The Oxford Phrase List™

The Oxford Phrase List is a list of 750 common phrases from A1 to C1 level. It includes idioms, phrasal verbs, compounds, collocations, prepositional phrases and other common fixed phrases.

A1

A few
  a few minutes
  a few times
  a few years
a good idea
  Good idea!
  It’s a good idea to...
  That’s a good idea!
agree with sb
  a little
    a little help
    a little money
    a little sugar
  a lot
    a lot to do
  a lot of sth
all day
  all night
all over the world
anything else
  anyone else
a period of time
around the world
arrive at...
arrive in...
ask for sth
at home
at school
at the beginning of sth
at the end
at the end of sth
at the moment
at the same time
at the weekend
at university
at work
away from sb/sth
bad for sb/sth
bad news
bad thing
  the bad things about sth
because of
begin with sth
be going to do sth
best friend
black and white
car park
cell phone
city centre
  in the city centre
come from...
come into sth
  He came into the room.
differences between A and B
difficult for sb
  it is difficult for sb to do sth
each other
end in sth
  every day
    every week
    every year
excuse me
family member
find out
  find out about sth
  find out more
for a long time
  a long time
for a moment
  for example
  for lunch
  for many years
  for the first time
get home
get married
get off
  get off the bus
  I’m getting off here.
get on
  get on the bus
  Are you getting on?
get ready
  get ready for sth
  get ready to do sth
get there
go to...
get up
  go back
  go back to...
go home
  She went into her room.
good at sth
  good for sb/sth
Good morning
  Good afternoon
  Good evening
good news
good thing
  the good things about sth
go out
  go to bed
  go to school
  go to work
  grow up
Guess what...
half an hour
hard work
have fun
have got
have time
  have time for sth
  have time to do sth
he or she
high school
  his or her
How about...?
How are you?
How long...?
How many...?
How much...?
How often...?
important for sb/sth
  It is important for sb/sth to do sth
I’m sorry
in April
  in July, etc.
in bed
in class
in fact
in front of
in my opinion
in school
in space
in summer
  in winter
in the centre
  in the centre of sth
in the country
  I live in the country.
  the best...
  in the country
in the future
in the morning
  in the afternoon
  in the evening
in the north
  in the south
  in the east
  in the west
in the past
in the street
  in the summer
  in the winter
in town
it is important to do sth
It takes...
  It takes an hour to get there.
kind of sb/sth
  What kind of music do you like?
know how
  know how to do sth
last time
  the last time
last year
  last month
  last summer
  last week
  last weekend
learn how to do sth
listen to sb/sth
live with sb
living room
look at sb/sth
look for sb/sth
look like sb/sth
  lots of...
  millions of...
  mobile phone
  more than...
next time
next year
  next month
  next week
No problem
of course
Oh no!
Oh yes
old friend
once a...
  once a month
  once a week
  once a year
one day
on holiday
on Monday
  on Tuesday, etc.
on television
  on the television
on the beach
on the floor
on the internet
  on the left
  on the right
  on the phone
  be on the phone
  talk on the phone
  on TV
out of sth
over there
pay for sth
phone call
phone number
plan for sth
  make plans for sth
  What are your plans for next year?
play with sb/sth
post office
pretty good
really enjoy
  I really enjoyed it.
really good
really like
  I’d really like to...
right now
See you
  See you around
  See you later
  See you soon
sit down
someone else
something else
speak to sb
spend time
spend time doing sth
spend time with sb
stand up
stay in
stay in a hotel
stay in bed
I’m staying in tonight.
such as
swimming pool
talk about sb/sth
thank you
thank you very much
that day
the 20th century
the 21st century
the 19th century
the next day
there is
there are
there was
there were
think about sb/sth
think of sb/sth
This is...
This is my dad.
this kind of...
this morning
this afternoon
this evening
this time
this year
this time
this summer
this weekend
thousands of...
too long
too far
too hard
too much
too many
town centre
in the town centre
TV show
wait for sb/sth
wake up
welcome to sth
What about…?
work as sth
work for sb/sth
work hard
work together
work together for sth
work together to do sth
work with sb
would like
I would like…
I would like to…
Would you like…?
X hours a day
X times a…
X times a day
X times a week
X years ago
X days ago
X months ago
X weeks ago
X years later
X days later
X minutes later
X years old
You’re welcome

A2
a bit
able to do sth
a couple of sth
add to sth
again and again
all about…
Tell me all about it.
all kinds of…
all over…
all over the world
all sorts of…
all the time
a long time ago
a long way
a number of sth
a large number of sth
apply for sth
art gallery
as a result
as a result of sth
as part of sth
as part of a team
as soon as
as well
as well as sb/sth
at first
at least
at the age of…
at the start of sth
at the time
at that time
at the time of sth
at the top
at the top of sth
based on sth
be allowed to do sth
believe in sb/sth
belong to sb
belong to sth
be made of sth
by the end of sth
care about sth
carry on
carry on with sth
carry sth out
check in
check in at…
check sth in
check out
check out of sth
close to sb/sth
come back
Come on!
connected to sth
connected with sb/sth
credit card
deal with sb
deal with sth
depend on sb/sth
depend on sb/sth for sth
depend on sth
do well
each one
each other
each other day
each other day
end with sth
even more…
even more difficult
even more exciting
everyone else
except for
fall in love
fall in love with sb
fall off
fall off sth
far away
feel good
feel like sth
fill sth in
find it difficult to do sth
first of all
focus on sb/sth
followed by sb/sth
for the rest of sth
for this reason
get back
get better
good luck
get lost
get out
give up
give sth up
go and…
go and get help
get away
go down
Prices are going down.
go down sth
Go down the road.
go for sth
go for a walk
go up
Prices are going up.
good luck
happen to sb/sth
happy with sb/sth
have a look
have a look at sth
have got to
Have you ever…?
health problems
hear about sb/sth
I don’t care
if necessary
if you want to
I guess
I’m afraid…
I mean
in business
in danger
in history
the first time in history
in hospital
in love
in love with sb
in prison
in some cases
instead of
in the air
in the end
in the middle of sth
in the same way
in this way
it depends
it all depends
I think so
I don’t think so
lead to sth
less than…
Let me…
Let me help you.
let me know
look after sb/sth/yourself
look back at sth
Look back at your notes.
look sth up
make a mistake
make money
make sense
make sure
make sure of sth
make sure that…
much better
not at all
I didn’t enjoy it at all.
no way
No way!
There is no way (that)…
Oh dear
Oh well
on earth
on the ground
on the other side
on the other side of sth
on the wall
on time
on top of sth/sb
one or two
ordinary people
pay attention
pay attention to sb/sth
per hour
kilometres per hour
miles per hour
pick sb/sth up
police officer
police station
public transport
put sth on
Quite a lot
quite a lot
Quite a lot
Quite a lot
reasons why
refer to sb/sth
refer to sb/sth as sth
report on sth
respond to sth/sb
save money
science fiction
search for sth/sth
so that…
solution to sth
sort of sth
What sorts of things do you do?
sound like sb/sth
start with sb/sth
such a/an…
such a good idea
take care of sb/sth/yourself
take off
take sth off
take part
take part in sth
take place
the best thing
the best thing to do
the first thing
the first thing I did
the following…
the following day
the important thing
the most important thing
the other side of sth
the other side of the world
the rest of sth
the rest of the world
these days
they say…
They say you can’t buy happiness.
throw sth away
turn sth off
turn sth on and down
Why not…?
work out
worried about sb/sth
write sth down
would love to do sth

B1
a bit more
a bit of sth
access to sth
after all
a great deal
a great deal better
a great deal of sth
aim to do sth
a kind of…
I had a kind of feeling this might happen.
a little bit
a little more
along with sb/sth
a lot more
alternative to sth
and so on
apart from
a range of sth
a wide range of sth
as if…
as if nothing had happened
as much as
as soon as possible
at last
at risk
at times
attached to sb/sth
a variety of sth
be about to do sth
be going on
What’s going on?
be known as sb/sth
be on the way to sth
benefit from sth
be supposed to do sth
be supposed to be sth
break up
break up with sb
by the time (that)…
can’t afford sth
can’t afford to do sth
care for sb
caused by sth
clean up
clean sth up
come up with sth
come up with sth
compared with sth
compare sb/sth
compare to sth
consist of sb/sth
do sb/sth
depend on sth
depend on developing countries
due to sb/sth
economic growth end up
even if
even though
exact the same
experience in sth
fall to do sth
fall asleep
far more
far more important
far more opportunities
far too
far too much homework
fed up
for a while
for free
for instance
for life
a job for life
for long
for some time
get on with sb
get to know sb
get used to sth
get used to doing sth
global warming
go ahead
go ahead with sth
go wrong
growth in sth
have no idea
have sb/sth in common
have sth in common with sb
have sth in common with sth
hear of sb/sth
heart disease
high street
higher education
if I were you
in addition
in addition to sb/sth
in a way that…
in case…
just in case…
in charge of sb/sth
in contrast
in contrast to sb/sth
in favour of sb/sth
in general
in order of sth
in order to do sth
in other words
in particular
in public
in recent years
in response to sth
in terms of sth
in the case of sth
in the case of sb/sth
in the way (that)…
in this case
in time
in time for sth
in time to do sth
in touch
be in touch
get in touch
keep in touch
in touch with sb
I wonder if…
leave sb/sth out
likely to do sth
look forward to sth
look out
make a difference
make sth up
mean to do sth
mean to do sth
I didn’t mean to.
more and more
move on
move on to sth
no longer
not any longer
no more than…
not even
I didn’t even see it.
not necessarily
not only
not only… but also…
on a regular basis
on my own
on their own
on your own
on the other hand
on the street
on the streets
on the way
or something
or somebody
or somewhere
or two
a day or two
a moment or two
a pound or two
ought to
out there
over the years
over time
participate in sth
point sth out
point out that…
prepared to do sth
primary school
prime minister
put sth up
quite a…
quite a good player
quite a long time
raise money
raise money for sth
rather than
reaction to sth
relate to sth/sth
relate to sb/sth
related to sth/sth
respect for sb/sth
result in sth
rise in sth
rise in sth
a rise in the number of visitors
run out
run out of sth
search engine
secondary school
set sth up
slow down
so far
some kind of…
succeed in doing sth
suffer from sth
sure to do sth
take sb/sth on
take up sth
take up too much room
take sth up
take up golf
tell the truth
tend to do sth
tend to be sth
tend to sb/sth
thanks to sb/sth
that’s it
the case
be the case that…
the fact that…
those who…
There are those who say…
to do with sb/sth
be to do with sb/sth
be to do with sb/sth
together with
too bad
too…
to…
try and…
turn out
turn out to be sth
turn sth up
unable to do sth
up to sth
up to 60 miles per hour
way of life
well known
work on sth
work sth out
wrong with sb/sth
you see

I had a kind of feeling this might happen.
I had a kind of feeling this might happen.
I didn't even see it.
I didn’t mean to.
I didn’t even see it.
I didn’t even see it.
I didn’t even see it.
I didn’t even see it.
I didn’t even see it.
B2
draw attention to sb/sth
engage in sth
ever since...
exposure to sth
far from sth
far from doing sth
figure sb/sth out
find yourself doing sth
get in
get into sth
get over sth/sb
You'll get over it.
get rid of sb/sth
She went off to get a drink.
A bomb went off.
The alarm went off.
The lights went off.
go on to do sth
go through sth
had better
hang on
human rights
if only...
I have to say...
in action
in advance
in an attempt to do sth
in part
in place
in relation to sb/sth
in spite of sth
in the first place
in the near future
in turn
investment in sth
I would say...
loads of sb/sth
mental health
more or less
no doubt
no matter...
no matter how...
nothing but
on board
once again
one another
on the basis of sth
on the one hand
opposed to sth
or so
other than
potential for sth
pretty much
prior to
prove to be sth
put sth forward
put sth together
quality of life
ranging from
prices ranging from €25 to €60
regarded as sth
relevant to sb/sth
rely on sb/sth
role model
set out
short of sth
so as to do sth
something like...
sort sb/sth/yourself out
stick to sth
subject to sth
sum up
sum sth up
take advantage of sb/sth
take sth into account
take over
take over from sb
that is
the vast majority of sth
turn into sth
up to sb
when it comes to sth
when it comes to doing sth
whether or not...
would rather...

C1
above all
all but
all the more
as far as sb/sth is concerned
as of...
as opposed to
as such
as to sth
as to whether...
at the expense of sb/sth
at the hands of sb
back and forth
bear sb/sth in mind
bear in mind that...
keep sb/sth in mind
keep in mind that...
be attributed to sb
be entitled to sth
be found to do sth
be meant to do sth
be reported to do sth
be reported to have sth
be said to be sth
be said to have sth
bring sth about
bring sth up
by means of sth
by no means
call on sb
call on sb to do sth
consistent with sth
dedicated to sth
derive sb/sth of sth
dispose of sb/sth
follow sth up
for that matter
for the benefit of sb
for the sake of sb/sth
get away with sth
given that...
have sb/sth in mind
have sb/sth in mind for sth
have nothing to do with sb/sth
be nothing to do with sb/sth
in accordance with sth
in any case
in a position to do sth
in conjunction with sb/sth
in connection with sb/sth
in effect
in full
in line with sth
in practice
in respect of sth
in such a way (that)...
in the absence of sb/sth
in the course of...
in the event of sth
in the face of sth
in the hands of sb
in the light of sth
in the midst of sth
in the meantime
in the presence of sb/sth
in the presence of sth
in the wake of sb/sth
involvement in sth
let alone
little more than...
live on sth
may well
nothing like
not to mention
on behalf of sb
on the part of sb
over the course of...
put it
How shall I put it?
seek to do sth
set to do sth
the extent to which...
to date
his best work to date
up against sth
with regard to sb/sth
with respect to sth
with the exception of sb/sth