

Common Phrasal Verbs List and examples (Level B1) - Aptis General



Phrasal Verbs

Verb + Preposition: e.g **Look after** : Will you look after my children, please?
Verb + Adverb: e.g **Get back**: She went back home at ten o'clock.
Verb + Adverb + Preposition: e.g **Look forward to (+verb -ing):** *I'm looking forward to seeing my cousin next summer.*

Componen una nueva unidad con un **significado diferente** al del verbo o preposición/adverbio por separado.

Algunos tienen **varios significados** (según el contexto).

Algunos phrasal verbs **son separables** (se puede añadir un CD entre el verbo y la preposición/adverbio).

Turn off the light = Turn the light off.

Otros Phrasal Verbs **no se pueden separar.** I'm looking for my keys \neq ~~I'm looking my keys for~~

Agree with: estar de acuerdo

- *I'm afraid I can't agree with you in this matter.*

Answer back: replicar.

- *Don't answer me back!*

Back out: volverse atrás, romper un acuerdo.

- *It's too late to back out now; I'm afraid we shall have to go through with it.*

Back up: apoyar, respaldar

- *If I protest against the decision, will you back me up?*

Be after: querer, pretender

- *What are you after? Just tell me plainly.*

Be along: venir, llegar

- *The doctor will be along any minute now.*

Be back: regresar, volver

- *I'll be back as soon as I can.*

Be fed up: estar harto

- *I'm fed up with this wet weather.*

Be for: ser partidario de.

Go ahead: continuar, seguir (adelante)

- *May I use your telephone? - Please go ahead.*

- *We have decided not to go ahead with the project, after all.*

Go away: irse, salir de la ciudad

- *Are you going away for Christmas?*

Go by: pasar, transcurrir

- *As the months went by he got accustomed to the daily routine.*

Go on: durar, continuar

- *It looks as though this war will go on forever.*

Go through: Sufrir, resistir

- *No one knows what I went through while I was waiting for the verdict.*

Go through: examinar, revisar, inspeccionar

- *Let's go through the details of the plan once more.*

Grow up: hacerse adulto, educar

- *What are you going to do when you grow up?*

Hang on: esperar

- *Just hang on a second while I do up my dress.*

Hold on: esperar

- *If you hold on a moment, madam, I'll go and see if Mr Jones is free.*

Keep off: no dejar acercarse

- Are you for or against the abolition of the death penalty?

Be in: estar en casa.

- I'd like to see Dr Bentley. Is he in?

Be over: terminarse, acabarse

- Well, it's all over now. You needn't worry about it any longer.

Be up to: depender de uno, incumbir a uno

- It's not up to me to decide on these matters.

Blow up: estallar (una bomba), hacer saltar, volar

- The bomb blew up killing five people.

Blow up: hinchar

- The child kept blowing up the balloon till it burst.

Blow up: echar una bronca a uno.

- The teacher blew me up for arriving late this morning.

Break down: estropearse, averiarse

- These machines will break down if they are left without maintenance

Break in: entrar rompiendo la puerta...

- The thieves broke in and stole the paintings.

Break up: separarse (una pareja).

- Peter and Lily broke up nearly a year ago.

Bring back: devolver.

- I'll lend you my car provided you bring it back tomorrow.

Bring on: causar, ocasionar.

- Such cold and extremely damp weather often brings on influenza.

Bring up: educar.

- She brought up her children to be truthful.

Carry on: seguir, continuar

- Sorry if I interrupted you. Please, carry on.

Carry out: cumplir (una promesa), llevar a cabo

- They didn't carry out their promise to help us.

Clear up: aclarar

- I'd like to clear up this matter once and for all.

- "Keep off the grass" (sign displayed in public parks).

Keep on: seguir, insistir en

- Why do you have to keep on bothering me?

Keep out: No permitir entrar, pasar

- "Private. Keep out" (notice on the door).

Let down: fallar a uno

- I'll do everything I can to help you. I won't let you down.

Let in: dejar entrar, hacer pasar

- She opened the door and let the cat in.

Look after: cuidar de

- The nurse looks after the children when we go away.

Look for: buscar

- what do you look for in a woman?

Look forward to: estar deseando (con gerundio -ing)

- We are looking forward to going back to Spain.

Look out: (imperative) ten cuidado, ojo

- Look out! You nearly ran over that child.

Make up: maquillarse

- It takes my wife ages to make up her face.

Make up: inventarse

- I'm not very good at making up excuses, I'm afraid.

Make up (con "mind"): decidirse

- My mind is made up. I am not going on that trip.

Mix up: confundir

- He mixed up the addresses so that no one got the right letter.

Pick up: recoger algo

- She scatters newspapers all over the floor and I have to pick them up.

Pick up: recoger a alguien (con el coche)

- I'll pick you up at six.

Point out: indicar, mostrar

- The guide pointed out the most important buildings in the city.

Put away: poner algo en su sitio

- Don't leave your things about, put them away.

Do with: tener que ver con, tener relación con

- *She's very interested in anything to do with Roman art.*

Do without: pasarse sin, prescindir de

- *Children can't do without the help of their parents*

Find out: averiguar

- *In the end I found out what was wrong with my radio.*

Fix up: fijar, arreglar, organizar (una fecha...)

- *The club has already fixed up several matches for next season*

Get along = Get on: llevarse bien con uno

- *It's very easy to get along with the new boss. He's very nice.*

Get away: escaparse, evadirse

- *The cashier got away with all the money in the safe.*

Get away with: quedarse sin castigo

- *Some people can get away with murder.*

Get off: apearse, bajar (de un autobús...)

- *You get off at the next station.*

Get on: subir (a un autobús...) / hacer progresos

- *How is he getting on at school?*

Get rid of: desacerse de (algo), quitar

- *I must get rid of those old magazines. They are useless.*

Get through: comunicarse por teléfono

- *I couldn't get through (to him). The line was engaged all the time.*

Get up: levantarse, ponerse en pie

- *What time did you get up this morning?*

Give away: regalar

- *My aunt has given her old clothes away (to the poor).*

Give back: devolver

- *Having finished reading the book I gave it back to the library.*

Give out: repartir

- *The teacher gave out the exam papers to the students.*

Give up: dejar de (fumar, beber...), ceder, rendirse

- *I tried to give up smoking, but without success.*

Put on: ponerse la ropa **Take off:** quitarse la ropa

- *Take off that dirty shirt and put on a clean one.*

Put up: alojar

- *Could you put me up while my house is being repaired?*

Put up with...: soportar

- *I can't put up with your brother: He's so annoying!*

Run out of ...: Quedarse sin..., acabarse

- *I run out of milk to make the cake.*

Turn on: encender la luz **Turn off:** apagar (= **put on /put off**)

- *She put on the radio to listen to the news.*

Turn up: subir el volumen **Turn down:** bajar el volumen

- *Don't forget to turn down the gas when the water boils.*

Talk over: discutir, comentar con alguien.

- *Talk it over with your wife and give me your answer tomorrow.*

Think over: considerar, reflexionar sobre

- *Please, think this matter over and let me know your answer soon.*

Throw away: tirar, desechar

- *We should throw away this table and buy a new one.*

Try on: probarse una prenda de ropa.

- *I like this dress, could I try it on?*

Try out: comprobar

- *We won't know how the plan works till we have tried it out.*

Turn into: convertir

- *I am going to turn my garage into a playroom for the children.*

Turn out: resultar ser

- *He turned out to be a thoroughly dishonest person.*

Turn over: volcar (vehículos), darse la vuelta (personas).

- *The car struck the wall and turned over.*

- *When his alarm went off he just turned over and went to sleep again.*

Turn up: llegar, asistir

- *I waited for him for nearly one hour but he didn't turn up.*