

TELEPHONE PHRASAL VERBS

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Dial up - to make a phone call

Sentence: I need to dial up my boss to ask for the day off.

Hang up - to end a phone call

Sentence: He got so frustrated that he hung up on the customer.

Pick up - to answer a phone call

Sentence: Could you pick up the phone? I am unable to reach it.

Cut off - to disconnect a phone call

Sentence: We were having a great conversation, but the call got cut off.

Ring off - to stop ringing

Sentence: The phone was ringing off the hook all day.



Call back - to return a missed phone call

Sentence: Can you please call back later? I am in a meeting right now.

Get through - to successfully connect on a phone call

Sentence: I couldn't get through to the customer service line yesterday.

Hold on - to wait on the phone

Sentence: Could you please hold on for a moment while I transfer your call?

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Speak up - to talk louder on the phone

Sentence: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you. Can you please speak up?

Pass on - to give a message to someone over the phone

Sentence: Can you please pass on the message to your colleague that the meeting is rescheduled?

Put through - to connect someone on the phone

Sentence: I'll put you through to our technical support team.



Ring back - to return a phone call

Sentence: I missed your call, please ring back when you have the chance.

Follow up - to call someone after a previous call or meeting

Sentence: I need to follow up with the client about the status of their project.

Break up - to have a bad connection on the phone

Sentence: Sorry, your voice is breaking up, can you please repeat that?

Hold off - to delay making a phone call

Sentence: Let's hold off on calling the client until we have all the necessary information.

Ring up - to total the cost of items being purchased

Sentence: The cashier rang up my purchases and it was more expensive than I expected.

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Put down - to end a phone call rudely

Sentence: She put down the phone when she realized the call was not important.

Call off - to cancel a planned phone call or meeting

Sentence: The CEO called off the meeting due to a family emergency.

Get off - to end a phone call

Sentence: We talked for hours, but finally got off the phone.

Speak out - to express oneself freely on the phone

Sentence: She felt comfortable enough to speak out about her concerns to her supervisor.

Turn off - to silence a phone or stop it from ringing

Sentence: Please turn off your phone during the movie.

Put on hold - to temporarily stop a phone call

Sentence: Can you please put me on hold while you transfer my call?

Speak to - to communicate with someone on the phone

Sentence: I'd like to speak to your supervisor, please.



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Hold the line - to wait on the phone for someone to return

Sentence: Please hold the line while I transfer your call.

Let down - to disappoint someone on the phone

Sentence: I'm sorry to let you down, but we cannot meet your request at this time.

Patch in - to add someone to an existing phone call

Sentence: Can you please patch me in with the conference call?

Drop off - to abruptly end a phone call without saying goodbye

Sentence: He dropped off the call as soon as he heard the bad news.

Speak over - to talk at the same time as someone else on the phone

Sentence: I couldn't hear her message because we were speaking over each other.

Log off - to disconnect from a conference call or online meeting

Sentence: Please remember to log off from the meeting when you're finished.

Tune in - to listen to a specific radio station or show on the phone

Sentence: I always tune in to the news station during my morning commute.

Pass off - to transfer a phone call to someone else

Sentence: I need to pass off this call to my colleague, she has more information about the issue.

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Check in - to call someone to see how they're doing

Sentence: I like to check in with my grandparents once a week to make sure they're doing okay.

Ring through - to successfully connect on a phone call after multiple attempts

Sentence: I finally rang through to the company's customer service line after being on hold for an hour.

Cut out - to suddenly lose connection during a phone call

Sentence: The call cut out in the middle of our conversation due to poor reception.

Take down - to write down information given over the phone

Sentence: Can you please take down my name and phone number for future reference?

Buzz in - to use an intercom system to communicate with someone in another room or building

Sentence: I buzzed in to the front desk to let them know I was here for my appointment.