Metaphorical Motivation:  
the Application of Orientational Metaphors  
to the Comprehension and Recall of Phrasal Verbs  
in Second Language Learning

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This study investigated the facilitative role of orientational metaphors in understanding phrasal verbs as compared with a context-based inferential approach. Data were collected for recall and comprehension tasks from two groups of students after a 3 week period of instruction. The overall results, and relationships of near Significance suggest that exposure to conceptual metaphor can facilitate the recall and comprehension of phrasal verbs.

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