

Phrasal verbs with be and some other verbs

Bang up

To bang somebody up is to put them in prison. The expression lock up has the same meaning.

He was banged up for smuggling.

Be off

This is an inseparable phrasal verb.

When you are off you go away.

I am just off to see my Attorney. I will be back in an hour.

It looks like she has been bitten by the travel bug. She is off to Egypt next week.

When something is off it is not working.

The power was off for several hours.

When an event is off, it has been cancelled.

Due to the chairman's illness, Tuesday's meeting is off.

Be out

When a book or a magazine is out, it is available to general public.

His latest novel will be out next month.

The stories of her many affairs are out now.

When a person is out, they are not at home or work.

The Chairman is out at the moment.

Black out

When you black out, you faint.

The expression pass out has the same meaning.

She was feeling dizzy and blacked out.

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Blow out

To blow a candle out is to extinguish it.

The birthday boy blew the candles out and cut the cake.

Blow over

When a controversy blows over, it is forgotten.

His publicist has advised him to keep a low profile until the controversy blows over.

Blow up

When something blows up it explodes.

Police foiled the terrorists' plan to blow up the railway station.

Blow up

When you blow up, you become angry.

I still can't understand why she blew up over something so silly.

When you blow something up you exaggerate it.

To blow up a balloon over a tyre is to fill it with air.

Blurt out

To blurt out is to say something without thinking.

James was never popular with his friends. He would always blurt out things that were said in private.