

Account (1)

Account for

- To explain

Ache (1)

Ache for

- Want something or someone a lot

Act (4)

Act on

- To take action because of something like information received
- Affect

Act out

- Perform something with actions and gestures.
- Express an emotion in your behaviour

Act up

- Behave badly or strangely

Act upon

- To take action because of something like information received
- Affect

Add (3)

Add on

- Include in a calculation

Add up

- To make a mathematical total
- Be a satisfactory explanation for something

Add up to

- Have a certain result
- Come to a certain amount or figure

Agree (1)

Agree with

- Affect- usually used in the negative to show that something has had a negative effect, especially if it makes you feel bad

Aim (1)

Aim at

- To target
- Intend to achieve

Allow (2)

Allow for

- Include something in a plan or calculation

Allow of

- Make possible, permit

Angle (1)

Angle for

- Try to get something indirectly, by hinting or suggesting

Answer (2)

Answer back

- To reply rudely to someone in authority

Answer for

- Be held responsible for a problem
- Speak on behalf of someone or from knowing them

Argue (2)

Argue down

- Beat someone in a debate, discussion or argument
- Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling
- Try to persuade people not to accept a proposition, motion, etc

Argue out

- Argue about a problem to find a solution

Ask (7)

Ask after

- Enquire about someone's health, how life is going

Ask around

- Ask a number of people for information or help
- Invite someone

Ask for

- To provoke a negative reaction
- Request to have or be given

Ask in

- To invite somebody into your house

Ask out

- To invite someone for a date

Ask over

- Invite

Ask round

- Invite someone

Auction (1)

Auction off

- Sell something in an auction

Back (7)

Back away

- Retreat or go backwards

Back down

- Retract or withdraw your position or proposal in an argument

Back into

- Enter a parking area in reverse gear

Back off

- Retreat

Back out

- Fail to keep an arrangement or promise

Back out of

- Fail to keep an agreement, arrangement
- Exit a parking area in reverse gear

Back up

- Make a copy of computer data
- Support
- Drive a vehicle backwards

Bag (1)

Bag out

- Criticise

Bail (4)

Bail out

- Save, rescue
- Remove water from something that is flooded
- Jump out of a plane because it is going to crash

Bail out of

- Pay a bond to release someone from jail

Bail out on

- Stop supporting someone when they are in trouble

Bail up

- Talk to someone and delay them
- Rob someone at gunpoint

Ball (1)

Ball up

- Confuse or make things complicated
- Roll or form into a round shape

Balls (1)

Balls up

- Spoil, ruin

Bang (6)

Bang about

- Move in a place making a lot of noise

Bang around

- Move in a place making a lot of noise

Bang on

- Talk at great length

Bang on about

- Keep talking about something

Bang out

- Play a musical instrument loudly

Bang up

- Put someone in prison
- Damage badly

Bank (1)

Bank on

- Count or rely on

Bargain (3)

Bargain down

- Persuade someone to drop the price of something they're selling

Bargain for

- Expect something to happen (usually negative)

Bargain on

- Expect something to happen (usually negative)

Barge (2)

Barge in

- Enter a place and interrupt

Barge into

- Enter a place and interrupt people rudely

Bash (4)

Bash about

- Mistreat physically

Bash in

- Break, damage or injure by hitting

Bash out

- Write something quickly without much preparation

Bash up

- Break, damage or hurt by hitting

Bawl (1)

Bawl out

- Scold, shout at someone
- Scold
- Sing or shout unpleasantly loudly

Be (25)

Be after

- Try to find or get

Be along

- Arrive

Be away

- Be elsewhere; on holiday, etc.

Be cut out for

- Be suitable, have the necessary qualities

Be cut up

- Be upset

Be down

- Be depressed
- Be reduced or less

Be down on

- Have negative feelings toward someone

Be down with

- Be ill

Be fed up

- Be bored, upset or sick of something

Be in

- Be at home or at work
- Be submitted, arrive

Be in on

- Be involved in

Be not on

- Be unacceptable

Be off

- Be bad (of food)
- Depart, leave

Be on

- Be functioning (of machines)
- Take place
- Take medication or drugs, especially when they affect the person badly
- Be at the top of one's game, performing very well

Be on about

- Mean, try to say

Be onto

- Pursue, be aware of someone's true nature

Be out

- Be absent from a place

Be out of

- Have no more left

Be out to

- Attempt

Be snowed under

- Have too much work

Be taken aback

- Be shocked or surprised

Be taken with

- Like something

Be up

- Be out of bed

- Have increased or risen

- When the time for something finishes or expires

Be up for

- Be enthusiastic about an upcoming event

Be up to

- Be good enough

- Doing something naughty or wrong

Bear (6)

Bear down on

- Move towards

Bear on

- Influence, affect

Bear out

- Confirm that something is correct

- Confirm that something is correct

Bear up

- Resist pressure

Bear up under

- Cope with something difficult or stressful

Bear with

- Be patient

Beat (3)

Beat down

- Strong sunshine

- Get someone to lower the price of something

Beat out

- Narrowly win in competition

Beat up

- Attack violently

Beaver (2)

Beaver away

- Work hard

Beaver away at

- Work hard doing something

Bed (2)

Bed down

- Sleep somewhere less comfortable than normal

- Become established or successful over time

Bed out

- Move a plant outside

Beef (1)

Beef up

- Make something stronger or more solid

Belong (2)

Belong to

- Be a member

- Be connected to a time, place, belief, thing, etc

Belong with

- Be in the correct or appropriate location with other items

Belt (2)

Belt out

- Sing something loudly

Belt up

- Be quiet

- Fasten your seatbelt

Bend (3)

Bend down

- Lower the top half of your body

Bend over

- Lower the top part of your body

Bend over backwards

- Do a lot to try to help or please someone

Big (1)

Big up

- Exaggerate the importance
- Increase the size of muscles by exercise

Bitch (1)

Bitch up

- Spoil or ruin something

Black (1)

Black out

- Fall unconscious
- Lose light

Blank (1)

Blank out

- Censor text so that words cannot be read
- Have a temporary memory failure

Blare (1)

Blare out

- A loud sound or music

Blast (1)

Blast off

- Leave the ground- spaceship or rocket

Blaze (1)

Blaze away

- Fire a gun repeatedly

Bliss (1)

Bliss out

- Be extremely relaxed and happy

Block (4)

Block in

- Park a car and obstruct another car
- Shade or fill in

Block off

- Obstruct an exit to prevent people from leaving

Block out

- Stop light from entering or leaving
- Try not think about or feel something because it is upsetting or painful

Block up

- Fill a space so that nothing can pass

Blow (7)

Blow away

- Kill
- Beat rivals or competitors by a large margin
- Impress greatly
- When the wind moves something from a place

Blow down

- When the wind forces something to fall

Blow in

- Arrive, sometimes suddenly or unexpectedly

Blow off

- Not keep an appointment
- Ignore, not do something
- Expel gas from the anus

Blow out

- Extinguish candles, matches, etc.
- Defeat decisively

Blow over

- When a scandal gets forgotten

Blow up

- Explode
- Inflate
- Enlarge (e.g., photograph).

Blurt (1)

Blurt out

- Say something quickly without thinking, especially if you shouldn't

Board (2)

Board out

- Arrange for pets to stay somewhere while you're away

Board up

- Cover windows or doors with wood, metal, etc.

Bog (4)

Bog down

- Slow make progress

Bog in

- Eat enthusiastically

Bog into

- Eat something enthusiastically

Bog off!

- Get lost

Boil (4)

Boil down

- Simplify, reduce to the essentials

Boil down to

- Amount to

Boil over

- When a hot liquid spills out of a container
- When people lose their tempers and things get nasty

Boil up

- Feel a negative emotion strongly
- Cook or heat something to boiling point

Bolster (1)

Bolster up

- Give support, reinforce, strengthen

Bone (1)

Bone up on

- Study hard

Book (3)

Book in

- Make a reservation in advance
- Check in at a hotel

Book into

- Make a reservation in advance
- Check in at a hotel

Book up

- Reserve

Boot (1)

Boot up

- Start a computer

Border (1)

Border on

- Be located next to a place
- Be very nearly something

Boss (2)

Boss about

- Use excessive authority to control people

Boss around

- Use excessive authority to control people

Botch (1)

Botch up

- Ruin or spoil something

Bottle (3)

Bottle away

- Store up

Bottle out

- Lack courage to do something

Bottle up

- Not express your feelings

Bottom (1)

Bottom out

- Pass the lowest point and start rising

Bounce (3)

Bounce into

- Force someone

Bounce back

- Recover

Bounce off

- Test ideas

Bowl (2)

Bowl out

- Hit someone's wicket in cricket with the ball

Bowl over

- Surprise someone greatly
- Knock someone to the ground

Box (2)

Box in

- Prevent something from moving, especially vehicles

Box up

- Pack things in boxes to move them

Brace (1)

Brace up

- Feel more confident or optimistic about something

Branch (1)

Branch out

- Move into a different area of business, etc.

Break (8)

Break away

- Leave an organisation, usually to form a new one

Break down

- End negotiations unsuccessfully
- Start crying
- Stop working
- Remove a barrier or obstacle

Break in

- Go into a building to steal something
- Interrupt something
- Train a horse to be ridden
- Carefully use new products until they are fully functional.

Break off

- Break a piece from something
- End a relationship

Break out in

- Sweat heavily, develop skin sores or irritation.

Break out of

- Escape

Break through

- Pass a barrier or obstacle

Break up

- Break into many pieces
- Close an educational institution for the holidays
- Finish a relationship
- Become inaudible over the telephone because of interference

Breeze (4)

Breeze along

- Move easily and quickly

Breeze in

- Enter a place quickly

Breeze into

- Enter a place quickly

Breeze through

- Pass easily, succeed

Brick (2)

Brick in

- Close or fill a space with bricks

Brick up

- Close or fill a space with bricks

Brighten (1)

Brighten up

- Improve (weather)
- Become happier
- Make something more attractive or pleasant

Bring (15)

Bring about

- Make something happen

Bring along

- Bring someone or something to certain place
- Help someone improve

Bring around

- Persuade or convince someone
- Bring something with you when you visit
- Get someone talking about something

Bring back

- Cause someone to remember
- Return

Bring down

- Make a government fall
- Make something cheaper

Bring forth

- Produce something, make it known or visible
- Produce
- Make something happen
- Remove something from where it is kept or hidden

Bring forward

- Make something happen earlier than originally planned

Bring in

- Earn

Bring off

- Succeed with something difficult

Bring on

- Cause something to happen or speed up the process
- Make something appear

Bring out

- Release or publish
- Elicit a response

Bring out in

- Cause a health problem or reaction

Bring round

- Make someone wake up from unconsciousness or an anaesthetic

Bring up

- Mention
- Raise a child

Bring Up

- Be officially charged with a crime

Brush (2)

Brush off

- Ignore, pay little attention

Brush up

- Improve a skill quickly

Bubble (1)

Bubble over

- Become very excited

Buck (1)

Buck up

- Hurry (either transitive or reflexive)
- Smarten up, improve

Bucket (1)

Bucket down

- Rain heavily

Buckle (3)

Buckle down

- Start working hard, apply yourself

Buckle under

- Accept something under pressure, against your will

Buckle up

- Fasten a seatbelt

Budge (1)

Budge up

- Move to make space for someone

Buff (2)

Buff up

- Clear, clean or make something shine
- Improve

Buff up on

- Improve your knowledge quickly

Bug (2)

Bug off!

- Go away

Bug out

- Open your eyes wide in surprise
- Leave somewhere in a hurry

Build (1)

Build up

- Develop a company
- Increase

Bulk (2)

Bulk out

- Make something bigger or thicker

Bulk up

- Gain weight, develop bigger muscles

Bump (3)

Bump into

- Meet by chance

Bump off

- Kill

Bump up

- Increase

Bundle (3)

Bundle off

- Send someone somewhere

Bundle out

- Expel

Bundle up

- Put on warm clothing
- Wrap or tie things together

Bunk (1)

Bunk off

- Not go to school when you should

Buoy (1)

Buoy up

- Make someone feel more positive

Burn (4)

Burn down

- Burn completely

Burn off

- Remove by burning or similar process

Burn out

- Lose enthusiasm and energy to continue in a demanding job

Burn up

- Destroy completely by fire
- Drive at high speed
- To be or cause to be highly annoyed

Burst (1)

Burst into

- Catch fire very quickly
- Laugh, cry or clap loudly

Butt (2)

Butt in

- Interrupt

Butt out

- Not be involved in other people's business

Butter (1)

Butter up

- Praise or flatter someone excessively

Buy (5)

Buy in

- Force a CD or record into the charts by buying lots of copies

Buy into

- Accept an idea

Buy off

- Pay someone to stop them causing trouble

Buy out

- Buy somebody's share in a company

Buy up

- Buy all of something

Buzz (3)

Buzz around

- Move quickly around a place

Buzz off

- Leave somewhere

Buzz off!

- Go away (imperative)

Call (11)

Call after

- Name someone after somebody else

Call around

- Visit

Call back

- Return a phonecall

Call for

- Demand
- Go to collect something
- Telephone for something
- Go and collect someone to take them out
- Require

Call forth

- Make something happen

Call in

- Get someone to come and do a job
- Stop and visit

Call off

- Cancel
- Order someone to stop attacking

Call on

- Ask for help
- Visit
- Challenge
- Ask someone to do something, especially to speak in public. (Formal)

Call out

- Expose or accuse someone of wrongdoing or incompetence

Call round

- Visit

Call up

- Summon someone for military service
- Telephone

Calm (1)

Calm down

- Stop being angry or emotionally excited

Cancel (1)

Cancel out

- Have an opposite effect on something that has happened, taking things back to the beginning

Care (1)

Care for

- Like

Carried (1)

Carried away

- Get so emotional that you lose control

Carry (7)

Carry forward

- Include a figure in a later calculation
- Make something progress

Carry off

- Win, succeed
- Die of a disease

Carry on

- Continue
- Behave badly

Carry on with

- Have an affair

Carry out

- Perform a task
- Food bought from a restaurant to take away

Carry over

- Continue past a certain point

Carry through

- Complete successfully

Cart (1)

Cart off

- Take someone away, usually under arrest or to prison
- Take something away, especially if stealing or without permission

Carve (2)

Carve out

- Create or get a area where you can be special or successful

Carve up

- Divide into smaller pieces
- Overtake someone and then pull directly in front of a car

Cash (4)

Cash in

- Convert shares, bonds, casino chips, etc, into money

Cash in on

- Benefit or make money on something, especially if done unfairly

Cash out

- Illegally access a bank account or credit card and steal money

Cash up

- Count all the money taken in a shop or business at the end of the day

Cast (7)

Cast about for

- Try to find something

Cast around for

- Try to find something

Cast aside

- Dispose, get rid of, ignore because you no longer like something or someone

Cast off

- Dispose, get rid of
- Untie a boat so it's free to sail

Cast out

- Expel, reject

Cast round for

- Try to find something

Cast up

- Be left on the shore by the sea

Catch (7)

Catch at

- Take or grab hold of something

Catch on

- Become popular
- Finally understand what is going on

Catch out

- Trick
- Discover or prove that someone is lying
- Put someone in an unexpected and difficult situation (often passive)

Catch up

- Get work, etc, up to date.
- Reach someone who was ahead of you

Catch up in

- Become involved, often against one's will

Catch up on

- Do something that should have been done earlier
- Reminisce with an old friend after not seeing them for a while

Catch up with

- Do something that should have been done earlier
- Meet someone after a period of time and find out what they have been doing
- When something negative starts to have an effect
- Punish someone after they have been doing something wrong for a long time
- Learn something new that many people already understand

Cater (2)

Cater for

- To provide what is necessary

Cater to

- To provide what is needed, often seen negatively

Cave (1)

Cave in

- Collapse
- Stop resisting or refusing

Chalk (3)

Chalk out

- To cut a line of cocaine

Chalk up

- To achieve something good

Chalk up to

- Explain the reason for a problem

Chance (1)

Chance upon

- Find something by accident

Change (1)

Change over

- Change a system

Charge (2)

Charge up

- Put electricity into a battery

Charge with

- Accuse somebody of a crime

Chase (3)

Chase down

- Try hard to find or get something

Chase off

- Force a person to leave or go away

Chase up

- Ensure that someone remembers to do something
- Try to get someone to pay a bill, debt, etc
- Try to get more information about the progress of something

Chat (1)

Chat up

- Talk to someone you are sexually interested in to get them interested in you

Cheat (2)

Cheat on

- Be sexually unfaithful
- Deceive or betray, often in a sexual and/or emotional context

Cheat out of

- Get money from someone under false pretences

Check (7)

Check by

- Visit a place to check something

Check in

- Register on arriving at a hotel or at the airport

Check into

- Register on arriving at a hotel or at the airport

Check off

- Mark something on a list as done

Check out

- Pay the bill when leaving a hotel
- Die
- Stop paying attention
- Get information about or inspect something to see if it's satisfactory
- Get information about or inspect something to see if it's satisfactory

Check out of

- Settle up and pay before leaving a hotel

Check over

- Check something very carefully

Cheer (2)

Cheer on

- Encourage

Cheer up

- Be less unhappy

Chew (4)

Chew on

- Thinks about something carefully before deciding

Chew out

- Criticize someone angrily

Chew over

- Think about an issue

Chew up

- Cut into small pieces with your teeth
- Damage something inside a machine

Chicken (1)

Chicken out

- Be too afraid to do something

Chill (1)

Chill out

- Relax

Chime (1)

Chime in

- Contribute to a discussion

Chip (2)

Chip away at

- Gradually reduce something to make it less powerful, effective, etc

Chip in

- Contribute some money
- Contribute to a discussion

Choke (3)

Choke off

- Stop or restrict

Choke out

- Clog or overwhelm

Choke up

- Become tearfully emotional
- Grip a handle farther from the end for better control

Choose (1)

Choose up

- Form groups or teams
- Form groups or teams

Chop (2)

Chop down

- Fell or cut down a tree

Chop up

- Cut into small pieces

Chow (2)

Chow down

- Eat

[Chow down on](#)

- Eat something

Chuck (4)

[Chuck away](#)

- Dispose of something you no longer need or want

[Chuck in](#)

- Quit something

- Make a comment

[Chuck out](#)

- Dispose of something you no longer need or want

[Chuck up](#)

- Vomit, be sick

- Quit something

Churn (1)

[Churn out](#)

- Produce, usually quickly or in large amounts without much regard to quality

Clag (1)

[Clag up](#)

- Make something sticky

Clam (1)

[Clam up](#)

- Be quiet, refuse to speak

Clamp (1)

[Clamp down on](#)

- Restrict or try to stop something

Claw (1)

[Claw back](#)

- Get money back

- Retake possession with difficulty

- Regain possession with difficulty

Clean (2)

[Clean out](#)

- Tidy up thoroughly and throw away unwanted things.

- Cause someone to spend all their money

[Clean up](#)

- Tidy and clean

- Profit, sometimes suddenly

Clear (4)

[Clear away](#)

- Leave a place

- Remove or tidy

[Clear off](#)

- Leave somewhere quickly

[Clear out](#)

- Tidy up thoroughly and throw away unwanted stuff.

- Leave somewhere

[Clear up](#)

- Cure or recover from an infection

- Tidy up

- Explain

- Improve (weather)

Click (1)

[Click through](#)

- Open an advertisement on the Internet

Climb (1)

[Climb down](#)

- Accept that you are wrong and change your position

Cling (3)

[Cling on](#)

- Hold tight

[Cling on to](#)

- Try to keep something

[Cling to](#)

- Try to maintain beliefs, hopes, etc.

Clog (1)

Clog up

- Block, slow movement right down

Close (8)

Close down

- Close a shop, branch or business permanently
- Stop an opponent being a challenge

Close in

- Surround, envelop
- Approach, get near

Close in on

- Get near someone

Close in upon

- Get near someone

Close off

- Block a place to stop people entering

Close on

- Get nearer

Close out

- Bring something to an end
- Close or stop using
- Ignore, exclude

Close up

- Completely close something
- Join together
- Move closer together

Cloud (1)

Cloud over

- Get very cloudy

Clown (2)

Clown about

- Behave stupidly or waste time

Clown around

- Behave stupidly or waste time

Coast (1)

Coast along

- Do something without making much effort or trying to improve

Cobble (1)

Cobble together

- Make, assemble or produce something quickly, without much care

Cock (1)

Cock up

- Ruin or spoil something

Colour (1)

Colour (Color) up

- Blush

Come (34)

Come about

- Happen, occur
- Shift direction (nautical)

Come across

- Find by accident
- Agree to have sex with someone
- The way other people see you

Come along

- Accompany
- Move faster or keep up

Come apart

- Break into pieces

Come around

- Recover consciousness

Come around to

- Agree with or accept something you had previously disapproved of or disliked.

Come before

- Appear in court charged with a crime or offence

Come by

- Visit
- Acquire
- Come down
- Rain
- Travel
- Come down on
- Criticise heavily
- Come down with
- Fall ill
- Come forth
- Appear
- Come forth with
- Provide information
- Come from
- Country or town where you were born
- Come in
- Arrive for flights
- Place or ranking in a competition, etc.
- Receive news
- Come in for
- Receive (criticism or praise)
- Come into
- Be important or relevant
- Inherit
- Come into use
- Start being used
- Come off
- When something breaks off
- Be successful
- Come off it
- I don't believe what you're saying; used as an imperative
- Come on
- Encouragement
- Start an illness
- Start functioning (machines, etc)
- Come out
- A secret is revealed
- Be published or otherwise available to the public
- Disappear when washed
- Let people know that you are lesbian or gay
- When the sun appears
- Come out in
- Have a rash or similar skin problem
- Come out of
- Recover consciousness
- Come out with
- Make something available
- Say something publicly and unexpectedly
- Come over
- Feel strange
- Affect mentally in such a way as to change behaviour (possibly related to 'overcome')
- Come round
- Become conscious, wake up from anaesthetic
- Change your opinion
- Come through
- Arrive (messages and information)
- Communicate an emotion
- Produce a result
- Come through with
- Provide something needed
- Come to
- Become conscious, wake up from anaesthetic
- Result in
- Come up
- Appear
- Rise (the sun)
- Come up against
- Encounter problems or difficulties
- Come up with
- Think of a solution, excuse, etc.
- Come upon
- Find by chance

Conjure (1)

Conjure up

- Create a picture or memory in someone's mind
- Create something without many resources

Conk (1)

Conk out

- Fall fast asleep
- Suddenly breakdown or stop working

Contract (3)

Contract in

- Become involved or committed to something

Contract out

- Give a contract for a service outside the company you work for

Contract out of

- Formally leave and agreement

Cool (2)

Cool down

- Get cooler
- Become calm

Cool off

- Become calmer

Coop (1)

Coop up

- Confine in a small area

Cop (3)

Cop it

- Get into trouble

Cop off

- Leave work or school early
- Kiss, pet or have sex with someone

Cop out

- Choose an easy alternative

Cost (1)

Cost up

- Calculate how expensive some work is going to be

Cotton (1)

Cotton on

- To work out the truth

Cough (1)

Cough up

- Lose possession of a ball, etc. in a contact sport
- Expel something from your lungs or throat by coughing

Could (1)

Could do with

- Need or want something

Count (11)

Count against

- Affect negatively, make less likely to succeed

Count among

- Include someone or something in a group, category, etc

Count down

- Wait impatiently or excitedly for something to happen

Count for

- Be recognised as important, worthwhile or valuable

Count in

- Include or involve

Count off

- Say numbers aloud in a sequence

Count on

- Depend, rely
- Expect something to happen and base plans on it

Count out

- Exclude
- Count a certain amount of money

Count towards

- Be a part needed to complete something

Count up

- Add

Count upon

- Expect something to happen and base plans on it

- Depend, rely

Cozy (2)

Cozy up

- Make yourself comfortable

Cozy up to

- Make yourself popular with someone

Crack (3)

Crack down on

- Use more authority than usual

Crack on

- Continue doing something with energy

Crack up

- Have a nervous breakdown

- Have bad reception on a mobile phone

- Burst out laughing

- Damage a car badly

Crank (2)

Crank out

- Produce a lot of something fast

Crank up

- Inject non-medical drugs

- Start a machine, originally with a handle

- Increase, make something bigger

Crash (1)

Crash out

- Sleep at someone's house because you are too tired, drunk, etc. to leave

- Fall asleep

Cream (1)

Cream off

- Separate the best or most talented people so that they can receive special or different treatment

- Take money or divert funds, usually wrongfully or unfairly

Creep (6)

Creep in

- Start to be noticeable

- Get included despite attempts to keep it or them out

Creep into

- Become noticeable in something

Creep out

- make someone feel worried or uneasy

Creep out on

- To do the same activity for a very long time

Creep over

- Start to have a negative feeling

Creep up on

- Approach without someone realising

Crop (1)

Crop up

- Appear unexpectedly

Cross (3)

Cross off

- Delete, remove from a list

Cross out

- Put a line through some writing to show it is wrong

Cross up

- Confuse, deceive

Cruise (1)

Cruise through

- Pass or succeed easily

Crumb (1)

Crumb down

- Clear a table in a restaurant

Cry (2)

Cry off

- To cancel an arrangement

Cry out

- Shout because you are in pain

Cut (11)

Cut across

- Go across a place rather than around it to make the journey quicker
- Affect people of different groups, classes, etc

Cut back

- Reduce
- Remove branches from a plant or tree to encourage future growth

Cut back on

- Reduce expenditure

Cut down

- Consume less
- Shoot
- Reduce a vertical thing to ground level by cutting
- Cut something from a high position

Cut down on

- Reduce

Cut in

- Start functioning
- Drive in front of another vehicle without warning
- Interrupt
- Include someone in a deal that makes money
- Mix fat and flour until the combine

Cut it out

- Stop your unfair or unreasonable behaviour

Cut off

- Disconnect
- Isolate or make inaccessible

Cut out

- Exclude
- When an engine or motor stops
- Cut a picture or similar from a magazine, etc
- Leave quickly
- Separate livestock from a group

Cut out on

- Let down, snub

Cut up

- Cut into smaller pieces
- Drive into a neighbouring lane, directly in front of another vehicle
- Upset
- Have a lot of small injuries

Damp (2)

Damp down

- Calm or reduce feelings, emotions
- Make a fire burn less

Damp off

- When there is too much moisture and a plant is affected by fungal parasites

Dash (2)

Dash down

- Write something quickly

Dash off

- Leave somewhere quickly
- Do something quickly, especially writing

Dawn (1)

Dawn on

- Finally realise or understand something

Decide (2)

Decide on

- Choose, select

Decide upon

- Choose, select

Die (6)

Die away

- Become quieter or inaudible (of a sound)

Die back

- When the parts of a plant above ground die, but the roots remain alive

Die down

- Decrease or become quieter

Die for

- Want something a lot

Die off

- Become extinct

Die out

- Become extinct or disappear

Dig (4)

Dig in

- Start eating greedily

- Excavate a protective shelter (military)

Dig into

- Reach inside to get something

Dig out

- Find something you haven't used, seen, etc, for a long time

- Dig to remove something or someone

Dig up

- Find something that is supposed to be secret

- Remove something from the ground

- Make a hole in a road, the ground, etc

Dine (2)

Dine out

- Have dinner outside your home

Dine out on

- Tell a story repeatedly that is well received

Dip (3)

Dip in

- Put something in a liquid for a short time

Dip into

- Read parts of a book, but not all

- Take money out of your savings

Dip out

- Leave a place without telling anyone

Disagree (1)

Disagree with

- Make someone feel sick or ill

Dish (2)

Dish out

- Serve food

- Give something, usually when you shouldn't

- Criticise, when you can't take criticism in return

Dish up

- Serve food

Dive (2)

Dive in

- Start doing something, usually without planning

- Start eating

Dive into

- Reach inside something quickly

Divide (1)

Divide up

- Share

Divvy (2)

Divvy out

- Divide, share

Divvy up

- Divide, share

Do (6)

Do away with

- Abolish, get rid of

Do in

- Kill

Do out of

- Cheat somebody out of something that is rightfully theirs

Do up

- Close or fasten clothes, etc.
- Repair and renovate

Do with

- Wish for or ask for (usually after can or could)

Do without

- Manage without something

Dob (1)

Dob in

- Report someone to teachers, authorities, etc
- Contribute money
- Pressure someone into doing something

Dole (1)

Dole out

- Give out, distribute

Doss (3)

Doss about

- Spend time doing very little or being unproductive

Doss around

- Spend time doing very little or being unproductive

Doss down

- Sleep somewhere temporarily because you don't go home

Double (5)

Double as

- Have a second function or purpose

Double back

- Go back the way you were coming

Double over

- Bend over at the waist

Double up

- Bend over at the waist
- Share accommodation because there are too many people

Double up as

- Have a second function or purpose

Doze (1)

Doze off

- Fall asleep

Drag (1)

Drag on

- Be unnecessarily long

Draw (8)

Draw back

- Retreat, move backwards

Draw down

- Reduce levels
- Get funding
- To deplete by consumption or heavy spending

Draw even

- Equalize one's competitive position

Draw in

- Get dark earlier
- Arrive at a station (for trains)

Draw into

- Get involved in something unpleasant

Draw on

- Pass slowly (time)
- Inhale smoke from a cigarette, cigar, etc

Draw out

- Make something continue longer than needed
- Make a shy person more outgoing

Draw up

- Prepare a contract
- When a vehicle stops

Dream (2)

Dream of

- Not think or consider

Dream up

- Invent something, have an idea

Dredge (1)

Dredge up

- Discover things about someone's past

Dress (2)

Dress down

- Dress casually
- Scold

Dress up

- Dress very smartly

Drift (2)

Drift apart

- Slowly cease to be close to or friends with someone

Drift off

- Start to fall asleep

Drill (3)

Drill down

- Search through layers of information on a computer

Drill down through

- Get to the bottom of something, get detailed data

Drill into

- Repeat something many times to make someone learn it

Drink (1)

Drink up

- Finish a drink

Drive (6)

Drive away

- Force an animal or someone to leave a place

Drive back

- Repulse, force back

Drive by

- Do something out of a car

Drive off

- Drive away from a place

Drive out

- Force someone to leave a place

Drive up

- Make something increase
- Arrive in a vehicle

Drone (1)

Drone on

- Talk boringly for a long time

Drop (11)

Drop around

- Visit someone, often without making an arrangement
- Deliver

Drop away

- Become smaller- amount, numbers

Drop back

- Move towards the back of a group

Drop by

- Pay a brief visit

Drop in

- Visit without having made arrangements

Drop off

- Take something or someone to a place and leave it or them there.
- Fall asleep
- Decrease in number or amount

Drop out

- Quit a course

Drop over

- Visit for a short time

Drop round

- Visit someone, often without making an arrangement
- Deliver

Drop someone in it

- Get someone into trouble

Drop through

- Come to nothing, produce no results

Drown (2)

Drown in

- Cover excessively

Drown out

- Be so loud that another sound cannot be heard

Drum (3)

Drum into

- To make someone learn or believe something by constant repetition

Drum out

- Force someone out of their job or position

Drum up

- Increase support or interest

Dry (3)

Dry off

- Dry something quickly, or dry the surface

Dry out

- Stop drinking or taking drugs when addicted
- Dry something fully

Dry up

- Lose all the water from a river, lake, source, etc
- Stop being supplied with something
- Be unable to speak
- Dry plates, dishes, cutlery, etc, after washing them up
- Dry plates, dishes, cutlery, etc, after washing them up

Duck (1)

Duck out of

- Avoid doing something

Duff (1)

Duff up

- Beat or hit someone repeatedly

Dumb (1)

Dumb down

- Reduce the intellectual level of something in search of popularity

Dump (1)

Dump on

- Treat someone badly
- Criticize heavily, often unfairly
- Tell someone your problems

Dwell (2)

Dwell on

- Spend a lot of time on something

Dwell upon

- Spend a lot of time on something

Ease (2)

Ease off

- Reduce pressure

Ease up

- Relax, calm down

Eat (5)

Eat away

- Destroy slowly

Eat in

- Eat at home

Eat into

- Use something valuable when you don't want to

Eat out

- Eat in a restaurant

Eat up

- Eat all of something
- Consume
- Consume something you don't want to be consumed

Ebb (1)

Ebb away

- Disappear gradually

Edge (2)

Edge out

- Gradually push someone or something out of their position

Edge up

- Approach slowly

Egg (1)

Egg on

- Encourage

Eke (1)

Eke out

- Make something like money last as long as possible

Embark (2)

Embark on

- Start a project or venture

Embark upon

- Start a project or venture

Empty (1)

Empty out

- Empty something completely
- Remove some things or everything from a container

End (3)

End in

- Finish a certain way

End up

- Become or do something unplanned

End up with

- Get as a result of something

Enter (2)

Enter for

- Join or enter a competition

Enter into

- Become involved in or accept

Eye (1)

Eye up

- Look carefully at someone

Face (2)

Face off

- Confront

Face up to

- Accept an unpleasant truth

Faff (2)

Faff about

- Behave indecisively

Faff around

- Behave indecisively

Fall (14)

Fall about

- Laugh a lot

Fall apart

- Break into pieces
- Become emotionally disturbed and unable to behave normally

Fall back

- Retreat

Fall back on

- Be able to use in an emergency

Fall behind

- Make less progress

Fall down

- Fall on the ground
- Have a weak point

Fall for

- Be attracted to somebody, fall in love
- Believe a lie or a piece of deception

Fall in

- Collapse

Fall into

- Start doing something unplanned

Fall off

- Decrease

Fall out

- Argue and be on bad terms with someone
- Lose hair

Fall over

- Fall on the ground

Fall through

- Be unsuccessful

Fall under

- Become controlled

Farm (1)

Farm out

- Give or contract work to someone else

Fart (2)

Fart about

- Waste time doing silly things

Fart around

- Waste time doing pointless things

Fasten (4)

Fasten down

- Tie something so that it doesn't move

Fasten on

- Give attention to something that confirms your beliefs

Fasten onto

- Follow someone closely, normally when they don't want your company
- Give attention to something that confirms your beliefs

Fasten up

- Close, attach

Fathom (1)

Fathom out

- Understand something

Fatten (1)

Fatten up

- Give an animal a lot to eat to make it fat

Fawn (2)

Fawn on

- Praise someone in an excessive way to get their favour or something from them

Fawn over

- Praise someone in an excessive way to get their favour or something from them

Feed (3)

Feed off

- Eat a food as part of an animals diet
- Use something to your advantage

Feed on

- Grow stronger
- Consume in an animal's diet
- Give someone a particular food

Feed up

- Give someone a lot of food to restore their health, make them bigger, etc

Feel (2)

Feel up

- Touch sexually, grope

Feel up to

- Feel capable of doing something

Fence (2)

Fence in

- Enclose an area

Fence off

- Enclose an area to keep animals or people out

Fend (2)

Fend for

- Take care of yourself or someone with help from other people

Fend off

- Resist something successfully
- Push an attacker away

Ferret (1)

Ferret out

- Search and discover something

Fess (2)

Fess up

- Confess, admit something reluctantly
- Give

Fess up to

- Confess, admit reluctantly to something

Fiddle (3)

Fiddle about

- Waste time doing silly things, or doing things unsuccessfully

Fiddle around

- Waste time doing silly things, or unsuccessful things
- Make small movements with your hands

Fiddle away

- Waste time

Fight (3)

Fight back

- Defend yourself, resist an attack
- Try to control an emotion and keep it hidden

Fight it out

- Struggle to see who wins, both by arguing or fighting

Fight off

- Fight an attacker and force them back
- Resist an illness or emotion

Figure (2)

Figure on

- Plan, expect

Figure out

- Find the answer to a problem

File (1)

File away

- Put a document in the correct place for storage in a filing system

Fill (5)

Fill in

- Complete a form
- Substitute someone at work

Fill in for

- Substitute

Fill in on

- Give someone information

Fill out

- Complete a form

Fill up

- Fill something completely

Filter (2)

Filter in

- Move into a lane of traffic without making other cars stop

Filter out

- Remove something unwanted

Find (1)

Find out

- Discover

Finish (4)

Finish off

- Finish completely
- Kill a person or animal, often when they have already been hurt

- Beat, make victory certain in sport
- Consume all

Finish up

- Finally get somewhere, usually without planning to go there

Finish up with

- Have or do something at the end or as the last of something

Finish with

- End a relationship
- Stop dealing with someone
- Finish using or requiring

Fink (2)

Fink on

- Give away secrets about someone

Fink out

- Fail to keep a promise, arrangement, etc

Fire (3)

Fire away

- Ask questions

Fire off

- Send quickly, angrily or many (letter, emails, etc)
- Shoot, fire a gun (usually repeatedly)

Fire up

- Start a computer
- Excite, become excited

Firm (1)

Firm up

- Make things clearer in a negotiation or discussion
- Exercise to make muscles harder and remove fat

Fish (2)

Fish for

- Try to get some information or to get someone to say something

Fish out

- Remove something from a bag, pocket, etc
- Remove from water, such as the sea, rivers, etc

Fit (6)

Fit in

- Get on in a group of people
- Have enough time or space for something

Fit in with

- Be convenient or occur conveniently
- Occur or happen in a way that shows that plans or ideas have not changed

Fit into

- Become part of

Fit out

- Provide with necessary equipment

Fit out with

- Provide someone with necessary equipment

Fit up

- Frame someone- make them look guilty of something they haven't done
- Provide equipment

Fix (1)

Fix up

- Make an arrangement

Fizzle (1)

Fizzle out

- End in an unsuccessful way

Flag (2)

Flag down

- Signal at a vehicle to get it to stop

Flag up

- Raise an issue, or highlight its importance

Flake (1)

Flake out

- Fall asleep from exhaustion

Flame (2)

Flame out

- Fail

[Flame up](#)

- Burn brightly

Flare (2)

[Flare out](#)

- Get angry suddenly

[Flare up](#)

- When trouble suddenly appears

Flesh (1)

[Flesh out](#)

- Add more details or information

Flick (2)

[Flick over](#)

- Change TV channels quickly

[Flick through](#)

- Change TV channels repeatedly

- Look through something quickly

Flip (3)

[Flip off](#)

- Extend your middle finger as a gesture of contempt

[Flip out](#)

- Become very excited and lose control

[Flip through](#)

- Look quickly through a magazine, book, etc

Flog (1)

[Flog off](#)

- Sell something cheaply to get rid of it

Floor (1)

[Floor it](#)

- Drive a vehicle as fast as possible

Flounce (2)

[Flounce off](#)

- Leave a place or walk away from someone angrily

[Flounce out](#)

- Leave a place angrily

Fluff (2)

[Fluff out](#)

- Shake or pat a cushion so that it fills with air

[Fluff up](#)

- Shake or pat a cushion so that it fills with air

Fly (5)

[Fly about](#)

- Circulate (rumours, etc)

[Fly around](#)

- Circulate (rumours, etc)

[Fly at](#)

- Attack

- Criticise or shout angrily

[Fly by](#)

- When time appears to move quickly

[Fly into](#)

- Change emotion quickly

Fob (4)

[Fob off](#)

- Make or persuade someone to accept something

- Lie or deceive someone

[Fob off on](#)

- Make or persuade someone to accept something you don't want

[Fob off onto](#)

- Make or persuade someone to accept something you don't want

[Fob off with](#)

- Make or persuade someone to accept something of lower quality than they wanted

- Make or persuade someone to accept something of lower quality than they wanted

Focus (1)

[Focus on](#)

- Concentrate

Fold (1)

Fold up

- Make a sheet of paper smaller

Follow (4)

Follow on

- Leave to meet someone after they have left the place you're at

Follow on from

- Be the part of something

Follow through

- Do what is necessary to complete something or make it successful

Follow up

- Do something to check or improve an earlier action
- Find out about a problem and act

Fool (3)

Fool about

- Not be serious
- Be unfaithful

Fool around

- Not be serious
- Be unfaithful

Fool with

- Play with something dangerous

Forge (1)

Forge ahead

- Make a lot of progress in a short time
- Move forwards very quickly

Freak (1)

Freak out

- Become very disturbed or angry

Free (1)

Free up

- Make money or time available by not using it elsewhere
- Do work or a task for someone to make them available for something

Freeze (3)

Freeze out

- Shut out or exclude by unfriendly treatment
- Force to retire or withdraw from membership, a job, etc

Freeze over

- Become covered with ice (lake, river, pond, etc)

Freeze up

- Be blocked with ice
- Stop working because the parts of a machine won't move
- When a computer stops working
- Be paralysed with fear

Freshen (1)

Freshen up

- Wash quickly and improve appearance
- Add more alcohol to a glass before it is empty
- Quickly improve the appearance of something

Frighten (2)

Frighten away

- Scare someone so much that they go away
- Scare or worry someone enough to stop them doing something they had planned

Frighten off

- Scare someone so much that they go away
- Scare or worry someone enough to stop them doing something they had planned

Front (5)

Front for

- Represent someone, especially when covering illegal or wrongful activities

Front off

- Confront someone and let them know you are prepared to fight

Front onto

- Face (of a building)

Front out

- Face up to someone, withstand criticism

Front up

- Appear somewhere for a short time
- Advance cash for something

Frown (1)

Frown on

- Disapprove

Fuel (1)

Fuel up

- Put petrol or other fuel into a vehicle

Gad (2)

Gad about

- Visit a lot of different places for pleasure

Gad around

- Visit different places for pleasure

Gag (1)

Gag for

- Want something a lot

Gang (3)

Gang up

- Form a group against something or someone

Gang up against

- Harass, bully (in a group)

Gang up on

- Harass, bully

Gear (3)

Gear to

- Organise or arrange something for a particular purpose, audience, etc. (Often passive)

Gear towards

- Organise or arrange something for a particular purpose, audience, etc

Gear up

- Get ready for a busy period

Geek (1)

Geek out

- Talk at length about computing

Get (66)

Get about

- Visit many places
- Become known
- Walk or visit places
- Have personal or sexual relationships with many people

Get above

- Behave as if you are better or more important than others

Get across

- Communicate successfully
- Go from one side to the other
- Move something from one side to the other

Get across to

- Be convincing or make a good impression

Get after

- Nag or exhort someone
- Chase

Get ahead

- Progress

Get ahead of

- Move in front of

Get along

- Have a good relationship
- Leave
- Progress

Get along in

- Progress

Get along with

- Have a good relationship with someone
- Deal with, handle

Get around

- Become known
- Visit many different places
- Walk or go to places
- Avoid a problem
- Persuade, convince
- Have personal or sexual relationships with many people
- Get around to**
- Finally manage to do something, make the effort to do something
- Get at**
- Criticise
- Mean
- Be able to reach, find, access
- Use threats, payments, bribes, etc, to affect someone's testimony or decision
- Get away**
- Escape
- Go on holiday or for a short break
- Move, leave somewhere
- Get away from**
- Go somewhere different or do something different
- Start to talk about something that is not relevant to the discussion
- Get away with**
- Not get caught, criticised or punished for doing something wrong
- Achieve something, despite not doing it correctly or properly
- Get away!**
- An expression of disbelief
- Get back**
- Return
- Return something
- Revenge
- Move away
- Move away
- Get back at**
- Take revenge
- Get back into**
- Start doing something after stopping for some time
- Find a new enthusiasm for something
- Get back to**
- Respond to a contact
- Respond when you know the answer
- Start doing something again after an interruption
- Get back together**
- Restart a relationship
- Get behind**
- Support
- Get behind with**
- Be late paying instalments for something.
- Get by**
- Have just enough money to live on
- Not be noticed (problems, errors, etc)
- Get by on**
- Manage on a certain amount of money
- Get by with**
- Have enough of something to do the job
- Get down**
- Make someone depressed, unhappy, exhausted, etc.
- Write, record
- Manage to swallow
- Descend, leave a vehicle
- Leave the table after eating
- Reduce
- Have an affair or sexual relations
- Get down on**
- Criticise
- Get down to**
- Start working seriously
- Enjoy something a lot
- Get in**
- Arrange for someone to do a job in your home, workplace, etc
- Arrive (train, plane, etc.)
- Arrive home
- Enter a car or taxi
- Buy or obtain supplies, like food
- Arrive at work, school, home

- Enter a building or place
- Be elected
- Manage to say or do
- Be admitted to a university, club, etc
- Bring inside a place
- Submit, apply
- Pay for drinks
- Get in on**
- Become involved
- Get in with**
- Become friendly with, ingratiate with
- Get into**
- Become involved or interested
- Become involved in something bad or criminal
- Be accepted or admitted
- Become or be accepted as a member
- Start a habit or way of acting or behaving
- Be small enough to wear something
- Criticise
- Get it**
- Be punished or scolded
- Get it off**
- Have sex
- Get it off with**
- Have sex with
- Get it on**
- Become interested or excited
- Have sex
- Get it on with**
- Have sex with
- Get it together**
- Control things in your life to achieve your aims
- Begin a relationship
- Get it up**
- Become aroused (of a man)
- Get off**
- Escape punishment
- Leave a bus, train, etc.
- Finish, leave work
- Start a journey
- Help a baby or child sleep
- Orgasm, have sex
- Manage to fire a gun
- Stop talking on the phone
- Write or send letters, messages, etc
- Say or write something funny
- Get off it**
- A way of expressing disbelief, or telling someone that they're wrong or have an incorrect opinion
- Get off on**
- Enjoy a drug
- Become excited by
- Get off with**
- Have casual sex with
- Get off!**
- Don't touch, leave alone
- Get on**
- Continue doing something
- Enter a bus, train, plane, etc.
- Make progress, deal with something with a reasonable degree of success
- Have a good relationship
- Become old, age
- Be late or near an arranged time
- Wear, fit
- Leave
- Get on at**
- Criticise unfairly
- Get on for**
- Be near a time
- Get on to**
- Start to suspect
- Get on with**
- Have a good relationship
- Continue or start doing something

Get onto

- Start discussing a topic
- Be elected, appointed
- Appear on the radio or TV
- Contact someone because you need or want them to do something
- Enter a plane, train, etc

Get out

- Leave the house to visit place and socialise
- Become known when people want it to remain secret
- Leave a place, escape
- Remove something from where it is stored to use it
- Remove dirt or something unwanted
- Publish, make available for the public to see or buy
- Say what you want when it is difficult

Get out of

- Avoid doing something you dislike
- Leave a car, van, etc.
- Stop a regular activity or habit
- Make someone confess or tell the truth
- Make someone give something to you
- Derive pleasure or benefit from something
- Help someone avoid doing something

Get out!

- Expression of disbelief

Get over

- Recover from something, feel better
- Solve, find a solution
- Communicate, make people understand
- Be shocked or surprised that something is real or true
- Get to the other side
- Come somewhere

Get over with

- Do something unpleasant that has to be done rather than delaying it any more

Get round

- Become known
- Find a solution

Get round (around) to

- Finally manage to do something

Get round (or around)

- Persuade someone

Get through

- Contact
- Consume
- Finish
- Finish
- Succeed in an exam or test
- Help someone or something succeed or pass a test or exam
- Endure or deal with a difficult experience
- Be accepted or passed (laws, proposals, etc)
- Manage to pass
- Arrive

Get through to

- Make someone understand
- Contact, especially by phone
- Reach a stage in a competition

Get to

- Annoy, irritate
- Arrive
- Start discussing a topic
- Have the opportunity to do something

Get together

- Meet socially

Get up

- Get out of bed
- Organise

Get up to

- Do something wrong or naughty

Ghost (1)

Ghost away

- Remove someone secretly or discreetly

Gin (1)

Gin up

- Boost, increase or exaggerate

Ginger (1)

Ginger up

- Make more lively

Give (21)

Give away

- Entrust your daughter to her husband through the marriage ceremony
- Tell a secret, often unintentionally
- Distribute something for free
- Give without asking for or expecting payment
- Give an advantage to your opponent in a sport by making a mistake, playing badly, etc
- Give an unwanted baby to people to bring up
- Betray, report to authorities
- Give a weight advantage to an opponent in boxing

Give back

- Return something you've borrowed
- Return something that someone has lost

Give in

- Stop doing something because it's too hard or requires too much energy
- Submit homework, etc.
- Surrender, accept defeat
- Offer or submit for judgement, approval

Give in to

- Agree to something you don't like
- Allow a feeling or desire to control you

Give it to

- Criticise harshly or punish someone for something

Give it up for

- Applaud

Give it up to

- Applaud

Give of

- Contribute without expecting anything in return, usually time or money

Give off

- Emit pollution or something else unpleasant
- Behave in a way that makes people think of you in a certain way
- Expand
- Follow or take one of 2 or more branches (instructions, in machine code) in writing a computer program (using system software for a programming language)

Give onto

- Open into a place, for a door or window

Give out

- Distribute
- Stop working, through age or overuse
- Have no more of a supply
- Make public
- Emit
- End or finish somewhere
- Make a sound or noise
- Read the wordings of a hymn or psalm aloud for congregational singing

Give over

- Stop doing something bad or annoying
- Entrust, pass on responsibility
- Stop an activity

Give over to

- Dedicate, devote
- Transfer responsibility

Give over!

- An expression of disbelief

Give up

- Stop doing something that has been a habit
- Stop being friendly, end relationships
- Stop doing something
- Surrender, stop trying
- Sacrifice or dedicate time, etc, to something
- Allow someone to sit in your chair, take your place, etc
- Allow or give away a run while pitching (baseball)

Give up on

- Lose faith in or stop believing in something or someone
- Stop feeling hope

Give up to

- Denounce, report to authorities

Give way

- Stop to allow vehicles to pass
- Collapse, break

Give way to

- Yield, surrender, retreat
- Relinquish position or ascendancy
- Be replaced by something better, cheaper, more modern, etc
- Allow a vehicle to pass in front
- Surrender to strong emotions

Give yourself up

- Surrender to the police or authorities

Give yourself up to

- Dedicate time, energy, etc, to something

Gloss (1)

Gloss over

- Try to minimise the importance of something

Gnaw (2)

Gnaw at

- Trouble, worry or annoy someone
- Harm gradually

Gnaw away at

- Harm gradually

Go (55)

Go about

- Deal with something
- Circulate

Go across

- Move to another side or place

Go after

- Chase, try to get

Go against

- Lose a decision or a verdict of a court

Go ahead

- Proceed

Go ahead with

- Proceed

Go along with

- Accept a decision or suggestion
- Accompany

Go around

- Circulate
- Be or have enough of something
- Visit

Go at

- Attack or approach something with vigour

Go away

- Leave a place or disappear

Go back

- Have a long history
- Return to, start doing something again

Go back on

- Break a promise

Go before

- Precede

Go below

- Leave the top deck of a ship

Go by

- The passing of time
- Trust or depend on for correct information
- Pay a short visit, call

Go down

- Decrease, get smaller
- Sink
- Sunset
- Be sent to to prison
- Become recorded as or known as
- Be eaten or swallowed
- Fall to the ground
- Happen, take place

- Stop working, especially computers
- Become dimmer
- Be received by people, in terms of their reaction

Go down on

- Perform oral sex

Go down to

- Be defeated

Go down with

- Fall ill
- Find acceptance

Go for

- Attack
- Be attracted to
- Choose, select
- Try to get
- Have something favourable
- Pass for or serve as

Go for it

- Be assertive and ready to initiate action. (Related to the meaning 'attack')

Go forth

- Leave a place
- Travel abroad, leave a place

Go forward

- Move clocks ahead
- Progress

Go in

- Go to hospital for treatment, surgery, etc.
- Fit
- Disappear, become obscured by a cloud
- Attack

Go in for

- Enter a competition or sit an exam
- Support, advocate
- Like, have an interest in
- Make a career choice

Go in with

- Form a union or alliance
- Join, enter

Go into

- Discuss in some detail
- Enter a profession, hospital, trade, market
- Begin a speech or description
- Be dedicated or devoted
- Be contained in a larger number

Go it

- Behave in a reckless way
- Move or drive very fast

Go it alone

- Do something without help

Go off

- Explode (bomb), start ringing (alarm)
- Go bad
- Start to dislike
- Leave a place
- Take place, follow a plan or pattern
- Stop working (electric/electronic equipment)

Go off with

- Elope, run away with someone
- Steal

Go on

- Continue
- Happen
- Start doing or taking something
- Be guided
- Be nearly a certain period of time
- Progress
- Spend money
- Start working (electric/electronic equipment)

Go on about

- Talk too much

Go on at

- Pester, try to make someone do something by repeatedly asking or suggesting

Go on to

- Proceed
- Go on with
- Continue doing
- Go one
- A way of encouraging someone
- Go out
- Stop burning, be extinguished
- Leave a place
- Go on strike
- Become infashionable
- Move backwards, of a tide
- Be eliminated in a competition
- Be transmitted
- Be sent
- Intend
- Go out for
- Become a candidate, apply for something
- Go out to
- Feel sympathy with someone
- Go out with
- Have a relationship with
- Go over
- Look at something, revise
- Visit
- Be approved or accepted
- Repeat or explain
- Clean
- Go over to
- Go on a journey
- Become converted
- Change to something different
- Go past
- Pass without stopping
- Go round
- Be or have enough of something
- Circulate
- Visit
- Go through
- Experience
- Read again
- Examine, search
- Do something in a certain way or following certain procedures
- Explain
- Be approved formally or sanctioned
- Enter
- Consume or spend
- Perform or carry something out
- Go through with
- Do or complete something you've agreed to
- Go to
- Allocate money
- Go together
- Harmonize or be compatible
- Go towards
- Contribute
- Go under
- Go bankrupt
- Lose consciousness
- Sink
- Go up
- Rise or climb
- Approach
- Be built
- Be heard
- Be promoted
- Go up to
- Approach
- Attend a university
- Reach
- Go with
- Combine nicely
- Accompany

- Accept, agree to
- Date, have a relationship with
- [Go without](#)
- Not have
- Cope without having something

Goof (3)

[Goof around](#)

- Fool around, not be serious

[Goof off](#)

- Avoid or leave work

[Goof up](#)

- Mess, spoil

Grasp (1)

[Grasp at](#)

- Try to take hold of something quickly
- Take an opportunity without hesitation

Grass (2)

[Grass on](#)

- Report someone to a person in authority

[Grass up](#)

- Report someone to a person in authority

Grey (1)

[Grey out](#)

- Disable a function in a computer program, leaving it visible but not working

Grind (6)

[Grind away](#)

- Keep working at something

[Grind down](#)

- Reduce or destroy someone's enthusiasm

[Grind into](#)

- Press or twist something hard into something else

[Grind on](#)

- Proceed relentlessly
- Talk endlessly

[Grind out](#)

- Produce something with great difficulty

[Grind up](#)

- Reduce to small pieces

Grow (13)

[Grow apart](#)

- Become distant, stop having a close relationship because time, distance, interests, etc, have changed

[Grow away from](#)

- Become less friendly with

[Grow back](#)

- Grow again

[Grow from](#)

- Result from a process

[Grow into](#)

- Grow to fit large clothes
- Mature or change into
- Develop or change over time to fit something

[Grow on](#)

- Like something that you didn't like at first
- Have a greater influence or degree of acceptance
- Become gradually more evident

[Grow out](#)

- Let hair, etc, with dyes, perms grow to get rid of the style

[Grow out of](#)

- Grow too large for clothes
- Lose interest as you grow older or become more mature
- Result or develop from

[Grow to](#)

- Eventually do something

[Grow together](#)

- Gradually become attached, united or close

[Grow up](#)

- Mature, become adult
- Arise, emerge
- Develop in a place or for a reason (city, town, etc)

Grow up on

- Do or have something when you are a child

Grow upon

- Like something that you didn't like at first
- Have a greater influence or degree of acceptance
- Become gradually more evident

Gun (1)

Gun for

- Try to destroy an opponent

Gussy (1)

Gussy up

- Dress smartly or improve the appearance of something

Hack (4)

Hack around

- Waste time

Hack into

- Break into a computer system

Hack off

- Annoy

Hack up

- Chop or cut into small pieces
- Expel by coughing

Ham (1)

Ham up

- Perform or act in an excessive way to attract attention or amuse people

Hammer (3)

Hammer away at

- Work relentlessly

Hammer into

- Repeat something over a period of time to make someone remember it

Hammer out

- Negotiate and reach an agreement

Hand (6)

Hand back

- Return

Hand down

- Pass on to the next generation
- Give a formal decision

Hand in

- Submit work for appraisal

Hand on

- Give to someone else
- Transmit knowledge to the next generation

Hand out

- Distribute

Hand over

- Give

Hang (16)

Hang about

- Spend time somewhere not doing much

Hang about!

- Stop what you're doing and pay attention to me

Hang around

- Stay in a place

Hang back

- Not move forwards to avoid doing something

Hang back from

- Delay or avoid doing something

Hang in there

- Persevere, not give up

Hang it up

- Retire, quit

Hang on

- Wait
- Hold tightly

Hang onto

- Keep

Hang out

- Spend time socially

Hang out for

- Wait or refuse to do something until you get what you want

Hang over

- Worry or trouble

Hang together

- Work together when things are difficult

Hang up

- End a phone call

Hang up on

- End a phone call with someone

Hang with

- Spend time with

Hanker (2)

Hanker after

- Want something a lot, especially if you shouldn't want it or can't have it

Hanker for

- Want something a lot, especially if you shouldn't want it or can't have it

Harp (1)

Harp on

- Talk repeatedly about something

Have (13)

Have against

- Dislike, disagree or hold a grudge (Usually negative)

Have around

- Entertain someone in your home

Have down as

- Think of someone or something in a particular way

Have in

- Have a supply of something in a particular place

- Get someone to do some work

- Entertain people in your home

Have it away

- Have sex with someone, especially casual sex

Have it in for

- Hold a grudge

Have it off

- Have sex

Have it out with

- Discuss or argue an issue to improve a situation

Have off

- Take time off work

Have on

- Be wearing

- Have an electronic device switched on

- Have an arrangement

- Tease, deceive

- Be in possession at a particular time

- Know something about someone that could harm them

Have over

- Receive a guest

Have round

- Entertain someone in your home

Have up

- Make someone appear in court

Head (4)

Head for

- Move or travel towards

Head off

- Stop someone or force them to change direction

- Prevent something bad happening

- Leave somewhere to go to another place

Head out

- Go out

Head up

- Be in charge

Heat (1)

Heat up

- Make food hot

Help (1)

Help out

- Give assistance

Hide (2)

Hide away

- Put something in a place where it won't be found
- Go or stay somewhere where you won't be found or away from people

Hide out

- Go or stay somewhere to avoid being caught or found

Hinge (2)

Hinge on

- Depend very much or completely
- Be an essential point for the development of a story

Hinge upon

- Depend very much or completely

Hit (10)

Hit back

- Attack or criticise

Hit for

- Get someone to pay or donate money

Hit it off

- Have a good relationship from the first time you meet a person

Hit it off with

- Like someone from the first time you meet them

Hit on

- Have an idea
- Talk to someone to try to attract them sexually
- Ask for money

Hit out at

- Respond angrily to criticism

Hit up

- Inject drugs
- Ask someone for some money

Hit up on

- Inject drugs

Hit upon

- Have an idea
- Try to attract someone sexually

Hit with

- Surprise someone with some information or news

Hive (1)

Hive off

- Separate part of a company or service, often by selling it

Hold (17)

Hold against

- Have a grudge against someone, or little respect

Hold back

- Not show emotion
- Prevent something moving forwards or progressing
- Not disclose information or make it public

Hold back from

- Not allow yourself to do something

Hold down

- Keep a job
- Stop someone or something from moving

Hold forth

- State your opinions about something, especially when talking for a long time and boringly

Hold off

- When bad weather doesn't appear
- Stop someone from attacking or beating you

Hold on

- Wait
- To hold tightly

Hold on to

- Hold tightly

Hold onto

- Keep as long as possible
- Hold tightly
- Hold tightly

Hold out

- Resist
- Hold in front of you

Hold out against

- Try to reject

Hold out for

- Wait for something better or refuse something now for something better in the future

Hold out on

- Not pay someone or give them information

Hold over

- Delay
- To continue something for longer than planned

Hold together

- Not break up

Hold up

- Delay when travelling
- Rob with violence or threats thereof

Hold with

- Accept (usually negative)

Hole (1)

Hole up

- Hide to avoid detection or an unpleasant situation

Home (1)

Home in on

- Target

Hone (1)

Hone in on

- Target, focus

Hook (3)

Hook into

- Persuade someone to do something they don't want to do

Hook up

- Meet someone

Hook up to

- Connect to a machine

Hoon (1)

Hoon around

- Act in a dangerous or reckless way, especially when driving fast

Horse (1)

Horse around

- Not be serious

Hound (1)

Hound out

- Force someone out of a place, job, position, etc.

Hunker (1)

Hunker down

- Settle in a place as comfortably as possible to stay there

Hunt (3)

Hunt down

- Search for someone to punish or kill them

Hunt out

- Search until you find something

Hunt up

- Search for and manage to find something

Hush (1)

Hush up

- Try to keep something bad from becoming widely known

Iron (1)

Iron out

- Remove small problems or irregularities

Issue (1)

Issue forth

- Come out of a place

Jabber (1)

Jabber away

- Talk fast or incomprehensibly

Jack (3)

Jack around

- Make trouble for someone, fail to keep promises

Jack in

- Quit, give up

Jack up

- Raise a car to be able to do mechanical work
- Increase sharply

Jam (1)

Jam on

- Apply or operate something forcefully

Jaw (1)

Jaw away

- Talk just for the point of talking rather than having anything to say

Jazz (1)

Jazz up

- Make something more interesting or attractive

Jerk (2)

Jerk around

- Cause someone trouble, treat someone badly
- Behave stupidly

Jerk off

- Waste time doing unimportant things

Joke (1)

Joke around

- Be funny, or try to

Jot (1)

Jot down

- Make a quick note

Juice (1)

Juice up

- Make something more exciting or perform better

Jump (3)

Jump at

- Accept eagerly

Jump in

- Enter a conversation

Jump on

- Criticize, attack

Keel (1)

Keel over

- Turn upside down
- Surrender, give in
- Fall to the ground

Keep (14)

Keep around

- Keep something near you

Keep at

- Continue with something difficult

Keep away

- Don't allow someone near something

Keep back

- Maintain a safe distance

Keep down

- Not vomit

Keep from

- Control yourself, refrain

Keep in

- Not allow someone out

Keep off

- Not talk about
- Not tread on something

Keep on

- Continue

Keep out

- Not allow someone to enter

Keep to

- Stay within limits

Keep up

- Not let someone go to bed
- Maintain a continuous action, persist

Keep up at

- Continue, not quit

Keep up with

- Move at the same rate
- Stay up to date

Key (4)

Key in

- Enter numbers or information into a computer or electronic system

Key in on

- Focus attention on, single out

Key on

- Target, focus on (sport)

Key to

- Plan things to fit or suit people or situations

Kick (9)

Kick about

- Discuss

Kick around

- Discuss

Kick around with

- Spend time with

Kick back

- Pay someone illegally as part of the price
- Resist
- Relax

Kick down

- Break something with your feet

Kick in

- When a drug starts to take effect
- Break something with your feet
- Contribute money
- Start having an effect

Kick off

- Start a game of football
- Die
- When trouble starts
- Argue, protest and refuse to co-operate

Kick out

- Expel

Kick up

- Cause trouble or pain

Kill (1)

Kill off

- Reduce or exterminate a population by hunting, pollution, development, etc.

Kip (2)

Kip down

- Sleep away from your home, often without planning to

Kip down on

- Sleep on something other than a bed

Kiss (2)

Kiss off

- Used to tell someone to go away
- Consider something to be unimportant or inferior

Kiss up to

- Try to get into someone's favour

Knock (9)

Knock about

- Beat someone

Knock around

- Discuss casually

Knock back

- Cost someone a lot of money
- Finish a drink quickly, drink a lot of alcohol
- Shock

Knock down

- Demolish
- Hit and injure someone

Knock it off!

- Stop doing something annoying

Knock off

- Finish work for the day
- Reduce the price of something
- Reduce the time required to do something
- Steal
- Produce or create something quickly

Knock out

- Hit and make somebody unconscious
- Sell, distribute

Knock together

- Join houses that had been separate

Knock up

- Become or get someone pregnant.
- Play a bit before a match to get ready
- Produce or create something quickly

Knuckle (2)

Knuckle down

- Make a great effort

Knuckle under

- Submit to authority

Lap (1)

Lap up

- Appreciate something

Large (1)

Large it up

- Have a good time when intoxicated

Lark (3)

Lark about

- Behave in a silly way

Lark around

- Behave in a silly way

Lark it up

- Enjoy yourself noisily and exuberantly

Lash (6)

Lash down

- Fall heavily (rain)
- Secure something with ropes or cords

Lash into

- Criticise someone strongly

Lash out

- Suddenly become violent
- React angrily
- Spend a lot of money on luxuries

Lash out against

- Criticise something strongly

Lash out at

- Hit someone suddenly, usually without warning, or try to hit them
- Criticise someone or shout at them

Lash out on

- Spend a lot of money buying something

Latch (3)

Latch on

- Understand, often after a long time

Latch on to

- Understand something, often after a long time

[Latch onto](#)

- Connect to something

- Decide or realise that something is good or profitable

Laugh (1)

[Laugh off](#)

- Pretend something (an injury, news, etc.) isn't important

Lay (5)

[Lay down](#)

- Establish rules or procedures

- Kill, murder

[Lay into](#)

- Criticise angrily

[Lay off](#)

- Make an employee redundant

[Lay on](#)

- Organise, supply

[Lay out](#)

- Spend money

Lead (2)

[Lead on](#)

- Falsely or cruelly raise hopes

[Lead to](#)

- Result in

Leak (1)

[Leak out](#)

- Become public knowledge

Lean (1)

[Lean on](#)

- Put pressure on someone to get them to do what you want

Leap (4)

[Leap at](#)

- Take an opportunity enthusiastically

[Leap on](#)

- Show interest in or try to use something to your advantage

[Leap out at](#)

- Be very noticeable

[Leap upon](#)

- Show interest in or try to use something to your advantage

Leave (2)

[Leave on](#)

- Not turn off

[Leave out](#)

- Not include

Let (5)

[Let down](#)

- Disappoint, fail to keep an arrangement

- Make clothes longer

[Let in](#)

- Allow someone to enter

[Let off](#)

- Not punish

[Let on](#)

- Tell a secret

[Let out](#)

- Allow to leave or go out

- Make a sound

- Make clothes bigger

Level (2)

[Level off](#)

- Stabilize the altitude of an airplane

[Level out](#)

- Stabilize the altitude of an airplane

Lie (3)

[Lie around](#)

- Act in a lazy or unproductive way

[Lie down](#)

- Rest

[Lie with](#)

- Have the right to make a decision

Lift (1)

[Lift off](#)

- Leave the ground- rocket or spaceship

Light (2)

[Light out](#)

- Leave suddenly

[Light up](#)

- Light or start smoking a cigarette

- Illuminate

Lighten (1)

[Lighten up](#)

- Be less serious

Limber (2)

[Limber up](#)

- Do some exercises to warm up before playing a sport or other physical activity

[Limber up for](#)

- Prepare for something that will require a great effort

Line (1)

[Line up](#)

- Arrange in a line

- Arrange something in a line

- Arrange events for someone

Link (2)

[Link up](#)

- Connect, join

[Link up with](#)

- Connect with someone or contact them

Listen (2)

[Listen out for](#)

- Listen for a particular noise or sound

[Listen up](#)

- Pay attention (often used as a command)

Live (12)

[Live by](#)

- Follow a belief system to guide your behaviour

[Live down](#)

- Stop being embarrassed about something

[Live for](#)

- Believe something is extremely important

[Live in](#)

- Live in the place where you work or study.

[Live it up](#)

- Have a good time by spending a lot of money

[Live off](#)

- Use money earned

- Be financially supported

[Live on](#)

- Use money for basic necessities

- Not be forgotten

[Live out](#)

- Stay somewhere until you die

- Fulfill an ambition or fantasy

- Not live at the place where you study or work

[Live through](#)

- Experience different times

[Live together](#)

- Have a relationship and live in the same place without marrying

[Live up to](#)

- Meet expectations or standards

[Live with](#)

- Accept something unpleasant

- Have a relationship and live in the same place without marrying

Load (3)

Load down

- Burden

Load up

- Take illegal drugs
- Fill a machine or vehicle

Load up on

- Consume a lot of something for a particular purpose

Lock (7)

Lock away

- Lock in a safe place
- Put someone in prison or a mental hospital for a very long time

Lock down

- Make very secure

Lock in

- Lock a place to stop someone leaving
- Commit someone in such a way that they cannot leave

Lock onto

- Find a target and head for it

Lock out

- Close a workplace to stop workers entering
- Lock a place to stop someone getting in

Lock up

- Close all doors, windows, etc.
- Lock something in a safe place
- Put in prison or a mental hospital

Lock yourself away

- Go somewhere away from people to study or work

Log (5)

Log in

- Enter a restricted area on a computer system

Log into

- Enter a restricted area of a computer system

Log off

- Exit a computer system

Log on

- Enter a computer system

Log out

- Exit a computer system

Look (17)

Look after

- Take care

Look back

- Think about the past

Look down on

- Have a low opinion of

Look for

- Try to find

Look forward to

- Wait for or anticipate something pleasant

Look in

- Make a quick visit

Look in on

- Visit briefly to see if everything's all right

Look into

- Research, investigate

Look on

- Watch something like a crime without helping

Look on as

- Consider, regard

Look out

- Be careful

Look over

- Inspect

Look round

- Inspect a house

Look to

- Expect, hope

Look up

- Consult a reference work (dictionary, phonebook, etc.) for a specific piece of information.
- Improve
- Find, trace an old friend

Look up to

- Respect

Look upon as

- Consider, regard

Loosen (1)

Loosen up

- Become more relaxed or comfortable

Lord (1)

Lord it over

- Behave in a superior manner

Lose (3)

Lose out

- Be at a disadvantage

Lose out on

- Not gain or have something advantageous

Lose out to

- Be less successful

Luck (2)

Luck into

- Get something by chance

Luck out

- Be very lucky

Lust (1)

Lust after

- Be attracted sexually
- Want something very much

Magic (1)

Magic away

- Make something disappear quickly

Make (17)

Make after

- Chase

Make away with

- Steal

Make do with

- Accept something less satisfactory because there's no alternative

Make for

- Head in a certain direction
- Produce a result or situation

Make into

- Change something into something else

Make it

- Arrive or get a result

Make it up to

- Try to compensate for doing something wrong

Make of

- Understand or have an opinion

Make off

- Leave somewhere in a hurry

Make off with

- Steal

Make out

- Make a cheque payable to somebody
- Pretend
- Progress
- Kiss and pet
- Discern a small detail
- Be able to see or hear something
- Understand someone's nature or personality

Make over

- Change appearance
- Give money or possessions to someone in a legal way

Make towards

- Head in the direction

Make up

- Stop being angry with someone
- Put on cosmetics
- Invent a story

Make up for

- Compensate

Make up to

- Increase a sum received to a higher figure

Make with

- Give (usually used as an imperative)

Man (1)

Man up

- Behave with courage or conviction

Mark (7)

Mark down

- Give a student a lower grade for a particular reason
- Reduce the price of something

Mark down as

- Consider someone or something to be of a certain group, type, etc.

Mark off

- Tick, cross out or otherwise mark something to show that it has been dealt with

Mark out

- Draw lines to enclose an area

Mark out for

- Show promise for the future

Mark out from

- Stand out because of certain qualities

Mark up

- Increase the price of something

Marry (2)

Marry in

- Marry someone of the same ethnicity, religion, etc

Marry out

- Marry someone of a different ethnicity, religion, etc

Mash (1)

Mash up

- Crush something until it becomes a paste
- Mix sources of audio, video or other computer sources.
- Break or damage

Max (1)

Max out

- Take something to the limit, reach a limit

Measure (5)

Measure against

- Evaluate or judge by comparison

Measure off

- Measure something and mark the point where it ends or will be cut
- Mark a length on something to cut it

Measure out

- Measure or weigh the amount needed
- Weigh or measure an exact amount

Measure up

- Find the size of something
- Be good enough, meet the required standard
- Be good enough
- Find out the size of something

Measure up to

- Be good enough or worthy of something

Meet (1)

Meet with

- Have something happen to you

Melt (1)

Melt down

- Heat something solid, especially metal, until it becomes liquid

Mess (7)

Mess about

- Not be serious, not use something properly
- Treat someone badly
- Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship

Mess about with

- Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship
- Try to improve something, usually making things worse

Mess around

- Not be serious, play with something
- Treat someone badly
- Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship

Mess around with

- Have a sexual relationship outside marriage or a permanent relationship
- Try to improve something, usually making things worse

Mess over

- Treat someone badly

Mess up

- Spoil or ruin
- Make something untidy or dirty
- Cause mental, physical or emotional problems

Mess with

- Become involved in something damaging or dangerous
- Annoy, bother
- Associate (negative)
- Try to repair or improve, usually unsuccessfully

Mete (1)

Mete out

- Give people harsh punishments or treatment

Mill (1)

Mill around

- Walk around without going anywhere

Miss (2)

Miss out

- Not do something enjoyable or rewarding
- Not include

Miss out on

- Lose a chance, fail to achieve

Mix (1)

Mix up

- Confuse
- Make something lively

Mock (1)

Mock up

- Make a model of something to show or test it

Moggy (1)

Moggy off

- Leave ('moggie off' is also used.)

Monkey (1)

Monkey around

- Not be serious

Mooch (2)

Mooch about

- Spend time doing little or nothing

Mooch around

- Spend time doing little or nothing

Mop (1)

Mop up

- Resolve a problem
- Kill or capture the last few enemy soldiers after a victory.
- Eat a sauce with bread to finish it
- Remove a liquid that has been spilt

Mope (2)

Mope about

- Move around being miserable

Mope around

- Move around being miserable

Mount (1)

Mount up

- Increase over time

Mouth (1)

Mouth off

- Speak angrily about something

Move (12)

Move ahead

- Make progress, often after a pause or delay

Move along

- Tell someone to move from a place
- Develop or progress in a reasonable or satisfactory manner

Move away

- Leave the area where you have been living

Move away from

- Stop doing or using something to change to something different

Move down

- Move a student to a lower level

Move in

- Start living in a place

Move in on

- Approach, often stealthily

Move into

- Start living in a place

Move on

- Change the subject or your job
- Make people move from a place

Move out

- Leave a place you live or work in
- Remove
- Change lane or position to pass a vehicle

Move towards

- Make preparations for something

Move up

- Move to make space
- Move to a higher level

Mug (2)

Mug up

- Study quickly, revise

Mug up on

- Study something quickly, revise

Mull (1)

Mull over

- Think about an issue or problem

Muscle (4)

Muscle in

- Become involved in something when your involvement is not wanted

Muscle in on

- Become involved in something despite opposition to your involvement

Muscle into

- Become involved even though there is opposition to your involvement

Muscle out

- Use power, contacts, etc, to force someone out

Naff (1)

Naff off

- Get lost, go away (used as imperative)

Nag (1)

Nag at

- Repeatedly criticise someone verbally

Nail (1)

Nail down

- Succeed in getting, achieve
- Understand fully
- Get full information from someone
- Succeed or achieve something

Name (1)

Name after

- Give someone a name to remember another person

Narrow (1)

Narrow down

- Remove less important options to make it easier to choose

Nip (2)

Nip off

- Go somewhere quickly

Nip out

- Go somewhere quickly

Nod (2)

Nod off

- Fall asleep

Nod through

- Pass a law, regulation, etc, without considering or debating it seriously

Nose (3)

Nose about

- Look for something hidden or secret

Nose around

- Look around for evidence

Nose out

- Find out, discover- usually information, secrets, etc
- Narrowly beat someone

Note (1)

Note down

- Write something short like a phone number for future reference.

Nut (1)

Nut out

- Find an answer to a problem

Occur (1)

Occur to

- Enter one's mind

Open (1)

Open up

- Start to talk freely about something
- Open a shop or business for the day
- Allow goods into a market

Operate (1)

Operate on

- Perform surgery

Opt (4)

Opt for

- Choose

Opt in

- Choose to be part or a member of something

Opt into

- Choose to be a member or part of something

Opt out

- Choose not to be part of something

Owe (1)

Owe to

- Be the reason for something

Own (1)

Own up

- Confess

Pack (6)

Pack away

- Put something where it belongs

Pack in

- Stop doing something
- End a relationship

- Fill a venue
- Break down, stop working
- Pack it in**
- Stop doing something (used as an imperative)

Pack off

- Send someone away

Pack out

- Fill a venue

Pack up

- Stop doing something
- Finish work
- Break down, stop working
- Collect things and put them where you keep them

Pad (2)

Pad down

- Sleep somewhere for the night

Pad out

- Make a text longer by including extra content, often content that isn't particularly relevant

Pair (3)

Pair off

- Begin a romantic relationship
- Introduce people, hoping they will start a relationship
- Form pairs

Pair off with

- Form a pair with someone

Pair up

- Form a pair

Pal (3)

Pal about

- Be friendly and spend time with someone

Pal around

- Be friendly and spend time with someone

Pal up

- Become friends

Palm (1)

Palm off

- Get someone to accept something that isn't true
- Pretend something is better than it is in order to sell it

Pan (1)

Pan out

- The way a situation develops

Paper (1)

Paper over

- Try to conceal a problem without really fixing it

Pare (2)

Pare back

- If you pare something back, you reduce the size or numbers.

Pare down

- Reduce, decrease

Pass (16)

Pass around

- Give out to everybody there

Pass as

- Be believed to be something

Pass away

- Die

Pass back

- Return

Pass by

- Go past without stopping
- Visit briefly
- Miss an opportunity

Pass down

- Transmit information or give property to younger generations

Pass for

- Be accepted as something, usually when not

Pass off

- Convince someone that something is real
- Happen in a certain way

Pass on

- Give a message to someone
- Decline an invitation or opportunity
- Die

Pass on to

- Change topic or subject

Pass out

- Faint, lose consciousness
- Distribute

Pass over

- Ignore someone and give a job, reward, etc, to someone more junior
- Ignore, refuse to discuss

Pass round

- Distribute, give to people present

Pass through

- Visit a place without stopping or only stopping briefly

Pass to

- Give ownership or responsibility to someone
- Become owner of or responsible for something

Pass up

- Decline a chance

Pat (1)

Pat down

- Search or frisk someone

Patch (2)

Patch together

- Create or assemble something quickly without much planning

Patch up

- Fix or make things better
- Give an injured person basic medical treatment

Pay (4)

Pay back

- Repay money borrowed
- Take revenge on

Pay for

- Purchase

Pay into

- Deposit money

Pay off

- Completely repay a debt
- Produce a profitable or successful result

Peck (1)

Peck at

- Eat very small amounts

Peel (5)

Peel away

- Leave a group by moving in a different direction

Peel away from

- Leave a group by moving in a different direction

Peel off

- Leave a group by moving in a different direction

Peel off from

- Leave a group by moving in a different direction

Peel out

- Accelerate rapidly from stationary

Peg (4)

Peg away

- Keep working at something

Peg down

- Fasten something to the ground

Peg it

- Die

Peg out

- Put washing outside to dry
- Die

Pencil (1)

Pencil in

- Make a provisional appointment

Pep (1)

Pep up

- Make something more interesting
- Make someone more enthusiastic, energetic or interested

Perk (1)

Perk up

- Feel better or happier, make someone feel better or happier

Peter (1)

Peter out

- Lose impetus and stop

Phase (2)

Phase in

- Introduce gradually

Phase out

- Remove gradually

Pick (9)

Pick at

- Eat unwillingly
- Criticise

Pick off

- Target individuals to change a group

Pick on

- Bother, annoy, criticize or make fun of someone

Pick out

- Choose
- Identify from a picture

Pick through

- Search something that is disordered for something

Pick up

- Improve
- Learn quickly
- Collect
- Receive (a broadcast)
- Collect (a person). This differs from the 'collect a thing' meaning - as that means 'collect and bring back' whereas this means either (i) 'collect and drop off on your way' or (ii) 'collect and bring to the same destination'.

Pick up after

- Tidy a mess someone else has made

Pick up on

- Correct someone when they say something wrong
- Notice something that most people don't
- React to something
- Comment on something said earlier in a conversation

Pick yourself up

- Recover from a fall or problem

Pig (2)

Pig off

- Used to tell someone to get lost or leave you alone

Pig out

- Eat a lot

Pile (5)

Pile in

- Enter a place quickly, in a disorganised way

Pile into

- Enter a place quickly, in a disorganised way

Pile on

- Add or give more of something
- Exaggerate or talk in a way to affect someone's feelings

Pile out

- Leave a place quickly, in a disorganised way

Pile up

- Accumulate
- Accumulate in a pile or heap

Pin (3)

Pin down

- Get a fixed idea, opinion, etc, from someone.
- Discover exact details about something

Pin on

- Attach the blame to someone

Pin up

- Fix something to a wall, or other vertical surface, with a pin

Pine (1)

Pine away

- Suffer physically because of grief, stress, worry, etc

Pipe (2)

Pipe down

- Be quiet (often as an imperative)

Pipe up

- To speak, raise your voice

Pit (2)

Pit against

- Compete or force to compete

Pit out

- Go into the pits (car racing)

Pitch (3)

Pitch for

- Try to persuade someone to give your work, business, a job, etc

Pitch in

- Work together to help achieve an objective

Pitch into

- Criticise severely or attack someone

Plant (1)

Plant out

- Put a young plant that has been grown in a pot or greenhouse into the ground

Plate (1)

Plate up

- Put food onto a plate to serve

Play (13)

Play along

- Pretend to agree or accept something in order to keep someone happy or to get more information

Play around

- Be silly
- Be sexually promiscuous or unfaithful

Play at

- Pretend to be something

Play away

- Be sexually unfaithful when away from home

Play back

- Listen to or watch something you've recorded

Play down

- Try to make something seem less important

Play off

- Play a game to decide who the winner is
- Make people compete against each other so that you benefit

Play on

- Continue playing a sport though there might be a reason to stop
- Continue playing music
- Exploit a weakness
- Pun

Play out

- Progress, often till it finishes
- Pretend that something is real and reduce its effect
- Play something to the end
- Unwind (e.g., fishing line)

Play up

- Behave badly

Play up to

- Flatter someone
- Behave in a way expected

Play upon

- Exploit a weakness

Play with

- Touch and move something to occupy your hands
- Not eat much of a meal
- Consider something, but not seriously

Plead (1)

Plead out

- Plead guilty to get a reduced sentence or fine

Plough (5)

Plough back

- Re-invest money you have made into a business

Plough into

- Collide into at speed

Plough on

- Continue doing something you don't want to

Plough through

- Eat a big meal
- Read something that is difficult or takes a lot of time
- Move through somewhere where there is little space or there are obstacles

Plough up

- Break the surface of soil

Plow (5)

Plow back

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Plow into

- Collide into at speed

Plow on

- Continue doing something you don't want to

Plow through

- Eat a big meal
- Read something that is difficult or takes a lot of time
- Move through somewhere where there is little space or there are obstacles

Plow up

- Break the surface of soil

Pluck (1)

Pluck at

- Pull or fiddle with something nervously

Plug (1)

Plug in

- Connect machines to the electricity supply

Plump (4)

Plump down

- Put something in a place without taking care

Plump for

- Choose

Plump up

- Make something like a cushion bigger and softer by shaking it

Plump yourself down

- Sit down heavily

Point (1)

Point out

- Make someone aware of something

Polish (2)

Polish off

- Finish, consume

Polish up

- Improve something quickly

Pony (1)

Pony up

- Pay for something

Poop (2)

Poop out

- Get too tired to do something

Poop out on

- Fail to keep an appointment

Pootle (1)

Pootle along

- Travel in a leisurely way

Pop (4)

Pop in

- Visit for a short time

Pop off

- Talk loudly, complain
- Go out for a short time

Pop out

- Go out for a short time

Pop up

- Appear, like windows and boxes opening on a computer screen.
- Appear unexpectedly

Pore (1)

Pore over

- Read, look at or study carefully

Potter (2)

Potter about

- Spend time doing little things for pleasure

Potter around

- Spend some time doing little things for pleasure

Pour (2)

Pour down

- Rain hard

Pour forth

- Emerge from a place in large numbers

Power (3)

Power down

- Cut the electricity supply to a computer or electronic device

Power off

- Cut the electricity to a computer or device to turn it off

Power up

- Turn a computer or electronic device on so that it is ready to use

Prattle (1)

Prattle on

- Talk too much

Press (6)

Press ahead

- Continue with something

Press for

- Apply pressure to get permission or to obtain something

Press forward with

- Continue or go ahead with a project, process, plan, etc

Press into

- Bring or force into use

Press on

- Continue with something

Press upon

- Pressure someone to accept something offered

Prey (2)

Prey on

- Catch and kill an animal for food
- Exploit or harm

Prey upon

- Catch and kill an animal for food
- Exploit or harm

Price (2)

Price in

- Include the affects of possible future events when assessing the value of something

Price up

- Charge more for something

Print (1)

Print out

- Make a hard copy of a computer document

Prop (1)

Prop up

- Support something, both physically and financially, politically, etc.

Psych (2)

Psych out

- Work out or anticipate someone's intentions
- Make someone less confident

Psych up

- Prepare someone mentally

Pull (16)

Pull ahead

- Overtake, move in front

Pull apart

- Destroy an argument, theory, etc
- Stop people or animals fighting
- Make someone unhappy or upset

Pull away

- When a vehicle moves from a place

Pull back

- Score a goal or point when losing
- Move away from a place, especially when talking about soldiers
- Move away from someone
- Decide not to do something or not to be involved with it any longer

Pull down

- Demolish
- Make someone depressed
- Earn

Pull for

- Support

Pull in

- When a train arrives at a station
- Attract
- Stop a car by the side of the road
- Arrest or take someone to a police station for questioning

Pull off

- Manage to do something difficult or tricky
- Start moving (vehicles)

Pull on

- Put clothes on

Pull out

- Start moving (train)
- Move into traffic
- Withdraw
- Remove soldiers from an area

Pull over

- Stop by the side of the road
- Make a vehicle stop

Pull through

- Recover from an illness or problem

Pull to

- Close a door or window that has been left open

Pull together

- Work together as a team

Pull up

- Slow and stop a car
- Inform someone that they are wrong

Pull yourself together

- Become calm or regain control of your emotions

Push (1)

Push in

- Get in a queue without waiting

Put (17)

Put across

- Communicate, convey a message

Put away

- Put something back in the correct place
- Put someone in prison

Put back

- Rearrange something for a later time

Put by

- Save for the future

Put down

- Kill an animal because it's old, ill, etc.
- Stop holding (but withdraw support gently)
- Put down for**
- Commit to make a payment
- Put down to**
- Give as an explanation
- Put in**
- Install
- Put in for**
- Make a request
- Put off**
- Postpone
- Stop liking something or somebody
- Put on**
- Get fat
- Deceive, lie
- Start wearing
- Put out**
- Broadcast
- Disturb or trouble someone
- Extinguish a cigarette, fire, etc.
- Put over**
- Successfully execute (a scam, trick, etc.)
- Put through**
- Connect someone by phone
- Put towards**
- Make a financial contribution
- Put up**
- Allow someone to stay at your house for a night or a few days.
- Increase prices, taxes, duties, etc.
- Show skill or determination in a contest, competition, fight, etc
- Put up with**
- Tolerate

Quarrel (2)

- Quarrel out**
- Argue with someone about a specific subject
- Quarrel with**
- Dispute or disagree with something

Queer (1)

- Queer up**
- Mess up, ruin

Quieten (1)

- Quieten down**
- Fall silent

Quit (1)

- Quit on**
- Stop working, associating or being friends with someone, especially when they need support
- Stop working or functioning

Rack (2)

- Rack off**
- Used to tell someone to go away because they're annoying you
- Rack up**
- Acquire a lot of something
- Damage

Rain (3)

- Rain down on**
- Fall in large numbers
- Rain off**
- Be postponed or stopped by rain (usually passive)
- Rain out**
- Be postponed or stopped by rain (usually passive)

Rake (5)

- Rake in**
- Earn, make money easily
- Rake it in**
- Make a lot of money
- Rake off**
- Cheat someone by charging them too much

Rake over

- Talk, think, etc, about something negative in the past

Rake up

- Bring something back to people's attention

Ramble (1)

Ramble on

- Talk at length without getting to the point

Ramp (1)

Ramp up

- Increase price, speed or power of something

Rap (1)

Rap out

- Say something firmly and loudly

Rat (3)

Rat on

- Inform authorities about someone's wrongdoings

- Fail to keep a promise

Rat out

- Inform the authorities about someone

Rat through

- Look for something hurriedly

Ratchet (1)

Ratchet up

- Increase

Rattle (1)

Rattle off

- Quote figures rapidly

Reach (3)

Reach out

- Stretch your arm to get something

Reach out for

- Try to achieve something difficult

Reach out to

- Ask for help

- Offer help

- Try to communicate and establish good relations with people

Read (3)

Read off

- Read a list aloud for someone to write down

Read out

- Read aloud rather than silently

Read up on

- Research

Reason (1)

Reason out

- Come to a conclusion or solution after some thought

Reckon (1)

Reckon on

- The minimum expected

Reel (3)

Reel in

- Catch a fish on a line and pull the line to land

- Attract people, especially customers, to get them to do what you want them to

Reel off

- Quote statistics or facts rapidly

- Score a lot of points or win a lot of games one after the other

Reel out

- Unwind

Rein (1)

Rein in

- Control someone or something to stop them causing more trouble

Ride (4)

Ride off

- Go away on a bike, horse, etc

[Ride on](#)

- Depend on

[Ride out](#)

- Survive a difficult time

[Ride up](#)

- Move higher on the body (of clothes)

Ring (7)

[Ring back](#)

- Return a phonecall

[Ring in](#)

- Telephone to inform or confirm something

[Ring off](#)

- Finish a phone conversation

[Ring out](#)

- Make a sudden loud sound

[Ring round](#)

- Telephone a number of people, usually to try to get some information

[Ring up](#)

- Telephone

- Achieve an amount or number

- Enter figures into a till or cash register

[Ring with](#)

- When a place is full of a loud sound

Rip (1)

[Rip off](#)

- Charge excessively or obtain money unfairly

Roll (8)

[Roll back](#)

- Retreat

- Reduce or remove

[Roll by](#)

- Pass (time)

[Roll in](#)

- Arrive somewhere, especially if late

- Arrive in large numbers, for military vehicles

[Roll on](#)

- When something continues to happen

[Roll on!](#)

- Said when you can't wait for something nice in the future

[Roll out](#)

- Launch or introduce a new product, initiative, etc.

[Roll up](#)

- To appear in large numbers for an event

[Roll up!](#)

- An imperative used to attract people to a public event

Romp (2)

[Romp in](#)

- Win easily

[Romp through](#)

- Do something easily or quickly

Room (1)

[Room in](#)

- To keep a mother and baby together after the birth

Root (5)

[Root about](#)

- Look in a place to try to find something

[Root around](#)

- Look in a place to try to find something

[Root for](#)

- Support

[Root out](#)

- Look for and find

- Find the source of a problem and remove it

[Root up](#)

- Dig a plant out of the ground

Rope (3)

[Rope in](#)

- Get somebody to help

[Rope into](#)

- Get someone to help or become involved, usually when they don't want to

[Rope off](#)

- Extend ropes or barriers across or around an area

Rough (1)

[Rough up](#)

- Assault

Round (1)

[Round off](#)

- Finish something in a satisfactory manner

Row (1)

[Row back](#)

- Retreat from a position

Rub (8)

[Rub along](#)

- Have a reasonably good relationship

[Rub down](#)

- Dry or clean something with a cloth

- Massage or rub someone to help them relax

[Rub in](#)

- Apply a substance like cream or ointment and rub it until it is absorbed

[Rub it in](#)

- Emphasise how bad a situation is to make someone feel worse

[Rub off on](#)

- Pass a quality or characteristic to people

[Rub out](#)

- Delete ink or pencil with an eraser

- Kill

[Rub up against](#)

- Touch someone in a sensual or sexual way

[Rub up on](#)

- Revise

Rule (1)

[Rule out](#)

- Exclude a possibility

Run (20)

[Run across](#)

- Meet or find accidentally

[Run after](#)

- Chase, pursue

- Try to become romantically involved with someone

[Run against](#)

- Oppose, make difficulties

[Run along](#)

- Go away, leave (often as an imperative)

[Run around](#)

- Be very busy doing many things

[Run away](#)

- Escape from people chasing you

- Leave home because of problems with other family members or to elope

[Run down](#)

- Hit a pedestrian with a vehicle

- Lose energy or power

- Criticise, disparage

- Find the source or origin of something

[Run for](#)

- Campaign for a position

[Run in](#)

- Arrest, take to police station for questioning

- Drive a new car carefully in order not to damage the engine

- Pay a casual visit

- Insert

[Run into](#)

- Cost

- Meet by accident

[Run off](#)

- Make photocopies

Run on

- Be powered by

Run out of

- Have none left

Run over

- Explain quickly
- Hit with a vehicle
- Exceed a time limit

Run through

- Practise a dramatic work like a play quickly
- Stab or wound deeply with a knife, sword, etc.

Run to

- Go to someone for help
- Include in things you like
- Have enough money to buy something, often negative

Run up

- Move quickly to where someone is
- Hoist, raise a flag
- Do or make something very quickly
- Spend a lot of money on credit

Run up against

- Encounter problems, often unexpected

Run up on

- Approach someone without their knowing

Run with

- Keep company, normally bad

Rush (4)

Rush away

- Leave a place in a hurry

Rush into

- Do something too quickly

Rush off

- Depart in a hurry

Rush out

- Release or put something on sale quickly

Saddle (2)

Saddle up

- Put a saddle on and prepare an animal to ride

Saddle with

- Give someone a task or responsibility that is difficult or hard work

Sag (1)

Sag off

- Not go to school or work, or leave early when you shouldn't

Sail (2)

Sail into

- Criticise angrily

Sail through

- Pass easily, succeed

Sally (2)

Sally forth

- Leave somewhere safe or comfortable

Sally out

- Leave somewhere safe or comfortable

Salt (1)

Salt away

- Save money

Save (2)

Save on

- Reduce or avoid consumption to cut costs

Save up

- For money for a particular purpose
- Collect or store something for future use

Scale (3)

Scale back

- Make something smaller than originally planned

Scale down

- Make something smaller than originally planned

Scale up

- Increase, make bigger

Scare (2)

Scare away

- Frighten someone so much that they go away

Scare off

- Make someone so frightened that he or she away

Scout (5)

Scout about

- Look in different places for something

Scout around

- Look in different places for something

Scout out

- Search for something

Scout round

- Look in different places for something

Scout up

- Try to find someone for a task or requirement

Scrape (7)

Scrape along

- Manage with little money

Scrape by

- Just manage to pass something

Scrape in

- Just get enough to succeed, pass or be accepted

Scrape into

- Be accepted somewhere, but only just

Scrape through

- Pass a test but only just

Scrape together

- Manage to collect enough of something you need, usually money

Scrape up

- Manage to collect enough of something you need, usually money

Screen (2)

Screen off

- Separate a part of a room with something like a curtain, screen, etc.

Screen out

- Exclude
- Block light
- Stop noticing something

Screw (3)

Screw around

- Waste time
- Be sexually promiscuous

Screw over

- Treat harshly or cheat

Screw up

- Do badly or fail

See (6)

See about

- Arrange, consider

See into

- Accompany someone into an office

See off

- Chase somebody or something away
- Go to the airport, station, etc., to say goodbye to someone

See out

- Accompany a guest to your front door when they are leaving your house

See through

- Continue with something to the end
- Realise someone is lying or being deceitful

See to

- Deal with something

Sell (4)

Sell off

- Sell a business or part of it
- Sell something cheaply because you need the money or don't need it

Sell on

- Convince someone
- Buy something then sell it to someone else

Sell out

- Have no more of something left because it has been bought
- Lose all artistic integrity in return for commercial success

Sell up

- Sell a house or business to move somewhere or do something different

Send (8)

Send back

- Return something

Send for

- Ask someone to come and help

Send in

- Order people into a place to handle a problem
- Write to get information

Send off

- Expel a sports player from a match
- Post a letter

Send off for

- Order something by post

Send out

- Send something to a lot of people

Send out for

- Order takeaway food by phone

Send up

- Imitate/impersonate for comic effect

Set (9)

Set about

- Start doing something

Set aside

- Overturn a court verdict or decision

Set back

- Cost
- Delay

Set forth

- State or outline an opinion
- Start a journey

Set in

- Change season noticeably

Set off

- Explode a bomb
- Ring an alarm
- Start a journey
- Counterbalance a debt

Set out

- Display, show
- Start a journey
- Arrange, organise

Set to

- Work hard or enthusiastically

Set up

- Prepare equipment, software, etc., for use
- Start a company
- Provide someone with the money needed to live
- Trick, deceive

Settle (5)

Settle down

- Start living a fixed and routine life

Settle for

- Accept whatever is available

Settle in

- Get used to

Settle on

- Agree

Settle up

- Pay a debt

Sex (1)

Sex up

- Change information to make it more attractive to the reader or listener

Shack (1)

Shack up

- Live with someone when you are in a relationship.
- Live somewhere temporarily

Shake (4)

Shake down

- Search
- Extort or cheat money from someone

Shake off

- Get rid of an illness

Shake out

- Shake clothes, cloths, etc to remove dirt or creases

Shake up

- Upset or shock
- Make major changes to improve or save a company, organisation, etc
- Mix things in a container by shaking hard

Shape (1)

Shape up

- Develop in a positive way
- Improve to reach an acceptable standard

Shave (1)

Shave off

- Shave completely
- Reduce by a small amount

Shell (1)

Shell out

- Spend money on something, especially when you think it's too expensive

Ship (2)

Ship off

- Send someone away, often because of a problem

Ship out

- Send goods to a place
- Leave a place

Shoot (6)

Shoot away

- Leave somewhere quickly

Shoot back

- Return quickly

Shoot for

- Have as a goal

Shoot off

- Leave promptly and quickly

Shoot out

- Go out for a short time

Shoot up

- Increase quickly
- Take illicit drugs intravenously.
- Damage with gun-shots
- Increase quickly, grow

Shop (1)

Shop around

- Look around for the best price, quality, etc.

Short (1)

Short out

- Short circuit

Shout (2)

Shout down

- Make so much noise to stop someone being heard

Shout out

- Say something loudly, often to attract someone's attention

Show (8)

Show around

- Take someone to a place to show them certain parts

Show in

- Take someone into an office or other room

Show off

- Behave in a way so as to attract attention
- Display something you are proud of
- Make the qualities of another thing more apparent

Show out

- Take someone to out of a room or building

Show over

- Take someone around a site

Show round

- Take someone to a place to show them certain parts

Show through

- When a feeling can be seen despite attempts to conceal it

Show up

- Attend something or arrive somewhere
- Become clear or apparent
- Make someone feel embarrassed or ashamed

Shrug (1)

Shrug off

- Disregard something, not consider it important or harmful

Shut (8)

Shut away

- Imprison or remove someone's freedom

Shut down

- Close a business, shop, etc.
- Turn a computer off

Shut in

- Prevent someone from leaving

Shut off

- Close, prevent access

Shut out

- Exclude
- Not allow a player or team to score

Shut out of

- Exclude someone from an activity, etc

Shut up

- Stop talking or making noise
- Close for a period of time

Shut yourself away

- Withdraw from company

Shy (1)

Shy away from

- Avoid doing something because you lack confidence

Side (1)

Side with

- Support someone

Sidele (1)

Sidele up to

- Approach someone discreetly

Sift (1)

Sift through

- Examine a lot of things carefully

Sign (12)

Sign away

- Give away legal or property rights

Sign for

- Write a signature on behalf on someone

Sign in

- Register in a hotel
- Open a computer program that requires a name and password
- Write your name when entering a place

Sign into

- Open a particular computer program that requires a name and password

Sign off

- End a message
- Close a claim for unemployment benefit
- Stop doing something to leave
- Give someone a letter to be away from work

Sign off on

- Give official approval

Sign on

- Open a claim for unemployment benefit
- Agree to participate
- Start broadcasting
- Employ

Sign on with

- Sign a document joining or agreeing to something

Sign out

- Close a computer program that requires a name and password
- Sign something to show you have borrowed something

Sign out of

- Close a particular computer program that requires a name and password

Sign up

- Give your name to do something
- Subscribe

Sign with

- Make a contract with

Simmer (1)

Simmer down

- Become calmer, make less noise

Sing (3)

Sing along

- To sing when a piece of music is being played or performed by someone else.

Sing out

- Reply loudly
- Sing loudly

Sing up

- Sing louder

Single (1)

Single out

- Select or choose one from a group

Sink (1)

Sink in

- Slowly come to be understood

Sit (14)

Sit about

- Sit and do nothing, especially when you should be working

Sit around

- Sit idly, doing nothing

Sit back

- Wait for something to happen without making any effort
- Relax in a chair

Sit by

- Not try to stop something

Sit down

- Help someone to sit

Sit for

- Pose for an artist or photographer
- Look after children while their parents are out

Sit in

- Occupy a building to protest about something

Sit in for

- Take on someone's responsibilities while they are absent

Sit in on

- Attend as an observer

Sit on

- Be on a committee
- To handle somebody firmly who behaves impertinently, conceitedly
- Hold information back or keep it secret

Sit out

- Not take part

Sit over

- Eat or drink slowly

Sit through

- Stay till the end of something dull

Sit with

- Reconcile different positions

Size (1)

Size up

- Assess a situation or person carefully.
- Make something bigger or produce bigger products

Skin (1)

Skin up

- Make a cannabis joint
- Make a cannabis joint

Skive (1)

Skive off

- Avoid doing work or other duty

Slack (1)

Slack off

- Reduce one's effort, perform with less enthusiasm and energy

Slacken (1)

Slacken off

- Become less busy or intense

Slag (1)

Slag off

- Criticise heavily

Slant (1)

Slant toward

- Favour one viewpoint, bias

Sleep (5)

Sleep in

- Sleep longer than usual

Sleep off

- Sleep in order to recover from excess alcohol, drugs, etc.

Sleep on

- Think about something

Sleep over

- Spend the night at someone else's house

Sleep through

- Not wake up

Slice (2)

Slice off

- Cut, remove an amount or part of something

Slice up

- Cut completely into pieces or slices

Slip (10)

Slip away

- Lose an opportunity or the chance of winning, succeeding, etc
- Pass quickly (time)

Slip by

- Pass quickly (time)
- Lose an opportunity or the chance of winning, succeeding, etc

Slip down

- Be enjoyable to drink or eat

Slip in

- Try to include something discreetly when speaking

Slip into

- Put clothes on quickly
- Acquire bad habits or fall into a bad or negative state or condition

Slip off

- Leave a place discreetly
- Remove clothes

Slip off to

- Go somewhere discreetly

Slip on

- Put clothes on quickly

Slip out

- Leave discreetly

Slip up

- Make an error

Slob (2)

Slob about

- Be lazy, do nothing

Slob around

- Be lazy, do nothing

Slope (1)

Slope off

- Leave somewhere without letting others know

Slough (1)

Slough off

- Get rid of, dispose

- Lose or shed outer layers of skin

- Ignore or trivialize an injury or insult

Slow (2)

Slow down

- Reduce speed

- Become less active

Slow up

- Slow the progress of something

Slug (1)

Slug it out

- Fight or argue

Smack (1)

Smack of

- Appear to have a negative quality

Smash (3)

Smash down

- Demolish or break something down

Smash in

- Break something by hitting it repeatedly

Smash up

- Destroy, break into many pieces

Smoke (1)

Smoke out

- Force someone out of a place they're hiding in

Snaffle (1)

Snaffle up

- Consume, take, buy something other people may want

Snap (4)

Snap off

- Break a piece off something

Snap out of

- Control negative emotions

Snap to it!

- Do something quickly

Snap up

- Get, acquire or buy something quickly

Snarl (1)

Snarl up

- Entangle

Sneak (2)

Sneak out

- Depart furtively

Sneak up on

- Approach someone furtively

- Approach someone furtively

Sniff (3)

Sniff around

- Look around to see how good something is or to try to find something better

Sniff at

- Disapprove or be scornful

Sniff out

- Find something by smell (usually for dogs)

- Find out information, especially when people don't want anyone to know

Snitch (1)

Snitch on

- Divulge secrets, inform authorities about someone

Snuff (1)

Snuff out

- Extinguish a small flame by covering it
- Kill
- End something suddenly

Sober (1)

Sober up

- Stop showing the effects of alcohol or drugs

Soften (1)

Soften up

- Weaken
- Do things to please someone in the hope that they will do what you want

Soldier (1)

Soldier on

- Continue even when things get difficult

Sort (1)

Sort out

- Resolve a problem

Sound (2)

Sound off

- To express your opinions forcefully

Sound out

- Check what someone thinks about an issue, idea, etc.

Spaff (1)

Spaff away

- Waste (money, time, resources, etc)

Spark (2)

Spark off

- Cause something, usually unpleasant, to happen

Spark up

- Light a cigarette or joint

Speak (2)

Speak out

- Talk openly and freely

Speak up

- Talk more loudly

Spell (1)

Spell out

- Explain something in great detail
- Write or say the individual letters that make up a word

Spew (2)

Spew out

- Expel, throw out

Spew up

- Vomit

Spill (2)

Spill out

- When large numbers of people leave a place at the same time
- Come or flow out of a box, container, etc
- Express or display emotions openly

Spill over

- When something bad has a wider impact on other people or situations
- Flow over the edge or top of a container

Spin (2)

Spin off

- Produce an unexpected additional benefit
- Form a separate company from part of an existing one
- Create a TV show using characters from a popular show

Spin out

- Lose control (vehicle)
- Make something last as long as possible

Spirit (2)

Spirit away

- Remove someone secretly from a place

Spirit off

- Remove someone secretly from a place

Spit (2)

Spit it out

- An informal way of telling someone to say something they are unwilling to say

Spit out

- Say something angrily

Splash (3)

Splash down

- Land in the sea (space capsules)

Splash out

- Spend a lot of money on something that is not essential

Splash out on

- Spend a lot of money on something

Split (1)

Split up

- Divide into groups
- Finish a relationship

Spoil (1)

Spoil for

- Really want something

Sponge (3)

Sponge down

- Clean something with a sponge

Sponge off

- Accept free food and support without any shame or qualms

Sponge on

- Accept or get money without doing any work

Spring (5)

Spring back

- Return to original position after being bent, forced or when pressure is removed

Spring for

- Pay for, often generously

Spring from

- Appear suddenly and unexpectedly
- Be the cause of something

Spring on

- Surprise someone

Spring up

- Appear suddenly

Spruce (1)

Spruce up

- To smarten, make something neat and tidy

Spur (1)

Spur on

- Encourage someone to continue

Square (6)

Square away

- Finish or sort something out

Square off

- Confront someone or prepare to fight them

Square off against

- Confront someone or prepare to fight them

Square up

- Pay back a debt
- Confront someone or prepare to fight them

Square up to

- Accept responsibility or guilt

Square with

- Match, conform to
- Check with someone that something is OK

Squeeze (1)

Squeeze up

- Get more people into a space than normal or comfortable

Stack (2)

Stack up

- Put things in a pile
- Accumulate
- Increase, accumulate something
- Be logical, make sense
- Build up the number of planes waiting to land at an airport

Stack up against

- Be as good as something

Staff (1)

Staff up

- Employ someone for something specific

Stamp (1)

Stamp out

- Get rid of something

Stand (12)

Stand about

- Spend time in a place waiting or doing nothing or very little

Stand around

- Spend time in a place waiting or doing nothing or very little

Stand aside

- Leave a position so that someone else can take it

Stand back

- Keep a distance from something
- Try to understand something by taking a different perspective

Stand by

- Support someone
- Be ready and waiting for something to happen

Stand down

- Leave a job or position so that someone else can take it
- Finish being asked questions in a court

Stand for

- Accept or tolerate behaviour
- The words represented by certain initials

Stand in for

- Substitute someone temporarily

Stand out

- Be extraordinary and different

Stand up

- Move from a sitting or lying down to a vertical position
- Fail to keep an appointment

Stand up for

- Defend, support

Stand up to

- Keep your principles when challenged by an authority
- Resist damage

Start (9)

Start off

- Make something start
- Begin life, a career or existence
- Begin a journey
- Make someone laugh

Start off on

- Help someone to start a piece or work or activity

Start on

- Begin to use or consume
- Criticise angrily

Start on at

- Criticise or nag

Start out

- Begin a journey

Start out as

- Begin life, existence or a career

Start out to

- Intend, plan

Start over

- Begin something again

Start up

- Open a business
- Begin, especially sounds
- When an engine starts working
- Make an engine work
- Sit or stand upright because someone has surprised you

Stash (1)

Stash away

- Store or hide something in a safe place

Stay (7)

Stay away

- Not come

Stay away from

- Avoid, not come

Stay in

- Not go out

Stay on

- Remain longer than anticipated

Stay out

- Not go home

Stay over

- Stay overnight

Stay up

- Not go to bed

Steal (5)

Steal away

- Leave a place quietly or secretly

Steal out

- Leave in a stealthy or quiet manner

Steal over

- Be gradually overcome by an emotion or feeling

Steal up

- Approach quietly or secretly

Steal up on

- Approach a place or someone quietly or secretly

Steer (1)

Steer clear of

- Avoid

Stem (1)

Stem from

- Originate, be caused by

Step (9)

Step aside

- Leave a job or position so that someone else can take over

Step back

- Look at something from a different perspective

Step down

- Leave a job or position so that someone can take over
- Reduce

Step forward

- Offer help

Step in

- Get involved by interrupting something

Step on it

- An imperative used to tell someone to go faster, especially when driving

Step out

- Leave a place for a very short time

Step to

- Confront
- Chat, talk to

Step up

- Increase

Stick (12)

Stick around

- Stay in a place for some time

Stick at

- Continue doing something despite difficulties

Stick by

- Support someone when they are having difficulties

- Support a plan, opinion or decision

Stick down

- Write something quickly or without thinking about it

- Join surfaces with glue

Stick it to

- Criticise someone

- Treat someone badly or unfairly

Stick out

- Be easily noticed

- Extend part of your body

- Continue doing something difficult or unpleasant

Stick out for

- Demand a salary raise

Stick to

- Not change

- Restrict or limit and not change

Stick together

- Support each other

Stick up

- Stand on end

- Rob using weapons

Stick up for

- Support or defend

Stick with

- Not change something

- Stay near someone

- Not be forgotten

- Continue with something difficult or unpleasant

Stiffen (1)

Stiffen up

- Become rigid

- Make something rigid

Stir (1)

Stir up

- Make trouble for someone else

Stitch (1)

Stitch up

- Sew something so that it is closed

- Finalise a deal

- Cheat someone or make them look guilty when they aren't

Stomp (2)

Stomp off

- Leave somewhere angrily

Stomp on

- Treat badly or defeat

Stop (9)

Stop around

- Visit someone for a short time.

Stop back

- Return somewhere

Stop behind

- Stay somewhere when other people leave

Stop by

- Visit somewhere briefly or quickly

Stop in

- Stay at home

- Visit briefly

Stop off

- Break a journey

Stop out

- Be out late, especially when you are expected home

Stop over

- Stay somewhere when on a journey

Stop up

- Stay up late
- Fill or block something

Storm (2)

Storm off

- Leave a place angrily

Storm out

- Leave a place angrily

Stow (1)

Stow away

- Hide in a vehicle to travel without people knowing
- Store something in a safe place

Straighten (2)

Straighten out

- Make something straight
- Deal with a problem
- Make clear and resolve
- Improve someone's behaviour

Straighten up

- Stand straight
- Tidy

Strike (7)

Strike back

- Attack, take action against someone who has hurt you

Strike down

- Kill
- Make someone ill
- Disallow a law, decision, etc

Strike off

- Remove someone's professional licence to practise

Strike on

- Have a good idea

Strike out

- Start doing something new and different
- Try to hit someone
- Start going towards a place
- Cross writing out
- Fail

Strike up

- Start (conversation, relationship)
- Start performing music

Strike upon

- Have a good idea

String (4)

String along

- Deceive someone for a long time
- Accompany someone because you haven't got anything better to do

String out

- Make something last as long as possible

String together

- Put words together into a coherent text

String up

- Hang somebody

Stub (1)

Stub out

- Extinguish a cigarette

Stuff (1)

Stuff up

- Make a mistake, do badly, spoil

Stumble (2)

Stumble across

- Find something accidentally

Stumble upon

- Find something accidentally

Stump (1)

Stump up

- Pay for something

Suck (4)

Suck in

- Become involved in something unpleasant

Suck into

- Become involved in something unpleasant

Suck up

- Try to ingratiate yourself

Suck up to

- Ingratiate yourself with someone

Sum (1)

Sum up

- Summarise

Summon (1)

Summon up

- Get the energy or courage to do something

Suss (1)

Suss out

- Come to understand

Swan (4)

Swan about

- Move in a dramatic or affected manner

Swan around

- Move in a dramatic or affected manner

Swan in

- Enter in a dramatic or attention-seeking manner

Swan off

- Leave somewhere in a defiant or pompous manner

Swear (2)

Swear by

- Have great confidence in

Swear down

- Promise that something is true

Sweep (1)

Sweep through

- Pass easily, succeed
- Move quickly through

Swing (4)

Swing around

- Change your opinion quickly
- Turn around quickly

Swing at

- Try to hit

Swing by

- Visit a person or place on your way somewhere

Swing round

- Change your opinion quickly
- Turn around quickly

Syphon (1)

Syphon off

- Take business, support or votes from someone
- Divert money illegally

Tack (2)

Tack on

- Add something that wasn't planned

Tack onto

- Add or attach something that wasn't planned to something

Tag (4)

Tag along

- Accompany someone, especially if they haven't specifically invited you

Tag on

- Add an additional point to something written or spoken

Tag onto

- Add an additional point to something written or spoken

Tag with

- Add a keyword link or bookmark to a blog entry or webpage

Tail (3)

Tail away

- Become silent or inaudible

Tail back

- Form a traffic jam

Tail off

- Become silent or inaudible
- Decrease

Take (17)

Take after

- Look like, resemble

Take apart

- Take something to pieces

Take aside

- Get someone alone to talk to them

Take away

- Remove

Take back

- Make someone nostalgic
- Retract a statement, admit that something was wrong

Take down

- Make notes or write down in full
- Remove

Take in

- Absorb information
- Deceive
- Make clothes smaller
- Assume care or support

Take it

- Accept criticism

Take it out on

- Abuse someone because you're angry

Take it upon yourself

- Take responsibility, often without consulting other people

Take off

- Make great progress
- Reduce the price of an item
- When a plane departs or leaves the ground
- Remove

Take on

- Allow passengers on a ship or plane
- Assume a responsibility
- Employ

Take out

- Borrow a library book
- Borrow money from a bank or other official lender
- Extract or remove
- Go out socially with someone, especially a date
- Obtain insurance
- Kill, murder

Take over

- Assume control of a company or organisation

Take through

- Explain something to someone

Take to

- Make a habit of something

Take up

- Fill or occupy time or space
- Make clothes shorter
- Start a new hobby, pastime, etc.

Talk (13)

Talk around

- Persuade
- Talk about a problem or issue without really dealing with it

Talk at

- Talk to someone and not give them a chance to reply or listen to them

Talk back

- Respond rudely to a person in authority

Talk down

- Try to make something sound less important
- Persuade someone not to jump off a high place to kill themselves

Talk down to

- Talk in a way to show your superiority not communicate

Talk into

- Persuade someone to do something

Talk out

- Discuss a problem or issue to find a solution

Talk out of

- Persuade someone not to do something

Talk over

- Discuss

Talk round

- Persuade
- Talk about a problem or issue without really dealing with it

Talk through

- Guide someone through an issue

Talk up

- Make something appear more important or significant than it really is

Talk yourself out

- Talk until you have nothing left to say

Tap (5)

Tap for

- Get money off someone

Tap into

- Use or exploit a plentiful resource for your benefit

Tap off with

- Have sex with

Tap out

- Play a rhythm quietly
- Use all the money available

Tap up

- Approach a footballer illegally to get them to change teams

Tear (8)

Tear apart

- Disturb or upset greatly

Tear at

- Pull or try to pull something to pieces

Tear away

- Stop someone doing something unwillingly
- Remove a surface violently

Tear down

- Demolish

Tear into

- Criticise strongly or angrily

Tear off

- Remove part of a form or letter using your hands, not scissors
- Leave at high speed
- Remove with force

Tear out

- Depart rapidly

Tear up

- Rip into pieces
- Destroy
- Have eyes fill with tears

Tee (3)

Tee off

- Start or launch an event
- Place a golf ball on a short plastic or wooden stick before hitting it at the start of a hole.
- Annoy someone

Tee off on

- Criticise

Tee up

- Place a golf ball on a short plastic or wooden stick before hitting it at the start of a hole.
- Make preparations before starting or launching something

Tell (3)

Tell apart

- See a difference between two things

Tell off

- Chide; talk angrily to someone about something they've done wrong.

Tell on

- Report someone to an authority

Text (1)

Text out

- Cancel an appointment by sending a text message

Think (3)

Think over

- Consider something carefully

Think through

- Consider all the possibilities and outcomes of a situation

Think up

- Create or invent something, especially when lying

Throw (10)

Throw away

- Discard something when no longer needed

Throw in

- Join, accompany
- Add something to a deal

Throw off

- Remove item of clothing quickly
- Get rid of
- Produce light or heat

Throw on

- Put clothes on quickly

Throw out

- Get rid of
- Dislocate
- Reject
- Produce heat, fumes
- Expel

Throw over

- End a relationship with someone
- Reject, refuse to accept

Throw together

- Make or arrange quickly

Throw up

- Vomit
- Produce problems, results, ideas, etc
- Leave a job or position suddenly
- Create clouds of dust or splash water into the air

Throw yourself at

- Make it clear you are sexually attracted to someone

Throw yourself into

- Do something enthusiastically or energetically

Tick (5)

Tick along

- Make reasonable progress without any serious problems

Tick away

- Pass (of time)

Tick by

- Pass (of time)

Tick off

- Annoy
- Scold
- Put a mark on an item in a list when it has been dealt with

Tick over

- Continue working, but without improving
- Operate but without moving (engines)

Tide (1)

Tide over

- Use something carefully so as not to finish it

Tidy (1)

Tidy up

- Put things in the correct place in a room

Tie (5)

Tie back

- Fasten or secure so that it doesn't obstruct

Tie down

- Secure something to prevent it moving
- Remove or restrict freedom
- Stop people (often police or military) going where they are needed

Tie in

- Agree, be connected or support
- Associate with

Tie in with

- Occur at the same time

Tie up

- Tie or fasten something securely
- Stop someone doing something
- Fasten
- Block a road, etc

Tighten (1)

Tighten up

- Make something more secure or function better

Tip (2)

Tip off

- Secretly inform the police or authorities

Tip over

- Spill, make something fall on its side

Tire (2)

Tire of

- Get bored of something

Tire out

- Make someone exhausted

Toddle (1)

Toddle off

- Leave, go home

Tone (1)

Tone down

- Make something sound more moderate

Tool (1)

Tool up

- Provide equipment
- Arm yourself or somebody

Tootle (1)

Tootle off

- Leave, depart

Top (3)

Top off

- Finish something in a special way

Top out

- Stop increasing, reach the highest point

Top up

- Refill something that isn't empty yet

Toss (7)

Toss about

- Discuss something freely and openly, but not very seriously

Toss around

- Discuss something freely and openly, but not very seriously

Toss back

- Drink quickly

Toss down

- Drink quickly

Toss for

- Make a decision by throwing a coin and seeing which side lands face up

Toss off

- Write something quickly and carelessly

Toss up

- Decide something by throwing a coin and seeing which side lands face up.

Touch (6)

Touch down

- Land (planes)

Touch for

- Borrow money

Touch off

- Cause a problem to occur

Touch on

- Mention

Touch up

- Improve the appearance of something

- Touch someone in a sexual way

Touch upon

- Mention

Toy (3)

Toy at

- Pretend to think about or think about in a casual way

Toy over

- Think about something

Toy with

- Not eat much of a meal

- Consider something, but not very seriously

- Move or play with something to occupy your hands

- Treat insincerely

Track (1)

Track down

- Find after a long search

Trade (6)

Trade down

- Sell something and replace it with something cheaper

Trade in

- Exchange something old as part of the price of something new

- Leave your wife or husband to marry someone younger

Trade off

- Bargain, make a deal or compromise

- Accept something you don't really want to get something you do want

Trade on

- Exploit, use something to your advantage

Trade up

- Buy larger or more expensive items

- Leave your wife or husband and marry someone better looking, richer, etc

Trade upon

- Exploit, use to your advantage

Train (1)

Train up

- Teach someone the specific skills they will need to carry out a job or task

Trickle (1)

Trickle down

- Pass benefits from economic expansion through the economy to the less fortunate

Trip (3)

Trip out

- Be under the influence of psychoactive drugs

Trip over

- Fall

- Fall because you hit an obstacle

Trip up

- Make a mistake

Trot (3)

Trot off

- Leave

Trot off to

- Go somewhere

Trot out

- Make a statement (meant negatively)

Trump (1)

Trump up

- Charge or accuse someone falsely

Try (6)

Try back

- Phone back

Try for

- Make an attempt to get something

Try it on

- Provoke someone by being annoying or behaving badly
- Attempt to get something, usually by deceit, without great hopes of success

Try on

- Put clothes on to see if they fit

Try out

- Test
- Test something to see if you like it or want to buy it

Try out for

- Be tested for a sports team

Tuck (4)

Tuck away

- Put something in a safe place
- Eat a lot

Tuck in

- Tidy the ends of items of clothing by placing them inside something
- Start eating enthusiastically
- Arrange the sheets, duvet or blankets to make someone, usually a child, comfortable in bed

Tuck into

- Start eating something

Tuck up

- Arrange the sheets, duvet or blankets to make someone, usually a child, comfortable in bed

Tune (4)

Tune in

- Watch or listen to a TV or radio show

Tune in to

- Watch or listen to a TV or radio programme

Tune out

- Ignore, not pay attention

Tune up

- Improve the performance of a machine or engine
- Tune a musical instrument before playing

Turn (11)

Turn against

- Stop liking and start disliking

Turn away

- Not allow someone to enter a place

Turn down

- Reduce volume, temperature, etc.
- Reject an offer, invitation, etc.

Turn in

- Go to bed
- Hand in, submit

Turn into

- Become

Turn off

- Stop a machine

Turn on

- Cause someone to feel attraction or pleasure
- Start a machine
- Attack

Turn out

- Produce
- Produce an unexpected result
- Stop a light
- Attend

Turn over

- Give to the authorities

Turn to

- Try to get help
- Take up a habit

Turn up

- Appear
- Increase volume, temperature, etc.

Type (3)

Type in

- Enter computer data or text

Type out

- Write a full or finished version of a text on a computer

Type up

- Type a finished version

Urge (2)

Urge on

- Encourage
- Persuade or pressure to accept something

Urge upon

- Persuade or pressure to accept something

Use (1)

Use up

- Finish or consume all of something

Vacuum (1)

Vacuum up

- Consume

Veg (1)

Veg out

- Relax, do nothing

Venture (1)

Venture forth

- Leave somewhere safe or comfortable

Wade (3)

Wade in

- Start something or get involved, often without thinking or to forcefully
- Attack

Wade into

- Become embroiled or involved in a situation, without thinking or planning usually

Wade through

- Get to the end of something with difficulty

Wait (9)

Wait about

- Wait somewhere doing nothing

Wait around

- Wait somewhere doing nothing

Wait behind

- Stay somewhere after other people have left

Wait in

- Stay at home because someone is going to visit

Wait on

- Serve people in a restaurant
- Sell goods in a shop
- Provide someone with everything they need or want
- Wait for a result before being able to make a decision

Wait out

- Wait till something has finished, usually something unpleasant

Wait up

- Not go to bed because you are waiting

Wait up!

- Stop (imperative)

Wait upon

- Provide someone with what they require
- Wait for a result before being able to make a decision

Wake (1)

Wake up

- Stop sleeping

Walk (12)

Walk away from

- Leave something you don't like

Walk away with

- Win easily

Walk back from

- Retract a statement

Walk in on

- Enter somewhere unexpectedly and see something

Walk into

- Get work without effort
- Be unaware of the presence of something and either enter it (a trap) or bump into it (an obstruction)

Walk off

- Go for a walk to reduce the effects of an illness or bad feeling

Walk off with

- Win easily
- Take something without permission or steal

Walk on

- Continue walking

Walk out

- Leave work because of a dispute with the management
- Leave a place angrily or because you are not satisfied

Walk out on

- Leave somebody angrily

Walk through

- Explain or demonstrate something carefully to someone

Walk up

- Go to someone

Waltz (1)

Waltz through

- Pass or succeed easily

Wander (1)

Wander off

- Leave a place, usually without telling other people
- Stop paying attention

Want (1)

Want out

- Want to leave a relationship or arrangement

Warm (1)

Warm up

- Do exercises before a sport

Wash (5)

Wash away

- When floods or waves completely remove a structure, building, etc.

Wash down

- Drink in order to swallow something solid

Wash out

- Rain so heavily that an event has to be cancelled

Wash over

- Suddenly experience a strong emotion

Wash up

- Clean everything used to prepare food and eat it
- When something in the sea or river is left on the shore or bank
- Wash face and hands

Waste (1)

Waste away

- Become very thin and weak, usually due to illness

Watch (3)

Watch out

- Be careful (imperative)

Watch out for

- Be careful of something

Watch over

- Keep an eye on something or someone to check that there's no trouble

Water (1)

Water down

- Make something weaker and less effective

Wean (1)

Wean off

- Slowly stop a dependency on something

Wear (4)

Wear away

- Erode, remove gradually

Wear down

- Make something weaker

Wear off

- Stop having an effect

Wear out

- Use something until it stops working

Weed (1)

Weed out

- Remove, get rid of

Weigh (2)

Weigh in

- Have a certain weight (in sports like boxing)
- Enter an argument forcefully

Weigh up

- Assess

Well (1)

Well up

- Feel tears starting
- Feel an emotion strongly

While (1)

While away

- Spend time doing something because you have nothing better to do

Whip (5)

Whip into

- Enter rapidly (as for a brief errand)

Whip out

- Remove quickly

Whip out of

- Exit rapidly

Whip through

- Do something quickly

Whip up

- Make food quickly
- Mix liquid food quickly to make it thick and creamy
- Make people feel more strongly about something

Whisk (1)

Whisk away

- Take to another place quickly

White (1)

White out

- Use correction fluid to cover a mistake in a written text

Wig (1)

Wig out

- Become excited and lose control

Wiggle (2)

Wiggle out

- Avoid doing

Wiggle out of

- Avoid doing something

Wimp (1)

Wimp out

- Not be brave enough to do something

Wind (3)

Wind down

- Relax
- Slowly close a business or organisation

Wind on

- Forward a film or tape to a certain point

Wind up

- Close a company because it's unprofitable
- Tighten the spring in a watch or clock to make it work
- Irritate someone or increase their stress level, especially if done deliberately

Winkle (1)

Winkle out

- Find or get something that takes a great deal of effort

Wipe (1)

Wipe out

- Make someone very tired
- Kill all of a population, make extinct

Wire (1)

Wire up

- Make electrical connections

Wise (1)

Wise up

- Stop being stupid

Word (2)

Word up

- Give someone information, advice

Word up!

- A phrase that was used as a greeting

Work (3)

Work off

- Exercise to remove stress or weight

Work on

- Improve or develop

Work out

- End nicely
- Find the answer or solution

Wrap (3)

Wrap around

- Cover with clothing, usually to keep warm
- Cover or encircle with part of your body

Wrap round

- Cover with clothing, usually to keep warm
- Cover or encircle with part of your body

Wrap up

- Cover in paper
- Dress warmly
- Finish

Wriggle (1)

Wriggle out of

- Avoid doing something in a way other people don't like

Write (5)

Write down

- Make notes

Write in

- Send a letter to a TV station, etc.

Write off

- Destroy a car in an accident

Write out

- Write something completely

Write up

- Make complete written version

Yack (1)

Yack on

- Talk continuously, especially if it is an annoying way

Yammer (1)

Yammer on

- Talk continuously, especially if it is an annoying way

Yield (1)

Yield to

- Surrender

Zero (2)

Zero in on

- Direct or focus attention on
- Head for, move towards

Zero out

- Cut off funding for a project
- Reduce to zero, cancel, remove

Zip (3)

Zip around

- Move quickly

Zip by

- Pass quickly

Zip up

- Keep quiet

Zone (3)

Zone in

- Pay attention after not doing so

Zone in on

- Pay attention after not doing so

Zone out

- Not pay attention
- Dissociate yourself from a situation

Zonk (1)

Zonk out

- Fall asleep

Zoom (4)

Zoom in

- Focus more closely

Zoom in on

- Focus more closely

Zoom off

- Go somewhere quickly

Zoom out

- Focus less closely