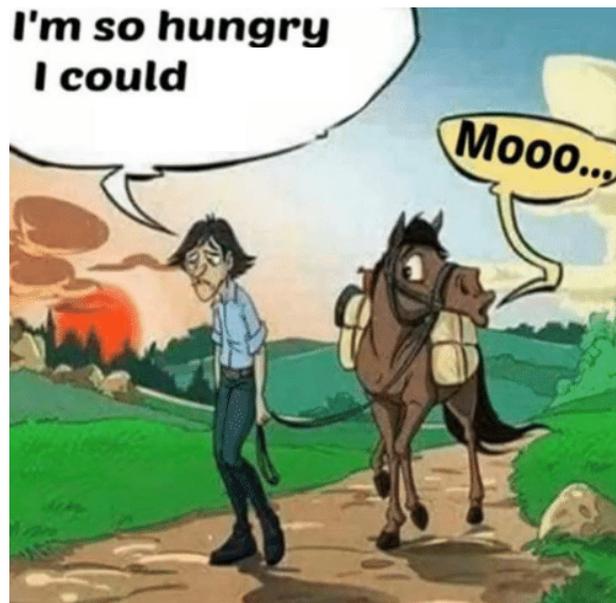




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## Units 12–13

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"I've got it, too, Omar ... a strange feeling  
like we've just been going"

*The Far Side*

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Match these pairs

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|--|------------------------------|
| 1. I need a break. I'll have a ...                       | A. backs to the wall         |
| 2. This thing will just collect dust.<br>It's a ....     | B. hit the road              |
| 3. The break-up left a ...                               | C. bad taste in his<br>mouth |
| 4. We're in a bad financial<br>position. We have our ... | D. catnap                    |
| 5. We need to go. Yeah, let's ...                        | E. white elephant            |

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Match these pairs

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. I need a break. I'll have a <b>D</b>                       | A. backs to the wall         |
| 2. This thing will just collect dust.<br>It's a <b>E</b>      | B. hit the road              |
| 3. The break-up left a <b>C</b>                               | C. bad taste in his<br>mouth |
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This used to be a good place but it has gone

1. to the dogs
2. dodo
3. through the back door

We're short of cash so we do everything

1. in black and white
2. on a shoestring
3. in a black spot

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Fill in the missing word and translate the sentence.

1 They tried to talk to him about his new project but it did not g... .. well.

2 He tried to steal but he was caught r...-....

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1 They tried to talk to him about his new project but it did not **go down** well.

Ils ont essayé de lui parler de son nouveau projet, mais ça s'est mal passé.

2 He tried to steal but he was caught **red-handed**.

Il a essayé de voler, mais il a été pris la main dans le sac.

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## Exercise taking a backseat? Squeeze in this easy 20-minute workout

TODAY Stephanie Mansour. TODAY · July 29, 2020



Losing weight is great, but what about feeling more defined and having strong muscles? Getting toned and strong is **one of the main goals** for many of my private weight loss clients.

Focusing on toning and strengthening muscles is a **great fitness goal** because there are so many muscle groups that you can target.

This five-day workout routine will focus on the upper body, arms and core so you can get in an **efficient workout with fast results**. It will have you **feeling accomplished in no time!**

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The Pulse of Fitn

Mandui America Expands With New Local  
in Six Markets  
Business Wire

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Eagles  
Life in the Fast Lane

And it was life in the fast lane  
surely make you lose your mind

life in the fast lane

life in the fast lane everything all  
the time

life in the fast lane

(See on [YouTube](#))

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## Cassius Clay Defeats Sonny Liston: 'Eat Your Words'

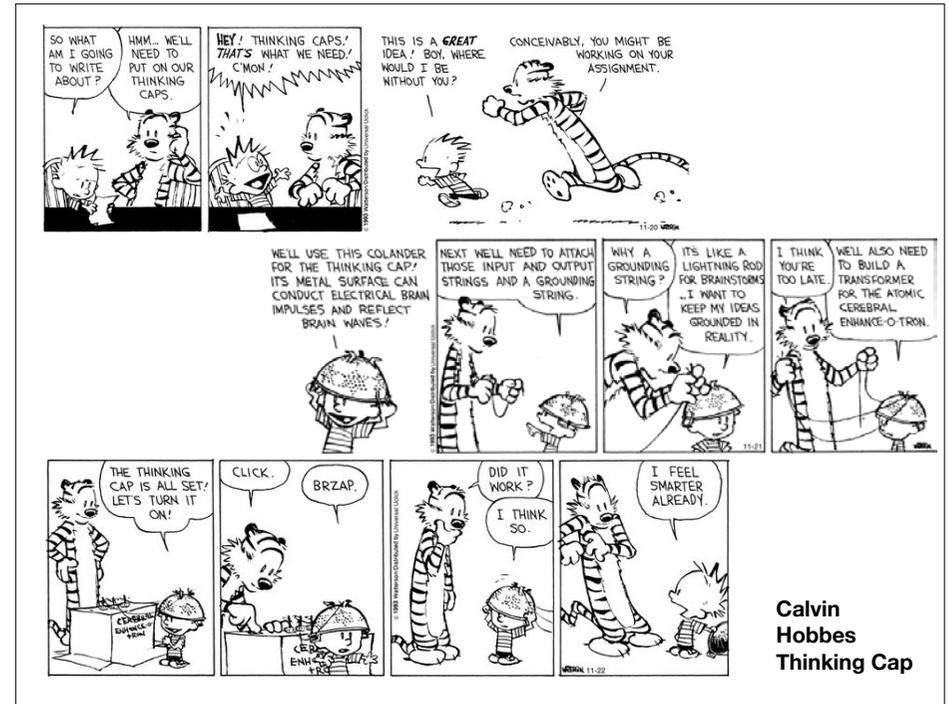


Cassius Clay, left, and Sonny Liston in the sixth round of their Miami Beach fight in February 1964. Associated Press

"Immediately after he had been announced as the new heavyweight champion of the world, Clay yelled to the newsmen covering the fight: **"Eat your words."** Only three of 46 sportswriters covering the fight had picked him to win."

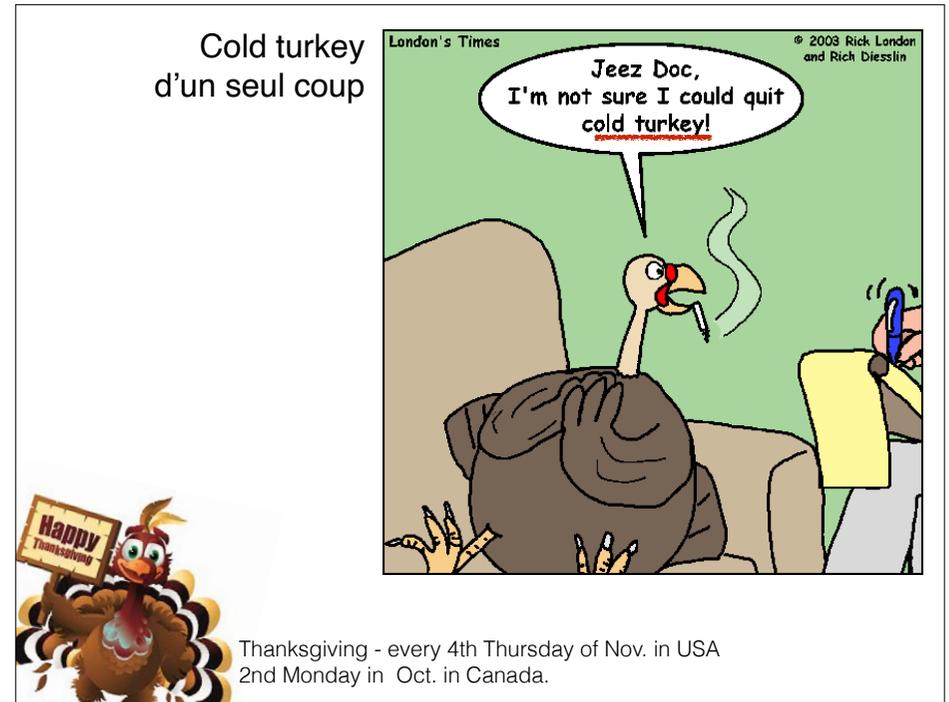
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Calvin  
Hobbes  
Thinking Cap

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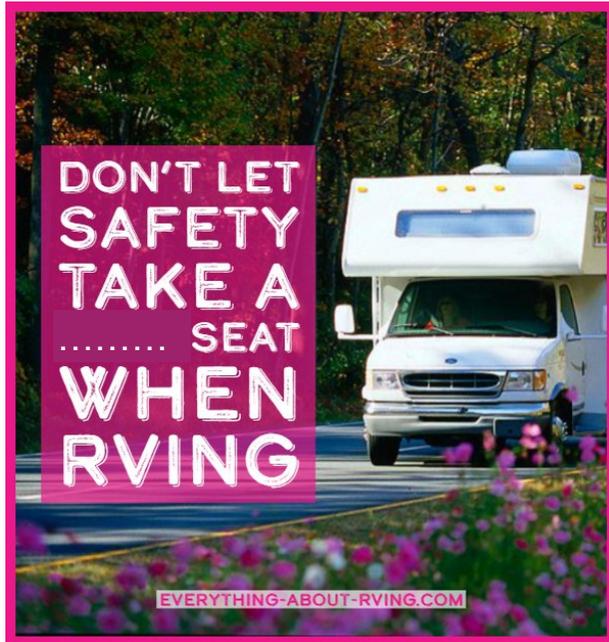
Thanksgiving - every 4th Thursday of Nov. in USA  
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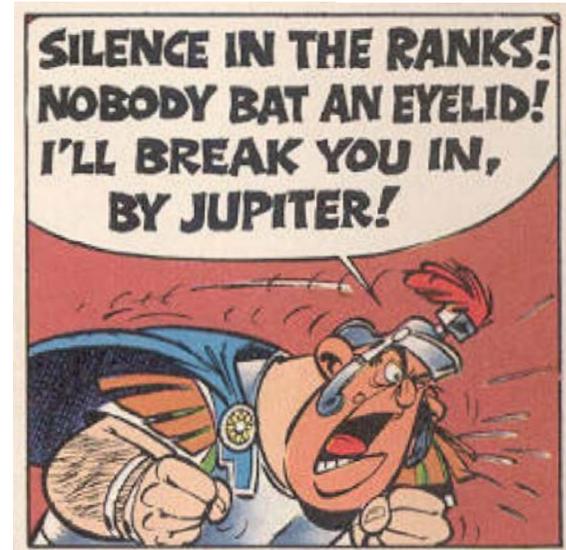
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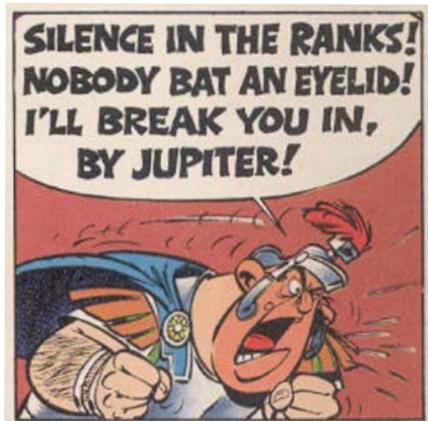


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*Asterix The Legionary*

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*Asterix The Legionary*



*Astérix Le légionnaire*

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To have two things that are normally contradictory

1. To have one's cake and eat it
2. To have a second bite at the cherry
3. To have it all over one's face

You never know what she really means. You can't take what she says

1. to her face
2. at face value
3. with your eyes closed

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**Animals**

- To smell a .....
- As the ... flies
- As dead as a...
- To fight like ... and ...
- Curiosity killed the ...
- To have ..... pants

Fill in with animal idioms. What do the idioms mean?

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**Animals**

- To smell a rat
- As the crow flies
- As dead as a dodo
- To fight like cats and dogs
- Curiosity killed the cat
- To have ants in one's pants

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### Plans for the First E-cigarette Went Up in Smoke 50 Years Ago

Herbert A. Gilbert invented his "Smokeless" in 1963, but he couldn't convince any companies to bring the device to market

Herbert A. Gilbert  
INVENTOR

Smithsonian Magazine Dec. 2018

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Which kind of workers work in offices and which ones do physical work?

What colour is your bank balance when you have spent more money than there was in it?

What colour light do you see when someone gives you permission to do something?

*English Idioms in Use, Int.*

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Which kind of workers work in offices and which ones do physical work? **(White - blue)**

What colour is your bank balance when you have spent more money than there was in it? **(Red)**

What colour light do you see when someone gives you permission to do something? **(Green)**

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Match these pairs and translate

- |                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. We are on the same page            | A. to have an eye for            |
| 2. I am good at spotting these things | B. down the road                 |
| 3. With these kids you need           | C. eyes in the back of your head |
| 4. We'll see what happens             | D. swallow one's pride           |
| 5. To ignore one's ego                | E. to see eye to eye             |

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| 3. With these kids you need <b>C</b>           | C. eyes in the back of your head |
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My new house has a big garden, but I'm no good with plants, so I'll probably never do any gardening.

He's always introducing unimportant points into the discussion which distract everybody from the main argument

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Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence with an idiom.

I want to see a contract in written form, not just an informal agreement. (**in black and white**)

My new house has a big garden, but I'm no good with plants, so I'll probably never do any gardening. (**I don't have green fingers**)

He's always introducing unimportant points into the discussion which distract everybody from the main argument. (**red herrings into the discussion**)

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### Try translating this

“Business is already **facing** a mass of **red tape** on January 1 by virtue of Mr Johnson’s decision to leave the single market...”

(FT 21-22 Nov 2020, 6)

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I'm keeping my ..... for you! (James Corden)

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