

# Phrasal Verbs in English

Phrasal Verbs are extremely common in English, especially in everyday spoken English. Often, we will use a more formal word or phrase, usually of Latin origin, in written English, but a more informal phrasal verb in speech.

*Below is a chart with some commonly used phrasal verbs and their more formal equivalents.*

Formal Words	Phrasal verb equivalent
abscond	run off, run away
admire, respect	look up to
admit, confess	fess up
alter (clothing)	take in, let out
arise	get up
boast, brag	show off
build	put up
conquer and colonize	take over
convince	talk into, talk out of
decay	run down
deceive	take in
decrease	go down
despise, lack respect for	look down on
develop	build up
erect	put up, set up
escape	get away, run away
exercise caution, be cautious around	watch out, look out
exceed	go over
explode	blow up
exude	give off
hide	cover up
increase, rise	go up
postpone, delay	put off
redo	do over
resemble	take after
repeat	do over
review	go over
rise	go up, get up
shelter, provide shelter for	take in
start, begin	take up

<b>Formal Words</b>	<b>Phrasal verb equivalent</b>
start again, begin again	start over
stop, cease	let up
tolerate	put up with
understand something	get it
view	look at