



# 20 MUST KNOW PHRASAL VERBS

1. **Bring up:** To mention or introduce a topic during a conversation.

- She always **brings up** her health problems.
- I hate to **bring up** business at dinner.

2. **Put up with:** To tolerate or endure a difficult or unpleasant situation or person.

- I don't know how she **puts up with him**.
- I can't **put up with** his constant complaining anymore.

3. **Catch up:** To get updates on someone's recent activities after a period of not seeing each other.

- Let's grab coffee and **catch up** sometime.
- She spends hours on the phone, **catching up** with old friends.

4. **Show up:** To arrive or appear, especially at a scheduled time or place.

- He didn't **show up** to the party last night.
- It's important to **show up** on time for interviews to make a good impression.





## Quick Smart English

**5. Take after :** To resemble or inherit traits from someone, usually a family member.

- I hope the children don't **take after** his mother's side of the family.
- Do you think the kids will **take after** their father in terms of height?

**6. Get along :** To have a friendly relationship with someone.

- Luckily, my siblings and I **get along** very well; we rarely have conflicts.
- It's important to **get along** with your coworkers to create a positive work environment.

**7. Fall out:** To have a disagreement or argument, leading to a strained relationship.

- I used to be close friends with Sarah, but we **fell out** over a misunderstanding.
- He **fell out** with his business partner.

**8. Turn up:** To arrive or be found unexpectedly.

- I was worried he wouldn't **turn up** for the meeting, but he arrived right on time.
- We invited a few friends to the party, but only a couple of them actually **turned up**.





## Quick Smart English

**9. Find out:** To discover or obtain information about something.

- I was shocked to **find out** that she had been keeping a secret from me.
- You can **find out** a lot about a person by simply asking them about their interests.

**10. Call off:** To cancel or abandon a planned event or activity.

- They had to **call off** the event due to bad weather conditions.
- The manager decided to **call off** the meeting because of the urgent situation.

**11. End up:** To eventually reach or conclude a particular situation or result.

- Despite starting as rivals, they **ended up** becoming the best of friends.
- I never planned to be a teacher, but I **ended up** loving the profession.

**12. Come up with:** To invent or produce something, typically an idea or solution.

- We need to **come up with** a solution to this problem before it gets worse.
- She always **comes up with** creative ideas for our team projects.





## Quick Smart English

**13. Figure out:** To understand or solve a problem through careful thought.

- It took me a while to **figure out** how to use the new software.
- Can you help me **figure out** the best way to approach this task?

**14. Look up to:** To admire or respect someone.

- Many young athletes **look up to** their sports idols as role models.
- I've always **looked up to** my older sister for her wisdom and guidance.

**15. Run out of:** To deplete the supply of something.

- We **ran out of** milk, so I'll need to grab some from the store.
- My patience is beginning to **run out**.

**16. Run into/Bump into:** To encounter someone unexpectedly.

- Guess who I **ran into** at the bookstore? Our old neighbour from three years ago!
- I never expected to **bump into** my high school teacher while on vacation.

**17. Put off:** To postpone or delay something.

- Don't **put off** your tasks, tackle them right away.
- He keeps asking me out and I keep **putting** him **off**.





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**18. Drop by:** To visit someone casually and briefly.

- Feel free to **drop by** my office if you have any questions.
- We are having a small gathering tonight; you should **drop by** if you can.

**19. Cut down :** To reduce or decrease the amount of something.

- I'm trying to **cut down** on caffeine; it's not easy.
- I need to **cut down** on social media for a healthier life balance.

**20. Set up :** To establish or arrange something, often a system or a plan.

- I managed to **set up** an appointment for her to see a specialist.
- I **set up** my business in 2005.

