

TALKING ABOUT ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOUR

Level 3(B2-C1)

Talking about attitudes & behaviour
Focusing on idioms & phrasal verbs

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Introduction

- Are there things you do that make you happy?
- Are there things you do that make you angry?



Vocabulary

Make a list of positive and negative feelings

For example:

- **Anger**
- **Happiness**
- **sadness**

Vocabulary input

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Vocabulary

<p>To badger someone</p> <p>Steven badgered his parents into buying him a new car.</p>	<p>You persistently nag or pester someone until you obtain what you want.</p>
<p>A balancing act</p> <p>Right now I have to perform a balancing act between work and family.</p>	<p>When you try to satisfy two or more people or groups who have different needs, and keep everyone happy.</p>
<p>To bite the hand that feeds you</p> <p>When you say bad things about your loving partner, you bite the hand that feeds you.</p>	<p>You are unfriendly or do harm to someone who is kind to you.</p>
<p>To burn your bridges</p> <p>Be careful not to burn your bridges by refusing them. They may have a better offer later.</p>	<p>You do something that will be impossible to rectify in the future.</p>
<p>To bury one's head in the sand</p> <p>It's no good burying your head in the sand. You have to take the bull by the horns.</p>	<p>You refuse to face the unpleasant reality by pretending that the situation doesn't exist.</p>

Vocabulary

<p>To take the bull by the horns</p> <p>I took the bull by the horns and confronted my manager about his unfair treatment.</p>	<p>To deal with a difficult situation in a very direct way.</p>
<p>To bury the hatchet</p> <p>After the long conflict they finally decided to bury the hatchet.</p>	<p>When people who have had a disagreement decide to forget their quarrel and become friends again.</p>
<p>To cramp someone's style</p> <p>I can't do this with everyone watching me - it cramps my style!</p>	<p>You do something to prevent them from behaving freely, or performing to the best of their ability.</p>
<p>To dive in headfirst</p> <p>I accepted the job without understanding how much time it would take. I shouldn't have dived in headfirst!</p>	<p>If you begin something enthusiastically, without thinking about the possible consequences.</p>



Speaking

1. Have you ever **badgered** someone?
2. Do you sometimes feel you are **performing a balancing act**?
3. Do you ever **bite the hand that feeds you**?
4. Have you ever **burned any bridges**?
5. Do you often **bury your head in the sand**?
6. When was the last time you **took the bull by its horns**?
7. Have you ever **buried the hatchet**?
8. What **cramps your style**?
9. Have you ever **cramped someone's style**?
10. Do you ever **dive in head first**?



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Vocabulary

<p>To work out</p> <p>Jack and Susan worked out their problems.</p>	<p>To resolve, to fix</p>
<p>To talk someone out of something</p> <p>I talked her out of making that stupid decision.</p>	<p>To persuade somebody not to do something</p>
<p>To talk someone into something</p> <p>Somehow, my boss talked me into working overtime.</p>	<p>To persuade somebody to do something</p>
<p>To stand up to someone</p> <p>Stand up to your boss and just say no to her.</p>	<p>To resist</p>
<p>To stand for something</p> <p>This company really stands for loyalty.</p>	<p>To represent</p>

Vocabulary

To lash out at someone

I was under a lot of stress when I **lashed out at** her.

When someone suddenly and unexpectedly speaks in an angry way

To come across

She really **came across as** calm and relaxed.

To behave in a way that makes others believe you have a particular personality.

To hold back

She **held back** and stayed calm.

To decide not to do something as well as not to show your feelings, often because of fear.

To wind someone up

When I hear him speak, it always **winds me up**.

To make someone irritated, annoyed or angry.



Speaking

1. Have you ever had **to work something out**?
2. Have you ever successfully **talked someone out of** something?
3. Have you ever **talked someone into** doing something?
4. Have you ever **stood up for** something?
5. What do you **stand for**?
6. Have you ever **lashed out at** someone?
7. Do you ever **come across as** calm?
8. Have you ever had **to hold back**?
9. What **winds you up**?



Error correction



Speaking practice

1. What is good behavior? What is bad behavior?
2. Were you well-behaved as a child?
3. Were you a well-behaved child?
4. How do you raise well-behaved children?
5. What influences you to make good choices?
6. Have you ever not tolerated someone's behavior?
7. What are some examples of bad behavior?
8. What is the worst behavior you have seen?
9. Would you teach your child to "hit back" at school if somebody hit him?
10. Do friends influence you?



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Vocabulary consolidation

Tell your partner which vocabulary you remember

