

phrasal verbs with down

Verb and meaning	Example(s)
blow down to be moved or make something move on a current of air:	A gale-force wind had blown the fence down .
break down (intransitive) To fail, to cease to function. To render or to become unstable due to stress, to collapse physically or mentally. انفصال	I am afraid my computer will break down if I try to run it at too high a speed. She is back to work now, after she broke down the other day.
bring down (transitive) To make a legitimate rulership lose their position of power. (transitive) To reduce خفض	The rebel forces are trying to bring down the president and his government. The latest budget reforms are intended to bring down the level of inflation.

calm down (intransitive) To become less excited, intense, or angry. إهدأ

Calm down before you hurt somebody.

chop down (transitive) to cut through something to make it fall down

chop down a tree
Most of the diseased trees were **chopped down** last year.

close down (transitive, intransitive) To stop trading as a business. إغلاق

The local factory will **close down** soon, unless sales pick up. They had to close the mine down as it was in a dangerous condition.

come down To descend, fall. To decrease. To reach a decision.

Real estate prices have **come down** since the peak of the boom.
I can't guess which way the board will **come down** on the project.

crack down to enforce laws or punish (something) more vigilantly قمع

Every year around the holidays, the police launch a campaign to **crack down** on drunk driving.

cut down (transitive) To bring down by cutting. To reduce the amount of something. قطع

They want to **cut down** several trees to make room for the parking lot.
He wants to **cut down** on extra steps.
Please don't put the candy jar right next to my desk. I'm trying to **cut down** on sugar.

fall down To fall to the ground. To collapse. تسقط

The beams supporting the roof had rotted, causing the entire house to **fall down**.

flag down (transitive, idiomatic) Use a flag or similar kind of signal to get someone's attention.

If you want a taxi in Central London, you'll have to stand in the road and **flag one down**.

get down To bring or come down; descend. نزل
To concentrate; attend.
To swallow.

The kitten climbed the tree, but then couldn't **get down** again.
To **get down** to the matter at hand.
The pill was so large that he couldn't **get it down**.

go down (transitive) To descend; to move from a higher place to a lower one. To decrease; to change from a greater value to a lesser one. نزل

You'll need to **go down** two floors to get to that office.
The unemployment rate has **gone down** significantly in recent months.

hand down

To transmit in **انزال**
succession, as from father to
son, or from predecessor to
successor. To deliver

Fables are **handed down** from age to
age.

The jury **handed down** a verdict of
guilty.

jot down (idiomatic, transitive)
to write down hurriedly; to make
a note of **دون باختصار و على عجل**

Tell me his number, and I'll **jot it down**
on this scrap of paper.

let down (transitive) To allow to
descend. (transitive, idiomatic) To
disappoint; to betray or fail
somebody **خذل**


They **let down** the rope and I fastened
it to the basket.

I promised him I would meet him there,
and I will not **let him down**.

lie down (intransitive) to assume
a reclining position **اضطجع**
(intransitive) to be lazy or remiss

Lie down on the bed until you feel
better.

He never got promoted because he was
always **lying down** on the job.



mark down To reduce the price of. To write a memorandum about. To subtract marks (points) for an error. To write down.

The writing is good, but I had to **mark you down** for failing to cite references.

narrow down (idiomatic)
Make more specific. **تضييق**

All the food on the menu looked delicious, so I tried to **narrow down** my choices to only healthy foods.

note down **يدون**

To write down, especially hurriedly.
I **noted down** his phone number.

pelt down (intransitive)
to rain very heavily **يمطر بغزارة**

To rain heavily.
It's **pelting down** (with rain).

play down
(idiomatic) To make or attempt to make something seem less important, likely, or obvious. التهوين

The essay attempts to **play down** the role slavery had in the Civil War. The senator **played down** the threat of a recession. During the wave of anti-immigrant sentiment, Miguel **played down** his immigrant status by removing Chicano patois from his speech and adopting the nickname "Mike."


pour down (intransitive) To rain heavily.

يمطر بغزارة

The rain continued to **pour down**.

pull down (transitive) To make (something) lower (especially of clothes).(transitive) To demolish or destroy (a building etc.).(transitive) To cause to fall to the floor هدم

To destroy a building completely
The old building **was pulled** down completely.



put down (idiomatic) to state the cause of a situation.

I **put** the high crime rate **down** to the high unemployment.

run down (transitive) To hit someone with a car or other vehicle and injure or kill them.

اصطدم ب

To criticize someone or an organisation, often unfairly

He was **run down** while crossing the main road.

Whatever the company says, the media is going to **run** them **down**.

My sister is always **running** me **down** in front of my friends.

Don't **run** yourself **down** so much!

sit down (intransitive) To assume a sitting position from a standing position. اجلس

Sit down! We have work to do.

slow down ابطئ
(idiomatic) Decelerate.

When approaching a bend in the road, **slow down**, and speed up after leaving it.

squat down to sit on your heels with your knees bent up close to your body

يجلس القرفصاء

When we saw them we **squatted down** behind a wall.

tear down (transitive) هدم
To pull or knock down a building, wall, etc. To demolish

They're **tearing down** these old houses to build a new office block.

tie down

to constrain, or to confine within set limits. to secure as if with a rope or hook.

Kids **tie** you **down**, don't they?

I don't want to **tie** myself **down** to coming back on a particular date.

tone down (idiomatic) To relax; to make quieter or less obtrusive; to make milder. **تخفيف**

Ask them to **tone down** that orange and pink color scheme a bit. I hope they'll **tone** it **down** and stop arguing so much.

track down (idiomatic) To hunt for or locate; to search for; to find

تعقب

I need to **track down** a computer so I can check my e-mails.

tumble down (intransitive, figuratively) topple, collapse

تدحرج

The scaffolding came **tumbling down**.

turn down (idiomatic) To refuse, decline, or deny. To reduce the amount of something by means of a control, such as the volume, heat, or light.

رفض

He **turned down** all our offers of help.

Turn down the television so I can hear myself think.

When it starts to boil, **turn down** the heat to a simmer.

wind down (transitive) To lower by winding something.

تقليص

Wind down the car window if you want to talk to me.