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English Expressions

To go round in circles



Tejali

नमस्कार मित्रांनो... English Expressions मध्ये तुमचं स्वागत. हा आहे तुम्हाला इंग्रजीतले नवनवीन वाक्प्रचार शिकवणारा शो.

आजचा आपला वाक्प्रचार आहे 'to go around in circles'. Around म्हणजे भोवती, circle म्हणजे गोलाकार. काही अर्थ लागतोय? फिफीला विमानतळावर जायला उशीर झाला. त्यामुळे रॉब फिफीला म्हणाला, "चल, मी सोडतो तुला गाडीतून". वेळेवर पोहोचेल का तो? फिफी आणि रॉबचं संभाषण ऐकू.

Feifei

Thanks for offering to drive me to the airport Rob.

Rob

No problem. It takes forever on the bus, so I thought I would save you some time.

Feifei

Thanks, but do you actually know the way to the airport?

Rob

Yes of course, why are you asking?

Feifei

It's just we seem to be going round and round this roundabout. Rob, shouldn't you take that turning there?

Rob

No! That's where we just came from. Maybe it's this one... no, that can't be right.

Tejali

अरे बापरे.. काय गोंधळ चाललाय? रॉबला नक्की माहीती आहे का रस्ता?

Feifei

Rob! We're going round in circles!

Rob

Hmmm...

Feifei

We aren't getting anywhere! Come on Rob, I'm going to miss my flight.

Rob

Well done Feifei, you've just explained today's phrase – 'go round in circles' – although it's nothing to do with driving. If you do something for a long time without achieving any results and you always come back to the same problem, then you can describe the situation as 'going round in circles'.

Tejali

तुम्ही गोलाकार फिरत राहिलात तर परत परत त्याचं जागी येता, म्हणजे तुम्ही पुढे जात नाही, तिथेच अडकून राहता. तसच एखाद काम करताना त्यावर कितीही वेळ घालवला तरी, जर त्यातून पुढे गेला नाहीत, त्यात काही प्रगती झाली नाही तर आपण म्हणू शकतो, 'going round in circles.' एखादी गोष्ट सतत करूनही त्यातून काही निष्पन्न होत नाही तेव्हा त्यातून येणारी विफलता, वैताग व्यक्त करताना हा वाक्प्रचार बरेचदा वापरला जातो.

आता यामध्ये 'round' आणि 'in' या दोन शब्दांकडे लक्ष द्या. 'Round in circles' म्हणताना त्यात 'round' आणि 'in' 'round in' सारखं वाटतं का? 'Round in circles'. बरं ते ठीक आहे, आपण परत आपल्या संभाषणाकडे वळू. हे ऐका.

Examples

The politicians talked for hours but they couldn't come to an agreement; they were just going round in circles.

I've been going round in circles trying to find the right person to talk to about getting a refund on my ticket but with no success. I give up!

Because we didn't have the data from the survey, we went round in circles discussing the same old problems.

Feifei

So 'going round in circles' means not getting anywhere – and Rob, we're not getting anywhere today – and I need to get to the airport.

Rob

Ok, don't panic. It's definitely... errr... this way.

Feifei

Careful!

Rob

Now you see, we're not going round in circles. We're going in the right direction... we're on the right road... we're making progress.

Feifei

At last we're making progress! No more going round in circles.

Rob

Oh no... hold on...

Feifei

What is it Rob?

Rob

Another roundabout! Which way now?

Feifei

Hmm, take my advice: if you don't want to go round in circles, get organised: take the bus!

Rob

Sorry Feifei. There's another flight tomorrow.

Tejali

शेवटी तिची बस सुटलीच. रॉब गोल गोल फिरत राहिला. He kept 'going round in circles'.

Let's hope, तिला विमान तरी वेळेत मिळेल. पुन्हा भेटू English Expressionsच्या पुढच्या भागात. Bye!