

13 Common Reporting Verbs

STATEMENTS

acknowledge	claim	indicate	reply
add	complain	maintain	report
admit	conclude	mean	say
announce	confess	note	state
answer	declare	observe	suggest
argue	deny	promise	tell
assert	exclaim	remark	warn
believe	explain	repeat	write

INSTRUCTIONS, COMMANDS REQUESTS, AND INVITATIONS

advise	invite
ask	order
caution	say
command	tell
demand	urge
instruct	warn

QUESTIONS

ask
inquire
question
want to know
wonder

14 Verbs and Expressions Commonly Used Reflexively

amuse oneself	be proud of oneself	dry oneself	introduce oneself	remind oneself
ask oneself	behave oneself	enjoy oneself	kill oneself	see oneself
avail oneself of	believe in oneself	feel sorry for oneself	look after oneself	take care of oneself
be hard on oneself	blame oneself	help oneself	look at oneself	talk to oneself
be oneself	cut oneself	hurt oneself	pride oneself on	teach oneself
be pleased with oneself	deprive oneself of	imagine oneself	push oneself	tell oneself

15 Some Common Transitive Phrasal Verbs

(s.o. = someone s.t. = something)

Note: *Separable phrasal verbs* are shown with the object between the verb and the particle (*call s.o. up*). *Inseparable phrasal verbs* are shown with the object after the particle (*carry on s.t.*). Verbs which *must be separated* are shown with an asterisk (*) (*do s.t. over*). Other separable verbs can take the noun object either between the verb and the particle or after the particle (*call Jan up* OR *call up Jan*). These verbs must, however, be separated by a pronoun object (*call her up* NOT *call up her*).

PHRASAL VERB	MEANING	PHRASAL VERB	MEANING
ask s.o. over*	invite to one's home	close s.t. down	close by force
block s.t. out	stop from passing through (light/noise)	come off s.t.	become unattached
blow s.t. out	stop burning by blowing on it	come up with s.t.	invent
blow s.t. up	1. make explode 2. fill with air (a balloon/water toy) 3. make something larger (a photograph)	count on s.o. or s.t.	depend on
bring s.t. about	make happen	cover s.o. or s.t. up	cover completely
bring s.o. or s.t. back	return	cross s.t. out	draw a line through
bring s.o. down*	depress	cut s.t. down	bring down by cutting (a tree)
bring s.t. out	introduce (a new product/book)	cut s.t. off	1. stop the supply of 2. remove by cutting
bring s.o. up	raise (children)	cut s.t. out	remove by cutting
bring s.t. up	bring attention to	do s.t. over*	do again
burn s.t. down	burn completely	do s.o. or s.t. up	make more beautiful
call s.o. back	return a phone call	draw s.t. together	unite
call s.o. in	ask for help with a problem	dream s.t. up	invent
call s.t. off	cancel	drink s.t. up	drink completely
call s.o. up	phone	drop s.o. or s.t. off	take someplace
carry on s.t.	continue	drop out of s.t.	quit
carry s.t. out	conduct (an experiment/a plan)	empty s.t. out	empty completely
charge s.t. up	charge with electricity	figure s.o. or s.t. out	understand (after thinking about)
cheer s.o. up	cause to feel happier	fill s.t. in	complete with information
clean s.o. or s.t. up	clean completely	fill s.t. out	complete (a form)
clear s.t. up	clarify	fill s.t. up	fill completely
		find s.t. out	learn information
		follow through with s.t.	complete
		get s.t. across	get people to understand an idea

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