

Phrasal Verbs - Work, Money, And Finance

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example
Back/Pull out of	To retreat from, after a period of initial interest	He spent three weeks getting the financing together, but then the seller pulled out of the deal.
Bail out	To give a financially troubled institution with capital	After the crash in 2008, many banks and companies had to be bailed out with taxpayer money.
Buy out	To take over a company or to purchase shares from others	Bob and Marcos started that car wash twenty years ago, and when Bob decided to go back to college, Marcos bought him out.
Do without	To deny oneself certain comforts or benefits, usually because of financial reasons	"Why does Chris look so tired?" "Ever since the budget cuts in his department, he's had to do without business class air travel."
Hammer out	To produce something with much difficulty	After many sleepless nights, Congress hammered out the 2015 Federal Budget.
Head up	To lead	Sandra got her MBA at Wharton and now she heads up IBM.
Iron out	To perfect, to remove flaws	Let's get the legal team to iron out the details on these contracts!
Nail down	To finalize something	Lucy and Stephan need to nail down their marketing campaign.
Opt out	To decline from an option	If the same workshop is being offered next week, I'll opt out today.
Pay back	To repay, to return a loan	Don't lend Hunter any money. He won't pay you back.
Rake in	To make a lot of money	With their integrated ad campaign, Youtube is raking in the cash.
Shell out	To pay [a lot] for something	Sue's iPhone fell in the toilet. Now she has to shell out for a new one.
Cough up	To provide money [against one's will]	Every month I have to cough up \$700 in condo fees. For what?!?
Put aside	To save something for later	The remainder of the budget will be put aside for future use.
Run over	To exceed a planned amount of money or time	The condominium project has run over the original budget.
Screw up	To make a mistake	Tom outsourced the report to Bangladesh, and they screwed it up.
See to (it that)	To take care of something, to make sure something is done	See to it that the accounting department has the correct numbers.
Step down	To resign	The CEO of the company just stepped down after the big scandal.
Put in (an offer)	To make	Since there are multiple bidders, we need to put in a generous offer.
Go under	To go bankrupt	Delorean went under because the cars were not practical enough.
Tied up	To be occupied	After years of having my money tied up in real estate, I now understand the true value of liquidity.
Take over	To buy another company	In the 1980s, corporate raiders often took over rival companies.
Dip into (savings)	To use a small amount	We're still 5% short, we'll have to dip into next year's budget.
Scrape by	To barely make it	Netscape has been scraping by for years. When will they go under?
Get by	To survive	It's difficult to get by in this economy, but diversifying will help.
Pay off (someone*)	To reward/ to bribe*	This contract will definitely pay off. But first we have to pay off the mayor.

The phrasal verbs with an asterisk (*) are **INSEPARABLE**. When the direct object is a **PRONOUN**, it must be placed in the middle of a two-word phrasal verb. *Example: Jane put them away. NOT: Jane put away them.*