

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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-Idiot box:

"Caja tonta" utilizada para referirnos a la **televisión**.

Ejemplo:

You are all day watchin the idiot box - Estás todo el día viendo la "caja tonta".

-In a world of (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) own:

Expresión que se utiliza para indicar que alguien está apartado, distraído e incluso aislado del mundo... en un mundo aparte.

Ejemplo:

Jane is in a world of her own - Jane está en su propio mundo/en un mundo aparte.



-In love:

Estar enamorado.

Ejemplo:

I'm always thinking on you, I'm in love - Estoy siempre pensando en ti, estoy enamorado.

-In (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) shoes:

Ponerse en los zapatos de otra persona, o lo que es lo mismo, ponerse en el lugar del otro.

Ejemplo:

She is ill, I wouldn't like to be in her shoes - Ella está enferma, no me gustaría estar en su lugar.



-Jump all over:

Criticar sin piedad, aunque también se puede usar como "ponerse hecho una fiera"

Ejemplos:

Peter was all night jumping all over me - Peter estuvo toda la noche criticándome sin piedad.

When I broke the glass he was jumping all over me - Cuando rompí el vaso se puso hecho una fiera conmigo.

-Jump down (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) throat:

"Lanzarse al cuello o la garganta de alguien", enfadarse con alguien de una manera desmesurada.

Ejemplo:

He jumped down my throat when I told him that I was late - Se enfadó mucho conmigo cuando le dije que iba tarde.

-Keep a stiff upper lip:

Mantenerse tranquilo ante una adversidad.

Ejemplo:

Fortunately we kept a stiff upper lip when they told us that the train was delayed - Afortunadamente mantuvimos la calma cuando nos dijeron que el tren iba con retraso.

-Keep (my/your/his/her/our/your/their) eye on the ball:

Estar atento a algo, no perder el más mínimo detalle de algo.

Ejemplo:

Be careful, I will keep my eye on the ball - Ten cuidado, voy a estar atento.



-Keep tab on:

Llevar al día algo, sin retraso.

Ejemplo:

I try to keep tab on my housework - Trato de llevar al día mis tareas de casa.

-Kick the idea around:

Darle vueltas a algo.

Ejemplo:

Let's kick the idea around - Vamos a darle vueltas a la idea.



-Kick up a fuss:

Causar un gran revuelo.

Ejemplo:

My book will kick uo a fuss - Mi libro va a crear un gran revuelo.

-Kill two birds with one stone:

Matar dos pájaros de un tiro, aprovechar una situación para realizar varias cosas a la vez.

Ejemplo:

I will go to the computer store to buy the phone and the TV, so I am going to kill two birds with one stone - Iré a la tienda de ordenadores a comprar el teléfono y la televisión, así que voy a matar dos pájaros de un tiro.



-Kiss (something) goodbye:

Dar por perdido algo, asumir que no volverás a ver algo.

Ejemplo:

-I will lend him the money.

-Ok, then kiss the money goodbye.

-Le dejaré el dinero.

-Vale, entonces despídete del dinero.

-Know-how:

Ser experto en algo.

Ejemplo:

Ask her, she is a know-how on it - Pregúntale, ella es una experta en eso.

Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Idiot box
- In a world of my own
- In love
- In his shoes
- Jump all over
- Jump down throat
- Keep a stiff upper lip
- Keep your eye on the ball
- Keep tab on
- Kick the idea around
- Kick up a fuss
- Kill two birds in one stone
- Kiss (something) goodbye
- Know-how



Complete the sentences with the correct expression

1. I'm not _____ with anyone
 2. I graduated in just three years because I was able to _____ and prioritize my studies above all else.
 3. I have to go to the bank, and on the way back, I'll pick up the groceries as well, _____.
 4. I didn't even have a chance to explain why I was late before my professor _____.
 5. You spend too much time watching the _____.
 6. The customer _____ about the food that the manager came to apologize.
 7. He doesn't have the technical _____ for this kind of job
 8. I like to _____ my bank account so that I don't overdraw
 9. Don't _____ me just because I disagree with you.
 10. The idea of a new school gym has been _____ for a while now.
 11. When my girlfriend and I broke up on unfriendly terms, I had to _____ a lot of our common friends _____.
 12. I'd leave that job immediately if I were _____.
 13. I'm sorry I wasn't listening a moment ago—I was _____.
 14. It is hard to _____ when everything is simply falling apart.
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 - B. jump all over
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Answers

1. I'm not in love with anyone
 2. I graduated in just three years because I was able to keep my eye on the ball and prioritize my studies above all else
 3. I have to go to the bank, and on the way back, I'll pick up the groceries as well, killing two birds with one stone
 4. I didn't even have a chance to explain why I was late before my professor jumped down my throat.
 5. You spend too much time watching the idiot box.
 6. The customer kicked up such a fuss about the food that the manager came to apologize.
 7. He doesn't have the technical know-how for this kind of job
 8. I like to keep tabs on my bank account so that I don't overdraw
 9. Don't jump all over me just because I disagree with you.
 10. The idea of a new school gym has been kicking around for a while now.
 11. When my girlfriend and I broke up on unfriendly terms, I had to kiss a lot of our common friends goodbye
 12. I'd leave that job immediately if I were in his shoes.
 13. I'm sorry I wasn't listening a moment ago—I was in a world of my own.
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Write your own sentences using the expressions
learned

