NDA GAT • ENGLISH VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

Important Phrasal Verbs

High-Frequency Verb Groups, English & Hindi Meanings, NDA Examples & Practice MCQs

A **phrasal verb** combines a base verb with an adverb or preposition (particle) to create a new idiomatic meaning. In the **NDA GAT English** exam, phrasal verbs appear regularly in **Fill in the Blanks**, **Spotting Errors**, and **Sentence Improvement**.

> **NDA Exam Rule — Tense & Object Placement**
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> • **Conjugate the base verb, not the particle:** Change tense/agreement on the main verb (e.g., *give up → gave up → given up*; the particle *up* never changes).
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> • **Pronoun objects go in the middle of separable phrasal verbs:** Write *put it off* or *turn them down* —never *put off it*.

1. BREAK, CALL & CARRY Group

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	हिन्दी अर्थ (Hindi)	NDA Exam Example
Break down	Stop functioning; lose emotional control	**खराब होना / टूट जाना (भावनात्मक रूप से)**	Our vehicle **broke down** on the highway.
Break into	Enter a building forcibly to steal	**सेंध लगाना / जबरदस्ती घुसना**	Thieves **broke into** the depot at night.
Break out	Start suddenly (war, fire, epidemic)	**अचानक फैलना या शुरू होना**	Cholera **broke out** after the floods.
Break up	End a relationship/gathering; disperse	**समाप्त होना / तितर-बितर होना**	The meeting **broke up** at dusk.
Call off	Cancel a planned event	**रद्द करना / वापस लेना**	The drill was **called off** due to fog.
Call on	Visit someone; formally ask to speak	**मिलने जाना / आग्रह करना**	The commander **called on** the troops.
Call for	Require or demand	**मांग करना / आवश्यक होना**	The crisis **calls for** calm leadership.
Carry on	Continue doing something	**जारी रखना**	**Carry on** with your revision schedule.
Carry out	Execute a task, order, or plan	**पूरा करना / पालन करना**	The unit **carried out** the orders swiftly.

2. GIVE, LOOK & PUT Group

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	हिन्दी अर्थ (Hindi)	NDA Exam Example
Give up	Quit a habit; surrender/stop trying	**त्यागना / हार मानना**	Never **give up** before the final test.
Give in	Yield or surrender to pressure/argument	**झुक जाना / समर्पण करना**	The rebels refused to **give in**.
Give away	Distribute free; reveal a secret	**बांटना / भेद खोल देना**	The chief guest **gave away** the prizes.
Look after	Take care of someone or something	**देखभाल करना**	Cadets **look after** their kit properly.
Look into	Investigate or examine closely	**जांच करना**	A board of inquiry will **look into** it.
Look forward to	Await eagerly (followed by *V-ing*)	**उत्सुकता से प्रतीक्षा करना**	I **look forward to joining** the academy.
Look down upon	Regard with contempt or superiority	**तुच्छ समझना / नीचा दिखाना**	Do not **look down upon** junior ranks.
Put off	Postpone or delay	**टालना / स्थगित करना**	Do not **put off** daily practice.
Put out	Extinguish a fire or light	**बुझाना (आग या बत्ती)**	Firefighters **put out** the blaze quickly.
Put up with	Tolerate or endure patiently	**सहन करना / बर्दाश्त करना**	Soldiers **put up with** harsh terrain.

3. TAKE, TURN & OTHER NDA FAVORITES

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	हिन्दी अर्थ (Hindi)	NDA Exam Example
Take after	Resemble a parent or relative	**समान दिखना या स्वभाव मिलना**	He **takes after** his father in courage.
Take over	Assume control or responsibility	**पदभार या नियंत्रण संभालना**	The new officer **took over** on Monday.
Take off	Leave the ground (aircraft); remove clothes	**उड़ान भरना / उतारना**	The fighter jet **took off** at dawn.
Turn down	Reject or refuse an offer/request	**अस्वीकार करना / ठुकराना**	He **turned down** the tempting offer.
Turn up	Arrive or appear, often unexpectedly	**पहुंचना / उपस्थित होना**	Half the squad did not **turn up**.
Run out of	Exhaust a supply completely	**समाप्त हो जाना (भंडार/रसद)**	We **ran out of** fuel halfway through.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning (English)	हिन्दी अर्थ (Hindi)	NDA Exam Example
Set out	Start a journey or mission	**यात्रा या अभियान पर निकलना**	The patrol **set out** before sunrise.
Get along with	Have a friendly relationship with	**मिलजुलकर रहना / अच्छा संबंध होना**	Cadets must **get along with** teammates.

4. NDA Pattern Practice MCQs

1. Due to heavy rains, the outdoor parade had to be _____ for two hours.

(A) called on (B) put off (C) taken after (D) given in

2. The special forces were ordered to _____ the rescue operation without delay.

(A) carry out (B) break down (C) put out (D) turn down

3. A court of inquiry has been set up to _____ the cause of the accident.

(A) look after (B) look into (C) give away (D) set out

4. After days of siege, the exhausted garrison refused to _____.

(A) give in (B) turn up (C) take off (D) break into

5. The expedition team _____ the base camp at 4:30 AM.

(A) gave up (B) set out (C) put up with (D) looked down upon

6. She _____ her mother in both determination and discipline.

(A) runs out of (B) takes after (C) calls for (D) breaks out

5. Answer Key & Explanations

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation (with हिन्दी अर्थ)
1	**(B) put off**	*Put off* means to postpone or delay **(टालना / स्थगित करना)**.
2	**(A) carry out**	*Carry out* means to execute an order or operation **(पूरा करना / पालन करना)**.
3	**(B) look into**	*Look into* means to investigate **(जांच करना)**; *look after* means to take care of.
4	**(A) give in**	*Give in* means to surrender or yield **(समर्पण करना / झुक जाना)**.
5	**(B) set out**	*Set out* means to start a journey or mission **(निकलना)**.
6	**(B) takes after**	*Take after* means to resemble a parent or relative **(समान होना)**.