

“Pull” Phrasal Verbs - Definitions

pull ahead: to move in the lead, to move ahead of the other people (in a race or contest, for example)

- The two drivers were **neck and neck*** for most of the race, and it wasn't until the very end that one of them pulled ahead and won.
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pull for: to support or cheer for a person/team

- Most people were pulling for New Orleans to win the Super Bowl because they were the underdogs.
 - Even though I don't really care about the Winter Olympics, I'm pulling for Canada to beat the US in the hockey championship because I'm Canadian.
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pull (x) off: to accomplish something difficult

- I couldn't believe it! New Orleans pulled off the upset and won the Super Bowl!
 - Even though Canada was favored to beat the US, they weren't able to pull it off and lost 2-1.
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pull (x) over: to drive your car **to the side of the road** and stop (when a police officer turns on his/her lights, for example)

- What's that noise? Quick! Pull over! I think you have a flat tire!
 - The cop pulled me over because my tail light was out.
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pull up: to drive your car (slowly) **forward** (when parking or stopping at a place, for example)

- You're not in the parking space yet. You need to pull up a little more.
 - If you don't want to go inside the restaurant, you can just pull up to the drive-through window.
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pull yourself together!: to calm down and stop panicking (you say this when someone is crying, yelling, or very scared, for example)

- I know you're sad about breaking up with your girlfriend, but it's already been several weeks. You need to pull yourself together and get on with your life. **There are plenty of fish in the sea!***

***neck and neck** = tied, very close to each other

***plenty of fish in the sea** = many other suitable girlfriends/boyfriends