

Phrasal verbs

There are numerous phrasal verbs in English. Although they are not considered appropriate in formal writing, phrasal verbs are very common in speech. Here is a list of phrasal verbs beginning with C.

Call for = require

This victory calls for a big celebration.

This recipe calls for butter, not ghee.

Call off

To call something off is to cancel it.

Susie has called off her wedding to Peter.

If it rains we will have to call off the picnic.

To call off guard dogs is to order them to stop.

Call on

To call on somebody is to visit them.

If Mary was in town, why didn't she call on us?

Call up

To call up somebody is to telephone them.

I called Susie up to see if she wanted to come with us.

Calm down

To calm somebody down is to make them relax.

She calmed the baby down by rocking her gently.

Care for

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To care for somebody is to nurse them.

He cared for the dog until its wounds healed.

To care for something is to like it.

I don't care for pasta.

Do you care for pets?

Carry on

To carry on a conversation is to continue.

Please, carry on.

Carry on about

To carry on about is to continue in an annoying way.

She kept carrying on about her illnesses until we all went to bed.

Carry out

To carry out is to complete something.

If you can't carry out my instructions, you must resign.

Carry over

If something carries over, it continues on a subsequent day or page.

The conference carried over into lunch time.