

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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From A to Z

-On cloud nine:

Estar fantásticamente.

Ejemplo:

Since I am here I am on cloud nine - Desde que estoy aquí estoy fantásticamente.

-On the dot:

Ser puntual.

Ejemplo:

Please, be on the dot - Por favor, sé puntual.

-On hand:

A mano.

Ejemplo:

I always have the keys on hand - Siempre llevo las llaves a mano.

-On the spur of the moment:

Cuando algo se hace de manera casi instintiva, dejándote llevar por el momento, sin pensarlo mucho, "sin pensarlo dos veces".

Ejemplo:

Sorry, I did it on the spur of the moment - Lo siento, lo hice sin pensarlo dos veces.

-One eye on:

Echar un vistazo a algo o tener un ojo en algo mientras se está realizando alguna tarea distinta.

Ejemplo:

I'm washing the dishes, but also I have one eye on the TV - Estoy fregando los platos, pero también tengo un ojo en la TV.

-Open secret:

Secreto que no lo es tanto, un secreto que sabe todo el mundo... o lo que es lo mismo, un secreto a voces.

Ejemplo:

The deal between both politicians is an open secret - El pacto entre ambos políticos es un secreto a voces.



-Out of order:

Fuera de servicio, estropeado.

Ejemplo:

The elevator is temporarily out of order - El ascensor está temporalmente fuera de servicio.

-Out of the frying pan into the fire:

De mal a peor, estar en una mala situación para cambiarla por otra peor.

Ejemplo:

My first house was very cold, so I decided to move to an apartment... but I was out of the frying pan into the fire because the apartment is like the north pole - Mi primera casa era muy fría, así que decidí mudarme a un apartamento... pero fue de mal a peor porque el apartamento es como el Polo norte.

-Out of line:

Fuera de las normas, fuera de tono.

Ejemplo:

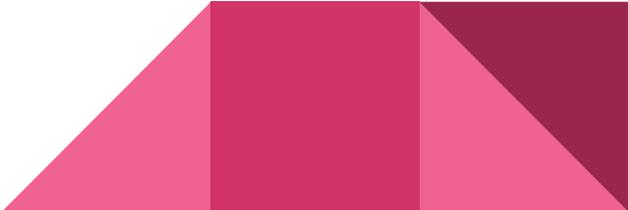
He said a lot of things out of line - Dijo muchas cosas fuera de tono.

-Out of luck:

Sin suerte (se dice a una persona).

Ejemplo:

You are out of luck, your travel has been cancelled - Estás sin suerte, tu viaje ha sido cancelado.



-Over a barrel:

Acorralado, asediado, cercado.

Ejemplo:

When the judge and me asked him for the money he knew that he was over a barrel - Cuando el juez y yo le preguntamos por el dinero él supo que estaba acorralado.

Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- On cloud nine
- On hand
- On the dot
- On the spur of the moment
- One eye on
- Open secret
- Out of line
- Out of luck
- Out of order
- Out of the frying pan into the fire
- Over a barrel



Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. Our bus won't start because the battery is _____.
 2. The Metro train arrived at five o'clock_____.
 3. After Karen quit the first law firm she went to one with even longer hours— _____.
 4. I've been putting on a lot of weight. I need to keep _____what I eat.
 5. He's been _____ever since she agreed to marry him.
 6. Please make sure you have sufficient cash _____for purchases because not all stores accept credit cards.
 7. You can disagree with her, but calling her dishonest was _____.
 8. It's an _____that he's been cheating on his wife.
 9. It wasn't a _____decision. We discussed it in detail beforehand.
 10. He's had me _____ever since he found out about my affair.
 11. We're_____. The store's closed
- A. over a barrel
 - B. on cloud nine
 - C. out of line
 - D. out of the frying pan into the fire.
 - E. on hand
 - F. open secret
 - G. spur-of-the-moment
 - H. out of order
 - I. out of luck
 - J. on the dot
 - K. an eye on

Answers

1. Our bus won't start because the battery is out of order
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Write your own sentences using the expressions learned

