

# Phrasal verb meanings

1

If you start a journey, you  
set off  
get away  
go off

set off

2

If a machine develops a problem  
and stops working, it  
outs order  
breaks down  
falls out

breaks down

3

If you win or inherit money, you  
get onto some money  
make up some money  
come into some money

come into some money

4

If you tolerate something, you  
hold it up  
put up with it  
take it up

put up with it

5

If food decomposes, it  
goes off  
breaks down  
does out

goes off

6

If someone in authority criticizes  
you strongly, they  
tell you off  
scold you down  
put you down

tell you off

7

If a business arrangement  
doesn't take place, it  
falls over  
falls through  
falls down

falls through

8

If you accept someone's offer,  
you  
take them up  
tell them up  
give them in

take them up

9

If you record the time you start  
work, you  
clock over  
clock up  
clock in

clock in

10

If you meet someone by chance,  
you  
crash onto them  
bump into them  
meet up with them

bump into them

11

If you introduce a subject in a  
conversation, you  
bring it up  
take it up  
tell it up

bring it up

12

If you employ someone, you  
get them in  
take them on  
bring them in

take them on

13

If you leave a room because you are very angry, you  
burst out  
storm out  
rush away

storm out

14

If someone approaches you, they  
come up to you  
get up to you  
come on to you

come up to you

15

If someone invents a story, they  
take you in  
make it up  
trick you out

make it up

16

If you believe something that is meant to trick you, you  
go for it  
take it in  
fall for it

fall for it

17

If you find something without looking for it, you  
come across it  
find it out  
look it up

come across it

18

If you stop liking something (or someone), you  
go off it  
fall out with it  
feel off it

go off it

19

If you communicate an idea to other people, you  
get it across  
put it across  
put it over

All of them are possible

20

If you let someone stay (i.e. sleep) in your house, you  
take them in  
let them in  
put them up

put them up

21

If you distract somebody from something they are doing, you  
put them off  
put them down  
put them out

put them off

22

If something becomes popular, it  
wins off  
catches on  
sells up

catches on

23

If two people become a couple, they  
come together  
go out with  
get together

get together

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If you look like an older member of your family, you  
take after them  
run after them  
follow on them

take after them