

Verb	Meaning
ask someone out	invite on a date
ask around	ask many people the same question
add up to something	equal
back something up	reverse
back someone up	support
blow up	explode
blow something up	add air
break down	stop functioning (vehicle, machine)
break down	get upset
break something down	divide into smaller parts
break in	force entry to a building
break into something	enter forcibly
break something in	wear something a few times so that it doesn't look/feel new
break in	interrupt
break up	end a relationship
break up	start laughing (informal)
break out	escape
break out in something	develop a skin condition
bring someone down	make unhappy
bring someone up	raise a child
bring something up	start talking about a subject
bring something up	vomit
call around	phone many different places/people
call someone back	return a phone call
call something off	cancel
call on someone	ask for an answer or opinion
call on someone	visit someone
call someone up	phone

calm down	relax after being angry
not care for someone/something	not like (formal)
catch up	get to the same point as someone else
check in	arrive and register at a hotel or airport
check out	leave a hotel
check someone/something out	look at carefully, investigate
check out someone/something	look at (informal)
cheer up	become happier
cheer someone up	make happier
chip in	help
clean something up	tidy, clean
come across something	find unexpectedly
come apart	separate
come down with something	become sick
come forward	volunteer for a task or to give evidence
come from somewhere	originate in
count on someone/something	rely on
cross something out	draw a line through
cut back on something	consume less
cut something down	make something fall to the ground
cut in	interrupt
cut in	pull in too closely in front of another vehicle
cut in	start operating (of an engine or electrical device)
cut something off	remove with something sharp
cut something off	stop providing
cut someone off	take out of a will

cut something out	remove part of something (usually with scissors and paper)	get away with something	do without being noticed or punished
do someone/something over	beat up, ransack (Br.E., informal)	get back	return
do something over	do again (N.Amer.)	get something back	receive something you had before
do away with something	discard	get back at someone	retaliate, take revenge
do something up	fasten, close	get back into something	become interested in something again
dress up	wear nice clothing	get on something	step onto a vehicle
drop back	move back in a position/group	get over something	recover from an illness, loss, difficulty
drop in/by/over	come without an appointment	get over something	overcome a problem
drop someone/something off	take someone/something somewhere and leave them/it there	get round to something	finally find time to do (N.Amer.: get around to something)
drop out	quit a class, school etc	get together	meet (usually for social reasons)
eat out	eat at a restaurant	get up	get out of bed
end up	eventually reach/do/decide	get up	stand
fall apart	break into pieces	give someone away	reveal hidden information about someone
fall down	fall to the ground	give someone away	take the bride to the altar
fall out	separate from an interior	give something away	ruin a secret
fall out	(of hair, teeth) become loose and unattached	give something away	give something to someone for free
figure something out	understand, find the answer	give something back	return a borrowed item
fill something in	to write information in blanks (Br.E.)	give in	reluctantly stop fighting or arguing
fill something out	to write information in blanks (N.Amer.)	give something out	give to many people (usually at no cost)
fill something up	fill to the top	give something up	quit a habit
find out	discover	give up	stop trying
find something out	discover	go after someone	follow someone
get something across/over	communicate, make understandable	go after something	try to achieve something
get along/on	like each other	go against someone	compete, oppose
get around	have mobility	go ahead	start, proceed
get away	go on a vacation	go back	return to a place

go out	leave home to go on a social event	keep something up	continue at the same rate
go out with someone	date	let someone down	fail to support or help, disappoint
go over something	review	let someone in	allow to enter
go over	visit someone nearby	look after someone/something	take care of
go without something	suffer lack or deprivation	look down on someone	think less of, consider inferior
grow apart	stop being friends over time	look for someone/something	try to find
grow back	regrow	look forward to something	be excited about the future
grow up	become an adult	look into something	investigate
grow out of something	get too big for	look out	be careful, vigilant, and take notice
grow into something	grow big enough to fit	look out for someone/something	be especially vigilant for
hand something down	give something used to someone else	look something over	check, examine
hand something in	submit	look something up	search and find information in a reference book or database
hand something out	to distribute to a group of people	look up to someone	have a lot of respect for
hand something over	give (usually unwillingly)	make something up	invent, lie about something
hang in	stay positive (N.Amer., informal)	make up	forgive each other
hang on	wait a short time (informal)	make someone up	apply cosmetics to
hang out	spend time relaxing (informal)	mix something up	confuse two or more things
hang up	end a phone call	pass away	die
hold someone/something back	prevent from doing/going	pass out	faint
hold something back	hide an emotion	pass something out	give the same thing to many people
hold on	wait a short time	pass something up	decline (usually something good)
hold onto someone/something	hold firmly using your hands or arms	pay someone back	return owed money
hold someone/something up	rob	pay for something	be punished for doing something bad
keep on doing something	continue doing	pick something out	choose
keep something from someone	not tell	point someone/something out	indicate with your finger
keep someone/something out	stop from entering		

put something down	put what you are holding on a surface or floor	take something off	remove something (usually clothing)
put someone down	insult, make someone feel stupid	take something out	remove from a place or thing
put something off	postpone	take someone out	pay for someone to go somewhere with you
put something out	extinguish	tear something up	rip into pieces
put something together	assemble	think back	remember (often + to, sometimes + on)
put up with someone/something	tolerate	think something over	consider
put something on	put clothing/accessories on your body	throw something away	dispose of
run into someone/something	meet unexpectedly	turn something down	decrease the volume or strength (heat, light etc)
run over someone/something	drive a vehicle over a person or thing	turn something down	refuse
run over/through something	rehearse, review	turn something off	stop the energy flow, switch off
run away	leave unexpectedly, escape	turn something on	start the energy, switch on
run out	have none left	turn something up	increase the volume or strength (heat, light etc)
send something back	return (usually by mail)	turn up	appear suddenly
set something up	arrange, organize	try something on	sample clothing
set someone up	trick, trap	try something out	test
shop around	compare prices	use something up	finish the supply
show off	act extra special for people watching (usually boastfully)	wake up	stop sleeping
sleep over	stay somewhere for the night (informal)	warm someone/something up	increase the temperature
sort something out	organize, resolve a problem	warm up	prepare body for exercise
stick to something	continue doing something, limit yourself to one particular thing	wear off	fade away
switch something off	stop the energy flow, turn off	work out	exercise
switch something on	start the energy flow, turn on	work out	be successful
take after someone	resemble a family member	work something out	make a calculation
take something apart	purposely break into pieces		
take something back	return an item		
take off	start to fly		