

01. READING

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A circular inset image in the bottom left corner shows a person's face and hands holding a glass of beer. The image is blurred and has a teal tint. The text "#01" is overlaid in large white font.

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15 PHRASAL VERBS & USEFUL VOCABULARY FOR GOING “OUT ON THE TOWN”.

Here is a short story about Richard. He spent a night *out on the town* in London. Richard's night began when he **met up**¹ with his mates at a pub called The Dog & Bone in the trendy Soho district.



A taxi **dropped him off**² and he could see that his pals were already *tipsy*. He needed to **catch up**³, so he **knocked back**⁴ two *pints* in five minutes. After that they **popped into**⁵ a few more local pubs and then decided to go for dinner.

When you've had a few beers, **eating out**⁶ in London can only mean one thing: curry. Richard was in the mood to **pig out**⁷ so when the waiter **came over**⁸ he ordered four dishes, just for himself.

After dinner Richard's pals wanted to **carry on**⁹ to a club, but Richard was feeling *stuffed* after eating so much curry. He really didn't want to **stay up**¹⁰ all night. He wanted to **sack it off**¹¹, but his mates were *having none of it*. “How are you going to **chat up**¹² any girls if you go home?” they asked.

Richard was starting to wish he'd **stayed in**¹³. He felt extremely *queasy* and then **puked up**¹⁴ all over the pavement! His mates *rolled their eyes* and ordered an Uber to **pick him up**¹⁵.

It was time for Richard to *call it a night*.

PHRASAL VERBS

1. Meet up (with someone) – To meet at an agreed time/place.



Example:

“What time do you want to meet up tonight?”

2. Drop (someone or something) **off** – To deliver a person or thing to a place.



Example:

“I’ve have to drop my husband off at the airport. He’s going to London.”

3. Knock (a drink) **back** – To drink something very quickly.



4. Catch up (with someone) – To reach the same standard, stage or level they are at.



Example:

“I missed two classes. I’ll never catch up with the others now!”

5. Pop into – To enter a place for a short period of time.



Example:

“Wait a moment, I just need to pop into the chemist.”

6. Eat out – To eat (usually dinner) in a restaurant or pub.



Example:

“We have spent far too much money on eating out this month.”

(Note: The opposite, to eat dinner at home, is eat in. For example, “I’m tired. Shall we eat in tonight?”)

7. Come over – When a person comes over, they arrive at your home, or the place you are at that moment.



Example:

“Why don’t you come over to my place after class? We can work on the project together.”

8. Pig out – To eat way too much food/a lot of food at one time.



Example:

“Jamie had been on a diet all week, so he pigged out on pizza at the weekend.”

9. Carry on – To continue.



10. Stay up – To not go to bed.



Example:

“Emma was late for work because she stayed up all night watching Netflix.”

11. Sack it off – To cancel plans you initially had.



Example:

“We wanted to go to the cinema but it was too late, so we sacked it off.”

12. Chat someone up – To talk to a boy or girl you like in a charming way.



Example:

“I’m going to chat that blonde girl up, she’s been smiling at me all night!”

(Note: A ‘chat up line’ is something you might say when you are chatting someone up. For example, “Did it hurt when you fell from Heaven?”)

13. Stay in – To remain at home. The opposite of go out.



Example:

“I’ve got no money. I’m staying in this weekend.”

14. Puke up – To vomit.



15. Pick (someone or something) up – To collect a person or thing from a place.



Example:

“I’m going to pick my husband up at the airport. He’s been to London.”

OTHER USEFUL VOCABULARY

Out on the town – To go out in the town/city for the evening, usually to a few different places in one night.

Tipsy – The pleasant feeling when you have had some alcohol, but you aren't drunk yet.

Pint - A large beer. When you order at the bar in the UK, you usually ask for 'a pint' of whatever beer you want. Example: "*A pint of Heineken please.*"

Stuffed – Completely full.

Have none of it – To refuse to accept something.

Queasy – A bit unwell/nauseous. Example: "*I want to get off this boat, I feel really queasy.*"

Roll your eyes – To move your eyes around in a circle to show someone has done something stupid.

Call it a night – To stop a task or thing you have been doing, usually so you can go to bed. Example: "*I'm bored of studying now. I'm going to call it a night.*"



