

15 COMMON PHRASAL VERBS

IN SPOKEN ENGLISH

1. TURN ON

- **Meaning:**

To start the operation of an electronic

- **Sentence:**

I turned on the T.V

Let me turn on my phone

Please turn on the heater; I am feeling cold.

2. TURN OFF

- **Meaning:**

To stop the operation of an electronic

- **Sentence:**

I turned off the T.V

Let me turn off my phone

Please turn off the heater; I am feeling hot.

3. SWITCH ON

- **Meaning:**

To start the operation of an electronic by a switch/button

- **Sentence:**

Switch on the light/lamp.

Please switch on the heater; I am feeling cold.

4. SWITCH OFF

- **Meaning:**

To stop the operation of an electronic by a switch/button

- **Sentence:**

Switch off the light/lamp.

Please switch off the heater; I am feeling hot.

5. TURN UP

- **Meaning:**

To increase the sound or speed

- **Sentence:**

Turn up the volume; I love this song.

Kindly turn up the fan; it is hot today.

6. TURN DOWN

- **Meaning:**

To decrease the sound or speed

- **Sentence:**

Turn down the volume.

Kindly turn down the fan; I am feeling cold.

7. STRESS OUT

- **Meaning:**

To make someone stressed

- **Sentence:**

I have exams next week, and it is stressing me out.

Facing your father is stressing me out.

Don't stress out; you can do it.

8. RUN INTO

- **Meaning:**

To meet accidentally

- **Sentence:**

A: Guess who I ran into in the market?

B: Who?

A: Sarah!

9. COME UP WITH

- **Meaning:**

To think of something to say

- **Sentence:**

1. You always come up with lame excuses.
2. Don't give me pieces of advice; come up with a solution.
3. Come on guys! come up with an answer.

10. RUN OUT OF

- **Meaning:**

Be finished

- **Sentence:**

I am running out of money/time/ideas.

11. BRING UP

- **Meaning:**

To raise a matter or a discussion

- **Sentence:**

1. You should not have brought up her divorce.
2. What is the point of bringing up the past?

12. TAKE UP

- **Meaning:**

To start doing an activity

- **Sentence:**

I am thinking of taking up yoga classes.

13. STAND OUT

- **Meaning:**

To be noticeable, important or impressive

- **Sentence:**

Yellow color stands in the dark.

In this tournament, our team stands out.

14. HEAD OUT

- **Meaning:**

To leave or depart

- **Sentence:**

We are heading out to the beach.

He headed out of the room in anger.

15. HANG OUT

- **Meaning:**

To spend a lot of time with someone

A place where one spends a lot of time

- **Sentence:**

My friends and I are planning to hang out this weekend.

This restaurant is my favorite hangout.

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