English Phrasal Verbs

Columela High Sc Cádiz (Spain)

- BE ABOUT TO
- -estar a punto de
- -I was about to leave the house when my friends arrived.

- BE OUT OF
- quedarse sin

We're out of eggs so we can't make an omelette.

- BE OVER
- -terminarse
- When the football match was over, we went to the pub.

- BLOW UP
- estallar (una bomba)
- The bomb blew up killing six people.

- BLOW UP
- inflar
- We blew up at least a hundred balloons for the Christmas party.

- BREAK DOWN
- -averiarse
- My car broke down on the way to Motril.

• BREAK DOWN

- -derrum barse emocionalmente
- He broke down in tears when he heard the bad news.

- BREAK UP
- Terminar (una relación) con alguien
- After five years of relationship, they broke up.

- CALL OFF
- cancelar algo

- FIND OUT
- averiguar, descubrir

- GET ALONG
 - lle varse bien

COMMON PHRASAL VERBS • GET AWAY

- escaparse

- GET AWAY WITH
- escapar sin castigo, librarse

- GET BACK
- - volver, regresar
- Cinderella had to get back by twelve o'clock.

- GET BY
- - sobrevivir, defenderse
- Can he get by in English or do we need a translator?

- GET IN (TO)
 - entrar
- I lost my keys and so I couldn't get into the house.

- GET OFF
- - bajar (de un autobús, tren) You have to get off the bus at the next stop if you want the station.

- GET ON
- Subir (a un autobús, tren, moto)
- Quick! Get on the train, it's about to leave.

COMMON PHRASAL VERBS • GET ON (WELL) WITH -lle varse

(BIEN) con

• GET OVER

- recuperarse

- GET RID OF
- deshacerse de

- GET UP
- - le vantarse
- When I got up this morning it was still dark.

- GIVE BACK
- devolver
- If you don't like the dress, the shop will give you your money back.

- GIVE UP
- perder la esperanza, rendirse
- If you find phrasal verbs difficult, don't give up.

- GIVE UP
- -dejar (de fumar, beber)
- I've decided to give up smoking.

- HOLD ON
- esperar (al teléfono)

- KEEP UP WITH
- mantenerse (a la altura de)
- I can't keep up with my father when we go cycling as he goes too fast.

- LOOK AFTER
 - cuidar
- My mother looks after the children when we go away.

- LOOK FOR
- buscar
- I spent two hours looking for my glasses before I found them.

COMMON PHRASAL VERBS LOOK FORWARD TO

- esperar con ilusión, estar deseando
- - I'm looking forward to the Easter holidays.

- LOOK INTO
- investigar
- The police are looking into the crime.

- LOOK OUT
- -tener cuidado, ¡Ojo!
- Look out! There's a car coming.

- LOOK UP
- buscar algo (en un libro, diccionario)
- - If you don't understand the word, look it up in a dictionary

- PUT OFF
- posponer, aplazar

- PUT ON
- -encender
- Put on the light, it's getting dark.

- PUT ON
- ponerse (la ropa)
- Put your coat on or you'll get cold. / Put on your coat...

- PUT OUT
 - extinguir
- The firemen are trying to put out the fire.

- PUT UP WITH
- -Tolerar, aguantar, soportar
- I can't put up with liars.

- RUN OUT OF
- -quedarse sin algo
- We ran out of petrol so we had to get the bus.

- SET OFF
- ponerse en camino
- We set off to Madrid at five o'clock to avoid the traffic.

- SET OFF
- activar (una alarma)
- The alarm set off at 6 a.m.

- TAKE AFTER
- parecerse a
- Pablo takes after his mother: they are both optimistic.

- TAKE OFF
- -despegar (avión, etc.)
- The flight was delayed for two hours and the plane eventually took off

- TAKE OFF
- quitarse la ropa
- Take off your coat and make yourself comfortable.

- TAKE OUT
- - extraer, sacar
- He took out a cigarette and lit it.

- THINK OVER
- -Considerar
- In such a just cause, there is nothing to think over.

- TURN DOWN
- bajar (el volumen)
- Turn down the radio: it's too loud.

- TURN DOWN
- rechazar, denegar
- They offered me the job, but I turned it down.

- TURN UP
- - subir (el volumen)
- Turn up the radio. I can't hear it.

- TURN ON
- -encender (televisión, luces etc.)
- Turn on the television, please. I want to see the news.

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