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## The Most Significant Phrasal Verbs



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## Phrasal Verbs (MI) by English Tutor

1. To move slowly backward because you are afraid, shocked, etc. **back away**
2. Jim saw him coming and **retreated** a few steps. **back off**
3. To stop saying that you are right about something and admit that you are wrong **back down**
4. She **copied** the file onto a disk in case anything went wrong. **back up**
5. To decide not to do something you had agreed to do **back out**
6. To separate something into many pieces **break up**
7. My car **stopped working** on the freeway. **break down**
8. To use force to get into a building **break in**
9. The hotel was **knocked down** to make way for a new mall. **tear down**
10. The fire **began** in an old warehouse. **break out**
11. To stop supplying something to someone **cut off**
12. Helen **ripped up** his note into tiny pieces. **tear up**
13. To do something less or use less of something **cut down**
14. Spending on education should not be **reduced** any further. **cut back**
15. To arrange for something to happen at an earlier time than originally planned **bring forward**
16. Are there any other issues that you want to mention during the meeting? **bring something up**
17. To start using something again that was used in the past **bring back**
18. After her parents died, her grandmother **raised** her. **bring someone up**
19. To reduce the number or amount of something **bring down**
20. To have to deal with a problem or opposition **come up against**
21. Who **thought of** the idea to hold a bake sale to raise money? **come up with**
22. To become removed from something **come off**
23. He accidentally **discovered** the letter tucked in a book. **come across**
24. To cause trouble between people **come between**
25. Mrs. Hollings will **return** May 24th. **come back**
26. To become available for people to buy **come out**
27. Ticket prices are going to be reduced to encourage more people to attend. **come down**
28. To develop or happen **come about**



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29. The book was so old that it **fell apart** in my hands. **come apart**
30. To do something wrong and not be punished for it **get away with**
31. He makes just enough money to **make ends meet**. **get by**
32. To be allowed to enter a place **get in**
33. I was a little surprised by how well they **hit it off**. They didn't argue at all. **Get on with**
34. To climb down from somewhere you were on, such as a bus, train, or horse **get off**
35. The walker helps her **move around** more easily. **get about**
36. To make someone feel unhappy **get down**
37. We **meet** once a month to talk about the books we've read. **get together**
38. To become healthy again after being sick **get over**
39. Hanson **arose** late, and breakfast was already over. **get up**
40. To admit that you can't do something and stop trying to finish it **give up**
41. Jenny suddenly felt sick and **fainted**. **pass out**
42. To be so similar to someone that others think that you are that person **pass for**
43. People complain about the smell the garbage dump produces. **give off**
44. To give something to each person in a group **give out**
45. He **died** early this morning. **pass away**
46. To give or teach something to people who are younger than you **pass down**
47. Could you **return** that ladder you borrowed? **give back**
48. To give something you own to someone without selling it to them **give away**
49. Mrs. Olsen **handed around** a plate of cookies. **pass around**
50. I'm not sure we'll get Brenda to **agree with** the idea. **go along with**
51. To spend some time away from the house **go away**
52. **Catch** Billy and tell him to be home by 6:00. **go after**
53. To increase in number or amount **go up**
54. The bomb was timed to **explode** during rush hour. **go off**
55. To do the opposite of what someone wants you to do **go against**
56. The boat quickly **sank**. **go down**
57. To leave your house, especially in order to do something you enjoy **go out**
58. The business **failed** after a year. **go under**
59. To look at or think about something carefully **go over**





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60. To research information in a book, on a computer etc **look up**
61. Our neighbor's kids are taking care of the dogs for us. **look after**
62. To think what will happen in the future **look ahead**
63. Dave **watched** from the benches. **look on**
64. To examine something or someone quickly **look over**
65. Detectives **are examining** the complaints against him. **look into**
66. To be excited and happy about something that is going to happen **look forward to**
67. **Thinking about** it now, I can see I made some very bad decisions. **look back on**
68. To think that you are better than someone or something else **look down on**
69. Watch out! There's a car coming! **look out**
70. We try to **save** a little money each month. **put aside**
71. To suggest an idea, plan or employing a particular person **put forward**
72. I hate filling out the tax forms, so I **delay** it as long as possible. **Put something off**
73. To stop a fire or a cigarette from burning **put out**
74. He's always **criticizing** her and insulting her. **put down**
75. To make someone dislike someone or something, or to make them not want to do something **put somebody off**
76. They're going to **build** an office building there. **put up**
77. To put something in the place where it is usually kept **put back**
78. The symphony is **giving** a concert for charity. **put on**
79. To let someone stay in your house for a short time **put somebody up**
80. To get up after you have been sitting or lying down **stand up**
81. V.A. **is short for** Veteran's Administration. **stand for**
82. To support someone when they are in trouble **stand by**
83. He **moved back** to admire the painting. **stand back**
84. To be very easy to see or notice **stand out**
85. Anne said Tom was stupid, but I **defended** him. **stand up for**
86. To do someone else's job for them while they are away **stand in for**
87. To notice and understand what you see, read, or hear **take in**
88. The company will **employ** 10 more new factory workers. **take on**
89. To get control of something or get responsibility for something **take over**



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90. Ella **wrote down** a few notes. **take down**
91. To separate something into pieces **take apart**
92. I've just **started** tennis lessons. **take up**
93. When a plane moves off the ground into the air **take off**
94. Steve **is like** his dad, both in looks and personality. **take after**
95. To remove something from somewhere or someone **take away**
96. The jeans didn't fit him; I'll have **to return** them. **take back**
97. **Switch on** the light, will you? **turn on**
98. To not allow someone to enter a place **turn away**
99. They **left** the highway to look for something to eat. **turn off**
100. To become something different **turn into**
101. The business **makes** about \$700,000 a year. **turn over**
102. To make a machine produce more sound, heat etc, using its controls **turn up**
103. Apparently, they offered him the job, but he refused it. **turn down**
104. To happen in a particular way **turn out**
105. She **arrived** 10 minutes late. **turn up**
106. To go in the opposite direction to the one you were going in before **turn back**

**Good Luck**  
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