

# 8 PHRASAL VERBS



## FOR MEETING EXPECTATIONS AT WORK

### LIVE UP TO

1

to be as good as people expected,  
to meet a standard

*The product didn't live up to our expectations — it was slow and hard to use.*

### MEASURE UP TO

2

to be good enough compared to  
someone or something else

*The new assistant is nice, but he doesn't measure up to the last one.*

### STEP UP

3

to take more responsibility

*We need someone to step up and take control of the situation.*

### TAKE ON

4

to accept new work or  
responsibility

*I can't take on another project right now — I'm too busy.*

### PULL OFF

5

to succeed in doing something  
difficult

*Nobody thought we could finish the project on time, but we pulled it off.*

### CARRY OUT

6

to complete a task or a plan

*They're carrying out a full review of the process.*

### FOLLOW THROUGH

7

to finish something you started  
or promised to do

*He says he'll help, but he never follows through.*

### KEEP UP WITH

8

to stay at the same level or  
speed as others or as expected

*She works quickly — I can't keep up with her sometimes.*