



Phrasal Verb Be

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Be is one of the most useful phrasal verbs, which when combined with a preposition can take on a completely different meaning than just **be**.

Add **up** to it and it becomes **wake up**.

"**I'm up** early because I couldn't sleep".

Add **"to"** to **up** and you get "thought of"

"She can't find out what **I'm up to**".

You can add **"with"** to the verb **"be"** - you get "support someone", "be with someone".

"See, **I'm with** you on that".

If you want something, you can add **"after"** to the word **"be"**, as if you are going to get something or looking for something

"**I'm after** something much bigger".

And if you are against something, you should say it together with **"be against"**.

"Whatever it is, **I'm against** it".

If you are going away for the weekend, you can say that you will be gone, using the combination **"be away"**

"Don't you talk about anything exciting whilst **I'm away**".

Another way to say that you are leaving or going away is by using **"be off"**.

"**I'm off** to see Mr. Smith at the hospital".

And to say when you will be back, you can use the phrase **"be back"**.

"I'll be back around 10:00 tonight".

If you are involved in choosing something, you can say that you have chosen it by using **be** followed by the word **for**.

"My opponent says **he's for** State's rights".

If you are involved in something, you can say that by using **"be in for"**.

"She has no idea what **she's in for**, does she?"

If you are not going to take part in an event or are just staying put, you can use **"be out"**.

"**I'm out** of this discussion".

If you have run out of something, you can say that by using **"be out of"**.

"Hey everyone, **we're out of** coffee".

When an event or activity is over, use the phrase **"be over"**

"Henry's birthday party **is almost over**".

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