

Phrasal and Prepositional Verbs

Many English verbs can be followed by small adverbs ('adverb particles'). Common adverb particles are: *about, across, ahead, along, (a)round, aside, away, back, by, down, forward, in, home, off, on, out, over, past, through, up.*

Some of these words can also be used as prepositions. Compare and note the word order:

I switched the light off. or *I switched off the light.* (adverb particle)

I jumped off the wall. (preposition)

to account for	to explain	<i>The poor weather may have accounted for the small crowd.</i>
to add up to	to have a certain result	<i>These clues don't really add up to very much.</i>
to aim at (p. 17)	to say or do sth that is intended to influence or affect a particular person or group	<i>My criticism wasn't aimed at you.</i>
to allow for	to include sb/sth when calculating sth	<i>All these factors must be allowed for.</i>
to answer back (p. 11) (= to talk back)	to reply rudely to someone in authority	<i>Stop answering your mother back!</i>
to appeal to (p. 129)	to attract or interest sb	<i>The design has to appeal to all ages and social groups.</i>
to apply for (p. 67)	to make a formal request, usually in writing, for sth such as a job, a place, at college, university, etc	<i>He didn't apply for the job.</i>
to ask for	to say that you would like sb to give you sth, to beg for sth	<i>When you arrive, ask for Jane.</i>
to ask in / out	to invite sb into your house / to invite sb for a date	<i>I haven't been asked out since my birthday.</i>
to be about	to deal with, to relate to, to concern sth	<i>This book is about flowers.</i>
to be after	to try to find or get	<i>He's after a job at our place.</i>
to be fed up with	to be bored or unhappy, especially with a situation that has continued for too long	<i>I'm fed up with waiting for her.</i>

to be for	to have a particular function	<i>What is this button for?</i>
to be into	to be interested in sth in an active way	<i>Julia is really into horse riding.</i>
to be on	1) to be operating, being used 2) to be on TV or radio or at the cinema	<i>The lights were all on. What's on at the cinema tonight?</i>
to be off	1) not to be functioning 2) to have left a place	<i>Make sure the TV is off. Sarah's off in India somewhere.</i>
to be over	to stop to be	<i>The worst seems to be over.</i>
to be through	to have finished sth	<i>Are you through with that newspaper?</i>
to be up	1) to be happening 2) to be out of bed	<i>What's up with him? He looks furious. She has been up since 7 o'clock.</i>
to be up to sth	to be physically/mentally capable of sth	<i>He's not up to doing this job.</i>
to be up to sb	1) to be for sb to decide 2) doing sth, especially sth bad	<i>It's up to you! I'm sure he's up to no good.</i>
to bear out	to confirm	<i>The other witnesses will bear out what I say.</i>
to bear with	to be patient and wait	<i>If you bear with me (= be patient and listen to me) a little longer, I'll answer your question.</i>
to beat up	to hit or kick sb hard, many times	<i>He was badly beaten up by a gang of thugs.</i>
to benefit from (p. 201)	to profit by/from, to be in a better position because of sth	<i>Who exactly stands to benefit from these changes?</i>
to blow out	to extinguish	<i>Somebody opened the door and the candle blew out.</i>
to blow up	to explode	<i>The police station was blown up by terrorists.</i>
to break down	to stop working	<i>The telephone system has broken down.</i>
to break in(to)	to enter a building by force	<i>We had our car broken into last week.</i>
to break off	to end sth suddenly, to terminate	<i>Britain threatened to break off diplomatic relations.</i>
to break out	1) to escape from a place or situation 2) (of war, fighting or other unpleasant events) to start suddenly	<i>Several prisoners broke out of the jail. They had escaped to America shortly before war broke out in 1939.</i>
to break up	to separate into smaller pieces	<i>The ship broke up on the rocks.</i>

to break up with (p. 13)	to end a relationship, to separate	<i>She's just broken up with her boyfriend.</i>
to bring about	to cause, to make sth happen	<i>What brought about the change in his attitude?</i>
to bring back	1) to return 2) to remind of sth	<i>I brought his CDs back. The photographs brought back many pleasant memories.</i>
to bring in	to introduce (e.g. a new law)	<i>They want to bring in a bill to limit arms exports.</i>
to bring off	to accomplish, to succeed in doing sth difficult	<i>It was a difficult task but we brought it off.</i>
to bring on	to be responsible for sth unpleasant	<i>I have no sympathy—you brought it all on yourself.</i>
to bring round	1) to make sb who is unconscious become conscious again 2) to persuade sb to agree to sth	<i>A tender kiss will bring her round again. He didn't like the plan at first, but we managed to bring him round.</i>
to bring up	1) to raise, to care for a child 2) to mention a subject or start to talk about it	<i>She brought up five children. Bring it up at the meeting.</i>
to brush up (on) (p. 25)	to quickly improve a skill, especially when you have not used it for a time	<i>I must brush up on my Spanish before I go to Seville.</i>
to burst into	producing sth suddenly and with great force	<i>She burst into tears.</i>
to burn down	to destroy by fire	<i>The house burnt down in 1985.</i>
to call in	1) to ask for the services of sb 2) to stop and visit	<i>The doctor was called in. I called in our local on my way home.</i>
to call for	to collect sb in order to go somewhere	<i>I'll call for you at 7 o'clock.</i>
to call off	to cancel (e.g. a meeting)	<i>The game was called off because of bad weather.</i>
to call on	1) to visit sb 2) to ask sb to do sth	<i>My wife and I called on her when she lay ill in bed. He called on her to leave the room.</i>
to call up (= to ring up)	to phone sb	<i>Call me up in the evening.</i>
to care about	to feel that sth is important and worth worrying about	<i>She cares deeply about environmental issues.</i>
to care for (p. 173)	to look after sb who is sick, very old or young, etc	<i>She moved back home to care for her elderly parents.</i>
to carry on (with)	to continue, to go on, to keep on doing sth	<i>Carry on with your work while I'm away.</i>
to carry out	to obey, to fulfil, to perform	<i>Soldiers carry out order.</i>
to catch up with	to reach sb who is ahead by going faster	<i>Go on ahead. I'll catch up with you.</i>

to chat up	to talk in a friendly way to sb you are sexually attracted to	<i>John was in the bar chatting up the barmaid.</i>
to cheat on	(of sb who is married or who has a regular sexual partner) to have a secret sexual relationship with sb else	<i>He's cheating on his wife.</i>
to check in	to register and leave luggage	<i>We checked in our luggage and went through to the departure lounge.</i>
to cheer up	to become cheerful, to make sb/sth more cheerful	<i>Give Mary a call; she needs cheering up.</i>
to clash with (p. 87)	to argue or disagree seriously with sb about sth, and to show this in public	<i>They often clash with the police.</i>
to clean up	to remove dirt from somewhere	<i>He always expected other people to clean up after him.</i>
to clear up	to make sth clean and neat	<i>Clear up your own mess!</i>
to close down	to close permanently	<i>The club was closed down by the police.</i>
to close up	to shut and lock sth such as a shop/store or a building, especially for a short period of time	<i>Why don't we close up and go for lunch?</i>
to come about	to happen, to occur	<i>Can you tell me how the accident came about?</i>
to come across	1) to find by chance (= accidentally) 2) to make a particular impression	<i>She came across some old photographs in a drawer. She comes across well in interviews.</i>
to come along with	to go somewhere with sb	<i>I'm glad you came along.</i>
to come back	to return	<i>You came back (= came home) very late last night.</i>
to come by	to make a short visit to a place, to see sb	<i>She came by the house.</i>
to come forward	to offer your help, services, etc	<i>Police have asked witnesses of the accident to come forward.</i>
to come from	1) to have as your place of birth or the place where you live 2) to be the result of sth	<i>Siobhan comes from Ireland. That comes from/of eating too much!</i>
to come in	to enter	<i>Please, come in.</i>
to come into	to inherit	<i>She came into a fortune when her uncle died.</i>
to come off	1) to detach itself 2) to take place, to happen 3) (of a plan) to be successful, to succeed	<i>A button had come off my coat. Did the trip to Rome ever come off? She had wanted it to be a surprise but the plan didn't come off.</i>
to come off well (/badly)	4) (not) to have the intended result	<i>The Greens came off best.</i>
to come on	used in orders to tell sb to hurry or to try harder	<i>Come on, hurry up!</i>

to come out	to appear (in print), to be published	<i>When is her new novel coming out?</i>
to come round (= to come by)	to visit for a short time	<i>Do come around and see us some time.</i>
to come round / to	to become conscious again	<i>Your mother hasn't yet come round from the anaesthetic.</i>
to come up	to be mentioned or discussed	<i>The subject came up in conversation.</i>
to cope with (p. 39)	to deal successfully with sth difficult	<i>He wasn't able to cope with the stresses and strains of his job.</i>
to count on	to rely on	<i>I'm counting on you to help me.</i>
to cover for (p. 21)	to do sb's work or duties while they are away	<i>I'm covering for Jane while she's on leave.</i>
to cut down on	to reduce the size, amount or number of sth	<i>The doctor told him to cut down on his drinking.</i>
to cut out	to make sth by cutting	<i>She cut the dress out of some old material.</i>
to cut off	to disconnect	<i>The army was cut off from its base.</i>
to deal in	to buy and sell a particular product	<i>The company deals in computer software.</i>
to deal with (p. 17)	to solve a problem, carry out a task, etc	<i>He's good at dealing with pressure.</i>
to dispose of (p. 197)	to get rid of sb/sth that you do not want or cannot keep	<i>The government is dealing with the difficulties of disposing of nuclear waste.</i>
to do away with	to abolish sth	<i>He thinks it's time we did away with the monarchy.</i>
to do without	to manage without sb/sth	<i>She can't do without a secretary.</i>
to dress up	put on special clothes, especially to pretend to be sb/sth different	<i>The boys were all dressed up as pirates.</i>
to draw up (p. 29)	to make sth that needs careful thought or planning	<i>A new contract has been drawn up.</i>
to drop in	to visit sb casually without planning	<i>Drop in sometime!</i>
to drop off	1) let sb leave the car 2) to fall into a light sleep	<i>I can drop Sam off on my way home. I dropped off and missed the end of the film.</i>
to drop out of (p. 17)	to leave school, college, etc. without finishing your studies	<i>Did you hear? Brett dropped out of school last week.</i>
to dwell on	to think or talk a lot about sth, especially sth it would be better to forget	<i>So you made a mistake, but there's no need to dwell on it.</i>
to eat in / out	to eat at home / in a restaurant	<i>Do you feel like eating out tonight?</i>
to embark (up)on	to start to do sth new or difficult	<i>She is about to embark on a diplomatic career.</i>

to fall out with	to quarrel with sb so you are no longer friendly with them	<i>Thatcher's fall began when she fell out with her chancellor.</i>
to feel up to	to have the strength and energy to do or deal with sth	<i>Do we have to go to the party? I really don't feel up to it.</i>
to figure out	to understand sth, to interpret	<i>I can't figure out how to do this.</i>
to fill in (<i>AmE to fill out</i>)	to complete a printed form	<i>Please, fill in this form.</i>
to find out	to get some information about sth	<i>I haven't found anything out about him yet.</i>
to fix up	to repair, to arrange in a suitable manner	<i>They fixed up the house before they moved in.</i>
to get along with	to have a friendly relationship with sb	<i>Do you get along with your classmates?</i>
to get on with		<i>She's never really got on with her sister.</i>
to get away with (/ without)	to escape punishment	<i>Edgar got away with stealing that money.</i>
to get back	to return (especially to your home)	<i>What time will you get back home tonight?</i>
to get back to	to speak or write to sb again later	<i>I'll find out and get back to you.</i>
to get by with (/ without)	to manage to live or do a particular thing using the money, knowledge, equipment, etc. you have	<i>After the fire, the family had to get by without a house.</i>
to get by on		<i>How does she get by on such a small salary?</i>
to get in	1) to enter a place 2) to arrive (e.g. a plane)	<i>I lost my keys and so I couldn't get in the house.</i>
to get into	to reach a particular state or condition	<i>What time will your flight get in tonight?</i>
to get off	to leave (a vehicle), to descend from	<i>He got into trouble with the police.</i>
to get on	1) to board (a vehicle), to mount (a horse etc.) 2) to make progress 3) to be successful in your career	<i>Fiona got off the horse and walked him to the barn.</i>
to get on (well) with (p. 13)	to have a friendly relationship with sb	<i>Quick! Get on the train, it's about to leave.</i>
to get over	to recover (from an illness), to overcome	<i>Stop talking and get on with your work!</i>
to get rid of	to dispose of sth, to dismiss sb	<i>He's getting on very well at school.</i>
to get through	to manage to do or complete sth	<i>She has never really got on with her sister.</i>
to get together	to meet	<i>I hope Julia will get over her cold soon.</i>
to get up	to leave bed after sleeping	<i>We got rid of all the old furniture.</i>
to give away	to reveal (a secret), to betray	<i>Let's start—there's a lot to get through.</i>
		<i>We must get together for a drink sometime.</i>
		<i>He always gets up early.</i>
		<i>She gave away state secrets to the enemy.</i>

to give back	to return	<i>Could you give me back my pen?</i>
to give in	to surrender, to cease to resist, to yield	<i>The authorities didn't give in to the kidnappers' demands.</i>
to give up	to stop doing or having sth	<i>They gave up without a fight.</i>
to go ahead	to proceed, to continue	<i>The building of the new bridge will go ahead as planned.</i>
to go for	to choose sth	<i>I think I'll go for the fruit salad.</i>
to go into	to investigate	<i>We need to go into the question of costs.</i>
to go off	1) to leave a place 2) to start working (alarm) 3) to stop working (lights) 4) to explode (bomb), to be fired 5) if food or drink goes off, it becomes not fit to eat or drink	<i>She went off to get a drink. Suddenly the alarm went off. Suddenly the lights went off. The bomb went off in a crowded street. The milk has gone off.</i>
to go on (with) (= to keep on)	to proceed, to continue with an activity	<i>That's enough for now—let's go on with it tomorrow.</i>
to go out (with) (p. 13)	to leave your house to go to a social event	<i>He goes out drinking most evenings.</i>
to go over	to examine or check sth carefully	<i>Go over your work before you hand it in.</i>
to go through (p. 11)	1) to examine sth carefully, especially in order to find sth 2) to suffer sth	<i>I always start the day by going through my mail. She's been going through a bad patch recently.</i>
to go together (= to go with)	to match, to combine well with sth	<i>Does this jacket go with this skirt?</i>
to go up	to rise (of prices)	<i>The price of cigarettes is going up.</i>
to go without	to manage without sth you usually have or need	<i>There wasn't time for breakfast, so I had to go without.</i>
to grow up	to mature, to become adult	<i>She grew up (= spent her childhood) in Dublin.</i>
to hand down (= to pass down)	to pass on to the next generation	<i>These skills used to be handed down from father to son.</i>
to hand in	to give sth to a person, to submit work	<i>You must all hand in your projects by the end of next week.</i>
to hand out	to distribute	<i>Could you hand these books out, please?</i>
to hand over	to give sb else your position of power	<i>He finally handed over his responsibility for the company.</i>
to hang out	to spend time	<i>The local kids hang out at the mall.</i>
to hang up	to end a telephone conversation	<i>After I hung up I remembered what I'd wanted to say.</i>

to head for	to move towards	<i>She was heading for the door.</i>
to hold on	used to tell sb to wait or stop	<i>Hold on a minute! I need to tie my shoe.</i>
to horse (/ mess) around	to play in a way that is noisy and not very careful	<i>He fell through the window while horsing around.</i>
to join up (p. 169)	to become a member of the armed forces, to enlist	<i>Her grandfather joined up in 1914.</i>
to keep away (/ off) from	not to go near	<i>Keep away from the edge of the cliff.</i>
to kick off	to start a meeting, a discussion, an event, etc.	<i>Let's kick off.</i>
to keep on (<i>doing sth</i>)	to continue doing sth	<i>Keep on reading, please.</i>
to keep up with	to move, make progress or increase at the same rate as sb/sth	<i>Slow down—I can't keep up!</i>
to lay off (p. 63)	to stop employing sb because there is not enough work	<i>200 workers at the factory have been laid off.</i>
to lay out (p. 177)	to plan how sth should look and arrange it in this way	<i>The gardens were laid out with lawns, flower beds and fountains.</i>
to leave out	to omit	<i>She left out an 'm' in 'accommodation'.</i>
to let down	to disappoint	<i>I'm afraid she let us down badly.</i>
to let go of	to give up an idea or an attitude, or control of sth	<i>It's time to let go of the past.</i>
to live on (<i>of animals</i> = to feed on)	to eat a particular type of food to live	<i>He lives on burgers. Small birds feed mainly on insects.</i>
to live up to (p. 11)	to meet sb's expectations	<i>He failed to live up to his parents' expectations.</i>
to look after (p. 15)	to take care of sb/sth	<i>Could you look after the children while I'm out?</i>
to look at	to examine sth closely	<i>Your ankle's swollen—I think the doctor ought to look at it.</i>
to look down on	to think that you are better than sb/sth	<i>She looks down on people who haven't been to college.</i>
to look for	to try to find	<i>Where have you been? We've been looking for you.</i>
to look forward to (<i>doing sth</i>)	to anticipate something pleasant, to wait for sth, to expect	<i>I'm looking forward to reading your letter.</i>
to look into (p. 87)	to investigate, to examine	<i>A working party has been set up to look into the problem.</i>
to look out for	to keep trying to find sth or meet sb	<i>Do look out for spelling mistakes in your work.</i>
to look up	to search for information (e.g. in a reference book)	<i>We looked up the word in a dictionary.</i>

to look up to	to admire or respect sb	<i>He really looks up to his father.</i>
to make of	to have an opinion about sth/sb	<i>I don't know what to make of (= think of) the new manager.</i>
to make up	1) to invent a story, etc. (to deceive or entertain sb) 2) to compensate for missing work by doing extra work	<i>I told the kids a story, making it up as I went along. I'm sorry I missed the test. May I make it up tomorrow?</i>
to make up of	to consist of	<i>Women make up 56% of the student numbers.</i>
to make up for	to compensate for	<i>Nothing can make up for the loss of a child.</i>
to mix up	to confuse	<i>Peter always mixes 'there' and 'their' up.</i>
to moan about (p. 11)	to complain in an annoying way	<i>Young people sometimes moan about their parents.</i>
to operate on (p. 209)	to cut open sb's body in order to remove a part that has a disease or to repair a part that is damaged	<i>The doctor will have to operate on his eyes.</i>
to opt for (/ against)	to choose (not) to take a particular course of action	<i>After a lot of thought, I opted against buying a motorbike.</i>
to pass away (= to pass on)	to die	<i>His mother passed away last year.</i>
to pass by	to go past	<i>The procession passed right by my front door.</i>
to pass down (= to hand down)	to pass on to the next generation	<i>What would you like to pass down to your kids?</i>
to pass on	give sth to sb else after receiving it or using it yourself	<i>Pass the book on to me when you've finished with it.</i>
to pass out	to faint, to lose consciousness	<i>Suddenly the woman in front of me passed out.</i>
to patch up (p. 13)	to try to stop quarrelling with sb and be friends	<i>They have managed to patch up their differences.</i>
to pay back	to return money that you borrowed from sb	<i>He paid back all his debts.</i>
to pay off	(of a plan or an action, especially one that involves risk) to be successful and bring good results	<i>The gamble paid off after all.</i>
to pick out	to choose sb/sth carefully from a group of people/things	<i>She was picked out from dozens of applicants for the job.</i>
to pick up	1) to go somewhere in your car and collect sb who is waiting for you, to collect 2) to take hold of sb/sth and lift them/it up 3) to learn casually	<i>I'll pick you up at five. He picked up the phone and dialled the number. She picked up Spanish when she was living in Mexico.</i>
to pin down	to explain or understand sth exactly	<i>The cause of the disease is difficult to pin down precisely.</i>
to play down	to try to make sth seem less important than it is	<i>She tries to play down her worry about Denny.</i>

to point out	to mention sth to give sb information about it	<i>I should point out that not one of these paintings is original.</i>
to prevent sb from doing sth (p. 59)	to stop sb from doing sth, to stop sth from happening	<i>Nothing would prevent him from speaking out against injustice.</i>
to provide sth for sb to provide sb with sth (p. 35)	to give sth to sb or make it available for them to use, to supply	<i>We are here to provide a service for the public.</i>
to pull down	to destroy a building completely, to demolish	<i>The factory was pulled down in 1981.</i>
to pull oneself together	to take control of your feelings and behave in a calm way	<i>Stop crying and pull yourself together!</i>
to put away	to put sth in the place where it is kept because you have finished using it	<i>Please put away your mobile phones somewhere else.</i>
to put down	1) to write sth; to make a note of sth 2) to stop holding sth and place it on a table, etc 3) to suppress, to stop sth by force (a demonstration)	<i>The meeting's on the 22nd. Put it down in your diary. Put that knife down before you hurt somebody! The government is determined to put down all opposition.</i>
to put off	1) to change to a later time or date, to postpone, to delay 2) to make sb dislike sth	<i>We've had to put off our wedding until September. She's very clever but her manner tends to put people off.</i>
to put on	1) to dress yourself in sth 2) to increase or gain weight	<i>Hurry up! Put your coat on! She looks like she's put on weight.</i>
to put through	to connect	<i>Could you put me through to the manager, please?</i>
to put up	to let sb stay at your home	<i>We can put you up for the night.</i>
to put up with	to tolerate	<i>It's hard to put up with people won't listen.</i>
to rely on (p. 65)	to trust or have faith in sb/sth	<i>As babies, we rely entirely on others for food.</i>
to result in (p. 63)	to happen because of sth else that happened first	<i>The cyclone has resulted in many thousands of deaths.</i>
to ring up (= to call up)	to telephone	<i>David rang up while you were out.</i>
to rule out	to exclude	<i>The proposed solution was ruled out as too expensive.</i>
to run into	to meet sb by chance	<i>Guess who I ran into today!</i>
to run out of	to use up or finish a supply of sth	<i>We ran out of fuel.</i>
to save up	to keep money instead of spending it	<i>We've been saving up to go to Australia.</i>
to see off	to go to a station, an airport, etc. to say goodbye to sb	<i>We had a couple of hours before I saw her off at the station.</i>

to see through	to realise the truth about sb/sth so you are not deceived	<i>I can see through your little game.</i>
to see out	to accompany sb to the door to say goodbye	<i>Bill saw her out.</i>
to send for	to ask sb to come to you, especially in order to help you	<i>Send for the doctor, quickly!</i>
to set out (/ off) for	to leave a place and begin a journey	<i>We set off for London just after ten.</i>
to set up (p. 43)	to create sth or start it	<i>I've set up a new business.</i>
to settle down (p. 11)	to adopt a more secure lifestyle	<i>It always takes the class a while to settle down at the start of the lesson.</i>
to show around	to be a guide for sb	<i>We were shown around the school by one of the students.</i>
to show off	to boast, to try to impress others by talking about your abilities, possessions, etc	<i>He's just showing off because that girl he likes is here.</i>
to show up (= to turn up)	to arrive, to appear unexpectedly	<i>It was getting late when she finally showed up.</i>
to sign up (p. 117)	1) to persuade sb to sign a form or contract 2) to arrange to do a course of study by adding your name to the list of people doing it	<i>The company has signed up three top models for the fashion show. Have you signed up for the poetry course?</i>
to slow down (= to slow up)	to make sth/sb go at a slower speed	<i>The game slowed up a little in the second half.</i>
to sort out (= to work out)	to deal with sb's/your own problems in a satisfactory way	<i>If you can wait a moment, I'll sort it all out for you.</i>
to speak up	to speak more loudly	<i>Please speak up—we can't hear you at the back.</i>
to speak up for (/ against)	to say what you think clearly and freely, especially in order to support or defend sb/sth	<i>She's glad someone spoke up for her.</i>
to spell out (p. 17)	to make sth clear	<i>Let me spell out why we need more money.</i>
to split up (into)	1) to be divided into groups	<i>We were split up into groups to discuss the question.</i>
to split up with (p. 13)	2) to end a relationship, to separate	<i>see to break up with sb</i>
to stand by	to help sb or be friends with them, even in difficult situations	<i>Parents should stand by their children in choosing their careers.</i>
to stand down (p. 143)	to leave a job or position	<i>He stood down to make way for someone younger.</i>
to stand for	to represent	<i>"The book's by T.C. Smith." – "What does 'T.C.' stand for?"</i>
to stand in for (p. 21)	to take sb's place	<i>My assistant will stand in for me while I'm away.</i>
to stand out (from) (p. 31)	to be better or more important than sb/sth	<i>Jeremy stood out from the rest.</i>

to stand up for	to support or defend sb/sth	<i>She had learnt to stand up for herself.</i>
to start off	to begin happening; to begin doing sth	<i>The discussion started off mildly enough.</i>
to stay away from	to not go near a particular person or place	<i>I want you to stay away from my daughter.</i>
to stay in	to not go out or indoors	<i>I feel like staying in tonight.</i>
to stay over	to sleep at sb's house for one night	<i>We have a spare bed if you want to stay over.</i>
to stay up	to go to bed later than usual	<i>We stayed up half the night talking.</i>
to steer (/ keep / stay) clear of	to avoid a person or a thing because it may cause problems	<i>Steer clear of the centre of town at this time of the evening.</i>
to step down	to resign	<i>The general was forced to step down after escalating protests.</i>
to suffer from (p. 55)	to be badly affected by a disease, pain, sadness, etc	<i>He suffers from asthma.</i>
to sum up	to summarise	<i>To sum up, there are three ways of tackling the problem ...</i>
to suspect sb of doing sth (p. 33)	to have an idea that sb is guilty of sth, without having definite proof	<i>He was suspected of stealing her purse.</i>
to take after	to resemble, to look or behave like an older member of your family, especially your mother or father	<i>Your daughter doesn't take after you at all.</i>
to take down	1) to make a note of sth 2) to remove a structure by separating it into pieces	<i>Reporters took down every word of his speech. Workmen arrived to take down the scaffolding.</i>
to take for	to mistake sb's identity	<i>The soldiers took him for a terrorist.</i>
to take in	to make sb believe sth that is not true	<i>She took me in completely with her story.</i>
to take off	1) to leave the ground and begin to fly 2) to remove sth (especially a piece of clothing)	<i>The plane took off an hour late. He took off my wet boots and made me sit by the fire.</i>
to take on	to employ sb	<i>She was taken on as a trainee.</i>
to take over	to gain control of sth	<i>The army is threatening to take over if civil unrest continues.</i>
to take to	to start liking sb/sth	<i>I took to my new boss immediately.</i>
to take up (p. 89)	to start to do sth (hobby, job)	<i>She took up horse riding two years ago.</i>
to talk into (/ out of)	to persuade sb (not) to do sth	<i>She tried to talk him out of leaving.</i>
to tear apart	to destroy sth violently, especially by pulling it to pieces	<i>The dogs tore the fox apart.</i>

to tear down	to pull or knock down a building, wall, etc.	<i>They're tearing down these old houses to build a new block.</i>
to tell sb off for <i>doing sth</i> (p. 11)	to scold sb, to reprimand sb	<i>He told them off for arriving late.</i>
to think over	to consider	<i>He'd like more time to think things over.</i>
to think through	to consider from beginning to end	<i>This needs careful thinking through.</i>
to think up	to create, to invent	<i>Can't you think up a better excuse than that?</i>
to touch on	to mention briefly	<i>In his speech he was only able to touch on a few aspects.</i>
to track down	to locate sth/sb	<i>I finally tracked the reference down in a book of quotations.</i>
to try on	to put on in order to see if it fits	<i>Julia would like to try on this skirt.</i>
to try out (p. 9)	to test	<i>They're trying out a new presenter for the show.</i>
to turn against	to stop or make sb stop being friendly towards sb	<i>She turned against her old friend.</i>
to turn down	to reject an offer, a proposal, etc. or the person who makes it	<i>Why did she turn down your invitation?</i>
to turn into	to change	<i>Suddenly paradise turned into hell.</i>
to turn off (/ out) (= to switch off)	to stop the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc	<i>They've turned off the water while they repair a burst pipe.</i>
to turn on (= to switch on)	to start the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc	<i>I'll turn the television on.</i>
to turn out	to happen in a particular way	<i>The job turned out to be harder than we thought.</i>
to turn to (p. 11)	to go to sb/sth for help, advice, etc	<i>She has nobody she can turn to.</i>
to turn up (= to show up)	to come, to arrive, to appear	<i>We arranged to meet at 7.30, but she never turned up.</i>
to wait on	to act as a servant to sb, especially by serving food to them	<i>"Help yourself," she said, "I'm too tired to wait on you."</i>
to walk away with	to win or obtain sth easily	<i>She walked away with the gold medal.</i>
to watch out for	to be careful for	<i>The cashiers were asked to watch out for forged banknotes.</i>
to wear off	to gradually disappear or stop	<i>The effects of the drug will soon wear off.</i>
to wear out	to use sth until it is no longer usable	<i>He wore out two pairs of shoes last year.</i>
to wind up	to deliberately say or do sth in order to annoy sb	<i>Calm down! Can't you see he's only winding you up?</i>

to wipe out	destroy or remove sb/sth completely	<i>Whole villages were wiped out by the earthquake.</i>
to write down	to write sth on paper, especially to remember or record it	<i>Write down the address before you forget it.</i>
to write off	to decide that sb/sth is a failure	<i>Most of these bands were written off as one-hit wonders.</i>
to work out (= to sort out)	to solve, to develop in a successful way	<i>Let's work out the answer to this problem.</i>

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