act on do whatever is advised / suggested
act up behave awkwardly or badly
answer (sb) back speak rudely to sb
answer back defend oneself
answer for be responsible for sth / pay for sth / own
answer to be under the command of sb / have th
back down cease to oppose
back out of withdraw from
back up support
balance against assess in relation to
bank on depend on
be / get in with sb to be or become popular or friendly with
be beneath sb demeaning
be done for be ruined
be down on sb be hostile to sb
be down with be ill / (with disease)
be in for sth / it have good reason to expect trouble or
be into (informal) to take an interest in sth
be kept in be detained after normal hours as a punishment
be made up consist
be off (1) cease to want or be interested in sth
be on be shown on television, at the cinema
be out (1) be in bloom, (2) be extinguished, (3) be removed, (4) be absent (from home or work), (5) be wrong in calculation, (6) be unfashionable
be up to sb to be the responsibility of someone
be up to sth (informal) to be doing sth, often sth bad or illegal, usually secretly
bear on be relevant to
bear out support the truth of
bear with be patient
become of used for asking what has happened / what will happen to sb or sth, because you are worried about them
blink at show surprise
blow over stop and be forgotten
blow up explode
book up to make a reservation (for)
break away escape from captivity
break down (1) fail to function, (2) lose control of fav
break down into separate something into a number of parts
break in (1) interrupt, (2) enter a building by force
break into suddenly start doing sth
break off end sth suddenly
break out (1) start suddenly (of violent events), (2) break out (of imprisonment)
break through (1) make a discovery, (2) become visible
break up (1) end a relationship, (2) disperse
break with sth to intentionally not continue doing something
bring about cause
bring in introduce (law / idea)
bring off succeed in sth difficult
bring on cause an illness
bring out publish / release
bring round / to cause sb to regain consciousness
bring up (1) stop, (2) mention a subject, (3) vomit, (4) raise a child
brush up improve (by study)
build up acquire gradually / accumulate
call at: visit briefly
call back ask to return
call for require
call off cancel
call off cancel
call out cause one to go on strike
call sb in consult; to ask someone to come to help in a difficult situation
call up conscript (= enlist sb compulsorily into the armed forces)
carry off succeed in doing sth difficult
carry on (1) continue, (2) behave wildly
carry out fulfill or perform sth
carry over last from another time
carry through complete sth in spite of difficulties
catch on become popular
catch up reach sb who is ahead
charge to bill sb
charge with publicly accuse sb of committing a wrong deed
cheat out of prevent sb from having sth usu. in an unfair way
check in register as a guest at a hotel
check out pay one's bill and leave a hotel
check up on investigate sth / sb's behaviour etc.
chip in add one's share of money
clear of find innocent
clear off run away
clear out get rid of unwanted things
clear up (of the weather) brighten up
come about to happen, especially by chance
come across find sth or meet sb by chance
come by obtain sth
come down to be passed to sb
come forward (1) step forward, (2) to give evidence about a crime
come in become fashionable
come into inherit sth from sb
come on (1) to make progress, or to achieve sth; to improve, (2) to start working by being switched on
come out  (1) become known, (2) be published
come out in sth  to have or develop an illness or symptom
come over  (1) to seem to be a particular type of person, (2) to come to a place
come over sb  to influence someone suddenly to behave in a particular way
come round / around to  to change one's opinion to another point of view, be persuaded
come through  succeed in surviving or dealing with (an illness or ordeal)
come to  amount to a total
come to / round / around regain consciousness
come up  grow
come up to  reach, equal sth
come up with  have an idea about a way to solve a problem
cut back  reduce (outgoings)
cut down on  reduce (consumption)
cut in  interrupt sth
cut off  (1) isolate, (2) disconnect
cut out  omit
deal in  trade in sth
deal with  tackle a problem; cope with
do away with  abolish
do down  criticise
do out of  deprive of
do up  fasten (a coat etc)
do with  need / would like
do without  manage in spite of lack
draw in  shorten (of days)
draw on  use part of a reserve
draw out  extend
draw up  come to a stop (of vehicles)
drive at  imply / suggest
drop in  visit unexpectedly
drop off  decrease
drop out of  withdraw from
eat into  consume a part of sth
fall back  retreat
fall back on  turn to sth/bp for help when all else has failed
fall for  fall in love with sb
fall in  collapse
fall in with  agree to
fall off  decline; become smaller or lower
fall on / upon sb  attack fiercely or unexpectedly
fall out  quarrel
fall through  fail to take place
feel for  sympathise
fit in  mix well with others
fit up / out  furnish / equip
fly at  attack (with blows or words)
fold up  collapse or fail
get about  (1) move about, (2) spread (of news, gossip etc)
get across  make understood
get ahead  succeed
get along / on  be on friendly terms with sb
get at  mean
get at sb  criticise, tease in an unkind way
get away with  escape punishment
get by  manage despite difficulties
get off  send
get off with  nearly escape punishment
get on  make progress
get on with  continue doing sth
get out of  avoid
get over  recover from
get round  persuade
get round to  find time
get sb down  depress sb
get through  contact by phone
get up to  be busy with sth surprising or undesirable
give (oneself) up  surrender
give away  (1) reveal, (2) give freely as a present
give in  (1) deliver, (2) yield
give off  send out / emit
give out  (1) come to an end, (2) announce, (3) distribute
give up  (1) stop doing sth, (2) admit defeat
go down  (of remarks, proposals etc) be received in a specified way
go down with  become ill
go for  be sold
go in for  take part in
go into  describe, examine in detail
go off  make a sudden loud noise
go on  happen
go on with  continue sth/stop after a pause
go round  be enough for everyone to have a share
go through  (1) examine sth closely or systematically, (2) consume
go up  be built
go with  be included in the price
hand over  give
head off  prevent
hold back  (1) prevent development, (2) delay, (3) withhold
hold in  control (feelings, oneself)
hold off  (1) keep at a distance, (2) delay
hold on  wait
hold out  (1) last, (2) resist
hold out for  wait to get sth desired
hold on to  keep a secret from sb
hold over  postpone to a later date
hold up  (1) rob (a bank, vehicle), (2) delay
hype up  exaggerate the value of sth
join up  become a member of the military
keep at  continue working at
keep back  hide
keep down  repress
keep in with  continue to be friendly
keep on  continue doing sth
keep on at  continue talking in an irritating way
keep to follow
keep up (with)  (1) continue to do sth, (2) to pretend to do or feel sth, (3) to move at the same speed as sb or sth, (4) to learn new skills or information, (5) to prevent someone from going to bed
land in  get into trouble, difficulties
land up  to finally arrive at a place or situation after a series of events
lay aside  put aside
lay into  attack (with blows or words)
lay off  stop doing sth irritating
lay out  spend
lead on  persuade sb to believe or do sth by making false promises
let down  (1) disappoint, (2) lower sth
let in for  involve in trouble etc
let in on  allow sb to share a plan, secret
let on  reveal a secret
let out  (1) make (a garment etc) looser or longer (opp: take in), (2) utter a cry
let sb off  not punish severely
let sb through  allow sb to pass an exam or a test
let up  become less in degree
let up on  treat sb less severely
live on sb/sth  get the money needed from
live through experience over time
live up to  reach the standard that may be expected
live with  tolerate / accept sth and endure it
look ahead  think about the future
look at  read
look back  think about one's past
look down on  despise
look for  search for
look in  pay a short visit
look into  investigate / examine the facts relating to sth
look on  watch sth without taking part
look onto  have a view
look out  watch out; be careful
look out for  (1) search in order to find sth, (2) be alert in order to see / find sb
look over  examine (a place)
look to  rely on sb
look up  (1) search for (a word) in a reference book, (2) visit esp after a long time
make for  head for
make out with  steal sth and hurry away with it
make up  (1) complete sth, (2) claim to be, (3) discern, (4) understand
make over  transfer the ownership of sth
make sb into  convert
make up for  compensate sb for the trouble one has caused them
meet with  have as a reaction
miss out  forget to include
move on to  pass to another subject
narrow down  reduce
note down  record
pass over  ignore
piece together  discover gradually
put about  spread (false) reports
put across  communicate
put aside / by  save for later use
put away  put into confinement
put back  delay
put down  write in a particular place
put down to  attribute to
put forward  suggest
put in (a request)  make an official request
put in (a request)  (1) apply for; (2) make an official request
put off  (1) discourage, (2) postpone
put on  (1) gain weight, (2) pretend to have, (3) advance, (4) clothe oneself with, (5) present
put out  extinguish
put sb up  give accommodation to
put sb behind  deliberately forget
put through  (1) carry sth out, (2) cause sb to undergo (an ordeal)