

### 100 PHRASAL VERBS YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

| VERB             | MEANING                            | EXAMPLE SENTENCE  |
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| To act up        | <i>No funcionar bien</i>           | My computer was acting up so I took it to the repair shop.  |
| To add up        | <i>cuadrar</i>                     | The story he told doesn't add up! I don't believe what he said.   |
| To appeal to     | <i>apetecer</i>                    | Bright colors appeal to extroverted people.   |
| To ask out       | <i>Redir cita para salir</i>       | I met a new girl and I asked her out for dinner.  |
| To ask over      | <i>Invitar a casa</i>              | He asked his friends over to see his new flat.  |
| To back down     | <i>ceder</i>                       | The politician made a lot of promises but then he backed down when faced with opposition.   |
| To back out (of) | <i>Salir de un compromiso</i>      | The company thought that the merger was going to take place but then the other backed out.  |
| To beef up       | <i>aumentar</i>                    | Security was beefed up at the concert because of the number of people in attendance.  |
| To belong to     | <i>Pertenecer, pertenecer</i>      | No, that bag doesn't belong to me, I belong to a literary club.   |
| To blow over     | <i>Calmarse, como una tormenta</i> | There was a big scandal regarding the problem but, with time, it blew over and people forgot about it.                                |
| To branch out    | <i>expandirse</i>                  | That communications company has branched out from internet to cable television as well.   |
| To break down    | <i>Averiarse/sufrir un colapso</i> | When her car broke down, she left it on the side of the road and called a taxi. I broke down at the funeral and couldn't stop crying. |
| To break in      | <i>Robar la casa/ interrumpir</i>  | They broke in through the window. You shouldn't break in when other people are talking; it's rude.                                    |
| To break up      | <i>separarse</i>                   | It was surprising when they broke up; they seemed so happy together.  |
| To bring up      | <i>Crear/plantear</i>              | She was brought up in France but later she moved to Italy. If you have a problem, bring it up in the staff meeting.                   |
| To bump into     | <i>Toparse con/chocar</i>          | You'll never guess who I bumped into at the supermarket! I bumped into the table and hurt my foot.                                    |
| To call back     | <i>Devolver una llamada</i>        | Tell her I can't talk now; I'll call her back later.  |
| To call off      | <i>suspender</i>                   | The game was called off because of the rain. They'll play tomorrow.   |
| To catch on      | <i>Ganar popularidad</i>           | At first they didn't think that TV show would catch on but now, it's very popular.  |
| To catch up      | <i> ponerse al día</i>             | He has been out of the office all week and needs to catch up on his work.   |