



# Cliches



This month we're looking at some clichés – those popular expressions that have been used so much that they've lost their meaning or become unoriginal. For more information on clichés, turn to our Word of the Month article on page 46.



**a)** Alfie's working as an accountant, isn't he?  
**b)** That's right. Like father, like son.  
This expression means that both the father and the son are working in similar jobs / in the same industry, etc.



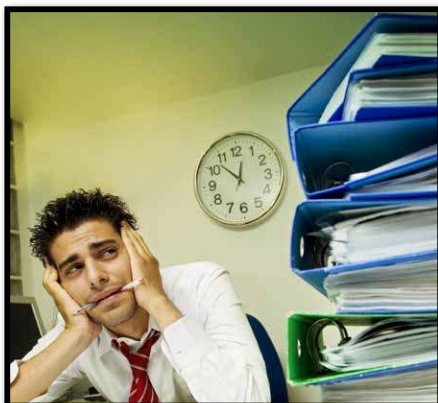
**a)** Sara's studying to become a doctor.  
**b)** She's following in her mother's footsteps.  
This expression means that the daughter is doing the same as the mother in terms of work / education, etc.



**a)** I can't believe it's already six o'clock.  
**b)** Time flies when you're having fun.  
This means, "Time goes quickly when you're enjoying yourself."



**a)** When do you think we should have the meeting?  
**b)** There's no time like the present.  
This means, "The best time to do something is now!"



**a)** Have you got that report finished yet?  
**b)** Rome wasn't built in a day, you know.  
This means, "It takes a long time to do an important job."



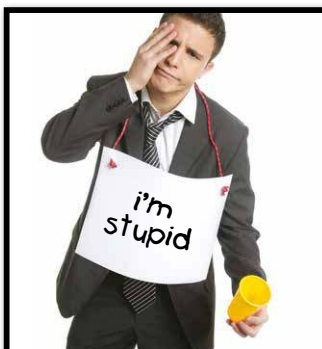
**a)** I've had enough of this.  
**b)** Yeah, let's call it a day.  
This means, "Let's stop doing it!"



**a)** I can't believe you charged us for just coming to the meeting.  
**b)** Time is money.  
This means, "Time has a value and it will be charged for."



**a)** Do you think they'd do it if we offered them more?  
**b)** Money makes the world go round.  
This means, "Money is the prime motivator for most actions."



**a)** They cheated him out of all his savings.  
**b)** A fool and his money are easily parted.  
This means, "Stupid people often lose their money."



**a)** Do you think I should say something?  
**b)** I wouldn't rock the boat if I were you!  
This means, "I wouldn't do or say anything that might cause problems."



**a)** Look at all that rain? The weather's awful!  
**b)** Yes, it's raining cats and dogs.  
This means, "It's raining very heavily."