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6 Minute English: Common Phrases

Paragraph 1

The BBC's "6 Minute English" podcast teaches learners practical English used in everyday situations. One episode focused on common phrases that can be tricky for non-native speakers.

Question: What does "keep your nose clean" mean?

Answer: Stay out of trouble.

Paragraph 2

Another phrase discussed was "to give someone a piece of your mind."

Question: What does "give someone a piece of your mind" mean?

Answer: To tell someone exactly what you think, often in an angry way.

Paragraph 3

The episode also covered the phrase "to be down in the dumps."

Question: What does "be down in the dumps" mean?

Answer: To be feeling sad or depressed.

Paragraph 4

The podcast pointed out that some phrases have multiple meanings, like "to have a bone to pick with someone."

Question: What does "have a bone to pick with someone" mean?

Answer: To have a complaint or disagreement with someone.

Paragraph 5

Finally, the episode discussed the phrase "to cut someone some slack."

Question: What does "cut someone some slack" mean?

Answer: To be lenient or understanding towards someone, especially regarding mistakes they have made.

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