

USEFUL ENGLISH PHRASES FOR EVERYDAY USE

about to (do something)
- to be on the point of doing something - I was about to leave when the phone rang.

according to (someone or something)
- as said or told by someone, in agreement with something, in the order of something, in proportion to something
- According to our teacher, there will be no class next week. We did everything according to the terms of our agreement.

account for (something)
- to provide an explanation or answer for something
- The bad weather accounts for the fact that few people came to the meeting.

after all
- considering the fact that something happened, something that is usually assumed "You don't need to phone him. After all, he never phones you."

all of a sudden
- suddenly, without advance warning All of a sudden it became cloudy and began to rain.

as a matter of fact
- actually "As a matter of fact, we have been to the history museum many times." learn

as far as
- to the extent or degree of something As far as I know the movie will start in a few minutes.

as for
- with regard to, concerning "As for me, I think that I will return home now."

as if
- in the same way that something would be, that The drink tastes as if it were made with orange juice. It seemed as if the whole town came to the concert.

as long as
- provided that, on condition that "As long as you promise to be careful you can borrow my car."

as soon as
- just after something, when I phoned my friend as soon as I finished dinner.

as to
- with regard to, according to "As to your question, I will answer it tomorrow." The players were put into groups as to their ability.

as well
- in addition, also, too I plan to take a computer course this summer as well.

as well as
- in addition to "Please bring your swimming suit as well as your towel."

back and forth
- backwards and forwards, first one way and then the other way The argument went back and forth before the judge made a decision.

better off
- to be in a better situation than before My friend would be better off if he sold his old car and bought a new one.

break down (something)
- to divide something into parts, to separate something into simpler substances. We tried to break down the problem for further study. The sugar began to break down soon after it was swallowed.

break up
- to separate, to divide into groups or pieces, to put an end to something
Nobody wanted to break up their groups. We usually break up into small groups during our class.

by the way
- incidentally "By the way, could you please bring your laptop computer tomorrow."

carry out (something)
- to put something into action, to accomplish something, to do something The scientist wanted to carry out several experiments before discussing the new medicine.

come on!
- please, hurry, go faster
"Come on, I only have a few minutes before I must go."
"Come on, stop doing that."

come up
- to happen unexpectedly I will not be able to go to the party if something else comes up.

come up with (something)
- to produce or find a thought/idea/answer I tried to come up with a name for the new magazine.

deal with (something)
- to be concerned with something, to take action about something We will deal with the boxes tomorrow.

end up (doing something or going somewhere)
- to do something that one had not planned to do, to go somewhere one had not planned to go We ended up going to a restaurant after the movie last night.

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figure out (someone or something)
- to try to understand someone or something, to solve something I finally figured out how to use the new DVD player.

fill in (something)
- to write words in blank spaces "Please fill in this form and give it to the receptionist." find

find out (something)
- to learn or discover something My mother is angry at me because she found out that I had quit my French class.

first of all
- the very first thing First of all we prepared the garden and then we planted the seeds.

for good
- permanently The city will close the public swimming pool for good next week.

for sure
- without doubt, certainly, surely "I will go to the movie with you for sure next week."

get back to (something)
- to return to something I was happy to get back to my work after my holiday.

get into (something)
- to become interested or involved in something I do not want to get into an argument with my friend. We will get into the details of the plan tomorrow.

get into (somewhere)
- to enter somewhere My friend wants to get into a good university. I bumped my head as I was getting into the car.

get out of (somewhere)
- to leave somewhere, to escape from somewhere I want to hurry and get out of my house.

get rid of (something)
- to give or throw something away, to sell or destroy something, to make a cold or fever disappear I bought a new television set so I want to get rid of the old one.

get through (something)
- to complete something, to finish something My friend is having trouble getting through her final exams. I have much reading that I must get through before tomorrow.

go ahead
- to begin to do something "Let's go ahead and start now. We can't wait any longer."

go on
- to continue The game will probably go on for an hour after we leave.

go over (something)
- to examine or review something The accountant will go over the books tomorrow. We plan to go over that question tomorrow.

go through (something)
- to discuss something, to look at something, to do something The teacher decided to go through the exercise before the test.

go with (something)
- to choose one thing rather than another We decided to go with the small rental car rather than the large one.

hang out (somewhere/with someone)
- to spend one's time with no great purpose, to spend leisure time with friends Recently my friend has been hanging out with a group of people who are not a good influence on him.

have (something) to do with (something)
- to be about something, to be on the subject of something, to be related to something "The book has something to do with cooking but I am not sure if you will like it." That problem has nothing to do with me.

hold on
- to wait a minute, to stop, to wait and not hang up the phone "Please hold on for a minutewhile I lock the window."

in a way
- to a certain extent, a little, somewhat In a way I want to go to the new restaurant but in a way I don't really care.

in case
- if, if something should happen I will take my umbrella in case it rains.

in common
- shared together or equally, in use or ownership by all I had nothing in common with the other members of the class.

in detail
- giving all the details, item by item The saleswoman explained about the new product in detail.

in effect
- for practical purposes, basically The man's silence was in effect a way of disagreeing with the other people in the meeting.

in fact
- actually, the truth is The man has been to China before. In fact he has been there three times.

in favor of (someone or something)
- to approve or support someone or something Everybody is in favor of the new police chief. My company is not in favor of changing our holiday schedule.

in general
- in most situations or circumstances In general, most of the people in our apartment are happy with the new manager.

in order to
- for the purpose of They have decided to close down the school for the summer in order to do some major repairs.

in other words
- in a different (usually more direct) way "In other words, if you do not finish the assignment by Wednesday you will not pass the course."

in place
- in the proper place or location Everything in the room was in place when we arrived for the meeting.

in some ways
- in some unspecified way or manner, by some unspecified means In some ways I know what my friend means but in some ways I do not.

in terms of (something)
- with regard to something
In terms of our agreement with the other company we were not allowed to sell the products online.

in time
- early enough I did not come home in time to meet my cousin.

keep (someone or something) in mind
- to remember and think about someone or something I told my co-workers to keep the new starting time for work in mind.

kind of
- somewhat, more or less, moderately I was kind of tired when I arrived home last night.

look for (something)
- to try to find something, to hunt/search for something My friend has been looking for her credit card all morning but she can't find it.

look up (something)
- to search for something in a dictionary or other book I will look up my friend's name in the telephone book. I looked up the word in the dictionary.

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