



Expressions in Common Situations

Expressions for control:

You think your friend is spending too much time playing video games. How can you bring up the topic and make it softer?

I think your gaming habit is getting a bit out of hand.

Go easy on using your phone.

I think you've been doing a bit too much gaming and you need to draw the line somewhere.

Coffee shop expressions:

You are at a coffee shop and you need to go to the bathroom, but your computer is on the table. You see a stranger sitting nearby and they seem fairly reliable. What can you say?

Excuse me. Could you keep an eye on my computer while I go to the bathroom? I'll be back in a minute.

I was wondering if you could make sure nobody steals my computer while I use the bathroom.

Expressions for availability:

You're moving to another city and you don't need a lot of the stuff in your house, so you've decided to give it away to whoever asks for it first.

My sofa is up for grabs if anybody needs it.

I've got dibs on the sofa!

Expressions for colleagues:

Your coworker just got fired and another coworker makes an insulting comment about them, like, 'they were useless anyway'.

That was a bit uncalled for. Nobody is perfect.

Hey now. Is that really necessary?

Stick up for...

Money expressions:

You're relying on your parents for money and can't find a decent job to support yourself.

I'm totally broke.

I've sort of hit rock bottom...

It was really difficult to make ends meet on my own, so I moved back in with my parents.

Expressions for choice:

You're a bit apathetic toward where you're going to go out to eat and you want your friend to choose.

It's your call...

Up to you...

Whatever is fine...

Expressions for a party:

Your friend arrives at a party two hours late...

You made it!

What took you so long?

Where were you?

Expressions for searching:

Two people are in the car. One is the driver, the other is the passenger in the front seat. They are looking for a certain restaurant, but neither are sure where it is. The driver needs to focus on driving, so he tells the other person to carefully watch for the place they want to go.

Keep an eye out for...

Keep your eyes peeled for...

Assignment:

Try to make two sentences for each expression covered in this lesson, then try to use them whenever you find yourself in these situations or similar ones.