

# block<sup>2</sup> S3

verb [transitive]

**1 (also block up)** PREVENT to prevent anything moving through a space by being or placing something across it or in it:

*A fallen tree is blocking the road.*

*The sink's blocked up.*

**2** PREVENT **block somebody's way/path/exit/escape etc**

to stand in front of someone, so that they cannot go past:

*I tried to get through, but there were people blocking my way.*

**3** STOP SOMETHING THAT IS HAPPENING to stop something happening, developing, or succeeding:

*The Senate blocked publication of the report.*

*laws designed to block imports of cheap tobacco*

**4** SEE **block somebody's view**

to be in front of someone, so that they cannot see something:

*The huge building across the street blocked our view of the sea.*

**5 (also block out)** to stop light reaching a place:

*Can you move? You're blocking my light.*

**6** to stop a ball, a blow etc from getting to where your opponent wants it to:

*a shot blocked by the goalkeeper*

## block somebody/ something ↔ in

phrasal verb

**1** to park your car too close to another car, so that the other one cannot drive away

**2** to paint or draw simple shapes or areas of colour:

*I'll just block in the main buildings.*

## block something ↔ off

phrasal verb

to completely close something such as a road or an opening:

*Police blocked off the city centre streets.*

*The fireplace had been blocked off.*

## **block** something ↔ **out**

**1** PREVENT to stop light reaching a place:

*There was a heavy curtain blocking out the light.*

**2** FORGET to stop yourself thinking about something or remembering it:

*a memory so terrible that she tried to block it out*

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