

Shredded verbs

Introduction

- **Level:** B1
- **Skills:** Reading
- **Topics:** Vocabulary
- **Merging subjects:** Teamwork

The enigma

- **Keywords**

In this enigma, students will have to order the pieces of a shredded paper so that they form phrasal verbs. They have to find out the secret message, which you can find in the chart below in green and type it into a chatbot so it can give them a clue for the next enigma.

- **Toolbox**

A smartphone/computer with a chatbot app, the chart below printed and shredded vertically into 15 pieces.

- **Description of the enigma**

Students will find a tablet or computer requiring a password and they'll have to find around the room a box full of paper strips containing the letters in the chart below. They will need to put them in the correct order (the one in which you can find them below) and enter the password (breakintomyroom) to be able to unlock the computer and find the new clue.

The phrasal verbs they have to form with the pieces of paper to find the correct order are:

Blow up

Cross out

Dress up

Grow into

Break down

Go against

Let down



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Drop off

Get around

The secret message is "Break Into My Room"

This is the chart to be printed and shredded (colours can be changed if you want to make it less obvious):

B	L	O	W	U	P	5	B	A	L	L	O	O	N	S
B	R	G	F	C	R	O	S	S	O	U	T	M	E	S
D	R	E	S	S	U	P	F	O	R	M	A	D	A	M
G	E	T	A	R	Z	G	R	O	W	I	N	T	O	S
B	R	E	A	K	D	O	W	N	K	L	T	O	3	4
G	O	A	G	A	I	N	S	T	A	P	R	I	L	S
L	E	T	D	O	W	N	1	A	B	Y	S	S	A	L
D	R	O	P	O	F	F	T	O	M	Y	G	R	A	N
I	G	R	G	E	T	A	R	O	U	N	D	L	A	S

Hints

The teacher can tell them that they need to look for phrasal verbs, and if the students don't know what to do with the chart: "Green is the key".

More information

Possible restrictions: Students with dyslexia and dysgraphia might find it difficult to order the shredded paper.

