

Advanced Phrasal verbs

sit

something out

to stay in a place and wait for something unpleasant or boring to finish.

- We sat out the storm in a cafe.
- to not take part in a dance, game or other activity
- I'm feeling rather tired, so I think I'll sit out the next dance.

through something

to stay until the end of an event such as a meeting or performance that is very long or boring.

- It's hard for little kids to sit through a whole baseball game.
- We had to sit through nearly two hours of speeches.

on something

to delay taking action about something:

- The company has been sitting on my letter for weeks without dealing with my complaint.
- They have been sitting on my application for a month now.

in for someone

to take the place of someone temporarily

- I'll be sitting in for the secretary at the meeting tonight.
- Mr Baker is ill today, so Miss Dixon is sitting in for him.

by

to fail to take action to stop something wrong from happening:

- I can't just sit by and watch you waste all our money.
- Are we just going to sit by and let this happen?