

IDIOMS & PHRASAL VERBS

Relationships and Communication

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. hit it off	like each other immediately when you meet	We hit it off as soon as we started talking.
2. open up	start talking honestly about personal feelings	He opened up when he felt he could trust the group.
3. a shoulder to cry on	someone who listens sympathetically when you are upset	When things went wrong, my friend was a shoulder to cry on.
4. fall out with someone	stop being friendly because of an argument	She fell out with her neighbour over the noise.
5. clear the air	discuss a problem to reduce tension or misunderstanding	We had an honest conversation to clear the air.
6. get something across	communicate an idea so people understand it	Pictures helped him get his message across.
7. read between the lines	understand a meaning that is suggested but not directly stated	Reading between the lines, I think she wants more time.
8. keep in touch	continue communicating with someone over time	We've kept in touch since we left college.

DISCUSSION

1. What helps two people hit it off when they first meet?
2. What makes it easier for someone to open up in a conversation?
3. What qualities make someone a good shoulder to cry on?
4. What can help neighbours avoid falling out with each other?
5. When is it better to clear the air rather than let a disagreement fade?
6. How can you get an important point across when you lack the right words?
7. When is reading between the lines useful, and when can it lead to mistakes?
8. Why do some people keep in touch for years while others lose contact?