

Common expressions

Look at the pictures below and match each one to the correct social expression.

Be careful!
Congratulations!

Bless you!
Good luck!

Cheers!
Thank you!



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Respond to the following sentences with an appropriate expression.

1. I have an important exam tomorrow. _____!
2. Achoo! _____.
3. Cheers! _____!
4. I must drive home now, but I am very tired. _____!
5. I don't think we'll have time to stop there. _____.
6. Can I take another chocolate? _____.
7. Have a good weekend. _____.
8. Could you pass me the salt, please? _____.
9. My aunt died today. _____.
10. I've passed my driving test! _____!



Listen and check your answers.

Respond to the sentences below.

1. A student gives a thumbs up to a classmate before they start their presentation.
 2. Someone accidentally drops a glass in a café. They look embarrassed.
 3. A guest at a party is offered a plate of sandwiches.
 4. Two people shake hands and wish each other happy holidays.
 5. A cyclist is about to ride down a steep hill. A friend waves from the top.
 6. A man is holding a balloon and a card. Behind him is a "Well Done!" sign.
 7. A person hugs a friend who has just lost a loved one.
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1. I've got a new job!
 2. Cheers!
 3. This road is very dangerous.
 4. We can't go to the cinema today because I have to work late.
 5. Can I have another apple?
 6. Can I borrow your pen for a minute?
 7. Have a nice summer holiday.
 8. My grandmother died yesterday.
 9. I've got a job interview today.
 10. Atchoo!

Calm down!
Have a good trip!



1. _____

Congratulations!
Thank you!



2. _____

Get well soon!
Well done!



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Respond to the following sentences with an appropriate expression. Listen and check your answers, repeating the expressions with the correct pronunciation and intonation.

Calm down

Get well soon

Go ahead

Have a good trip

Have fun

It doesn't matter

Lucky you

No way

Well done

What a pity

1. I've just won the lottery! _____!
2. I'm off to the party. _____!
3. My plane leaves in two hours. _____!
4. My interview is over. I got the job! _____!
5. John lost his cell phone this morning. It had all his contacts in it. _____!
6. I'm afraid I'm staying in this weekend. I've got the flu. _____.
7. I lost my job today. What am I going to do? I'm so worried. _____!
8. Lend me your bike. I'll give it back to you next year. _____!
9. I'm sorry, I spilled a little water on your floor. _____.
10. Can I ask you a question? _____.

Read short descriptions of the situations below and match each one to the correct social expression

1. A friend tells you they lost their phone on the bus and looks upset.
 2. A friend is stressed before a big exam, and you tell them to relax.
 3. A coworker offers you their lunch when you forgot yours.
 4. Your friend tells you they won a free trip to Hawaii, and you're surprised and excited.
 5. A friend is feeling sick, and you send them a card wishing them a quick recovery.
 6. Your classmate sneezes loudly during the lecture.
- a. Bless you!
 - b. Get well soon!
 - c. No way!
 - d. By all means.
 - e. What a pity!
 - f. Calm down.

Respond to the sentences below.

1. Your friend is flying to Europe for the summer.
2. A teammate scores the winning goal in a soccer game.
3. Your coworker caught a cold and stayed home from work.
4. Someone sneezes loudly during a meeting.
5. Your friend just lost their wallet on the subway.
6. You accidentally spill coffee on the table, but your friend says it's okay.
7. A classmate asks if they can borrow your notes for the lecture.
8. Your friend is very nervous before giving a speech.
9. Your friend won free tickets to a concert.
10. Your neighbor invites you to join their barbecue this weekend.
11. A stranger tells you they met a celebrity downtown.
12. Your coworker just got promoted to manager.
13. Your little brother fell off his bike but says he's okay.
14. You ask if you can use the printer at work before everyone else.
15. Your friend says, "Happy birthday!" to you.
16. A friend asks if they can borrow your car for the afternoon.
17. You hear someone sneeze in the library.
18. Your friend missed the bus and is worried about being late.
19. A classmate forgets to bring their homework to class.
20. You're invited to start the presentation first in your group.



Common expressions in business

1. Match the verb to the rest of the idiom.

1. go
2. bring
3. cut
4. get
5. hit
6. keep
7. start
8. think

- a. your losses
- b. outside the box
- c. off on the right foot
- d. someone on their toes
- e. back to square one
- f. something to the table
- g. the ball rolling
- h. the nail on the head

2. Now write the completed idiom next to the correct meaning.

- 1) get a process going _____
- 2) begin a relationship in a positive way _____
- 3) make sure someone is ready to do something unexpected or with very little warning

- 4) approach a problem or situation in a way that hasn't been done before

- 5) be correct about (often the cause of) a situation or problem

- 6) contribute to a conversation or situation in a useful way

- 7) have to start again from the beginning _____
- 8) stop a process that is unsuccessful before it gets worse

3. Now complete the following questions.

1. When you meet someone new, what is a good way to start _____?
2. Have you ever worked on a project and then had to cut _____ and change it a lot?
3. Does your company keep _____? Or is it easy to predict what you will be working on? Why?
4. In your team or department, what knowledge and experience do you bring _____?
5. Do you often have to think _____ in your work? Why/why not?
6. When you start a new task or a new project, how do you normally get _____?

4. Listen to two people discussing their careers. Answer the questions about each speaker. How long has Speaker 1's family been in the hospitality industry?

Speaker 1

- 1) How old was his father when he opened his first restaurant?
- 2) What had his father achieved by the time he was forty?
- 3) How did Speaker 1 learn about the business as a child?
- 4) What does his father expect him to do in the future?
- 5) Why are Speaker 1 and his father not in agreement?
- 6) What is Speaker 1's personal passion?
- 7) What business idea does Speaker 1 want to pursue instead?

Speaker 2

- 1) What was Speaker 2's job over the last few years?
- 2) Which countries did he travel to for work?
- 3) Why does he describe sales as a tough job?
- 4) What new idea did he come up with?
- 5) Why did he think selling to the military was a good idea?
- 6) What mistake did he make regarding his manager?

- 7) How did his manager react?
- 8) What happened to Speaker 2 as a result?
- 9) How does he feel about his career now?

Discuss the questions below.

- 1 - Do you think Speaker 1 feels pressure from his father? Why?
- 2 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking over a family business?
- 3 - Should children follow their parents' career paths? Why or why not?
- 4 - Was Speaker 2 wrong not to inform his manager? Why or why not?
- 5 - Do you think his manager handled the situation appropriately?
- 6 - What does this situation show about company culture and leadership style?
- 7 - What kind of job do you think would suit Speaker 2 better? Why?