

Phrasal verbs with **after**, **back** and **about**

Verb and meaning	Example(s)
go after To pursue in attempt to catch another. To pursue an object or a goal. تبع	The downed officer couldn't go after the criminal. In little league, usually everyone goes after the ball. Inspired, the scientist went right after the new idea.

look after (transitive, idiomatic) To watch or protect; to keep safe. يعنى	He asked me to look after his daughter while he was away.
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take after (idiomatic) To resemble (a parent or ancestor) in appearance or habit. يشبه , يتصرف (كأبيه مثلاً)	She takes after her grandmother with her wide eyes and quiet disposition.
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bring back To fetch something To cause someone to remember something from the past. To reenact an old rule or law.

يعيد

I **brought back** the groceries. Could you **bring me back** some chocolate?

The smell of the magnolia **brought back** sweet memories of my childhood.

In the UK it is customary to hold a vote every few years on whether to **bring back** the death penalty.

call back To request someone's return. To telephone someone again at a more convenient time.

أتصل مرة أخرى

She said she'd **call back**.

I'm waiting for someone to **call me back** with a price.

cut back To reduce spending. To reduce consumption.

قلص

We need to **cut back** heavily on office supplies. Is there another vendor we can use?

He needs to **cut back** on doughnuts. He weighs 289 pounds!

fall back To retreat. To fail to fulfil a promise or purpose.

تراجع

The enemy **fell back** as our troops advanced.

get back (intransitive)

Return. To retrieve, to have an item returned.

To do something to hurt or harm someone who has hurt or harmed you. **يعود , ينتقم**

When I **get back** from holiday, I expect the house to be tidy.

I lent her my guitar over the Christmas holidays, and will **get it back** when the term starts.

I'll **get you back** for this!

put back (transitive) To return something to its original place. To postpone an arranged event or appointment. **أعاد**

He carefully **put** the vase **back** on the shelf.

The meeting has been **put back** to 5.00 pm.

ring back To return a phone call. To make another phone call to the same person.

يتصل

John called. He asked for you to **ring** him **back** as soon as you arrived.

I had to **ring** you **back** because I forgot to ask you something important.

set back (transitive) To delay or obstruct
To remove from or allow distance. **عاق**

I expect it will **set** us **back** by a day or so, but I think a side trip will be worthwhile.

Set it back from the road by twenty or thirty feet.

take back To retract an earlier statement
To cause to remember some past event or time
To resume a relationship
To return something سحب

No, you are not fat; I **take** it all **back**.
That tune **takes** me **back** to my childhood.
She has forgiven him, and **taken** him **back**.
Take back faulty goods to the shop where you bought them.

talk back To reply impertinently; to answer in a cheeky manner.
answer back أجاب بقلّة إحترام

You should not **talk** to him **back** like that.

turn back (intransitive) To reverse direction and retrace one's steps.
To return to a previous state of being. العودة الى الوراء

Realising he had forgotten his briefcase, he **turned back** to the office.
He stopped drinking for a couple of years, but now he has **turned back** to his old ways. Once we take this decision, there's no **turning back**.

<p>bring about (transitive) To cause to take place. تحقيق</p> <p>(transitive) To accomplish, achieve.</p>	<p>The collapse of the gold standard brought about much of the economic turmoil of that era.</p> <p>I hope to bring about a successful conclusion.</p>
<p>go about (intransitive) To busy oneself with. To continue to do sth; to keep busy with sth</p> <p>التوجه نحو</p>	<p>Despite the threat of war, people went about their businesses as usual.</p>
<p>put about (intransitive, nautical) To change direction. (transitive) To circulate (a rumour).</p> <p>وضع حول</p>	<p>Someone's been putting it about that you plan to resign.</p>
<p>set about To initiate or begin some action شرع</p> <p>To attack.</p>	<p>He set about designing his homepage.</p> <p>Two youths set about him.</p>