

IDIOMS & PHRASAL VERBS

Decisions and Opinions

B2 | Adults | Idioms + Discussion | 45-60 minutes
Topic: Everyday English | Skills: Vocabulary, Speaking

Study the phrases and examples. Discuss the questions and try to use the new language.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

1. weigh something up	consider the advantages and disadvantages before deciding	We weighed up the offers before choosing one.
2. sit on the fence	avoid choosing or supporting one side	You can't sit on the fence forever; we need a decision.
3. rule something out	decide that an option is not possible or suitable	We ruled out driving because parking was too expensive.
4. be in two minds	be unable to decide between two choices	I'm in two minds about joining the evening course.
5. stand by something	continue to support a decision or belief	She stood by her decision despite the criticism.
6. see eye to eye	agree with someone	We don't see eye to eye on how to spend the budget.
7. bring something up	introduce a topic into a conversation	He brought up the travel costs during the meeting.
8. change your tune	express a different opinion after previously saying the opposite	They changed their tune when they saw how much support the idea had.

DISCUSSION

1. What would you weigh up before accepting a job in another city?
2. When is sitting on the fence sensible, and when is it unhelpful?
3. What would make you rule out a place as a holiday destination?
4. What could help someone who is in two minds about returning to study?
5. When should you stand by a decision, and when should you reconsider it?
6. Can people work well together if they do not see eye to eye? How?
7. How can you bring up a sensitive topic without making people defensive?
8. What might make a company change its tune about a customer's complaint?