

## PHRASAL VERBS WITH 'KEEP'

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| 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.                  |

