

English Grammar: Phrasal Verbs with “ask”

ask sb sthg

- to request information

He asked me how I know.

ask a question ask sb a question

- to formulate an interrogatory phrase

**John asked a question.
John asked me a question.**

ask sb to do sthg

- to request a favour

**He asked her to dance.
Bob asked me to help him.**

ask sb for sthg

- to request a favour or an object

**Jim always asks me for money.
I asked him for a lift.**

ask sb to sthg

- to invite somebody to go somewhere

**They asked me to dinner.
I asked her to the cinema.**

ask after sb

- to request information about somebody

**Your mum asked after you,
she wants you to call her.**

ask sb about sb/sthg

- to ask how somebody is (well-being)
- to ask somebody about a matter

**Fiona asked me about you.
He asked me about my book.**

ask for sb

- to look for somebody

Your boss asked for you.

ask sb in

- to invite somebody to enter your house

Fred asked her in for coffee.

ask sb out

- to invite somebody on a date

Dave finally asked her out.

ask sb back

- to invite somebody to return

**After the interview, they
asked me back.**

ask sb over/round

- to invite somebody to your house

**Zoe asked Tony over.
Zoe asked Tony round.**

Key: **sb** – somebody
sthg – something

Informal English: “**That’s a big ask!**”