

ABOUT PHRASAL VERBS AND IDIOMS**1.1 WHAT ARE PHRASAL VERBS?**

calm down (telling sb to relax)
 catch on
 keep in with sb
 laugh at sb
 laugh sth off
 put sth on = organize an event
 put sth on = pretend to have a way of speaking.
 put sth on = spread sth on sth
 stay in
 tear sth up
 wait up for sb
 wind sb up
 wind sth up = bring sth to an end
 wind sth up = close a company

1.2 GRAMMAR OF PHRASAL VERBS

back out
 bring sth/sb back
 come about
 frighten sb/sth away
 get through (sth)
 go along with sb/sth
 go away = disappear
 hear from sb
 help (sb) out (with sth)
 put sth down = write sth on paper
 settle on sth/sb
 spell sth out (to sb)

1.3 MULTIPLE MEANING

come out (of the sun)
 come out = be published
 come out = become known
 come up = be mentioned
 come up against sth/sb
 come up to sth
 get in/into sth = enter university
 get into sth = arrive
 get into sth = become interested in sth
 get into sth = become involved in sth
 get into sth = develop a habit
 get into sth = put on clothes
 go out (and do sth)
 go out (of a light or fire)
 go out = be broadcast

turn sth down = reduce sound, heat, etc.
 turn sth up = increase sound, heat, etc.
 turn up = arrive

1.4 STYLE AND REGISTER

cry off
 do away with sth = abolish sth
 dream sth up
 enlarge on/upon sth
 enter into sth
 kick in
 put sth forward
 put sth out = stop sth burning
 put yourself out (for sb)
 spread out
 turn sth down = reject sth

1.5 NOUNS FROM PHRASAL VERBS

breakthrough *N*
 bystander *N*
 hand sth out
 handout *N*
 input *N*
 keep sth up = keep sth in good condition
 let sb down
 letdown *N*
 on standby
 stand by = be available if needed
 stand by = watch sth and not take action
 stand in (for sb)
 stand-in *N*
 stand-off (between A and B) *N*
 upkeep *N*
 write sth off (vehicle)
 write-off *N* (vehicle)
 write-up *N*

1.6 ADJECTIVES FROM PHRASAL VERBS

build sth in
 built-in *ADJ*
 go ahead = proceed
 go on (doing sth) = continue
 go-ahead *ADJ*
 knock sb out = defeat sb
 knockout *ADJ*
 off-putting = distracting *ADJ*
 off-putting = unpleasant *ADJ*
 ongoing *ADJ*
 outspoken *ADJ*
 put sb off (sb/sth) = make sb dislike sb/sth

put sb off = distract sb
 speak out (about/against sth/sb)
 water sth down
 watered-down *ADJ*
 wear sb out
 wear sth out
 worn out *ADJ* = no longer useful
 worn out *ADJ* = tired

1.7 WHAT ARE IDIOMS?

(at) the last minute/moment
 any minute
 be nothing like sb/sth
 for the time being
 go from bad to worse
 have a thing about sth/sb
 it/that depends
 lovely and warm, cool, soft, etc.
 make yourself understood
 not think much of sth/sb
 out of the blue
 put your foot in it
 so far
 the minute

BODY, HEALTH AND MIND**2.1 PHYSICAL ACTIONS**

bend down/over
 bump into sb/sth = hit accidentally
 fall over
 get up = stand
 knock sb over/down
 lie down
 trip over
 turn round/around = physical movement

2.2 A HEALTHY EATING PLAN

as far as sth/sb is concerned
 cut down (on sth)
 cut sth out
 do sth up = fasten
 face up to (sth)
 fall off
 fill sb up
 hard going
 keep to sth = follow a rule/agreement
 put on (weight)
 show off
 show sth off

sign up (for sth)
turn over a new leaf
work out = do physical exercise
workout N

2.3 COMMON AILMENTS

a day or two
complain of sth
flare up (of illness)
get over sth/sb = recover
go round
it won't/wouldn't do (sb) any harm
keep sth down
not agree with sb (food)
on the mend
pick sth up (an illness)
put your feet up
take it/a lot out of sb
take it/things easy
throw up
under the weather
washed out ADJ
wiped out ADJ
worn out ADJ = tired

2.4 GOING TO HOSPITAL

at the best of times
black out
burst into tears
calm sb down
check sb/sth over
come around/round
come to
crowd around/round (sb/sth)
ease off
go down (of swelling) = become less
have sth out
knock sb over/down
look after sth/sb
pass by (sb/sth)
pass out
passer-by
stitch sb/sth up
take care of sb
take sth out = remove from sb's body

2.5 HEALTH HEADLINES

at risk (from/of sth)
be on (your) guard
breakdown N (illness)
bring sth on
check into sth
deprive sb of sth
guard against sth
lead to sth
on the increase
on the rise
on the verge of (doing) sth
pass away
pull through (sth)
result in sth
search sth/sb out

shake-up N
take sth up = start a job, hobby, etc.
track sb/sth down

2.6 FEELINGS

a sit-down
be/get worked up
bottle sth up
bring a smile to your face
bring tears to your eyes
choke sth back
cool down
down in the dumps
jump out of your skin
make sb's day
on edge
on tenterhooks
perk (sb) up
shake like a leaf
shake sb up
start on at sb (about sth)
tense up
tire sb out

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

3.1 GROWING UP

bring sb up
get/be carried away
give sb a hand
go away = go on holiday
grow up = become an adult
grown-up N
hear of sth
invite sb round/over
keep an eye on sb/sth
let sb/sth out
look forward to (doing) sth
move away
on the road
stay in
take sb out
upbringing

3.2 WHAT MAKES A GOOD PARENT?

a shoulder to cry on
be on sb's side
bear in mind that
bear sth in mind
get to know sb
in private
in public
lay down the law
look on sb as sb/sth
pick on sb
seek sb/sth out
take sides
take sth out on sb
talk sth through
thrive on sth
turn a blind eye (to sth)

3.3 MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

at issue
be supposed to be/do sth
drive sb mad/round the bend
face up to sth
get on (with sb)
hold sth/sb together
insist on doing sth = continue doing sth
that others find annoying
insist on sth = say sth must happen
keep sth up = maintain a standard
know sb/sth inside out
know sth like the back of your hand
stem from sth
tear sth apart
tear sth to pieces/shreds
turn out = develop in a particular way

3.4 WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND?

a (good/great) laugh
bring out the best/worst in sb
cheer sb up
consist of sth
count on sb
depend on sb = rely on sb
get behind sb
get by = manage
let sb down
liven sth up
put up with sb/sth = tolerate sb
relate to sb
rely on sb/sth
stand by sb
to my mind
when the going gets tough

3.5 FRIENDSHIPS AT WORK

come to nothing
confide in sb
draw the line (at sth)
find fault with sb
get along (with sb)
get sth out of sb
go for sth = choose sth
go for sth/sb = like a type of thing/person
happen to do sth
keep sth to yourself
keep yourself to yourself
make friends (with sb)
mess sth up
steer clear of sth/sb

ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

4.1 STARTING A NEW RELATIONSHIP

at ease
cut your losses
end up
fit in with sb/sth
get over sth/sb = recover
give sth a try
go out (with sb) (romance)

gut feeling
insist on sth = say sth must happen
meet up (with sb)
move on
out there
there's no harm in doing sth
work out = be successful

4.2 ENDING A RELATIONSHIP

break up (with sb)
break-up *n*
come to an end
drag on
drag sth out
focus on sth
get into sth = become involved in sth
go wrong
in person
in private
in public
make up your mind
sort sth out
split up (with sb)
stick to sth = continue despite difficulties
talk sth over (with sb)
ups and downs
walk away (from sb/sth)
walk out (on sb/sth)

4.3 HOW DID WE MEET?

ask sb out
chat sb up
fall out (with sb)
for my liking
give in (to sb/sth) = agree to do sth
go out (with sb) (romance)
go out together
in the end
keep (on) doing sth
make up (with sb)
on your own
put sb off (sb/sth) = make sb dislike sb/sth
queue (up)
show up
take sb by surprise

4.4 STARTING AGAIN

come to a head
drift apart
get together
in retrospect
let your hair down
look for sth
miss out (on sth)
settle down
split up (with sb)
stay put
turn up = happen unexpectedly
with hindsight
work out = be successful
work out = do physical exercise
workout *n*

4.5 EX-GIRLFRIENDS

cheat on sb
cheer sb up
confide in sb
fall for sb
finish with sb
get along (with sb)
get on (with sb)
get/have cold feet
hit it off
in a big way
move in with sb
not have the heart to do sth
put up with sb/sth = tolerate sb
remind sb of sb

EVERYDAY LIFE

5.1 WEATHER

brighten up
catch sb out
cloud over
come out (of the sun)
come up = rise
day after day
ease off
from day to day
from one day to the next
go down (of the sun, moon, etc.)
go on (and on) (about sth/sb)
grind to a halt/standstill
make the most of sth
pick up
pour (down)
pour with rain
start off

5.2 FOOD

(as) thin as a rake
ask sb over
be starving
burn sth off
cut down (on sth)
cut sth out
eat in
eat out
give sth up = stop doing sth
go without sth
go/be on a diet
having said that
heat sth up
live for sth
pick sth up = buy sth
revolve around sth/sb = have sth as an important part
take sth away (a meal eaten at home)
takeaway *n*
warm sth up

5.3 COOKING

a bit at a time
as you go along

at the same time
be left over (from sth)
by the time
clear (sth) up = tidy sth
finish sth off
hand sth round/around
heat sth up
leave sth/sb out
leftovers
polish sth off
serve (sth) up
stir sth in
to/on one side
use sth up
warm sth up

5.4 OUR HOME

do sth up = repair
flat out
get to know sb
invite sb round/over
like mad
move away
move in/move into sth
move out/move out of sth
my heart sank
put sth in
put sth up = build
set about (doing) sth
settle in
show sb around/round (sth)
smarten sth/sb up
take sth out = remove sth
turn out (to be sth)

5.5 CLOTHES SHOPPING

back to front
be on the lookout for sth
do sth up = fasten
get into sth = put on clothes
go with sth
have (got) sth on
inside out
on sale
on the big, small, tight, etc. side
put sth on = get dressed
sell out (of sth)
shop around (for sth)
take sth back = return sth to a shop
take sth off = remove clothing
the other day
try sth on
wrap sth up = cover sth in paper

5.6 SLEEP

a lie-down
a lie-in
doze off
drop off (to sleep)
fall asleep
get back to sth = return to a state
get up = get out of bed

go off (of an alarm) = ring
go off (of electricity) = stop working
go off (to sleep)
have an early/a late night
nod off
sleep like a log
sleep over
sleep through sth
sleepover *N*
toss and turn
wake up/wake sb up

MONEY

6.1 SAVE OR SPEND?

go down = decrease
go on (doing sth) = continue
go out (and do sth)
go up = increase
have had enough of sth
in the short/long run
in the short/long term
like mad
live off sb/sth
live on sth
pay sth off
pay your way
put sth aside
put sth by
save up (for sth)
stand on your own (two) feet

6.2 HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?

come into sth = be left money
depend on sb = rely on sb
depend on sb/sth = need sb/sth
depend on sth = be decided by sth
for a start
give sth away = donate sth
help (sb) out (with sth)
in need of sth
invest in sth
keep quiet about sth
on the quiet
pay sth off
put sth aside
put sth by
rolling in money
splash out on sth
to begin with
you never know

6.3 A WASTE OF MONEY

be better off (doing sth)
be worse off (doing sth)
carry on (doing sth) = continue doing sth
charge over the odds
come in = finish a race
come to sth
(go) down the drain
get sth back
pay for itself

pay over the odds
pick sth up = buy sth
put sth in
put sth/money on sth
rip sb off
rip-off *N*

6.4 LIVING IN POVERTY

be out of the question
cut back (on sth)
cut down (on sth)
cutback *N*
eat into sth
go away = go on holiday
go down = decrease
go through the roof
go up = increase
help (sb) out (with sth)
live on sth
make ends meet
on the breadline
run sth up
scrape by (on sth)
use sth up

6.5 MY BEST EVER BUY

be after sth
close down
club together
come across sth
get hold of sth
get rid of sth = sell, give away or throw away
go along
knock sth off
look after sth/sb
not come cheap (*in* sth does not come cheap)
one day
over the moon
sell out (of sth)
sell sth off = sell things cheaply
shop around (for sth)

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

7.1 GETTING AROUND

be supposed to be/do sth
drop sb (off)
get a move on
get around/round/about (sth) = travel
get in/into (a taxi/car/train)
get into sth = arrive
get off (a train/bus)
get on (a train/bus)
get out (of a car/taxi, etc.)
hand sth in
hold sb/sth up = delay sb/sth
hold-up *N* = delay
hurry up
in the nick of time
look out for sth/sb

look sth up
lookout *N*
make it = arrive at a place
make your way (to somewhere)

7.2 ROAD RAGE

calm down = relax
cut in (on sb)
cut sb up
drive off/away
drive on
get on sb's nerves
get out (of a car/taxi, etc.)
give in (to sb/sth) = accept defeat
kick in
on my/the way
pull in (to sth)
pull out (of sth) (of a vehicle/driver)
pull over (of a vehicle)
put on the brakes
put sth on = make sth start working
slow down
speed up
take sb by surprise
the other day/week
think straight
work yourself up

7.3 A LONG CAR JOURNEY

be on the move
break down (vehicle)
breakdown *N* (vehicle)
build up = increase
build-up *N* = increase
carry on = continue moving
come/grind to a standstill
grind to a halt/standstill
hold sb/sth up = delay sb/sth
hold-up *N* = delay
look around/round (sth)
make up (time)
off the beaten track
or so
set off
set out
stop off
tail back
tailback *N*

7.4 AIRPORTS

as usual
at the crack of dawn
be booked up
be murder
check in
check sth in
check-in *N*
get away = go on holiday
get back
get through (sth) = complete sth
of one sort or another
pick sth/sb up = collect sth/sb

see sb off
stop over
take (time) off
take off (of a plane)
take-off *n*
the last minute/moment

7.5 A HOLIDAY BREAK

date back (to ...)
end up
get around (of news)
get around/round sth = deal with sth
get around/round/about (sth) = travel
get away from it all
get sth out of sth
go back
go on = happen
make a change
off the beaten track
rushed off your feet
wind down

LAW AND ORDER

8.1 A POLICE INVESTIGATION

ask after sb
ask around
ask for sth
at all times
be on (your) guard
better (to be) safe than sorry
carry sth out
check sth out
go through sth = examine sth
if in doubt
impress upon/on sb
in search of sth
let sb in
put sth out = publish
ring sb (up)
take sb in = deceive sb
walk off with sth = steal sth

8.2 CRIME HEADLINES

be/get mixed up in sth
crack down on sb/sth
crackdown (on sb/sth) *n*
in the clear
lead sb on
lead to sth
let sb off
make off with sth
on the up
phase sth in
phase sth out
press charges (against sb)
put a stop to sth
stay away from sth
tighten sth up
tip sb off
tip-off *n*

8.3 A ROBBERY

be on the lookout for sb
break into sth
break-in *n*
crack down on sb/sth
get away (from sb/sth) = escape
get away with sth = escape punishment
get away with sth = steal sth and escape
hang around/about
in broad daylight
pass by (sb/sth)
passer-by
run after sb
run off with sth
take up sth = continue a story
the next thing I knew

8.4 INCOMPETENT CRIMINALS

belong to sb
break in
break into sth
break-in *n*
call sb out
charge sth up
get away (from sb/sth) = escape
get hold of sth
go after sb/sth
hold sb/sth up = steal from sb/sth
hold-up *n* = robbery
lead to sth
leave sth behind
make off with sth
pull over (of a vehicle)
pull sb over
result in sth
rifle through sth

8.5 GANG CULTURE

act sth out
again and again
be/get caught up in sth
beat sb up
belong to sth
come up = be mentioned
come up = happen
coming up = going to happen
do well/badly (at sth)
fill a gap
get back (at sb)
get sb back
hang around with sb
lead sb astray
mean business
turn to sb/sth
work your way up

HOME TECHNOLOGY

9.1 USING PHONES AND MOBILES

charge sth up
hang up
pick sth/sb up = lift sth/sb

plug sth in
pop up
punch sth in
put sth down = place sth on a surface
scroll up/down
switch sth on/off
tap sth in
turn sth around/round = change direction
turn sth on/off

9.2 PHONE QUESTIONNAIRE

call sb back
cut sb off (phone)
get through (to sb) = make contact
give sb a bell
give sb a call/a ring
go on (and on) (about sth/sb)
hang up
hang up on sb
out of the blue
pay-as-you-go
put sb on hold
put sb through to sb
ring off
ring sb (up)
ring sb back
run out (of a battery)
top sth up

9.3 THE DOWNSIDE OF TEXTING

all day/week/year long
as a matter of course/routine
be a question of sth
be about to do sth
be on the phone
break away (from sb)
carry sth out
cut sth off = stop the supply of sth
go on = happen
grow into sth/sb
interfere with sth
over and above sth
pay sth back
pop into sth (your head/mind)
run sth up
stay/be/keep in touch
until all hours

9.4 DOMESTIC ROBOTS

be on the cusp of sth
call sb in
care for sb
carry sth out
first and foremost
hand (sth) over (to sb)
have sth in common with sth
hire sth out
keep track of sth
make a difference
make up for sth
play a role/part in sth
take care of sb

take sth for granted
to come (days/years, etc.)
turn out (to be sth)

9.5 COMPUTERS

back sth up
backup *n* (computers)
boot (sth) up
get rid of sth = take action to stop sth
go down (of a computer)
greyed out
key sth in
log off/out
log on/in
pop up
pop-up *n*
pop-up window
print sth out/off
printout *n*
pull down a menu
pull-down menu
set sth up = arrange for sth to happen
shut (sth) down
start (sth) up = start a computer
warm up (of a machine)
zoom in/out

MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

10.1 TALKING ABOUT THE NEWS

behind the scenes
blow sth up out of (all) proportion
cast doubt on sth
check sth out
cover sth up
cover-up *n*
dig around
follow sth up = investigate
get out (news)
leak out (news)
off the record
on the record
open up (to sb)
put sth across
tip sb off
tip-off *n*

10.2 NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

bring sth out
flare up (of fire)
flare up (of illness)
flare up (of trouble)
get the go-ahead
give birth to sb/sth
give sb the go-ahead
in favour (of sth)
level off/out
look into sth
pay tribute to sb
put a stop to sth
rule sth out

speak out (about/against sth/sb)
stamp sth out
step aside/down
stick by sb
wipe sth out

10.3 PRESS BEHAVIOUR

against the law
be in the firing line
blow up
by no means
close sth down
drag your heels/feet
hack (into) sth
in a good/bad light
in sb's eyes
in the eyes of sb
in the public eye
keep your eyes open (for sth)
listen in on sth/sb
redeem yourself
relate to sth
tighten sth up

10.4 FILM REVIEWS

be asking for trouble
cater for sb/sth
come alive
come to life
come up to sth
going by sth
hard to swallow
hinge on/upon sth
in brief
judging by/from sth
let sth down = make sth less successful
live up to sth
make sth of sth/sb
nothing like as ... as
peter out
remind sb of sth
run out of steam

10.5 THE PROS AND CONS OF TV

be glued to sth
broaden your horizons
draw sb in
eat into sth
get in the way of sth
get on with your life
get used to doing sth
have (got) nothing against sth/sb
layabout *n*
lie about/around
night after night
open sth up = create new possibilities
switch sth off
take the plunge
used to do sth
wind down

10.6 TV CRIME SERIES

base sth on sth
centre around/round sth/sb
come up with sth
early on
get (sth) off the ground
go out = be broadcast
hand (sth) over (to sb)
hit on/upon sth
make the headlines
piece sth together
point sth out (to sb)
run out of steam
toy with sth

LEISURE

11.1 HOBBIES

a change of direction
at a price
be/have something to do with sth
commit yourself to (doing) sth
devote sth/yourself to sth
do your homework
for a start
get sth out of sth
have time on your hands
keep/have an open mind
let yourself in for sth
pick sth up where you left off
rule sth out
take sth into account
take up sth = fill time/space
while (time) away

11.2 MY FREE TIME

be mad keen on sth/sb
come easily
get over sth/sb = recover
go in for sth
in shape
out of shape
pick sth up = learn a skill
sign up (for sth)
spur sb on (to do sth)
start off
stick at sth
take it/a lot out of sb
take sth up = start a job, hobby, etc.
talk sb into (doing) sth
talk sb out of (doing) sth
to start with
try sth out
walk off with sth = steal sth
walk off with sth = win sth easily

11.3 READING

can't put sth down
capture sb's imagination
come out = be published
curl up
derive sth from sth

feel sorry for sb
get hold of sb
get hold of sth
get into sth = start enjoying sth
go on at sb
immerse yourself/sb in sth
make up for sth
miss out (on sth)
pay off
relate to sb
right away
turn out = develop in a particular way

11.4 ART GALLERIES WITH CHILDREN

engage with sb
follow sth up = add to sth you have done
follow-up *N*
go down well/badly (with sb)
keep your voice down
lay sth on
look ahead
on display
pick sth out
plan ahead
print sth out/off
read up about/on sth
remind sb of sth
run riot (of sb's imagination)
run riot = be out of control
shy away from sth
think ahead
turn sb off (sth)
turn-off *N*

11.5 BOARD GAMES

add (sth) up = calculate
base sth on sth
call for sth
count sth up
jumble sth up
make sth up = form sth
note sth down
put sth back = return sth to its place
put sth down = place sth on a surface
run out of sth = have none left
take it in turns (to do sth)
take sth away (from sth)
take turns to do sth
try your hand at sth
turn (sth) into sth
use sth up

SPORT

12.1 PHRASES IN TEAM SPORTS

against the run of play
at full strength
be on top
below strength
come close to doing sth
go down (to sb) = lose
kick off

kick-off *N*
knock sb out = defeat sb
knockout competition
lose the toss
on the bench
play at home/away
send sb off
win the toss

12.2 WINTER SPORTS

bump into sb/sth = hit accidentally
cover up
in/under the circumstances
lie down
make sense
no matter what/how/where, etc.
play (it) safe
sit up
stick to sth = continue and not change
try sth out
under/in no circumstances
watch out (for sth)
wrap up = keep warm

12.3 THE RISE OF A GREAT TENNIS PLAYER

build sb/sth up = make sb/sth stronger
come back = become successful again
come off = be successful
come off = leave a sports field
comeback *N*
fight back
fightback *N*
from/at the outset (of sth)
gamble on sth
get off to a good/bad/slow, etc. start
go on to (do) sth
in a row
keep sth up = maintain a standard
on a par (with sth/sb)
on display

12.4 SPORTS INJURIES

abide by sth
be meant to do/be sth
build sth into sth
come back = return
come first
cut sth down
first and foremost
in shape
in the first place
loosen up
out of shape
run a/the risk of sth/doing sth
such as
take part (in sth)
warm down
warm up = prepare for activity
warm-down *N*
warm-up *N* = preparation for activity

12.5 THE MIND OF A CHAMPION

a force to be reckoned with
bottle sth up
build-up (to sth) *N* = preparation for sth
devote sth/yourself to sth
draw on/upon sth
give up = stop trying to do sth
I'll show you
keep going
keep sth to yourself
let sb down
open up (to sb)
switch off = relax
take over (from sth) = become more important

SOCIAL EVENTS

13.1 A PICNIC

(all) on your own
clear (sth) up = tidy sth
go down (of the sun, moon, etc.)
go on sth (a picnic, a tour, etc.)
invest in sth
make your way (to somewhere)
off the beaten track
pick sth up = buy sth
pitch in
set sth up = prepare sth for an activity
stay away
stay behind
stay over
take advantage of sth
turn back
write in

13.2 A SURPRISE PARTY

burst into tears
burst out laughing
can't help yourself
come up = be going to happen
dawn on sb
draw up
dress up
get dressed up
get wind of sth
keep sth from sb
let on (to sb)
occur to sb
see to sth
spill the beans
take (no) notice (of sth/sb)
take charge of sth
throw a party
yell (sth) out

13.3 A FAMILY MEAL

bad luck
bargain on sth
chat (away)
first of all
get behind (with sth)

hard luck
hold sb/sth up = delay sb/sth
pop over/round
pour with rain
rush about/around
squeeze into sth
squeeze sb/sth into sth
stand around
think ahead
tidy sth away
to be honest
wash up
what a pity
what a shame

13.4 A WEDDING

a/the big day
do without sth
drink (a toast) to sb/sth
flood back
get up = stand
go along with sb/sth
go off = happen in a particular way
go off without a hitch
in the event
pin sb down = force sb to make a decision
reduce sb to tears/silence, etc.
settle for sth
settle on sth/sb
stand up
swap places with sb = be in sb else's situation
treat sb to sth

13.5 ROCK CONCERTS

back sb up
be in for sth
call out
come on = walk on stage
enjoy yourself
fight for breath
go crazy
go down a bomb
go down a storm
go down well/badly (with sb)
live in/for the moment
packed in like sardines
pass out
scream your head off
sing along (to sth)
test sth (out)
warm-up ADJ
win sb over

DRAMATIC EVENTS

14.1 A NASTY ROW

back sb up
clear off
give sb a telling-off
go for sb = attack
go on (and on) (about sth/sb)

have a go at sb
laugh sth off
look on
mind your own business
not lift a finger (to do sth)
onlooker N
step in
take sb for granted
tell sb off (for sth/doing sth)
turn on sb
walk away (from sb/sth)

14.2 RIOTS

beat sb up
break out
burn (sth) down
come under fire
die away
die down
die out
get away with sth = escape punishment
in force
in the wake of sth
lead up to sth
set sth on fire/set fire to sth
spark sth (off)
spill over
wreak havoc

14.3 STORMS AND FLOODING

at risk (from/of sth)
catch sb unawares
come in = arrive
come in = be received
come in = enter
come to terms with sth
contend with sth/sb
cut sth/sb off (from sth) = prevent sb/sth leaving or entering
deal with sth = solve a problem
downpour N
drive sb out (of sth)
ease off
in living memory
pour down
sweep sth away

14.4 A FIGHT IN A FISH SHOP

be full of yourself
break out
break up (fight)
catch up with sb = find and arrest sb
come in = enter
like a flash
look on
lose your balance
onlooker N
pin sb down = hold sb on the ground
push in
quick as a flash
run away
show off
stand back

take exception to sth
the next thing I knew
throw a punch
turn sth on sb/sth

14.5 MOUNTAIN RESCUE

attend to sb/sth
back sb up
backup N = support
call sb out
close in
come around/round
come down (of rain, snow, etc.)
come to
complain of sth
dawn on sb
figure sth out
lose your bearings
on the spot
set off
start back
think twice about sth/doing sth
work sth out

STUDY

15.1 MEMORIES OF SCHOOL

break up (school)
catch up on sth
do well/badly (at sth)
doze off
get down to sth
give sb a telling-off
keep sb in
keep up (with sb/sth) (progress)
learn sth by heart
mark sb down
play truant
pull your socks up
tell sb off (for sth/doing sth)
think back (to sth)
throw sb out (of sth)

15.2 CLASSROOM ACTIONS

copy sth down
cross sth out
fill sth in
hand sth in
hand sth out
leave sth/sb out
print sth out/off
put sth away
rub sth out
turn sth over

15.3 WHAT TEACHERS SAY

call it a day
catch up with sb = reach the standard of sb
clear sth up = explain
come back to sth
finish sth off
go through sth = examine sth

hand sth out
handout *n*
in rough
look sth up
move on to sth
once and for all
read sth out
swap places = exchange positions
take it in turns (to do sth)
take turns at sth

15.4 EXAM REVISION TIPS

against the clock
come up = happen
copy sth out
draw sth up
flick through sth (books)
flick through sth (TV channels)
get your hands on sth
jot sth down
keep sb going
look after sth/sb
make sth up = invent
sink in
stay up
stick to sth = continue and not change
wear sb out
work sth out
work your way through sth

15.5 EXAM RESULTS

be in a bad/terrible state
come out = become known
come up with sth
count towards sth
get in/into sth = enter university
get through (sth) = pass an exam
give sth up = stop doing sth
go blank
mess sth up
miss sth out
not be for sb
sail through sth
scrape through (sth)
stand a chance of doing sth
with flying colours

15.6 WHY LEARN A LANGUAGE?

act as sth/sb
bridge the gap between A and B
brush up on sth/brush sth up
build sth up = develop sth
get by (in a language)
go about doing sth
in terms of sth
open sth up = create new possibilities
pick sth up = learn a skill
pick sth/sb up = collect sth/sb
pick sth/sb up = lift sth/sb
play a part in sth
smooth the path/way (for sth)
stand out (from sb/sth) = be easy to notice

WORK

16.1 GETTING A JOB

be after sth
be up to sth
depend on sth = be decided by sth
find out about sb/sth
find sth out
flag sth up
look sth over
make an impression (on sb)
make sure
point sth out (to sb)
relate to sth
rely on sb/sth
show up
speak up
stand out (from sb/sth) = be easy to notice
turn up = arrive

16.2 JOB LIKES AND DISLIKES

again and again
be supposed to be/do sth
believe in sth
bored stiff
bored to death
bored to tears
deal with sb = do business
figure sth out
fill sth in
fill sth out
get sth across
get/be bogged down (in sth)
go over sth
make the most of sth
pull sb to pieces
sort itself out
sort sth out
thrive on sth
work sth out

16.3 BETTER JOB PERFORMANCE

all over the place
be snowed under (with sth)
break sth down
filter sth out
get sth out of the way
get through (sth) = complete sth
go on to (do) sth
one at a time
one by one
put sb off = distract sb
put sth off/put off doing sth = delay sth
set sth aside
tidy sth up
work on sth

16.4 COLLEAGUES

back sb up
be cut out for sth/to be sth
bring out the best/worst in sb
come up with sth

get along (with sb)
get on (with sb)
have (got) a lot of time for sb/sth
look down on sb
look on sb as sb/sth
look up to sb
pull out (all) the stops
show off
show-off *n*
talk down to sb
talk sth over (with sb)
turn to sb/sth

16.5 LOSING YOUR JOB

bring sb in
drop off = become fewer
feel sorry for yourself
get the sack
give sb the sack
hand in your notice/resignation
it's early days
lay sb off
live on sth
make life/things difficult for sb
make sb redundant
run sth up
set sth up = start a business
sink in
sit around/about
start sth up (a business)
take sb on
take sth over (in business)
takeover *n*

BUSINESS

17.1 BUYING AN EXISTING BUSINESS

a gap in the market
a going concern
build on sth
capitalize on sth
draw on/upon sth
get your hands on sth
in place
on top of sth
put in (money)
put money in/into sth
sell up
set sth up = start a business
start sth up (a business)
take sth on
take sth over (in business)
turn (sth) into sth
up and running

17.2 A GROWING BUSINESS

a stroke of luck
at a stroke
believe in sth
belong to sb
break even
build sth up = develop sth

close down
go into sth = be spent on sth
go into sth = start a career
go into sth = talk in detail
have a knock-on effect (on sth)
it's touch and go
make a go of sth
pass sth on (to sb)
take sb on

17.3 A STRUGGLING BUSINESS

be/get out of control
dry up
fall behind
go wrong
hold sb/sth back
keep up with sb/sth (knowledge)
keep your eye on the ball
keep/be one step ahead of sb
let sth down = make sth less successful
one/a step at a time
pros and cons (of sth)
start sth up (a business)
start-up ADJ, N
step by step
weigh sth up

17.4 GOING BANKRUPT

a fresh start
deal with sb = do business
deal with sth = solve a problem
go bust
go out of business
out of your hands
pay sb back
pay sth off
sell sth off = sell a company, etc.
set sth up = start a business
take sth over (in general)
turn sth around/round = make sth successful again
wind sth down
wind sth up = close a company
write sth off (debt)

17.5 MANAGEMENT BUYOUT

back out
break down (relationship)
breakdown N (relationship)
buy sb out
buyout N
call on sth
contend with sth/sb
fall through
go ahead = proceed
on the verge of (doing) sth
press ahead (with sth)
pull out = withdraw
put sb's mind at ease
set sb/sth back
setback N
take sth over (in business)
takeover N

17.6 COMPANY RESCUE

as a consequence
at once
be/get out of control
be/get sth under control
bring sb in
free sth up
get down to sth
get to grips with sth
go downhill
improve on sth
in consequence
lay sb off
lose out (to sb/sth)
make sb redundant
take sth on
turn sth around/round = make sth successful again

POLITICS

18.1 A FUTURE PRIME MINISTER?

be heading for sth
be to the fore
come up = become available
hit/grab/make the headlines
not stand for sth = not accept sth
set out to be/do sth
stand down
stand for sth = abbreviation
stand for sth = try to be chosen
stand out (as sth) = be better than others
sweep to victory
take after sb
turn your back on sth
under sb's wing

18.2 POLITICAL SOUND BITES

(not) add up = (not) seem true or correct
at stake
fall for sth
focus on sth
give in (to sb/sth) = accept defeat
have a long way to go
hidden agenda
it's no good doing sth
leave sth behind
look at sth
look to sth
make a difference
make it = be successful
stand for sth = believe in a principle
stand up to sb/sth
the run-up to sth

18.3 ELECTION NIGHT

be about to do sth
build on sth
capitalize on sth
come out in favour of sth/against sth
count (up) sth
crowd around/round (sb/sth)

here we go
hinge on/upon sth
in sb's favour
judging by/from sth
neck and neck (with sb)
on the verge of (doing) sth
run neck and neck with sb
tip the balance
too close to call
turnout N

18.4 OPINIONS ABOUT POLITICIANS

believe in sth
do your best
for my money
get a good/bad press
get on sb's nerves
have (got) no time for sb/sth
in opposition
in power
resort to sth
take sb in = deceive sb
talk down to sb
talk sense/nonsense/rubbish, etc.
toe the (party) line
try your utmost
we get what we deserve

18.5 PASSING LAWS

as a rule
back and forth
be made up of sth
call sb in
consist of sth
draw sth out
get through (sth) = be officially accepted
go through (of a bill) = become law
go through = perform a series of actions
go through sth = examine sth
in favour (of sth)
in the light of sth
long drawn-out
make sth up = form sth
on my/its/the way
put sth forward
report back (to sb)
take place

CONCEPTS

19.1 CRITICISM

find fault with sb
get sb down
give sb a hard time
have it out (with sb)
hold sth against sb
jump down sb's throat
lash out at sb
live with sth
put sb down
shrug sth off
step back (from sth)

take a long, hard look at sth/sb

take sth out on sb

take sth personally

19.2 DISHONESTY

be/get caught out

be/get found out

come clean

cover sth up

cover-up *n*

get away with sth = escape punishment

give the game away

keep sth from sb

let on (to sb)

look the other way

make sth up = invent

own up (to sth/to doing sth)

pull the wool over sb's eyes

see through sb/sth

to sb's face

turn a blind eye (to sth)

19.3 TIME

at the last minute/moment

catch up

dash sth off

drag on

in no hurry (to do sth)

in time

look back on sth

on time

one of these days

reflect on sth

run over (of a meeting, lesson, etc.)

rush into (doing) sth

take forever (to do sth)

take your time (to do sth)

tick away

time flies

under pressure

19.4 MAKING DECISIONS

arrive at sth

change your mind

come what may

decide against sth

decide on sth

fall into sth

figure sth out

give sth some thought

go along with sb/sth

gut feeling

gut instinct

gut reaction

leave it at that

make up your mind

regardless of sth

snap sth up

stick by sth

weigh sth up

19.5 SUCCESS

crop up

dwell on/upon sth

get ahead

give in (to sb/sth) = accept defeat

give sth away = donate sth

give sth away = let sb win

give sth away = reveal a secret

improve yourself

look on the bright side

make a fast/quick buck

make it = be successful

move on

move with the times

slip up

sometime or other

spur sb on (to do sth)

SOCIAL ENGLISH

20.1 MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

all my love

all the best

ask around

best wishes

bring sth forward

call in on sb

call sth off

cheers

fall through

firm sth up

fix sth up (with sb)

get back to sb = speak or write later

get sth mixed up

let sb know (sth)

(lots of) love (from)

mix sth up

mix-up *n*

no problem

put sth back = move sth to a later time

take a risk

take care (greeting)

20.2 LIKES AND DISLIKES

be into sth

be mad keen on sth/sb

blow sb away

can take it or leave it

can't bear sth/sb

can't stand sth/sb

go for sth/sb = like a type of thing/person

go off sth/sb

grow on sb

hit it off

leave sb cold

revel in sth

take against sb

take sth away (a meal eaten at home)

takeaway *n*

warm to sb

would rather do sth

would sooner do sth

20.3 WANTS AND NEEDS

be coming up

be crying out for sth

be dying for sth/to do sth

be starving

could do with sth

depend on sb/sth = need sb/sth

deprive sb of sth

do without sth

feel like (doing) sth

have (got) your eye on sth

have your heart set on (doing) sth

if need be

in need of sth

make do (with sth)

there's no need (for sb) to do sth

20.4 EXCUSES, EXCUSES

block sb in

crop up

deal with sth = control your feelings

do sth in

go into sth = talk in detail

go off (of an alarm) = ring

go off (of electricity) = stop working

go/get all the way

leave sth behind

lock yourself out

make it = be able to be present

make sth up = invent

mess around with sth = touch or use sth carelessly

out of action

phone in

run out of sth = have none left

take (time, etc.) off

walk into sth

20.5 INVITATIONS AND OFFERS

and stuff

be tied up

come over

drop in on sb

eat in

eat out

get out of sth = avoid doing sth

go fifty-fifty

go halves

have (got) sth on

help (sb) out (with sth)

invite sb back

invite sb round/over

join in

on your mind

put sb out

take sb out

take sb up on sth

20.6 ASKING FOR INFORMATION

be descended from sb

bring sth down

check sth out

fight sth/sb off
find sth out
go about (doing) sth
go into sth = start a career
go off = go bad
go without sth
name sth/sb after sb/sth
opt out (of sth)
revolve around sth = move in a circle
stand for sth = abbreviation
tell sth/sb apart
throw sth away = get rid of sth
wear off
wire sth up

SPEAKING ENGLISH

21.1 WAYS OF TALKING

blurt sth out
break the news
bring sth up
butt in
chat sb up
come out with sth
confide in sb
engage sb in conversation
keep quiet about sth
keep sth to yourself
make sth out
not breathe a word about sth
slip sth in
strike up a conversation (with sb)
talk at sb
trail off

21.2 CONVERSATION RULES

come across as sth
cut sb off = interrupt sb
draw sb out
draw sth out
drawn-out ADJ
get sth across
get through to sb = make sb understand
jump in
keep it simple
make conversation
oddly/funnily/strangely/curiously enough
pay attention
ramble on
take sth over (in general)
talk over sb
there's nothing worse than (doing) sth

21.3 EXCLAMATIONS

cheer up
clear off
come off it
come on (for encouragement)
come on = I don't believe you
don't give me that
get a move on
get off (me)

get on with it
go away = leave a person or place
grow up = don't be silly
hang on (to show you have just realized sth)
hang on = wait
hold on
hurry up
leave me alone
look out
mind out
push off
shut up
take your hands off me
watch out

21.4 DISCUSSION GROUPS

at cross purposes
come up = be mentioned
draw sb out
draw sth up
get to the point
go about sth
have the last word
meet up (with sb)
miss the point
play devil's advocate
point sth out (to sb)
sit back
take issue with sth/sb
talk sense/nonsense/rubbish, etc.
touch on/upon sth
wrap sth up = finish sth

21.5 SPEECHES

a shoulder to cry on
bring sth off
come first
come your way
go from strength to strength
live up to sth
look forward to (doing) sth
make way for sb
move on
on behalf of sb = representing others
on behalf of sb = to help sb
pull sth off
pull together
rely on sb/sth
stand by sb
stand down
step aside/down

ASPECTS OF PHRASAL VERBS

22.1 SAY IT ANOTHER WAY 1

come out = be published
drop sth off = deliver sth
get over sth = overcome sth
get sb down
go off = explode
hit back at sb

look up to sb
put sb down
put sth forward
put up with sb/sth = tolerate sb
relate to sb
speed up
take sb off
talk sb into (doing) sth
think sth up = invent sth
turn sth down = reject sth

22.2 SAY IT ANOTHER WAY 2

confess (to sth/to doing sth)
consider doing sth
do away with sth = abolish sth
do sth up = repair
kick sb out (of sth)
look into sth
mount up
own up (to sth/to doing sth)
pull sth down
run out = expire
run out of sth = have none left
stand down
stand in for sb
take sb in = deceive sb
tear sth down
think of doing sth

22.3 SYNONOMOUS PHRASAL VERBS

boil down to sth
build up = increase
chuck sth away
come down to sth
come up = happen
crop up
hold sth up = support sth
iron sth out
kick sb out (of sth)
mess sth up
mount up
muck sth up
mull sth over
pipe down
prop sth up
shut up
sort sth out
tell sb off (for sth/doing sth)
think sth over
throw sb out (of sth)
throw sth away = get rid of sth
tick sb off

22.4 OPPOSITES

close down
close sth down
come on (of electrical appliances)
eat in
eat out
fall out (with sb)
give sth up = stop doing sth
go off (of electricity) = stop working

go out (and do sth)
 log off/out
 log on/in
 make it up (with sb)
 make up (with sb)
 move in/move into sth
 move out/move out of sth
 open sth up = start a business
 pay sth back
 slow down
 speed up
 stay in
 take sth out (a loan)
 take sth up = start a job, hobby, etc.

22.5 BASIC MEANING AND METAPHOR

(not) add up = (not) seem true or correct
 add (sth) up = calculate
 break sth off = end a relationship
 break sth off = remove sth
 fall apart = break
 fall apart = have problems
 line sb/sth up = arrange for sth to happen
 line sb/sth up = arrange sb/sth in a straight line
 paper over sth
 paper over the cracks
 stand out (from sb/sth) = be easy to notice
 stick in sb's mind
 stick out (of sth) = come out beyond a surface
 stick out = be noticeable
 stick out a mile
 throw sth away = get rid of sth
 throw sth away = waste an opportunity

22.6 METAPHORICAL MEANING

brush sb/sth off
 drift off
 flood back
 nose around/about sth
 pass away
 plug away (at sth)
 scrape through (sth)
 seize up
 slip up
 string along (with sb)
 string sb along
 stumble across/on sth/sb
 swear by sth

22.7 INFORMAL PHRASAL VERBS

beaver away (at sth)
 bump into sb = meet unexpectedly
 get together
 look sb up
 look up = become better
 muck sb about
 pack sth in
 pack up
 pull sb up
 rip sb off
 rip-off *n*

roll up
 run into sb
 show sb up
 stick around
 take off = leave in a hurry

22.8 MORE FORMAL PHRASAL VERBS

abide by sth
 adhere to sth
 allude to sth
 contend with sth/sb
 dispense with sb's services
 dispense with sth
 dispose of sth/sb
 dwell on/upon sth
 embark on/upon sth
 engage in sth
 preside over sth/sb
 resign yourself to sth
 subscribe to sth
 vouch for sb/sth

PARTICLES WITH SPECIFIC MEANINGS

23.1 BACK

answer (sb) back
 call sb back
 cut back (on sth)
 get back to sb = speak or write later
 get back to sth = return to a place
 get back to sth = return to a state
 get sth back
 hold sb/sth back
 look back on sth
 pay sth back
 phone sb back
 put sth back = return sth to its place
 ring sb back
 send sth back
 turn back

23.2 THROUGH

break through sth
 flick through sth (books)
 get through (sth) = complete sth
 get through (sth) = pass an exam
 get through (to sb) = make contact
 live through sth
 look through sth
 read through sth
 see sth through
 see through sb/sth
 sleep through sth
 take sb through sth

23.3 AROUND, ABOUT

get around/round/about (sth) = travel
 go around with sb
 hang around/about
 laze around/about
 lie around = do nothing

lie around = left in an untidy state
 look around/round (sth)
 mess around/about = behave in a stupid way
 mess around/about = spend time doing sth for pleasure
 rush about/around
 shop around (for sth)
 show sb around/round (sth)

23.4 ON

carry on (doing sth) = continue doing sth
 come on = improve
 drag on
 drive on
 get on with sth
 go on (of time) = pass
 go on = continue speaking
 go on = happen
 hand sth out
 handout *n*
 keep (on) doing sth
 pass sth on (to sb)
 pick on sb
 stay on
 take sb on

23.5 UP

build sth up = develop sth
 build up = increase
 build-up *n* = increase
 chop sth up
 drink (sth) up
 finish sth up
 hurry up
 load (sth) up
 mount up
 pile up
 put sth up = increase the price
 queue up
 serve (sth) up
 stand up
 tidy sth up
 wake up/wake sb up
 wind sth up = bring sth to an end

23.6 OFF

branch off
 break sth off = end a relationship
 break sth off = remove sth
 clear off
 cordon sth off
 cut sth off = remove sth
 cut sth/sb off (from sth) = prevent sb/sth leaving or entering
 get off sth = leave your workplace
 go off (to do sth)
 see sb off
 send sb off
 set off
 take off (of a plane)
 take sth off = remove clothing

KEY VERBS

24.1 GET

get along (with sth)
get around (of news)
get at sb = criticize
get at sth = discover facts
get at sth = reach
get in = arrive
get into sth = become involved in sth
get on = be successful
get onto sb
get onto sth
get round sth = avoid sth
get round to (doing) sth
get sb through sth
get sth over with

24.2 GO

go ahead = proceed
go around/round (of a rumour, story, etc.)
go around/round (to ...) = visit
go back on your word
go by (of time)
go down (to ...) = go south
go into detail
go off (to sleep)
go off = (of a gun) be fired
go off = explode
go off without a hitch
go over (to ...)
go round in circles
go up (to ...) = travel north
go up = move to a higher league
go up in flames

24.3 TAKE

be taken aback
be taken up with sth
take off = become successful
take sb apart
take sb back
take sth apart
take sth down = dismantle
take sth down = write sth down
take sth in = make sth tighter
take sth in = understand and remember
take sth up with sb
take to doing sth
take to sth like a duck to water
take yourself off

24.4 COME

come along
come at sb
come away with sth
come back to sth
come between sb and sb
come by sth
come down to sth
come from sth
come in for sth

come into sth = be important in a situation

come into sth = be left money

come on = improve

come out with sth

come up (to sb) = approach sb

come up against sth/sb

24.5 TURN

let sth down = lengthen sth
turn (sb) into sth
turn (sth) into sth
turn over
turn over a new leaf
turn sb against sb
turn sb's life/world upside down
turn sth around/round = change direction
turn sth down = reduce sound, heat, etc.
turn sth over
turn sth up = increase sound, heat, etc.
turn sth up = shorten sth
turn the clock back

24.6 PUT

put a brave face on it
put all your eggs in one basket
put pressure on sb (to do sth)
put sb in the picture
put sb out
put sb up
put sth down to sth
put sth on = make sth start working
put sth out = stop sth burning
put sth/money on sth
put up sth
put words into sb's mouth
put yourself in sb's place/position
put yourself out (for sb)

24.7 KEEP

keep an eye on sb/sth
keep out of sth
keep sb away (from sth)
keep sb busy
keep sb in
keep (sb) off sth
keep sb quiet
keep to sth = follow a rule/agreement
keep to sth = stay on a path
keep to the point
keep up with sb/sth (knowledge)
keep/hold sth in check