

Phrasal Verbs 06.18.15

- Make do = to manage with limited means, ie, My family and I have to make do with a lower income because my dad got a pay cut.
- Make out = to be able to see, to decipher, ie, In the distance I can make out George coming up Broadway to ESOL Class. Or, to kiss, ie, I saw Chris and Erin making out in the hallway.
- Make up = to reconcile, to settle differences, ie, Janet and I had a fight but I made up with her. Or, to invent, ie, I didn't know the answer so I made it up.
- Make light of = to treat as unimportant or humorous, ie, It was very stressful but Josue decided to make light of the situation by pretending to be a clown.
- Make up (one's mind) = to decide, ie, I made up my mind that I will study English this summer.
- Do in = to ruin, to tire, to exhaust, ie, That biology test really did me in, if I didn't get a C on it I would still have an A+ in the class.
- Do away with = get rid of, ie, The government should do away with all corruption in negotiations.
- Go back on = to fail to keep a promise, ie, You said you would do this for me, please don't go back on your word.
- Have to do with = to be related to, connected to, ie, Your sandwich preferences have nothing to do with the conversation, please focus on what we're talking about. Also: I want nothing to do with you.