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Episode 9 - Over my dead body!



Hello! Listen to the dialogue before we deal with new expressions:

Dialogue:

- Sally, get into the car, we will be late.
- Could we wait a bit? Rose said she would come over. I haven't seen her for ages. I miss her.
- Is she your old friend who is a chain smoker and never admits she stole my wallet last year? No, we're not going to see her. Over my dead body.
- I see what you mean. Yes, she has some issues and suffers from tobacco addiction, but she doesn't do it on purpose! And last month she managed to find a good job. And you should hold grudge against her. She means well!
- I am running out of patience. Go ahead and stay but I am leaving. But you have to keep an eye on her. She might steal your wallet too!

So, not it's time to check out interesting words:

get into a car-out of - you get into or in a car but you get on a bus, for example: *No time to explain, get in a car! Yesterday I got into my car and saw a spider on the window. Usually when I get on a bus, I take a back seat.*

The opposite of "get into a car" is "get out of a car": *Listen, get out of the car and find a taxi, I am not going to help you.*

The opposite of "get on a bus" is "get off the bus": *I have to get off the bus at the next bus stop.*Or just I have to get off at the next bus stop.

I haven't seen you for ages is an expression which means "I haven't seen you for a very long time."

For example: Mark is coming back from India. I haven't seen him for ages. I am going to visit my parents next year. I haven't seen them for ages.

miss somebody - you say that you miss somebody when you want to see somebody very much: *John, I haven't see you for ages! And I miss you, when will you come back? I miss my sister, she lives far away.* You can also miss something: *I miss long summer nights in Barcelona.*

chain smoker is a person who smokes a lot and very often. The synonym is a heavy smoker: *I* was a chain smoker for five years but then made up my mind to give it up.

admit - when you admit something you agree that something is true and usually it's something bad: *He admitted that he was wrong. The criminal admitted that he had stolen the car.*

deny - deny is the opposite, you say something isn't true: *Don't say it was you! Deny everything! I can't deny that the dinner was pleasant.*

Over my dead body - is a phrase you use when don't want something to happen: Dad, I will join the circus no matter what you say! - Over my dead body. The joking reply to this is "That can be arranged." For example: *You know what? I am going to quit my job and we will move to India forever! - No, Bob, only over my dead body! - That can easily be arranged.*

I see what you mean - I understand what you're saying: We shouldn't go to this concert. It's not going to be interesting. - I see what you mean, but it's my favorite band.

suffer from - to have an unpleasant / bad experience of something, you usually use this phrase with illnesses: *She suffers from cancer but she fights against it.*

on purpose - when you do something on purpose you really aim for it to happen, you want it to be what it is: He hit the man on purpose, that is he had intended to do so. For example: *I didn't do it on purpose, sorry! It just happened so!* Or another way of expressing it: *It happened by accident. By accident is the opposite of on purpose. He hit him by accident. She spilled coffee on the woman by accident.*

manage to do something - to be able to do something, even when it is difficult: *He managed to her rid of his alcohol addiction. Everyone said that he would not become a musician. But he managed to get famous and now gives regular concerts!*

hold grudge against somebody - when somebody did something bad for you (or you think so), you keep remembering it, don't let go, you feel constantly angry with this person. This is called holding a grudge against somebody. I broke his car last year. And he still holds a grudge against me. People always forget the good and remember the bad holding a grudge against other people.

mean well - to have good intentions. For example: *people who criticize you usually mean well.* When I told you: don't go to New York, I really meant well: it's a crazy place to live in!

to run out of (bread) - When you say that you have run out of bread, for example, it means that you don't have any bread any more. You can run out of petrol, run out of sugar. But you can also run out of "patience" like here in this dialogue. I am running out of patience with this child. It's really difficult to look after it.

go ahead - can be translated (depending on the situation):

take it, help yourself - These are some nice cupcakes. Can I take one? - Go ahead. Take as many as you like.

do it - I'm going to call Bill Gates and ask for a job. - Go ahead, do it. And good luck! Can I please ask you something? - Yes, go ahead. I want to tell you something. - Ok, go ahead, I am listening.

keep an eye on something - to watch or look after. When you keep an eye on somebody, you watch him or her carefully and with great attention. For example: *My child is very difficult. I must always keep an eye on him, so that he doesn't get in trouble. Prisoners sometimes can work in real restaurants, but managers keep an eye on them.*

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