

Phrasal Verbs



American English at State



act as

- to perform the same function as a particular person or thing
Jim acted as the project manager this week while our boss was on vacation.



act on / act upon

- to do something because you have been given information, advice, or orders
I am acting on the advice of my lawyer.

ACT



act up

- fail to function properly
Our car engine was acting up, so we took it to a mechanic.



act out

- to misbehave, especially when unhappy or stressed
The child acted out because his mother wouldn't buy him a toy.