



English Vocabulary Booster

Episode 35

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Animals

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I went to visit my sister last week. We hadn't seen each other in a while, maybe 6 months? When I told my parents I was going to visit her, they told me to be prepared because she looked very different. When I got to her house and saw her, I immediately understood what they were talking about. Her face looked completely different and her lips were probably three times bigger than they used to be. We sat in the living room and started talking but she didn't say anything about her changes. But, at one point, I decided it was time to address **the elephant in the room** and I simply said "So... **a little bird told me** you've done something to your face...". She wasn't surprised I knew, quite the opposite and... she got really excited and told me she was getting another operation. I immediately went: "**Hold your horses**, what do you mean another operation?!" Yep, she said she was going to be the **guinea pig** for this new type of operation to make your eyes look bigger. I tried to convince her not to do it but **it was like beating a dead horse**. Look, this is what she looks like now. She posted this on Instagram.

Oh my God! Wait- She looks exactly like you!



The elephant in the room - It was time to address the elephant in the room.

- Does the expression 'the elephant in the room' refer to a problem or a big annoying object present in a room?
- Are people aware of that problem?
- Do people want to discuss that problem? Why?
- Have you ever been in a situation where there was an elephant in the room?

A little bird told me... - A little bird told me you've done something to your face.

- If you use the expression "a little bird told me..." do you want to reveal who gave you that information?
- On what occasions would you use it?

Hold your horses - Hold your horses! What do you mean another operation?

- Is the expression "hold your horses" a synonym for "wait" or "go ahead/continue"?
- What is the difference between telling someone to wait or telling someone to hold their horses?
- Can you think of some situations where you would need to tell someone "Hold your horses!"?

Guinea pig - She was going to be the guinea pig for this new type of operation.

- If you are a guinea pig, are you testing something or is something being tested on you?
- What things could be tested on you?
- Have you ever been or would you ever be a guinea pig for something?

It was like beating a dead horse - I tried to convince her not to do it but it was like beating a dead horse.

- If you are trying to accomplish something, but you feel like it's like beating a dead horse, will you succeed?
- Have you ever been in a situation that felt like beating a dead horse? What did you do?

