

1. [pʊt] *n*1. 1) бросок камня *или* тяжести с плеча2) *спорт.* толкание2. *бирж.* опцион на продажу, обратная премия, сделка с обратной премиейput and call - *ком.* двойной опцион, стеллаж

to give [to take] for the put - продать [купить] обратную премию

3. *диал.* толчок, удар2. [pʊt] *v* (*put*)

1. класть, ставить; положить, поставить

to put books on a shelf - положить /поставить/ книги на полку

to put a bandage on one's hand - наложить повязку на руку

to put a thing in its right place - положить /поставить/ вещь на место

to put a child to bed - уложить ребёнка в постель; уложить ребёнка спать

put the parcel on the table - положите свёрток на стол

don't put the basket on the table, put it on the floor - не ставь корзину на стол, поставь её на пол

put the child in the chair - посади ребёнка на стул

2. (*in, into*) вкладывать, вставлять, класть; убирать

to put a letter into an envelope - вложить письмо в конверт

to put some money in one's purse - положить деньги в кошелёк

to put some water in a jug - налить воды в кувшин

to put papers in the drawer [*in the file*] - убрать /положить/ бумаги /документы/ в ящик стола [*в досье /в папку/*]he put his hands into his pockets - он засунул руки в карманы [*ср. тж. ◇*]

put your suit in the cupboard - повесь костюм в шкаф

3. (*обыкн. in, into*) прибавлять, подмешивать, всыпать

to put sugar in(to) tea - класть сахар в чай

to put poison in smth. - подмешать яду во что-л

put no rum in the tea - не добавляйте рому в чай

I've put milk in your tea - я налил вам в чай молока

I've put salt in the soup - я посолил суп

he put many spices into the dish - он приправил кушанье разными пряностями

4. 1) ставить; помещать, размещать

to put names in alphabetical order - расположить фамилии в алфавитном порядке

to put difficulties in the way - ставить /чинить/ препятствия на пути

to put honour before riches - предпочитать честь богатству

he puts Keats above Byron as a poet - он ставит Китса как поэта выше Байрона

put yourself in my place - поставь себя на моё место

put the stress on the first syllable - поставьте ударение на первом слоге

2) отдавать, передавать; помещать

to put smb. under smb.'s care - поручить кого-л. кому-л. /чьим-л. заботам/; отдать кого-л. на чьё-л. попечение

to put oneself into smb.'s hands - отдать себя в чьи-л. руки

will you put the matter into my hands? - вы доверите /поручите/ мне это дело?

3) ставить, назначать (*на какую-л. должность, работу*)

to put smb. in charge /at the head/ of smth. - поставить кого-л. во главе чего-л.

to put men to work - поставить людей на работу

put him to mind the furnace - поставь /назначь/ его следить за топкой

he is put to every kind of work - он привык /привычен/ ко всякой работе

they put over him a man six years younger than himself - они поставили над ним человека на шесть лет моложе (него)

I put myself to winning back their confidence - я пытался /старался/ вновь завоевать их доверие

4) устраивать, определять; помещать

to put smb. in hospital - положить /поместить/ кого-л. в больницу

to put a child to school - определить ребёнка в школу

to put smb. in prison - посадить кого-л. в тюрьму

to put goods on the market - выпускать товар в продажу

to put an ad in the paper - поместить объявление в газете

to put cattle to pasture - выгонять скот на пастбище

to put a boy to trade - определить мальчика в учение

he was put to shoemaking - его отдали в учение к сапожнику

she was put in(to) service - её отдали в услужение

we shall put him in the spare room - мы поместим его /постелем ему/ в свободной комнате

the refugees were put in the hostel - беженцев разместили в общежитии

5) поставить, сделать постановку

to put a play on the stage - поставить пьесу

5. вносить, включать (*тж. put down*)

to put in the list - включить в список

to put into the field - *спорт.* включить в число участников соревнования

put £10 to my account - запишите десять фунтов стерлингов на мой счёт

6. (to) приложить; поднести; приблизить; пододвинуть
to put a glass to one's lips - поднести стакан к губам
to put a handkerchief to one's nose - поднести платок к носу
to put one's eye to a spyglass - поднести подзорную трубу к глазам
he put a flower against /to/ her hair - он приложил цветок к её волосам

7. (to) приделать, приладить, приспособить

- to put a new handle to a knife - приделать новую рукоятку к ножу
to put a ferrule to a walking stick - надеть на трость наконечник

8. с.-х. (to) случать

- to put bull to cow - случить быка с коровой

9. мор. плыть; отправляться брать курс

- to put (out) to sea - выйти в море
to put into port [harbour] - заходить в порт [в гавань]
to put down the river - плыть вниз по реке
the boat put out of Odessa - судно вышло из Одессы

10. амер. разг. убегать, удирать

- to put for home - удрать домой

11. диал. пускать ростки; давать почки

12. диал.

1) бодать

2) бодаться

II A

1. 1) излагать, выражать, формулировать (*мысли, замечания и т. п.*)

- to put one's ideas into words - выразить мысли словами
to put one's proposal on paper - изложить своё предложение в письменной форме
to put the arguments for and against - привести /изложить/ доводы за и против
to put in black and white - написать чёрным по белому
to put it mildly [frankly, bluntly] - мягко [откровенно, попросту] говоря
to put it otherwise - иначе говоря, иными словами
I don't know how to put it - *разг.* я не знаю, как (это) сказать
as Horace puts it - как говорит /пишет/ Гораций
you put things in such a way that - вы преподносите всё это таким образом /в таком свете/, что
put it to him nicely - скажите ему об этом деликатно /мягко/
I put the matter clearly to /before/ him - я ясно изложил ему суть дела
a good story well put - интересный, хорошо преподнесённый рассказ

2) переводить (*на другой язык*)

- put it into French [into German] - переведите это на французский [на немецкий] (язык)
how would you put it in French? - как вы это скажете /как это будет/ по-французски?

3) класть (*на музыку*)

2. 1) задавать, ставить (*вопрос*)

- he put so many questions that I couldn't answer them all - он задал столько вопросов, что я не смог на все ответить

2) выдвигать (*предложение*); предлагать (*резолюцию*); ставить (*вопрос, предложение и т. п.*) на обсуждение

- to put the motion to the vote - ставить предложение на голосование
to put a matter before a tribunal - представить вопрос на рассмотрение трибунала
I want to put my proposal before you - я хочу, чтобы вы выслушали /обсудили, обдумали/ моё предложение
I shall put your proposal to the Board - я доведу ваше предложение до сведения совета директоров, я доложу ваше предложение на совете директоров

3) высказывать (*предположение*)

- I put it to you that (you were there) - я говорю вам, что (вы там были)
he put it to them that ... - он сказал /заявил/ им, что ...
put it that you are right - допустим /предложим/, вы правы

3. ставить (*знак, метку, подпись*)

- to put one's name /one's signature/ [one's initials] to a document - подписывать [парафировать] документ
put a mark /a tick/ against his name - поставьте галочку против его фамилии

4. 1) вложить, поместить, внести (*деньги*)

- to put money in(to) a bank - положить деньги в банк
to put capital into a business - вложить капитал в дело
to put money into land - помещать деньги в земельную собственность

2) ставить деньги, делать ставки (*на бегах и т. п.*)

- to put money on a horse - ставить деньги на лошадь

5. назначать (*цену*); определять (*стоимость, ценность*); оценивать что-л или кого-л.; исчислять

- to put value on smth. - оценить что-л
to put a price on a painting - назначить цену за картину, оценить картину
to put the population at 15,000 - определить численность населения в пятнадцать тысяч человек
I should put it at £5 - я бы оценил это в пять фунтов
I put his income at \$6000 a year - я определяю его годовой доход в 6000 долларов
he puts no value on my advice - он не прислушивается к моим советам
he puts high value on her friendship - он высоко ценит её дружбу
I'd put him at about 60 - я бы дал ему лет шестьдесят

6. облагать (*налогом*)

to put a tax on imports - обложить пошлиной ввозимые товары

7. (on, upon)

1) **накладывать (обязательства и т. п.)**

to put a veto on smth. - наложить вето /запрет/ на что-л., запретить что-л.

the obligation he had put upon us - обязательства которые он на нас возложил

2) **возлагать (надежды и т. п.)**

to put one's hopes (up)on smb., smth. - возлагать надежды на кого-л.; что-л.

3) **переложить, свалить (вину, ответственность)**

to put the blame on smb. - возложить на кого-л. вину

he always tries to put the blame on me - он всегда старается свалить вину на меня

8. **вонзать (нож и т. п.); посылать (пулю, снаряд и т. п.)**

to put a knife into smb. - всадить нож в кого-л.; зарезать кого-л.

to put a bullet through smb. - застрелить кого-л.

9. (on) **основывать, базировать (решение, вывод)**

I put my decision on the grounds stated - я основываю своё решение на вышеуказанных мотивах

10. **приводить (в определённое положение, состояние и т. п.)**

to put a stop to /разг. a stopper on/ smth. - прекратить что-л.

to put an end /a period/ to smth. - положить конец чему-л., покончить с чем-л.

to put right - а) исправить, починить; б) вывести из заблуждения, направить на правильный путь

to put smb. right with smb. - оправдать кого-л. в чьих-л. глазах

11. **спорт.** толкать (ядро)

12. **засеивать, засаживать (какой-л. культурой)**

the land was put (in)to /under/ wheat - земля была засеяна пшеницей

13. **впрягать (животное)**

to put a horse to a carriage - впрячь лошадь в экипаж

14. **горн.** подкатывать (вагонетки)

II Б

1. **to put smb. against smb.** настраивать кого-л. против кого-л.; натравливать кого-л. на кого-л.

2. **to put smb. out of smth.** выгонять кого-л. откуда-л.; удалять, устранять кого-л. откуда-л.

to put smb. out of doors - выгнать кого-л. за дверь

to put smb. out of the way - устранить /убрать/ кого-л. с дороги (убить, заключить в тюрьму и т. п.)

to put smb. out of harm's way - оберегать кого-л. от опасности; увезти кого-л. подальше от дурного влияния и т. п. [ср.

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to put smb. out of court - **юр.** а) удалить кого-л. из зала суда; б) опровергнуть чьи-л. показания; в) лишить кого-л. права на иск

3. 1) **to put smb. to /on/ smth.** побуждать кого-л. к каким-л. действиям, заставлять кого-л. делать что-л.

to put smb. to flight - обращать кого-л. в бегство

to put smb. to silence - заставить кого-л. замолчать

to put a horse to a fence - заставить лошадь взять барьер

to put smb. to sleep - а) усыплять кого-л.; б) укачивать /убаюкивать/ кого-л.

to put smb. to expense - вводить кого-л. в расход

to put smb. to his trumps - **карт.** заставить кого-л. козырять [см. тж. ◇]

what has put him on meddling? - зачем он полез не в своё дело?

2) **to put smb., smth. to smth.** подвергать кого-л., что-л. чему-л.

to put smth., smb. to the test - подвергать что-л., кого-л. испытанию; проверять что-л., кого-л.

to put smb. to inconvenience - причинять кому-л. неудобство

to put smb. to trouble - причинять кому-л. беспокойство

to put smb. to trial - возбуждать против кого-л. дело в суде; предать кого-л. суду

to put smb. to hard labour - приговорить кого-л. к каторжным работам

to put smb. to torture - пытать кого-л., подвергать кого-л. пыткам

to put smb. to death - казнить кого-л.

4. **to put smb. through smth.** заставить кого-л. пройти через что-л.; подвергнуть кого-л. чему-л.

to put smb. through a cross-examination - подвергнуть кого-л. перекрёстному допросу, устроить кому-л. перекрёстный допрос

5. 1) **to put smb. in (to) a state, in a condition** приводить кого-л. в какое-л. состояние, ставить кого-л. в какое-л. положение

to put smb. into a rage - привести кого-л. в ярость

to put smb. into a fright - напугать /перепугать/ кого-л.

to put smb. into a state of anxiety - разволновать кого-л., привести кого-л. в волнение

to put smb. in a good humour - привести кого-л. в хорошее настроение /в хорошее расположение духа/

to put smb. in doubt - привести кого-л. в сомнение

to put smb. into a flutter - привести кого-л. в волнение, взбудоражить кого-л.

to put smb. in an unpleasant position - поставить кого-л. в неприятное положение

to put smb. in a hole - **разг.** поставить кого-л. в затруднительное /в неловкое/ положение

he put them into frenzy - он довёл их до исступления

2) **to put smb. out of a state, out of a condition** выводить кого-л. из какого-л. состояния или положения

to put smb. out of temper - вывести кого-л. из себя

to put smb. out of countenance - привести кого-л. в замешательство, смутить кого-л.

to put smb. out of breath - заставить кого-л. запыхаться

to put smb. out of heart - привести кого-л. в уныние; обескуражить кого-л.

to put smb. out of business - разорить, погубить кого-л.

- to put smb. out of count - сбить кого-л. со счёта
 to put smb. out of misery - положить конец чьим-л. страданиям /мучениям/, убить кого-л. из милосердия
 to put smb. out of suspense - а) избавить кого-л. от сомнений; б) успокоить чьи-л. волнения
6. 1) **to put smth. in (to) a state** приводить что-л в какое-л. состояние
 to put smth. into operation - ввести в строй /в эксплуатацию/
 to put the plant into operation - пустить завод
 to put smth. into gear - **mex.** вводить что-л в зацепление
 to put smth. into service - а) ввести что-л в эксплуатацию; б) принять что-л на вооружение
- 2) **to put smth. out of a state** выводить что-л из какого-л. состояния
 to put the machine out of order - сломать машину
 the gun was put out of action - оружие было выведено из строя
7. 1) **to put smth. in motion /in (to) action/** приводить что-л в движение, в действие, пускать что-л в ход
 the heavy parliamentary machine was put in motion - тяжёлая парламентская машина пришла в движение /была запущена/
 to put (smth.) in (to) action - а) приводить (что-л) в действие; б) **воен.** вводить (*войска, части*) в бой
- 2) **to put smth. in (to) practice /in (to) force, into life/** вводить что-л в силу; осуществлять что-л
 to put smth. in (to) practice - осуществлять что-л, проводить что-л в жизнь
 to put a principle in (to) practice - осуществлять принцип
 to put theory into practice - проводить теорию в жизнь
 to put smth. in force - вводить что-л в действие, проводить что-л в жизнь
 to put the law in force - вводить в действие /проводить в жизнь/ закон
 the law was put in force on January 1st - закон вступил в силу 1-го января
8. 1) **to put smth. in order /into shape/** приводить что-л в порядок
 to put a room in order - привести комнату в порядок; прибраться в комнате
 to put one's ideas in order - собраться с мыслями
 I want to put my report into shape - я хочу привести в порядок /отредактировать/ свой доклад
- 2) **to put smb. in (to) shape** привести кого-л. в (отличную) форму
9. **to put smth. down to smth., smb.** приписывать что-л чему-л., кому-л.
 to put down smb.'s action to shyness - объяснять чей-л. поступок застенчивостью
 to put the accident down to negligence - объяснить несчастный случай халатностью
 to put it down to inexperience - отнести это на счёт неопытности; объяснить это неопытностью
 put the mistake down to me - считайте, что ошибка произошла по моей вине
10. **to put smb. down for /as/ smb.** считать кого-л. кем-л.; принимать кого-л. за кого-л. другого
 we put him down for a Frenchman - мы принимали его за француза
 I put him down for /as/ a fool - я считаю его дураком
 I put him down as an hypochondriac - я зачислил его в ипохондрики
11. **to put smb. up to smth.**
 1) инструктировать кого-л. в отношении чего-л.; информировать кого-л. о чём-л.
 to put smb. up to the ways of the place - знакомить кого-л. с местными обычаями
 will you put the new clerk up to his duties? - проинструктируйте нового клерка относительно его обязанностей
 he put me up to one or two things worth knowing - он рассказал мне о некоторых вещах, которые стоит знать
- 2) побуждать, подстрекать кого-л. к чему-л.
 to put smb. up to (commit) a crime - толкать кого-л. на преступление
 who put you up to it? - кто тебя подбил на это /подговорил сделать это/?
12. **разг. to put smb. on to smth.**
 1) сказать кому-л. о чём-л., подсказать кому-л. что-л.
 who put you on to that? - кто тебе об этом сказал? [**см. тж.** 2)]
 what put you on to that? - что навело тебя на эту мысль?
- 2) подучить, подговорить кого-л. сделать что-л.
 who put you on to that? - кто тебя подбил на это? [**см. тж.** 1)]
13. **to put smb. on to smb. разг.**
 1) рекомендовать кому-л. кого-л.
 he put me on to a good lawyer - он рекомендовал /посоветовал/ мне хорошего адвоката [**см. тж.** 2)]
- 2) связывать кого-л. с кем-л.
 he put me on to a good lawyer - он связал меня с хорошим адвокатом /дал мне хорошего адвоката/ [**см. тж.** 1)]
14. **to put smb. off smth.**
 1) отговаривать кого-л. от чего-л.
 I shall try to put him off this plan - я постараюсь отговорить его от (выполнения) этого плана
- 2) отвращать кого-л. от чего-л.
 to put smb. off his appetite - отбить у кого-л. аппетит
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 to put to use - использовать
 to put money to good use - тратить /расходовать/ деньги с пользой
 to put right - а) исправить, починить; б) вывести из заблуждения, направить на правильный путь
 to put to rights - привести в порядок; упорядочить
 to put smb. in the right way - наставить кого-л. на путь истинный
 to put smb. right with smb. - оправдать кого-л. в чьих-л. глазах
 to put smb. in the wrong - свалить вину на кого-л.
 to put smb. in mind of smth., smb. - напоминать кому-л. что-л. /о чём-л./, кого-л. /о ком-л./
 to put one's mind /one's brain/ to (on) a problem - начать /стать/ думать над (раз)решением вопроса

to put heads together - совещаться; выработать совместный план
to put smb.'s back up - рассердить /вывести из себя/ кого-л.
to put a good face on it - сделать вид, что ничего не случилось
to put a finger on the right spot - попасть в точку; понять суть дела
to put one's finger on - обнаруживать, раскрывать, распознавать
to put the finger on smb. - сообщить сведения о ком-л. (в полицию); донести на кого-л.
to put one's hand in(to) one's pocket - тратить деньги, раскошелиться
to put one's hands in one's pockets - предоставить другим действовать; ≅ умыть руки [ср. тж. I 2]
to put one's hand to smth. /to the plough/ - браться за что-л.; взяться за дело
to put one's shoulder to the wheel - энергично взяться за дело, приналечь
to put one's foot in /into/ it - сплеховать; ≅ попасть впросак, «влопаться»
I put my foot in it - я дал маху
to put on blinders and earmuffs - закрыть глаза и уши, не желать ничего видеть и слышать
to put pen to paper - начать писать, взяться за перо
to put one's pen through a word - вычеркнуть слово
to put in one's oar, to put one's oar into smb.'s boat - вмешиваться в чужие дела
to put a spoke in smb.'s wheel, to put grit in the machine - ≅ вставлять палки в колёса
to put all one's eggs in one basket - а) рисковать всем, поставить всё на карту; б) целиком отдаться чувству
to put to the sword - предать мечу, убить на войне
to put smth. down the drain - ≅ выкинуть что-л. (на помойку)
to put smb. to his trumps - довести кого-л. до крайности [см. тж. II Б 3, 1])
to put smb. wise to /about, of/ smth. - амер. ознакомить кого-л. с чем-л.; открыть кому-л. глаза на что-л.
to put smb. in the picture - уведомлять /информировать/ кого-л.; ввести кого-л. в курс дела
to put smb. in his place - поставить кого-л. на место, осадить кого-л.
to put spurs to - а) пришпоривать (лошадь); б) подгонять (кого-л.); ускорять (что-л.)
to put new life into smb., smth. - вдохнуть новую жизнь в кого-л., во что-л.
to put one's name to - поддерживать, оказывать поддержку
to put smth. out of harm's way - прятать что-л. от греха подальше [ср. тж. II Б 2]
to put smb. on his guard - предостеречь кого-л.
to put smb. off his guard - усыплять чью-л. бдительность
to put smb. at his ease - избавить кого-л. от смущения; успокоить кого-л.
to put the wind up smb. - запугивать кого-л., нагонять страх на кого-л.
that's put the lid on it! - ну всё! конец! с этим покончено!
to put paid to - а) поставить штамп «уплачено»; б) уничтожить, ликвидировать; to put paid to mosquitoes - истребить
москитов; в) положить конец (чему-л.); поставить крест (на чём-л.)
let's put paid to the rumour - давайте навсегда покончим с этим слухом
this put paid to his hopes - это поставило крест на его надеждах
to put a nail in smb.'s coffin - сл. а) ускорить чью-л. гибель; б) злословить о ком-л.
to put the squeak in - сл. стать доносчиком
to put it up to smb. - амер. переложить ответственность на кого-л.
to put the bee /the bite/ on - требовать денег взаймы
to put the law on smb. - амер. подать на кого-л. в суд
to be hard put to it - оказаться в трудном положении
to stay put - амер. сл. не рыпаться
to put on the scent - а) охот. пустить по следу (собаку); б) указать правильный путь (кому-л.)
to put smb. on his honour - связать кого-л. словом
to put smb. on his mettle см. mettle ◊
to put up a yarn - сочинить историю, пустить «утку»
to put up the shutters - ликвидировать дело
not to put too fine a point upon it - говоря попросту; не вдаваясь в подробности
put your hand no further than your sleeve will reach - посл. ≅ по одежке протягивай ножки

II

1. [pʌt] = putt / u //
2. [pʌt] = putt / u //

put

put [put puts putting] BrE [pʊt] ^m NAmE [pʊt] ^m verb (put-ting, put, put)

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IN PLACE/POSITION

1. ~ sth + adv./prep. to move sth into a particular place or position
 - Put the cases down there, please.
 - Did you put sugar in my coffee?
 - Put your hand up if you need more paper.
2. ~ sth + adv./prep. to move sth into a particular place or position using force
 - He put his fist through a glass door.
3. ~ sb/sth + adv./prep. to cause sb/sth to go to a particular place
 - Her family put her into a nursing home.
 - It was the year the Americans put a man on the moon.

ATTACH

4. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to attach or fix sth to sth else

- We had to put new locks on all the doors.

WRITE

5. ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** to write sth or make a mark on sth

- Put your name here.
- Friday at 11? I'll put it in my diary.
- I couldn't read what she had put.

INTO STATE/CONDITION

6. ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** to bring sb/sth into the state or condition mentioned

- I was put in charge of the office.
- The incident put her in a bad mood.
- **Put yourself in my position** . What would you have done?
- I tried to **put the matter into perspective** .
- Don't go **putting yourself at risk** .
- It was time to **put** their suggestion **into practice** .
- This new injury will **put him out of action** for several weeks.

AFFECT SB/STH

7. ~ **sth on/onto/to sth** to make sb/sth feel sth or be affected by sth

- Her new job has put a great strain on her.
- They **put pressure on** her to resign.
- It's time you **put a stop to** this childish behaviour.

GIVE VALUE/RANK

8. ~ **sth on sth** to give or attach a particular level of importance, trust, value, etc. to sth

- Our company puts the emphasis on quality.
- He put a limit on the amount we could spend.

9. ~ **sb/sth + adv./prep.** to consider sb/sth to belong to the class or level mentioned

- I'd put her in the top rank of modern novelists.

EXPRESS

10. ~ **sth + adv./prep.** to express or state sth in a particular way

- She put it very tactfully.
- **Put simply** , we accept their offer or go bankrupt.
- I was, **to put it mildly** , annoyed (= I was extremely angry) .
- He was too trusting— or, **to put it another way** , he had no head for business.
- The meat was— **how shall I put it?** — a little overdone
- As T.S. Eliot puts it...
- She had never tried to **put** this feeling **into words** .
- Can you help me put this letter into good English, please?

IN SPORT

11. ~ **sth** to throw the ↑shot

Rem: Most idioms containing put are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example put your foot in it is at foot.

Idioms: ↑I wouldn't put it past somebody ▪ ↑put it about ▪ ↑put it to somebody that ... ▪ ↑put one over on somebody ▪ ↑put somebody through it ▪ ↑put together ▪ ↑put up or shut up

Derived ↑put down ▪ ↑put in ▪ ↑put in for something ▪ ↑put into ... ▪ ↑put out ▪ ↑put somebody at something ▪ ↑put somebody away ▪ ↑put somebody down ▪ ↑put somebody down as something ▪ ↑put somebody down for something ▪ ↑put somebody in ▪ ↑put somebody off ▪ ↑put somebody off somebody ▪ ↑put somebody on ▪ ↑put somebody onto somebody ▪ ↑put somebody out ▪ ↑put somebody through ▪ ↑put somebody through something ▪ ↑put somebody to something ▪ ↑put somebody up ▪ ↑put somebody up to something ▪ ↑put something about ▪ ↑put something above something ▪ ↑put something aside ▪ ↑put something away ▪ ↑put something back ▪ ↑put something behind you ▪ ↑put something by ▪ ↑put something down ▪ ↑put something down to something ▪ ↑put something forth ▪ ↑put something forward ▪ ↑put something in ▪ ↑put something into something ▪ ↑put something off ▪ ↑put something on ▪ ↑put something on something ▪ ↑put something out ▪ ↑put something through ▪ ↑put something to somebody ▪ ↑put something together ▪ ↑put something towards something ▪ ↑put something up ▪ ↑put up ▪ ↑put up for something ▪ ↑put up something ▪ ↑put up with somebody ▪ ↑put yourself forward ▪ ↑put yourself in for something ▪ ↑put yourself out ▪ ↑put yourself over ▪ ↑put yourself up for something

See also: ↑put somebody off something ▪ ↑put something aside ▪ ↑put something forth ▪ ↑put something into something

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	put
	BrE /pʊt/
	NAmE /pɑːt/
he / she / it	puts
	BrE /pʊts/
	NAmE /pɑːts/
past simple, past participle	put
	BrE /pʊt/
	NAmE /pɑːt/
-ing form	putting
	BrE /'pʊtɪŋ/
	NAmE /'pɑːtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English (recorded only in the verbal noun *putung*), of unknown origin; compare with dialect *pote* 'to push, thrust' (an early sense of the verb *put*).

Thesaurus:

put verb

1. T (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- Put the cases down there, please.

lay • place • set • position • settle • plant • |informal stuff • dump • stick • |especially BrE, informal pop •

put/lay/place/set/position/dump/stick/pop sth **on** sth

put/place/set/stuff/dump/stick/pop sth **in/into** sth

put/lay/set sth **down**

2. T (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- We're not allowed to put posters on the walls.

attach • fasten • stick • |especially BrE fix •

put/fasten/stick/fix sth **on** sth

3.

- The incident put her in a bad mood.

set • place •

put/set sb/sth **at ease/in motion**

put/place sb **in charge/in sb's care/under command/under arrest**

Synonyms:

build

construct • assemble • erect • put sth up

These words all mean to make sth, especially by putting different parts together.

build • to make sth, especially a building, by putting parts together: ▪ a house built of stone ◊▪ They're going to build on the site of the old power station.

construct • [often passive] (rather formal) to build sth such as a road, building or machine

assemble • (rather formal) to fit together all the separate parts of sth such as a piece of furniture or a machine: ▪ The cupboard is easy to assemble.

erect • (formal) to build sth; to put sth in position and make it stand upright: ▪ Police had to erect barriers to keep crowds back.

put sth up • to build sth or place sth somewhere: ▪ They're putting up new hotels in order to boost tourism in the area.

to build/construct/erect/put up a **house/wall**

to build/construct/erect/put up some **shelves**

to build/construct/erect/put up a **barrier/fence/shelter**

to build/construct/assemble a(n) **engine/machine**

to build/construct a **road/railway/railroad/tunnel**

to erect/put up a **tent/statue/monument**

Example Bank:

- I thought you put your points very well.
- I was annoyed, to put it mildly= I was extremely angry.
- I was, to put it mildly, annoyed.
- Put simply, we accept their offer or go bankrupt.
- Can you help me put the roof rack on the car?
- Don't go putting yourself at risk.
- He put Ray on guard with a gun.
- I tried to put the matter into perspective.
- I'd put her in the top rank of modern novelists.
- It was time to put their suggestion into practice.
- It's a great book. I couldn't put it down.
- Put yourself in my position. What would you have done?
- She had never tried to put this feeling into words.
- She put the phone down on me before I had finished speaking.
- We're not allowed to put posters on the walls.

put

put **S1 W1** /put/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **put**, present participle **putting**) [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: putian]

1. MOVE TO PLACE [always + adverb/preposition] to move something to a particular place or position, especially using your hands

SYN place:

He put the coffee on the table.

Where did you put the programmes? ⇒ see *Thesaurus box* on P.1414

2. CHANGE SB'S SITUATION/FEELINGS [always + adverb/preposition] to change someone's situation or the way they feel:

Don't put yourself into a situation you can't handle.

put somebody in a good/bad etc mood (=make them feel happy/annoyed etc)

The long delay had put us all in a bad mood.

I don't want to put you in danger.

Pit closures have put thousands of miners out of a job (=made them lose their job).

put somebody in control/command/charge etc (=give someone authority over a group, activity, or organization)

His boss resigned and Murphy was put in charge.

Politics puts me to sleep.

A knee injury put him out of action for three months.

3. WRITE/PRINT SOMETHING to write or print something or to make a mark with a pen or pencil

put something in/on/under etc something

Put your name at the top of each answer sheet.

put something to something

He put his signature to the contract (=he signed it to show he agreed with it).

4. EXPRESS [always + adverb/preposition] to say or write something using words in a particular way

put something well/cleverly/simplely etc

The question was well put.

So it was an accident, an 'act of God' if you want to put it like that.

When women joined the organization, it 'took on a new look', as news reports put it.

It is hard to put into words (=express) how I feel now.

He's not very musical, to put it mildly (=he's not musical at all).

We get on each other's nerves, to put it bluntly (=to say exactly what I mean).

It's fairly risky. Or to put it another way (=say it in different words), don't try this at home.

The subject matter makes the painting a little, how shall I put it (=how can I say it politely?), undesirable for public display.

5. put a stop/an end to something to stop an activity that is harmful or unacceptable:

We must put an end to their threats.

6. put something into action/effect/practice to start using a plan, idea, knowledge etc:

James was keen to put some of the things he had learned into practice.

7. ASK/SUGGEST to ask a question or make a suggestion, especially to get someone's opinion or agreement

put a proposition/proposal/case etc to somebody

He put the proposal to his wife.

put something before somebody

The budget was put before the board of directors.

Can I put a question to you?

I put it to you that this proposal has to be considered.

8. put something right to make a situation better, especially after someone has made a mistake or behaved badly:

He has a chance to put things right by admitting a mistake was made.

9. put somebody straight/right (also **set somebody straight/right**) to tell someone the true facts when they have made a mistake that annoys you:

A young man was in here asking for 'Miss' Whalby, but I put him right on that one.

10. put something straight to make something look clean and tidy:

It took us all weekend to put the garden straight.

11. MAKE SOMEBODY/SOMETHING DO SOMETHING to make someone or something work or do something, or to use it:

a scheme to put unemployed people to work on government construction projects

If you have a spare room, put it to work for you – take in a lodger.

Computer games are being put to use in the classroom.

We put 15 rain jackets to the test (=we tested them).

12. HAVE IMPORTANCE/QUALITY [always + adverb/preposition] to consider something as having a particular level of importance or quality

put somebody as/among/in etc something

A recent poll put Dr Martens among the world's top thirty designer labels.

put somebody/something before somebody/something

Some companies put profit before safety.

put somebody/something first/second etc

The job's important to him, but he puts his family first.

13. SEND SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE [always + adverb/preposition] to arrange for someone to go to a place, or to make them go there

put somebody in (something)

The company is putting in new management.

Pneumonia put him in the hospital for a week.

Put the boys to bed around eight o'clock.

14. **put somebody on a train/plane etc** to take someone to a plane, train etc to start a journey:

" I put her on the plane for London.

15. **put paid to something** *British English* to spoil and end your hopes or plans completely:

" A car accident put paid to his chances of taking part in the race.

16. **I wouldn't put it past somebody (to do something)** *spoken* used to say that you think someone could easily do something wrong or illegal:

" I wouldn't put it past him to use force.

17. **put somebody to trouble/inconvenience** *especially British English* to make extra work or cause problems for someone

18. **put it there** *spoken* used to tell someone to put their hand in yours, either as a greeting or after making an agreement with them:

" \$500? OK, it's a deal. Put it there!

19. **THROW** to throw a [↑]shot (=a heavy metal ball) in a sports competition

⇒ **put your finger on something** at [↑]finger¹(4), ⇒ **put your foot down** at [↑]foot¹(13), ⇒ **put your foot in it** at [↑]foot¹(15), ⇒ **put the record straight** at [↑]record¹(10), ⇒ **put something to (good) use** at [↑]use²(4), ⇒ **put your back into it** at [↑]back²(19)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 4)

■ adverbs

- **well** Sorry, I'm not putting it very well.
- **simply** Put simply, our aim is to create art.
- **succinctly** (=using only a few words) A Russian economist put it most succinctly: 'People do not care about carbon.'
- **mildly** (=in a way that is not extreme) His theory is controversial, to put it mildly.
- **bluntly/crudely/plainly** (=in a direct way that may offend people) I would put it more bluntly. I think you are wallowing in self-pity.
- **delicately** (=in a way that will not offend people) He had been drunk, or as Hilton delicately put it, 'talkative'.
- **cleverly** I didn't agree with her, but she put her argument so cleverly that I was almost persuaded.

■ phrases

- **put something another way** The dress was too small for me, or, to put it another way, I was too big for it.
- **put something this/that way** Let me put it this way - she's not as young as she was.
- **put something like that/this** 'He's been completely irresponsible.' 'I wouldn't put it quite like that.'
- **put something into words** (=say what you are feeling or thinking) She couldn't put her feelings into words.
- **how shall I/we put it?** (=used before saying something in an indirect or polite way) Mr Lewis is now – how shall we put it? – hardly the influence he once was.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)

■ nouns

- **put a question (to somebody)** I will be putting that very question to her.
- **put a proposition/proposal to somebody** I've a proposition to put to you.
- **put a point to somebody** You should put that point to the Chancellor.
- **put a case (to somebody)** He wanted to put his case to the full committee.

■ phrases

- **put it to somebody that** I put it to him that what we needed was some independent advice.

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THESAURUS

- **put** to move something to a particular place: I've put the wine in the fridge. | Where have you put my grey shirt?
- **place** to put something somewhere carefully: 'It's beautiful,' he said, placing it back on the shelf.
- **lay** to put someone or something down carefully on a flat surface: He laid all the money on the table. | She laid the baby on his bed.
- **position** to carefully put something in a suitable position: Position the microphone to suit your height. | Troops were positioned around the city.
- **slip** to put something somewhere with a quick movement: He slipped his arm around her waist. | Carrie quickly slipped the money into her bag.
- **shove** to put something into a space or container quickly or carelessly: Shove anything you don't want in that sack. | I've ironed those shirts so don't just shove them in a drawer.
- **stick** (also **bung** *British English*) *informal* to put something somewhere quickly or carelessly: I stuck the address in my pocket and I can't find it now. | Could you bung those clothes in the washing machine?
- **dump** to put something down somewhere in a careless and untidy way: Don't just dump all your bags in the kitchen. | People shouldn't dump rubbish at the side of the street.
- **pop** *informal* to quickly put something somewhere, usually for a short time: Pop it in the microwave for a minute.
- **thrust** *literary* to put something somewhere suddenly or forcefully: 'Hide it,' he said, thrusting the watch into her hand.

■ to put something into a liquid

- **dip** to put something into a liquid for a very short time and take it out again: She dipped her hand in the water to see how hot it was. | Prawns are delicious dipped in a spicy sauce.
- **plunge** to put something quickly, firmly, and deeply into a liquid: Plunge the pasta into a pan of boiling water. | I had to plunge my arm in up to the elbow to reach the keys.
- **dunk** to put something such as a piece of bread or cake into a hot drink or soup before eating it: I love biscuits dunked in coffee.
- **immerse** to put something deep into a liquid so that it is completely covered: If the plant's leaves look dry, immerse the roots in water for a while.

put about *phrasal verb*

1. **put something about** *British English informal* to give other people news or information, especially when it is unpleasant or

untrue:

After he was fired, he **put it about** that he was fed up with working for such a large company.

2. **put (something) about** *technical* if a ship puts about or if you put it about, it changes direction

3. **put yourself about** *British English informal* to have sexual relationships with a lot of different people

put something ↔ across *phrasal verb*

1. to explain your ideas, beliefs etc in a way that people can understand:

He was trying to put across a serious point.

2. **put yourself across** *British English* to explain your ideas and opinions clearly so that people understand them and realize what sort of person you are:

Sue's never been very good at putting herself across at interviews.

3. to sing, play music, or act in a film or play in a clear effective way:

She can really put a song across.

put something ↔ aside *phrasal verb*

1. to try to stop thinking about a problem, argument, or disagreement, because you want to achieve something:

You must put aside your pride and apologise to him.

2. to save money regularly, usually for a particular purpose:

She put at least £30 a week aside for food.

3. to put down something you are reading or working with, in order to start doing something else:

He glanced at the note, put it aside and went on with the meeting.

4. to keep a period of time free in order to be able to do something:

If you're planning a trip to the museum, be sure to put aside at least an hour and a half.

put something at something *phrasal verb*

to calculate or guess an amount, number, age etc, without being very exact:

Her fortune was put at £5.5 million.

put somebody/something away *phrasal verb*

1. **put something ↔ away** to put something in the place where it is usually kept:

He put his toys away every night.

2. **put something ↔ away** to save money:

We're putting some money away for expenses.

3. **put somebody away** *informal* to put someone in a prison or in a mental hospital:

If you are found guilty, the judge is going to put you away for life.

4. **put something ↔ away** *informal* to eat or drink a lot:

It's amazing the amount that child can put away.

5. **put something ↔ away** *informal* to score a ↑goal, especially after other failed attempts:

He seized the opportunity to put the ball away.

6. **put something ↔ away** *American English informal* to defeat your opponent in a sports competition:

Two plays later, Smith scored to put the game away.

put something back *phrasal verb*

1. **put somebody/something ↔ back** to put people or things in the place or situation they were in before:

She put the saucepan back on the stove.

Our win today put us back into third place in the league.

2. **put something ↔ back** to arrange for an event to start at a later time or date **SYN postpone**

put something ↔ back to

The meeting has been put back to next Thursday.

3. **put something ↔ back** to delay a process or activity by a number of weeks, months etc:

This fire could put back the opening date by several weeks.

4. to make someone or something have something that they used to have before:

The win put a smile back on his face.

5. **put a clock/watch back** *British English* to make a clock or watch show an earlier time **SYN set back** *American English* ⇒ **put**

the clock back at ↑clock¹(3)

put something behind you *phrasal verb*

to try to forget about an unpleasant event or experience and think about the future:

She had dealt with the guilt years ago and put it behind her.

put something ↔ by *phrasal verb*

to save money regularly in order to use it later:

We're trying to put a little by each month for a new car.

put down *phrasal verb*

1. **PLACE put something/somebody ↔ down** to put something or someone that you are holding or carrying onto a surface:

Put those heavy bags down for a minute.

2. **CRITICIZE put somebody ↔ down** to criticize someone and make them feel silly or stupid **SYN belittle** :

I hate the way Dave puts me down the whole time.

put yourself down

Stop putting yourself down.

3. **WRITE put something ↔ down** to write something, especially a name or number, on a piece of paper or on a list **SYN write down**:

Put down your name and address.

4. **put down a revolution/revolt/rebellion etc** to stop a ↑revolution etc by using force:

The uprising was put down by the police and the army.

5. **PAY put something ↔down** to pay part of the total cost of something, so that you can pay the rest later

put something ↔down on

They put down a deposit on the goods until Christmas.

6. **BABY put somebody down** to put a baby in its bed:

We try to put Amy down at six every evening.

7. **put the phone down** to put the ↑receiver back onto the telephone when you have finished speaking to someone **SYN hang up**
put the phone down on

She put the phone down on me (=suddenly ended the conversation).

8. **KILL put something ↔down** to kill an animal without causing it pain, usually because it is old or sick **SYN put something to sleep:**

We had to have the dog put down.

9. **I couldn't put it down spoken** used to say that you found a book, game etc extremely interesting:

Once I'd started reading it I just couldn't put it down.

10. **AIRCRAFT put (something) down** if an aircraft puts down or if a pilot puts it down, it lands, especially because of an ↑emergency:

The engine failed and the plane put down in the sea.

11. **put down a motion/an amendment** to suggest a subject, plan, change in the law etc for a parliament or committee to consider

12. **LEAVE PASSENGER put somebody down British English** to stop a vehicle so that passengers can get off at a particular place:

He asked the taxi to put him down at the end of the road.

put somebody down as something phrasal verb

to guess what someone is like or what they do, without having much information about them:

I didn't think he was unfriendly. I put him down as shy.

put somebody down for something phrasal verb

1. to put someone's name on a list so that they can take part in an activity, join an organization etc:

They put themselves down for a training course.

2. **put somebody down for £5/£20 etc especially British English** to write someone's name on a list with an amount of money that they have promised to give

put something down to something phrasal verb

1. to think that something is caused by something else:

I was having difficulty reading, which I put down to the poor light.

2. **put it down to experience** to try not to feel too upset about failure, especially when you learn something useful from it:

Everyone gets rejected from time to time; put it down to experience.

put forth something phrasal verb

1. to suggest an idea, explanation etc, especially one that other people later consider and discuss **SYN submit:**

Arguments were put forth for changing some of the rules of the game.

2. **put forth leaves/shoots/roots etc formal** if a tree or bush puts forth leaves etc, it begins to grow them

put somebody/something ↔forward phrasal verb

1. to suggest a plan, proposal, idea etc for other people to consider or discuss **SYN propose:**

They put forward a number of suggestions.

2. to suggest formally that you or someone else should be considered for a particular job, membership of an organization etc:

Her name was put forward for the lead role in the play.

3. to arrange for an event to start at an earlier time or date

put somebody/something ↔forward to

The men's final has been put forward to 1:30.

4. **put a clock/watch forward British English** to make a clock or watch show a later time **SYN set forward American English**

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

▪ **put forward a proposal/suggestion** She put forward a compromise proposal.

▪ **put forward a plan/scheme** Both parties have put forward plans for political reform.

▪ **put forward an idea** In 1829 he put forward the idea that the Earth is contracting.

▪ **put forward a theory/hypothesis** Many theories have been put forward as to the building's original purpose.

▪ **put forward a view** We should encourage individuals to put forward their views.

▪ **put forward an argument** He rejected the arguments put forward by the company's lawyers.

▪ **put forward a reason/explanation** A variety of reasons have been put forward to explain these changes.

put in phrasal verb

1. **put something ↔in** to fix a piece of equipment somewhere and connect it so that it is ready to be used **SYN instal:**

We decided to have a new bathroom put in.

2. **put something ↔in** to spend time or use energy working or practising something:

Dorothy had put in a lot of hard work during her six years as chairperson.

3. **put in something written** to interrupt someone in order to say something:

'How old are you?' 'Sixteen.' 'I'm sixteen too,' put in Dixie.

4. **put something ↔in** to ask for something in an official way:

She put in an insurance claim.

We must put in an order by tonight.

put in for something

I put in for a pay increase.

5. **put your faith/trust/confidence in somebody/something** to trust someone or something or believe that they can do something:

I'm putting my faith in the appeal judges.

6. **put in something** to do something in a particular way, especially a performance in a play, film, race etc:

He put in a brilliant performance in the British Grand Prix.

7. **put in an appearance** to go to a social event, meeting etc for a short time:

There was an hour yet before she needed to put in an appearance at the restaurant.

8. if a ship puts in, it enters a port

put something into something *phrasal verb*

1. to make money available to be used for a particular purpose:

The government appears to be putting more money into education.

2. to use a lot of energy etc when you are doing an activity:

Candidates put a lot of time and effort into gaining qualifications.

3. to add a quality to something:

These simple recipes put more fun into eating.

put somebody/something off *phrasal verb*

1. **put something** ↔ **off** to delay doing something or to arrange to do something at a later time or date, especially because there is a problem or you do not want to do it now **SYN delay**, **procrastinate**:

The match has been put off until tomorrow because of bad weather.

put off doing something

I put off going to the doctor but I wish I hadn't.

2. **put somebody** ↔ **off** *British English* to make you dislike something or not want to do something:

Don't let the restaurant's decor put you off – the food is really good.

put somebody off (doing) something

Don't let your failures put you off trying harder.

3. **put somebody off** to make someone wait because you do not want to meet them, pay them etc until later **SYN stall**:

When he calls, put him off as long as you can.

4. **put somebody off (something)** *British English* to make it difficult for someone to pay attention to what they are doing by talking, making a noise, moving etc:

It puts me off when you watch me all the time.

5. **put somebody off (something)** *British English* to let someone leave a vehicle at a particular place:

I'll put you off at the supermarket.

put somebody/something on *phrasal verb*

1. **CLOTHES put something** ↔ **on** to put a piece of clothing on your body **OPP take off**:

He took off his uniform and put on a sweater and trousers.

I'll have to put my glasses on; I can't read the sign from here.

2. **ON SKIN put something** ↔ **on** to put ↑make-up, cream etc on your skin:

I've got to put this cream on twice a day.

3. **AFFECT/INFLUENCE SOMETHING put something on something** to do something that affects or influences someone or something else:

The government put a limit on imports of textiles.

Pat was putting pressure on him to leave his wife.

4. **START EQUIPMENT put something** ↔ **on** to make a light or a piece of equipment start working by pressing or turning a button or switch **SYN switch on**, **turn on**:

He got up and put on the light.

Shall I put the kettle on?

5. **MUSIC put something** ↔ **on** to put a record, tape, or ↑CD into a machine and start playing it:

She put on some music while they ate.

6. **PRETEND put something** ↔ **on** to pretend to have a particular feeling, opinion, way of speaking etc especially in order to get attention:

Sheila's not really that upset; she's just putting it on.

Leaving the court, the families all tried to put on a brave face (=not show that they were sad or worried).

7. **put on weight/12 lbs/4 kg etc** to become fatter and heavier **SYN gain**:

Rosie's put on five kilos since she quit smoking.

8. **EVENT/CONCERT/PLAY ETC put something** ↔ **on** to arrange for a concert, play etc to take place, or to perform in it:

One summer the children put on a play.

9. **SHOW WHAT YOU CAN DO put something** ↔ **on** to show what you are able to do or what power you have:

The team need to put on another world-class performance.

10. **COOK put something** ↔ **on** to start cooking something:

Shall I put the pasta on now?

11. **PROVIDE SOMETHING put something** ↔ **on** *British English* to provide a service for people, especially a special one:

BA is putting on extra flights to cover the Christmas rush.

12. **you're putting me on!** *especially American English spoken* used to tell someone that you think they are joking:

He wouldn't do that – you're putting me on.

13. **RISK MONEY put something on something** to risk an amount of money on the result of a game, race etc **SYN bet**:

We put £50 on Brazil to win the Cup.

14. **ADD put something on something** to add an amount of money or tax onto the cost of something:

Can smokers really complain if more tax is put on cigarettes?

15. **TELEPHONE put somebody ↔ on** to give someone the telephone so that they can talk to someone who is telephoning:

Can you put Janet on?

put somebody onto somebody/something phrasal verb

British English informal to give someone information about something interesting or useful that they did not know about:

Jo put us onto this fantastic French restaurant.

put out phrasal verb

1. **FIRE/CIGARETTE ETC put something ↔ out** to make a fire etc stop burning **SYN extinguish**:

The rescue services are still trying to put out the fires.

2. **LIGHT put something ↔ out** to make a light stop working by pressing or turning a button or switch **SYN switch off**

3. **MAKE AVAILABLE put something ↔ out** to put things where people can find and use them:

The girls helped her to put out the cups and plates.

4. **feel/be put out** to feel upset or offended:

We were a little put out at not being invited to the wedding.

5. **MAKE EXTRA WORK put somebody out** to make extra work or cause problems for someone:

Mary can't come to dinner tonight. She hopes it won't put you out.

6. **put yourself out** to make an effort to do something that will help someone:

They had put themselves out to entertain her during her visit.

7. **TAKE OUTSIDE put something ↔ out** to take something outside your house and leave it there:

Remember to put the cat out before you go to bed.

put the rubbish/garbage etc out (=put unwanted things outside your house to be taken away)

put the washing out (=put clothes outside to dry)

8. **put your tongue out** to push your tongue out of your mouth, especially as a rude sign to someone

9. **put your hand/foot/arm out** to move your hand etc forward and away from your body:

He put out his hand toward her.

10. **MAKE UNCONSCIOUS put somebody out** to make someone unconscious before a medical operation

11. **put your back out** to injure your back

12. **PRODUCE SOMETHING put something ↔ out** to broadcast or produce something for people to read or listen to:

They put out a half-hour programme on young refugees.

13. **put out feelers** to try to discover information or opinions by listening to people or watching what is happening:

He had already put out feelers with local employers but they hadn't been interested.

14. **SHIP** if a ship puts out, it starts to sail

15. **HAVE SEX American English informal** if a woman puts out, she has sex with a man

16. **BASEBALL put somebody out** to prevent a baseball player from running around the bases, for example by catching the ball that they have hit

put something ↔ over phrasal verb

1. *British English* to succeed in telling other people your ideas, opinions, feelings etc:

The advert puts over the message clearly and simply: nuclear power is clean.

2. **put one/something over on somebody informal** to deceive someone into believing something that is not true or that is useless:

Nobody could put one over on him.

put through phrasal verb

1. **put somebody/something ↔ through** to connect someone to someone else on the telephone

put somebody/something ↔ through to

Could you put me through to Eddie?

2. **put somebody through school/college/university** to pay for someone to study at school, college etc:

She worked as a waitress and put herself through school.

3. **put somebody through something** to make someone do or experience something difficult or unpleasant:

The soldiers were put through eight weeks of basic training.

They really put me through it at the interview.

4. **put something ↔ through** to do what is necessary in order to get a plan or suggestion accepted or approved:

Production will start up again when these changes have been put through.

put something ↔ together phrasal verb

1. to prepare or produce something by collecting pieces of information, ideas etc:

It took all morning to put the proposal together.

2. to form people or things into a group:

We are currently putting together a sales and marketing team.

3. to make a machine, model etc by joining all the different parts **SYN assemble**:

I can't work out how to put this table together.

4. **more ... than the rest/the others/everything else put together** used to say that one amount is greater than the total of a set of amounts:

Paul seemed to have more money than the rest of us put together.

put something towards something phrasal verb

to use some money in order to pay part of the cost of something:

Alec put the money towards a trip to Australia.

put somebody under phrasal verb

if a doctor puts you under, they give you drugs to make you unconscious before surgery

put up phrasal verb

1. **BUILD put something ↔ up** to build something such as a wall, fence, building etc **SYN erect**:

They're putting up several new office blocks in the centre of town.

2. **FOR PEOPLE TO SEE put something ↔ up** to put a picture, notice etc on a wall so that people can see it:

Can I put up some posters?

The shops have started to put up Christmas decorations.

3. **ATTACH SOMETHING put something ↔ up** to attach a shelf, cupboard etc to a wall:

My dad put up five shelves.

4. **INCREASE put something ↔ up British English** to increase the cost or value of something **SYN raise**:

Most big stores admit they aren't put prices up for fear of losing their customers.

5. **RAISE put something ↔ up** to raise something to a higher position:

I put up my hand and asked to leave the room.

Philip put his hood up because it was raining.

6. **LET SOMEBODY STAY put somebody up** to let someone stay in your house and give them meals:

I was hoping Kenny could put me up for a few days.

7. **STAY SOMEWHERE British English** to stay in a place for a short time

put up at/in/with

We can put up at a hotel for the night.

8. **put up a fight/struggle/resistance** to show great determination to oppose something or get out of a difficult situation:

Gina put up a real fight to overcome the disease.

The rebels have put up fierce resistance.

9. **put up something** to give an amount of money for a particular purpose:

The paper put up a reward for information on the murder.

10. **MAKE AVAILABLE put something up** to make something or someone available for a particular purpose

put something up for

They put their house up for sale.

The baby was put up for adoption.

11. **put up a proposal/argument/case etc** to explain a suggestion or idea so that other people can think about it or discuss it:

If you can put up a good enough case, the board will provide the finance.

12. **ELECTIONS put somebody ↔ up** to suggest someone as a suitable person to be elected to a position:

I was put up for the committee.

13. **put up or shut up spoken informal** used to tell someone that they should either do what needs to be done or stop talking about it

put somebody up to something phrasal verb

to encourage someone to do something stupid or dangerous:

'Did Shirley put you up to this?' 'No, it was my own idea.'

put up with somebody/something phrasal verb

to accept an unpleasant situation or person without complaining:

She put up with his violent temper.

REGISTER

In written English, people usually prefer to use **tolerate**, which is more formal:

▪ They had to tolerate many hardships.

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