

# Phrasal Verbs 101: Lesson 2

Common phrasal verbs, with meanings and examples. Phrasal verbs are usually two-word phrases consisting of **verb + adverb** or **verb + preposition**.

Think of them as you would any other English vocabulary. Study them as you come across them, rather than trying to memorize many at once.



"It doesn't look good. Leave it with us overnight and hope it gets stolen."

Verb	Meaning	Example
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<b>blow up</b>	explode	The racing car <b>blew up</b> after it crashed into the fence.
<b>blow something up</b>	add air	We have to <b>blow</b> 50 balloons <b>up</b> for the party.
<b>break down</b>	stop functioning (vehicle, machine)	Our car <b>broke down</b> at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.
<b>break down</b>	get upset	The woman <b>broke down</b> when the police told her that her son had died.

<b>break</b> <i>something</i> <b>down</b>	divide into smaller parts	Our teacher <b>broke</b> the final project <b>down</b> into three separate parts.
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