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A BROTHER VISITS

Hello 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: Have you heard? My brother is coming to visit!

B: Really? How long has it been since you last saw him?

A: Almost two years. I miss him something awful.

B: I can only imagine. Do you have anything planned?

A: He hasn't seen his friends in a while either, so we're going out together.

B: How long is he staying in town?

A: He doesn't know. He might stay for a few weeks. Isn't this exciting?



NEW EXPRESSIONS!

Have you heard Present Perfect

We generally use the Present Perfect Tense to refer to actions that started in the past and continue to this day, or that have an impact on the present. It is formed from the present tense of the verb “have” and the past participle of a verb. We often use the adverb “ever” to talk about experiences up to the present, and “never” for the negative form. This dialogue also has other sentences using the same structure, like “How long has it been since you last saw him?” and “He hasn’t seen his friends in a while”.

They’ve **been** married for nearly fifty years.

She **has lived** in Curitiba all her life.

I’ve **seen** that movie before.

I’ve **played** the ukelele ever since I was a teenager.

He **has written** three books and he is working on another one.

My last birthday was the worst I **have ever had**.

Have you ever met George?

Yes, but I’ve **never met** his wife.

Something awful

A colloquial, idiomatic adverb, meaning “intensely or extremely; badly; in the worst way”. The phrase is used as an adverb to emphasize just how bad or intense something is.

He wants to get out of there **something awful**, but he just doesn’t have the money.

Thank you for taking out the trash — it smelled **something awful!**

My ankle has hurt **something awful** ever since I slipped on the ice.

I love her **something awful**.



Either

The word can be an adverb or a pronoun, depending on its use and context. It can be used before the first of two (or occasionally more) alternatives that are being specified (the other being introduced by “or”), or to indicate a similarity or link with a statement just made. As a pronoun, it means one or the other of two people or things.

Either I'll accompany you to your room, or I'll wait here.

You don't like him, do you? I don't **either**.

I've never been here before **either**, so it's all strange to me too.

They do really good food at that restaurant and it's not very expensive **either**.

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!