

Phrases

The word **hang** generally means to support something from above. But what is meant by the phrases

hang about **hang on** **hang up?**

Phrases like these are called *idioms*. They have their own special meanings.

1 Say what is meant by the following idioms.

(You may have to search under more than one word to find the phrase.)

make off with the money *go away quickly with the money*

on the move again

get your own back on someone

come by a large sum of money

talking **behind a person's back**

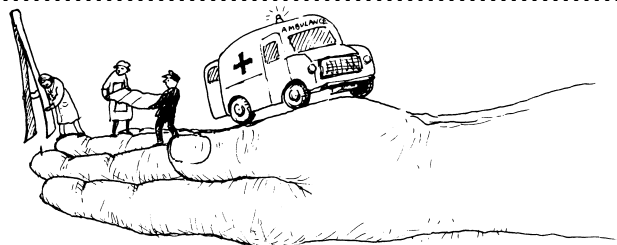
back out of an agreement

have something **for good**

be **on hand** in case of emergency

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2 Many of the idioms given in the dictionary are marked by the word

(*informal*). What do you think this means? (You will find the answer in the entry for **informal** in the dictionary.)

3 Write down six idioms that you use frequently. Look to see if they are in the dictionary.

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