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Run: One Word, Three Lives

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

run

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To move quickly on your feet.

The past form is ran. Use the surrounding words to distinguish movement from other meanings of run.

I run in the park.

They ran to the bus stop.

2

running

DEF

Operating or working, as a machine or engine.

A running machine is switched on and doing its job; it is not moving on feet.

The washing machine is running.

Please do not leave the engine running.

3

runs

DEF

Manages or is responsible for a business, shop or project.

Running a business does not by itself mean owning it. Runs is the present form used with she, he or it.

My sister runs a small café.

He runs a project for local schools.

4

go for a run

DEF

To go out to do some running as exercise.

A run is a noun in this phrase; the past form is went for a run.

I went for a run this morning.

She goes for a run after work.