

## 《与时间有关的英语俚语（六）》

### 72. CLOCK IN / CLOCK OUT

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This is when you record the time you arrive or leave your job to show the number of hours that you have worked.

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I clocked in a little late today, I hope I don't get into trouble for it!

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### 73. TURN BACK THE HANDS OF TIME

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This means to go back to the past, usually used in moments of reminiscence or regret.

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If I could turn back the hands of time, I would promise to be a better person and treat you right.

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### 74. A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT

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When something comes or happens a little too late and is no longer good enough to accept.

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They offered me a contract after I'd already accepted another job offer – a day late and a dollar short!

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### 75. DONKEY'S YEARS

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To define something that happens over a very long period of time.

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I haven't seen you for donkey's years! Where have you been living all this time?

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76. IN ONE'S OWN TIME

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To do something in your own time and take as long as you want to.

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Fine, I will help you. But I'll do it in my own time, don't rush me!

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77. IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

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When something happens by luck or someone is given an unexpected chance completely by surprise.

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I can't believe he gave this major contract to me. I must've just been in the right place at the right time!

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78. IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME

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When something unlucky happens, that would not have normally happened.

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He killed an innocent man who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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79. IN DUE COURSE

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This means everything will happen as it is supposed to, at the appropriate time.

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We will find out the results of your test in due course, you'll just have to be patient.

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80. IN THE INTERIM

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Something that takes place during a period of time between two events.

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I won't be able to move into my new apartment until next month, so could I stay at your house in the interim please?

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81. ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

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This refers to something that happens very rarely.

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My grandparents live in Canada. I only get to see them once in a blue moon, because it's very expensive to fly there.

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82. AROUND THE CORNER

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Used to describe something that will happen very soon.

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Christmas is just around the corner and I haven't even bought any gifts for my family yet!

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83. NOT/NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS

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This means 'absolutely never' or 'at no time in my life'.

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Never in a million years will I understand why she decided to marry him.

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#### 84. THE TIME OF ONE'S LIFE

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Used when someone enjoys themselves very much.

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The kids had the time of their lives at Disneyland!

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#### 85. ONCE UPON A TIME

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Used to describe something that happened in the past, a long time ago. It is usually used to describe something that you wish still happened now. It is also used to begin children's stories.

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once upon a time, there lived a young girl called Cinderella.

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