

COMMONLY USED PHRASAL AND PREPOSITIONAL VERBS

Account for sth.	Give a good explanation for sth.
Book up (usu. passive)	Make reservation; reserve
Be booked up	Be engaged
Bring about sth./ bring sth. about	Cause sth. to happen
Bring up (a child, etc.)/ bring (a child, etc.) up	Rear (a child, etc.)
Bring up sth./ bring sth. up	Introduce or mention (a subject, etc.)
Call for	Come to an office, home, store, etc. to get sth./sb; require
Call in sb./ call sb. in	Ask sb. to come in for a purpose; send for sb.; summon sb.
Call off sth./call sth off	Cancel sth.
Call up sb./call sb up	Telephone sb.
Carry out sth./ carry sth. out	Execute; accomplish; conduct
Check in	Arrive
Check out (a book)/ check (a book) out	Withdraw (a book)
Check out	Pay the bill and leave a hotel

Check on sth./ Check up on sth.	Examine; inspect
Come across sth.	Find sth. by chance
Come back	Return
Come down	(of prices) Become less
Come round	Recover consciousness
Come to	Recover consciousness
Cross off (a name, etc.)/ cross sth. off (the list)	Remove (a name, etc.) by drawing a line through it
Cut out Be cut out for	Have talent for; have a talent to be
Do sth. over	Do sth. again
Drop in (on sb.)	Visit (sb.) unexpectedly
Drop out	Leave school, university, etc. without finishing one's course
Drop off sb./drop sb. off	Leave sb. at a place
Get over sth.	Recover from; get rid of sth.
Give up	Surrender; lose hope
Give up sth./give sth. up	Lose interest in sth.; wish to stop sth.; renounce sth.
Go over sth.	Review sth.
Go up	(of prices) Increase
Hand in sth./hand sth. in	Submit sth.; turn in sth.

Hang up (on sb.)	Close a telephone conversation abruptly (on sb.)
Hold on	Wait
Keep on (doing sth.)	Continue (doing sth.)
Leave out sth./ leave sth. out	Omit; drop; delete
Look after sb. or sth.	Take care of sb. or sth.
Look for sth.	Search for sth.
Look over sth./ look sth. over	Examine sth. fully or carefully
Look up sb./look sb. up	Pay a visit to sb.
Look up sth./look sth. up	Search for sth. (in a dictionary, reference book, telephone directory, etc.)
Make up for sth.	Compensate for sth.
Mix up (things)/ mix (things) up	Confuse (things)
Pick out sth./pick sth. out	Select; choose sth.
Pick up sb./pick sb. up	Give sb. a lift in a car; collect sb.
Pile up	Accumulate
Point out sth./ point sth. out	Call sb's attention to sth.
Put off sth./put sth. off	Postpone
Put up sb./put sb. up	Offer hospitality to sb.
Put up with (sth.)	Tolerate (sth.)

Ring off	Close a telephone conversation
Ring up sb./ring sb. up	Telephone sb.
Show off	Boast of one's position, ability, etc.
Take over from sb.	Assume responsibility or accept duty of sb.
Take in sb./take sb. in	Deceive; cheat
Talk sth. over (with sb.)/ talk over sth. (with sb.)	Discuss sth. (with sb.)
Think sth. over/ think over sth.	Consider sth. carefully
Turn down sth./ turn sth. down	Reject sth.
Turn up	Come on appear (usu. on time)

Exercise 44

Replace the underlined word(s) in each sentence by the appropriate form of a phrasal or prepositional verb from the list you have studied.

- A. 1. Never postpone till tomorrow what you can do today. (An English proverb)
2. Prices always increase; they never become less.
3. He kept asking me all the difficult words instead of searching for them in the dictionary.
4. He had to fast a couple of days in order to compensate for two days he didn't fast when he was on a journey.

5. Why don't you **telephone** the University Administration in Riyadh?
 6. Did you remember to **turn in** your homework assignment today?
 7. Would you **choose** the one you want?
 8. During the panel discussion one of the participants **called attention** to several important facts concerning language acquisition.
 9. The delegates **returned** from the International Symposium yesterday.
 10. Who will **take care of** the children while you are in Makkah performing Pilgrimage?
 11. He **continued** working there for thirty years.
 12. It took Mr. X a long time to **recover from** flu.
 13. We **paid a visit to them** when we were in the Southern Province.
 14. Several students **are searching for** summer jobs.
 15. The new Demonstrator had stage fright at first, but he **got rid of it** very quickly.
- B.**
1. Not all people **have the talent for** teaching.
 2. The line was so bad when I **telephoned him** that I couldn't understand what he said.
 3. There seems to be something wrong with the xeroxing machine; we'd better **send for** the technician.
 4. You mustn't **omit** the difficult sentences; do them all.
 5. Students of English often **confuse** the words "lie" and "lay", and "sit" and "set".

6. Your composition lacks organization; you must **do it again**.
 7. I have **carefully examined** your essay and have a couple of comments to make.
 8. I'll **give you a lift in my car** at 7:00 sharp.
 9. I'll **collect you** at 12:00 noon.
 10. Please **consider it carefully** and let me know your opinion.
 11. You'd better **make reservation** if you want to go.
 12. They **have reserved** the Wedding Palace for two nights.
 13. All the hotels **are reserved** for the season.
 14. This task **requires** precision and meticulousness.
 15. Most old people cannot **tolerate** noise when they are trying to concentrate.
- C.**
1. The Faculty Council session **was cancelled** because of the visit of a delegation from the sister university.
 2. I waited for him for ages but he didn't **come**.
 3. These children are very well **reared**.
 4. Why don't you **mention** your proposal at the next meeting?
 5. On my way to the University, I can **leave** you at the Post Office.
 6. Let's **review** this exercise again.
 7. I **found** this book **by chance** in an old bookshop.
 8. I always **go to get** my laundry in the evening.

9. He is going to renounce the job.
 10. I'm afraid I can't come; I have a full timetable all next week.
 11. He paid the bill and left the hotel on time last night, leaving no forwarding address.
 12. The contractor executed the plan without difficulty.
 13. The scientist is going to conduct an interesting experiment.
 14. Our companion arrived at the hotel on time last night.
 15. They are examining that information right now.
- D.
1. If you are ever in our neighborhood, be sure to visit us.
 2. A true Muslim never boasts of his excellent ability or position.
 3. I was telling him all about it and then he just closed the telephone conversation abruptly.
 4. His debts have been accumulating for quite some time.
 5. The telephone operator asked the caller to wait until a connection was made.
 6. He got a scholarship to a British university but left the university without finishing the required courses.
 7. The new idea is that young delinquents should gather together in groups and discuss their problems with social workers.
 8. When a member of staff happens to fall ill, one of his colleagues usually assumes responsibility and teaches instead of him.
 9. The accident has happened as a result of the teenager's recklessness.

10. Don't wish to stop just because it is difficult.
11. Do pay me a visit whenever you're in town.
12. Please remove my name from the list.
13. I used to believe his tall stories; now he rarely succeeds in deceiving me.
14. He recovered consciousness when the doctor had applied artificial respiration.
15. They rejected his application because they preferred a highly qualified candidate with extensive teaching experience.
16. I wonder why that student persists in being absent from college. Can you give a good explanation for such behavior.