

"Stick" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

stick around: to stay around; to stay in a place for awhile

- *You can go ahead and go home if you're tired. I'll probably stick around for a few more minutes.*
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stick with (also "stick by"): to stay with someone or give them support in a difficult time; to stay with a story, plan, or opinion and refuse to change it.

- *Friends are the people who stick with you even in the worst of times.*
 - *Even though the police had evidence that he was guilty, Sean stuck with his story and refused to confess.*
 - *The president stuck with his policies, even though most of the population was against them.*
 - *Telemarketers are usually told to stick with their scripts because they tend to make more sales that way.*
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stick out (also: stand out, or "stick out like a sore thumb"): If something "sticks out", it is easily noticeable (because it is strange, big, or better than the rest, for example)

- *At the music festival, a few bands really stuck out and made an impression.*
 - *Stanley always sticks out in a crowd because he is over 7 feet tall.*
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stick up for: to support or defend someone

- *That was so nice of you to stick up for me when the teacher accused me of cheating!*
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stick together: to support and defend friends/colleagues, to remain loyal (similar to "sticking by" someone)

- *Police officers often stick together and refuse to **turn** each other **in****.
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***turn (x) in** = to report someone to the police for committing a crime

“Stick” Phrasal Verbs: Review

*Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these “stick” phrasal verbs.
Look on the previous page if you need help remembering these phrasal verbs.*

1. When the baseball player was accused of cheating, his coach _____
him in the press and insisted that the player was innocent.
2. I know you don't like teaching, but if you _____ it for three more years,
you will be able to pay off all of your debt!
3. Companies try to design catchy brand logos so their products will _____
among all the other similar products.
4. Ethel and Edgar have been married for over 50 years. They have _____
through good times and bad times, through thick and thin*.
5. Zack: We should go to school! We're going to be late!
Mike: It's OK. When the teacher asks why we're late, we'll say we got a flat tire. If
we both _____ the story, we won't get into trouble.

**through thick and thin = through good times and bad times*