

# PHRASAL VERBS

## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE
ASK OUT	To invite on a date	Martin invited Carol out to dinner on Sunday
BACK SOMEONE UP	To support	When I decided to set up my own business, Sharon backed me up
BE ABOUT TO	To be going to happen or do something very soon	When we arrived, the film was about to start
BE OVER	To end, finish	When the show was over, everybody started clapping
BREAK DOWN	To stop functioning (for vehicles, machines, etc.)	My car broke down in the middle of the road
BREAK DOWN	To start crying (normally in public)	Emily broke down when she heard about the accident
BREAK IN	To enter a place to steal something	Someone broke in last night and stole €6000 from the safe
BREAK INTO SOMETHING	To enter a building by force, especially to steal things	Two houses in my street were broken into last night
BREAK OUT	Something bad (such as a war, a fight, a fire, riots, a row, violence....) starts	The fire must have broken out during the night / the war broke out after Christmas
BREAK UP	To end a relationship	Pam and Tom broke up last month
BRING SOMEONE UP	To raise a child	Paul was brought up by his grandparents
BRING UP	To feel sick and vomit	He drank so much at the party that he brought up when he arrived home
BUMP INTO	To run into; meet someone unexpectedly	I bumped into your sister at the post office
CALL SOMEONE BACK	To return a phone call	I'll call you back as soon as I know what time the concert is
CALL SOMETHING OFF	To cancel	The open air concert was called off because of the heavy rain