

32 Colloquial expressions 2

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

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| ✓ on the house | like a bear with a sore head | call it a day |
| ✓ given a good hiding | ✓ given the sack | ✓ put your foot in it |
| ✓ I haven't a clue | ✓ keep it quiet | ✓ talking shop |
| ✓ for donkey's years | ✓ pulls my goat | ✓ out of the blue |
| ✓ pull your socks up | ✓ rings a bell | ✓ I can't make head or tail of it |

- I don't mind helping Charles with his English, but what (annoys me)
- The news that the Prime Minister was going to resign came quite (unexpectedly)
- Well, I think we'd better now. We've done as much as we can for one day. (stop working)
- What's wrong with Mr Barker this morning? He's (so irritable)
- I don't think I've met her, but her name (sounds familiar)
- Have you seen Mary? I've been looking for her all morning. Sorry, John., I'm afraid. (I don't know)
- Right everybody, place your orders. The drinks are (free)
- I hate going to parties with groups of teachers. They seem to spend most of the evening (talking about their work)

9 By the way, you've heard about Tom, haven't you? He's been (dismissed)

10 I wonder what Julia's doing these days? I haven't seen her (for a long time)

11 The child was (beaten) by his father for telling lies.

12 What's this supposed to mean? (I can't understand a word of it)

13 Incidentally, Rita and Jim have decided to get married. But (don't tell anyone) — it's supposed to be a secret.

14 You really (blundered) when you asked Pam how her cat was. Didn't you know it got run over last week?

15 You're going to have to (work much harder) if you want to pass the exam.