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## PHRASAL VERBS (07-13JUN20)

1. **chisel away at** (phrasal verb) – cut, chip away at; gradually make someone weaker or less effective; cheat, mislead, deceive, trick (to make someone weaker/less effective).
2. **dug in** past and past participle of **dig in** (phrasal verb) – to protect oneself by digging trenches (trench is a hole/depression/excavation/ditch in the ground).
3. **sail through** (phrasal verb) – succeed easily at, gain success in easily, pass easily.
4. **weigh in** (phrasal verb) – make a forceful contribution to an argument; influence, be important to.
5. **dawn on** (phrasal verb) – come to mind, enter someone's head, be understood, strike.
6. **wish away** (phrasal verb) – try to stop/eliminate something (problem) just by wishing that it did not exist.
7. **draw down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, decrease, lessen (the magnitude/size of a military force in a particular area).
8. **shore up** (phrasal verb) – support, assist, prop up (with some fund/finance to stop declining).
9. **crank out** (phrasal verb) – produce something (in large numbers) automatically & quickly.
10. **look back** (phrasal verb) – to remember, recall, think about something that taken place in the past; suffer a difficulty/misfortune/setback.
11. **take back** (phrasal verb) – capture, seize, gain possession of something.
12. **get by** (phrasal verb) – survive, manage, cope, exist, subsist (stay alive with difficulty).
13. **head off** (phrasal verb) – forestall; prevent, avert, block something (an action/event by anticipating it early).
14. **phase out** (phrasal verb) – eliminate, remove, discontinue, get rid of (something in gradual stages).
15. **lay off** (phrasal verb) – discharge, dismiss, sack/fire (from a job temporarily/permanently).

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16. **take forward** (phrasal verb) – manage, sort out, deal with, take responsibility for.
17. **put out** (phrasal verb) – publish, release, publicize/circulate.
18. **sign up** (phrasal verb) – commit, conclude, agree (formally).
19. **keep alive** (phrasal verb) – keep going, continue, sustain.
20. **open up** (phrasal verb) – make available (to create/start developing new opportunities).
21. **rope in** (phrasal verb) – enlist, engage, persuade.
22. **stand up against** (phrasal verb) – defy, challenge, oppose someone in a determined way.
23. **call for** (phrasal verb) – require, publicly ask/necessitate, demand.
24. **sit up** (phrasal verb) – to start paying attention (quickly).
25. **factor in** (phrasal verb) – include or add as a factor/point when making a decision.
26. **stave off** (phrasal verb) – avert, prevent, avoid, rule out.
27. **bring about** (phrasal verb) – cause, create, produce, give rise to.
28. **rely on** (phrasal verb) – depend on; resort to, have recourse to.
29. **point out** (phrasal verb) – identify, recognize, draw attention to, mention.
30. **sober (down)** (phrasal verb) – make more serious, make more sensible.
31. **draw up** (phrasal verb) – prepare, work out, formulate.
32. **ramp up** (phrasal verb) – increase (in amount or number).
33. **take away** (phrasal verb) – remove, take out.
34. **pull back** (phrasal verb) – withdraw, retreat, disengage.
35. **read off** (phrasal verb) – measure, study.
36. **call upon** (phrasal verb) – ask formally, demand (to do something).
37. **go by** (phrasal verb) – to follow, to accept, to obey something.
38. **stand out** (phrasal verb) – be noticeable, be visible, be obvious.
39. **spell out** (phrasal verb) – explain, make clear, elucidate/clarify.
40. **walk away with** (phrasal verb) – win easily.
41. **clean up** (phrasal verb) – make things clean, restore something.
42. **line up** (phrasal verb) – schedule, arrange, organize, plan.

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43. **add up** (phrasal verb) – increase, rise.
44. **stay away from** (phrasal verb) – avoid, skip, evade, dodge.
45. **ride on** (phrasal verb) – depend on.
46. **show off** (phrasal verb) – display one's abilities.
47. **step in** (phrasal verb) – intervene, intercede, become involved.
48. **account for** (phrasal verb) – constitute, make up, comprise, form.
49. **look ahead** (phrasal verb) – to think about what will happen in the future.
50. **follow up** (phrasal verb) – continue/carry on something further.
51. **keep down** (phrasal verb) – maintain something at a low level.
52. **speak up (against)** (phrasal verb) – speak in opposition to.
53. **go on to** (phrasal verb) – proceed to; continue, carry on.
54. **hunt down** (phrasal verb) – pursue, chase, capture, run down.
55. **take on** (phrasal verb) – compete against, oppose, challenge/confront.
56. **bring upon** (phrasal verb) – cause, make happen, bring about, give rise to, result in.
57. **throw out** (phrasal verb) – reject, dismiss, veto/refuse.
58. **lock out** (phrasal verb) – exclude/remove someone from.
59. **slow down** (phrasal verb) – reduce, lessen decrease (one's activity).
60. **go ahead** (phrasal verb) – proceed, continue, be carried out.
61. **turn up** (phrasal verb) – increase, raise, intensify.
62. **end up** (phrasal verb) – come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).
63. **take up** (phrasal verb) – engage in, participate in, start, undertake.
64. **leave out** (phrasal verb) – fail to include.

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