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Be

- be about to** = (int) be on the point of *He was about to leave when the phone rang.*
- be after** = (tr) chase *The police were after the thief.*
- be down with** = (tr) be ill with; **go down with** *John is down with the flu.*
- be for** = (tr) be in favour of (opp: **be against**) *They are(all) for the proposal to build a leisure centre.*
- be in for** = (tr) expect sth, usu bad *We are in for bad weather.*
- be off** = (tr) be absent from school/work *John isn't in his office. He's off for two days.*
- be on** = (tr) be shown on TV, at the cinema/ theatre etc *There's a good film on at the Metro.*
- be out** = 1) (int) be unfashionable *Long skirts are out this season.*
2) (int) (of light/fire) have stopped burning. *The fire is out - that's why it's cold in here.*
- be over** = (int) have come to an end *The film starts at 8.00 and will be over at 10.00.*
- be through with** = (int) have ended a relationship/ job etc *I'm through with Tom; he's so selfish.*
- be up to** = 1) (tr) be capable of *Let's take the train - I don't think I'm up to driving so far.*
2) (tr) feel like doing sth usu sth wrong *The children must be up to something - they're very quiet.*

Break

- break down** = 1) (int) (of machinery) stop working *The car broke down so we missed the ferry.*
2) (int) (of a person) lose control of feelings. *She broke down when she was told her father was in an accident.*
3) (int) fail (talks/negotiations etc)
Negotiations broke down and war was declared.
4) (tr) separate under headings *He broke the list down into categories.*
- break in** = 1) (int) enter by force or illegally *Burglars broke in and stole my jewellery.*
2) (tr) interrupt *He broke in on their conversation to ask a question.*
- break into** = (tr) enter by force *He broke into the villa and stole some money.*
- break off** = (tr) end a relationship/agreement *They broke off their engagement last week.*
- break out** = (int) begin suddenly (war etc) *War broke out between the two countries.*
- break through** = (tr) advance (in spite of opposition) *The soldiers broke through the enemy lines.*
- break to** = (tr) tell (usu bad news) to sb in a kind way *He had to break the bad news to John.*
- break up** = 1) (int) stop for holidays (school etc)
Schools break up in mid-July for the summer holidays.
2) (int) end a relationship *Sue and Paul are no longer married; they broke up last week.*

Bring

- bring about** = (tr) cause to happen *The end of the war brought about great changes.*
- bring back** = (tr) cause to recall *This smell brings back childhood memories.*

- bring down** = (tr) cause to fall *The measures brought down the government.*
- bring forward** = (tr) move sth to an earlier date or time *The exam date was brought forward by a week.*
- bring in** = (tr) create profit/money *His plan brought in lots of money.*
- bring on** = (tr) cause, usu sth unpleasant *The damp weather brought on his cold.*
- bring out** = (tr) put on the market *The new shampoo will be brought out next March.*
- bring round** = 1) (tr) cause to regain consciousness; **bring to** *They poured cold water on his face to bring him round.*
2) (tr) persuade; **bring round (to)** *He tried to bring him round to his point of view.*
- bring up** = 1) (tr) raise a child *She was brought up by her grandmother as her parents were abroad.*
2) (tr) mention/introduce a subject *You shouldn't have brought that matter up in front of everyone.*

Call

- call for** = (tr) need *The situation calls for immediate action.*
- call in** = (int) visit briefly *She called in last Monday to see our new house.*
- call off** = (tr) cancel *The match was called off due to bad weather.*
- call on sb** = (tr) visit formally *Our representative will call on your company next Tuesday.*
- call out** = (tr) order to come to sb's help *All fire-fighters were called out to save the burning building.*
- call up** = (tr) order to join the army *Thousands of young men were called up during World War I.*

Carry

- be carried away** = be very excited *They were all carried away by his performance.*
- carry off** = (tr) handle a difficult situation successfully *She carried her speech off well.*
- carry on (with)** = (tr) continue with **Carry on with your work while I am out.**
- carry out** = (tr) conduct an experiment *They carried out some tests to see the effects of the new drug.*
- carry through** = complete successfully *I don't think anyone but Matt can carry this project through.*

Come

- come across** = (tr) find/meet by chance *I came across this ring in an antique shop.*
- come by** = (tr) obtain *Everybody wonders how he came by so much money.*
- come down to** = (int) be passed on to sb by inheritance *This house came down to me after my aunt died.*
- come down with** = (tr) become ill; **go down with** *I'm sure I'm coming down with the flu.*
- come into** = (tr) inherit *He came into a large sum of money after his grandfather died.*
- come off** = (int) succeed *Despite all his planning the deal didn't come off.*

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come out = 1) (int) (of flowers) begin to blossom *Roses come out in summer.*

2) (int) be published *When does her new book come out?*

3) (int) (of stains) be able to be removed *This oil stain will come out if you let it soak in warm water.*

come round = 1) (int) visit casually **Come round** any time for coffee.

2) (int) recover consciousness *To the doctors' surprise the patient came round quickly.*

come to = (tr) amount to a total *The bill came to £50.*

come up = 1) (int) be mentioned *Your name came up in the conversation.*

2) (tr) arise; occur *Such an opportunity comes up once in a lifetime.*

come up to = 1) (tr) approach *A strange man came up to me and asked me for money.*

2) (tr) equal; be up to (expectations) *He failed to come up to his parents' expectations.*

come up with = (tr) find (an answer, solution etc) *He came up with a brilliant plan to save the company.*

Cut

cut across = (tr) take a shorter way **Cut across** this field if you're in a hurry.

cut back (on) = (tr) reduce (expenses, production); **cut down on** *We must cut back on eating out; we just can't afford it.*

cut in = 1) (int) move suddenly in front of another car *A car cut in and forced us to slow down.*

2) (int) interrupt *Would you mind not cutting in until I've finished speaking?*

cut into = (tr) divide *She put the pizza on a large flat dish and cut it into eight pieces.*

cut off = 1) (tr) disconnect *Our electricity was cut off as we didn't pay the bill on time.*

2) (tr) isolate (usu places) *The flood cut off the village for a week.*

cut out = (tr) omit *Your article is fine provided you cut out the third paragraph.*

be cut out for/to be = be suited for (a profession)

I don't think I'm cut out for teaching/to be a teacher - I haven't got enough patience.

cut up = (tr) cut into small pieces **Cut up** the meat for Johnny - otherwise he won't be able to eat it.

Do

do away with = (tr) stop using *The use of computers has enabled us to do away with a lot of paperwork.*

do down = (tr) speak badly of sb *Nobody likes him because he is always doing people down.*

do in = (tr) kill *He threatened to do her in if she didn't cooperate*

do up = (tr) fasten; tie **Do up** your jacket; it's cold.

do with = (tr) want *I could do with a cup of tea.*

do without = (tr/int) live or continue without having sth/sb *There's no Coke left - we'll have to do without (it).*

Draw

draw back = (int) move away *On seeing the snake she drew back in terror.*

draw into = (tr) make sb become involved in sth *The Professor was drawn into the debate on global warming.*

draw out = 1) (tr) encourage sb to be less shy *He's very shy; someone should draw him out.*

2) (tr) take money out of a bank account *He drew out some money to pay his rent.*

draw up = 1) (tr) pull *He drew up the chair to the desk and started working on his computer.*

2) (tr) write out (will, list, contract etc) *My grandfather had a solicitor draw up his will last year.*

Fall

fall apart = (int) come to pieces *This book is so old that it's falling apart.*

fall back on = turn to sb/sth for help when other plans have failed *Keep some money in the bank to fall back on in case something goes wrong.*

fall behind = (int) fail to keep up with *The company cancelled my credit card when I fell behind with my payments.*

fall for = 1) (tr) fall in love with sb *George fell for Mary at first sight.*

2) (tr) be deceived *Everybody fell for the con man's lies.*

fall in = (int) collapse *I'm afraid the roof will fall in if an earthquake hits the area.*

fall in with = (tr) agree with *All members of the committee fell in with his suggestion to build a new hospital.*

fall into = 1) (tr) belong to; be part of (categories) *This novel falls into the category of historical adventure.*

2) (tr) begin; enter a state *I fell into conversation with an interesting man on the train.*

fall on = 1) (tr) attack *The raider fell on the policeman.*

2) (tr) eat hungrily *The children fell on the cake and ate all of it.*

fall out (with) = quarrel *She fell out with Peter because he came home late.*

fall through = (int) fail to be completed *Our plans fell through due to lack of money.*

Get

get across = (tr) successfully communicate ideas *The teacher got his message across by using diagrams and photographs.*

get along = (int) continue despite difficulties *She is getting along fine despite all her problems.*

get along with = (tr) be on friendly terms; **get on with** *They get along with each other despite their differences.*

get at = (int) mean *I don't know what you're getting at by saying such things.*

get away with = (tr) escape punishment for a wrongful, illegal act *He got away with a fine of only £5.*

get back = (tr) recover possession of *She managed to get back the ring she had lost two months before.*

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get down = 1) (tr) swallow although difficult *I can't get this steak down. It's very tough.*

2) (tr) depress *This rainy weather gets me down.*

get down to = (tr) start doing sth seriously *It's time you get down to looking for a better job.*

get on = 1) (tr) enter (bus, train, etc) *We must have got on the wrong bus.*

2) (int) make progress *He's getting on well at school.*

get on with = (tr) be on good terms with *She gets on well with her friend Lucy.*

get out = (int) (of news) become known *How did the news of his promotion get out?*

get over = (tr) recover from *He's trying hard to get over the loss of his job.*

get round = (tr) persuade; **bring round** *We eventually got him round to our point of view.*

get round to (tr) = find time to do sth *I haven't got round to writing that letter yet.*

get through = 1) (tr) finish (a piece of work) *I've got to get through this chapter before I go out.*

2) (int) go on living through difficult times *How can old people get through the cold winters?*

get through to = (tr) reach by phone *Did you get through to your dentist or will you call him later?*

get up = (int) rise from bed *What time did you get up today?*

Give

give away = 1) (tr) reveal *Promise not to give away my secret.*
2) (tr) give sth free of charge *She gave away most of her clothes to the poor.*

give back = (tr) return *Give me back the money or I'll sue you.*

give in = (int) surrender; yield *He finally gave in and admitted he was wrong.*

give off = (tr) emit (smells, heat, fumes etc) *The radiators give off lots of heat.*

give out = 1) (int) come to an end *Their supplies gave out halfway through the climb.*

2) (tr) distribute *They were giving out free samples of the new shampoo at the supermarket.*

give up = 1) (tr) abandon an attempt/habit *He gave up eating meat. He eats nothing but vegetables, fruits and tofu.*

2) (tr) surrender *The thieves gave themselves up to the police.*

Go

go after = (tr) pursue *The policeman went after the thief and caught him.*

go ahead = (int) be allowed to happen *Although several members were absent, the board meeting went ahead as planned.*

go away = (int) (of a problem, feeling, etc) disappear; cease *If you take an aspirin, your headache will go away.*

go back on = (tr) break a promise/agreement *Although he had promised to help us, he went back on his word.*

go by = (tr) base my ideas on *You shouldn't go by what he says - he always exaggerates.*

go down with = (tr) become ill *John has gone down with the flu.*

go for = 1) (tr) attack *A big Alsatian went for my little dog.*

2) (tr) apply for (a job) *Why don't you go for this marketing job? You may get it.*

go in for = (tr) take part in (a competition) *She went in for the baking competition and won first prize.*

go off = 1) (int) explode (bomb) *The bomb went off, but fortunately no one was injured.*

2) ring (alarm) *When the alarm went off she woke up and got out of bed.*

3) (int) (of food) spoil *The milk has gone off; it smells terrible.*

go on = 1) (int) continue; **carry on** *Go on, finish what you were saying.*

2) (int) happen *A large crowd gathered to see what was going on.*

go out = (int) stop burning *Put some coal on the fire before it goes out.*

go over = 1) (tr) examine details; **go through** *The police went over/through the evidence many times trying to come up with something.*

2) (tr) repeat *Go over the details again please. I wasn't following you.*

go round = 1) (int) be enough for everyone to have a share *There's enough food to go round.*

2) (int) (news/disease) spread; circulate; **get round** *The news went round very quickly.*

go through = 1) (tr) experience *She went through a difficult time when she moved.*

2) (int) (of a deal/arrangement) be completed with success *Has the sale of your flat gone through yet?*

3) (tr) discuss in detail *They went through his suggestions again before making a decision.*

go up = (int) rise (price) *The price of petrol went up again yesterday.*

go with = (tr) match *This jumper really goes with your skirt.*

go without = (tr) endure the lack of sth; **do without** *Since they had run out of lemonade, they had to go without.*

Hold

hold back = 1) (tr) control (tears, laughter) *She tried to hold back her tears and not cry in front of her mum.*

2) (int) hesitate *Don't hold back; take the opportunity while it's there.*

hold in = (tr) restrain *He held his anger in and didn't shout at the boy.*

hold off = (int) not do sth immediately; delay sth *They decided to hold off buying a house until next year.*

hold on = (int) wait (esp on the phone) *Please hold on; Mr Mathews is on the other line.*

hold out = 1) (int) last *The food supplies won't hold out until Monday so we'll have to find some food before then.*

2) (int) persist *The miners held out for 18 months before they called off the strike.*

hold on to = (tr) (of an idea, belief, etc) continue to believe *Whatever you say, I'll hold on to my opinion.*

hold up = 1) (tr) delay *Sorry we're late; we were held up in traffic.*

2) (tr) use violence in order to rob *The robbers held up the train and stole £22,000.*

Keep

keep away (from) = (tr) stay away *She had to be kept away from school as she had measles.*

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- keep back** = (tr) not tell *I think she is **keeping** something **back**.*
- keep down** = (tr) cause to remain at a lower level *The government is trying to **keep prices down**.*
- keep in** = (tr) make sb stay indoors (as punishment) *The teacher **kept us in** for misbehaving in class.*
- keep off** = (tr) stay away from; avoid ***Keep off** the benches. The paint is wet.*
- keep on** = (int) continue despite difficulties *Although he failed his test, he **kept on** studying and retook it in May.*
- keep out** = (tr) stop sb from going into a place *He locked the gate to **keep out** unwanted visitors.*
- keep up (with)** = 1) (tr) stay at the same level as sb/sth *Despite being ill he **kept up with** his work and passed the exam.*
2) (tr) continue to be informed *He reads a newspaper every day to **keep up with** the news.*

Let

- let down** = 1) (tr) (of clothes) lengthen (opp: **take up**) *I need to **let down** my skirt; it's too short.*
2) (tr) disappoint *He **let me down** by lying to me.*
- let in(to)** = allow sb to enter a place *They **let us into** the room after we had showed them our invitation card.*
- let off** = (tr) not to punish *The policeman **let him off** without arresting him.*
- let on** = (int) reveal a secret *He **let on** that she had stolen the money.*
- let out** = 1) (tr) release *He was **let out** of prison after 10 years.*
2) (tr) (of clothes) make larger (opp: **take in**) *I have to have my trousers **let out**; I've gained several kilos.*
- let up** = (int) become less strong *The boats won't sail until the strong winds **let up**.*

Look

- look after** = (tr) take care of *My mother **looks after** my son when I'm working.*
- look back (on)** = (tr) consider the past *My grandfather **looks back on** his army days with pleasure.*
- look down on** = (tr) despise (opp: **look up to**) *She **looks down on** John because he isn't rich.*
- look forward to** = (tr) anticipate with pleasure *I'm really **looking forward to** my brother's wedding.*
- look in on sb** = (tr) pay a short visit to *I'll **look in on** my mother on my way home.*
- look into** = (tr) investigate *The police are **looking into** the case of the smuggled diamonds.*
- look on** = (int) observe *He was just **looking on** while the other two were playing.*
- look out** = (int) be careful ***Look out!** There's a car coming.*
- look out for** = (tr) be alert in order to see/find sb/ sth *When you're cleaning the flat, please **look out for** my silver earring. I lost it somewhere.*
- look over** = (tr) examine quickly without paying attention to detail *Do you have a few minutes to **look over** my work?*
- look round** = (tr) visit a place and look at the different parts in it *She spent a few hours **looking round** the shops.*

look through = (tr) examine a group of things in order to choose one ***Look through** these books and see if you want any of them.*

look up = (tr) look for sth in an appropriate book/list *Get the telephone directory and **look up** the number of the shop.*

Make

- be made for** = suit exactly *Buy this dress - it's simply **made for** you.*
- make for** = (tr) go towards *It's late. Let's **make for** home as quickly as possible.*
- make out** = 1) (tr) distinguish *I can't **make out** what the name on the bell is.*
2) (tr) write out; fill in *Please **make** the cheque **out** to Norman Brothers Ltd.*
- make over** = (tr) give possession of sth to sb else *Before their uncle died he **made over** his whole estate to them.*
- make up** = 1) (tr) invent *That is not true; she **made** the whole thing **up**.*
2) (tr) put cosmetics on *She **made** herself **up** before going out.*
3) (int) reconcile *Thank goodness they've **made up** after their quarrel.*
- make up for** = compensate *The good summer weather is **making up for** the bad winter.*
- make up one's mind** = decide *She can't **make up her mind** whether to go to Turkey or India.*

Pass

- pass away** = (int) die *I'm sorry to tell you your aunt **passed away** last night.*
- pass off as** = (tr) pretend to be sth/sb else successfully *She **passed herself off as** a police officer in order to get into the building.*
- pass out** = (int) lose consciousness *He **passed out** from the fumes, and it took them some time to bring him round.*

Pay

- pay back** = 1) (tr) return money owed *I promise I'll **pay you back** as soon as I get paid.*
2) (tr) take revenge on sb *I'll **pay you back** one day for what you did to my family.*
- pay down** = (tr) pay part of the price for sth and the rest over a period of time *We **paid down** a £100 deposit and the rest over a period of 6 months.*
- pay for** = (tr) receive punishment *All criminals should **pay for** their crimes.*
- pay off** = (tr) pay sb to leave employment *They **paid off** all their senior management in an attempt to restructure the company.*
- pay up** = (tr) pay (a debt) in full *As I hadn't paid my monthly installments the company requested me to **pay up** the balance.*

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- pull down** = (tr) demolish *They pulled down the old building as it was dangerous.*
- pull in** = (int) (of trains) arrive (opp: **pull out**) *The train from Dublin is due to pull in at 5.30 pm.*
- pull oneself together** = bring one's feelings under control *Although she was very sad, she pulled herself together and continued working.*
- pull through** = (int) succeed despite difficulties *If all employees work harder, the company will definitely pull through.*
- pull up** = stop *The jockey pulled the horse up as it had an injured leg.*

Put

- put aside/by** = (tr) save *He puts aside £50 a month for his summer holidays.*
- put across** = (tr) communicate successfully; **get across/over** *The lecturer managed to put his ideas across to the audience.*
- put away** = 1) (tr) store *Put the toys away in the cupboard. We're expecting guests tonight.*
2) (tr) put sb into prison/mental hospital *The murderer was put away for 10 years.*
- put down** = 1) (tr) write down; **take down** *Make sure you put down everything said at the meeting.*
2) (tr) suppress forcibly *The police try to put down rioting at football matches.*
- put down to** = (tr) attribute to *She puts her recent success down to hard work and dedication.*
- put forward** = (tr) propose *He put forward a new plan to help decrease unemployment.*
- put off** = (tr) postpone *The meeting was put off due to the president's illness.*
- put on** = 1) (tr) dress oneself in *Put on your coat and come with me.*
2) (tr) increase (in weight) *He has put on weight since he stopped working out.*
3) (tr) cause to take place (show/performance) *They are putting on 'My Fair Lady' on Broadway next month.*
- put out** = (tr) extinguish (fire etc) *The firefighters put out the fire quickly.*
2) cause trouble *I hope I'm not putting you out by asking you to do this.*
- be put out** = be annoyed *She was put out by his bad behaviour.*
- put through** = (tr) connect by phone *Can you put me through to Mr Jones, please?*
- put up** = 1) (tr) erect; build *They've put up a statue in the square.*
2) (tr) offer hospitality *When you are in town, I'll put you up in my flat.*
3) (tr) show in a public place *The WWF has put up posters all round the city.*
- put up with** = (tr) tolerate *I won't put up with such rude behaviour any longer.*

Run

- run across/into** = (tr) meet/find by chance *She ran across an old friend while on holiday.*
- run after** = (tr) chase *The dog ran after the cat.*

- run away with** = (tr) steal *The thieves ran away with £15,000,000 from the bank.*
- run down** = 1) (tr) knock down (with a vehicle); **run over** *The old man was run down/over by a bus.*
2) (tr) speak badly of sb *You shouldn't run down your sister; you've got no reason to criticise her.*
- run in** = (tr) bring a new car engine into full use (by driving it slowly for a set period) *I can't go any faster; I'm running the car in.*
- run off** = (tr) make prints/copies *Can you please run off 100 copies for me?*
- run out of** = (tr) no longer have a supply *We've run out of coffee. Could you buy some when you go out?*
- run through** = 1) (tr) use up *It's unbelievable; he has run through all his money already.*
2) (tr) rehearse, check or revise quickly *Let's run through the last scene once more.*
- run up** = (tr) accumulate *He ran up a huge debt on his credit card which he couldn't pay off.*
- run up against** = (tr) encounter (difficulties/opposition) *He ran up against difficulties when he tried to enter the country without a visa.*

See

- see about** = (tr) deal with; **see to** *I'll see about the food if you get the table ready.*
- see off** = (tr) accompany a traveller to his/her plane, train etc *When she left for Berlin her parents saw her off at the station.*
- see out** = (tr) accompany sb to the door/exit of a house/building *Don't bother to see me out, I can find my own way.*
- see over** = (tr) inspect a place; **look round** *She decided to see the flat over before buying it.*
- see through** = (tr) not be deceived *He was such a poor liar that they saw through him at once.*

Set

- set about** = (tr) begin to do *He set about fixing the door while she cleaned the house.*
- set aside** = 1) (tr) save for a special purpose *She sets aside £20 a week to buy a car.*
2) (tr) stop sth for some time; **set by** *She had to set the report aside until she had dealt with the correspondence.*
- set back** = 1) move the hands of a clock/watch to show an earlier time *We usually set the clocks back one hour at the beginning of autumn.*
2) (tr) delay *The opening of the new leisure centre was set back for by a few weeks.*
- set in** = (int) (of weather) start and seem likely to continue *The rain seems to have set in.*
- set off/out** = (int) start a journey *We'll set off/out for the airport at 6 am.*
- set on** = (tr) (cause to) attack *He threatened to set the dogs on us if we didn't leave.*
- set to** = (int) begin working hard *Get the duster and set to; there's lots of work to do before our visitors arrive.*
- set up** = 1) (tr) start a business *He left his job to set up his own business.*
2) (tr) establish (a record etc) *He set up a new record time for the men's championship.*

set sb up = (tr) cause sb to receive blame *Although he knew someone had **set him up**, he couldn't prove it.*

Stand

stand by = 1) (tr) support sb, esp in difficulties *I'll **stand by** you, whatever happens.*

2) (int) be ready for action *The army was **standing by** in case war broke out.*

stand for = 1) (tr) represent *Do you know what UFO **stands for**?*

2) (tr) tolerate; **put up with** *We won't **stand for** his rude behaviour any longer.*

stand in for = (tr) replace sb temporarily *Since John is ill I'll **stand in for** him tonight at work.*

stand out = (int) be noticeable *She really **stands out** wearing that pink suit.*

stand up = 1) (int) rise to one's feet **Stand up** and come over here.

2) (tr) fail to meet *We were supposed to meet at 11.00 but he **stood me up**.*

stand up for = (tr) defend *You ought to **stand up for** your friends when people criticise them.*

stand up to = (tr) resist *The building has been reinforced to **stand up to** earthquakes.*

Take

take after = (tr) resemble *She **takes after** her mother. She looks and acts just like her.*

take away = (tr) remove *May I **take away** the dirty dishes now?*

take back = (tr) admit I am wrong *He **took back** his remarks about her cooking because she was obviously upset.*

take for = (tr) identify wrongly *Sorry, I **took you for** your brother. I always mix you up.*

take in = 1) (tr) give accommodation *Seaside villagers often **take in** tourists as paying guests.*

2) (tr) make clothes narrower (opp: **let out**) *Now that I've lost weight I should **take in** my clothes in.*

3) (tr) fully understand *Did you **take in** what I said or should I repeat it?*

take off = 1) (tr) remove clothes (opp: **put on**) **Take off** this dirty dress and I'll wash it for you.

2) (int) (of planes) leave the ground (opp: **come down**) *We saw the plane **take off** and disappear into the clouds.*

3) (tr) imitate *He's good at **taking off** famous people.*

4) (tr) (of time) take time as a holiday *He **took three days off** work to go and see his parents.*

take on = 1) (tr) undertake work/responsibility *He **took on** an extra class as the previous teacher had quit.*

2) (tr) employ *They decided to **take on** two extra assistants during the holiday rush.*

take out = 1) (tr) remove *The dentist **took out** my bad tooth.*

2) (tr) clean (mark, dirt) *Use this spray to **take out** the stain.*

take over = (tr) gain control of sth *She'll **take over** the company when her father retires.*

take to = 1) (tr) begin a habit *I don't know why she's **taken to** biting her nails.*

2) (tr) like *She has really **taken to** her nephew and always buys him expensive presents.*

take up = 1) (tr) begin a hobby, sport, job *When he retired, he **took up** sailing as a hobby.*

2) (tr) fill (time, space) *This sofa **takes up** most of the living room.*

be taken aback = be strongly surprised *We **were taken aback** when they said they were getting married. No one expected it.*

be taken in = (tr) be deceived *She **was taken in** by the con man and bought a fake insurance policy.*

Turn

turn away = (tr) refuse admittance *They tried to enter the pub but they **were turned away** at the door.*

turn down = 1) (tr) refuse an offer *He proposed to her but she **turned him down**.*

2) (tr) reduce loudness (opp: **turn up**) *Could you **turn down** the radio a little? I can't hear him on the phone.*

turn in = 1) (int) go to bed *It's late and I'm tired. I'd better **turn in**.*

2) (tr) give to the police *They **turned the fugitive in** to the police.*

turn off = (tr) switch off (opp: **turn on**) **Turn off** the oven before you leave.

turn out = 1) (tr) produce *Our factory **turns out** 100 cars a day.*

2) (int) prove to be *He **turned out** to be the one who had stolen the money.*

turn over = (int) turn to a new page; change the TV channel *Now children, **turn over** to the next page.*

turn to = 1) (tr) go to sb for help/advice *When I'm in trouble I always **turn to** my brother.*

2) (tr) begin (a way of life or doing sth) *I will never understand the reasons why people **turn to** crime.*

turn up = 1) (int) arrive or appear (unexpectedly) *He finally **turned up** at the meeting an hour late.*

2) (int) (of an opportunity) arise *When a better job **turned up** she seized the chance and applied for it.*

Wear

wear away = (tr) (of wood/stone) reduce gradually *We couldn't make out the names on the gravestone because the letters had been completely **worn away**.*

wear down = (tr) reduce opposition gradually *A few weeks in solitary confinement will **wear down** the prisoner's resistance.*

wear off = (int) stop gradually *Your nervousness will **wear off** when the exams are over.*

wear out = 1) (tr) exhaust *I've worked so hard today, I'm **worn out**.*

2) (int) use until no longer serviceable *We'll have to replace this plug - it is completely **worn out**.*

Work

work on = (tr) have an effect on *We have to check this new drug to see how it **works on** animals.*

work out = 1) (tr) find a solution to a problem by reasoning or calculation *I'm sure we can **work out** our problems if we talk about them.*

2) (int) develop successfully *I hope things will **work out** well for you in your new job.*

work up = (tr) develop *I've been walking all day so I've **worked up** a really good appetite.*