

IDIOMS & EXPRESSIONS WITH “RUN”

B2 | Adults | Idioms + Discussion | 45-60 minutes

Topic: Everyday English | Skills: Vocabulary, Speaking | Language focus: Expressions with *run*

Study the expressions and examples. Then discuss the questions and try to use the new language.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

1. run out of	use all of something so that none is left	We ran out of milk, so I went to the shop.
2. run into someone	meet someone unexpectedly	I ran into an old friend at the station.
3. run into trouble	begin to experience problems	The project ran into trouble when costs increased.
4. run late	be later than planned	The meeting is running late, so I'll be home after eight.
5. run smoothly	happen or operate without problems	Everything ran smoothly on the day of the event.
6. run the risk of	be in a situation where something bad may happen	If you don't back up your files, you run the risk of losing them.
7. run its course	continue naturally until something finishes	The illness was mild and simply had to run its course.
8. run out of time	have no time left to finish something	We ran out of time before we could discuss the final question.

DISCUSSION

1. What things do you often run out of at home? What do you do when this happens?
2. When was the last time you ran into someone unexpectedly? Where were you?
3. Have you ever made a plan or started a project that ran into trouble? What happened?
4. Are you usually on time, or do you sometimes run late? What tends to make you late?
5. What helps a trip, event, or work project run smoothly?
6. What everyday habits can make people run the risk of wasting money or time?
7. When do you most often run out of time? How could you manage your time better?