

14 Colloquial expressions 1

Replace the words in brackets in the following sentences with a suitable colloquial expression from the list below.

dead beat	flogging a dead horse	make ends meet
was a bit out of sorts	at loggerheads	got into hot water
gave me the cold shoulder	get a move on	it sticks out a mile
cats and dogs	black and blue all over	hit the roof
hard up	few and far between	stuck up

- I'm not going to play football again. I was
(covered with bruises)
..... after the match last Saturday.
- I wish I hadn't taken that day off without asking for permission. I really
..... when Mr Bradshaw found out.
(got into trouble)
- I always seem to be these days. I can't
(short of money)
even afford to go to the pub at weekends.
- Charles and his wife are always I really
(quarrelling)
don't know why they got married in the first place.
- I do wish our teacher wouldn't keep telling Jane how good she is. She's getting far
too for words!
(conceited)
- After running 20 kilometres yesterday afternoon I was absolutely
(exhausted)
.....
- What's wrong with Sue? I said hello to her but she
(completely ignored me)
.....

- What with rising prices and everything, I'm surprised that anyone can
..... nowadays.
(manage financially)
- My son today,
(wasn't feeling very well)
so I decided to keep him home from school.
- You're trying to
(wasting your time)
persuade Charles to come with us. You know he won't go anywhere without his
wife.
- Jill's father when she told him that she
(became very angry)
had lost his car keys.
- My visits to my parents nowadays are, unfortunately, very
(infrequent)
.....
- Look, if we don't , we're going to miss the
(hurry)
last bus!
- Could you lend me an umbrella, Sally? It's raining
(heavily)
at the moment.
- Of course Peter's in love with Joanna.
(It's so obvious)