

# Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z

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From A to Z

**-Second fiddle:**

Segundo plato, algo con lo que conformarse cuando no se ha obtenido lo que realmente se deseaba.

**Ejemplo:**

That motel is our second fiddle, I would like to sleep in a hotel - Este motel es nuestro segundo plato, hubiera preferido dormir en un hotel.

**-See you:**

Hasta luego, se usa como despedida cuando sabes que vas a volver a ver a esa persona.

**Ejemplo:**

Bye bye Jane, see you! - ¡Adiós Jane, hasta luego!



**-See eye to eye:**

Expresión que se usa cuando estamos totalmente de acuerdo con algo, cuando se coincide de pleno en una afirmación. Coincidir plenamente podría ser una traducción correcta.

**Ejemplo:**

Mildred and Ann see eye to eye when they speak about music - Mildred y Ann coinciden plenamente cuando hablan de música.

**-Sell out:**

Venderse "al enemigo".

**Ejemplo:**

Our best player has sold out to our worst opponent - Nuestro mejor jugador se ha vendido a nuestro peor rival.



**-Shoot the bull:**

Cotillear, chismear, fisgar.

**Ejemplo:**

They are speaking about Jack's problem, they are shooting the bull - Están hablando del problema de Jack, están cotilleando.

**-Shoot off (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mouth:**

Hablar demasiado, pero en el sentido de decir cosas que no debía, hablar más de la cuenta.

**Ejemplo:**

Sorry, I told him your problem, I shoot off my mouth - Lo siento, le conté tu problema, hablo demasiado.

**-Settle down:**

"Sentar la cabeza", madurar.

**Ejemplo:**

You aren't a young boy, please settle down - No eres un chaval, por favor sienta la cabeza.

**-Shake a leg:**

Darse prisa, apresurarse.

**Ejemplo:**

Shake a leg please, we are too late - Apresúrate por favor, llegamos demasiado tarde.



**-Shoot the works:**

Algo así como "tirar la casa por la ventana", gastar dinero sin darle importancia, sin limitar en gastos.

**Ejemplo:**

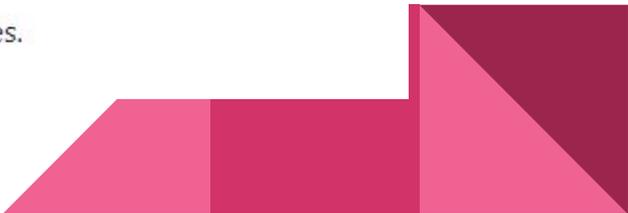
When I go to my favourite restaurant I shoot the works - Cuando voy a mi restaurante favorito no limito en gastos.

**-Sick and tired of:**

Literalmente "enfermo y cansado de", es decir, estar harto, aburrido, molesto, hastiado o irritado por algo.

**Ejemplo:**

We are sick an tired of your bad manners - Estamos hartos de tus malos modales.



**-Sitting duck:**

Un blanco u objetivo fácil.

**Ejemplo:**

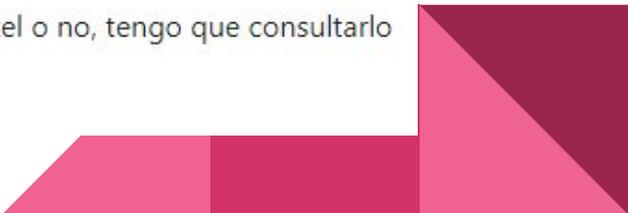
They are a very noisy group, they are a sitting duck for the enemies - Son un grupo muy ruidoso, son un blanco fácil para el enemigo.

**-Sleep on it:**

"Consultarlo con la almohada", o lo que es lo mismo, pensar sobre un asunto de manera lenta y pausada, sin tomar determinaciones apresuradas.

**Ejemplo:**

I don't know if buy the hotel or not, I have to sleep on it - No sé si comprar el hotel o no, tengo que consultarlo con la almohada.



**-Snail's pace:**

Muy lento, a paso de caracol.

**Ejemplo:**

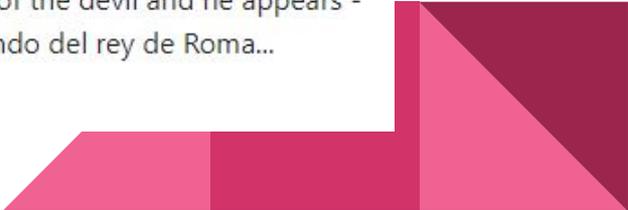
Go for a walk with him is frustrating, he moves at snail's pace - Pasear con él es frustrante, se mueve a paso de caracol.

**-Speaking of the devil and he appears:**

Literalmente "hablando del diablo y aparece", lo que podríamos castellanizar como "hablando del rey de Roma...". Esta expresión se usa para indicar que de momento aparece alguien de quien estamos hablando.

**Ejemplo:**

We were talking about Jack and his new car when suddenly we saw him, speaking of the devil and he appears - Estábamos hablando de Jack y su nuevo coche cuando de repente le vimos, hablando del rey de Roma...



**-Slip out of (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mind:**

Irse de la cabeza, olvidar algo.

**Ejemplo:**

I forgot to buy the shampoo, it slipped out of my mind - Se me olvidó comprar el champú, se me fue de la cabeza.

**-Slow down:**

Ir más despacio cuando se conduce, aminorar, reducir la velocidad. También se puede usar en algunas ocasiones para alguien que va andando demasiado rápido.

**Ejemplo:**

You are driving too fast, slow down - Vas conduciendo demasiado rápido, aminora.



**-Stab in the back:**

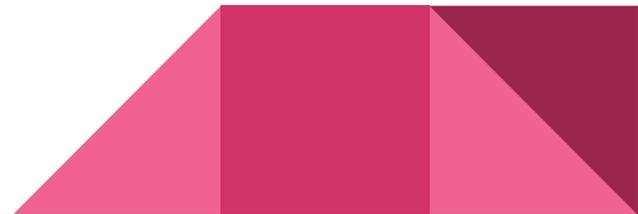
Una puñalada por la espalda, una traición totalmente inesperada.

**Ejemplo:**

Be careful, if he can he will stab you in the back - Ten cuidado, si él puede te dará una puñalada por la espalda.

# Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Second fiddle
- See you
- See eye to eye
- Sell out
- Settle down
- Shake a leg
- Shoot the bull
- Shoot off (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) mouth
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- Sick and tired of
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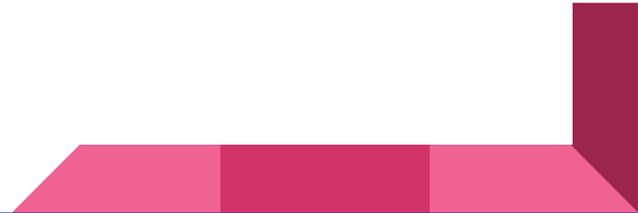
# Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. That was the dirtiest \_\_\_\_\_I've ever heard, Manning," Tom growled
  2. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_with my neighbors.
  3. The fact that she had no backup plan in case she got caught made her a \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. "I was meaning to call you but it totally \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. I'm not prepared to play \_\_\_\_\_ to Christina any more.
  6. My mom and I don't \_\_\_\_\_on politics so we discuss other things.
  7. \_\_\_\_\_! John and I were just talking about you.
  8. One day I'll want to \_\_\_\_\_and have a family.
  9. We are \_\_\_\_\_of political corruption
  10. Time to go. \_\_\_\_\_later, guys
  11. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_and let me know what you decide.
  12. Richard Likes to go \_\_\_\_\_about other people's business.
  13. The roads were jammed with cars, and we were moving at a\_\_\_\_\_.
  14. Hey, kids,\_\_\_\_\_! You're going to be late for school!
  15. I emptied my bank account and \_\_\_\_\_on a trip to Mauritius
  16. Her best friend \_\_\_\_\_and they never spoke to each other again
  17. \_\_\_\_\_- you're breaking the speed limit
- A. snail's pace
  - B. speak of the devil
  - C. sitting duck
  - D. Slow down
  - E. shooting his mouth off
  - F. second fiddle
  - G. shake a leg
  - H. sleep on it
  - I. shot the works
  - J. settle down
  - K. slipped my mind
  - L. sick and tired
  - M. stabbed her in the back
  - N. sellout
  - O. See you
  - P. shooting the bull
  - Q. see eye to eye

# Answers

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2. I enjoy shooting the bull with my neighbors.
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12. Richard likes to go shooting his mouth off about other people's business.
13. The roads were jammed with cars, and we were moving at a snail's pace.
14. Hey, kids, shake a leg! You're going to be late for school!
15. I emptied my bank account and shot the works on a trip to Mauritius
16. Her best friend stabbed her in the back and they never spoke to each other again
17. Slow down - you're breaking the speed limit

Write your own sentences using the expressions  
learned



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