Los 25 verbos frasales más usados y útiles del inglés

1. Add up
a- To be added together and equal the expected or correct total.
Example: “We added up the apples: there were 12
b- To make sense: to seem to be logical or true.
Example: “Her story didn’t add up, I think she was lying, it didn’t make sense”

2. Blow up
a- To fill (something) with air or gas
Example: “Please could you blow up those balloons?”
b- To explode or to cause (something, such as a bomb) to explode.
Example: “The building was blown up by a bomb”
c- To become very angry.
Example: “When I said I couldn’t go to her party, she blew up”

3. Bring up
a- To take care of and teach (a child who is growing up).
Example: “Their grandparents brought them up because their parents were always travelling”
b- To mention (something) when talking: to start to talk about (something).
Example: “Don’t bring up the fight again, please!”

4. Call off
a- To stop doing or planning to do (something).
Example: “Maria called off the wedding, she decided she didn’t love him”
b- To cause or tell (a person or animal) to stop attacking, chasing, etc.
Example: “Call off your dog! He’s attacking my cat”

5. Carry on
a- To continue to do what you have been doing
Example: “Sorry I interrupted, carry on talking!”
b- To behave or speak in an excited or foolish way.
Example: “The little boy was carrying on: shouting and kicking all day long”

6. Come across
a- To seem to have a particular quality or character: to make a particular impression.
Example: “Julia came across as a bit bossy”
b- To be expressed to someone.
Example: “I tried to sound happy but it came across as over-excited”
c- To meet or find (something or someone) by chance.
Example: “Luis was leaving the fruit shop and he came across Tom, what a coincidence”
7. **Come up with**
a- To get or think of (something that is needed or wanted).
Example: "We finally came up with a solution to the problem!"

8. **Fall apart**
a- To break into parts in usually a sudden and unexpected way,
Example: "My cake fell apart when I tried to cut it"
b- To become unable to live in a normal way because you are experiencing a lot of confusion or emotional pain
Example: "After the divorce, she fell apart"

9. **Get along**
a- To be or remain friendly
Example: "We're not together anymore, but we get along great"
b- To make progress while doing something.
Example: "How are you getting along at playing the guitar?"
c- To leave a place
Example: "It was lovely to see you, but my friend has to get along, she has class"
d- To become old.
Example: "Her grandma is getting along; she's almost 99"

10. **Get away**
a- To go away from a place.
Example: "I can't wait to get away from the city"
b- To avoid being caught: to escape
Example: "The thieves managed to get away in a stolen car"
c- To not be criticized or punished for (something).
Example: "Yvonne is always lying, I can't understand how she gets away with it"

11. **Get over**
a- To stop being controlled or bothered by (something, such as a problem or feeling).
Example: "I got over my fear of flying"
b- To stop feeling unhappy about (something).
Example: "Finally, Kylie got over her ex-boyfriend"
c- To become healthy again after (an illness).
Example: "Have you heard? Dave has gotten over the flu"

12. **Give up**
a- To stop an activity or effort: to admit that you cannot do something and stop trying
Example: "We all gave up smoking on January 1st"

13. **Go on**
a- To continue.
Example: “They landed in Paris and then went on to Montpellier”
b- To go or travel to a place before another person or group that is with you.
Example: “You go on to the restaurant, I’ll come in 10 minutes”
c- To happen
Example: “What’s going on? What’s happening?”
d- Used in speech to urge someone to do something
Example: “Go on! Try it, it’s delicious”

14. Hold on
a- To have or keep your hand, arms, etc., tightly around something.
Example: “Hold on to the railing, that way you won’t fall”
b- To succeed in keeping a position, condition, etc.
Example: “I will hold on to my job until May”

15. Look after
a- To take care of (someone or something).
Example: “The nurse looked after the patient for months, until he was better”

16. Look forward to
a- To expect (something) with pleasure.
Example: ”William is really looking forward to going on holiday”

17. Look up
a- Improve.
Example: “The economy is finally looking up”
b- To search for (something) in a reference book, on the Internet, etc.
Example: “Let’s look up his number in the yellow pages”

18. Make out
a- To write down the required information on (something, such as a check).
Example: “Who shall I make the check out to?”
b- To hear and understand (something)
Example: “I can’t make out what you’re saying, can you speak louder?”
c- To kiss and touch for a long time in a sexual way.
Example: “We made out in the back of his car”

19. Pass out
a- To fall asleep or become unconscious.
Example: “Lisa was so tired, she got home and passed out on the sofa”
b- to give (something) to several or many people.
Example: “I passed out leaflets with information on our course”
20. Pull over
a- To move a vehicle to the side of the road and stop.
Example: “That looks like a lovely restaurant, can you pull the car over and park?”

21. Put down
a- To place (someone or something that you have been holding or carrying) on a table, on the floor, etc.
Example: “You can put the suitcases down in the bedroom”
b- To write (something) : to record (something) in writing
Example: “He put down his memories to write a book when he was older”
c- To give (an amount of money) as a first payment when you are buying something that costs a lot of money
Example: “My husband and I are going to put down some money to buy that house in the centre of town”
d- To kill (an animal) in a way that causes it little pain usually because it is injured or sick
Example: “Jessica had to have her rabbit put down; it was very sick”

22. Put off
a- To decide that (something) will happen at a later time : postpone.
Example: “Graham was so tired he put the shopping off until next week”
b- To cause (someone) to dislike someone or something
Example: “You’re putting me off my food, stop talking about insects!”

23. Put up with
a- To allow (someone or something unpleasant or annoying) to exist or happen.
Example: “My mother won’t put up with my sisters or I swearing”

24. Turn up
a- To be found usually unexpectedly.
Example: “Oh! My phone turned up in my bed!”
b- To arrive at a place
Example: “As always, Julian turned up late”
c- To increase the volume, temperature, etc., of something by pressing a button, moving a switch, etc.
Example: “Please turn the music up, I love this song!”

25. Watch out
a- To be aware of something dangerous.
Example: “Watch out in the mountain, there are bears there!”

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