

English idioms related to technology

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Анотація: тези містять пояснення терміну ідіома, а також їх приклади в технологіях.

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Annotation: theses contain explanations of the term idiom, as well as their examples in technology.

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Introduction:

In the era of globalization and the development of international cooperation, in the era of new means of communication, such as e-mail, smartphones, mobile phones, knowledge features of business communications, business lexicon are extremely important and necessary for all who are in one way or another related to the international economy, namely -experts, managers, marketers, economists, lawyers, translators, directors of international companies. One of the problems faced by experts for whose English is a foreign language is to avoid being either too formal or too informal and avoiding inappropriate language forms (for example, using the street language during an important business meeting).

Result of work:

An idiom is a stable expression peculiar only to this language, which, regardless of the meaning of the words in it conveys the only thing the concept is mostly not translated literally into other languages [1]. This is a statement understood only by the media language, or those who are familiar with it. The ubiquitous greeting “How are you doing today?” is an example of an idiom. Normally, how means “in what manner” or “to what degree.” Taken literally, the question doesn’t make a lot of sense. But fluent English speakers understand the idiomatic meaning; “How are you doing today?” usually just means “hello.”

English prepositional idioms are numerous and often arbitrary. They are enormously challenging for English language learners, and for that matter, they give native English speakers plenty of trouble, too. In standard English, you can comply with a rule or conform to a rule, but you can’t comply to a rule. There’s no obvious reason why these particular words require these particular prepositions. The best way to learn which prepositions are construed with which words is by osmosis. In other words, read—a lot—and eventually you will internalize the most common prepositional idioms.

Words that tend to be used together by native speakers are called collocations. In English, it’s common to describe a backup of cars on the highway as “heavy traffic.” It’s not common to describe it as “crowded traffic.” Although the phrases could reasonably be interpreted the same way, the collocation “heavy traffic” simply “sounds right” to English speakers.

There are many idioms related to technology. Here are some interesting English idioms that are connected with technology.

1) *To Pull The Plug*

Meaning: to stop something in its tracks, to stop it immediately

Examples:

The government has pulled the plug on any future people being able to take advantage of this particular tax loophole by changing the legislation.

The business was not doing very well in the last 3 months, and the owners decided to pull the plug.

2) *Nuts And Bolts (Of Something)*

Meaning: the finest practical details of something rather than theories or ideas about it

Example:

Adam has worked in this business for 20 years; he knows the nuts and bolts.

3) *To Be On The Same Wavelength*

It is the opposite of 'to get your wires crossed'

Meaning: to have the same thoughts, the same intentions; to understand exactly the same thing, to be in agreement with somebody

Example:

After the first few brief conversations, we already knew that we were on the same wavelength.

4) *Grease the Wheels*

Meaning: Do something to make an operation run smoothly

Example: As it says in an old country song, love may make the world go round, but money greases the wheels.

5) *Hold the Phone*

Meaning: Wait a moment (whether you're on the phone or not)

Example: My daughter was talking about all the trips she wanted to take, and I was like, hold the phone. Where are we going to get the money for this?

Conclusion:

According to a study of the use of idioms in the following conclusions can be drawn in modern English business discourse:

- English idioms have become widely used in the colloquial style of business English;
- the study of idioms by students contributes to the development of their communicative competence.

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