

Phrasal Verbs and Expressions B2

AGREE WITH	Estar de acuerdo "All women are bad drivers." "I don't agree with you."
BE ABOUT TO	Estar a punto de I was about to leave the house when my friends arrived.
BE BACK	Regresar I'm working late at the office tonight so I won't be back until 10.
BE OUT OF	Quedarse sin We're out of eggs so we can't make an omelette
BE OVER	Terminarse When the football match was over, we went to the pub.
BE UP	Estar levantado Phil isn't up yet. He's still in bed.
BE UP TO	Estar haciendo algo What have you been up to?
BLOW UP	Estallar (una bomba) The bomb blew up killing six people.
BLOW UP	Inflar We blew up at least a hundred balloons for the Christmas party.
BREAK DOWN	Averiarse My car broke down on the way to Motril.
BRING UP	Criar(se) I was brought up by my grandmother
CALL BACK	Volver a llamar Could you call back later?
CARRY ON	Seguir, continuar I'm sorry if I interrupted you. Please carry on.
CARRY OUT	Cumplir (promesa) The President carried out his promise to reduce taxation.
CARRY OUT	Llevar a cabo The execution was carried out at seven o'clock in the morning.
CATER FOR	Abastecer, proveer, organizar It's an enormous music shop which caters for musical tastes from classical music to heavy metal.
CHILL OUT	Relajarse completamente It's a great little café to chill out in after a hard day at school
CLEAR UP	Poner en orden It took four hours to clear up after the party.
COME ACROSS	Encontrar, dar con I came across an old friend on the metro in Madrid.
COME BACK	Regresar I'm going to England for two weeks. I'm coming back on the fifth.
COME IN	Entrar "Good morning. Come in and sit down."
COME ON	¡Vamos!, ¡Date prisa! Come on. We're going to be late.

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COME UP AGAINST	Tropezar con, topar con, vérselas con I never expected to come up against so many problems.
COME UP WITH	Sugerir o pensar en una idea o plan Chantal came up with the brilliant idea of selling her old clothes in the market on Saturday.
CUT DOWN ON	Consumir menos You must cut down on cholesterol or you'll have a heart attack.
CUT OFF	Cortar, desconectar When we didn't pay the bill, the electricity was cut off.
CUT UP	Cortar en pedazos We cut up the birthday cake and gave everyone a slice.
DO UP	Abrochar, atar I was five before I knew how to do up my shoelaces.
DO UP	Reparar o decorar
DO WITH	Tener algo que ver con, tener relación con "What's MS DOS?" "It's got something to do with computers."
DO WITHOUT	Pasarse sin, prescindir de The shops are shut so we'll have to do without sugar.
DRAW UP	Pararse The car drew up at the zebra crossing.
FIND OUT	Descubrir, enterarse de I just found out that my sister is pregnant.
GET AWAY WITH	Librarse, salirse con la suya I don't know why Charo gets away with copying her essays from the Internet.
GET BACK	Volver, regresar Cinderella had to get back by twelve o'clock.
GET HOLD OF	Conseguir, hacerse de, hacerse con My father got hold of a tiny red Honda 50 cc.
GET IN (TO)	Entrar I lost my keys and so I couldn't get into the house.
GET OFF	Bajar (de un autobus, tren) You have to get off the bus at the next stop if you want the station.
GET ON	Subir (a un autobus, tren, moto) Quick! Get on the train, it's about to leave.
GET ON WITH	Llevarse bien I get on with my sister.
GET ON WITH	Continuar haciendo algo I need to get on with my homework project.
GET OVER	Recuperarse, sobreponerse I hope she gets over the disappointment soon because she's looking really depressed.
GET THROUGH	Pasar por, soportar, atravesar They are going through a bad moment.
GET UP	Levantarse When I got up this morning it was still dark.

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GIVE BACK	Devolver If you don't like the dress, the shop will give you your money back.
GIVE UP	Perder la esperanza, rendirse If you find phrasal verbs difficult, don't give up.
GIVE UP	Dejar (de fumar, beber) You'll get cancer if you don't give up smoking.
GO AHEAD	Seguir "Can I use the telephone?" "Yes, go ahead."
GO AWAY	Irse, marcharse Are you going away for Christmas, or are you staying at home.
GO BACK	Volver, regresar Although she's forty, she's going back to University to study French.
GO DOWN	Bajar The price of fruit goes down in the summer
GO FOR	Elegir I'll go for the fish.
GO OFF	Explotar, sonar The alarm clock went off at 7.00.
GO ON	Continuar Go on with your homework, children.
GO OUT	Salir (por la calle) I always go out and have a few drinks on Saturday night.
GO UP	Subir The price of cigarettes went up in January 1992.
GROW UP	Crecer I grew up in a small town in Southern Spain.
HAND BACK	Devolver Julia worked really hard for the test, but when the teacher handed it back she found she'd got a very low mark.
HANG AROUND WITH	Pasar tiempo con alguien Melanie doesn't like hanging around with her parents.
HANG ON/HOLD ON	Esperar Hold on for a minute as Pablo will be back in five minute.
HANG UP	Colgar (el teléfono) My ex-girlfriend hung up when I phoned her.
HAVE A GO	Intentar hacer algo, probar algo Hans let me have a go on his new bike.

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KEEP A PROMISE	Cumplir una promesa People won't trust you unless you can keep promises.
KEEP UP WITH	Mantenerse (a la altura de) I can't keep up with my father when we go cycling as he goes too fast.
KNOCK DOWN	Derribar, atropear, demoler My grandfather's old house was knocked down and a bank was built.
LEAVE BEHIND	Olvidar, dejar When I got to the airport, I realised I had left my passport behind.
LET IN	Dejar entrar She opened the door and let in the cat.
LET SOMEONE OFF	No castigar a alguien que ha cometido un delito (absolver) o no castigar a alguien severamente. The accused was let off because he proved his innocence.
LIVE UP TO	Estar a la altura, cumplir las expectativas- My mum is very ambitious for me and it's very difficult to live up to her expectations.
LOOK AFTER	Cuidar My mother looks after the children when we go away
LOOK BACK	Mirar atras I think when she looks back at her youth, she feels she didn't study hard enough herself.
LOOK FOR	Buscar I spent two hours looking for my glasses before I found them.
LOOK FORWARD TO	Esperar con ilusión I'm looking forward to the Easter holidays.
LOOK OUT	Tener cuidado, ¡Ojo! Look out! There's a car coming. JOHN & SARAH 1996
LOOK UP	Buscar algo (en un libro, diccionario) If you don't understand the word, look it up in a dictionary.
MAKE UP	Maquillarse, inventar (una historia ...) Sometimes I make an excuse to tell my parents why I am late.
NOT HAVE A CLUE	No tener la menor idea Diego didn't have a clue how to answer the questions.
PICK UP	Coger/recoger algo o a alguien Pick me up at the station.
POINT OUT	Señalar, mostrar The tour guide pointed out the historical monuments.
POP INTO	Pasar un segundo por My dad asked me to pop into the post office and post a parcel for me.
PULL IN	Atraer This new film is so popular that it has been pulling in huge audiences.
PUT IN	Meter, introducir Put ten pence in the machine and you will get a cup of coffee.

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PUT OFF	Posponer Can we put our meeting off until tomorrow?
PUT ON	Encender Put on the light, it's getting dark.
PUT ON	Ponerse (la ropa) Put your coat on or you'll get cold.
RUN OUT OF	Quedarse sin algo We ran out of petrol so we had to get the bus.
SHOW OFF	Alardear, presumir She likes to wear short skirts to show off her legs.
SET OFF	Ponerse en camino We set off to Madrid at five o'clock to avoid the traffic.
SET UP	Instalar, monta They set the new store up on Maple Street.
SORT OUT	Ordenar, preparar My son needs to sort out the clothes in his wardrobe.
SUM UP	Resumir To sum up, most people today have new technologies.
TAKE AFTER	Parecerse a Pablo takes after his mother: they are both optimistic.
TAKE A RISK	arriesgarse, asumir un riesgo I won't take any risks.
TAKE EXERCISE	Hacer ejercicio I think it's a good way of taking exercise.
TAKE OFF	Despegar The flight was delayed for two hours and the plane eventually took off at 6 p.m.
TAKE OFF	Quitarse la ropa Take off your coat and make yourself comfortable.
TAKE OUT	Extraer, sacar He took out a cigarette and lit it.
TAKE OVER	Tomar el control/ocupar "They've taken over an old building in the city centre for their new shop." / "In the future robots will take over the Earth".
TAKE PART IN	Participar I took part in a swimming competition yesterday.
TAKE SOMEONE'S PLACE	Ocupar el lugar de alguien o sustituir a alguien I have to take his place since he is ill.
TAKE TURNS	Turnarse Do you want to take turns driving?
TAKE UP	Empezar un hobby o actividad I took up tennis last Monday.
THROW AWAY	Tirar (en la basura) Don't throw these papers away: they're important.

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TURN DOWN	Bajar (el volumen) Turn down the radio: it's too loud.
TURN UP	Poner el volumen más fuerte Turn up the radio. I can't hear it.
TURN ON	Encender (televisión, luces etc.) Turn on the television, please; I want to see the news.
TURN OUT	Resultar, acudir, presentarse The exam turned out to be easier than I expected.
WEAR OUT	Agotar/cansar Shopping in Oxford Street wore us out, so we decided to take a taxi back to the hotel.

