

Phrasal and Prepositional Verbs

Many English verbs can be followed by small adverbs ('adverb particles'). Common adverb particles are: *about, across, ahead, along, (a)round, aside, away, back, by, down, forward, in, home, off, on, out, over, past, through, up*.

Some of these words can also be used as prepositions. Compare and note the word order:

I switched the light off. or *I switched off the light.* (adverb particle)

I jumped off the wall. (preposition)

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| to account for | to explain | <i>The poor weather may have accounted for the small crowd.</i> |
| to add up to | to have a certain result | <i>These clues don't really add up to very much.</i> |
| to aim at | to point or direct a weapon, a shot, a kick, etc. at sb/sth | <i>The gun was aimed at her head.</i> |
| to allow for | to include sb/sth when calculating sth | <i>All these factors must be allowed for.</i> |
| to answer back (= to talk back) | to reply rudely to someone in authority | <i>Stop answering your mother back!</i> |
| to ask for | to beg for sth | <i>When you arrive, ask for Jane.</i> |
| to ask in / out | to invite sb into your house / to invite sb for a date | <i>I haven't been asked out since my birthday.</i> |
| to be about | to deal with, to relate to, to concern sth | <i>This book is about flowers.</i> |
| to be after | to try to find or get | <i>He's after a job at our place.</i> |
| to be fed up with | to be bored or unhappy, especially with a situation that has continued for too long | <i>I'm fed up with waiting for her.</i> |
| to be for | to have a particular function | <i>What is this button for?</i> |
| to be into | to be interested in sth in an active way | <i>Julia is really into horse riding.</i> |
| to be on | 1) to be operating, being used 2) to be on TV or radio or at the cinema | <i>The lights were all on.</i> <i>What's on at the cinema tonight?</i> |

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| to be off | 1) not to be functioning 2) to have left a place | <i>Make sure the TV is off. Sarah's off in India somewhere.</i> |
| to be through | to have finished sth | <i>Are you through with that newspaper?</i> |
| to be up | 1) to be happening 2) to be out of bed | <i>What's up with him? He looks furious. She has been up since 7 o'clock.</i> |
| to be up to sth | to be physically/mentally capable of sth | <i>He's not up to doing this job.</i> |
| to be up to sb | 1) to be for sb to decide 2) doing sth, especially sth bad | <i>It's up to you! I'm sure he's up to no good.</i> |
| to bear out | to confirm | <i>The other witnesses will bear out what I say.</i> |
| to bear with | to be patient and wait | <i>If you bear with me (= be patient and listen to me) a little longer, I'll answer your question.</i> |
| to beat up | to hit or kick sb hard, many times | <i>He was badly beaten up by a gang of thugs.</i> |
| to blow out | to extinguish | <i>Somebody opened the door and the candle blew out.</i> |
| to blow up | to explode | <i>The police station was blown up by terrorists.</i> |
| to break down | to stop working | <i>The telephone system has broken down.</i> |
| to break in(to) | to enter a building by force | <i>We had our car broken into last week.</i> |
| to break off | to end sth suddenly, to terminate | <i>Britain threatened to break off diplomatic relations.</i> |
| to break out | 1) to escape from a place or situation 2) (of war, fighting or other unpleasant events) to start suddenly | <i>Several prisoners broke out of the jail. They had escaped to America shortly before war broke out in 1939.</i> |
| to break up | to separate into smaller pieces | <i>The ship broke up on the rocks.</i> |
| to break up with | to end a relationship | <i>She's just broken up with her boyfriend.</i> |
| to bring about | to cause, to make sth happen | <i>What brought about the change in his attitude?</i> |
| to bring back | 1) to return 2) to remind of sth | <i>I brought his CDs back. The photographs brought back many pleasant memories.</i> |
| to bring in | to introduce (e.g. a new law) | <i>They want to bring in a bill to limit arms exports.</i> |
| to bring off | to accomplish, to succeed in doing sth difficult | <i>It was a difficult task but we brought it off.</i> |

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| to bring on | to be responsible for sth unpleasant | <i>I have no sympathy—you brought it all on yourself.</i> |
| to bring round | to make sb who is unconscious become conscious again | <i>A tender kiss will bring her round again.</i> |
| to bring round | to persuade sb to agree to sth | <i>He didn't like the plan at first, but we managed to bring him round.</i> |
| to bring up | 1) to raise, to care for a child 2) to mention a subject or start to talk about it | <i>She brought up five children. Bring it up at the meeting.</i> |
| to brush up | to quickly improve a skill | <i>I must brush up on my Spanish before I go to Seville.</i> |
| to burst into | producing sth suddenly and with great force | <i>She burst into tears.</i> |
| to burn down | to destroy by fire | <i>The house burnt down in 1985.</i> |
| to call in | 1) to ask for the services of sb 2) to stop and visit | <i>The doctor was called in. I called in our local on my way home.</i> |
| to call for | to collect sb in order to go somewhere | <i>I'll call for you at 7 o'clock.</i> |
| to call off | to cancel (e.g. a meeting) | <i>The game was called off because of bad weather.</i> |
| to call up (= to ring up) | to phone sb | <i>Call me up in the evening.</i> |
| to care about | to feel that sth is important and worth worrying about | <i>She cares deeply about environmental issues.</i> |
| to care for | to look after sb who is sick, very old or young, etc | <i>She moved back home to care for her elderly parents.</i> |
| to carry on (with) | to continue, to go on, to keep on doing sth | <i>Carry on with your work while I'm away.</i> |
| to carry out | to obey, to fulfil, to perform | <i>Soldiers carry out order.</i> |
| to catch up with | to reach sb who is ahead by going faster | <i>Go on ahead. I'll catch up with you.</i> |
| to chat up | to talk in a friendly way to sb you are sexually attracted to | <i>John was in the bar chatting up the barmaid.</i> |
| to cheat on | (of sb who is married or who has a regular sexual partner) to have a secret sexual relationship with sb else | <i>He's cheating on his wife.</i> |
| to check in | to register and leave luggage | <i>We checked in our luggage and went through to the departure lounge.</i> |
| to cheer up | to become cheerful, to make sb/sth more cheerful | <i>Give Mary a call; she needs cheering up.</i> |
| to clean up | to remove dirt from somewhere | <i>He always expected other people to clean up after him.</i> |
| to clear up | to make sth clean and neat | <i>Clear up your own mess!</i> |
| to close down | to close permanently | <i>The club was closed down by the police.</i> |

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| to come about | to happen, to occur | <i>Can you tell me how the accident came about?</i> |
| to come across (= to run into) | 1) to find by chance (= accidentally) 2) to make a particular impression | <i>She came across some old photographs in a drawer. She comes across well in interviews.</i> |
| to come along with | to go somewhere with sb | <i>I'm glad you came along.</i> |
| to come back | to return | <i>You came back (= came home) very late last night.</i> |
| to come by | to make a short visit to a place, to see sb | <i>She came by the house.</i> |
| to come forward | to offer your help, services, etc | <i>Police have asked witnesses of the accident to come forward.</i> |
| to come from | 1) to have as your place of birth or the place where you live 2) to be the result of sth | <i>Siobhan comes from Ireland. That comes from/of eating too much!</i> |
| to come in | to enter | <i>Please, come in.</i> |
| to come into | to inherit | <i>She came into a fortune when her uncle died.</i> |
| to come off | 1) to detach itself 2) to take place, to happen 3) (of a plan) to be successful, to succeed | <i>A button had come off my coat. Did the trip to Rome ever come off? She had wanted it to be a surprise but the plan didn't come off.</i> |
| to come off well (/badly) | 4) (not) to have the intended result | <i>The Greens came off best.</i> |
| to come on | used in orders to tell sb to hurry or to try harder | <i>Come on, hurry up!</i> |
| to come out | to appear (in print), to be published | <i>When is her new novel coming out?</i> |
| to come round (= to come by) | to visit for a short time | <i>Do come around and see us some time.</i> |
| to come round / to | to become conscious again | <i>Your mother hasn't yet come round from the anaesthetic.</i> |
| to come up | to be mentioned or discussed | <i>The subject came up in conversation.</i> |
| to count on | to rely on | <i>I'm counting on you to help me.</i> |
| to cut down on | to reduce the size, amount or number of sth | <i>The doctor told him to cut down on his drinking.</i> |
| to cut out | to make sth by cutting | <i>She cut the dress out of some old material.</i> |
| to cut off | to disconnect | <i>The army was cut off from its base.</i> |
| to deal in | to buy and sell a particular product | <i>The company deals in computer software.</i> |
| to deal with | to solve a problem, carry out a task, etc | <i>He's good at dealing with pressure.</i> |
| to do away with | to abolish sth | <i>He thinks it's time we did away with the monarchy.</i> |

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| to do without | to manage without sb/sth | <i>She can't do without a secretary.</i> |
| to dress up | put on special clothes, especially to pretend to be sb/sth different | <i>The boys were all dressed up as pirates.</i> |
| to drop in | to visit sb casually without planning | <i>Drop in sometime!</i> |
| to drop off | 1) let sb leave the car 2) to fall into a light sleep | <i>I can drop Sam off on my way home. I dropped off and missed the end of the film.</i> |
| to drop out | to leave school, college, etc. without finishing your studies | <i>Did you hear? Brett dropped out of school last week.</i> |
| to dwell on | to think or talk a lot about sth, especially sth it would be better to forget | <i>So you made a mistake, but there's no need to dwell on it.</i> |
| to eat in / out | to eat at home / in a restaurant | <i>Do you feel like eating out tonight?</i> |
| to embark (up)on | to start to do sth new or difficult | <i>She is about to embark on a diplomatic career.</i> |
| to fall out with | to quarrel with sb so you are no longer friendly with them | <i>Thatcher's fall began when she fell out with her chancellor.</i> |
| to feel up to | to have the strength and energy to do or deal with sth | <i>Do we have to go to the party? I really don't feel up to it.</i> |
| to figure out | to understand sth, to interpret | <i>I can't figure out how to do this.</i> |
| to fill in (/out) | to complete a printed form | <i>Please, fill in this form.</i> |
| to find out | to get some information about sth | <i>I haven't found anything out about him yet.</i> |
| to fix up | to repair, to arrange in a suitable manner | <i>They fixed up the house before they moved in.</i> |
| to get along with | to have a friendly relationship with sb | <i>Do you get along with your classmates?</i> |
| to get on with | | <i>She's never really got on with her sister.</i> |
| to get away with (/ without) | to escape punishment | <i>Edgar got away with stealing that money.</i> |
| to get back | to return (especially to your home) | <i>What time will you get back home tonight?</i> |
| to get back to | to speak or write to sb again later | <i>I'll find out and get back to you.</i> |
| to get by with (/ without) | to manage to live or do a particular thing using the money, knowledge, equipment, etc. you have | <i>After the fire, the family had to get by without a house. How does she get by on such a small salary?</i> |
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| to get in | 1) to enter a place 2) to arrive (e.g. a plane) | <i>I lost my keys and so I couldn't get in the house. What time will your flight get in tonight?</i> |
| to get into | to reach a particular state or condition | <i>He got into trouble with the police.</i> |

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| to get off | to leave (a vehicle), to descend from | <i>Fiona got off the horse and walked him to the barn.</i> |
| to get on | 1) to board (a vehicle), to mount (a horse etc.) 2) to make progress 3) to be successful in your career | <i>Quick! Get on the train, it's about to leave. Stop talking and get on with your work! He's getting on very well at school.</i> |
| to get on with | to have a friendly relationship with sb | <i>She has never really got on with her sister.</i> |
| to get over | to recover (from an illness), to overcome | <i>I hope Julia will get over her cold soon.</i> |
| to get rid of | to dispose of sth, to dismiss sb | <i>We got rid of all the old furniture.</i> |
| to get through | to manage to do or complete sth | <i>Let's start—there's a lot to get through.</i> |
| to get together | to meet | <i>We must get together for a drink sometime.</i> |
| to get up | to leave bed after sleeping | <i>He always gets up early.</i> |
| to give away | to reveal (a secret), to betray | <i>She gave away state secrets to the enemy.</i> |
| to give back | to return | <i>Could you give me back my pen?</i> |
| to give in | to surrender, to cease to resist, to yield | <i>The authorities didn't give in to the kidnappers' demands.</i> |
| to give up | to stop doing or having sth | <i>They gave up without a fight.</i> |
| to go ahead | to proceed, to continue | <i>The building of the new bridge will go ahead as planned.</i> |
| to go for | to choose sth | <i>I think I'll go for the fruit salad.</i> |
| to go into | to investigate | <i>We need to go into the question of costs.</i> |
| to go off | 1) to leave a place 2) to start working (alarm) 3) to stop working (lights) 4) to explode (bomb), to be fired 5) if food or drink goes off, it becomes not fit to eat or drink | <i>She went off to get a drink. Suddenly the alarm went off. Suddenly the lights went off. The bomb went off in a crowded street. The milk has gone off.</i> |
| to go on (with) (= to keep on) | to proceed, to continue with an activity | <i>That's enough for now—let's go on with it tomorrow.</i> |
| to go out | to leave the house | <i>He goes out drinking most evenings.</i> |
| to go over | to examine or check sth carefully | <i>Go over your work before you hand it in.</i> |
| to go through | 1) to examine sth carefully, especially in order to find sth 2) to suffer sth | <i>I always start the day by going through my mail. She's been going through a bad patch recently.</i> |

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| to go together (= to go with) | to match, to combine well with sth | <i>Does this jacket go with this skirt?</i> |
| to go up | to rise (of prices) | <i>The price of cigarettes is going up.</i> |
| to go without | to manage without sth you usually have or need | <i>There wasn't time for breakfast, so I had to go without.</i> |
| to grow up | to mature, to become adult | <i>She grew up (= spent her childhood) in Dublin.</i> |
| to hand down (= to pass down) | to pass on to the next generation | <i>These skills used to be handed down from father to son.</i> |
| to hand in | to give sth to a person, to submit work | <i>You must all hand in your projects by the end of next week.</i> |
| to hand out | to distribute | <i>Could you hand these books out, please?</i> |
| to hand over | to give sb else your position of power | <i>He finally handed over his responsibility for the company.</i> |
| to hang up | to end a telephone conversation | <i>After I hung up I remembered what I'd wanted to say.</i> |
| to head for | to move towards | <i>She was heading for the door.</i> |
| to hold on | used to tell sb to wait or stop | <i>Hold on a minute! I need to tie my shoe.</i> |
| to horse (/ mess) around | to play in a way that is noisy and not very careful | <i>He fell through the window while horsing around.</i> |
| to keep away (/ off) | not to go near | <i>Keep away from the edge of the cliff.</i> |
| to kick off | to start a meeting, a discussion, an event, etc. | <i>Let's kick off.</i> |
| to keep on (<i>doing sth</i>) | to continue doing sth | <i>Keep on reading, please.</i> |
| to keep up with | to move, make progress or increase at the same rate as sb/sth | <i>Slow down—I can't keep up!</i> |
| to lay off | to stop employing sb because there is not enough work | <i>200 workers at the factory have been laid off.</i> |
| to leave out | to omit | <i>She left out an 'm' in 'accommodation'.</i> |
| to let down | to disappoint | <i>I'm afraid she let us down badly.</i> |
| to let go of | to give up an idea or an attitude, or control of sth | <i>It's time to let go of the past.</i> |
| to live on (<i>of animals</i> = to feed on) | to eat a particular type of food to live | <i>He lives on burgers. Small birds feed mainly on insects.</i> |
| to live up to | to meet sb's expectations | <i>He failed to live up to his parents' expectations.</i> |
| to look after | to take care of sb/sth | <i>Could you look after the children while I'm out?</i> |

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| to look at | to examine sth closely | <i>Your ankle's swollen—I think the doctor ought to look at it.</i> |
| to look down on sb | to think that you are better than sb/sth | <i>She looks down on people who haven't been to college.</i> |
| to look for | to try to find | <i>Where have you been? We've been looking for you.</i> |
| to look forward to (<i>doing sth</i>) | to anticipate something pleasant, to wait for sth, to expect | <i>I'm looking forward to reading your letter.</i> |
| to look into | to investigate, to research | <i>A working party has been set up to look into the problem.</i> |
| to look out for | to keep trying to find sth or meet sb | <i>Do look out for spelling mistakes in your work.</i> |
| to look up | to search for information (e.g. in a reference book) | <i>We looked up the word in a dictionary.</i> |
| to look up to | to admire or respect sb | <i>He really looks up to his father.</i> |
| to make of | to have an opinion about sth/sb | <i>I don't know what to make of (= think of) the new manager.</i> |
| to make up | 1) to invent a story, etc. (to deceive or entertain sb) 2) to compensate for missing work by doing extra work | <i>I told the kids a story, making it up as I went along. I'm sorry I missed the test. May I make it up tomorrow?</i> |
| to make up of | to consist of | <i>Women make up 56% of the student numbers.</i> |
| to make up for | to compensate for | <i>Nothing can make up for the loss of a child.</i> |
| to mix up | to confuse | <i>Peter always mixes 'there' and 'their' up.</i> |
| to opt for (/ against) | to choose (not) to take a particular course of action | <i>After a lot of thought, I opted against buying a motorbike.</i> |
| to pass away (= to pass on) | to die | <i>His mother passed away last year.</i> |
| to pass by | to go past | <i>The procession passed right by my front door.</i> |
| to pass down (= to hand down) | to pass on to the next generation | <i>What would you like to pass down to your kids?</i> |
| to pass on | give sth to sb else after receiving it or using it yourself | <i>Pass the book on to me when you've finished with it.</i> |
| to pass out | to faint, to lose consciousness | <i>Suddenly the woman in front of me passed out.</i> |
| to pay back | to return money that you borrowed from sb | <i>He paid back all his debts.</i> |
| to pay off | (of a plan or an action, especially one that involves risk) to be successful and bring good results | <i>The gamble paid off after all.</i> |
| to pick out | to choose sb/sth carefully from a group of people/things | <i>She was picked out from dozens of applicants for the job.</i> |
| to pick up | 1) to go somewhere in your car and collect sb who is waiting for you, to collect | <i>I'll pick you up at five.</i> |

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| | 2) to take hold of sb/sth and lift them/it up 3) to learn casually | <i>He picked up the phone and dialled the number. She picked up Spanish when she was living in Mexico.</i> |
| to pin down | to explain or understand sth exactly | <i>The cause of the disease is difficult to pin down precisely.</i> |
| to play down | to try to make sth seem less important than it is | <i>She tries to play down her worry about Denny.</i> |
| to point out | to mention sth to give sb information about it | <i>I should point out that not one of these paintings is original.</i> |
| to pull down | to destroy a building completely, to demolish | <i>The factory was pulled down in 1981.</i> |
| to pull oneself together | to take control of your feelings and behave in a calm way | <i>Stop crying and pull yourself together!</i> |
| to put away | to put sth in the place where it is kept because you have finished using it | <i>Please put away your mobile phones somewhere else.</i> |
| to put down | 1) to write sth; to make a note of sth 2) to stop holding sth and place it on a table, etc 3) to suppress, to stop sth by force (a demonstration) | <i>The meeting's on the 22nd. Put it down in your diary. Put that knife down before you hurt somebody! The government is determined to put down all opposition.</i> |
| to put off | 1) to change to a later time or date, to postpone, to delay 2) to make sb dislike sth | <i>We've had to put off our wedding until September. She's very clever but her manner tends to put people off.</i> |
| to put on | 1) to dress yourself in sth 2) to increase or gain weight | <i>Hurry up! Put your coat on! She looks like she's put on weight.</i> |
| to put through | to connect | <i>Could you put me through to the manager, please?</i> |
| to put up | to let sb stay at your home | <i>We can put you up for the night.</i> |
| to put up with | to tolerate | <i>It's hard to put up with people won't listen.</i> |
| to ring up (= to call up) | to telephone | <i>David rang up while you were out.</i> |
| to rule out | to exclude | <i>The proposed solution was ruled out as too expensive.</i> |
| to run into (= to come across) | to meet sb by chance | <i>Guess who I ran into today!</i> |
| to run out of | to use up or finish a supply of sth | <i>We ran out of fuel.</i> |
| to save up | to keep money instead of spending it | <i>We've been saving up to go to Australia.</i> |
| to see off | to go to a station, an airport, etc. to say goodbye to sb | <i>We had a couple of hours before I saw her off at the station.</i> |
| to see through | to realise the truth about sb/sth so you are not deceived | <i>I can see through your little game.</i> |
| to see out | to accompany sb to the door to say goodbye | <i>Bill saw her out.</i> |

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| to send for | to ask sb to come to you, especially in order to help you | <i>Send for the doctor, quickly!</i> |
| to set out (/ off) for | to leave a place and begin a journey | <i>We set off for London just after ten.</i> |
| to set up | 1) to arrange sth 2) to build sth or put sth somewhere | <i>I've set up a meeting for Friday. She set up her stereo in her bedroom.</i> |
| to settle down | to become calm, less excited | <i>It always takes the class a while to settle down at the start of the lesson.</i> |
| to show around | to be a guide for sb | <i>We were shown around the school by one of the students.</i> |
| to show off | to boast, to try to impress others by talking about your abilities, possessions, etc | <i>He's just showing off because that girl he likes is here.</i> |
| to show up (= to turn up) | to arrive, to appear unexpectedly | <i>It was getting late when she finally showed up.</i> |
| to slow down (= to slow up) | to make sth/sb go at a slower speed | <i>The game slowed up a little in the second half.</i> |
| to sort out (= to work out) | to deal with sb's/your own problems in a satisfactory way | <i>If you can wait a moment, I'll sort it all out for you.</i> |
| to speak up | to speak more loudly | <i>Please speak up—we can't hear you at the back.</i> |
| to speak up for (/ against) | to say what you think clearly and freely, especially in order to support or defend sb/sth | <i>She's glad someone spoke up for her.</i> |
| to split up (with) | 1) to be divided into groups 2) to stop having a relationship with sb | <i>We were split up into groups to discuss the question. see to break up with sb</i> |
| to stand by | to help sb or be friends with them, even in difficult situations | <i>Parents should stand by their children in choosing their careers.</i> |
| to stand for | to represent | <i>"The book's by T.C. Smith." – "What does 'T.C.' stand for?"</i> |
| to stand out (from) | to be better or more important than sb/sth | <i>Jeremy stood out from the rest.</i> |
| to stand up for | to support or defend sb/sth | <i>She had learnt to stand up for herself.</i> |
| to start off | to begin happening; to begin doing sth | <i>The discussion started off mildly enough.</i> |
| to stay away from | to not go near a particular person or place | <i>I want you to stay away from my daughter.</i> |
| to stay in | to not go out or indoors | <i>I feel like staying in tonight.</i> |
| to stay over | to sleep at sb's house for one night | <i>We have a spare bed if you want to stay over.</i> |
| to stay up | to go to bed later than usual | <i>We stayed up half the night talking.</i> |
| to steer (/ keep / stay) clear of | to avoid a person or a thing because it may cause problems | <i>Steer clear of the centre of town at this time of the evening.</i> |

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| to step down | to resign | <i>The general was forced to step down after escalating protests.</i> |
| to sum up | to summarise | <i>To sum up, there are three ways of tackling the problem ...</i> |
| to take after | to resemble, to look or behave like an older member of your family, especially your mother or father | <i>Your daughter doesn't take after you at all.</i> |
| to take down | 1) to make a note of sth 2) to remove a structure by separating it into pieces | <i>Reporters took down every word of his speech. Workmen arrived to take down the scaffolding.</i> |
| to take for | to mistake sb's identity | <i>The soldiers took him for a terrorist.</i> |
| to take in | to make sb believe sth that is not true | <i>She took me in completely with her story.</i> |
| to take off | 1) to leave the ground and begin to fly 2) to remove sth (especially a piece of clothing) | <i>The plane took off an hour late. He took off my wet boots and made me sit by the fire.</i> |
| to take on | to employ sb | <i>She was taken on as a trainee.</i> |
| to take over | to gain control of sth | <i>The army is threatening to take over if civil unrest continues.</i> |
| to take to | to start liking sb/sth | <i>I took to my new boss immediately.</i> |
| to take up | to start to do sth (hobby, job) | <i>She took up horse riding two years ago.</i> |
| to talk into (/ out of) | to persuade sb (not) to do sth | <i>She tried to talk him out of leaving.</i> |
| to tear apart | to destroy sth violently, especially by pulling it to pieces | <i>The dogs tore the fox apart.</i> |
| to tear down | to pull or knock down a building, wall, etc. | <i>They're tearing down these old houses to build a new block.</i> |
| to think over | to consider | <i>He'd like more time to think things over.</i> |
| to think through | to consider from beginning to end | <i>This needs careful thinking through.</i> |
| to think up | to create, to invent | <i>Can't you think up a better excuse than that?</i> |
| to touch on | to mention briefly | <i>In his speech he was only able to touch on a few aspects.</i> |
| to track down | to locate sth/sb | <i>I finally tracked the reference down in a book of quotations.</i> |
| to try on | to put on in order to see if it fits | <i>Julia would like to try on this skirt.</i> |
| to try out | to test | <i>They're trying out a new presenter for the show.</i> |
| to turn against | to stop or make sb stop being friendly towards sb | <i>She turned against her old friend.</i> |
| to turn down | to reject an offer, a proposal, etc. or the person who makes it | <i>Why did she turn down your invitation?</i> |

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| to turn into | to change | <i>Suddenly paradise turned into hell.</i> |
| to turn off (/ out) (= to switch off) | to stop the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc | <i>They've turned off the water while they repair a burst pipe.</i> |
| to turn on (= to switch on) | to start the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc | <i>I'll turn the television on.</i> |
| to turn out | to happen in a particular way | <i>The job turned out to be harder than we thought.</i> |
| to turn up (= to show up) | to come, to arrive, to appear | <i>We arranged to meet at 7.30, but she never turned up.</i> |
| to wait on | to act as a servant to sb, especially by serving food to them | <i>"Help yourself," she said, "I'm too tired to wait on you."</i> |
| to walk away with | to win or obtain sth easily | <i>She walked away with the gold medal.</i> |
| to watch out for | to be careful for | <i>The cashiers were asked to watch out for forged banknotes.</i> |
| to wear off | to gradually disappear or stop | <i>The effects of the drug will soon wear off.</i> |
| to wear out | to use sth until it is no longer usable | <i>He wore out two pairs of shoes last year.</i> |
| to wind up | to deliberately say or do sth in order to annoy sb | <i>Calm down! Can't you see he's only winding you up?</i> |
| to wipe out | destroy or remove sb/sth completely | <i>Whole villages were wiped out by the earthquake.</i> |
| to write down | to write sth on paper, especially to remember or record it | <i>Write down the address before you forget it.</i> |
| to write off | to decide that sb/sth is a failure | <i>Most of these bands were written off as one-hit wonders.</i> |
| to work out (= to sort out) | to solve, to develop in a successful way | <i>Let's work out the answer to this problem.</i> |

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