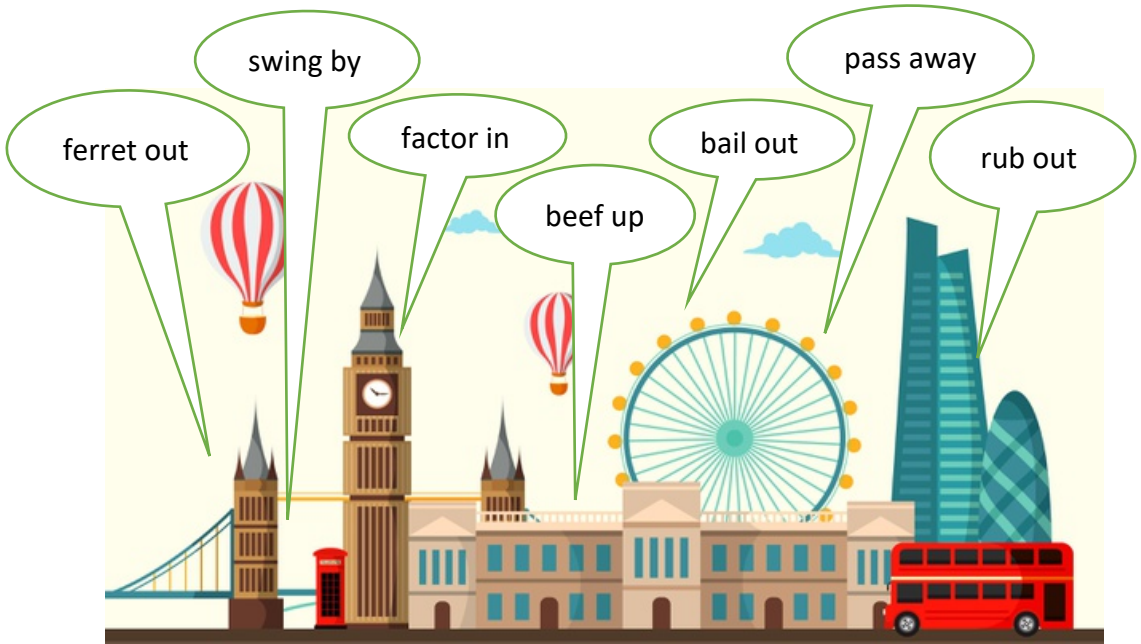


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### Od autora

Niniejsza pozycja to zbiór najpopularniejszych angielskich i amerykańskich czasowników złożonych. Zawarte one zostały w dwudziestu tekstach opatrzonych zestawami praktycznych ćwiczeń do samodzielnej pracy. Na końcu książki znajduje się klucz do ćwiczeń oraz alfabetyczna lista zastosowanych w tekstach czasowników złożonych.

## 1. IN THE ARMY

„**Fall in!**!” the sergeant screamed *at the top of his voice*. The *hustle and bustle* in the *courtyard* stopped *abruptly*. Surely, there was no time to **weigh** things **up** and none of the recruits was going to do so. They quickly formed even columns and lines. Nobody really wanted to be **bagged out** (Aust.) by the lieutenant or worse still be **chewed out** by the sergeant himself.

“Attention!!” the next command was as loud as the one before. A tall man in a perfect uniform adorned with medals walked right in and stood in front of the ranks. Even the guys in the last *row* who had just been **spacing out** (AmE) a moment before, **zeroed in** on the figure of the officer. All of them recognized the legendary officer right away. Colonel John Smith, commander of the elite special forces, somehow had decided to **swing by** (AmE) and... who knows what he really had in mind.

And then he started to talk in a low loud voice heard by everyone present. The things he said **crept** them **out**. They listened attentively about the missions they were and will be trained to perform during the war, and the loss of lives, which the chief command **factored in**. Most of the young people felt *chills running down their spines*. Right after being **called up** they volunteered to serve in special units. Only the strongest ones were selected and now the time has come to **get back at** the enemy for invading their country. It **dawned on** them *with all might* that many of them would never have the chance to go back home. Nobody, however, absolutely nobody intended to **stand down**, although it was the last moment to do so. Somehow many a man said in their minds: “Those about to die salute your”.

### VOCABULARY

**Fall in** – an order for soldiers to form lines – w szeregu zbiórka!

*At the top of his voice* – na cały głos

**Weigh up** – consider carefully before making a decision – rozważyć

**Bag out** – criticise or laugh at sb – naśmiewać się

**Chew out** – reprimand in a very angry way – mieszać z błotem

**Space out** – take no notice of what is happening – odpływać; tracić kontakt z rzeczywistością

**Zero in** – to focus all your attention on a person or thing – skupić się na

**Swing by** – to visit a person or a place for a short time – wpaść (z wizytą)

**Creep sb out** – to make sb feel afraid or uncomfortable – wystraszyć, nastraszyć.

**Factor in** – to include a particular thing into calculations – wliczyć; uwzględnić

*Chills run down one's spine* – ciarki biegną po plecach

**Call up** – to order to join the army – powołać do wojska

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**Get back at** – to harm someone in revenge – odpłacić pięknym za nadobne; zemścić się

**Dawn on sb** – get aware of sth; realize – zaświtać (komuś)

*With all might* – z całą mocą

**Stand down** – to leave one's position – ustąpić; wycofać się

### **OTHER USEFUL PHRASAL VERBS**

She **is in for** a nice surprise when she gets back home – czekać (kogoś).

Could you, please, quiet down? The film **is on** and I want to watch it – trwać, być pokazywanym.

You have to finish writing. The time **is up** – skończyć się.

Nobody knew what she **was up to** until she announced her decision – kombinować (coś).

We can recommend something but the final decision **is up to** you – zależeć od (kogoś).

The meeting was very short. Actually it **was over** within fifteen minutes – skończyć się.

The death of her husband was a real trauma for her, but I think she **is over** it now – pogodzić się (z czymś); mieć (coś) za sobą.

When he **was away** on business the marketing department was looking for new customers – być w podróży, na wyjeździe.

'**Is she up yet?**' 'No, she's still asleep.' – wstać.

He **is really into** politics now. He watches a lot of political debates – (za)angażować się w...

You'd better not ask him to come over. She **is down on** him – nie trawić, nie lubić.

She **is down with** flu. She has been in bed for the last three days – zapaść na.



**PRACTICE**

**I. COMPLETE THE REACTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS USING THE RIGHT PHRASAL VERB.**

1. 'How did you come up with this idea?'  
'It ..... me that we had to start from scratch.'
2. 'I need the book back. The one I lent you two weeks ago.'  
'No problem. I'll ..... your house tomorrow.'
3. 'Sergeant, I want to say something to the soldiers' – the colonel said.  
'OK, sir. ....!'
4. 'What do we need to do to make kids learn effectively?'  
'First of all, make them ..... on the material.'
5. 'What kind of problems do we have to be prepared for?'  
'We need to ..... high costs.'
6. 'Why is she so upset?'  
'Her boss has just .....'
7. 'He did her a lot of harm. '  
'She is sure to ..... him sooner or later.'
8. 'It's taking you so long to make the decision. Why? '  
I must ..... things ..... first.'
9. 'The president of the company is not competent enough in this issue.'  
'That's why he should .....'
10. 'The teenage students do not understand what the teacher said.'  
'It's because they ..... instead of listening.'

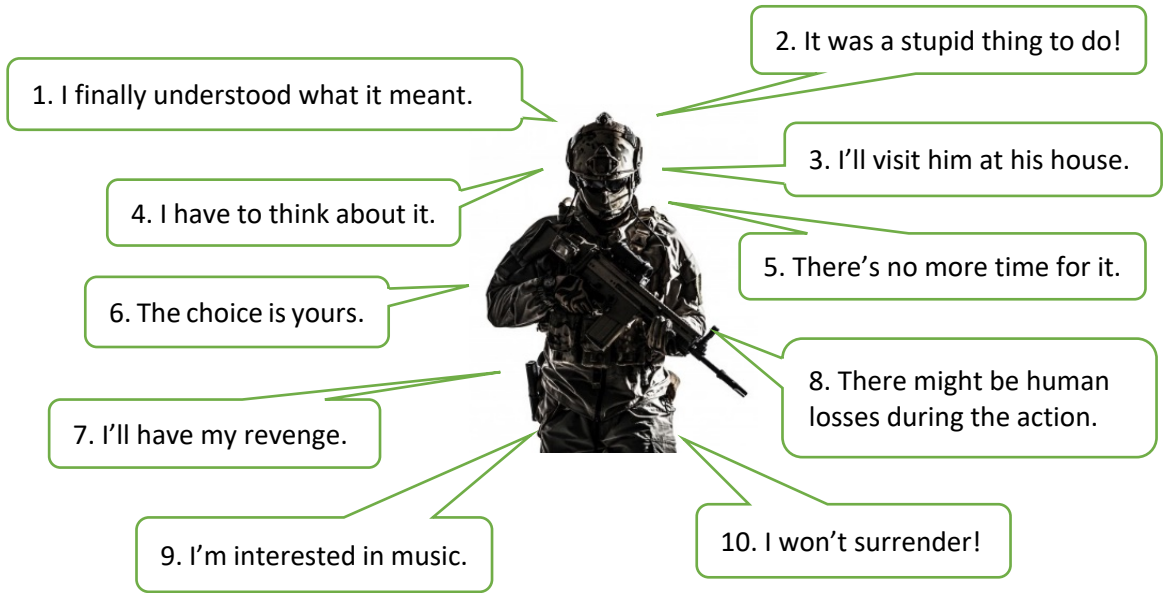
**II. FILL IN THE SPACES WITH THE RIGHT PHRASAL VERB**

1. Everybody was wondering what the man ..... until they saw a gun in his hand.
2. He had this car accident last year, but he ..... it now and he is driving again.
3. He was sure he would be promoted but unfortunately he ..... an unexpected turn of events.
4. I bought a newspaper because I wanted to see what ..... at the local cinema.
5. My son says that the teacher ..... him, which is why he is getting bad marks.
6. She is hard to talk to these days as she ..... religion so much that she does not accept any other point of view.
7. She won't come to work tomorrow because she ..... a common cold.

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- 8. The lecture was so boring that each student couldn't wait for it to .....
- 9. The time ..... so now you have to hand in your assignments.
- 10. You have to make up your mind. It ..... you whether you take it or not.

**III. WHAT PHRASAL VERBS DOES THE COMMANDO HAVE IN MIND?**



1. I finally understood what it meant.

2. It was a stupid thing to do!

3. I'll visit him at his house.

4. I have to think about it.

5. There's no more time for it.

6. The choice is yours.

7. I'll have my revenge.

8. There might be human losses during the action.

9. I'm interested in music.

10. I won't surrender!





## 2. UNDERSTANDING

She never understood him. She thought they would never **fall out with** each other. She remembered the time they had met first time. They **hit it off** the moment they started talking. During the following months they **got along** so well. She had plans about their future together. She would never expect the plans to **fall through**. Suddenly their relationship **fell apart** like a house of cards. She felt miserable. Her state of mind was getting so bad that her relatives thought about getting some medical help for her. *At one point* they were afraid she might not **pull through** at all from the condition she was in.

He couldn't understand her. Why she decided to **break up with** him was beyond him. After all, whatever he did was meant to make her happy. *Nevertheless* her reaction was, in his personal opinion, absolutely *incongruous*. Soon after she began shouting at him for what he had done, saying how irresponsible of him it was, he thought the best idea would be to **back down**, leave and wait for her to **calm down**. And that was his mistake. He **was in for** a big surprise. *Shortly* afterwards she texted him about the *outing* they had planned to do sometime before. She decided to **call it off**. Only then **was it born in on** him that the issue was much more serious than he originally thought. At first, he was totally *bewildered*. He hadn't done anything wrong. *By no means*. And then his best friend who had been happily married for a very long time gave him a piece of advice: "even if you don't feel guilty, even if you are not guilty, the best thing you can do is to apologize to the woman you love. Sometimes it is the only way to **make (it) up**."

### VOCABULARY

**Fall out with** – being no longer friendly with sb after an argument – pokłócić się, poróżnić się

**Hit it off** – have a good and friendly relation with sb – świetnie się rozumieć

**Get along** – have friendly relations – mieć dobre relacje; żyć w zgodzie.

**Fall through** – fail to happen – nie udać się.

**Fall apart** – be in a bad condition; fall into pieces – rozpadać się.

*At one point* – w pewnym momencie

**Pull through** – get better after a serious disease – wyzdrowieć, wyjść z choroby.

**Break up with** – stop a relationship – zerwać z (kimś).

*Nevertheless* – niemniej jednak, jednakże.

*Incongruous* – dziwny, osobliwy, niestosowny

**Back down** – take back a demand and admit that you were wrong – wycofać się, ustąpić, dać za wygraną.

**Calm down** – get quiet again – uspokoić (się)

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*Shortly – wkrótce, szybko*

**Be in for** – be going to happen for sb – czekać (kogoś coś)

**Call off** – decide that something planned will not take place – odwołać.

**Be born in on** – be realized by sb, especially after a period of time – dotrzeć (do kogoś, do rozumu).

*Outing – tu: wyjazd, wycieczka*

*Bewildered – zdumiony, skonsternowany, oszołomiony*

*By no means - bynajmniej*

**Make (it) up** – end a disagreement and be friends again – pogodzić się

### **OTHER USEFUL PHRASAL VERBS**

The only reasonable choice was to **back out of** the deal – wycofać się

They suggested that she should **back off**. There was nothing else she could do – odstąpić; dać spokój.

There was no evidence to **back up** her claims - podeprzeć.

There was nobody to **back him up** in his actions against the management - wspierać.

The train to Gdańsk is **calling at** Poznań – zatrzymywać się, mieć przystanek.

The demonstrators **called for** the prime minister's resignation – żądać; wymagać

She promised to **call on** you on her way to work – wpaść z wizytą.

I think we should **call a doctor in**. Her condition is getting worse and worse - wezwać.

The students were **called out** by their names to enter the examination room – wywołać, zawołać.

She said she would **call you back** as soon she finishes her work - oddzwonić.

Some people believe that black cats **call down** bad luck - sprowadzać.

He imported the product at the very right moment, which is why he **cashed in on** it – zarobić; wyciągnąć zyski.

After her husband's death she immediately **cashed in** his life insurance policy – spieniężyć; zamienić na gotówkę.



**PRACTICE**

**I. COMPLETE THE REACTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS USING THE RIGHT PHRASAL VERB.**

1. 'Her temperature is going up.'  
'It's high time to .....
2. 'How is your plan to get to college going?'  
'Unfortunately it ..... . Not enough money.'
3. 'I'm not on speaking terms with my father.'  
'You'd better buy a bottle of good wine and try to .....
4. 'In your opinion she doesn't qualify for the job because...'  
'... because the job ..... interpersonal skills.'
5. 'Mary and John are not talking to each other...'  
'They have ..... . Didn't you know?'
6. 'She didn't answer my calls.'  
'Don't worry. She'll ..... when she's less busy.'
7. 'She has a problem with her neighbours.'  
'Yeah, I know. They don't .....
8. 'Tell us the truth, doctor.'  
'Ok. I'm afraid your son won't .....
9. 'What else can I do to make her understand?'  
'Nothing. Just ..... and see what happens.'
10. 'What time is the meeting again?'  
'It has been .....

**II. FILL IN THE SPACES WITH THE RIGHT PHRASAL VERB**

1. Thank you for ..... me ..... in the dispute with the trade union.
2. The house was in a terrible condition. It was virtually .....
3. It was so rude of him. No wonder his girlfriend decided to ..... with him.
4. My husband and my brother ..... from the beginning. I was afraid it wouldn't be so.
5. These are the documents that should ..... the accusations.
6. He ..... to her in the street but she couldn't hear him because of the traffic.
7. You'd better ..... of the contract till it isn't too late.
8. Your daughter is going to ..... you on her way to Berlin.

