

# LEARN ENGLISH VISUALLY

Mind Maps and Chunks



Conversational Grammar  
Speaking Phrases  
Everyday Expressions  
Collocations

## Intensive English Trainer

Volume 1



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**Learn English Visually - Chunks and Mind Maps**  
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**Learn English Visually** is a collection of books where you will find **numerous visual materials** that teach English in an innovative way. Easily and fast you will learn plenty of **new vocabulary, collocations, grammar and speaking phrases**.

The **visual method** used in the book focuses on **chunks and mind maps** to help you **stimulate** the brain and make learning a child's play.

**What are chunks and what makes them such an effective way to learn a new language?**

A **chunk** is a group of connected words that are treated as single concepts. **Language chunks** are known as lexical phrases and collocations. For example: on the one hand, as far as I am concerned, make a mistake, do homework etc.

The **neuroscience** proves that it is easier for us to remember lexical chunks than isolated words. Take smaller bits of information and combine them into more meaningful and memorable sentences.

**Learn like children** – the whole expressions and bits of language in context. It also means you **do not have to study grammar** to speak fluently. Instead, learn chunks and use them in your **conversation naturally**.

**Learn English Visually** is a perfect book both **for self-study** as well as **for teachers** who want to introduce new methods of learning in the classroom.

All materials used in the book were **tested by students** and showed **amazing results**, even among the laziest of them, who were surprised by the progress they had made without any effort from their side.

### **HOW TO USE THE BOOK**

**Learn English Visually – Mind Maps and Chunks** is a combination of a **vocabulary builder, conversational grammar, speaking trainer and exercise book** at the same time.

**The only thing you have to do** is to **focus on one chunk at a time** (for example one page a day) and **after two weeks time**, you will see better results than after a month course in a school.

This book should **inspire you** to find the best method of learning English that will **bring you joy and motivate** you for further learning.



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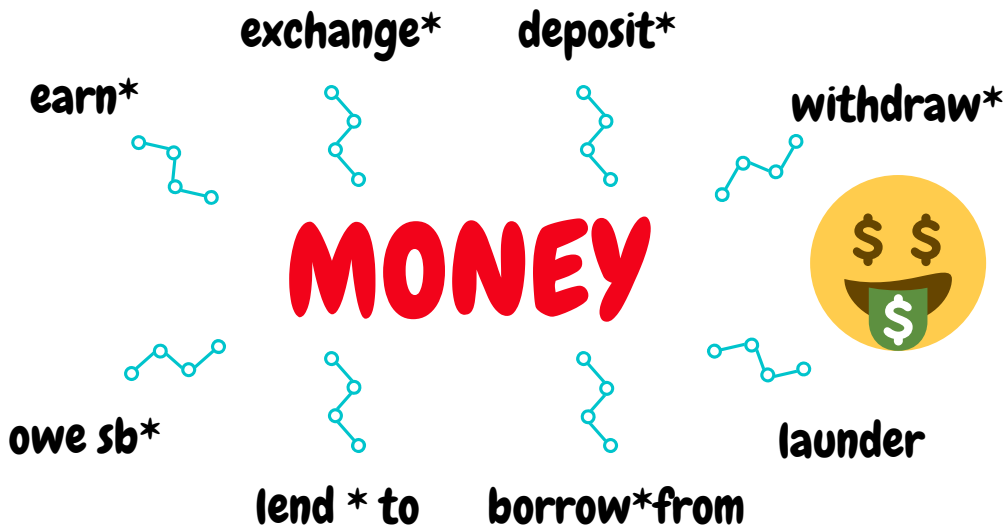
# 1. BUILD UP VOCABULARY

Verb collocations

Noun collocations

Spoken Phrases

**CHUNKS**



You can **borrow** money **from** the bank, in case of emergency.

I never **lend** money **to** friends, because they never pay back.

You can **deposit** money directly into the account.

You can **withdraw** money from an ATM at any time.

# MONEY



**easy** money

**paper** money

**cyber** money

**hush** money

**counterfeit** money

**pocket** money

**extortion** money

**investment** money



**I'd bet money on it!**



**Not for my money.**

**Not for love nor  
money.**

**There's no money  
to burn.**



## **MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES**

**That'll be money for  
jam!**

**I'm a bit pressed  
for money right  
now.**

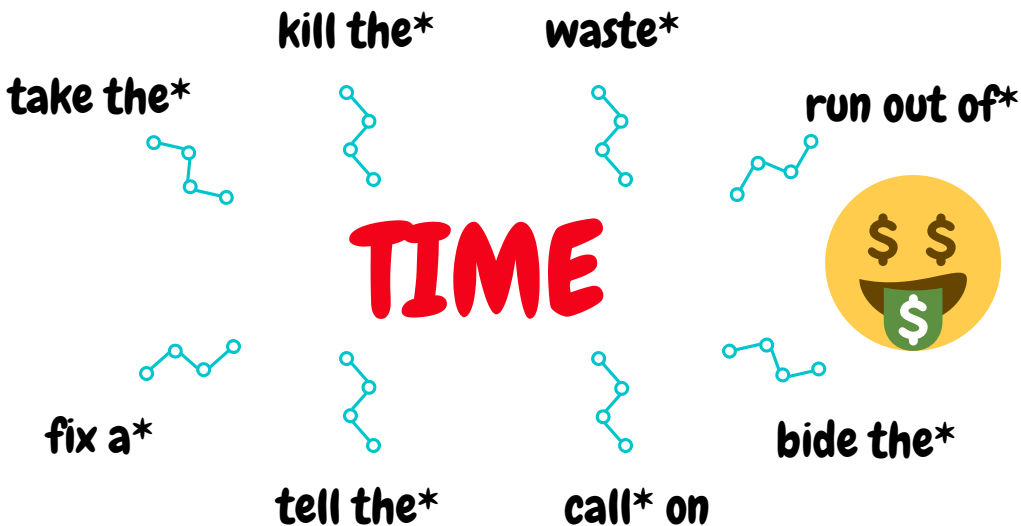
**Put your money  
where your mouth is!**

**I'm not made of  
money.**

# YOUR NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS







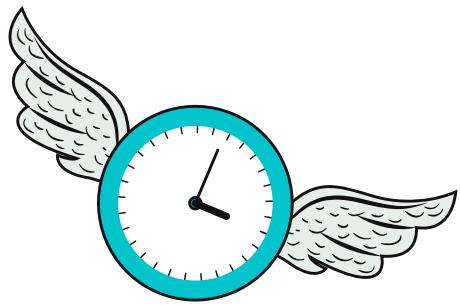
We'll have to **bide our time** until the rain stops.

We need to **fix a time** for the next meeting.

You need to **call time on** this relationship—it's just too toxic.

Hurry up! We're **running out of** time!

# TIME



**precious** time

**leisure** time

**small** time

**crunch** time

**face** time

**game** time

a **rough** time

a **bad** time



**Give it time!**



**It's about time!**

**I'm a bit pressed  
for time!**

**I've got to watch  
the time.**



## **THIRD TIME LUCKY**

**Time is a great  
healer.**

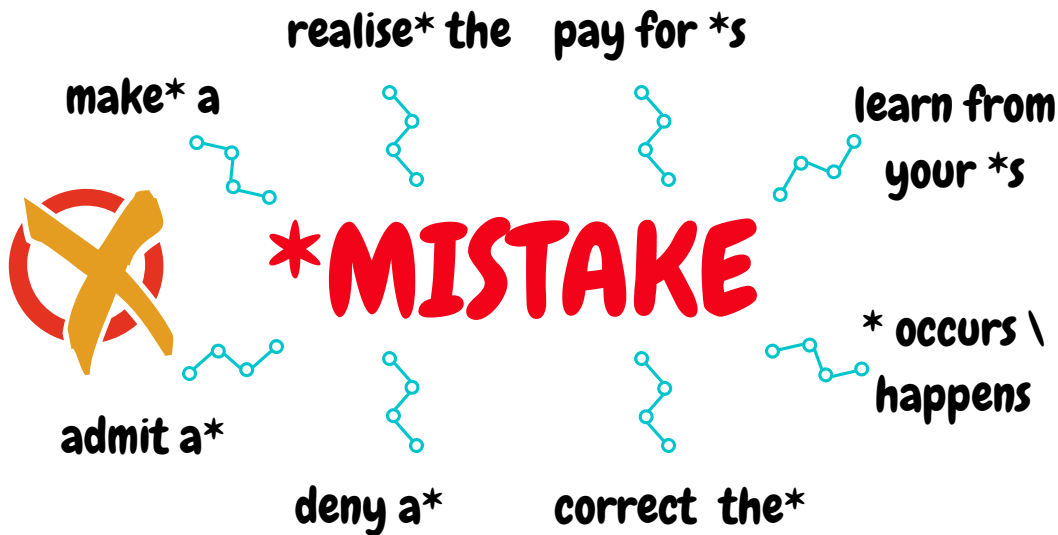
**I have some time to kill.**

**It's crunch time!**

**How time flies!**

# YOUR NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS





Finally she admitted that she had **made a mistake**.

You should learn from your mistakes not **deny** them.

Don't blame that kid – we all **make mistakes**.

How long do I have to **pay for mistakes** in my past?

# MISTAKE



a **stupid** mistake

a **deliberate** mistake

a **common** mistake

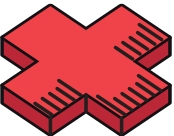
an **elementary** mistake

a **grave** mistake

a **fatal** mistake

a **tragic** mistake

a **costly** mistake



**Do not be mistaken!**

**I made the  
rookie mistake!**



**I did it by mistake.  
Sorry!**

**It's an easy  
mistake to make!**



# **WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES!**

**One mistake changes  
everything.**

**Don't carry your  
mistakes around with  
you.**



**Always make new  
mistakes.**

**Learn from your  
mistakes.**

# YOUR NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS





**2.LEARN**

**PREPOSITIONS**

**OF**

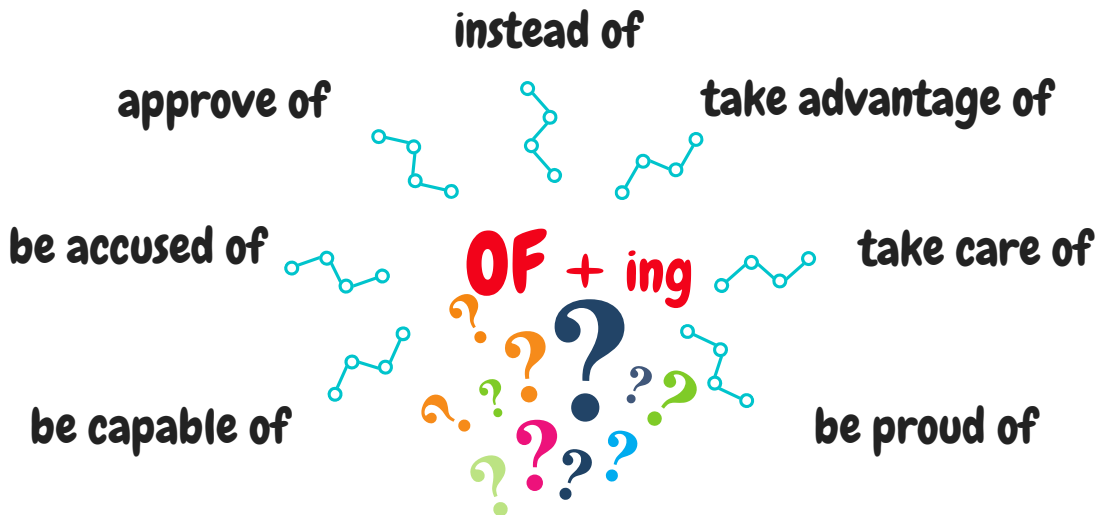
+ ing or noun

**TO**

+ ing or noun

**ING**

+ ing or noun



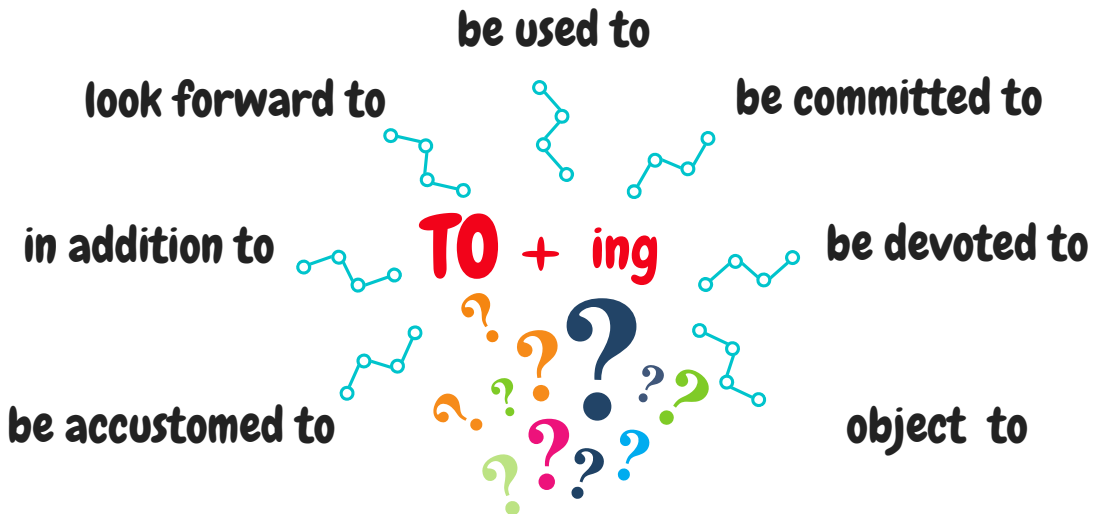
Why do some people **take advantage of** others?

Do you **approve of** smoking in restaurants?

Have you been **accused of** bullying or harassing at work?

What words to use **instead of** cursing?

Are we fully **capable of** deciding our own destiny?



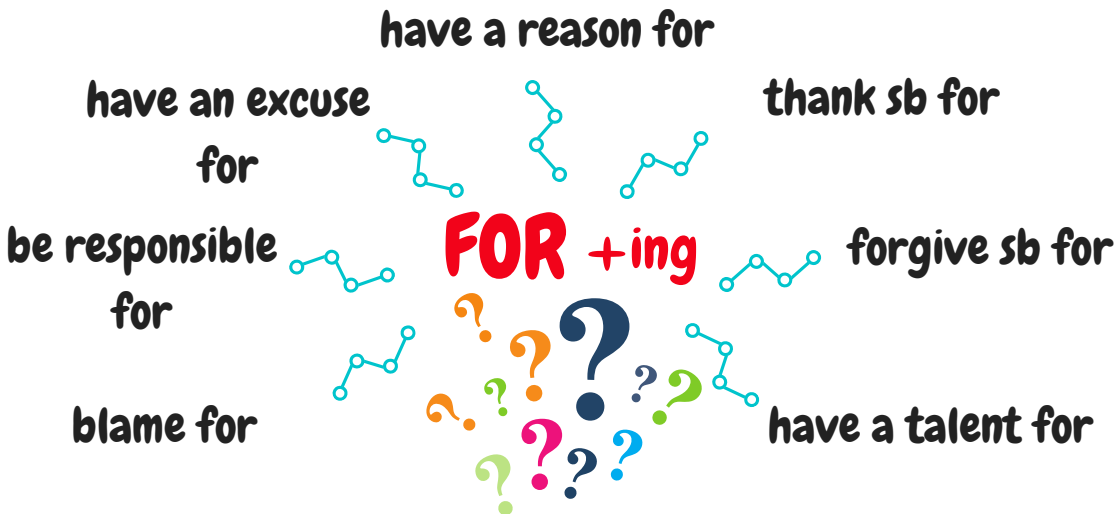
Are you **accustomed to** working under pressure?

Could you attend evening classes **in addition to** doing your regular job?

What are you **looking forward to** doing in the future?

Do you **object to** working overtime?

What **are you used to** doing at the weekends?



Should we **blame** junk food **for** obesity?

What **are** you **responsible for** at work and at home?

What do you **have a talent for**?

What is your **excuse for** being lazy ?

Would you ever **forgive** your partner **for** stealing your money?

What **reason do you have for** putting things off?

# YOUR NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS



# 3. LANGUAGE IN USE

Prepositional phrases

**A RAY OF  
A POINT OF  
A POOL OF**



a ray of hope



a ray of comfort



a ray of sunshine



a ray of light



There's still **a ray of hope** that the missing cat  
will be found alive.

Their offer of help was my only **ray of comfort**.

I need at least **a ray of light** to finish this project.

You're my little **ray of sunshine**.



a point of departure



a point of view

a point of doing



a point of honour



All kids arrived at **the point of departure** on time.

From my **point of view** we don't need so much money.

What is **the point of** living if we all die eventually?

I made it **a point of honor** never to be late.



a pool of water



a pool of cars

a pool of split milk



a pool of blood



We looked for crabs in **the pool of water** near our house.

Could you clean up **the pool of milk** from the floor?

The company has **a pool of cars** for the employees.

The body was lying in **a pool of blood**.

# YOUR NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS



## 4. OTHER WAYS TO SAY

# SPOKEN EXPRESSIONS

# AGREE?



That is exactly how I feel!

I'd go along with that.

You took the words out of my my mind!

We speak the same language.

No doubt about it!

I am in complete accord with you about it.

You've hit the nail on the head!



## AMEN !





# AGREE?



**I beg to disagree.**

**I don't see it that way.**

**That's a matter of opinion.**

**With all due respect, but...**

**I don't go along with that.**

**Don't make me laugh!**

**Are you nuts!**

**NO WAY !**





# ANNOYED?



**Don't bite my head off!**

**For crying out loud!**

**You're driving me nuts!**

**You're are hell on wheels!**

**You make my blood boil!**

**I'm beginning to go stir-crazy.**

**I'm simply fed up with you!**



# HAPPY?



**I'm on cloud nine!**

**You seem quite chirpy.**

**I'm over the moon!**

**You look very pleased with yourself today.**

**I'm walking on air.**

**You look like a million dollars!**

**I bet you're thrilled to bits.**



# 5.CONVERSATIONAL GRAMMAR

Wishes

**SPEAK  
AND PRACTICE**

# as if \ as though + Past Simple

I am so excited! I feel **as if** I could fly!

He acts **as if** he didn't have a brain!

She behaves **as if** she was a child, but he is 30!

She speaks **as if** English was her mother tongue,  
but she is Italian.

She acts **as though** she never saw me before.

He behaves **as though** he knew everything.

# Your turn!

I feel as if .....

He acts as if .....

He behaves as if .....

She speaks as if .....

She acts as though .....

He behaves as though .....





## I wish + Past Simple

I wish I could fly!

I wish I didn't waste so much time surfing the Net.

I wish I had the courage to tell you how I feel.

I wish I knew what to do.

I wish you could forgive me.

I wish you were here!

# Your turn!

I wish I ..... !

I wish I didn't ..... !

I wish I had ..... !

I wish I knew ..... !

I wish you ..... !

I wish you ..... !







## In other words!

Why don't you work faster?

I wish you worked faster.

I'd rather you worked faster!

It's time you started working faster!

You would be better off working faster.

You should work faster!

# In other words!

Why don't you .....

I wish you .....

I'd rather you .....

It's time you .....

You would be better off .....

You should .....





## What do you wish?

**It is a pity** I am not wealthy.

**I wish** I were wealthy.

**If only** I were wealthy.

**I would like to** be wealthy.

**If** I were wealthy, I **would** travel around the world!

**I wish** she were as wealthy as I am.

# Your turn!

It is a pity .....

I wish .....

If only .....

I would like to .....

If I ....., I would .....!

I wish she .....

## 6. BUILD UP VOCABULARY

# 7.CONFUSING WORDS

# EAGER TO – FOND OF – KEEN ON



As a child, I was **fond of** watching cartoons.

My niece is very **keen on** dancing.



She is very ambitious and **eager to** get to the top.

**enjoy!**

# TO BE EAGER TO DO STH



enthusiastic to do something or about something that will happen

# TO BE KEEN ON DOING STH



enjoy doing some activity

# TO BE FOND OF DOING STH



like doing something very much



# EASE – LIGHTEN – RELIEVE



Take some an aspirin  
it'll **ease** your pain.

We need to hire more people  
to **lighten** the workload.



Let's play some cards  
to **relieve** the boredom.

# TO EASE THE PAIN / SUFFERING



to make a problem, bad situation, or pain serious and severe

# TO LIGHTEN A WORKLOAD / TASK



to make sth more relaxed and easier

# TO RELIEVE MISERY / BOREDOM



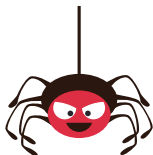
to make pain or another bad physical feeling less unpleasant

# DAMAGE - INJURY - HARM



The house suffered serious **damage** in the fire.

No one escaped **injury** in the car crash.



Don't be afraid.  
The spider won't do any **harm** to you.

# DAMAGE



physical harm caused to something so that it is broken or injured

# INJURY



physical damage to someone's body caused by an accident or an attack

# HARM



injury, damage, or problems caused by something that you do

# YOUR TURN! – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

**\*serious**



**\*head**



**do yourself\***



# YOUR TURN! – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

sustain\*



\*relationship

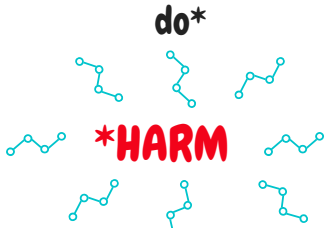


emotional\*



# YOUR TURN! – FINISH THE MIND MAPS


do\*



\*HARM mean no\*

come to no\*

wouldn't \* a fly




HARM\*

there's no \* in

do more\*  
than good

mental\*



\*HARM untold\*

permanent\*



# 8. CONFUSING WORDS



**SAME SOUND  
DIFFERENT SPELLING**

**DIFFERENT SOUND  
SAME SPELLING**



**peak**

**peek**

/pi:k/

**The traffic reaches its **peak** at about 8.00 am.**  
**I **peeked** out the window to see what happened.**

**to peak**

**– to look at something quickly; glance**

**a peak**

**– the time when something is at its highest or greatest level; climax**



# accept

/ək'sept/

# except

/ɪk'sept/

**I will never accept your ridiculous proposal!**  
**Everything was perfect except for the food.**

**to accept**

- to agree to do what someone asks

**except**

- apart from; excluding something





weather

whether

/ˈweðə(r)/

In April the **weather** was dry and unusually hot.  
It doesn't matter **whether** you like me or not.

**weather**

– the conditions in the air such as wind, rain, or temperature

**whether**

– if



**breath**

/breθ/

**breathe**

/bri:ð/

**His breath** smelled strongly of pizza and garlic.  
**Breathe** in deeply and then breathe out slowly.

**breath**

– the air that goes in and out of your body through your nose or mouth

**to breathe**

– to move air into and out of the lungs



**die**

**dye**

/daɪ/

**The soldiers are ready to die for their country.  
I would never dye my hair pink!**

**die**

**– to stop being alive**

**dye**

**– to change the colour of your hair**



**abroad**

/əbrɔ:d/

**aboard**

/əbɔ:(r)d/

**I want to leave my country and study **abroad**.  
There were only 16 lifeboats **aboard** Titanic.**

**abroad**

**– in or to a foreign country**

**aboard**

**– in or on a ship, bus, train, or plane**

# 9. LEARN VISUALLY

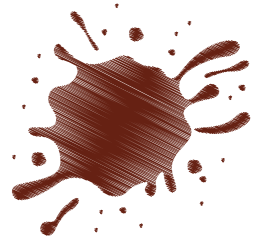
IDIOMS  
&  
PHRASAL VERBS



# COLOUR IDIOMS



**a red tape**



**to brown-nose**



**a white lie**



**green with envy**



**out of the blue**

# COLOUR IDIOMS



I had to go through a lot of **red tape** to get my visa.



I was **green with envy** when I learnt that he had won the competition.



He didn't want to hurt her feelings so he told her a **white lie**.

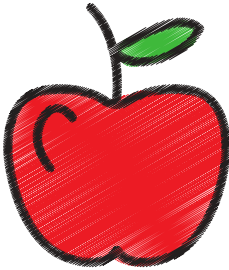


He always **brown-noses** his boss, that's why no one likes him in the company.

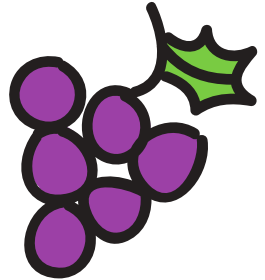


The news came **out of the blue**. No one was expecting it.

# FRUIT IDIOMS



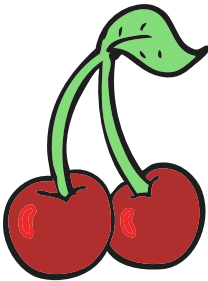
**the apple of sb's eye**



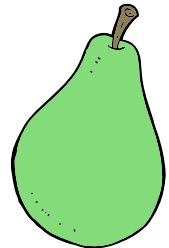
**sour grapes**



**go bananas**



**bowl of cherries**

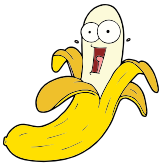


**go pear-shaped**

# FRUIT IDIOMS



The youngest daughter is the **apple** of dad's eye.



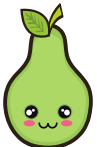
She'll go **bananas** when she hears that you've broken her car.



Life is just a bowl of **cherries**.

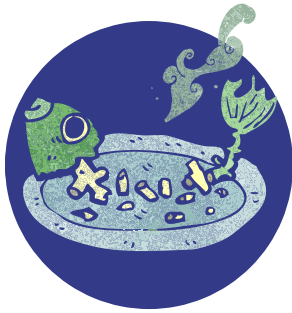


Such criticism is nothing more than sour **grapes**.



I'd planned to have a day off, but it all went **pear**-shaped.

# PHRASAL VERBS



**go off**

(not fresh anymore)



**go for**  
(attack)

The detective went over  
the evidence many times.



**go over**

(check, examine)



**go down with**

(become ill)



**go out**

( stop burning)

# PHRASAL VERBS



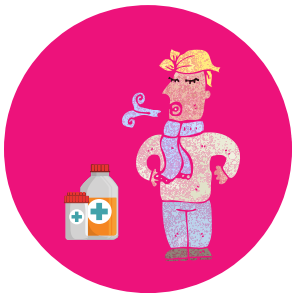
**Don't drink that milk!  
It's gone off!**



**The detective went over  
the evidence many times.**



**Their dog went for the  
postwoman.**



**He's come down with  
the flu.**



**Put some wood on the fire  
before it goes out.**

# PHRASAL VERBS



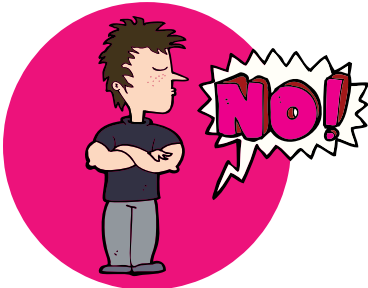
**turn out**  
(result; end up)



**turn up**  
(appear  
unexpectedly)



**turn sb away**  
(not let sb  
come into a place)



**turn down**  
( refuse; not accept)



**turn to**  
( ask for advice)

# PHRASAL VERBS



**It all turned out to be a mistake.**



**Let me know if anything new turns up.**



**The security guard turned me away because I didn't have my ID.**



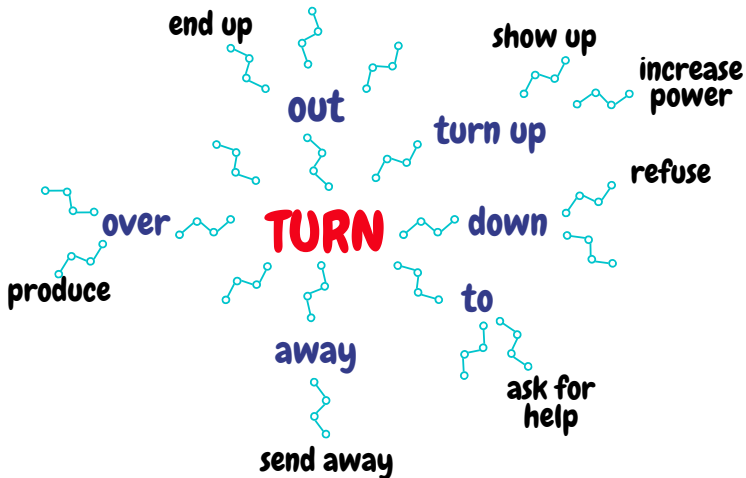
**How could you turn down such an great job offer?**



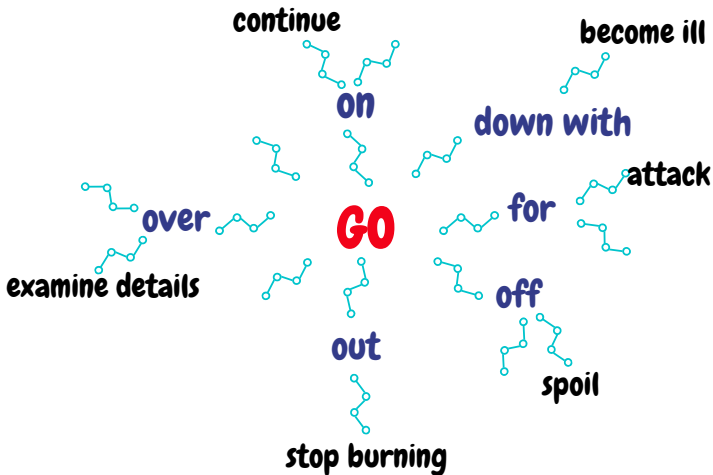
**When I'm in trouble, I turn to my friend to help me.**



# YOUR TURN! – FINISH THE MIND MAP



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# 10. FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

How to make... ?

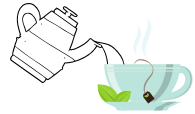
**DESCRIBE A PROCESS**

# HOW TO ... make tea ???

1. Boil water in a kettle.



2. Put the tea bag in the cup or the pot...



3. ... or the tea leaves in an infuser or a strainer.

4. Pour the water over the tea.

5. Cover with the cozy to retain warmth.



6. Let the tea steep.

7. Get rid of the tea leaves.



8. Serve.

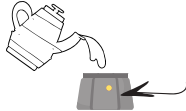
9. Infuse again if you want to make more tea for a second serving.



# HOW TO .... make coffee ???

## Brew in a Moka Pot

1. .... your coffee on a drip coffee setting, about as fine as table salt.



3. Insert the filter basket into the .... bottom.



2. Add the heated water into the bottom and .... it up to the safety valve.

4. Fill the basket with .... and level .... off.



5. .... the top and bottom together.



6. Put the brewer on the .... with the top lid open. Use moderate .....



7. When you hear a puffing sound .... from heat source.



8. Run the pot under cold tap water to stop .....

9. Pour coffee into cups or a carafe.  
You may wish to .... with hot water.



# 11. SPEAKING PHRASES

“

Don't speak  
if you don't know  
what you're talking about.

”

**It's ridiculous that...**

**It's a fact that...**

**It's simply untrue  
that...**

**It's absurd  
that...**

**OPINION**

**It's a comfort  
that...**

**It's inevitable  
that...**



**It's a shame  
that...**

**It's ridiculous that we have to queue so long!**

**It's absurd that you spent so much money on that ugly jacket!**

**It's inevitable that everything good comes to an end.**

**It's essential that you have regular medical checkups.**

**It's a shame that you can't love me as much as I do.**



There's every indication that..

I presume...

It's bound to...

It's certain  
that ...

**CERTAINTY**

I think it's safe  
to say that ...

It remains to be  
seen...

**ARE**

I feel certain  
that...

**YOU**

**SURE**



**It's certain that** she will fail the exam again.

**I presume** he has already left home. There's no point calling him.

**He is bound to** lose all his money. He has no experience at all.

**There's every indication that** she will be on her feet again.

**It remains to be seen** what the long-term effects will be.



I can't resist...

I can't bear...

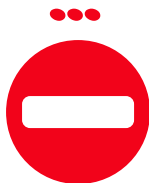
I can't imagine...

I can't abide...

**I CAN'T**

I can't cope with...

I can't stand...



I can't pretend...

**I can't bear people lying to me.**

**I can't cope with the stress any longer.**

**I can't stand people complaining all the time.**

**I can't resist eating a chocolate bar every day.**

**I can't pretend that we achieved a lot.**

**I honestly believe that...**

**As I see it...**

**I reckon...**

**As far as I am  
concerned...**

**I THINK**

**From my point of  
view...**

**It seems to me that...**

**In my opinion, ...**

**I consider...**

**YOUR SENTENCES:**

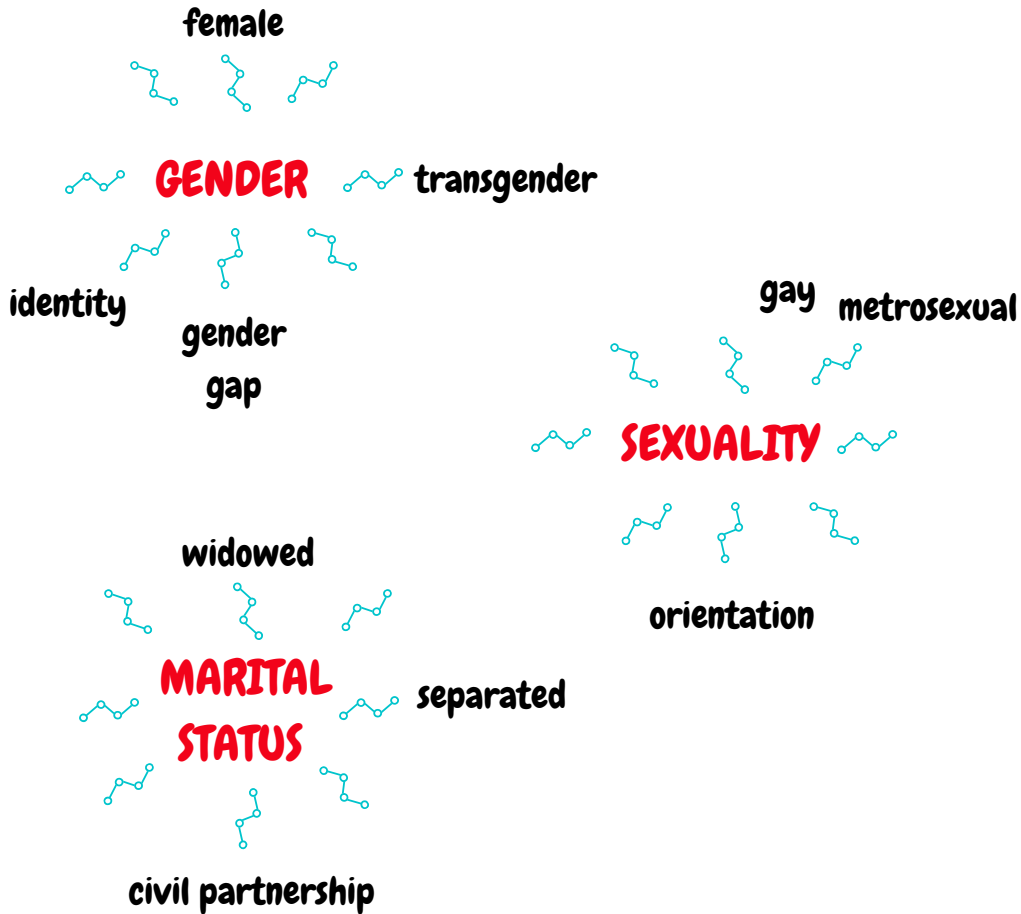


# 12. BUILD UP VOCABULARY

Create a mental library

# MIND MAPS

# PERSONAL DATA – FINISH THE MIND MAPS



# THE HUMAN BODY – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

listen with  
half an ear

**PARTS  
OF THE BODY**

have a good  
eye for sth

hit sb in the face

tiptoe

barefoot



**FOOT / FEET**



handsome



a sight for  
sore eyes



**APPERANCE**



overweight

get back  
on one's feet

go on foot

# HEALTH – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

recover from



**ILLNESS**



fatal



suffer from

a cure for a  
disease



**DISEASE**



diarrhoea



**COMMON  
ILLNESSES**



bladder  
infection



infectious

acute

nausea



pneumonia



# FEELINGS – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

suppress



**FEELINGS**



no hard  
feelings



bottle up



in high  
spirits



**MOOD**



mood  
disorder

in an amiable  
mood

anxious



I feel it in my  
bones.



**FEEL**



not feel a thing

# MIND – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

have sth in mind

**MIND**

cross one's  
mind

make up  
one's mind

A thought struck me!

came up with  
sth

**THOUGHTS**

stimulating

**IDEA**

I haven't got  
the faintest  
idea.

think sth over

An idea  
popped into my head.

# WORK – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

get a pay rise



perk



**EARNINGS**



starvation wage



paternity leave



a day-off



**LEAVE**



unpaid

vocational  
training



traineeship



**EXPERIENCE**



gather work  
experience

show sb  
the ropes

# TRAVEL – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

leave a deposit



landlord



**ACCOMMODATION**

convenient



charge admission



pay a fee



**SIGHTS**



breathtaking

unspoilt



**HOLIDAYS**



go for a wonder



get away from  
it all

# TRANSPORT – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

take off



hijack



**AIRPLANE**



ail seal



dining car



guard



**TRAIN**



compartment

wrack



change gears



**CAR**



flat tyre



tow



# **NO**NUTRITION – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

gain weight



**DIET**

convenience  
food



cut down on  
sweets



mouth-watering

polish sth off



**FOOD**



scrambled eggs



a slice of pizza



**MEALS**



jacket potato

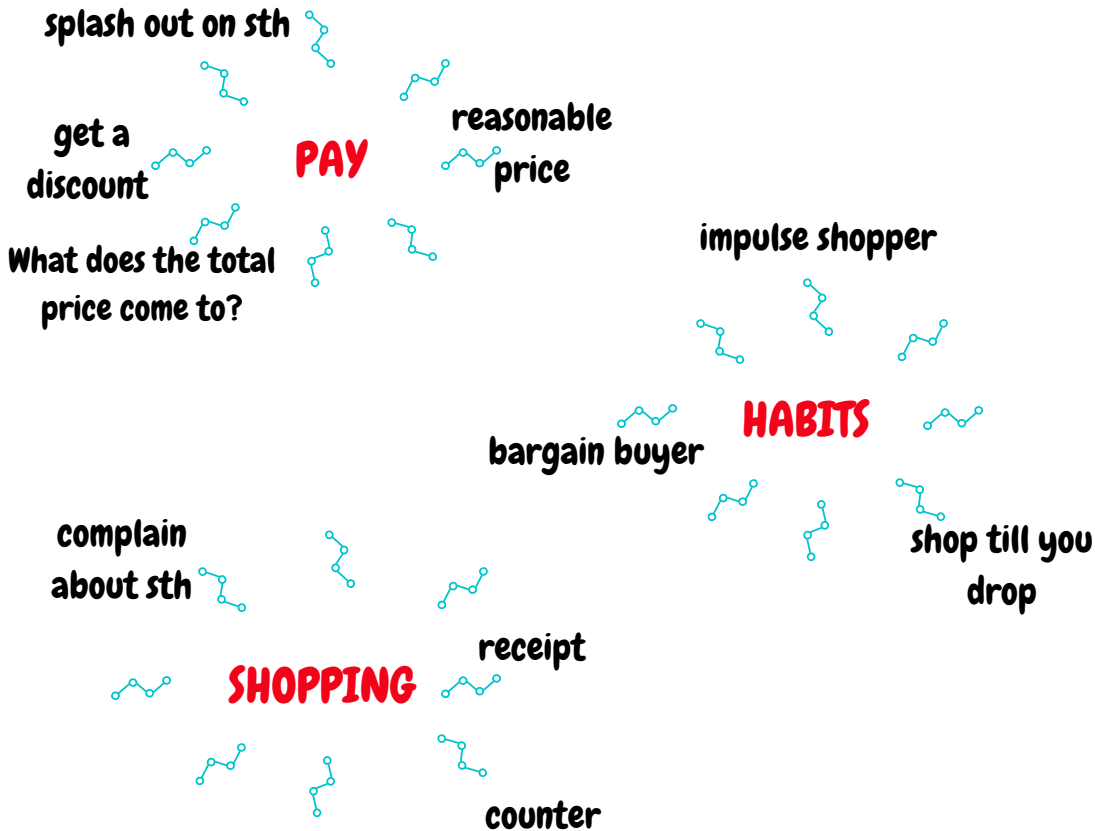


second serving



pick at

# SHOPPING – FINISH THE MIND MAPS



# RELATIONSHIP – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

tie the knot **MARRIAGE**  
meet sb half way  
walk away

fall out  
get on well **FRIENDS**  
hit it off  
rely on sb

**FAMILY**  
extended  
nuclear  
closely related to sb



# COMMUNICATION – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

OK, whatever  
you say.

You don't say!

**SAY**

I'd rather not say at  
the moment.

To tell you the truth...

I'm telling you!

**TELL**

There is no  
telling.

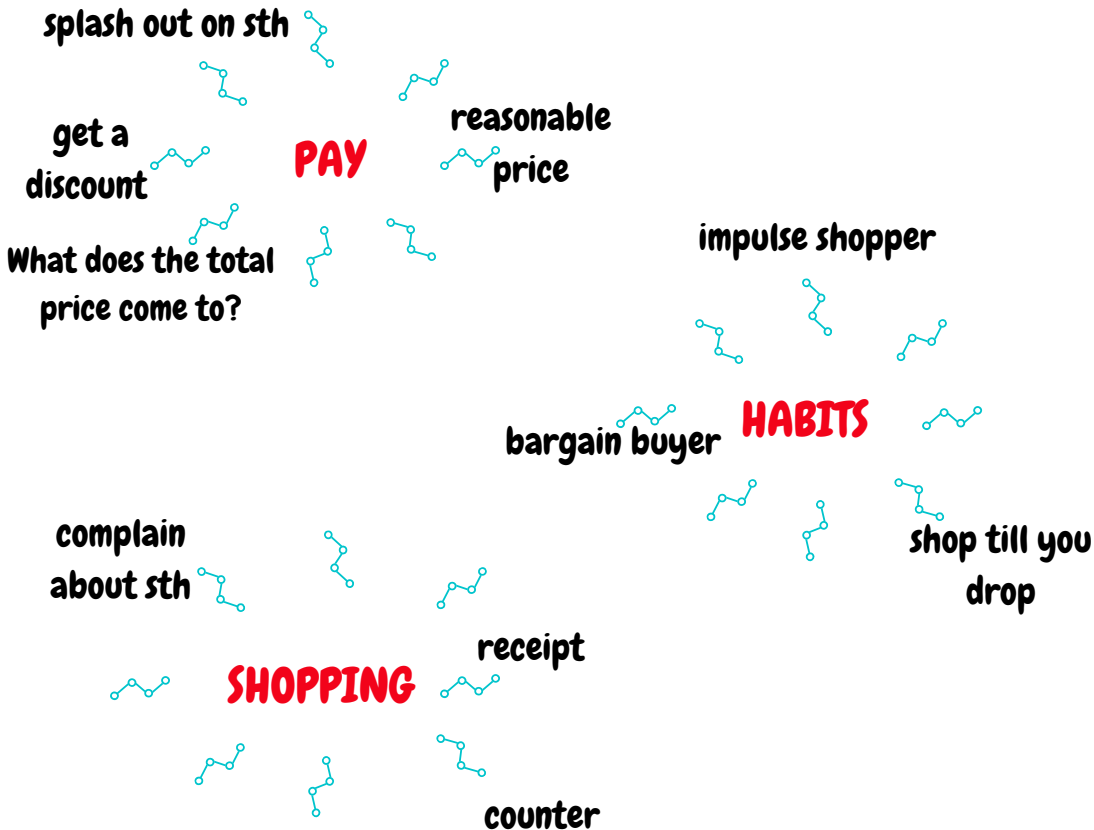
Now I see it in  
a new light.

**SEE**

See for yourself.

I don't see why  
not!

# SHOPPING – FINISH THE MIND MAPS



# BUSINESS – FINISH THE MIND MAPS

undercut



high-end



**PRICE**



price hike



net margin



**COSTS**



overheads



variable

money-spinner



make a loss



**PROFITS**



break-even

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