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| DASH OFF | Leave in a hurry  | I must dash off, I’m already late. |
| DATE BACK  | Exist since a particular time | The house dates back to the 19th century. |
| DOZE OFF | Fall into a light sleep | Tom dozed off while he was watching television. |
| DUMB DOWN | Make something easier so that everybody can understand it | They want to dumb down the test. |
| MOUNT UP | Increase in amount or accumulate | It’s important to do something about it now, rather than let bills mount up. |
| MUCK ABOUT | Waste your time doing something silly or not doing anything at all | I’ve been mucking about all day long. |
| SEE TROUGH | Make sure something is completely successful  | I’m here to see the job through.  |
| SERVE OUT | Do something until the end of a fixed period | Do you believe he will serve out his term if re-elected? Vote now. |
| SHAKE UP | Mix something by shaking | Juice some fresh pineapple and chili peppers and then shake it up with a couple of shots of tequila. |
| SHOP AROUND | Visit different shops in order to find the cheapest price | Shop around for your insurance cover- but look at the quality of the product and the insurer’s reputation for service. |
| PAN OUT | Happen in a particular way | Let’s see how things pan out. |
| PATCH UP | Be friends again  | Maybe he should try to patch things up with his wife.  |