse from punishment
4. Let out = release

CUT

1. Cut across = take a short cut
2. Cut down = bring down by cutting
3. Cut down on = reduce
4. Cut in = push in suddenly
5. Cut off = stop flow
6. Cut up = divide into small pieces

BRING

1. Bring about = cause to happen
2. Bring in = introduce
3. Bring off = to succeed in something difficult
4. Bring out = make clear
5. Bring around = help back to consciousness
6. Bring up = raise a child

LOOK

1. Look after = take care of
2. Look for = try to find
3. Look in = visit
4. Look into = investigate
5. Look out = take care
6. Look through = examine
7. Look up = search for information
8. Look up to = respect

Come

1. Come across = find or meet by chance; be understood
2. Come off = succeed
3. Come out = appear/bloom
4. Come round = visit; regain consciousness
5. Come to = regain consciousness
6. Come up against = be faced with

GO

1. Go down with = become ill
2. Go in for = enter an exam/ competition
3. Get off = explode; go bad
4. Go on = continue/ happen
5. Go over/through = examine
6. Go through = search
7. Go with = match, suit
8. Go without = Manage without

GIVE

1. Give away = give as a present; reveal
2. Give back = return
3. Give in = hand in; surrender
4. Give out = distribute
5. Give up = stop; surrender, impractical criticism of details.