



## Our Favorite Expressions

### Serie 2 ©

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#### 1. Monday

##### **“A word in your shell-like”**

The word shell-like refers to the fact that the shape of a person’s ear resembles a seashell. It has been in use since the late 19th century - so the term, "a word in your shell-like" means I would like to talk to you.

#### 2. Tuesday

##### **“Add insult to injury”**

This is when one furthers a loss with sarcasm or indignity. Put simply, it’s to make an unfavourable situation even worse.

For example, you might say: They told the man he was too old for the job - and then, to add insult to injury, they refused to pay his expenses.”

#### 3. Wednesday

##### **“By Hook or by Crook”**

This is an old Middle English expression dating back to the 14th century. It’s literal meaning is “by any means necessary”.

The word crook has evolved to mean a dishonest or unlawful person. So, in today’s English crook is usually understood to mean someone who is prepared to flout the law to get what they want.

For example: “I’m going to get a World Cup final ticket by hook or by crook.”

#### 4. Thursday

##### **“When in Rome, do as the Romans do”**

This expression often shortened to just When in Rome, means it is polite and advantageous to abide by local customs of a society when you are a visitor. You don’t have to be in Rome, of course.

If you’re in Spain and a friend asks you if you want to watch a flamenco show, you can say “When in Rome...

#### 5. Friday

##### **“Agree to disagree”**

Two people agree to disagree when they set aside an irreconcilable difference to achieve peace.

So the next time you and a friend can’t reach an agreement on something, just agree to disagree.