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MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

Hey everyone!

In this episode of Walk 'n' Talk Level Up you learned new vocabulary and new expressions! Now you can continue studying, by checking out the dialogue, the expressions with written explanations, and by repeating all the sentences!

DIALOGUE

A: What are you still doing here, son? Burning the midnight oil?

B: Yes, sir. There's a lot to be done. And no place I'd rather be.

A: Is that so? I thought your band performed tonight.

B: Oh, they are. I had to sell my guitar.

A: You sold it? Why?

B: Well, I'm flat broke. I needed the money.

A: No wonder you've had the blues. Don't you worry, boy. Soon you'll move up in the world.



NEW EXPRESSIONS!

Burning the midnight oil

An expression that means “to work late into the night” here. It can also mean to read, work, study very late. If someone is “burning the midnight oil”, it means they’re staying up very late to get something done, usually work or school-related.

I have a big test tomorrow, I’ll have to **burn the midnight oil**.

He’s been **burning the midnight oil** since he got that new project.

Is that so?

A question which is similar to “oh, really?”. It can be used to express doubt or skepticism or act as a placeholder in conversation. It can be said in order to acknowledge that one person is listening to the other or to move the conversation along.

Flat broke

An expression that means to be completely without money, to not have any money at all.

I don’t know how I’ll pay rent this month, I’m **flat broke**.

How can she afford a new car? I thought she was **flat broke**.



To have the blues

If you “have the blues”, it means you are sad, depressed or having feelings of melancholy and loneliness.

I always get a case of **the blues** around this time of the year.
Amber needs some time to herself, she has **the blues**.

Move up in the world

An idiom or expression that means to become successful; to elevate or improve one’s social, political, and/or financial position in life. Synonyms include “to go up in the world” and “to come up in the world”.

They’re working very hard to **move up in the world**.
I’m so happy you got that promotion! Look at you,
moving up in the world.

Listen to this episode as many times as you want, and follow it up with this file. This way, you’ll be able to memorize all the expressions and vocabulary you’ve learned! You’ll also be able to use it in conversations in the future. And remember, the more contact you have with English, the better. So make sure to tune in for our next episode!