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OCEANS AND SEA LIFE

ENGLISH IDIOM – ARE YOU CRABBY?

- Watch the **YouTube** video (2:49) and fill in the missing words.



Easy English Conversation presents . . . a short video about crabs and crabby people! We all know that sleep is very important to good (1)_____. But what if you don't get enough sleep? Well, for many people, that's where a good, strong cup of coffee comes in. But what if you're still (2)_____ after a cup of coffee? Well, when that happens, look out! You (3)_____ become crabby! What does it mean when you become crabby? It means that you become (4)_____ and annoyed at small problems. Problems that don't usually (5)_____ most people. For example, if you're a few minutes late for work, and your boss is crabby . . . well, you (6)_____ want to be around people when they're crabby! Where does this idiom come from? It comes, of course, from crabs. I mean, when (7)_____ the last time that you (8)_____ a happy, friendly crab? Sure, you might see a (9)_____, friendly crab on TV, but in real life? Never. When you meet a real crab, it's likely to run away from you . . . or try to pinch you with its claws! Some people are crabby for a short time, like when they first wake up in the morning. Other people, (10)_____, seem to be crabby all the time.

FUN FACT: The world's biggest crab is (A) 1.5 / (B) 5.5 / (C) 55 meters across from claw to claw!

Aim Listening and Reading practice / Learning an Idiom

Level Intermediate

Video 2 minutes 49 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYyoEKmDLhE>

ANSWER KEY

(1) health, (2) tired, (3) might, (4) angry, (5) bother, (6) don't,
(7) was, (8) saw, (9) happy, (10) however

FUN FACT: The world's biggest crab is (B) 5.5 meters across

ACTIVITY NOTES

1.

As a fun way to get things started, begin your ***Oceans and Sea Life*** lesson by quickly sketching a picture of a crab on the board and asking your learners if they feel crabby. If no one raises their hands, you can say that, at least sometimes, you feel crabby. Tell them that they will watch a video that explains the meaning.

2.

Distribute the attached YouTube Idiom Worksheet and play the video. Be sure to stop the video when you see the words “Fun Fact! ” (2:07)

3.

Consider playing the video a second time as your learners fill in the missing words. Note that *Closed Captioning* is available, so you may want to turn this function on, the second time, to help your students. Again, as above, stop the video when you words, “Fun Fact!”

4.

Have your learners take a guess at the size of the world's biggest crab. Continue the video to find out the answer (5.5 meters).

5.

Continue the lesson by discussing what makes you and your students crabby. You may want to assign writing homework directly related to this idiom; you can find this at: <https://www.allthingstoppers.com/idiom-quiz-crabby.html>