

# Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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### -Tail between (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) legs:

Con el rabo entre las piernas. Esta expresión se usa para indicar que alguien recibe una cura de humildad o similar y esta lección hace que se retire con el orgullo herido.

#### Ejemplo:

He went to the competition thinking that he was the best sprinter, but he couldn't pass the first round, so he went home with the tail between his legs - Él fue a la competición pensando que era el mejor velocista, pero no pudo pasar de la primera ronda, así que se fue a casa con el rabo entre las piernas.

### -Take a break:

Tomar un respiro, un descanso.

#### Ejemplo:

I'm overwhelmed, I'm going to take a break - Estoy agobiado, voy a tomar un respiro.

### -Take a dim view:

Ser pesimista. / Disapprove

#### Ejemplo:

At the end of the class he took a dim view of his possibilities - Al final de la clase fue pesimista sobre sus posibilidades.

### -Take a hint:

Captar una indirecta.

#### Ejemplo:

I started to yawn, but he didn't take a hint - Empecé a bostezar, pero él no capta una indirecta.

**-Take a leaf out of (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) book:**

Seguir el ejemplo de alguien.

Ejemplo:

Your brother is a good student, why don't you take a leaf out of his book? - Tu hermano es un buen estudiante, ¿por qué no sigues su ejemplo?

**-Take for granted:**

Dar por seguro algo, asumir, aceptar. / Fail to appreciate

Ejemplo:

I take for granted that you will be the driver - Doy por seguro que serás el conductor.

**-Take french leave:**

Despedirse a la francesa, expresión usada cuando alguien se marcha de algún lugar sin despedirse previamente.

Ejemplo:

We were looking for him, but he took a french leave - Estuvimos buscándole, pero se despidió a la francesa.

**-Take the cake:**

Llegar al límite de algo, ser el colmo.

Ejemplo:

He broke the car, it takes the cake - Él rompió el coche, es el colmo.

**-Team up with:**

Asociarse.

**Ejemplo:**

Paul has teamed up with Jake to open a pub - Paul se ha asociado con Jake para abrir un pub.

**-Tempest in a teapot:**

Una tormenta en una tetera, lo que podríamos castellanizar como una tormenta en un vaso de agua. Se usa para indicar que algo es mucho menos alarmante de lo que en un principio podía parecer.

**Ejemplo:**

We thought that the problem was very serious, but just was a tempest in a teapot - Pensámos que el problema era muy grave, pero solo fue una tormenta en un vaso de agua.

**-Target date:**

Fecha límite.

**Ejemplo:**

The target date is tomorrow - La fecha límite es mañana.

**-Tarred with the same brush:**

Estar cortado por el mismo patrón, es decir, cuando dos personas son idénticas en algún aspecto.

**Ejemplo:**

Mike and Jack love animals, they are tarred with the same brush - Mike y Jack aman los animales, están cortados por el mismo patrón.

**-That beats me:** used to say that you do not know something, or cannot understand or explain it

"Esto me supera", expresión usada cuando algo nos sobrepasa, se escapa de nuestro alcance.

**Ejemplo:**

Now he says that he doesn't want the job, that beats me - Ahora él dice que no quiere el trabajo, esto me supera.

**-Think over:**

Pensar algo, reflexionar sobre algún asunto.

**Ejemplo:**

I don't know if we want to buy the car, let me think over it - No sé si queremos comprar el coche, déjame pensarlo.

To adapt oneself to new or altered  
circumstances

**-Trim (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) sails:**

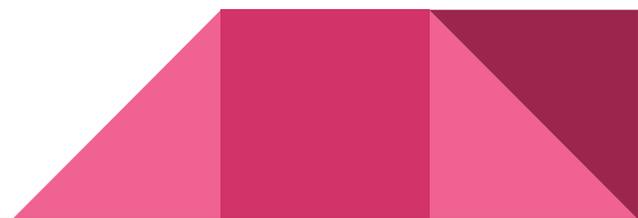
Apretarse el cinturón, pero en el sentido de gastar menos, de controlar cada salida de dinero con el fin de ahorrar lo máximo posible.

**Ejemplo:**

I'm spending money all day, I must trim my sails - Estoy gastando dinero todo el día debo apretarme el cinturón.

# Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Tail between (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) legs
- Take a break
- Take a dim view
- Take a hint
- Take a leaf out of (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) book
- Take for granted
- Take french leave
- Take the cake
- Target date
- Tarred with the same brush
- Team up with
- Tempest in a teapot
- That beats me
- Think over
- Trim (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) sails



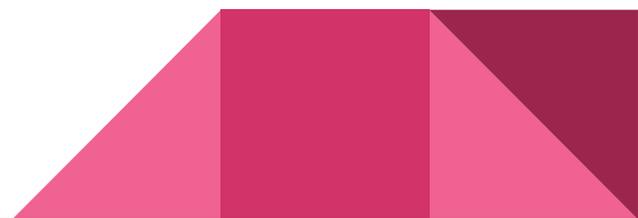
# Complete the sentences with the correct expression

- "I have a lot of work to do." "OK, I'll leave. I can\_\_\_\_\_."
  - I won't trust either of the two brothers; they are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - As the evening wore on, we decided to \_\_\_\_\_and make our way home.
  - He lost the fight and went home with his\_\_\_\_\_.
  - If you feel tired, stop and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Many horrible things happened that day but getting stuck by the side of the road \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I need some time to \_\_\_\_\_ his proposal
  - Her anger was unreasonable, I think it was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You need to \_\_\_\_\_and be punctual about coming to the office on time
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ for replies is twenty working days
  - Most bosses \_\_\_\_\_ of long lunches
  - Our rent is much higher, so we've had to \_\_\_\_\_a bit, but we love living in this area.
  - They \_\_\_\_\_ to get the work done quickly
  - I feel like my boss is \_\_\_\_\_. I work harder than anyone else and my salary is still below average.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ why he wants such a big car
- take a hint
  - take a leaf out of your boss's book
  - took the cake
  - Beats me
  - target date
  - trim our sails
  - take French leave
  - tarred with the same brush
  - think over
  - taking me for granted
  - take a break
  - take a dim view
  - teamed up
  - tempest in a teapot
  - tail between his legs

# Answers

1. "I have a lot of work to do." "OK, I'll leave. I can take a hint."
2. I won't trust either of the two brothers; they are tarred with the same brush.
3. As the evening wore on, we decided to take French leave and make our way home.
4. He lost the fight and went home with his tail between his legs.
5. If you feel tired, stop and take a break.
6. Many horrible things happened that day but getting stuck by the side of the road took the cake.
7. I need some time to think over his proposal.
8. Her anger was unreasonable, a tempest in a teapot.
9. You need to take a leaf out of your boss's book and be punctual about coming to the office on time.
10. The target date for replies is twenty working days.
11. Most bosses take a dim view of long lunches.
12. Our rent is much higher, so we've had to trim our sails a bit, but we love living in this area.
13. They teamed up to get the work done quickly.
14. I feel like my boss is taking me for granted. I work harder than anyone else and my salary is still below average.
15. Beats me why he wants such a big car.

Write your own sentences using the expressions  
learned



# Reading Practice

<https://www.englishclub.com/reading/story-winepress.htm>

## The Winepress

*A short story by Josef Essberger*

"You don't have to be French to enjoy a decent red wine," Charles Joussein de Gruse used to tell his foreign guests whenever he entertained them in Paris. "But you do have to be French to recognize one," he would add with a laugh.

After a lifetime in the French diplomatic corps, the Count de Gruse lived with his wife in an elegant townhouse on Quai Voltaire. He was a likeable man

