



11 - VOCABULARY: A LIST OF PHRASAL VERBS - 1



Be up to - 1 Be somebody's responsibility: *It's up to him to make that decision.* 2 Be doing or thinking of doing something bad: *I knew Paul was up to no good.*

Brush up - Revise something you've partly forgotten: *I want to brush up my English because I haven't studied it for 5 years.*

Carry out - Do a task: *According to a survey carried out in 1999 one in five Britons are now opting for alternative medicine.*

Catch up (with) - Reach somebody or reach certain level: *She tried to catch up with the other competitors, but they were just too fast.*

Cheer up - Feel happier: *I took him to the party because he needed cheering up.*

Come across - Find by chance: *I came across an old friend in the street.*

Come round - 1 Visit: *Would you like to come round on Saturday? We'll be in all day.* 2 Recover consciousness: *I had no idea what had happened to me when I came round.*

Come up with - 1 Think of: *You're going to have to come up with something to tell her.* 2 Produce: *It was impossible for me to come up with the money that was needed by Friday.*

Fall over - Fall to the ground: *She slipped on the ice and fell over.*

Let down - Disappoint: *I was supposed to travel with a friend but she let me down at the last moment.*

Look after - Take care: *He's looking after the children.*

Look up - Search for information: *He looked up all the new words in the dictionary.*

Pick out - to choose, select: *The lady in the flower shop asked him to pick out some flowers for her to make a bouquet.*

Put off - Do later: *Let's put off the meeting until Monday.*

Put up with - Accept an unpleasant behaviour or situation: *His children play their music so loud - I don't know how he puts up with it.*

Tell off - Speak angrily to somebody when they have done something wrong: *I came home late and my mother told me off.*

Turn down - 1 Reduce the volume: *Could you turn down the music, please?* 2 Not accept: *Pamela turned down his offer of marriage.*

Turn up - 1 Appear: *I was so happy when you turned up!* 2 Increase the volume or intensity: *Could you turn up the radio, please?*

Wear out - 1 Make you tired: *The heat was starting to wear me out.* 2 Damage something after long use: *Contact lenses wear out with time and should be replaced regularly.*

Work out - 1 Be successful or find a solution: *I'm sorry things haven't worked out for you.* 2 Do exercise to get fit: *I work out in a gym because it helps to reduce stress.*