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Words with “back”

Come back, go back, get back = return

- We are preparing to **go back** to work on campus.
- Students will **come back** next month.
- I wish we could **get back** to normal!

Backtrack = reverse course

- This isn't working. I think we need to **backtrack** and start over.

Pushback = resistance or opposition

- The government is getting **pushback** about requiring people to wear face coverings.

Flashback = a vivid memory

- The loud fireworks caused the army veteran to have **flashbacks** of fighting in a war.

Back off = move away, stop doing something negative

- You're standing too close. **Back off!**
- The protestors **backed off** from the confrontation.

Check a dictionary for more!

Proverb

“Hindsight is 20/20” means we can understand more clearly when we think about things after they have happened.

Hindsight = Looking back, remembering.

20/20 = Clear vision in both eyes.

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to ask about the recent past:

- **What have you been doing with yourself?**
- **What have you been up to?**
- **What happened** in the meeting?
- **How did your trip go?**
- **So, fill me in.**

- Adapted from **Perfect Phrases for ESL Conversation Skills** by Diane Englehardt

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