

# Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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### **-Hair stand on end:**

Poner los pelos de punta (por miedo).

#### **Ejemplo:**

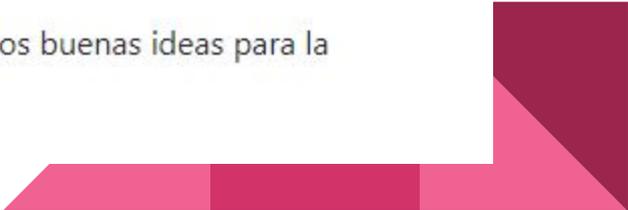
Then, suddenly, I heard a noise... and my hair stood on end - Entonces, repentinamente, oí un ruido... y mis pelos se pusieron de punta.

### **-Half baked:**

Literalmente "medio cocinado", usando esta expresión para ideas; o lo que es lo mismo, **ideas o pensamientos a medio hacer**.

#### **Ejemplo:**

We need good ideas for the company, I don't want half baked ideas - Necesitamos buenas ideas para la empresa, no ideas a medio hacer.



**-Handle with gloves:**

Tratar con tacto (situaciones, personas, etc...).

**Ejemplo:**

It's a difficult situation, try to handle with gloves - Es una situación difícil, trata de manejarla con tacto.

**-Hands off:**

Quitar las manos de encima; expresión que usamos cuando queremos que alguien deje de tocar algo.

**Ejemplo:**

Please, keep your hands off me - Por favor, quítame las manos de encima.



**-Hard feelings:**

Resentimiento, guardar rencor.

**Ejemplo:**

She fired me, but I have no hard feelings to her - Ella me despidió, pero no le guardo rencor.

**-Have a ball:**

Pasarlo en grande, divertirse mucho.

**Ejemplo:**

Mike is "having a ball" at the party - Mike está disfrutando mucho en la fiesta.



**-Have a fit:**

Enfadarse mucho.

**Ejemplo:**

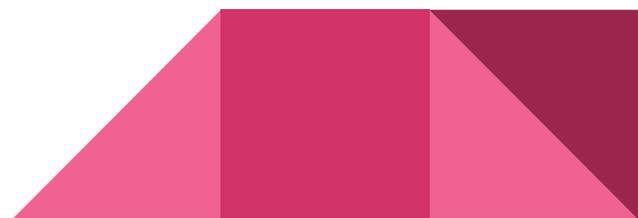
When I told it to her she had a fit - Cuando se lo conté se enfadó mucho.

**-Have an eye for:**

Tener buen ojo para algo.

**Ejemplo:**

I have an eye for the bargains - Tengo buen ojo para las gangas.



**-Have a screw loose:**

Se usa para decir que **alguien está mal de la cabeza**, que "tiene un tornillo suelto" o que no está en sus cabales.

**Ejemplo:**

He is doing strange things, he must have a screw loose - Él está haciendo cosas raras, debe estar mal de la cabeza.

**-Have cold feet:**

Literalmente "tener los pies fríos", pero se usa para expresar **temor o miedo por algo** o frente a una situación concreta.

**Ejemplo:**

You will pass the exam, don't have cold feet - Aprobarás el examen, no tengas miedo.



### **-Have the last laugh:**

Algo así como "el que ríe el último ríe mejor", hacer algo de lo que la gente habla (no para bien) y finalmente llevar la razón.

#### **Ejemplo:**

They told me that I was lying, finally I could show it was true... now I can say that I have the last laugh - Ello me dijeron que mentía, finalmente pude demostrar que era cierto... ahora puedo decir que el que ríe el último ríe mejor.

### **-Heart's in the right place:**

Tener buen corazón, ser buena persona.

#### **Ejemplo:**

You are a good person, you have your heart's in the right place - Eres buena persona, tienes buen corazón.



# Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Hair stand on end
- Half baked
- Handle with kid gloves
- Hands off
- Hard feelings
- Have a ball
- Have a fit
- Have an eye for
- Have a screw loose
- Have cold feet
- Have the last laugh
- Heart's in the right place



# Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. The court's decision has caused a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She must \_\_\_\_\_, having a picnic on such a rainy day.
3. I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ Hayley \_\_\_\_\_. She's still upset about her father
4. The burglar \_\_\_\_\_, when the dog started barking.
5. The flight to the Bahamas was so bumpy it made our \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Your mother would \_\_\_\_\_ if she knew you'd been drinking!
7. Hey! \_\_\_\_\_ that CD! It's mine!
8. Photographers need to \_\_\_\_\_ for detail
9. She's not too smart, but at least her \_\_\_\_\_.
10. This is another \_\_\_\_\_ scheme that isn't going to work.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_l at the event because all the performers were so enthusiastic and interacted with the crowd
12. No one believed I could become famous when I was in high school but I \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Answers

1. The court's decision has caused a lot of hard feelings.
  2. She must have a screw loose, having a picnic on such a rainy day.
  3. I want you to handle Hayley with kid gloves today. She's still upset about her father
  4. The burglar has got cold feet, when the dog started barking.
  5. The flight to the Bahamas was so bumpy it made our hair stand on end.
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Write your own sentences using the expressions  
learned

