

Act up	= to behave badly
Answer back	= to reply arrogantly
Answer for	= to be responsible for
Ask after	= to enquire about health
Ask for	= to invite trouble
Back away	= to reverse away
Back down	= to abandon one's opinion or position
Back out	= to move out backwards
Back up	= to give support to
Bargain for	= to expect
Bear out	= to corroborate
Bear up	= to keep up one's spirits
Bear with	= to make allowance for
Blow down	= to knock down
Blow out	= to extinguish by blowing
Blow over	= to pass away, as a storm
Blow up	= to lose one's temper
Boil over	= to spill-over after boiling
Break away	= to go away, escape
Break down	= to collapse, in tears; to fail completely
Break in	= to enter violently, to interrupt
Break off	= to detach by breaking, end suddenly
Break off with	= to have no further relation with
Break out	= to get out by breaking; to burst into speech
Break through	= to overcome an obstacle
Break up	= to disintegrate, destroy or upset completely
Bring about	= to cause to happen
Bring back	= to return something
Bring in	= to introduce something
Bring off	= to achieve
Bring out	= to make clear; to put before the public
Bring over	= to convert
Bring round	= to win over; to restore from illness

Bring together	= to bring into contact
Bring up	= to rear or educate; to vomit
Brush off	= to ignore, dismiss
Brush up	= to clean and tidy; to renew one's knowledge of
Build up	= to create, acquire, consolidate
Burst in	= to enter suddenly into a room or into conversation
Burst out	= to start violently into, e.g., scolding etc.
Burst up	= to quarrel or disrupt
But in	= to interrupt
Button up	= to fix or close by doing up buttons; to ready for action
Buy off	= to get rid of by paying
Buy over	= to bribe
Call away	= to summon to carry on another activity
Call back	= to visit again; to telephone again
Call by	= to visit in passing
Call down	= to invoke; to rebuke
Call for	= to ask loudly for; to demand; to require
Call in	= to visit; to demand repayment of
Call of	= to abandon; to cancel
Call on	= to make a short visit; to appeal to
Call out	= to challenge to fight a duel
Call over	= to read aloud (a list)
Call round	= to visit casually
Call up	= to summon; to mobilise
Care about	= to be concerned
Care for	= to attend; to look after
Carry away	= to deprive of self-control by exciting the feelings; to transport
Carry it	= to behave, demean oneself;
Carry off	= to cause the death of; to gain, to win
Carry on	= to continue; to have an affair

Do up	= to fasten up; to redecorate
Do well	= to prosper; to be justified
Do with	= to make use of; to meddle with
Do without	= to dispense with, not to be dependent on
Draw in	= to reduce, contract; to become shorter; to slow down and stop, e.g., car etc.
Draw on	= to approach; to pull on
Draw out	= to leave the place; to take money out of Bank account
Draw up	= to prepare a written statement; to stop
Dream up	= to plan in the mind, often unrealistically
Drop across	= to come across to visit
Drop away	= to depart, disappear
Drop back	= to fall behind in performance
Drop by	= to visit casually
Drop down	= to sail, move or row down a coast
Drop in	= to come, fall, set etc. in casually
Drop off	= to fall asleep; to diminish
Drop out	= to disappear from one's place; to withdraw esp. from an academic course
Dry up	= to stop talking; to lose inspiration
Eat away	= to destroy gradually
Eat in	= to corrode; to consume, use up
Eat out	= to eat in a restaurant
Egg on	= to encourage
End up	= to finish (with, by); to come to an end, usually unsatisfactory
Face out	= to carry off by bold looks
Face up to	= to face, to accept the challenge
Fall about	= to laugh hysterically
Fall across	= to meet by chance

Carry out	= to accomplish; to complete a task
Carry over	= to postpone to next occasion
Carry up	= to continue a building upward
Cart off	= to remove
Carve up	= to divide; to injure a person esp. by slashing with a razor.
Cash in on	= to turn to one's advantage
Cast about	= to look about; to search for
Cast away	= to waste; to wreck
Cast back	= to revert
Cast down	= to deject; to turn downward
Cast off	= to reject
Cast out	= to quarrel
Cast up	= to throw up; to turn up
Catch on	= to comprehend; to become popular
Catch out	= to detect in error or deceit
Catch up	= to draw level and sometime over-take
Chase up	= to pursue for a purpose
Check in	= to arrive at a hotel
Check out	= to give up one's room and leave a hotel
Check over	= to inspect carefully
Check up	= to examine or verify
Clear off	= to get rid of, dispose of
Clear out	= to empty, a drawer etc.
Clear up	= to explain; to make or to become clear
Close down	= to give up business; to come to stoppage of work
Close with	= to accede to; to accept ; to grapple with
Clutter up	= to make untidy by cluttering or crowding with many things
Colour up	= to blush, flush
Come about	= to happen
Come across	= to be understood; to meet or find by chance
Come across with	= to provide

Fall away	= to decline gradually, to dwindle, to grow lean, to waste away
Fall back	= to retreat, give way
Fall back on	= to depend on for support
Fall behind	= to lag behind; to get in arrears
Fall flat	= to fail completely
Fall for	= to be taken in by (a trick etc.); to be duped by
Fall in with	= to concur or agree with; to comply with
Fall off	= to deteriorate; to perish; to die away
Fall on	= to begin eagerly; to make an attempt, to meet
Fall out	= to quarrel
Fall over	= to go to sleep; to go over to the enemy
Fall through	= to fail, come to nothing
Fall to	= to begin hastily; to begin to eat
Fed up	= to be tired, bored, depressed
Feel like	= to be in the mood for
Feel up to	= to feel equal to, or capable of
Fight down	= to suppress or restrain, e.g., an emotion
Fight off	= to resist, repel
Fill in	= to act as a temporary substitute; to add what is necessary to complete
Fill up	= to fill to the full, by addition of more
Finish off	= to conclude; to kill
Fish for	= to seek
Fix on	= to single out, decide for
Fix up	= to arrange; to settle; to put to rights, attend to
Flesh out	= to give substance to; to elaborate on (an idea etc.)
Fling away	= to waste
Fly high	= to aim high, be ambitious
Fly open	= to open suddenly or violently

Fold up	= to make smaller by folding; to end in failure
Follow out	= to carry out
Follow up	= to pursue an advantage closely
Get about	= to travel, go visiting; to be mobile and active
Get across	= to communicate successfully
Get ahead	= to make progress, advance
Get along	= to get on
Get at	= to reach, attain; to attack verbally
Get away	= to leave, escape, convey away
Get away with	= to pull something off; to go unpunished
Get back at	= to have one's revenge on
Get by	= to succeed in passing; to survive
Get down	= to alight; to depress
Get in	= to come in; to join
Get off	= to escape; to learn, to remove clothes, to gain the affection of someone of the opposite sex with
Get on	= to proceed, advance, to prosper, to agree, to put on clothes
Get out	= to leave, e.g., a room etc.; to escape
Get over	= to recover from; to surmount
Get round	= to persuade, talk over; to circumvent
Get round to	= to bring oneself to do (something)
Get there	= to achieve one's object, succeed
Get through	= to finish; to pass a test, to complete; to make contact by phone
Get through with	= to finish completely with a feeling of relief
Get together	= to meet for social intercourse or discussion

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Crack up	= to praise; to fail suddenly; to go to pieces
Cross out	= to delete from a list etc.
Cry down	= to decry
Cry off	= to withdraw from an agreement
Cry on	= to call upon
Cry out for	= to be in urgent or obvious need of
Cry up	= to praise
Cut across	= to take shorter way
Cut back	= to reduce, e.g., expenses etc.
Cut down	= to curtail; to reduce, e.g., expenses etc.
Cut in	= to interpose; to interrupt
Cut off	= to disconnect; to stop flow of supplies, communication etc.
Cut out	= to shape; to debar; to give up a habit
Cut short	= to abridge; to silence by interruption
Cut up	= to cut into pieces; to criticise severely
Dab on	= to apply in small quantities
Deal in	= to do business or trade
Deal with	= to have to do with, to take action in regard to
Dig in	= to work hard
Dip in	= to take a share
Dispose of	= to settle what is to be done with; to make an end of; to part with; to sell
Do away with	= to abolish; to destroy
Do by	= to act towards
Do down	= to put down; to cheat
Do for	= to suit; to provide for; to ruin; to kill
Do in	= to murder; to exhaust; to deceive
Do out of	= to deprive
Do over	= to do again; to beat up

Hang over	= to project over or lean out from
Hang tough	= to stay resolute or determined
Hang up	= to delay, to suspend; to replace a telephone receiver; to break of communication
Have in	= to have people in one's home, e.g., visitors
Have it	= to prevail, to exceed in any way, to get punishment
Have on	= to wear; to take in; to have as an appointment; to deceive; to tease; to mislead
Have out	= to have extracted or removed
Have up	= to call to account before a court of justice etc.
Hear of	= to listen to
Hear out	= to listen (to some one) until he has said all he wishes to say
Hit back	= to resist actively, strike in again
Hit it	= to find, often by chance, the right answer
Hit on	= to come upon, discover, devise; to single out
Hit out	= to strike out, esp. with the fist
Hold back	= to withhold; to restrain; to hesitate
Hold by	= to believe in
Hold forth	= to put forward; to show; to speak in public
Hold in	= to restrain, check, suppress
Hold off	= to keep at a distance
Hold on	= to persist in something
Hold out	= to endure, last; to continue resistance; to offer
Hold over	= to postpone; to keep possession of (land or house beyond the term of agreement)
Hold up	= to raise; to keep back; to endure; to bring to expose; to exhibit; to stop

Go on for	= to approach
Go out	= to stop burning; to become unfashionable
Go over	= to revise; to recall; to pass in review
Go through	= to perform to the end; to examine in order; to perform successfully
Go through with	= to complete
Go under	= to become submerged, or ruined; to die
Go up	= to ascend; to be erected; to increase; e.g., price
Go with	= to accompany; to agree with, accord with
Go without	= to manage without
Grow on	= to gain a greater hold on
Grow out of	= to issue from, result from, to become too big for
Grow to	= to advance to, come to (of milk)
Grow up	= to advance in growth; to spring up
Hammer down	= to fix down with nails by hammering
Hammer in	= to fix in by hammering
Hammer out	= to remove out by hammering
Hand back	= to return; to restore
Hand in	= to give in, or submit by hand
Hand on	= to pass to next person, group or generation
Hand out	= to distribute; to offer
Hand over	= to transfer, to relinquish possession of
Hang about	= to wait idly; to loiter; to stay, persist
Hang back	= to show reluctance
Hang fire	= to hesitate; to be slow in taking effect
Hang off	= to let go, to hold off
Hang on	= to wait, to grip firmly
Hang out	= to display, as a sign, to lodge or reside

Get up	= to rise from bed; to arrange; to prepare
Give away	= to give for <u>nothing</u> ; to betray
Give back	= to return; to restore
Give ear	= to listen (to)
Give forth	= to emit; to publish; to expatiate
Give in	= to yield, surrender; to hand in something
Give off	= to emit, e.g., a smell
Give out	= to report; to emit; to distribute to individuals
Give over	= to transfer; to cease
Give up	= to abandon; to surrender; to stop doing
Go about	= to pass from place to place; to seek
Go ahead	= to proceed at once, to continue
Go along with	= to agree with, support
Go aside	= to err; to withdraw; to retire
Go at	= to attack vigorously
Go back on	= to betray, fail to keep (promise, etc.)
Go by	= to pass by, base judgement on
Go down	= to sink; to decline; to be swallowed, believed or accepted (with pleasure); to fail to fulfil one's contract
Go down with	= to contract (an illness)
Go far	= to go long way; to achieve success
Go for	= to assail; to set out to secure; to fetch
Go hang	= to forgotten, neglected
Go in	= to enter; to assemble regularly
Go in for	= to make a practice of; to take part in
Go it	= to act in a striking or dashing manner
Go off	= to leave, depart, go bad, e.g., milk etc.
Go on	= to continue; to proceed; to behave; to fare

Hunt out	= to seek out
Hush up	= to be silent; to suppress
Idle away	= to waste (time)
Join in	= to take part; to participate
Join issue	= to begin to dispute
Join up	= to link together; to connect; to unite
Jumble together	= to mix, compound
Jump at	= to accept with enthusiasm, eagerness
Jump off	= to complete in another, more difficult round
Keep at	= to persist in anything
Keep back	= to cause to stay at a distance, to withhold
Keep down	= to restrain; to repress; to remain low
Keep from	= to abstain from; to remain away from
Keep in	= to prevent from escaping, to conceal, to restrain
Keep off	= to stay away or refrain from
Keep on	= to continue
Keep to	= to stick closely; to confine oneself to
Keep up	= to retain one's strength or spirit; to support, prevent from falling, to maintain in good condition
Knock about	= to mistreat physically; to saunter, loaf about
Knock back	= to drink, eat; to cost
Knock down	= to demolish; to fell with a blow, to reduce in price
Knock off	= to stop (work), to deduct, to steal, to kill
Knock out	= to dislodge by a blow, to overcome, demolish, to overwhelm with amazement, admiration etc.
Knock up	= to rouse by knocking, to weary out, to be worn out, to construct or arrange hastily

Knuckle down	= to set oneself to hardwork
Knuckle under	= to yield to authority, pressure etc.
Laugh at	= to mock, get amused about, to dismiss one as unimportant
Laugh off	= to treat as of no importance
Lay aside	= to discard; to put apart for future use
Lay at	= to endeavour to strike
Lay by	= to save; to keep for future use; to dismiss
Lay down	= to give up; to deposit, as a pledge; to formulate
Lay on	= to install a supply of; to provide
Lay out	= to display; to expend; to plan; to fall
Lay up	= to store up; to preserve; to confine to bed or one's room
Lead off	= to begin or take the start in anything
Lead on	= to persuade to go on; to draw on
Lead up to	= to prepare for by steps or stages; to play in challenge to, or with
Leave in	= to allow to remain
Leave off	= to desist; to terminate; to give up using
Leave on	= to allow to stay in place or position
Leave out	= to omit, exclude
Let down	= to allow to fall, to lower
Let fall	= to drop
Let in	= to allow to enter
Let off	= to allow to go free or without exacting all
Let on	= to allow to be believed, to pretend, to reveal
Let out	= to allow to get free or to become known
Let up	= to become less, to abate
Light up	= to light one's lamp, pipe, cigarette etc.

Pass by	= to move, go beyond or past; to ignore or overlook
Pass for	= to be mistaken for or accepted as
Pass off	= to disappear gradually, e.g., pain; to palm off; to impose fraudulently
Pass on	= to go forward; to proceed; to die, to go off; to complete military training, to faint
Pass through	= to undergo, experience
Pass up	= to renounce, to have nothing to do with
Pay back	= to pay in return (a debt); to give tit for tat
Pay for	= to make amends for, to suffer for; to bear the expense
Pay in	= to contribute to a fund; to deposit money in a bank account
Pay off	= to pay in full and discharge; to take revenge upon, to yield good results, justify itself
Pay out	= to cause to run out, as rope; to disburse
Pay round	= to turn the ship's head
Pay up	= to pay in full; to pay arrears
Pick at	= to find fault with
Pick off	= to select from a number and shoot; to detach and remove
Pick on	= to single out; to carp at; to nag at
Pick out	= to make out, distinguish; to pluck out
Pick over	= to go over and select
Pick up	= to lift from the ground, floor etc; to recover after an illness; to learn or acquire without difficulty
Pile up	= to run ashore; to accumulate
Pin down	= to secure with a pin, to locate, limit, restrict; to confine, trap in a position

Live down	= to survive, to manage to forget
Live for	= to attach great importance to
Live on	= to live by feeding upon, to survive, to continue
Live through	= to undergo a period of strain
Live up to	= to rule one's life in a manner worthy of
Loaf about	= to idle around
Look after	= to take care of, to seek, to expect
Look at	= to examine, to consider; to inspect
Look down on	= to despise; to hold in contempt
Look for	= to search for
Look forward to	= to anticipate with pleasure
Look in	= to visit; to make a short call; to watch T.V.
Look into	= to investigate; to inspect closely
Look out	= to show, appear; to be watchful; to look for and select
Look over	= to examine cursorily; to over look or pass over
Look round	= to visit; to inspect
Look through	= to look over; to scan
Look up	= to search for, refer to; to improve
Look up to	= to feel respect or veneration for; to admire
Lose out	= to suffer loss or disadvantage; to fail to acquire something desired
Make down	= to turn down the sheets and blankets of
Make for	= to set out for, seek to reach; to favour
Make it	= to reach an objective; to become a success
Make off	= to decamp; to escape
Make off with	= to run away with
Make on	= to make much of

Put forth	= to extend; to propose; to display; to produce
Put forward	= to propose; to advance
Put in	= to introduce; to insert; to lodge; to appoint
Put in for	= to request; to apply for
Put off	= to lay aside; to take off; to palm off; to dismiss; to divert; to postpone; to disconcert
Put on	= to don, clothe with; to assume; to mislead, deceive; to affix, attach, apply; to set to work
Put out	= to expel; to dismiss; to expand; to extinguish; to put to in-convenience; to offend
Put over	= to refer; to impress an audience
Put through	= to bring to an end; to accomplish; to process
Put to	= to apply; to add to; to set to; to shut
Put up	= to compound; to parcel up; to put aside; to erect; to raise, e.g., price
Put up with	= to endure; to tolerate
Rake up	= to collect together; to discover
Rattle on	= to talk continuously
Read out	= to read aloud
Read up	= to amass knowledge of by reading
Reel off	= to utter rapidly and fluently
Rig out	= to dress up or equip quickly with whatever available
Ring back	= to call again over phone
Ring off	= to close a conversation over phone
Ring up	= to call on the telephone
Rip off	= to steal; to exploit; to cheat, overcharge
Roll along	= to arrive by chance, or with a casual air
Roll up	= to assemble, arrive

Pin up	= to fix up with a pin
Play about	= to behave irresponsibly, not seriously
Play along (with)	= to cooperate, agree with, usually temporarily
Play at	= to engage in the game of; to practise without seriousness
Play back	= to replay an audio or video cassette
Play ball	= to cooperate
Play down	= to treat (something) as less important than it is
Play out	= to play to the end, to wear out, to exhaust
Play up to	= to act so as to afford opportunities to; to flatter
Puff up	= to swollen with pride, presumption or the like
Pull about	= to treat roughly
Pull back	= to retreat, withdraw
Pull down	= to take down or apart; to demolish; to bring down
Pull in	= to draw in; to make fighter
Pull off	= to carry through successfully
Pull out	= to draw out; to drive a motor vehicle away from the side of the road or out of a line of traffic
Pull up	= to pull out of the ground; to halt, to take to task; to arrest
Put about	= to publish, circulate; to distress
Put across	= to carry out successfully, bring off
Put away	= to renounce; to divorce; to imprison; to set aside
Put back	= to push backward; to delay; to repulse
Put down	= to crush, quell; to kill; to degrade; to enter, write down on paper; to attribute; to give up
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Make out of	= to interpret (a situation or statement)
Make over	= to remake, reconstruct; to transfer
Make up	= to fabricate, to feign; to collect; to put together; to parcel; to arrange; to become friends again; to repair; to complete, supplement; to compensate
Meet up	= to meet, by chance or with an arrangement
Meet with	= to come to or upon, esp. unexpectedly; to encounter
Mess about	= to potter about; to behave in a foolish or annoying way; to upset, disturb
Mess up	= to make a mess of; to spoil; to confuse
Miss out	= to lose; to miss completely; to omit; to fail to take part
Mix it	= to fight forcefully
Mix up	= to involve; to be confused; to prepare by mixing thoroughly
Muster in	= to enroll, receive as recruits
Muster out	= to discharge from service
Nod off	= to fall asleep
Nod through	= to allow to vote by proxy (in Parliament)
Open fire	= to begin to shoot
Open out	= to make or become more widely open; to expand; to disclose; to unpack; to develop
Open up	= to open completely; speak frankly; to unfasten
Pass away	= to come to an end, go off; to die; to elapse

Set to	= to affix; to apply oneself
Set up	= to erect; to put up; to exalt
Settle down	= to calm down; to establish a home; to become reasonable
Settle for	= to agree to accept (as a compromise)
Settle in	= to adapt to a new environment
Settle with	= to come to an agreement
Shake down	= to cheat of one's money at one stroke; to go to be (esp. in a temporary bed)
Shake off	= to get rid of, often by shaking
Shake up	= to rouse, mix, disturb, loosen by shaking
Shape up	= to make progress; to develop
Show away	= to let out a secret
Show forth	= to manifest, proclaim
Show off	= to display or behave ostentatiously
Show up	= to expose; to appear to advantage or disadvantage; to be present; to appear, arrive
Sign away	= to transfer by signing
Sign off	= to record departure from work; to stop work etc.
Sign on	= to engage for a job etc. by signature
Single out	= to distinguish or pick out for special treatment
Sink in	= to be absorbed; to be understood
Sit at	= to live at the rate of expense of
Sit back	= to take no active part
Sit by	= to look on without taking any action
Sit down	= to take a seat; to pause, rest; to begin a siege
Sit for	= to take examination
Sit in	= to be present as visitor at conference etc.