

Multiple-Word Verbs and Adjectives

The following is a list of verbs and adjectives that must occur with particular prepositions. The verbs with the asterisk (*) are separable multiple-word verbs; therefore, the direct object can go either after the verb or in between the verb and the preposition.

accuse (someone) of (something)	concentrate on (something)
acquainted with (something/someone)	congratulate (someone) on (something)
afraid of (something/someone)	consist of (something)
agree to (something)	count on (something/someone) for (something)
agree with (someone) about (something)	*cover up (something)
angry with / at (someone)	crazy about (something/someone)
apologize for (something)	*cross out (something)
apologize to (someone)	*cut up (something)
apply for (a job, admission, membership)	
apply to (an institution or organization)	deal with (something/someone)
approve of (something/someone)	decide on (something)
argue with (someone) about (something)	dedicated to (something/someone)
arrive at (a building, activity, general location)	depend on (something/someone)
arrive in (a city, state, country)	dependent on (something/someone)
*ask out / over (someone)	die down
	die out
*beat up (someone)	disagree with (someone) about (something)
believe in (something/someone)	disappointed about (something)
benefit from (something)	disappointed with / in (something/someone)
blame (something) on (someone)	distinguish from
*blow up (something)	*do over (something)
borrow (something) from (someone)	do without (something)
break down	done with (something)
break up with (someone)	dream about / of (something/someone)
*bring up (something/someone)	drop in on (someone)
burn down	*drop off (something/someone)
burn up	drop out (of school, an organization)
*call back (someone)	eat out
*call off (something)	end up
call on (someone)	engaged to (someone)
*call up (someone)	escape from (something/someone)
calm down	excited about (something/someone)
care about (something/someone)	
catch up with (something/someone)	fall behind
*check out (something/someone)	fall down
*clean up (something/someone)	fall off
come up with (something)	fall through
comfortable with (something/someone)	familiar with (something/someone)
complain to (someone) about (something)	feel sorry for (someone)

fight for (something/someone)	
figure on (something)	in charge of (something/someone)
*figure out (something/someone)	insist on (something)
*fill in (something)	interested in (something/someone)
*fill on (something)	
*fill up (something)	jealous of (someone)
find out about (something/someone)	
finished with (something)	keep on doing (something)
focus on (something)	*keep up (something)
friendly with / to (someone)	keep up with (something/someone)
frightened of (something/someone)	*kick out (someone)
get along with (someone)	laugh about (something)
get away with (something)	laugh at (something/someone)
get by	*leave out (something/someone)
get in (a car, taxi, truck)	*let down (someone)
get off (a plane, bus, train, bicycle, etc.)	lie down
get on (a plane, bus, train, bicycle, etc.)	look after (something/someone)
get out of (a car, taxi, truck)	look at (something/someone)
get over (something)	look for (something/someone)
get rid of (something)	look forward to (something)
get up	look into (something)
*give away (something)	*look over (something)
*give back (something)	*look up (something)
give up	
go on with (something)	mad about (something)
go out with (someone)	mad at (someone)
go over (something)	*make up (something)
grow up	married to (someone)
	move from (somewhere)
happy about (something)	move over
happy with (something/someone)	
*hand in (something)	nervous about (something)
*hand out (something)	
*hang up (something)	participate in (something)
*have on (something)	*pass out (something)
hear about (something/someone)	patient with (someone)
hear from (someone)	*pick out (something)
hear of (something/someone)	*pick up (someone)
help out (someone)	point at (something/someone)
hide from (someone)	*point out (something)
hide (something) from (someone)	prepare for (something)
hold on	prepared for (something)
hold on to (something/someone)	profit from (something)
hope for (something)	proud of (something/someone)
hope to (do something)	*put away (something)

*put back (something)	*straighten out (something)
*put off (something)	*straighten up (something)
*put on (something)	sure of (something)
*put out (something)	surprised at / about (something/someone)
*put together (something)	
put up with (something/someone)	take advantage of (something/someone)
	take care of (something/someone)
quiet down	*take off (something)
	*take out (something/someone)
ready for (something)	*take over (something)
refer to (something/someone)	*take up (something)
related to (something/someone)	take place
rely on (something/someone) for (something)	talk to / with (someone) about (something/someone)
respond to (something/someone)	*tear down (something)
responsible for (something/someone)	*tear up (something)
run across (something)	tell (someone) about (something/someone)
run into (something/someone)	think about / of (something/someone)
run out of (something)	*think over (something)
rush off	*throw away / out (something)
	tired of (something/someone)
safe from (something/someone)	*try on (something)
scared of (something/someone)	*try out (something)
see about (something)	*turn down (something/someone)
*see off (someone)	*turn in (something)
settle down	*turn off (something)
shout at (someone)	*turn on (something)
show up for (an event or activity)	*turn out (lights)
*shut off (something)	*turn up (something)
sit down	
sit up	wait for (something/someone)
slow down	wait on (someone)
sorry for (someone)	*wake up (someone)
speak to / with (someone) about (something/someone)	work for (something/someone)
speak up	work for / toward (something)
stand for (something)	work on (something)
stare at (something/someone)	*work out (something)
start out	worry about (something/someone)
stay up	*wrap up (something)