

Impressively Beautiful Advanced Phrasal Verbs 1

1. **to crow about** – to brag about something

Ex: I hope that she stops **crowing** about her brand new car.

2. **fawn over something** – to flatter someone or attend to someone excessively

Ex: Try to slow down in **fawning** my Grandmother you are embarrassing me.

3. **bounce something off** – talk about something (an idea)

Ex: I'd like to invite you for dinner and **bounce** a few ideas from you because we're having this big campaign launch.

4. **mull something over** – think deeply and seriously on something

Ex: I can't decide if I will celebrate a grand debut party for my 18th birthday or I will accept my Father's offer to go on a trip to Europe. I think I have to **mull** things over this week end.

5. **plod along** – to progress at a slow and steady rate

Ex: I think she's **plodding along** with her English learning.

6. **keep something up** – continue a course of action

Ex: You are doing perfectly great with your English speaking. **Keep up** the good work.

7. **figure something out** – discover a solution to a problem



Ex: The husband finally **figured out** what's wrong with my cell phone and was able to fix it.

8. To see someone off – to go to a place and see someone to say good bye.

See something off – to defeat someone/something so they can no longer do harm or any damage

Ex: - I'll meet you at the airport and **see you off** the airplane.

- Please don't worry about your horrible ex-boyfriend coming to my birthday. **I'll see him off.**

9. bash something in – to strike and dent or damage something

Ex: Your stray baseball bashed in my brand new car!

10. call something off – to cancel an event or an agreement

Ex: If they will not comply with what we have agreed upon, then we have to **call off** the agreement.

a. To do (something) up- to repair or decorate a building so that it looks attractive

Ex: We are going to rent an apartment and just **do it up.**

* **To do (something) up-** to fasten something

Ex: Could you help me **do up** my dress? It appears to have shrunk.



11. **To muster (something) up-** to gather or bring together
Ex: I'll see if I can **muster up** the courage to talk to my terrible boss.
12. **To gobble (something) up-** to use a lot of something very quickly
Ex: You must have been very hungry - **you've gobbled up** half of my popcorn too.
13. **To face up to-** to accept that a difficult situation exists
Ex: She'll have to **face up to** the fact that peonies flowers aren't in season for her September wedding.
14. **To stick up for-** to support or defend something or someone, especially when they are being criticized
Ex: I don't need your support-- I **can stick up** for myself.
15. **To weed out-** to remove people or things from a group
Ex: Our wedding invitations list is too long - we're going to have **to weed some people out.**
16. **To run (something) by-** to tell someone about a plan or an idea so that they can give you their feedback and opinions.
Ex: Have you **run this** with Joshua? I think he'll like it.
17. **To stock up on-** to buy a large amount of something so that you will have enough for the future
Ex: Many people are **stocking up** their groceries during the peak of Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020.



- 18. To harp on about-** to talk or complain about something many times
Ex: Can you stop **harping on** about how great Miranda looked at the party!?
- 19. To crank (something) out-** to produce something in large amounts like a machine does
Ex: How on earth did I manage to **crank out** 5 long essays in just an hour!?
- 20. To grass on-** to tell the police or someone in authority about something bad that someone has done
Ex: I can't believe that Mary **grassed on** Bob to the police about his illegal chicken farm.
- 21. To lag behind-** to move or happen at a slower pace than someone or something else
Ex: I found Math a difficult subject at school and I **lagged behind** most of my peers.
- 22. To build (someone/something) up-** to talk about something or someone in a very positive way so that people are impressed with them
Ex: They've **built her up** to be something that she really isn't.
- * **To build up someone's hopes-** to make someone think that something good is going to happen when it probably isn't
Ex: I don't want to **build up** his hopes if she isn't coming back.
- 23. To ask after-** to ask about someone or something
Ex: Everyone was **asking after** you left at the party.



24. To jot down: to write or note down very quickly and briefly

Ex: I highly suggest you **jot down** the new English words you have encountered and then study its meaning for better understanding.

