

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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-Last straw:

La "última paja" literalmente, expresión que se usa para decir que se ha acabado la paciencia, algo así como "la gota que colma el vaso".

Ejemplo:

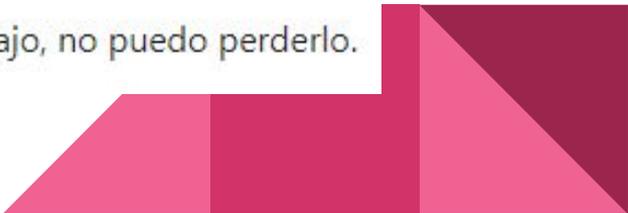
She called me yesterday and insulted me, that's the last straw - Ella me llamó ayer y me insultó, es la gota que colma el vaso.

-Latch on to:

Aferrarse, agarrarse a algo con fuerza.

Ejemplo:

I am latching on to my job, I can't lose it - Me estoy aferrando a mi trabajo, no puedo perderlo.



-Lead a dogs life:

"Llevar una vida de perros", o lo que es lo mismo, llevar una vida tremendamente dura.

Ejemplo:

I'm not lucky, I lead a dogs life - No soy afortunado, llevo una vida de perros.

-Lead ballon:

Una bomba pero en sentido figurado, algo que causa sorpresa o estrépito.

Ejemplo:

The announcement was a lead ballon - La noticia fue una bomba.



-Leave a bad taste in (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mouth:

"Dejar un mal sabor de boca", o lo que es lo mismo, **causar una mala impresión** o una impresión peor de lo esperado.

Ejemplo:

He said that the house was incredible, but it left a bad taste in our mouths - Dijo que la casa era increíble, pero nos dejó un mal sabor de boca.

-Let the cat out of the bag:

Usamos esta expresión para decir que vamos a descubrir algo como una sorpresa o similar, lo que se suele llamar "**descubrir el pastel**".

Ejemplo:

Shut up, you will let the cat out of the bag - Calla, descubrirás el pastel.

-Let (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) hair down:

Desmelenarse, desbocarse, desmadrarse, perder la vergüenza.

Ejemplo:

Flint let his hair down at the party - Flint se desmelenó en la fiesta.

-Lick (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) chops:

"Frotarse las manos", esperar con ansia algo agradable, una recompensa.

Ejemplo:

He promised me a travel if I passed the exam, and I did, so I'm licking my chops! - Me prometió un viaje si pasaba el examen, y lo hice, ¡así que me estoy frotando las manos!

-Light out:

Salir de algún sitio lo más rápido posible, salir apurado, salir corriendo a toda prisa.

Ejemplo:

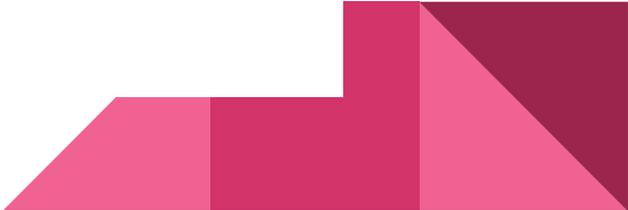
When he saw the killers he lighted out - Cuando vio a los asesinos salió a toda prisa.

-Lovey-Dovey:

Empalagoso.

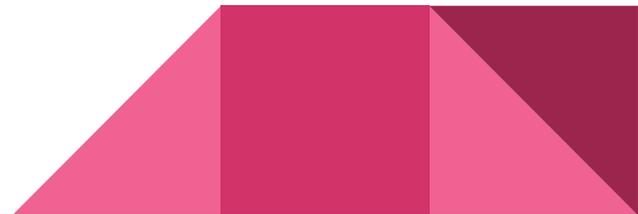
Ejemplo:

They are a lovey-dovey couple - Son una pareja empalagosa.



Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Last straw
- Latch on to
- Lay (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) cards on the table
- Lead a dog's life
- Lead balloon
- Leave a bad taste in (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mouth
- Let the cat out of the bag
- Let (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) hair down
- Lick (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) chops
- Light out
- Lovey-Dovey



Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. She has been unhappy with him for a long time but when he crashed her car, it was the _____.
 2. He _____ music as a way to relax
 3. When John met up with Jane on their first date, John _____ for Jane to know what he wanted
 4. My poor dad _____ to provide for his kids
 5. The way the waitress treated us _____ and I never went back
 6. Sandy didn't look surprised at all. Somebody must have _____ about her surprise birthday party
 7. Why are you so tense? Just _____ and enjoy the event
 8. The kids were _____ as Mother described the family vacation plans
 9. All my friends were either _____ couples or wild, single girls
- A. let your hair down
 - B. left a bad taste in my mouth
 - C. Last straw
 - D. let the cat out of the bag
 - E. licking their chops
 - F. latched onto
 - G. lovey-dovey
 - H. laid his cards on the table
 - I. led a dog's life

Answers

1. She has been unhappy with him for a long time but when he crashed her car, it was the last straw.
 2. He latched onto music as a way to relax
 3. When John met up with Jane on their first date, John laid his cards on the table for Jane to know what he wanted
 4. My poor dad led a dog's life to provide for his kids
 5. The way the waitress treated us left a bad taste in my mouth and I never went back
 6. Sandy didn't look surprised at all. Somebody must have let the cat out of the bag about her surprise birthday party
 7. Why are you so tense? Just let your hair down and enjoy the event
 8. The kids were licking their chops as Mother described the family vacation plans
 9. All my friends were either lovey-dovey couples or wild, single girls
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Write your own sentences using the expressions learned

