

Phrases and Expressions YOU MUST KNOW

From A to Z



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-Make a hit:

Causar sensación, llamar la atención de manera positiva.

Ejemplo:

With my car I will make a hit - Con mi coche causaré sensación.

-Make hay:

Sacar provecho de algo momentáneo.

Ejemplo:

Tomorrow they increase the prices, let's make hay today - Mañana ellos suben los precios, vamos a aprovecharnos hoy.

-Mad about:

Enloquecido por algo o por alguna persona.

Ejemplo:

You are mad about maths - Estás enloquecido por las matemáticas.

-Make a federal case out of...:

Lo podríamos traducir como "hacer una montaña de un grano de arena".

Ejemplo:

Stop crying, don't make a federal case out of it - Deja de llorar, no hagas una montaña de un grano de arena de esto.

-Make hay while the sun shines:

Aprovechar una situación para hacer algo provechoso.

Ejemplo:

They have cancelled today's plan, why don't you make hay while the sun shines and clean the garage? - Han cancelado el plan de hoy, ¿por qué no aprovechas y limpias el garaje?

-Mean business:

Expresión utilizada para indicar que algo va realmente en serio.

Ejemplo:

She asked for the money, she meant business - Ella preguntó por el dinero, la cosa iba en serio.



-Miss the boat:

Perder la oportunidad, "perder el barco".

Ejemplo:

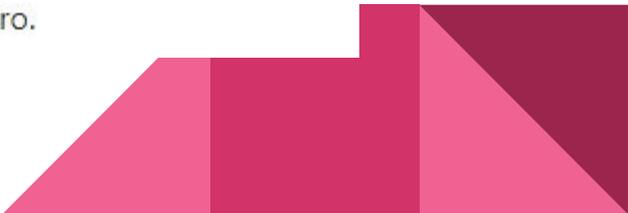
I have bought the car, sorry, you missed the boat - He comprado el coche, lo siento, perdiste la oportunidad.

-Money talks:

Usamos esta expresión para indicar que el dinero manda, que con dinero lo podemos comprar todo.

Ejemplo:

Unfortunately in the life money talks - Desafortunadamente en la vida manda el dinero.



-Monkey business:

Asuntos de dudosa moral, censurables.

Ejemplo:

He is earning a lot of money with monkey business - Él está ganando mucho dinero con asuntos censurables.

-Mud slinging:

Ofender, difamar.

Ejemplo:

Shut up, you are mud slinging him all the time - Cállate, estás difamándole todo el tiempo.



-Needle in a haystack:

"Una aguja en un pajar", algo muy difícil de encontrar.

Ejemplo:

I have lost a coin in the sand, get it back will be like to find a needle in a haystack - He perdido una moneda en la arena, recuperarla será como encontrar una aguja en un pajar.

-Never mind:

No te preocupes.

Ejemplo:

I have found your pencil, never mind - He encontrado tu lápiz, no te preocupes.

-No great shakes:

Algo que no es gran cosa, que no es nada del otro mundo.

Ejemplo:

The film was no great shakes - La película no era nada del otro mundo.

-Nose in:

Inmiscuirse, meterse donde no te llaman, meter las narices en asuntos ajenos.

Ejemplo:

Please, don't nose in my matters - Por favor, no te metas en mis asuntos.

Using your own words explain what these expressions mean

- Mad about
- Make a federal case out of...
- Make a hit
- Make hay
- Make hay while the sun shines
- Mean business
- Miss the boat
- Money talks
- Monkey business
- Mud slinging
- Needle in a haystack
- Never mind
- No great shakes
- Nose in



Complete the following sentences

1. The farmers hurried to _____ before the rain came
 2. She's absolutely _____her new boyfriend
 3. There were tickets available last week, but he _____by waiting till today to try to buy some
 4. I agree that he shouldn't have said that, but there's no reason to _____out of it.
 5. My father threatened so many times to take away my phone and nothing happened but last night he _____and confiscated my phone
 6. The film itself is no_____
 7. There is too much _____going on in the governor's office
 8. We've got a few days off work so let's _____and do some landscaping around the back of the house
 9. She was trying to find her daughter like a _____when she got separated in the mall
 10. Years of political _____between the big parties have brought disillusionment and apathy.
 11. Since we are a new, small company we wanted to_____.
 12. Can you grab that pen for me?" B: "What did you say?" A: " _____" I already got it.
 13. Unfortunately, in this town_____, and if you don't have money you can forget it
- A. make a federal case
 - B. make a hit
 - C. make hay while the sun shines
 - D. money talks
 - E. make hay
 - F. great shakes
 - G. missed the boat
 - H. needle in a haystack
 - I. meant business
 - J. Never mind
 - K. mad about
 - L. mudslinging
 - M. monkey business

Answers

1. The farmers hurried to make hay before the rain came
2. She's absolutely mad about her new boyfriend
3. There were tickets available last week, but he missed the boat by waiting till today to try to buy some
4. I agree that he shouldn't have said that, but there's no reason to make a federal case out of it.
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Write your own sentences using the expressions
learned

