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Phrasal Verbs

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The global approach to understanding phrasal verbs.

Phrasal verbs are often listed as discrete items of vocabulary, the meanings of which just have to be learnt. Most learners (and teachers) perceive them as difficult. Why then are they the first verbs that native speaker children manage to master? The reason is that placed in an environment where they can discover the language for themselves, children soon intuit that there is a simple and economic system which can be used to generate new verbs and which can be readily understood by listeners who are equally familiar with the system. Phrasal verbs are probably the most dynamic area of English vocabulary as new ones are created every day. The interpretation of their meaning is context-dependent so there is absolutely no point trying to learn them in lists with accompanying definitions. They are cryptic metaphors. This workshop will show you how to approach them visually and kinaesthetically through the simplicity of a young child's experience of the world.

Venue: Aberdeen College - Gallowgate
Time: 10 am - Coffee and Book Display
10.30 - 12 Workshop

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