

Conversation

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WARM-UPS

1. Have you ever lost something very important? When? What was it?
2. Did you find it? How did you feel about finding it? Or not finding it?
3. Was there ever a time your parents asked you to find something that they lost? And they never stopped asking you to find it?
4. Describe the feeling of someone telling you something over and over again. Try to find the best word for that feeling.
5. What about in school or work, have you experienced that with your teacher or boss? How did you handle it?

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A: Say, Ms. Park, what do you say if we set all these work aside for the moment and slip out for a bite to eat?

B: You read my mind. I feel half-starved myself. The only problem is we have to pull this together by the end of the day, you know.

A: Don't worry, how can I forget? The boss has been hounding me for days on it. She told me to have it on her desk by five today or to start looking for an alternative employment.

B: Wow! She really tore into you. Are you sure you can spare a time for a lunch out?

A: No problem. We'll finish the project by closing time.

B: Of course. We could kill two birds in one stone if we order in, plus I know a good Chinese place that delivers. What do you say to that?

A: Actually, that's a marvelous idea! That way, we should be able to eat and finish up the project with time to spare.

B: Alright, then, what do you want?

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Business Idioms	Meaning
Set some work aside	to stop doing a work
Slip out for a bite to eat	go out to a restaurant and eat
You read my mind	that's exactly what I'm thinking
Half-starved	very, very hungry
Pull something together	to complete or finish something
Has been hounding me	someone is always asking me about something
To look for an alternative employment	to look for another job
To tear into you	to hear some angry words or really bad things
To spare some time	to have extra time
To kill two birds with one stone	to do two things at one time
To order in	to ask for restaurant delivery