

## 20 MUST-KNOW FCE PHRASAL VERBS

**Look forward to** something – to feel excited about something that is going to happen: I'm really **looking forward to** my retirement.

**Bring up** someone – To raise a child: She **brought up** 2 children on her own.

**Grow up** – To gradually become an adult: John never saw his dad when he was **growing up**.

**Put up with** something – To tolerate something unpleasant: If you live in a flat you have to **put up with** a lot of noise from your neighbours.

**Take up** something – To start doing something regularly, like a new hobby: Emma decided to **take up** yoga after she lost her job.

**Let down** someone – To disappoint someone: He **let down** his teammates because of his bad attitude.

**Call off** – To cancel: The match was **called off** due to the frozen pitch.

**Put off** – To postpone: We'll have to **put off** the meeting until tomorrow.

**Take after** someone – to look or behave like an older relative: My son **takes after** my husband.

**Get by** – To have just enough of something (like money or knowledge) so that you can do what you need to do: I can just about **get by** on my basic salary.

**Give up** something – To stop/quit doing something: I'm so unfit! I really ought to **give up** smoking.

**Give back** something – To give someone something that they owned or had before: The company had to **give back** all the money customers had paid.

**Look up** something – To try to find a particular piece of information by looking in a book or on a list, or by using the internet: I didn't know what the word meant so I **looked it up** in the dictionary.

**Tell off** someone – To criticise someone angrily for doing something wrong: The teacher **told me off** for speaking during the class.

**Look after** someone – To take care of someone: It's hard work **looking after** three children.

**Find out** something – To discover a fact or piece of information: The police are determined to **find out** who committed the crime.

**Throw away** – To get rid of something that you no longer want: I **threw away** all the rotten apples.

**Turn up** – To arrive somewhere, especially unexpectedly or after you have been waiting a long time: The party starts at 8pm but people won't **turn up** until much later.

**Get on with** someone – To have a friendly relationship with someone: We don't really **get on with** our neighbours.

**Fall out with** someone – To stop being friendly with someone because you have had a disagreement with them: Mum and I used to **fall out** a lot.