

14 Colloquial expressions 1

Replace the words in brackets in the following sentences with a suitable colloquial expression from the list below.

dead beat	flogging a dead horse	make ends meet
was a bit out of sorts	at loggerheads	got into hot water
gave me the cold shoulder	get a move on	it sticks out a mile
cats and dogs	black and blue all over	hit the roof
hard up	few and far between	stuck up

- I'm not going to play football again. I was (covered with bruises) after the match last Saturday.
- I wish I hadn't taken that day off without asking for permission. I really when Mr Bradshaw found out. (got into trouble)
- I always seem to be these days. I can't even afford to go to the pub at weekends. (short of money)
- Charles and his wife are always I really don't know why they got married in the first place. (quarrelling)
- I do wish our teacher wouldn't keep telling Jane how good she is. She's getting far too for words! (conceited)
- After running 20 kilometres yesterday afternoon I was absolutely (exhausted)
- What's wrong with Sue? I said hello to her but she (completely ignored me)

- What with rising prices and everything, I'm surprised that anyone can nowadays. (manage financially)
- My son today, so I decided to keep him home from school. (wasn't feeling very well)
- You're trying to persuade Charles to come with us. You know he won't go anywhere without his wife. (wasting your time)
- Jill's father when she told him that she had lost his car keys. (became very angry)
- My visits to my parents nowadays are, unfortunately, very (infrequent)
- Look, if we don't , we're going to miss the last bus! (hurry)
- Could you lend me an umbrella, Sally? It's raining (heavily) at the moment.
- Of course Peter's in love with Joanna.! (It's so obvious)