

A

bring up a topic etc. = *introduce it in a conversation*

- ☐ I don't want to hear any more about this. Please don't **bring it up** again.

come up = *be introduced in a conversation*

- ☐ Some interesting things **came up** in our discussion yesterday.

come up with an idea, a suggestion etc. = *produce an idea*

- ☐ Sarah is very creative. She's always **coming up with** new ideas.

make something up = *invent something that is not true*

- ☐ What Kevin told you about himself wasn't true. He **made it all up**.

B

cheer up = *be happier*, **cheer somebody up** = *make somebody feel happier*

- ☐ You look so sad! **Cheer up!**
☐ Helen is depressed. What can we do to **cheer her up**?

save up for something / to do something = *save money to buy something*

- ☐ Dan is **saving up** for a trip to New Zealand.

clear up = *become bright (for weather)*

- ☐ It was raining when I got up, but it **cleared up** later.

C

blow up = *explode*, **blow something up** = *destroy it with a bomb etc.*

- ☐ The engine caught fire and **blew up**.
☐ The bridge was **blown up** during the war.

tear something up = *tear it into pieces*

- ☐ I didn't read the letter. I just **tore it up** and threw it away.

beat somebody up = *hit someone repeatedly so that they are badly hurt*

- ☐ A friend of mine was attacked and **beaten up**. He had to go to hospital.

D

break up, split up (with somebody) = *separate*

- ☐ I'm surprised to hear that Kate and Paul have **split up**. They seemed very happy together.

do up a coat, a shoelace, buttons etc. = *fasten, tie etc.*

- ☐ It's quite cold. **Do up** your coat before you go out.

do up a building, a room etc. = *repair and improve it*

- ☐ The kitchen looks great now that it has been **done up**.

look something up in a dictionary/encyclopaedia etc.

- ☐ If you don't know the meaning of a word, you can **look it up** (in a dictionary).

put up with something = *tolerate a difficult situation or person*

- ☐ We live on a busy road, so we have to **put up with** a lot of noise from the traffic.

hold up a person, a plan etc. = *delay*

- ☐ Don't wait for me. I don't want to **hold you up**.
☐ Plans to build a new factory have been **held up** because of financial problems.

mix up people/things, **get** people/things **mixed up** = *you think one is the other*

- ☐ The two brothers look very similar. People often **mix them up**.
 or ... People often **get them mixed up**.

Exercises


144.1 Which goes with which?

- 1 He was angry and tore up
- 2 Jane came up with
- 3 Paul is always making up
- 4 I think you should do up
- 5 I don't think you should bring up
- 6 I'm saving up for
- 7 We had to put up with

- a a motorbike
- b a lot of bad weather
- c your jacket
- d a good suggestion
- e excuses
- f ~~the letter~~
- g that subject

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144.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. You will need two or three words each time.

<p>1</p>  <p><i>this morning</i></p>  <p><i>now</i></p> <p>The weather was horrible this morning, but it's <u>cleared up</u> now.</p>	<p>2</p>   <p>Lisa was late because she was in the traffic.</p>
<p>3</p>   <p>They bought an old house and It's really nice now.</p>	<p>4</p>   <p>Joe was really depressed. We took him out for a meal to</p>

144.3 Complete the sentences using a verb + up. Sometimes you will need other words as well.

- 1 Some interesting things came up in our discussion yesterday.
- 2 The ship and sank. The cause of the explosion was never discovered.
- 3 James was attacked and by three men he'd never seen before.
- 4 Robert and Tina aren't together any more. They've
- 5 My hands were so cold, I found it hard to my shoelaces.
- 6 It's been raining all morning. Let's hope it this afternoon.
- 7 I turned up for the party on the wrong day. I got the dates

144.4 Complete the sentences using a verb + up. You will need other words as well.

- 1 Don't wait for me. I don't want to hold you up.
- 2 I don't know what this word means. I'll have to
- 3 I'm fed up with the way my boss treats me. I don't see why I should it.
- 4 I don't believe the story you're telling me. I think you're
- 5 The problem was complicated, but we managed to a solution.
- 6 Before you throw these documents away, you should
- 7 I'm trying to spend less money at the moment. I'm a holiday.
- 8 Tina doesn't like talking about the accident, so it's better not to
- 9 The words 'there' and 'their' sound the same, so it's easy to