

# PHRASAL VERBS

Ils sont très importants pour les questions de type 4 (textes à trous sans propositions de réponse) du Linguaskill.

1. **blow up** - exploser, gonfler  
1) to explode or cause to explode  
*Ex: The car's engine blew up just before the finishing line.*  
2) to make bigger (balloons, photos, etc.)  
*Ex: I need to blow the tyres up on my bike.*
2. **break down** - tomber en panne  
to stop functioning (for a car or machine)  
*Ex: Our car broke down in the middle of a snow storm.*
3. **bring up** - mentionner, soulever  
1) to mention or introduce into a conversation  
*Ex: You should bring that point up at the meeting.*  
2) (children) to raise, educate  
*Ex: I was brought up in England.*
4. **call off** - annuler  
to cancel  
*Ex: The company sports day has been called off because of the weather.*
5. **carry on** - continuer  
to continue  
*Ex: Don't let me interrupt you. Carry on with your explanation.*
6. **carry out** - réaliser  
to do  
*Ex: They are carrying out a study into the causes of global warming.*
7. **catch up with** - rattraper, rejoindre  
to make up lost time
8. **come across** - tomber sur, trouver par hasard  
to find or meet something or someone by chance  
*Ex: I came across an old friend of yours in the street yesterday.*
9. **come up with** - proposer, suggérer  
(of an idea) to think of and suggest  
*Ex: He's come up with a solution to our problem.*
10. **cut down on** - réduire sa consommation  
to do less of something  
*Ex: The doctor says I have to cut down on drinking and smoking.*
11. **do away with** - en finir avec, se débarrasser de  
to get rid of something or stop using something  
*Ex: Computerization has done away with a lot of paperwork.*
12. **draw up** - dresser, rédiger  
to formulate and write a formal document  
*Ex: We'll sign the new contract as soon as it is drawn up.*
13. **drop by** - faire un saut chez quelqu'un, passer

to visit someone informally, without an appointment  
Ex: *I'll drop by your office this afternoon.*

14. **fall out** - se brouiller, tomber  
1) to argue or stop being friendly with someone  
Ex: *He left home after falling out with his parents.*  
2) to lose (hair, tooth)  
Ex: *My hair is falling out.*
15. **find out** - découvrir, se renseigner  
to discover something you didn't know  
Ex: *I'm finding out about the new technology by surfing the internet.*
16. **get along (or on) with** - bien s'entendre  
to have good relations with  
Ex: *The problem is that I don't really get along/on with the people I work with.*
17. **get away with** - sortir indemne (sans éprouver de perte)  
to do something without being noticed or punished  
Ex: *He's always doing something wrong and is never caught - he gets away with murder (idiomatic expression).*
18. **get over** - se remettre, tourner la page  
to recover from a trauma or an illness  
Ex: *It took me months to get over the virus.*
19. **get round to** - trouver le temps de  
to find the time to do something  
Ex: *I'll clean my desk when I get round to it.*
20. **give in** - renoncer, donner sa langue au chat  
to finally agree to something after refusing; to surrender  
Ex: *After refusing to accept her demands for many months, he finally gave in.*
21. **give up** - renoncer, se dessaisir de  
to stop, to stop owning or using something  
Ex: *They have given up all hope of finding survivors of the disaster.*
22. **go over** - examiner, vérifier  
to check  
Ex: *Could you go over the figures with me one last time?*
23. **hold on** - tenir le coup, patienter  
to wait  
Ex: *Hold on, I'll just check my diary.*
24. **hold up** - bloquer, retarder ; braquer  
1) to delay  
Ex: *I'll be late: I'm held up in traffic.*  
2) to rob  
*The robbers held up the bank.*
25. **keep up with** - suivre, se maintenir au niveau de  
to stay at the same speed as  
Ex: *It's not always easy to keep up with your competitors.*
26. **lay off** - licencier pour des raisons économiques  
to dismiss for economic reasons  
Ex: *The automobile manufacturer is going to lay off 220 people at their factory.*
27. **let down** - décevoir, abandonner  
to disappoint, fail to help  
Ex: *"Don't let me down..." (Beatles song).*

28. **look forward to (+ing)** - attendre avec impatience  
to think about a future event with pleasure  
Ex: *We are looking forward to your visit.*
29. **look up** - chercher (dans l'annuaire, etc.)  
to find in a list or reference book  
Ex: *If you don't know the word, look it up in a dictionary.*
30. **make out** - discerner, voir  
to distinguish, manage to see  
Ex: *I could just about make out the number of the car as it drove away.*
31. **make up** - inventer, fabriquer  
to invent (often in order to deceive)  
Ex: *That can't be true, you must have made it up!*
32. **make up for** - rattraper, combler  
to compensate  
Ex: *She went more quickly at the end of her speech to make up for lost time.*
33. **move in/move out** - emménager, s'installer/déménager  
to move belongings into/out of an apartment or house; to begin to live in/to leave a home  
Ex: *I moved into my new house last month/ My roommate told me he's moving out as soon as he finds a new place.*
34. **pick up** - ramasser, décrocher (téléphone), remonter, aller chercher en voiture  
to take something from the ground; to collect someone by car; to answer a telephone; to improve or increase (business)  
Ex: *he picked up the note from the floor; I'll pick you up at the station; Pick up the phone, please; business is picking up.*
35. **pull over** - se ranger, garer sur le côté  
(of a vehicle) to move to the side of the road  
Ex: *The police told him to pull over and get out of his car.*
36. **put off** - reporter  
to postpone  
Ex: *The meeting has been put off until next Tuesday.*
37. **put up** - héberger  
to give someone a place to stay  
Ex: *Forget the hotel, I'll put you up next time you come to London.*
38. **put up with** - tolérer, supporter  
to tolerate  
Ex: *The conditions are awful, but we'll just have to put up with them for now.*
39. **run into** - tomber sur, rencontrer par hasard  
to meet someone by chance (cf: "come across")  
Ex: *Guess who I ran into this morning... your ex-husband!*
40. **run out of** - s'épuiser, ne plus en avoir  
to have no more of something (petrol, ink, etc.)  
Ex: *We're running out of petrol - we'll have to stop at the next service station.*
41. **set off** - partir, déclencher  
1) to start a journey  
Ex: *We'll have set off very early*  
2) to trigger, cause to explode  
Ex: *If you touch that you'll set off the alarm.*
42. **set up** - établir, fonder  
to start or establish a firm or something

Ex: a fund was launched to set up a memorial for those who died.

43. **show off** - frimer, crâner  
to act in a very extravagant way  
Ex: He loves to show off in front of the girls.
44. **show up (=turn up)** - arriver, se pointer  
to arrive  
Ex: She finally showed up drunk and about 2 hours late.
45. **sort out** - régler, organiser  
organize or resolve a problem  
Ex: We'll sort out the sleeping arrangements later this evening.
46. **stand out** - se démarquer  
to be easily visible, to be more important  
Ex: This student stands out from the rest because of her excellent level of English.
47. **step down** - démissionner  
to resign from a post  
Ex: After severe criticism from shareholders, the CEO Mr Clark has decided to step down.
48. **turn (a)round** - redresser, renverser la situation  
to make something that is failing successful  
Ex: In just one year he has managed to turn the company around and it is now thriving.
49. **turn down** - rejeter, refuser  
to refuse  
Ex: I'm afraid I'm going to have to turn down your offer.
50. **work out** - résoudre ; bien finir ; faire de la musculation  
1) to find the answer to a problem  
Ex: I'll work out how to do it.  
2) to finish well  
Ex: It worked out fine in the end.  
3) to exercise in a gym  
Ex: I work out at my gym twice a week.