

“Hang” Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

hang around: to stay in a place; to not leave a place yet (similar to “stick around”)

- *Those teenage boys are always hanging around the parking lot at night, riding skateboards and smoking cigarettes.*
 - *I don't like going to that convenience store because there are always several strange people hanging around the entrance.*
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hang in there: often used as advice, meaning “don't give up” (similar to “stick it out”)

- *I know you have a lot of stress in school, but if you can just hang in there six more months, you'll graduate and you'll never have to take another class again.*
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hang it up: to retire or quit

- *Our pitcher has lost eight games in a row. Maybe it's time for him to hang it up.*
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hang on: means “wait” or “hold on”

- *I can't talk to you right now. Just hang on a minute—I'm on the phone.*
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hang out: to relax and spend time with friends or other people

- *Dave and I were hanging out at my house watching movies all night last night.*
 - *We usually hang out at that bar on the weekends. Everyone there knows our names.*
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hang up: to end a phone call

hang up on: to suddenly end a phone call, usually out of anger

- *What's that beeping sound? Oh, I must have forgotten to hang up the phone.*
 - *I don't know why I put up with my boyfriend. He hung up on me when I was telling him a story, and now he won't even answer his phone!*
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“Hang” Phrasal Verbs: Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “hang” phrasal verbs.

1. Why don't you come over to my house later? We can _____, watch some TV, maybe order a pizza...
2. I know it's hard to quit smoking, but you just have to _____ a few more days, and it will get easier.
3. Why is Chris always _____ our house? Doesn't he have a house of his own?
4. I've been working at this company for 45 years. Now I think it's time to _____ and enjoy my retirement.
5. If you can _____ a few minutes while I finish writing this paper, I'll help you move that piano.
6. I hate working as a telemarketer. I have to call hundreds of people every day to sell them things they don't want. Most of the people just _____ me without saying a word. If I can just _____ a few more weeks, I can get my paycheck, and then I'll quit this job.