

# 10 Advanced Phrasal Verbs for IELTS WRITING

These phrasal verbs are suitable for IELTS writing. They show the examiner that you can use "uncommon and idiomatic" vocabulary, which will help you improve your score for Lexical Resource.

## 1. Carry out

to do

- to conduct or perform a task or research

carry out + a task/ research/ analysis/ an investigation



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Scientists **are doing** a lot of research to **understand** the effects of climate change.

Scientists **are carrying out** extensive research to **better understand** the effects of climate change. ✓

Before **introducing** a new policy, it is **very important** to do a lot of analysis of its **impact**.

Before **implementing** a new policy, it is **of paramount importance** to **carry out a thorough analysis** of its **potential impact**.

carry out

a task

research

analysis

an investigation

## 2. Point out

- to draw attention or highlight something

point out  
To ~~show~~ something

Teachers need to **show** the benefits of **exercise** in improving our **thinking ability**.

Teachers need to **point out** the benefits of **regular exercise** in improving **cognitive function**.

It is **very important** to **show** the **risks** of **using social media too much**.

It is **of paramount importance** to **point out** the **potential risks** associated with **excessive social media usage**.

### 3. Figure out

- to solve a problem or understand something

**figure out**  
To ~~solve~~ a problem

To **develop sustainably**, governments need to **find a way** to balance economic growth with **the environment**.

In order to **promote sustainable development**, governments need to **figure out** how to balance economic growth with **environmental preservation**.

One of the **big difficulties** in the healthcare sector is **to solve** a way to provide **cheap** and **easy** services for everyone.

One of the **key challenges** in the healthcare sector is to **figure out** how to provide **affordable** and **accessible** services for everyone.

### 4. Put forward

- to propose an idea, suggestion, or argument

**put forward**  
To ~~suggest~~ an idea

The students **suggested** a **good argument** in support of renewable energy.

The students **put forward** a **compelling argument** in favour of renewable energy.

Many experts have **suggested** the idea that investing in renewable energy can lead to **a better environment** and **a better economy**.

Many experts have **put forward** the idea that investing in renewable energy can lead to both **environmental sustainability** and **economic growth**.

### 5. Take into account

- to consider or include certain factors

**take into account**  
To ~~consider~~ an idea

City authorities ought to **consider** the cultural heritage and historical importance of the building.

City authorities ought to **take into account** the cultural heritage and historical importance of the building.

It is **important** to **consider** whether the building is safe or not for **people who live close**.

It is **vital** to **take into account** whether the building is safe or not for **residents who live nearby**.

## 6. Make up

- to compensate for something or to create a story or an excuse

### make up

To ~~compensate~~ for something

To ~~invent~~ a story

Many parents give their children a lot of gifts to **compensate** for not being **with them** in their lives.

Many parents give their children a lot of gifts to **make up** for not being **present** in their lives.

Children who are spoiled **when they are young** are more likely to **invent** stories to get their own way.

Children who are spoiled **from a young age** are more likely to **make up** stories to get their own way.

## 7. Give rise to

- to create a particular situation or reaction

### give rise to

To ~~create~~ something

The **growth** of social media has **created** new challenges regarding online privacy and security.

The **rapid growth** of social media has **given rise to** new challenges regarding online privacy and security.

Advances in AI have **created** concerns about job losses and the need for re-skilling.

Advances in AI have **given rise to** concerns about job losses and the need for re-skilling.

## 8. Lead to

- to result in something

### lead to

To ~~result in~~ something

**Giving lots of gifts** to young children can **result in** them becoming unappreciative and spoiled.

**Showering young children with gifts** can **lead to** them becoming unappreciative and spoiled.



## 9. Stem from

- to have a specific cause or origin

**stem from**

To ~~be caused by~~ something

The rise in youth crime can often **be caused by** not enough educational opportunities and socioeconomic disadvantages.

The rise in youth crime can often **stem from** a lack of educational opportunities and socioeconomic disadvantages.

Mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, can **be caused by** the stress of exams.

Mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, can **stem from** the stress of exams.

## 10. Culminate in

- to describe the process of reaching a significant point or event after a series of developments

**culminate in**

To ~~result in~~ something

Long-term investments in education and skill development **result in** a highly educated workforce and economic prosperity.

Long-term investments in education and skill development **culminate in** a highly educated workforce and economic prosperity.

Years of hard work and dedication **resulted in** her winning the championship.

Years of hard work and dedication **culminated in** her winning the championship.



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