



Common idiomatic English expression

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- “How are you?” “How are kids and wife?”
- answer?
- WYSIWYG stands for?
- “What’s your poison?” + “He feels no pain.”

- To coin a phrase
- Confucious says
- meanwhile, back at the ranch
- “hint! hint!”

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- -“Do you know who he is?” -“Your guess is as good as mine”.
- -“After you, Claude”. -“No, after you Cecile.”
- “How goes the enemy?”

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- “I decline to answer, on the usual grounds”.
- present company excepted (e.g. Geeks rarely take showers, present company excepted.)
- Andy is so boring. Did you know that his idea of a perfect day is going to the station to collect train registration number? What an ____ (a. anarok b. geek c.nerd)
- happy camper, happy bunny, bunny boiler

- You cannot get there from here.
- Did you check Allen's Axiom?
- See you later, alligator!
- Close, but no cigar.
- Don't call us, we'll call you.
- I've got bigger fish to fry.

- It's a fine day for ducks.
- It rains cats and dogs.

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- I hope you'd come to my class rain or shine. Because: to prepare for your course, I was snowed under with work, and I'm earning peanuts. So if you do come every session, I'd be on cloud nine. If not, I'll get the red mist...So please make sure to meet up every Wednesday afternoon and never take a rain check. Otherwise, you won't have a snowball's chance in hell of passing this course!

With love

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Work-related expression

- On your boss:
- My boss is a people churner.

- On your colleagues
- happy camper, eager beaver, skiver (skive, a skiver often pretends to be ill is said to be skiving off or throwing a sickie), play truant (Bri), play hooky(Ame), clock-watcher, work-shy, a good mixer

- On your job itself
- a dead-end job, a cushy number, a monkey business, to get the boot, to give somebody the pink slip (don't confuse with "to give somebody the slip"), moonlighting, to pull some strings, on the dole, on the fiddle

Something funny

- I'll be leaving now, sir.
- Don't shoot the pianist. He's doing his best.
- "Have you got the time?" "Yes, if you've got the money." / "Yes, but no the inclination".

- It's the light of the oncoming train at the end of the tunnel.
- Everything I like is illegal, immoral or fattening.
- Old enough to know better.
- There're lies, damned lies, and statistics.

- The lights are on, but there's nobody home. / to have a screw loose.
- Head, I win. Tail, you lose.
- How much to get out?

- “Do you come here often?” “Only in the mating season.”

Questions?

Hope you had fun and learnt something!

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