



SOME COMMONLY USED PHRASAL VERBS

PART 1 *Do you know the meaning of these?*

- build st up** I'm trying to build up my confidence. I get so nervous around people.
- come up with st** How did you come up with that? What a brilliant idea!
- do st over** I'm sorry, but that's not good enough. Do it over.
- get on / along (with sb)** We get along well. I get on with my brother, but not my sister.
- put sb down** She's always putting me down. Who does she think she is?
- stand up to sb** You have to stand up to him. You can't let him bully you.

PART 2 *How are these different?*

- back sb up** Can you back me up? She won't listen if it's only me.
- back down** He wants you to back down. Then there won't be any competition.
- put st away** Put your socks away. They don't belong on the chair.
- throw st away** Throw your socks away. They've got big holes in them.
- tear st off** When I tore the tag off my shirt collar, I also tore the collar.
- tear st up** I left a twenty-dollar bill on the table and my cat tore it up.
- break st off** I have a big bar of chocolate. Would you like me to break off a piece for you?
- break st up** The icebreakers come in early spring to break the ice up so we can start shipping.

PART 3 *Speaking preparation. Choose 5 phrasal verbs from this from the above 14 possibilities to use in your speaking. Write the verbs in the box. To the right of the box write a sentence for each verb.*

Make your selection based on either or both of the following:

- 1) the phrasal verb isn't very familiar to you (and you don't normally use it in your speaking)
- 2) you like the phrasal verb and want to use it more often