

# TOPIC 56

## Phrasal Verbs

**back up:** support someone or something

**bear (someone/something) out:** have facts to prove that something is true

**beef up:** make something better; improve and make more important, stronger, interesting, etc.

**blow up:** emerge or become public; explode; lose one's temper

**bottle up:** not show one's feelings

**break off:** end a relationship; stop talking suddenly

**bring about:** cause something to happen

**call off:** cancel a planned event

**count (someone) in:** include in an activity

**count (someone) out:** do not include someone in an activity

**draw up:** prepare a written document such as a proposal, contract, etc.; a vehicle arrives somewhere and stops

**ferret out:** get rid of

**let (someone) down:** not do something that someone trusted you to do; move something or someone to a lower position

**pick up:** learn; get better

**put off:** delay doing something that has been arranged till a later date

**shake (someone/something) off:** escape from the person chasing you; get rid of an ailment

**stamp out:** prevent something bad from continuing

**take over:** become responsible for something; take control of something

**tide (someone) over:** get over a difficult period

**turn out:** prove to be the case