



How Can Teachers Explain British English Idioms in Context?

S06E02 | For teachers to adapt to their learners

Teaching focus

Em first explains Bob's your uncle with other expressions, then offers a short example of a process ending successfully. In S06E02, that move shows why a concrete situation can be clearer than replacing one unfamiliar idiom with another.

Our suggested routine

1. Choose a small set of idioms and give each a clear fictional situation.
2. Ask learners to explain the intended meaning in plain English.
3. Match expressions to new situations and explain which details support the choices.
4. Compare tone and plain-English alternatives for the audience and context.
5. Use or recognise an expression in a short exchange, record a useful example and revisit it later.

After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

Notes for our next lesson

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