BE, BREAK
be about to
be on the point of
be after
go after; chase
be against
be opposed to
be away
be absent
be back
return; come back
be in
be at home/in one's office etc
be in for
be about to experience (usu bad)
be on
be shown in cinemas, theatres etc
be over
be finished
be up to
1) be equal to, 2) depend on
break down
1) (of machinery) stop working, 2) (of a person) lose control of feelings
break in
1) (intr) enter by force, 2) (on) interrupt, 3) (horses etc) train
break into
1) (tr) enter by force, 2) burst into (song, laughter etc)
break off
1) stop temporarily, 2) (tr) end a relationship
break out
1) begin suddenly (war, disease, fire etc), 2) (of) escape from a place
break up
1) (intr) separate; split up, 2) stop for holidays (schools etc)

BRING, CARRY
bring about
cause to happen
bring back
1) recall, 2) reintroduce
bring down
1) cause to fall, 2) reduce prices
bring forward
suggest an idea
bring on
cause, usu sth unpleasant
bring out
publish
bring round
1) help sb regain consciousness, 2) persuade sb to change opinion
bring to
persuade sb to change opinion
bring up
1) raise a child, 2) vomit, 3) introduce a subject, 4) mention
be/get carried away
be/get excited
carry off
do sth successfully
carry on (with)
continue esp despite difficulties
carry out
perform, complete
carry over
postpone
carry through
1) complete despite difficulties, 2) help sb survive during troubled times

COME, CUT
come across
meet/find by chance
come by
obtain
come down with
become ill from
come into
inherit
come off
1) happen, 2) succeed
come out
1) be published, 2) bloom
come round
1) visit casually, 2) regain consciousness, 3) (to + O) be persuaded to change opinion
come to
regain consciousness
come on
come along; hurry up
come through
survive
come up
be mentioned
come up to
equal
come up with
find (an answer, solution etc)
cut across
take a shorter way
cut back (on)
reduce (production)
cut down
reduce length of sth
cut down (on)
reduce amount consumed
cut in/into
interrupt
cut off
disconnect
be cut off
be isolated
cut out
1) leave out; remove, 2) (for) (passive) be suited for
cut up
cut into small pieces

DO, FALL
do away with
abolish
do down
speak badly of sb
do in
kill
do out
clean
do up
1) fasten; tie, 2) redecorate
do with
1) need; want, 2) have a connection with
do without
manage to live or continue without
call back
move back; retreat
call back on
use sth in the absence of sth else; turn to
fall behind  1) fail to keep up with, 2) be late with payment
fall for  1) be tricked, 2) fall in love with sb
fall in with  accept sb's plans, ideas
fall off  decrease
fall on  1) attack, 2) eat (food) hungrily
fall out (with)  quarrel
fall through  fail to be completed

GET, GIVE
get about  move around; spread
get sth across  make sth understood
get away (from)  1) escape, 2) leave
get along (with)  have a friendly relationship
get at  1) reach, 2) imply, suggest
get away with sth  avoid being punished for sth
get sb down  depress
get off  1) to avoid punishment, 2) to descend from a bus etc
get on  1) enter a bus etc, 2) manage
get on with  continue, often after interruption
get over  1) return to usual state of health, happiness etc after sth bad, 2) overcome
get (a)round  coax; persuade sb by kindness
get through  1) finish work, 2) reach sb by phone
give away  1) give sth for free, 2) reveal
give off  emit
give back  return
give in  1) surrender, 2) hand in
give out  distribute
give up  1) stop (a habit etc), 2) surrender

GO, HOLD
go about with  keep company with
go ahead  go in front
go back on  break a promise, agreement, etc
go down with  become ill
go for  1) attack, 2) apply for
go in for  enter a competition
go off  1) explode, 2) (of food) go bad
go out  1) be extinguished, 2) mix socially
go over  1) examine details, 2) repeat
go round  be enough for everyone to have a share
hold back  1) hesitate, 2) control, 3) keep a secret
hold on  wait
hold out  1) endure, 2) last
hold up  1) delay, 2) rob (sb or sth)

KEEP, LET
keep at sth  continue working on sth
keep away (from)  stay away
keep back  1) stay back, 2) conceal
keep behind  make sb remain after others have left
keep sb/sth down  control
keep (oneself) from  1) prevent from, 2) avoid
keep in with  remain friendly with
keep sb/sth off  (cause) to stay at a distance
keep on  continue
keep up with  stay level with (sb/sth)
let sb down  disappoint
let sb off  not to punish
let on  reveal a secret
let out  make (a garment) loser, larger etc
let up  lessen, stop gradually

LOOK, MAKE
look after  take care of
look down on  despise (opp. look up to)
look for  search for
look forward to  anticipate
look into  investigate
look on 1) be a spectator, 2) regard; consider
look out (for) watch out
look over inspect carefully (sth written)
look through study carefully (sth written)
look up 1) look for an address, name, etc in the relevant book or list, 2) visit sb after a lapse of time (specially sb living at some distance)
made for move quickly towards
make up 1) invent (story, poem etc), 2) make an amount complete, 3) compose, 4) reconcile, 5) prepare (by mixing)
made oneself up put cosmetics on
make up for compensate for
make out 1) complete; fill in, 2) distinguish, 3) understand

PUT, RUN

put aside save (usu money)
put away put in the usual place
put down 1) suppress by force, 2) write down; make a note, 3) attribute to, 4) criticize
put forward propose
put off postpone
put on 1) switch on, 2) increase (weight), 3) pretend to be/have
put out 1) extinguish, 2) cause inconvenience
put through connect by phone
put up 1) offer hospitality, 2) erect, 3) raise prices
put up with tolerate
run across meet or find by chance
run after chase
run away with steal
run down 1) (of a battery) lose power, 2) (passive) be exhausted, 3) knock down, 4) speak badly of sb
run into 1) meet unexpectedly, 2) collide with
run over read through quickly; review
run up against face; encounter
run through examine quickly; rehearse

SEE, SET

see about deal with; make arrangements for (= see to)
see sb off go with sb to their point of departure
see sb out accompany sb to the door/exit of a house/building
see over inspect (a house, flat etc)
see through sb/sth not be deceived by sb/sth
see sb through support sb until the end of a difficult time
see to 1) make arrangements, 2) attend to sth
set about 1) begin to do, 2) attack
set aside save for a special purpose
set back 1) delay progress of sth, 2) delay an event till a later date, 3) cost (slang)
set in 1) begin a journey, 2) start a course of action with a clear aim in mind
set in (cause to) attack
set up 1) start a business, 2) build; erect, 3) establish

STAND, TAKE

stand by 1) remain loyal esp in a difficult situation, 2) watch passively, 3) be ready for action
stand for 1) represent, 2) (usu in questions and negations) tolerate; put up with
stand in for replace sb temporarily
stand out be very noticeable, prominent
stand up for support; defend
stand up to resist; stay in good condition
be taken aback be strongly surprised
take after look like
take sb back admit that one was wrong in what one said
take down 1) lengthen a garment (let down), 2) separate into pieces in order to repair or remove, 3) write down
take in 1) give accommodation, 2) deceive
take for identify sb or sth wrongly
take off 1) remove clothes, 2) copy sb’s speech or manners esp for fun; imitate
take on 1) undertake responsibility, 2) employ
take sb out take sb to the theatre etc
take over take control or responsibility
take to like
take up begin to do sth a a hobby
**TURN, WORK**

- **turn away**
  1) refuse to let in, 2) refuse to help

- **turn down**
  1) reduce volume, power etc (opp: turn up), 2) reject

- **turn in**
  go to bed

- **turn into**
  convert into

- **turn off**
  switch off (opp: turn on)

- **turn on**
  switch on

- **turn out**
  1) prove to be in the end, 2) force sb to leave, 3) produce

- **turn to**
  go to sb for help, advice etc

- **turn over**
  go to the next page

- **turn up**
  increase the volume, pressure etc (opp: turn down)

- **work on**
  be busy with

- **work out**
  1) find by reasoning, 2) turn out successfully

- **work up**
  develop