

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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-Get away with murder:

Usada para expresar que alguien *siempre se sale con la suya*, logra lo que quiere.

Ejemplo:

Jane always get away with murder, it's incredible - Jane siempre se sale con la suya, es increíble.

-Get into (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) hair:

Podríamos resumir esta expresión como "*molestar*" en exceso.

Ejemplo:

Frank's daughter is always getting into my hair - La hija de Frank está siempre molestándome.

-Get up on the wrong side of the bed:

De manera literal "levantarse por el lado equivocado de la cama", o lo que en castellano sería "levantarse con el pie izquierdo".

Ejemplo:

Today all are bad news, I have got up on the wrong side of the bed - Hoy todo son malas noticias, me he levantado con el pie izquierdo.

-Give him/her an inch, and he/she will take a mile:

"Dar una pulgada y que cojan una milla" o lo que es lo mismo, "dar la mano y que te cojan el brazo".

Ejemplo:

I told him to sleep at home a couple of days... but it was one month ago, and he is still here; you give him an inch and he will take a mile - Le dije que durmiera en casa un par de días... pero fue hace un mes, y sigue todavía aquí; le das la mano y te coge el brazo.

-Give him/her the benefit of the doubt:

Dar el beneficio de la duda.

Ejemplo:

He is always wrong, but now we can give him the benefit of the doubt - Él siempre está equivocado, pero ahora podríamos darle el beneficio de la duda.

-Go dutch:

Utilizamos esta expresión cuando estamos con más gente comiendo, tomando algo o haciendo un gasto conjunto para indicar que cada uno se paga lo que haya gastado/consumido.

Ejemplo:

I will ask for the bill and we will go dutch - Pediré la cuenta y cada uno pagará lo suyo.



-Go native:

Adoptar las costumbres de un país que no es el tuyo.

Ejemplo:

If you want to live here, you must go native - Si quieres vivir aquí, debes adoptar nuestras costumbres.

-Goof off:

Perder el tiempo de forma tonta.

Ejemplo:

Please, don't goof off, tomorrow you have an exam - Por favor, no pierdas el tiempo, mañana tienes un examen.



-Greasy spoon:

Si hacemos la traducción literal estaríamos hablando de "cucharas grasientas", pero en realidad nos referimos a lugares donde la comida es calificable de todo menos buena, un tugurio.

Ejemplo:

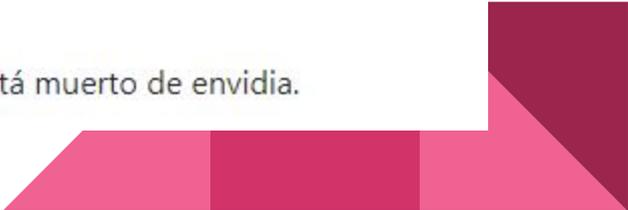
Yesterday we went there for dinner, it was a greasy spoon - Ayer fuimos allí para cenar, era un tugurio.

-Green with envy:

"Verde de envidia" literalmente, lo podríamos castellanizar como "muerto de envidia" o "con una envidia tremenda".

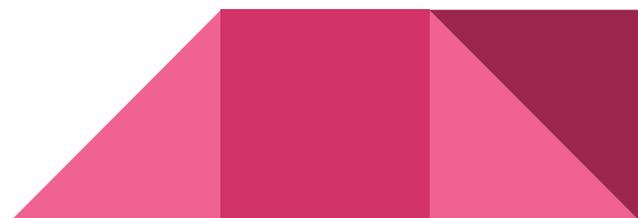
Ejemplo:

Since I won the lottery Jack is green with envy - Desde que gané la lotería Jack está muerto de envidia.



Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Get away with murder
- Get into _____ hair
- Get up on the wrong side of the bed
- Give an inch and ___ will take a mile
- Give the benefit if doubt
- Go dutch
- Go native
- Goof off
- Greasy spoon
- Green with envy



Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. I don't believe that he didn't take the money, but I will _____ until I can prove otherwise
 2. His parents let him _____.
 3. After a few weeks, she was comfortable enough to _____ and wear shorts to work.
 4. I told her she could borrow the car for one day and she's been gone a week! _____!!
 5. It looks like a _____ but the are great and the price is cheap.
 6. The boss said she doesn't want anyone _____ while she looks over the design proposals.
 7. We _____ on dinner
 8. Alice's girlfriends were _____ when they saw her new dress.
 9. Be careful when you talk to the boss. He _____ this morning.
 10. He'll never get his studying done if he spends half his time _____.
- A. go native
 - B. getting into her hair
 - C. Give the benefit of the doubt
 - D. green with envy
 - E. goofing off
 - F. greasy spoon
 - G. got up on the wrong side of the bed
 - H. get away with murder
 - I. Give an inch and they will take a mile
 - J. went Dutch

Answers

1. I don't believe that he didn't take the money, but I will give him the benefit of the doubt until I can prove otherwise
 2. His parents let him get away with murder.
 3. After a few weeks, she was comfortable enough to go native and wear shorts to work.
 4. I told her she could borrow the car for one day and she's been gone a week! Give an inch and they will take a mile!
 5. It looks like a greasy spoon but the are great and the price is cheap.
 6. The boss said she doesn't want anyone getting into her hair while she looks over the design proposals.
 7. We went Dutch on dinner
 8. Alice's girlfriends were green with envy when they saw her new dress.
 9. Be careful when you talk to the boss. He got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning.
 10. He'll never get his studying done if he spends half his time goofing off
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Write your own sentences using the expressions
learned

