

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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-Early bird catches the worm:

El equivalente a: "A quien madruga Dios le ayuda".

Ejemplo:

Tomorrow wake up early to work, early bird catches the worm - Mañana levántate temprano para trabajar, a quien madruga Dios le ayuda.

-Eat like a bird:

"Comer como un pajarillo", comer muy poco.

Ejemplo:

For him a little salad is enough, he eats like a bird - Para él una ensalada pequeña es suficiente, come como un pajarillo.

-Eat like a horse:

Lo contrario de la anterior frase, **comer mucho**, como un caballo (literalmente).

Ejemplo:

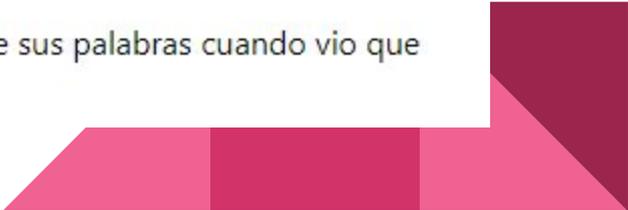
Yesterday I ate like a horse because I was running and swimming - Ayer comí como un caballo porque estuve corriendo y nadando.

-Eat (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) own words:

Comerte tus palabras, reconocer que estabas equivocado en una afirmación.

Ejemplo:

He had to eat his words when he saw that Alice was there - Él tuvo que comerse sus palabras cuando vio que Alice estaba allí (previamente habría vaticinado que no estaría).



-Fat chance:

Se usa esta expresión para indicar que algo es bastante difícil que se dé.

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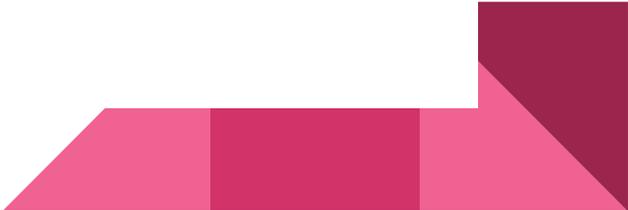
He wants to be a professional football player, but it's a fat chance - Él quiere ser jugador de fútbol profesional, pero es bastante difícil.

-Fed up:

Estar harto, cansado de algo (no cansancio físico).

Ejemplo:

Jane was fed up with their jokes - Jane estaba harta de sus chistes.



-Filthy rich:

Nos referimos con esta expresión a alguien con mucho dinero, que está "podrido de dinero".

Ejemplo:

Donald Trump is filthy rich - Donald Trump está "podrido de dinero".

-Fish out of water:

Pez fuera del agua, o lo que es lo mismo, sentirse fuera de lugar, extraño.

Ejemplo:

Yesterday we were with Mary's friends, but I felt like fish out of water - Ayer estuvimos con los amigos de Mary, pero yo me sentí como pez fuera del agua.



-Floating on air:

Lo podríamos traducir como la expresión castellana "estar en una nube", expresión que utilizamos para decir que estamos extasiados, muy felices, que no nos creemos lo bien que estamos.

Ejemplo:

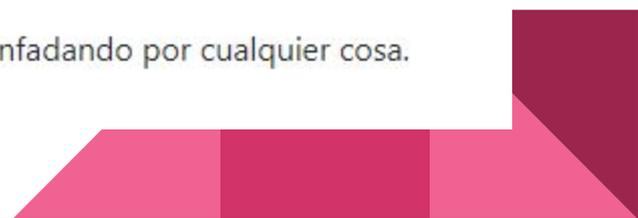
I am floating on air, I am the winner - Estoy en una nube, soy el ganador.

-Fly off the handle:

Enfadarse.

Ejemplo:

Are you ok? You are flying off the handle for anything - ¿Estás bien? Te estás enfadando por cualquier cosa.



-Foam at the mouth:

"Echar espuma por la boca", o lo que es lo mismo, cuando hablamos o discutimos con alguien de una manera furiosa y vehemente.

Ejemplo:

Was horrible, during their argue Joe was foaming at the mouth, he was furious - Fue horrible, durante su discusión Joe echaba espuma por la boca, estaba furioso.

-For better or for worse:

Para bien o para mal.

Ejemplo:

I called her, for better or for worse - Le (a ella) llamé, para bien o para mal.

-From the bottom of (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) heart:

"Desde lo más profundo del corazón", es decir, de todo corazón, de una manera realmente sincera.

Ejemplo:

I helped you from the bottom of my heart - Te ayudé de todo corazón.

-From time to time:

De vez en cuando.

Ejemplo:

I read from time to time - Leo de vez en cuando.



Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Early bird catches the worm
- Eat like a bird
- Eat like a horse
- Eat your own words
- Fat chance
- Fed up
- Filthy rich
- Fish out of water
- Floating on air
- Fly off the handle
- Foam at the mouth
- For better or for worse
- From the bottom of my heart
- From time to time



Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. He's extremely irritable - he _____ at the slightest thing
 2. _____ I'm going out tonight because I have to work late.
 3. I've got three boys at home who _____ so my grocery bill is so high these days
 4. Work is, _____, becoming more flexible nowadays
 5. I _____ when I am mistaken.
 6. Mary was _____ after she won first prize.
 7. I go to check on my mother's health _____
 8. I want to get to the store early, because the _____
 9. Girls always _____ in order to keep a slender figure
 10. Rail passengers are _____ with cancellations and delays.
 11. His father is _____ so obviously he is not worried about choosing the right university
 12. I was like a _____ and desperately lonely
 13. The mad dog was _____.
 14. I just want to thank them _____
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 - B. Foaming at the mouth
 - C. Filthy rich
 - D. Eat my words
 - E. Eat like a horse
 - F. From time to time
 - G. From the bottom of my heart
 - H. Flies off the handle
 - I. Fat chance
 - J. early bird catches the worm.
 - K. For better or worse
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Answers

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 2. Fat chance I'm going out tonight because I have to work late.
 3. I've got three boys at home who eat like a horse so my grocery bill is so high these days
 4. Work is, for better or worse, becoming more flexible nowadays
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Write your own sentences using the expressions
learned

