

Topic: Vocabulary Relationships (Idioms)

1. **To get on like a house on fire:** To meet somebody at first, and become friends quickly.
2. **To get on one's nerves:** To irritate or exasperate somebody.
3. **To put a great strain on:** To burden or overload something or somebody.
4. **To put somebody down:** To hurt somebody's feelings.
5. **To have it in for someone:** To intend to harm somebody, especially because of a grudge.
6. **A rocky relationship:** A relationship which often goes up (in terms of mood, trust, affection, communication) but also often goes down.
7. **To turn sour:** To become unbearable or unpleasant, stop working properly.
8. **To turn one's back on somebody else:** To stop being involved with somebody.
9. **To take to:** To become fond or attached to.
10. **An instant dislike to somebody:** A strong feeling of dislike against somebody who somebody else has just met.
11. **To look up to somebody:** To admire.
12. **To look down on somebody:** To show contempt for somebody.
13. **To keep oneself to oneself:** To remain remote or distant from someone or something.
14. **To keep in touch with:** To maintain communication with somebody.

Examples

1. Mary seems to **get on like a house on fire** very quickly whenever she meets new people.
2. I've never meant to **get on my teacher's nerves** by asking questions very often, but unfortunately I did.
3. Robert, my girlfriend's ex-boyfriend, is calling her up every day. That has **put a great strain on our relationship**.
4. Hadn't you made fun at Rachel, you wouldn't have **put her down**.
5. Since Patrick dared to question the teacher's methodology, she seems to **have it in for him**.
6. There is many people trying to avoid **rocky relationships**, but it seems that there is more trying to not to do so.
7. Peter and Stella's relationship soon **turned sour** after she discovered he had already had another family before.
8. **Turning your back on** a friend in trouble is the worst of the betraying acts.
9. "Two keen minds that they are, they **took to** each other" (Jack Kerouac)
10. Despite Martha did her best to get close to Ben, he **took an instant dislike to** her.
11. Ph. D John F. Nash has always devoted his life to research, his work is well-known all over the world, and many scientist **look up to him**.