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CALL A PLUMBER AND CALL IT A DAY!

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

Bill: Oh, crap. The sink is broken again.

June: Again? It's the third time I've fixed it this month! I'll get my tool box.

Bill: Are you sure that's a good idea, honey?

June: I'm great at repairing things! Why are you frowning?

Bill: How about we call it quits and just phone a plumber?

June: What? No, that's going to be too expensive.

Bill: Maybe, but we can't keep cutting corners. Let's just call a plumber and call it a day.



NEW EXPRESSIONS!

Past Participle Broken

The past participle of the verb “break”. For regular verbs, the past participle is formed by adding “ED” to the end. Irregular verbs don’t follow a rule, so their forms must be memorized. Verbs can be used as an adjective in this form. Here, it describes the state of the sink.

Her arm was **broken** in two places.

We are **joined** today by a new family.

Are you ready to be **challenged**?

They had **swollen** eyes.

Frowning

It refers to the action of forming an expression of disapproval or displeasure. It’s more likely linked to turning the corners of one’s mouth down, and pinching the eyebrows. It can also be a noun or adjective, depending on its use.

You’re going to get wrinkles if you keep **frowning**.

Turn that **frown** upside down!

Call it quits

A phrase that means to give up or abandon something; agree to stop working on a specific task.

It’s impossible to fix this bike, I’m **calling it quits**.

They **called it quits** after raising \$18k for charity.



Cutting corners

It means to do something in the easiest, cheapest, fastest, or most convenient way.

I never **cut corners** when it comes to my health.

The company was accused of **cutting corners** when it came to safety.

Call it a day

An expression often used when we refer to ending an activity or a period of time in that activity. It means to stop what you are doing because you do not want to do any more or think you have done enough.

I'm exhausted, I'm **calling it a day**.

Can we **call it a day** and stop working?

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!