

# Common Phrasal Verbs In Bac Textbooks

Phrasal Verbs	<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Examples</i>
apply for	ask for, demand (job / grant / license)	To <u>apply for</u> the job, you need to write an application letter.
break down	cease to work correctly (physical / mental)	My computer <u>broke down</u> yesterday.
break into	enter by force	Some burglars <u>broke into</u> the bank last night.
calm down	relax	Try to <u>calm down</u> before the interview.
carry on	continue	You should <u>carry on</u> with your project.
come in	enter	The door is open; <u>come in</u> !
come back	return	They will have <u>come back</u> from Fes by this afternoon.
come across	meet by chance	I <u>came across</u> an old photo of mine.
cut down	reduce	You'd better <u>cut down</u> on your fat intake.
eat out	eat outside the house (at a restaurant)	On Sundays, they always <u>eat out</u> .
fill in	complete (a form)	You have to <u>fill in</u> the form before e-mailing it.
find out	discover	Nobody has <u>found out</u> who changed my password yet.
give in	surrender, stop trying	She shouldn't <u>give in</u> now that she has almost achieved success.
give up	stop / surrender	He must <u>give up</u> smoking before it is too late.
go on	continue	When you finish this exercise <u>go on</u> to the next.
go through	experience / endure	I <u>went through</u> hard times when I was abroad.
grow up	become older / mature	Girls <u>grow up</u> faster than boys.
hand in	give back (papers)	When I had finished the test, I <u>handed in</u> my paper and left.
hand out	distribute	The teacher <u>handed out</u> the test sheets at 8:00 sharp
let down	disappoint	Be sure that your parents will never <u>let you down</u> .
lie down	relax, rest	It is normal to <u>lie down</u> after hard work.
look after	take care of	Leila is <u>looking after</u> her grand mother pretty well.
look at	examine	The doctors are <u>looking at</u> the patient right now.
look for	search	I <u>looked for</u> my keys in the drawer but they weren't there.
look forward to	long for	I'm <u>looking forward to</u> hearing from you soon.
look into	examine, investigate	They are <u>looking into</u> the matter.

look out	be careful, pay attention	<u>Look out!</u> our dog has got 42 teeth.
look up	search in a dictionary/list/phonebook	I was <u>looking up</u> your phone number when you phoned me.
make up	invent (pretext/story)	Don't believe her; she likes to <u>make up</u> stories.
pass away	die	My mother <u>passed away</u> in February 2003.
pick up	collect	Children can <u>pick up</u> foreign languages easier than adults.
put on	wear	She <u>put</u> her jacket <u>on</u> and went out hurriedly.
put off	postpone	I was informed that the meeting was <u>put off</u> until next week.
put out	distinguish	The firefighters put out the fire in a blink of an eye.
run into	meet by chance	Our project may <u>run into</u> financial problems sooner or later.
stand for	represent	U.N. <u>stands for</u> United Nations.
set up	build, establish	They are trying to <u>set up</u> their own business.
take after	resemble	She greatly <u>takes after</u> her aunt.
take care of	look after	They <u>took care of</u> the children when we were out.
take off	leave the ground (plane)	When your plane landed, ours <u>took off</u> .
take off	# put on (clothes)	Due to the hot weather, all the boys <u>took off</u> their jackets.
turn down	refuse, reject	She was <u>turned down</u> because of age.
turn off	stop the function of (TV, Radio)	Don't forget to <u>turn off</u> the TV before you go to bed.
write down	record	The students <u>wrote down</u> all the teacher's instructions.

N.B. Some phrasal verbs are separable but others are not. The separable phrasal verbs allow the direct object / object pronoun to come between the verb and its particle.

### Examples

#### Non-Separable Phrasal Verbs

- She needs someone to look after her children. [CORRECT]
- She needs someone to look her children after.\* [INCORRECT]

#### Separable Phrasal Verbs

- Finding the word difficult, the boy decided to look it up in a dictionary.

#### Separable / Non-Separable Phrasal Verbs

- Your plane will take off at 7 O'Clock sharp. [SEPARABLE? => NO, NEVER]
- His coat is badly wet. He must take it off immediately.[SEPARABLE? => OK]
- He must take off that wet coat immediately.[NON-SEPARABLE? => OK]