

4PhrasalVerbs

Phrasal verbs with RUN as the main verb.

run across

inseparable / transitive

- to find something or to meet someone by chance.

*He **ran across** all his old school books recently and was very glad he kept them.*

*You'll never guess who I **ran across** in the supermarket today. Your old neighbour, Jack!*

run out

inseparable / intransitive

- to use all of something;
to have none left.

*The photocopier has stopped!
The paper has **run out**.*

*The photocopier has stopped!
It has **run out** of paper.*

run down

separable / transitive

- to say negative things about a person;
to disparage them.

*Poor Jack! His boss is always **running him down** in front of his colleagues.*

*Sally finds it very embarrassing when her best friend **runs down** their other friends.*

run over

separable / transitive

- to hit or collide with something or somebody.

*Yesterday, Sally **ran over** a cat while riding her bike.*

*Did you hear? Jack was **run over** by a car outside his house. He was lucky though, he only had his leg broken.*

YOU SHOULD LEARN PHRASAL VERBS BECAUSE...

1. They can often communicate complex ideas in a more concise way.
2. All native speakers use them, often without even realising it.
3. Using them will demonstrate a deeper understanding of English. But remember, only use them if you believe the person you are communicating with will understand them.
4. Most TV shows, movies, books, internet pages etc written by native speakers will use them, therefore, understanding them means you can enjoy the content more.

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