

"Pull" Phrasal Verbs: Definitions

pull ahead: to move in the lead, to move ahead of the other people (in a race or contest, for example)

- *The two drivers were neck and neck* for most of the race, and it wasn't until the very end that one of them pulled ahead and won.*
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pull for: to support or cheer for a person/team

- *Most people were pulling for New Orleans to win the Super Bowl because they were the underdogs.*
 - *Even though I don't really care about the Winter Olympics, I'm pulling for Canada to beat the US in the hockey championship because I'm Canadian.*
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pull (x) off: to accomplish something difficult

- *I couldn't believe it! New Orleans pulled off the upset and won the Super Bowl!*
 - *Even though Canada was favored to beat the US, they weren't able to pull it off and lost 2-1.*
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pull (x) over: to drive your car to the side of the road and stop (when a police officer turns on his/her lights, for example)

- *What's that noise? Quick! Pull over! I think you have a flat tire!*
 - *The cop pulled me over because my tail light was out.*
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pull (x) up: to drive your car (slowly) forward (when parking or stopping at a place, for example)

- *You're not in the parking space yet. You need to pull up a little more.*
 - *If you don't want to go inside the restaurant, you can just pull up to the drive-through window.*
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pull yourself together! (or "pull it together!"): to calm down and stop panicking (you say this when someone is crying, yelling, or very scared, for example)

- *I know you're sad about breaking up with your girlfriend, but it's already been several weeks. You need to pull yourself together and get on with your life. There are plenty of fish in the sea!**
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***neck and neck** = tied, very close to each other

***plenty of fish in the sea** = many other suitable girlfriends/boyfriends

"Pull" Phrasal Verbs: Review

*Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete these "pull" phrasal verbs.
Look on the previous page if you need help remembering these phrasal verbs.*

1. Pat (at a dive-thru): I'd like two hamburgers, medium fries, and a small cola.

Clerk: That's two hamburgers, medium fries, and a small cola.
Your total is \$2.59. Please _____ to the next window.

2. Good luck at the tennis tournament this afternoon. We'll all be in the stands cheering and _____ you to win!

3. You should slow down, Todd. There are a lot of police on this road. You don't want to get _____.

4. Russia and Canada were tied in the Winter Olympics medal count with 20 medals each. However, after winning the skiing event, Russia _____ and now has 21.

5. The Lakers were down by 20 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter, yet they still managed to _____ a victory thanks to their star player, who scored 16 points in just 3 minutes.

6. Bill: Ahhhh! There's a fire!!!! Oh no!!!! Ahhhhhh!!!!

Jane: Hey! You've got to _____! If we panic, we'll never get out of here. Quick, follow me out the fire escape!