

**Pronunciation:**

**All of the words below rhyme. Practice saying them, then use them in a sentence.**

bicker / flicker / clicker/ kicker/ liquor/ picker/ quicker/ slicker/ ticker/ wicker/ nitpicker/  
sticker/ city slicker/ vicar

**Tell what these sentences mean.**

- 1.All siblings bicker.
- 2.In the dark, the candles flicker.
- 3.Stop pushing that clicker!
- 4.Justin is the football kicker.
- 5.Taxis are quicker!
- 6.Wear your rain slicker!
- 7.Check the stock ticker.
- 8.A heart is a ticker.
- 9.On the porch, we have wicker furniture.
- 10.Teacher is a nitpicker!
- 11.I like cowboys, not city slickers.
- 12.You're too young for liquor.
- 13.Bounty is the quicker picker upper. (This is an advertising slogan)
- 14.We had sticker shock when we began shopping for a new car.
- 15.A new vicar was appointed to the church in our parish.

**Phrasal Verbs: Get out of go back on go through with**

**get out of:** When you get out of something you find a way to avoid it.

I got out of gym class today by pretending I was sick.

The boss wants me to work on Sunday, but I'll get out of it.

I got out of going to church because I was volunteering at the homeless shelter.

**go back on:** when you make a promise, but do not do what you promised

The president went back on his promise not to raise taxes.

My mom always goes back on her promise to take us for ice cream.

I promised I would work this weekend, and I'll not go back on my word.

**go through with:** when you do something that you have decided to do, even though it might be unpleasant

The boss said the company would go through with it's plan to lay off half of the workers.

Maria was scared of heights. She didn't want to climb the mountain, but she decided to hide her fears and go through with it.

If you decide you won't go through with the divorce, please tell my lawyer.

**go against:** to oppose

I would never go against something my parents told me to do.

Going against the wind is harder than riding with the wind.

The president decided to go against his advisers and raise taxes.

**go as:** to dress in a costume and pretend to be a famous person.

Who will you go as for Halloween?

I'm going as Obama.

**go bad:** to spoil or become rotten

We should eat those apples before they go bad.

The chicken smelled like it was going bad, so I threw it out.

**Answer these questions using one of these phrasal verbs.**

1. Tom was very nervous about getting married, but he did it. What did he do?
2. My father asked me to cut the grass, but I told him I had to work. What did I do?
3. Dad promised to take mom dancing, but at the last minute said his feet were too sore? What did Dad do?
4. Roy agreed to take Jessica to prom, but ended up taking Alice instead. What did Roy do?
5. Sherry hated baby-sitting, but she knew her sister couldn't leave the kids home alone, so she agreed to do it. What did Sherry do?
6. My boss told me I would get a raise at the beginning of this year, but he never gave it to me. What did my boss do?
7. My mother told me she would punish me if I was late again, and she did. What did Mom do?
8. I know I told you I would pay for your dinner, but I'm kind of short on cash. You'll have to pay for your own dinner. What did I do?
9. The airline advertisement said that the first bag would be checked free, but they charged my Visa a \$25 fee. What did the airline do?
10. Despite his family's opposition, Eric continued with his plans to move out of the country. What did Eric do?
11. The fish in the refrigerator began to stink. What did it do?
12. Jeremy dressed up as a monster for Halloween. What did he do?

**Discussion:**

1. Have you ever agreed to do something and not gone through with it?
2. Tell about something you "went through with" even though you dreaded it.
3. What did you try to "get out of" when you were in school?
4. What do you try to "get out of" doing?
5. Has anyone gone back on a promise to you lately?
6. Do you ever go back on promises made to your children?
7. Would you ever go against something your husband wanted?
8. Did you ever go against your parents when you were young?
9. What will you go as for Halloween?
10. Sometimes I buy lots of food, then let it go bad before eating it. Do you ever do this?