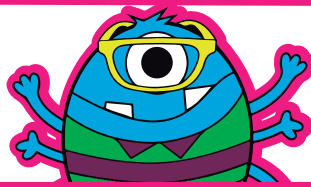


Phrasal Verbs



A phrasal verb is a combination of words (a verb + a preposition or verb +adverb) that when used together, usually take on a different meaning to that of the original verb.

Literal meaning

Some phrasal verbs have a literal meaning. They can be easily understood.

- She opened the door and *looked outside*.
- She was *walking across* the street when she heard the sound of an explosion.

Idiomatic meaning

Phrasal verbs can also have a figurative or idiomatic meaning which makes them difficult to understand.

- Can you *put me up* for tonight?

The phrasal verb '*put up*' here does not mean to build (as in *putting a fence up*). It has, however, an idiomatic/figurative meaning. It means to let someone stay in your house.

