



Expressions with 'hot'

We've already talked about expressions with 'cold'. Today, let's look at some expressions with 'hot'.

- Be in hot water (when someone is angry with you): She was in hot water with the boss after she arrived two hours late.
- Sell like hot cakes (sell a lot): This coffee is selling like hot cakes!
- Strike while the iron is hot (to make the most of good conditions): That company is interested in our product - we should strike while the iron is hot.
- Hot under the collar (angry): He got hot under the collar when the child was rude to him.
- Hot desk (when you choose a desk to work at each day): I use the hot desks at a coworking space. I don't have my own office.
- Drop like a hot potato (to abandon something): He dropped the project like a hot potato when he realised it wouldn't make any money.
- Be full of hot air (talk nonsense or lies): That politician is full of hot air.
- Hotfoot it out of somewhere (go quickly out of somewhere): We were in the forest when it started to get dark, so we decided to hotfoot it out of there.
- In hot pursuit (chasing someone closely): The police are in hot pursuit of the criminal.
- Not too hot (not very good): The food really wasn't too hot but the restaurant was very pretty.

Let's review! Put in the correct word or words.

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