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PHRASAL VERBS (01-31DEC20)

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1. **stitch up** (phrasal verb) – arrange, organize (a deal/agreement to someone's benefit).
2. **water down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, moderate, mitigate, tone down (something to be less forceful or less effective).
3. **shave off** (phrasal verb) – cut off, reduce, decrease, lessen.
4. **taper off** (phrasal verb) – decrease, lessen, dwindle, diminish, reduce.
5. **prop up** (phrasal verb) – support, assist, help someone/something from the decline.
6. **open up** (phrasal verb) – make something available/accessible.
7. **bring down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen.
8. **stand to** (phrasal verb) – be in a position, be ready (where one is likely to do something).
9. **end up** (phrasal verb) – come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).
10. **take over** (phrasal verb) – assume control of, take control of, take charge of.
11. **show up** (phrasal verb) – expose, reveal, exhibit, unveil.
12. **speak of** (phrasal verb) – mention, talk about, discuss, refer to, remark on, comment on.
13. **zero in (on)** (phrasal verb) – focus on, focus attention on, concentrate on, home in on, pinpoint, emphasize.
14. **rule out** (phrasal verb) – eliminate, reject, dismiss.
15. **lean on** (phrasal verb) – depend on, rely on, count on, bank on.
16. **crowd out** (phrasal verb) – eject, exclude, oust, overthrow, remove.
17. **push up** (phrasal verb) – increase, raise.
18. **tie in** (phrasal verb) – incorporate or involve something; fit in something.
19. **come through** (phrasal verb) – be processed/received (methodically).
20. **read into** (phrasal verb) – to think that something (an action, remark, or situation) has a particular significance or meaning, often when this is false.
21. **account for** (phrasal verb) – constitute, comprise, be responsible for, represent.
22. **wipe out** (phrasal verb) – remove, get rid of, dispose of.
23. **wrap up** (phrasal verb) – complete/conclude something.
24. **pare down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen.
25. **put off** (phrasal verb) – postpone, delay, defer, hold off.
26. **pull out** (phrasal verb) – withdraw, leave, disengage, get/move out.
27. **take back** (phrasal verb) – be reconciled to, accept (the deal) again after pulled out of it for some time.

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28. **give in** (phrasal verb) – surrender, yield, submit/capitulate.
29. **come up with** (phrasal verb) – produce, put forward, present/submit.
30. **shoot down** (phrasal verb) – gun down, hit with a bullet/missile.
31. **rein in** (phrasal verb) – restrict, control, limit, restrain.
32. **rest on** (phrasal verb) – be based on, depend on, be dependent on, rely on.
33. **spell out** (phrasal verb) – explain, make clear, elucidate/clarify.
34. **go beyond** (phrasal verb) – to go past something, exceed, surpass.
35. **call for** (phrasal verb) – require, request, publicly ask/necessitate, demand.
36. **distance oneself from** (phrasal verb) – denounce, disown, reject, condemn, disagree with.
37. **bank on** (phrasal verb) – rely on, depend on; anticipate, expect.
38. **point out** (phrasal verb) – identify, mention, indicate, draw attention to.
39. **walk out** (phrasal verb) – depart, get out, leave suddenly; desert, abandon.
40. **set aside** (phrasal verb) – disregard, put aside, ignore, forget.
41. **rush through** (phrasal verb) – to deal with/act on something very quickly.
42. **reach out** (phrasal verb) – contact someone to obtain/offer help/assistance/cooperation.
43. **shy away from** (phrasal verb) – avoid, recoil, withdraw nervously (due to fear/surprise/pain/dislike).
44. **beat back** (phrasal verb) – repel, fight off, repulse, force back.
45. **square with** (phrasal verb) – agree, tally, be in agreement, be consistent, coincide.
46. **rope in** (phrasal verb) – convince someone to participate in an activity.
47. **siphon off** (phrasal verb) – draw off, withdraw, transfer, remove (money from an organisation or business illegally/dishonestly).
48. **push through** (phrasal verb) – to make a plan to put something into use as quickly as possible.
49. **come under** (phrasal verb) – be subjected to (an authority).
50. **press ahead** (phrasal verb) – continue, keep going, carry on (one's action).
51. **frown on/upon** (phrasal verb) – disapprove of, be against, discourage, dislike, disfavour.
52. **sweep aside** (phrasal verb) – disregard, ignore, take no notice of, dismiss, shrug off, brush aside.
53. **come in for** (phrasal verb) – receive, experience, meet with, face, be subjected to.

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54. **brazen (it) out** (phrasal verb) – to act or behave confidently & shamelessly (even after doing something wrong & also by not admitting that); put a bold face on it, be defiant, be unashamed.
55. **cut through** (phrasal verb) – to deal quickly & effectively with something that causes difficulty.
56. **put forward** (phrasal verb) – propose, introduce, submit, present.
57. **rise above** (phrasal verb) – transcend, go beyond, cut across (the limits of something).
58. **run into** (phrasal verb) – reach, extend to, be as high as, be as much as (an amount).
59. **shrug off** (phrasal verb) – disregard, dismiss, ignore.
60. **turn into** (phrasal verb) – transform into; cause to become (a particular kind of thing).
61. **charge up** (phrasal verb) – motivate, stimulate, excite.
62. **lay down** (phrasal verb) – formulate, establish, institute, determine.
63. **set up** (phrasal verb) – establish, start/begin, inaugurate, create.
64. **leave out** (phrasal verb) – exclude, omit, miss out.
65. **add to** (phrasal verb) – increase, intensify, heighten, aggravate, inflame, worsen, exacerbate.
66. **go on to** (phrasal verb) – continue, proceed (to do something).
67. **bring out** (phrasal verb) – disclose, reveal, expose, become known.
68. **roll back** (phrasal verb) – reverse the progress of something.
69. **carry out** (phrasal verb) – conduct, perform, execute.
70. **rely on** (phrasal verb) – depend on; resort to, have recourse to.
71. **go by** (phrasal verb) – to form an opinion about someone/something from the experience; follow, be guided by, take as a guide.
72. **come down** (phrasal verb) – decline, reduce, lessen.
73. **step up** (phrasal verb) – speed up, increase, accelerate, quicken.
74. **work out** (phrasal verb) – develop, form, initiate/establish.
75. **hold back** (phrasal verb) – stop, discontinue, withhold; restrict, restrain, block.
76. **move ahead** (phrasal verb) – to make progress, advance.
77. **speak out** (phrasal verb) – express, articulate, communicate, convey, voice (something straightforwardly & publicly).
78. **hold out** (phrasal verb) – continue, persevere, keep going; have a feeling of (hope).
79. **switch over** (phrasal verb) – change from one method/system to another.
80. **run on** (phrasal verb) – continue, go on, carry on, keep going (without stopping).

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81. **scale up** (phrasal verb) – increase (in size or number).
82. **play out** (phrasal verb) – happen, occur, take place.
83. **get back** (phrasal verb) – find, recover, regain, retrieve.
84. **set in** (phrasal verb) – (of something unpleasant/unwelcome) begin/start, arrive, develop.
85. **take forward** (phrasal verb) – take responsibility for, give one's attention to, deal/cope with, make arrangements for, handle.
86. **cut off** (phrasal verb) – block/stop, remove, discontinue (a standard method of doing/accessing something).
87. **buy off** (phrasal verb) – to pay money dishonestly to someone to stop him/her from doing what you don't want them to do.
88. **trickle down** (phrasal verb) – pass on benefits to the people at the bottom of the pyramid (by those at top of the system).
89. **take up** (phrasal verb) – become involved in, engage in, take part in; accept, say yes to, agree to.
90. **take off** (phrasal verb) – succeed, do well, become popular, progress, work out.
91. **guard against** (phrasal verb) – beware of, keep watch for, be alert to, take care for, lookout for.
92. **wake up (to)** (phrasal verb) – to realize, understand, become aware of something.
93. **beef up** (phrasal verb) – strengthen, reinforce, consolidate, improve.
94. **go along with** (phrasal verb) – agree to, agree with, comply with, cooperate with.
95. **firm up** (phrasal verb) – make something more solid; make something more definite; reinforce, strengthen, solidify.
96. **come with** (phrasal verb) – be associated with an event; exist/develop as a result of something; accompany.
97. **build up** (phrasal verb) – strengthen, increase/raise, intensify, enhance, escalate.
98. **slow down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, lessen decrease (one's activity).
99. **break out** (phrasal verb) – flare up, begin/start suddenly, erupt, set in.
100. **draw into** (phrasal verb) – get, make it, make one's way.
101. **turn out** (phrasal verb) – transpire, happen; come to be, become.
102. **buy up** (phrasal verb) – pay a large amount to acquire something completely.
103. **lead up to** (phrasal verb) – be the cause of something.
104. **run out** (phrasal verb) – use up, exhaust, finish, be out of.
105. **look at** (phrasal verb) – consider, think of; analyse, review.
106. **keep alive** (phrasal verb) – keep going, continue, sustain.

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107. **break up** (phrasal verb) – destroy, put to an end, bring to an end (monopoly); disband, separate, disperse (monopoly).
108. **stand up to** (phrasal verb) – defy, confront, challenge, oppose openly.
109. **ramp up** (phrasal verb) – increase (in amount or number).
110. **pull down** (phrasal verb) – knock down, demolish, topple.
111. **go ahead** (phrasal verb) – to proceed, to continue to do something, to start/begin to do something.
112. **stay away from** (phrasal verb) – avoid, to not get involved in.
113. **inure to** (phrasal verb) – to adjust/adapt to something difficult or unpleasant; accustom, habituate, familiarize; (mostly law) to take effect, to be of use, benefit to an individual.
114. **wind up** (phrasal verb) – conclude, bring to an close, end/finish.
115. **beat down** (phrasal verb) – barter, bargain, negotiate (to reduce the price of something).
116. **chip away** (phrasal verb) – make something weaker (gradually).
117. **double down** (phrasal verb) – to be more firm & resolute on something (decided) even if that might be a risky choice; to double or increase a risk involved in doing something.
118. **fork out** (phrasal verb) – pay money (reluctantly) for something.
119. **rest something on** (phrasal verb) – place something hope, trust, confidence or blame) on someone.
120. **track down** (phrasal verb) – find someone/something after a painstaking/diligent search.
121. **square up** (phrasal verb) – face, tackle, deal with (a difficulty/problem) firmly.
122. **talk up** (phrasal verb) – to talk about something in a method to make it more interesting/attractive seemingly.
123. **lie with (someone)** (phrasal verb) – be the responsibility.
124. **turn away** (phrasal verb) – repel, reject, rebuff, send away.
125. **get away with** (phrasal verb) – escape blame for, escape punishment for.
126. **stand out** (phrasal verb) – be noticeable, be visible, be obvious.
127. **use up** (phrasal verb) – exhaust, deplete, waste, spend.
128. **set out** (phrasal verb) – present, describe, set forth.
129. **draw up** (phrasal verb) – formulate, create, work out.
130. **step down** (phrasal verb) – resign, give up one's post, stand down.
131. **look up** (phrasal verb) – improve.
132. **come forward** (phrasal verb) – volunteer, step forward.
133. **push back** (phrasal verb) – force back, repel, fight off.
134. **go down** (phrasal verb) – be recorded, be remembered.

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135. **lie in** (phrasal verb) – be present, be contained, exist.
136. **get off** (phrasal verb) – escape, be acquitted.
137. **take out** (phrasal verb) – remove, detach, separate.
138. **put out** (phrasal verb) – publish, release, publicize/circulate.
139. **bring in** (phrasal verb) – introduce, cause, bring about, create.
140. **shut down** (phrasal verb) – cease activity, close down, cease operation.
141. **scale down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, lower, decrease.
142. **borne out** past participle of **bear out** (phrasal verb) – confirm, validate, vindicate, justify/support (a claim).
143. **go onto** (phrasal verb) – continue, carry on, proceed.
144. **roll out** (phrasal verb) – launch, introduce, organize, inaugurate (something officially).
145. **dispense with** (phrasal verb) – discard, get rid of, do away with; forgo, renounce.
146. **bounce back** (phrasal verb) – recover, revive, make a comeback, rally.
147. **tick off** (phrasal verb) – mark an item in a list.
148. **look forward to** (phrasal verb) – anticipate, expect, hope for.
149. **ease off** (phrasal verb) – abate, subside, diminish, lessen, grow less.
150. **close in** (phrasal verb) – to come nearer to something.
151. **go through** (phrasal verb) – undergo, experience, be subjected to, live through.
152. **get out of** (phrasal verb) – avoid, escape, evade, sidestep.
153. **put behind** (phrasal verb) – to try to forget about an unpleasant thing.
154. **seize of** (phrasal verb) – be aware of something; informed of something.
155. **give up** (phrasal verb) – renounce, relinquish, abandon.
156. **ram through** (phrasal verb) – force something through.
157. **pull back** (phrasal verb) – withdraw, retreat, pull out, disengage.
158. **call on** (phrasal verb) – visit, pay a visit to, go and see.
159. **ride on** (phrasal verb) – depend on.
160. **look for** (phrasal verb) – search for, try to find, hope to obtain something.
161. **hand over** (phrasal verb) – grant, transfer, pass (responsibility).