



# 150+ Important Phrasal Verbs for SSC CGL 2021-22 Tier-2 Exam PDF

Serial No.	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage in a sentence
1	<b>Act up</b>	behave or function improperly	You must take your computer to the repair shop as it is <b>acting up</b> .
2	<b>Add up</b>	make sense, calculate a sum	The story of the minister doesn't <b>add up</b> . He is completely lying.
3	<b>Ask out</b>	To invite someone to a social event or special occasion	When Riya <b>asked me out</b> for the party, I had to deny because I was busy.
4	<b>Ask around</b>	ask many people the same question	I <b>asked around</b> but nobody has seen my wallet.
5	<b>Ask Over</b>	invite to one's home	We should <b>ask over</b> Rita as she is alone in her home.
6	<b>Back down</b>	stop defending your opinion in a debate	Raman never <b>backs down</b> and wins almost all cases.
7	<b>Bawl out</b>	criticize, reprimand	The minister <b>bawled him</b> out for arriving late.
8	<b>Bear on</b>	have to do with	Those facts do not <b>bear on</b> this matter at all.
9	<b>Bear up</b>	withstand	I did not know that Karan would <b>bear up</b> so well in that hard situation.
10	<b>Beef up</b>	Improve or make more substantial.	He <b>beefed up</b> his presentation with diagrams and statistics.
11	<b>Blow over</b>	pass without creating a problem	All this negative publicity will <b>blow over</b> in a couple of weeks.
12	<b>Blow up</b>	explode, make explode, suddenly become very angry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bomb <b>blew up</b> before they could</li> <li>defuse it.</li> <li>The terrorists <b>blew the bridge up</b>.</li> <li>When Kavita heard the news, she <b>blew up</b> and rushed out of the room.</li> </ul>
13	<b>Bog Down</b>	Get caught up in something and be unable to make progress.	Try not to get <b>bogged down</b> with/in unimportant details.



14	<b>Break down</b>	stop working properly/ analyze in detail/become mentally ill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The truck <b>broke down</b> in the desert.</li> <li>• We need to <b>break this problem down</b> in order to solve.</li> <li>• She <b>broke down</b> after her husband died.</li> </ul>
15	<b>Break in/ Break into</b>	interrupt/enter a place unlawfully	While we were discussing the situation, the little girl <b>broke in</b> to give her opinion.
16	<b>Break off</b>	end something	My brother <b>broke her engagement to Rita off</b> .
17	<b>Break out</b>	appear violently	Violent protests <b>broke out</b> in response to the military coup.
18	<b>Bring around</b>	change someone's mind, convince someone	She doesn't want to go, but we'll eventually <b>bring her around</b> .
19	<b>Bump in to</b>	Meet by accident or unexpectedly.	Raman <b>bumped into</b> his English teacher at the supermarket.
20	<b>Buy out</b>	buy the shares of a company or the shares the other person owns of a business	Flipkart was <b>bought out</b> by Walmart.
21	<b>Buy up</b>	purchase the entire supply of something	We <b>bought up</b> all the chocolates in the store.
22	<b>Call for</b>	require (as in a recipe)	This recipe <b>calls for</b> milk, not milk powder.
23	<b>Call off</b>	cancel something/order to stop (an invasion, guard dogs)	They <b>called the picnic off</b> because of the rain.
24	<b>Call on</b>	visit/invite someone to speak in a meeting or a classroom	Rahul <b>called on</b> his friend while he was in town. Professor <b>called on</b> Abhishek to answer the question.
25	<b>Carry on</b>	continue (a conversation, a game)	<b>Carry on</b> your conversation, I just came here to take the water bottle.
26	<b>Carry out</b>	complete and/or accomplish something	The secret agent <b>carried out</b> his orders exactly as planned.
27	<b>Deck out (in/with)</b>	Dress; decorate.	The girls in birthday party of my daughter were <b>decked out</b> in pretty dresses.



28	<b>Die Away/Die down</b>	diminish in intensity	The controversy about the president's illness finally <b>died down</b> .
29	<b>Die off/Die out</b>	become extinct	Elephants are in danger of <b>dying off</b> .
30	<b>Dispense with</b>	Decide to do without something.	The company has <b>dispensed with</b> the paper version so you'll have to download it.
31	<b>Drift apart</b>	Become less and less close.	We were childhood friends but we <b>drifted apart</b> over the years.
32	<b>Do over</b>	repeat	You made many mistakes, so I want you to do the report over.
33	<b>Drop in/Drop in on</b>	visit someone unexpectedly	Meg <b>dropped in</b> yesterday after dinner. Let's <b>drop in</b> on Julie since we're driving by her house.
34	<b>Drop Out</b>	quit an organized activity	Chetan isn't on the team any more. He <b>dropped out</b> .
35	<b>Drop Over</b>	visit someone casually	Do not feel alone in this city, you can <b>drop over</b> any time you feel like talking.
36	<b>Drown out</b>	Be louder in order to cover another sound.	They turned up the music to <b>drown out</b> the noise of the children outside.
37	<b>Eat away</b>	gradually destroy, erode	The storm <b>ate away</b> the newly designed boards.
38	<b>Ease off/up</b>	Reduce, become less severe or slow down	After Christmas, the workload generally eases off.
39	<b>Egg on</b>	Encourage someone to do something..	You need to <b>egg on</b> your daughter properly.
40	<b>Embark on/upon</b>	Start or engage in something.	Riya <b>embarked on</b> a career that lead her to fame.
41	<b>Explain away</b>	Find an excuse or plausible explanation.	It is not easy to <b>explain away</b> the missing money.
42	<b>Face up to</b>	acknowledge something difficult or embarrassing	I'll never be able to <b>face up</b> to my friend after getting caught stealing his watch.
43	<b>Fall back on</b>	be able to use in case of emergency	You should have a fall back if you don't succeed in the acting career.
44	<b>Fall out with</b>	have an argument with	I had a <b>falling out</b> with my sister last month and we



			haven't talked to each other since.
45	<b>Fall through</b>	fail to happen	Unfortunately, the trip to Americal <b>fell through</b> because I couldn't save enough money.
46	<b>Fizzle out</b>	Gradually end.	They used to be very close but over the years their friendship <b>fizzled out</b> .
47	<b>Frown on/upon</b>	Disapprove.	My parents always <b>frowned on</b> staying up outside late night.
48	<b>Fuss over</b>	Pay excessive attention to somebody or somebody.	She loves to <b>fussing over</b> her son. Sometimes it becomes too much.
49	<b>Get about /around</b>	Move from place to place.	It's not easy to <b>get around</b> the city without a map.
50	<b>Get Across</b>	cause to be understood	It's difficult to <b>get humor across</b> in another language.
51	<b>Get ahead</b>	make progres	I can't <b>get ahead</b> even though I have worked really hard.
52	<b>Get along/get along with</b>	have a good relationship	Rakesh doesn't <b>get along</b> with her two brothers.
53	<b>Get by/Get by with</b>	survive without having the things you need or want	I lost my job, so I am having a hard time <b>getting by</b> this year. You don't need a computer. You can <b>get by</b> with the typewriter
54	<b>Get down to</b>	get serious about a topic	Enough small talk. Let's <b>get down</b> to business.
55	<b>Get on</b>	put on (clothes) /enter (a bus, train), mount (a horse, a bike)/Have a good relationship	You should <b>get your jacket on</b> because it's going to be cold. The train is leaving, so <b>get on</b> quickly. Natasha doesn't <b>get on</b> with her co-workers.
56	<b>Get through</b>	complete/penetrate	We will never <b>get through</b> all of the work by 9:00 PM. We need a stronger drill to <b>get through</b> this wall.



57	<b>Give away</b>	give something without asking for anything in exchange	The businessman <b>give</b> all of her furniture <b>away</b> .
58	<b>Go over</b>	Review	Please <b>go over</b> your answers before handing in your test.
59	<b>Go down with</b>	Become ill with an infectious disease.	The match will be difficult. Half of the team has <b>gone down with</b> the flu.
60	<b>Gloss over</b>	Treat something briefly (make it seem unimportant).	The director <b>glossed over</b> the recent drop in sales.
61	<b>Hand back</b>	return	The teacher is going to <b>hand back</b> our assignments today.
62	<b>Hand down</b>	pronounce formally /give as an inheritance	The president is going to <b>hand his decision down</b> on health care tonight. When my clothes got too small for me as a child, I <b>handed them down</b> to my sister.
63	<b>Hang on</b>	wait	Please <b>Hang on</b> a minute as I'm nearly ready.
64	<b>Hang around/Hang out</b>	stay in a place for fun	Those guys just <b>hang around</b> all day because they are doing no job.
65	<b>Hold out</b>	not give in, continue to resist	Stop <b>holding out</b> and tell us where you found all of these old records.
66	<b>Hit on/upon</b>	Find unexpectedly or by inspiration.	As she watched the news she <b>hit upon</b> an idea for her new collection.
67	<b>Head for</b>	Go towards or move in a certain direction.	We all started to shout because the boat was <b>heading for</b> the rocks.
68	<b>Iron out</b>	Resolve by discussion; eliminate differences.	The meeting tomorrow will be an opportunity to <b>iron out</b> difficulties.
69	<b>Idle away</b>	Waste time doing nothing much.	He <b>idles away</b> hours every day watching television.
70	<b>Indulge in</b>	Allow yourself to enjoy something.	I've been dieting all week but today I'm going to <b>indulge in</b> a dessert.
71	<b>Jack up</b>	to raise	We need to <b>jack up</b> the car before we change the tire.
72	<b>Jot down</b>	Take quick notes.	I <b>jotted down</b> the address while watching a documentary on television.



73	<b>Joke around</b>	to be humorous	Hari is always <b>joking around</b> at work.
74	<b>Jump to</b>	make a quick, poorly thought out decision	You shouldn't <b>jump to</b> conclusions without understanding the issue properly.
75	<b>Keep around</b>	have handy, have accessible	You should always <b>keep a dictionary around</b> to learn new words.
76	<b>Keep away</b>	prevent access to, hold back	<b>Keep the kids away</b> from the hot dishes.
77	<b>Keep off/Keep out</b>	prevent from stepping or prevent from entering	<b>Keep the cat off</b> the kitchen. <b>Keep the dog out of</b> the garden; he keeps digging up the flowers.
78	<b>Keep over</b>	cover something with, put something above	Keep something over the watch to prevent it from getting wet.
79	<b>Kneel down</b>	Go down on your knees.	Most people <b>kneel down</b> to pray.
80	<b>Knock down</b>	Strike someone or something to the ground.	The tree was <b>knocked down</b> during the storm.
81	<b>Knock out</b>	Cause someone to fall unconscious.	The boxer was <b>knocked out</b> in the first round.
82	<b>Laugh off</b>	Make light of something; minimise.	The author <b>laughed off</b> the unflattering review of his latest book.
83	<b>Lay off</b>	suspend someone from a job (during a slow period)	The company was losing money, so they had to <b>lay off</b> some workers.
84	<b>Leaf through</b>	Turn over pages quickly.	Rita <b>leafed through</b> a magazine in the waiting room.
85	<b>Live through</b>	Experience something and survive.	My grandparents <b>lived through</b> two wars and learned to survive.
86	<b>Let down</b>	disappoint	I felt <b>let down</b> when I didn't receive a birthday card from my sister.
87	<b>Live up to</b>	keep a standard	It would be hard to <b>live up to</b> her parent's expectations. They are so demanding.
88	<b>Look forward to</b>	anticipate with pleasure	I am <b>looking forward</b> to traveling to New York next year.



89	<b>Look over</b>	examine, review	You should <b>look over</b> this article before final publishing.
90	<b>look up to</b>	respect, admire someone	He <b>looks up</b> to his father.
91	<b>Make out</b>	decipher /succeed/ progress	I can't <b>make out</b> my doctor's handwriting. He really <b>made out</b> in the stock market last year. How is your son <b>making out</b> in his new job?
92	<b>Make up</b>	invent (a story) /reconcile/ complete what was missed	Don't believe anything she says. She always <b>makes things up</b> . You two have been friends for so long that I think you should <b>make up</b> and end your fight. Fortunately, my professor let me <b>make up</b> the exam I missed yesterday.
93	<b>Make off with</b>	Steal and hurry away.	A young man <b>made off</b> with my briefcase while I was checking the timetable.
94	<b>Mix up</b>	confuse /blend/make lively (a party)	I sometimes <b>mix the verb tenses up</b> . We need to <b>mix up</b> these different kinds of nuts before we put them in a bowl. Let's <b>mix up</b> this party with a little disco music.
95	<b>Nail down</b>	Make someone say something precisely.	Alex promised to come for a weekend but we'll have to <b>nailed him down</b> to a date.
96	<b>Nod off</b>	fall asleep	The movie was so boring that I <b>nodded off</b> before it was finished.
97	<b>Nose about/around</b>	sneak around	I hate it when my mother <b>noses around</b> my room.
98	<b>Occur to</b>	pop into one's mind, come to one's mind	It didn't <b>occur to us</b> that we had left the iron on.
99	<b>Opt out (of)</b>	Leave a system or decide not to participate.	I enjoy tennis but I'm so busy I had to <b>opt out of</b> the tournament.
100	<b>Pan out</b>	be successful, turn out well	The palm to open a new venture didn't <b>pan out</b> .
101	<b>Pass away</b>	die	After battling cancer for several years, he finally <b>passed away</b> at the age of 87.





102	<b>Pass out</b>	become unconscious/distribute	He <b>passed out</b> because the room was too hot. We need to <b>pass out</b> these flyers for the concert tomorrow.
103	<b>Pass up</b>	not take advantage (of an opportunity)	I can't believe she <b>passed up</b> the opportunity to study in Rome.
104	<b>Pay off</b>	complete payment on a debt	It took me ten years to <b>pay off</b> my credit card debt.
105	<b>Play down</b>	make less important	The President <b>played down</b> his affair with the intern.
106	<b>Pop across/over/down/out</b>	Come or go quickly in the direction specified.	She <b>popped over</b> to the shop to buy a sandwich.
107	<b>Put Forward</b>	Propose or recommend something.	The chairman <b>put forward</b> a proposal to move to bigger offices.
108	<b>Put off</b>	postpone	Don't <b>put off</b> the function.
109	<b>Pull through</b>	Overcome difficulties or illness/barely survive	I didn't think she was going to make it, but she <b>pulled through</b> in the end.
110	<b>Put up with</b>	tolerate	I cannot <b>put up with</b> the noise of all that traffic.
111	<b>Quiet down</b>	be quiet, or cause to be quiet	The neighbours told us to <b>quiet down</b> last night or they would call the police.
112	<b>Run against/Run up against</b>	Encounter difficulties or problems/compete in an election	Nitish ran against Lalu in the 2000 elections in Bihar. The property developer <b>ran up against</b> strong local opposition.
113	<b>Reel off</b>	Recite without effort or pause.	My daughter amazed everyone by <b>reeling off</b> all the phrasal verbs she had learned.
114	<b>Run down</b>	trace/criticize/lose power, be very tired	Have you <b>run down</b> those phone numbers I asked for last week? His manager <b>runs everyone down</b> .
115	<b>Run off</b>	make leave /reproduce (photocopies) /leave quickly /waste water	The new government is trying to <b>run the drug traffickers off</b> . Would you mind <b>running off</b> 10 copies of this document for me? Why did you <b>run off</b> after the party?



			You shouldn't swim where the sewage <b>runs off</b> into the ocean.
116	<b>Run out</b>	Expire, come to an end.	Let's order now before the offer <b>runs out</b> .
117	<b>Run across/Run into</b>	find or meet unexpectedly /	Raman <b>ran into</b> his uncle at the shopping centre.
118	<b>Scrape through</b>	Succeed with difficulty.	How I <b>scraped through</b> the exam is still a mystery to me!
119	<b>See through</b>	finish something despite difficulties	Are you going to be able to <b>see your studies through</b> now that you are married?
120	<b>Set up</b>	arrange a relationship, arrange (an appointment, a meeting, etc.) /falsely incriminate a person	I don't think that young boy killed those men. Somebody <b>set him up</b> . I <b>set up</b> an appointment with my doctor at 3:30 this afternoon.
121	<b>Scale back/scale down</b>	Make something smaller than originally intended.	Due to the crisis the company had to <b>scale down</b> the size of the plant.
122	<b>Spell out</b>	to explain something in a detailed way so that the meaning is clearly understood	He's so stupid that you have to <b>spell everything out</b> for him.
123	<b>Stand by</b>	wait	I need you to stand by and answer the phone when my broker calls.
124	<b>Single out</b>	Select for special attention.	Two of the boys were <b>singled out</b> for extra coaching.
125	<b>Sink in</b>	Be fully understood.	In spite of the detailed news reports, it took a while for the scale of the disaster to <b>sink in</b> .
126	<b>Stick up for</b>	defend oneself or opinions	Joseph joined the army because he believes he must stick up for his country.
127	<b>Talk into</b>	Persuade someone to do something.	Caroline <b>talked</b> John <b>into</b> buying a new car.
128	<b>Take in</b>	learning/deceive a person	Are you <b>taking in</b> all of these phrasal verbs? He was <b>taken in</b> by the con artist.



129	<b>Take up</b>	begin a new hobby, discuss (at a later date), occupy space	Have you <b>taken up</b> any new hobbies since you moved here? We should <b>take this issue up</b> in the meeting tomorrow. This couch <b>takes up</b> too much space in the living room.
130	<b>Tear down</b>	destroy	Angry citizens have torn down the statue of the politician.
131	<b>Tell off</b>	criticize a person severely, reprimand	Carolina <b>told me off</b> when she found out I was gossiping about her meet with Martin.
132	<b>Think through</b>	consider carefully	You need to <b>think this through</b> carefully before you make a decision.
133	<b>Think up</b>	create or invent a false story	I need to <b>think up</b> an excuse for not going to her party.
134	<b>Touch up</b>	make the final improvements	We didn't paint the whole kitchen, we just <b>touched up</b> the cabinets.
135	<b>Turn away</b>	refuse to deal with or give service	They <b>turned us away</b> at the border because we didn't have visas.
136	<b>Turn out</b>	end up being /switch off a light /produce	She <b>turned out</b> to be the murderer <b>Turn out</b> the light before you go to bed. The weavers can <b>turn out</b> two or three rugs a month.
137	<b>Turn up</b>	find unexpectedly /increase the volume or intensity of a TV, radio, or other machine	My keys <b>turned up</b> in the bedroom. <b>Turn up</b> the TV. I can't hear what they're saying.
138	<b>Use up</b>	Use all of something/Finish a product (so that there's none left).	What a nuisance! The kids have <b>used up</b> all the toothpaste.
139	<b>Veer away from</b>	stay away from, avoid	I veer away from the same old summer blockbuster films.
140	<b>Vouch For</b>	Express confidence in or guarantee something.	You can give the keys to Andy. I can <b>vouch for</b> him.
141	<b>Wait on/Wait upon</b>	await the convenience of/ serve, service (a table)	To see the full series, we will have to wait on the BBC.

142	<b>Ward off</b>	to prevent something (danger, harm, an attack, an assailant, etc) from affecting you or harming you.	I take plenty of vitamin C in winter to <b>ward off</b> colds.
143	<b>Wear away</b>	Disappear after use or over time.	The words printed on the cover had <b>worn away</b> .
144	<b>Wear down</b>	Make someone feel weary or tired.	The baby's constant crying is <b>wearing her down</b> ."
145	<b>Wear out</b>	Become unusable/Become very tired	During the trip, Julie <b>wore out</b> her shoes sightseeing. At the end of the every day Julie was <b>worn out</b> .
146	<b>Whip up</b>	Prepare quickly.	I can <b>whip up</b> something to eat if you're hungry.
147	<b>Wind up</b>	finish	If he doesn't get his act together, he is going to wind up in jail.
148	<b>Wrap up</b>	Cover; enclose.	She's busy right now. She's wrapping up her Christmas presents.
149	<b>Yak on/Yak on about</b>	to continue talking in an annoying way ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	He just <b>yakked on</b> and on and on. She just <b>yakked on and on</b> about her husband's new job.
150	<b>Yammer on/Yammer on about</b>	to talk in an annoying way or complain ("on" can be repeated for emphasis)	They <b>yammered on</b> and on and on. He just <b>yammered on and on about</b> how horrible the waiter was

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