

# Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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**-Paint the town red:**

Su significado literal es "pintar la ciudad de rojo", y así se traduce, pero su significado real es el de celebrar algo con gran efusividad.

**Ejemplo:**

I my team win the Champions cup I will paint the town red - Si mi equipo gana la copa de campeones pintaré la ciudad de rojo.

**-Party pooper:**

Aguafiestas, pesimista.

**Ejemplo:**

Don't tell him to come tonight, he is a party pooper - No le digas a él que venga esta noche, es un aguafiestas.

**-Piece of cake:**

Literalmente "pieza de pastel", según el contexto puede significar "pan comido", algo realmente fácil de llevar a cabo.

**Ejemplo:**

We will pass the exam, it's a piece of cake - Pasaremos el examen, es pan comido.

**-Play ball with:**

De manera literal "jugar la pelota con", pero en este caso lo traduciríamos como *ayudar, cooperar*.

**Ejemplo:**

Please speak with them, play ball with me - Por favor habla con ellos, coopera conmigo.

**-Pipe down:**

Mandar callar de manera un poco hostil.

**Ejemplo:**

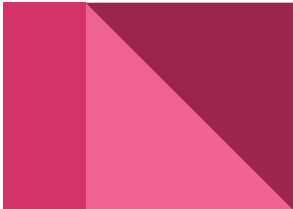
Pipe down! we are in the cinema - ¡Cállate! Estamos en el cine.

**-Pipe dream:**

Fantasías.

**Ejemplo:**

He thinks that she will be a famous actress, he lives a pipe dream - Él cree que ella será una actriz famosa, él vive una fantasía.



**-Play cat and mouse:**

Jugar al gato y al ratón.

**Ejemplo:**

When I say "yes" he say "no" and vice versa, sometimes I think we are playing cat and mouse - Cuando digo "sí" él dice "no" y viceversa, algunas veces pienso que estamos jugando al gato y al ratón.

**-Play games with:**

Engañar, jugar con alguien (aunque no a un juego, sino con sus sentimientos o similar).

**Ejemplo:**

Sharon, please, don't play games with me - Sharon, por favor, no juegues conmigo.

**-Play hooky:**

Hacer novillos, no acudir a clase.

**Ejemplo:**

Yesterday my teacher called home because I played hooky - Ayer mi profesor llamó a casa porque hice novillos.

**-Played out:**

Esta muerto de cansancio, agotado, extenuado.

**Ejemplo:**

I can't walk more, I'm played out - No puedo caminar más, estoy agotado.

**-Poker face:**

Cara de póquer, cara inmutable, sin expresión.

**Ejemplo:**

I don't know what is she thinking, she has a poker face - No sé qué está pensando, ella tiene cara de póquer.

**-Promise the moon:**

Prometer la luna, prometer algo que es imposible.

**Ejemplo:**

He is a liar, he is always promising me the moon - Él es un mentiroso, siempre me está prometiendo la luna.

**-Put a damper on:**

Desanimar a alguien, "echar un jarro de agua fría".

**Ejemplo:**

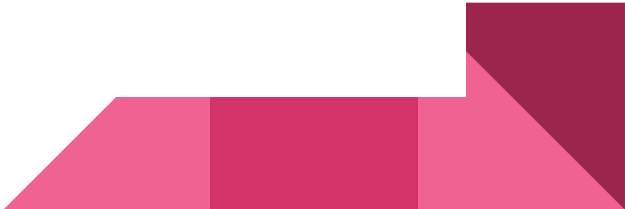
When I asked him he said "no", it put a damper on me - Cuando le pregunté me dijo "no", fue un jarro de agua fría para mí.

**-Put (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) foot in it:**

Meter la pata, cometer un error.

**Ejemplo:**

I called my ex-girlfriend, I put my foot in it - Llamé a mi ex-novia, metí la pata.



**-Put words into (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mouth:**

Poner palabras en la boca de alguien, es decir, decir que alguien ha dicho algo cuando en realidad no es así.

**Ejemplo:**

I didn't say it, don't put words into my mouth - No dije eso, no pongas palabras en mi boca.

**-Puppy love:**

Amor juvenil, amor de juventud, primer amor.

**Ejemplo:**

Yesterday I saw Mike, my puppy love - Ayer vi a Mike, mi amor de juventud.

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# Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Paint the town red
- Party pooper
- Piece of cake
- Pipe down
- Pipe dream
- Play ball with
- Play cat and mouse
- Play games with
- Play hooky
- Played out
- Poker face
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- Put a damper on
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# Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. Just \_\_\_\_\_ with the kidnappers, and nobody will get hurt!
  2. His bad mood \_\_\_\_\_ the celebration
  3. They said the test would be difficult, but it was \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. She told the children to \_\_\_\_\_ while she was talking on the telephone.
  5. I didn't mean that at all -- you're just \_\_\_\_\_!
  6. My boss \_\_\_\_\_, but never gave me a raise.
  7. The serial killer \_\_\_\_\_ with the police for ten years, leaving a trail of notes and clothing items from his victims.
  8. I don't feel like \_\_\_\_\_ tonight because I think I'm getting sick.
  9. His plans of becoming an astronaut are \_\_\_\_\_, he should be more realistic.
  10. I'm about \_\_\_\_\_, Jack - it's time I retire.
  11. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ me, or you will not be allowed to go out this weekend
  12. She \_\_\_\_\_ from work some days
  13. I hate to be a \_\_\_\_\_, but I am really tired
  14. In business a \_\_\_\_\_ can be very useful
  15. I really \_\_\_\_\_ when I asked her about her job. I didn't know she had just been fired.
  16. It may be \_\_\_\_\_, but it looks wonderful
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  - B. playing games with
  - C. put my foot in it
  - D. a piece of cake
  - E. pipe down
  - F. put a damper on
  - G. putting words into my mouth!
  - H. party pooper
  - I. puppy love
  - J. promised the moon
  - K. play ball
  - L. plays hooky
  - M. played out
  - N. painting the town red
  - O. poker face
  - P. a pipe dream

# Answers

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Write your own sentences using the expressions  
learned

