

63 ESSENTIAL PHRASAL VERBS (Spanish - English)

	<i>SPANISH</i>	<i>ENGLISH</i>	<i>SAMPLE SENTENCES</i>
1	ESTAR DE ACUERDO	AGREE WITH	"All women are bad drivers." "I don't agree with you."
2	ESTAR A PUNTO DE	BE ABOUT TO	I was about to leave the house when my friends arrived.
3	REGRESAR	BE BACK	I'm working late at the office tonight so I won't be back until 10.
4	QUEDARSE SIN	BE OUT OF	We're out of eggs so we can't make a tortilla.
5	TERMINARSE	BE OVER	When the football match was over, we went to the pub.
6	ESTAR LEVANTADO	BE UP	"Phil isn't up yet: he's still in bed. Phone again in ten minutes."
7	ESTALLAR (UNA BOMBA)	BLOW UP	The bomb blew up killing six people.
8	INFLAR	BLOW UP	We blew up at least a hundred balloons for the Christmas party.
9	AVERIARSE	BREAK DOWN	My car broke down on the way to Motril.
10	VOLVER A LLAMAR	CALL BACK	"I'm afraid the manager isn't here at the moment. Could you call back later?"

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11	SEGUIR, CONTINUAR	CARRY ON	I'm sorry if I interrupted you. Please carry on.
12	CUMPLIR (UNA PROMESA)	CARRY OUT	The President carried out his promise to reduce taxation.
13	LLEVAR A CABO	CARRY OUT	The execution was carried out at seven o'clock in the morning.
14	PONER EN ORDEN	CLEAR UP	It took four hours to clear up after the party.
15	ENCONTRAR, DAR CON	COME ACROSS	I came across an old friend on the metro in Madrid.
16	REGRESAR	COME BACK	I'm going to England for two weeks. I'm coming back on the fifth.
17	ENTRAR	COME IN	"Good morning. Come in and sit down."
18	¡VAMOS!, ¡DATE PRISA!	COME ON	Come on. We're going to be late.
19	CONSUMIR MENOS	CUT DOWN ON	You must cut down on cholesterol or you'll have a heart attack.
20	CORTAR, DESCONNECTAR	CUT OFF	When we didn't pay the bill, the electricity was cut off.
21	CORTAR EN PEDAZOS	CUT UP	We cut up the birthday cake and gave everyone a slice.
22	ABROCHAR, ATAR	DO UP	I was five before I knew how to do up my shoelaces.

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23	TENER ALGO QUE VER CON, TENER RELACIÓN CON	DO WITH	"What's MS DOS?" "It's got something to do with computers."
24	PASARSE SIN, PRESCINDIR DE	DO WITHOUT	The shops are shut so we'll have to do without sugar.
25	PARARSE	DRAW UP	The car drew up at the zebra crossing.
26	VOLVER, REGRESAR	GET BACK	Cinderella had to get back by twelve o'clock.
27	ENTRAR	GET IN(TO)	I lost my keys and so I couldn't get into the house.
28	BAJAR (DE UN AUTOBUS, TREN)	GET OFF	You have to get off the bus at the next stop if you want the station.
29	SUBIR (A UN AUTOBUS, TREN, MOTO)	GET ON	Quick! Get on the train, it's about to leave.
30	LEVANTARSE	GET UP	When I got up this morning it was still dark.
31	DEVOLVER	GIVE BACK	If you don't like the dress, the shop will give you your money back.
32	PERDER LA ESPERANZA, RENDIRSE	GIVE UP	If you find phrasal verbs difficult, don't give up.
33	DEJAR (DE FUMAR, BEBER)	GIVE UP	You'll get cancer if you don't give up smoking.
34	¡SIGA!	GO AHEAD	"Can I use the telephone?" "Yes, go ahead."

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35	IRSE, MARCHARSE	GO AWAY	Are you going away for Christmas, or are you staying at home.
36	VOLVER, REGRESAR	GO BACK	Although she's forty, she's going back to University to study French.
37	BAJAR	GO DOWN	The price of fruit goes down in the summer.
38	SALIR (POR LA CALLE)	GO OUT	I always go out and have a few drinks on Saturday night.
39	SUBIR	GO UP	The price of cigarettes went up in January 1992.
40	ESPERAR	HANG ON/HOLD ON	Hold on for a minute as Pablo will be back in five minutes.
41	COLGAR (EL TELÉFONO)	HANG UP	My ex-girlfriend hung up when I phoned her.
42	MANTENERSE (A LA ALTURA DE)	KEEP UP WITH	I can't keep up with my father when we go cycling as he goes too fast.
43	DERRIBAR, ATROPEAR, DEMOLER	KNOCK DOWN	My grandfather's old house was knocked down and a bank was built.
44	OLVIDAR, DEJAR	LEAVE BEHIND	When I got to the airport, I realised I had left my passport behind.
45	DEJAR ENTRAR	LET IN	She opened the door and let in the cat.
46	CUIDAR	LOOK AFTER	My mother looks after the children when we go away.

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47	BUSCAR	LOOK FOR	I spent two hours looking for my glasses before I found them.
48	ESPERAR CON ILUSIÓN	LOOK FORWARD TO	I'm looking forward to the Easter holidays.
49	TENER CUIDADO, ¡OJO!	LOOK OUT	Look out! - There's a car coming.
50	BUSCAR ALGO (EN UN LIBRO, DICCIONARIO)	LOOK UP	If you don't understand the word, look it up in a dictionary.
51	METER, INTRODUCIR	PUT IN	Put ten pence in the machine and you will get a cup of coffee.
52	ENCENDER	PUT ON	Put on the light, it's getting dark.
53	PONERSE (LA ROPA)	PUT ON	Put your coat on or you'll get cold.
54	QUEDARS SIN ALGO	RUN OUT OF	We ran out of petrol so we had to get the bus.
55	PONERSE EN CAMINO	SET OFF	We set off to Madrid at five o'clock to avoid the traffic.
56	PARECERSE A	TAKE AFTER	Pablo takes after his mother: they are both optimistic.
57	DESPEGAR	TAKE OFF	The flight was delayed for two hours and the plane eventually took off at 6 p.m.
58	QUITARSE LA ROPA	TAKE OFF	Take off your coat and make yourself comfortable.

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59	EXTRAER, SACAR	TAKE OUT	He took out a cigarette and lit it.
60	TIRAR (EN LA BASURA)	THROW AWAY	Don't throw these papers away: they're important.
61	BAJAR (EL VOLUMEN)	TURN DOWN	Turn down the radio: it's too loud.
62	PONER EL VOLUMEN MÁS FUERTE	TURN UP	Turn up the radio. I can't hear it.
63	ENCENDER (TELEVISIÓN, LUCES, ETC.)	TURN ON	Turn on the television, please, I want to see the news.