

Phrasal Verbs for FCE

add to sth PUT WITH to put something with something else (U1, 11)

book (sb) into to arrange for someone to stay at a hotel (U3, 23)

break down If a machine or vehicle breaks down, it stops working. (U19, 137)

break off (sth) or break (sth) off to end (something) suddenly (U23, 161)

call off sth or call sth off to decide that a planned event, especially a sports event, will not happen, or to end an activity because it is no longer useful or possible (U23, 161)

call sb up to telephone someone (U19-24, 177)

calm down to stop feeling upset, angry, or excited, or to make someone stop feeling this way (U5, 36)

catch up on sth to do something that you did not have time to do earlier (U24, 168)

check in HOTEL to go to the desk at a hotel in order to say that you have arrived, and to get the key to your room (U3, 23)

check out to leave a hotel after paying your bill (U3, 23)

come across sth SEEM to find something by chance (U18, 125)

come down FALL to fall and land on the ground (U5, 36)

come out BECOME AVAILABLE If a book, record, film, etc comes out, it becomes available for people to buy or see. (U18, 125)

come up MOVE TOWARDS to move towards someone (U24, 168)

come up with sth to suggest or think of an idea or plan (U18, 125)

consist of sth to be formed or made from two or more things (U15, 109)

cut down sth or cut sth down REDUCE to eat or drink less of something, or to reduce the amount or number of something (U1, 11)

cut down sth or cut sth down REMOVE to make a tree or other plant fall to the ground by cutting it near the bottom (U4, 28)

cut off sb/sth or cut sb/sth off to cause a person or place to become separate, or cause someone to be or feel alone (U23, 161)

do without (sb/sth) to manage without having someone or something (U7, 54)

dress up FORMAL to put on formal clothes for a special occasion (U1, 11)

end up to finally be in a particular place or situation (U5, 35)

face up to sth to accept that a difficult situation exists (U24, 168)

fall out (with sb) to argue with someone and stop being friendly with them (EF 4, 56)

fill in sth to write the necessary information on an official document (U3, 24)

find out (sth) or find (sth) out to get information about something, or to learn a fact for the first time (U2, 18)

fit in with sth If one thing fits in with another thing, they look pleasant together or are suitable for each other. (U1, 11)

get away HOLIDAY to go somewhere to have a holiday, especially because you need to rest (U3, 23)

get away with sth to succeed in not being criticised or punished for something (U8, 60)

get down to sth to start doing something seriously and with a lot of attention and effort (U8, 60)

get in VEHICLE ARRIVING If a train or other vehicle gets in at a particular time, that is when it arrives. (U3, 23)

get into sth BE CHOSEN to succeed in being chosen or elected (U8, 60)

get on (with sb) (UK) If two or more people get on, they like each other and are friendly to each other. (U8, 61)

get out of sth/doing sth to avoid doing something that you do not want to do, especially by giving an excuse (U8, 60)

get over sth/sb GET BETTER to get better after an illness, or feel better after something or someone has made you unhappy (U8, 60)

get sth over with to do or finish an unpleasant but necessary piece of work or duty so that you do not have to worry about it in the future (U24, 168)

get through sth FINISH to use up or finish something (U2, 17)

go ahead ALLOW something that you say to someone to allow them to do something (U1, 11)

go ahead START to start to do something (U18, 125)

go back to return to a place where you were or where you have been before (U1, 11)

go by TIME If time goes by, it passes. (U18, 125)

go for sth CHOOSE to choose something (U1, 11)

go off EXPLODE If a bomb or a gun goes off, it explodes or fires. (U23, 161)

go off sth/sb to stop liking or being interested in someone or something (U18, 125)

go on HAPPEN to happen (U1, 11)

go out LEAVE to leave a room or building, especially in order to do something for entertainment (U1, 11)

go over sth to talk or think about something in order to explain it or make certain that it is correct (U1, 11)

go through sth to experience a difficult or unpleasant situation (U18, 125)

go up INCREASE to become higher in level (U1, 11)

hang around (with sb) to spend time with someone (U24, 169)

- keep (sb/sth) away** to not go somewhere or near something, or to prevent someone from going somewhere or near something (U6, 41)
- keep on doing sth** to continue to do something, or to do something again and again (U6, 41)
- keep sb in** to make a child stay inside as a punishment, or to make someone stay in hospital (U6, 41)
- keep sth down NO INCREASE** to stop the number, level, or size of something from increasing (U6, 41)
- keep to sth NOT CHANGE PLANS** to do what you have promised or planned to do (U6, 41)
- keep up (with sb/sth) UNDERSTAND** to be able to understand or deal with something that is happening or changing very fast (U1, 11)
- keep up (with sb/sth) SAME SPEED** to move at the same speed as someone or something that is moving forward so that you stay level with them (U6, 41)
- key sth in** to put information into a computer or a machine using a keyboard (U24, 166)
- let off sb or let sb off** to not punish someone who has committed a crime or done something wrong, or to not punish them severely (U23, 161)
- live up to sth** to be as good as someone hopes (U4, 29)
- log off** to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working (U23, 161)
- look after sb/sth** to take care of or be in charge of someone or something (U17, 119)
- look at sth EXAMINE** If someone, usually an expert, looks at something, they examine it. (U17, 119)
- look for sth/sb** to try to find someone or something (U17, 119)
- look forward to sth/doing sth** to feel happy and excited about something that is going to happen (WF2, U17, 117)
- look into sth** to examine the facts about a problem or situation (U17, 119)
- look up sth or look sth up** to try to find a piece of information by looking in a book or on a computer (U24, 168)
- look up to sb** to respect and admire someone (U17, 119)
- make for sw** to move towards a place (U24, 166)
- make up for sth** to reduce the bad effect of something, or make something bad become something good (U24, 168)
- make out sth/sb or make sth/sb out** to see, hear or understand something or someone with difficulty (U24, 168)
- miss out on sth** to fail to use an opportunity to enjoy or get an advantage from something (U19–24, 177)
- pick up sth or pick sth up** to learn a new skill or language by practising it rather than being taught it (U24, 168)
- pull away START MOVING** If a vehicle pulls away, it starts moving. (U5, 36)
- pull on sth CLOTHES** to put on clothes quickly (U1, 11)
- pull up** If a vehicle pulls up, it stops, often for a short time. (U5, 36)
- put down sth or put sth down** to put someone or something that you are holding onto the floor or onto another surface (U24, 166)
- put off sb or put sb off** to make someone dislike something or someone, or to discourage someone from doing something (U24, 168)
- put out sth or put sth out STOP BURNING** to make something that is burning, such as a fire or cigarette, stop burning (U24, 167)
- put sth together or put together sth JOIN PARTS** to create something by joining or combining different things (U1, 11)
- put up sth** to show or express a particular type of opposition to something (U24, 168)
- put up with sb/sth** to accept unpleasant behaviour or an unpleasant situation, although you do not like it (U24, 168)
- save up (sth) or save (sth) up MONEY** to keep money so that you can buy something with it in the future (U1, 11)
- send off sth or send sth off** to send a letter, document or parcel by post (U23, 161)
- set off** to start a journey (U3, 23)
- slip on sth or slip sth on** to quickly put on a piece of clothing (U1, 11)
- slip out** If a remark slips out, you say it without intending to. (U24, 166)
- stand out NOTICE** to be very easy to see or notice (U1, 11)
- start out** to begin your life or the part of your life when you work, in a particular way (U24, 169)
- stop over** to stay at a place for one night or a few nights on the way to somewhere else or before returning home (U3, 23)
- take after sb** to be similar to an older member of your family (U11, 78)
- take back sth or take sth back [THING]** to return something to the place you borrowed or bought it from (U1, 11)
- take off AIRCRAFT** If an aircraft takes off, it begins to fly. (U3, 23)
- take off SUCCESSFUL** to suddenly become successful (U11, 78)
- take off sth or take sth off** to spend time away from your work (U24, 169)
- take out sth or take sth out** to remove something from somewhere (U11, 78)
- take sth off or take off sth REMOVE** to remove something (U1, 11)
- take sth on** to accept a particular job or responsibility (U19–24, 177)
- talk sb into (doing) sth** to persuade someone to do something (U12, 84)
- tell off sb or tell sb off** to speak angrily to someone because they have done something wrong (U23, 161)
- tell sb/sth apart** to be able to see the difference between two very similar things or people (U12, 85)
- turn on sth or turn sth on** to move the switch on a machine, light, etc so that it starts working, or to start the supply of water, electricity, etc (U2, 16)
- turn out BE DISCOVERED** to be known or discovered finally and surprisingly (U24, 166)
- turn up sth or turn sth up** to increase the level of sound or heat that a machine produces (U2, 16)
- wear off** If a feeling or the effect of something wears off, it gradually disappears. (U23, 161)
- work on sth** to spend time repairing or improving something (U24, 169)
- work out sth or work sth out CALCULATE** to do a calculation to get an answer to a mathematical question (U24, 169)
- work out sth or work sth out PROBLEM** to understand something or to find the answer to something by thinking about it (U24, 168)