

The Oxford Phrase List™

The Oxford Phrase List is a list of 750 common phrases from A1 to C1 level. It includes idioms, phrasal verbs, compounds, collocations, prepositional phrases and other common fixed phrases.

A1

a few

- a few minutes
- a few times
- a few years

a good idea

- Good idea!
- It's a good idea to...
- That's a good idea!

agree with sb

a little

- a little help
- a little money
- a little sugar

a lot

- a lot to do

a lot of sth

all day

- all night

all over the world

anything else

- anyone else

a period of time

around the world

arrive at...

arrive in...

ask for sth

at home

at school

at the beginning of sth

at the end

at the end of sth

at the moment

at the same time

at the weekend

at university

at work

away from sb/sth

bad for sb/sth

bad news

bad thing

- the bad things about sth

because of

begin with sth

be going to do sth

best friend

black and white

car park

cell phone

city centre

- in the city centre

come from...

come into sth

- He came into the room.

differences between A and B

difficult for sb

- it is difficult for sb to do sth

each other

end in sth

every day

- every week

- every year

excuse me

family member

find out

- find out about sth

- find out more

for a long time

- a long time

for a moment

for example

for lunch

for many years

for the first time

get home

get married

get off

- get off the bus

- I'm getting off here.

get on

- get on the bus

- Are you getting on?

get ready

- get ready for sth

- get ready to do sth

get there

get to...

get up

go back

- go back to...

go home

go into sth

- She went into her room.

good at sth

good for sb/sth

Good morning

- Good afternoon

- Good evening

good news

good thing

- the good things about sth

go out

go to bed

go to school

go to work

grow up

Guess what...

half an hour

hard work

have fun

have got

have time

- have time for sth

- have time to do sth

he or she

high school

his or her

How about...?

How are you?

How long...?

How many...?

How much...?

How often...?

important for sb/sth

- It is important for sb/sth to do sth

I'm sorry

in April

- in July, etc.

in bed

in class

in fact

in front of

in my opinion

in school

in space

in summer

- in winter

in the centre

- in the centre of sth

in the country

- I live in the country.

- the best... in the country

in the future

in the morning

- in the afternoon

- in the evening

in the north

- in the south

- in the east

- in the west

in the past

in the street

in the summer

- in the winter

in town

it is important to do sth

It takes...

- It takes an hour to get there.

kind of sb/sth

- What kind of music do you like?

know how

- know how to do sth

last time

- the last time

last year

- last month

- last summer

- last week

- last weekend

learn how to do sth

listen to sb/sth

live with sb

living room

look at sb/sth

look for sb/sth

look like sb/sth

lots of...

millions of...

mobile phone

more than...

next time

next year

- next month

- next week

No problem

of course

Oh no!

Oh yes

old friend

once a...

- once a month

- once a week

- once a year

one day

on holiday

on Monday

- on Tuesday, etc.

on television

- on the television

on the beach

on the floor

on the internet

on the left

- on the right

on the phone

- be on the phone

- talk on the phone

on TV

out of sth

over there

pay for sth

phone call

phone number

plan for sth

- make plans for sth

- What are your plans for

- next year?

play with sb/sth

post office

pretty good

really enjoy

- I really enjoyed it.

really good

really like

- I'd really like to...

right now

See you

- See you around

- See you later

- See you soon

sit down

someone else
something else
speak to sb
spend time
spend time doing sth
spend time with sb
stand up
stay in
stay in a hotel
stay in bed
I'm staying in tonight.
such as
swimming pool
talk about sb/sth
thank you
thank you very much
that day
the 20th century
the 21st century
the 19th century
the next day
there is
there are
there was
there were
think about sb/sth
think of sb/sth
This is...
This is my dad.
this kind of...
this morning
this afternoon
this evening
this time
this year
this summer
this weekend
thousands of...
too long
too far
too hard
too much
too many
town centre
in the town centre
TV show
wait for sb/sth
wake up
welcome to sth
What about...?
work as sth
work for sb/sth
work hard
work together
work together for sth
work together to do sth
work with sb
would like
I would like...
I would like to...
Would you like...?
X hours a day
X times a...
X times a day
X times a week
X years ago
X days ago
X months ago
X weeks ago

X years later
X days later
X minutes later
X years old
You're welcome

A2

a bit
able to do sth
a couple of sth
add to sth
again and again
all about...
Tell me all about it.
all kinds of...
all over...
all over the world
all sorts of...
all the time
a long time ago
a long way
a number of sth
a large number of sth
apply for sth
art gallery
as a result
as a result of sth
as part of sth
as part of a team
as soon as
as well
as well as sb/sth
at first
at least
at the age of...
at the start of sth
at the time
at that time
at the time of sth
at the top
at the top of sth
based on sth
be allowed to do sth
believe in sb/sth
belong to sb
belong to sth
be made of sth
by the end of sth
care about sth
carry on
carry on with sth
carry sth out
check in
check in at...
check sth in
check out
check out of sth
climate change
close to sb/sth
come back
Come on!
connected to sth
connected with sb/sth
credit card
deal with sb
deal with sth

depend on sb/sth
depend on sb/sth for sth
depend on sth
do well
each one
end with sth
even more...
even more difficult
even more exciting
everyone else
except for
fall in love
fall in love with sb
fall off
fall off sth
far away
feel good
feel like sth
fill sth in
find it difficult to do sth
first of all
focus on sb/sth
followed by sb/sth
for the rest of sth
for this reason
get back
get better
get lost
get out
get out of sth
give up
give sth up
go and...
go and get help
go away
go down
Prices are going down.
go down sth
Go down the road.
go for sth
go for a walk
go up
Prices are going up.
good luck
happen to sb/sth
happy with sb/sth
have a look
have a look at sth
have got to
Have you ever...?
health problems
hear about sb/sth
I don't care
if necessary
if you want to
I guess
I'm afraid...
I mean
in business
in danger
in history
the first time in history
in hospital
in love
in love with sb
in prison
in some cases
instead of

in the air
in the end
in the middle
in the middle of sth
in the same way
in this way
it depends
it all depends
I think so
I don't think so
lead to sth
less than...
Let me...
Let me help you.
let me know
look after sb/sth/yourself
look back at sth
Look back at your notes.
look sth up
make a mistake
make money
make sense
make sure
make sure of sth
make sure that...
much better
not at all
I didn't enjoy it at all.
no way
No way!
There is no way (that)...
Oh dear
Oh well
on earth
on the ground
on the other side
on the other side of sth
on the wall
on time
on top of sth/sb
one or two
ordinary people
pay attention
pay attention to sb/sth
per hour
kilometres per hour
miles per hour
pick sb/sth up
police officer
police station
public transport
put sth on
quite a lot
quite a lot of sth
reasons why
refer to sb/sth
refer to sb/sth as sth
report on sth
respond to sth/sb
save money
science fiction
search for sth/sb
so that...
solution to sth
sort of sth
What sorts of things do you do?
sound like sb/sth

start with sb/sth
such a/an...
 such a good idea
take care of sb/sth/yourself
take off
take sth off
take part
 take part in sth
take place
the best thing
 the best thing to do
the first thing
 the first thing I did
the following...
 the following day
the important thing
 the most important thing
the other side of sth
 the other side of the world
the rest of sth
 the rest of the world
these days
they say...
 They say you can't buy happiness.
throw sth away
turn sth off
turn sth on
up and down
Why not...?
work out
worried about sb/sth
would love to do sth
write sth down

B1

a bit more
a bit of sth
access to sth
after all
a great deal
 a great deal better
 a great deal of sth
aim to do sth
a kind of...
 I had a kind of feeling this might happen.
a little bit
a little more
along with sb/sth
a lot more
alternative to sth
and so on
apart from
a range of sth
 a wide range of sth
as if...
 as if nothing had happened
as much as
as soon as possible
at last
at risk
at times
attached to sb/sth
a variety of sth
be about to do sth

be going on
 What's going on?
be known as sb/sth
benefit from sth
be supposed to do sth
 be supposed to be sth
break up
 break up with sb
by the time (that)...
can't afford sth
 can't afford to do sth
care for sb
caused by sth
check sb/sth out
choose to do sth
clean up
 clean sth up
click on sth
come up with sth
compared with sth
concentrate on sth
consist of sb/sth
decide on sth
depending on
developing countries
due to sb/sth
economic growth
end up
even if
even though
exactly the same
experience in sth
fail to do sth
fall asleep
far more
 far more important
 far more opportunities
far too
 far too much homework
fed up
for a while
for free
for instance
for life
 a job for life
for long
for some time
get on with sb
get to know sb
get used to sth
 get used to doing sth
global warming
go ahead
 go ahead with sth
go wrong
growth in sth
have no idea
have sth in common
 have sth in common with sb
 have sth in common with sth
hear of sb/sth
heart disease
high street
higher education
if I were you
in addition
 in addition to sb/sth
in a way that...

in case...
 just in case...
in charge of sb/sth
in contrast
 in contrast to sb/sth
in favour of sb/sth
in general
in order of sth
in order to do sth
in other words
in particular
in public
in recent years
in response to sth
in terms of sth
in the case of sth
in the form of sb/sth
in the way (that)...
in this case
in time
 in time for sth
 in time to do sth
in touch
 be in touch
 get in touch
 keep in touch
 in touch with sb
I wonder if...
leave sb/sth out
likely to do sth
look forward to sth
look out
make a difference
make sth up
manage to do sth
mean to do sth
 I didn't mean to.
more and more
move on
 move on to sth
no longer
 not any longer
no more than...
not even
 I didn't even see it.
not necessarily
not only
 not only... but also...
on a regular basis
on my own
 on their own
 on your own
on the other hand
on the street
 on the streets
on the way
or something
 or somebody
 or somewhere
or two
 a day or two
 a moment or two
 a pound or two
ought to
out there
over the years
over time

participate in sth
point of view
point out
 point sth out
 point out that...
prepared to do sth
primary school
prime minister
put sth up
quite a...
 quite a good player
 quite a long time
raise money
 raise money for sth
rather than
reaction to sth
relate to sb/sth
 relating to sb/sth
related to sb/sth
respect for sb/sth
result in sth
rise in sth
 a rise in the number of visitors
run out
run out of sth
search engine
secondary school
set sth up
slow down
so far
some kind of...
succeed in doing sth
suffer from sth
sure to do sth
take sb/sth on
take up sth
 take up too much room
take sth up
 take up golf
tell the truth
tend to do sth
 tend to be sth
thanks to sb/sth
that's it
the case
 be the case that...
the fact that...
those who...
 There are those who say...
to do with sb/sth
 be to do with sb/sth
 have to do with sb/sth
together with
too bad
try and...
turn out
 turn out to be sth
turn sth up
unable to do sth
up to sth
 up to 60 miles per hour
way of life
well known
work on sth
work sth out
wrong with sb/sth
you see

B2

a bit of a...
account for sth
accused of sth
act as sth
aimed at sb
aimed at doing sth
all the way
a means of sth
 a means of communication
 a means of transport
appeal to sb
apply to sb/sth
as a whole
as far as I am concerned
as follows...
as for sb/sth
as long as...
associated with sth
 associated with doing sth
as though...
at once
at present
at some point
at the end of the day
at this point
at this stage
awareness of sth
back sb/sth up
be charged with sth
 be charged with doing sth
be derived from sth
be expected to do sth
be known to do sth
be made up of sth
be surrounded by sb/sth
be to blame
 be to blame for sth
both sides
 both sides of the argument
 on both sides
bound to do sth
 bound to be sth
bring sb up
by now
call for sth
case study
come across sb/sth
come true
 a dream come true
concerned about sth
concerned with sth
confidence in sb/sth
contribute to sth
control over sb/sth
cope with sth
decline in sth
 a decline in student numbers
dependent on sb/sth
despite the fact that...

draw attention to sb/sth
engage in sth
engaged in sth
ever since(...)
exposure to sth
far from sth
 far from doing sth
figure sb/sth out
find yourself doing sth
get in
 get into sth
 The train got in late.
get over sth/sb
 You'll get over it.
get rid of sb/sth
go off
 She went off to get a drink.
 A bomb went off.
 The alarm went off.
 The lights went off.
go on to do sth
go through sth
had better
hang on
human being
human rights
if only...
I have to say...
in action
in advance
in an attempt to do sth
in part
in place
in relation to sb/sth
in spite of sth
in the first place
in the near future
in turn
investment in sth
I would say...
loads of sb/sth
mental health
more or less
no doubt
no matter...
 no matter how...
 no matter what...
nothing but
on board
once again
one another
on the basis of sth
on the one hand
opposed to sth
or so
other than
potential for sth
pretty much
prior to
prove to be sth
put sth forward

put sth together
quality of life
ranging from
 prices ranging from €25 to €60
regarded as sth
relevant to sb/sth
rely on sb/sth
role model
set out
short of sth
so as to do sth
something like...
sort sb/sth/yourself out
stick to sth
subject to sth
sum up
 sum sth up
take advantage of sb/sth
take sth into account
take over
 take over from sb
that is
the vast majority of sth
turn into sth
up to sb
when it comes to sth
 when it comes to doing sth
whether or not...
would rather...

C1

above all
all but
all the more
as far as sb/sth is concerned
as of...
as opposed to
as such
as to sth
 as to how...
 as to whether...
at the expense of sb/sth
at the hands of sb
back and forth
bear sb/sth in mind
 bear in mind that...
 keep sb/sth in mind
 keep in mind that...
be attributed to sb
be entitled to sth
be found to do sth
be meant to do sth
be reported to be sth
 be reported to have sth
be said to be sth
 be said to have sth
bring sth about
bring sth up
by means of sth

by no means
call on sb
 call on sb to do sth
consistent with sth
dedicated to sth
deprive sb/sth of sth
dispose of sb/sth
follow sth up
for that matter
for the benefit of sb
for the sake of sb/sth
get away with sth
given that...
have sb/sth in mind
 have sb/sth in mind for sth
have nothing to do with sb/sth
 be nothing to do with sb/sth
in accordance with sth
in any case
in a position to do sth
in conjunction with sb/sth
in connection with sb/sth
in effect
in full
in line with sth
in practice
in respect of sth
in such a way (that)...
in the absence of sb/sth
in the course of...
in the event of sth
in the face of sth
in the hands of sb
in the light of sth
 in light of sth
in the meantime
in the midst of sth
in the presence of sb
 in the presence of sth
in the wake of sb/sth
involvement in sth
let alone
little more than...
live on sth
may well
nothing like
not to mention
on behalf of sb
on the part of sb
over the course of...
put it
 How shall I put it?
seek to do sth
set to do sth
the extent to which...
to date
 his best work to date
up against sth
with regard to sb/sth
with respect to sth
with the exception of sb/sth