

## PHRASAL VERBS WITH 'KEEP'

phrasal verb	meaning	example
keep around	have something close to you	We are keeping the new guy around. He's useless but the customers love him.
keep at	continue doing something difficult	Studying medicine was hard but I kept at it and graduated this year.
keep away	not be allowed near something	Put your medicine on the top shelf. It must be kept away from the kids.
keep back	don't go too close to something dangerous or stay after the lesson/work/game etc.	I'll be keeping the 4 boys at the front back after class. You've been disruptive all lesson.
keep in	not allow someone or something out	I've been keeping a secret in for so long. I need to tell someone.
keep in with	stay on good terms with people	Although we are divorced, I've kept on good terms with the in-laws.
keep off	don't stand on something	Children must be kept off the unsteady rocks.
keep on	continue doing something or constantly ask/complain	My son is keeping on for a pet rabbit, I might just get one to shut him up.
keep out	you are not allowed near something	I've done as she asked and kept my nose out. I hate seeing her treated like a doormat.
keep from	stop someone doing something or don't tell a secret	The stress of work is keeping me from sleeping.
keep to	stay within the boundaries or follow the rules	Hand luggage must be kept to a minimum.

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keep up	prevent from going to bed or maintain a good pace	If you keep up the good work, there will be a nice little bonus for you at Christmas.
keep up with	be at the same pace or remain up to date	I've just read my newspaper; I like keeping up with current affairs.

