Hi. My name is Amber. Today, I will teach you a phrasal verb: “run into”.

“Run into” has several different meanings, but I will teach you the two most common and popular ones.

First, “run into” means to meet someone unexpectedly, which means by accident when you don’t expect to see them. Sometimes you are shocked or surprised when you see them, especially when you haven’t seen each other in a long time.

For example, you and your girlfriend or boyfriend go to the mall, and you suddenly see your mother walking toward you. Later, you tell your friends: “I got into so much trouble! I ran into my mother when I was at the mall with my boyfriend, and I had told her I was studying with my best friend!”

Another meaning of “run into” is a simple one: it can mean to hit something when you are driving a car. Not a good idea!

For example, let’s say Mike was driving his car and trying to make a call on his cell phone at the same time. Mike forgot to look at the road, the car ‘drifted’ to the right, and he ran into a STOP sign! The police were not happy when they found out!

I hope you enjoyed the lesson. Thank you.