

《与时间有关的英语俚语（一）》

1. AROUND THE CLOCK

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If something is open around the clock, it means it is open 24 hours a day.

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The hotel's service is great, there is always someone available to help you around the clock.

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2. BEHIND THE TIMES

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Used to describe someone who is old-fashioned and has ideas that are regarded as out-dated.

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It's a shame his parents don't understand it from his point of view, they're really behind the times.

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3. AHEAD OF TIME

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If something happens ahead of time, it happens early, before the set time, or with time to spare.

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If you make the cakes ahead of time, then you'll be able to focus on the decorations more.

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4. CALL IT A DAY / NIGHT

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To stop doing something for a while, normally at least until the following day. This can also be used as slang to say something has been ended completely.

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Right guys, you've worked really hard. I think it's time to call it a night, I'll see you all again tomorrow.

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Neither of us was happy in the relationship, so we decided to call it a day.

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5. A MonTH OF SUNDAYS

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This is a very long period of time.

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It's been a month of Sundays since I last went to the theatre!

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6. DWELL ON THE PAST

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When someone thinks too much about the past.

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I wish you'd stop dwelling on the past, she's never going to come back. You need to move on with your life!

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7. AGAINST THE CLOCK

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Doing something against the clock means you are rushed and have very little time to do it.

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I worked day and night against the clock to get this done on time, and you're being so ungrateful!

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8. CALL TIME

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When you call time on something, you decide it is time to end it.

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I think we should call time on this project. It is draining our resources, exhausting our manpower, and isn't making any progress.

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9. AFTER THE WATERSHED

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In some countries, the watershed is the time limit after which, more TV programmes can be shown that include adult humor, bad language, or controversial subjects.

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Why are the children still up watching TV? They should be in bed now, it's after the watershed!

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10. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

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This suggests that it is better to do something late than not do it at all.

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I've finally managed to build my dream house. I know I'm nearly at retirement age, but it's better late than never!

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11. DAYS ARE NUMBERED

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When someone's days are numbered, they are expected to die soon.

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The doctors say his days are numbered. They don't have much hope of him surviving this illness.

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12. DO TIME / SERVE TIME

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Used to describe someone's sentence in prison.

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He is doing time for a crime he did not commit!

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13. DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO WIND A WATCH OR BARK AT THE MOON

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Used when someone just doesn't know what to do

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He has asked me to marry him and is still waiting for an answer, but I don't know whether to wind a watch or bark at the moon!

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14. ELEVENTH HOUR

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When something happens at the very last minute.

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Everyone thought he was going to lose when he had to stop to get a tyre changed, but at the eleventh hour, he came first and won the race!

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15. CRUNCH TIME

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When someone has to make an important decision that will affect not just their future, but those of others around them too.

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As the Executive Director stepped out onto the podium, his clothes felt damp, and sweat beads were forming on his forehead. He knew it was crunch time.

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