

10 ADVANCED ENGLISH EXPRESSIONS

We've been trying to raise the money for a new clinic, but **to no avail.**

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**We've been trying to raise the money
for a new clinic, but **to no avail.****

(= without any success)

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I know a few people who could help you, but I can't give you their names off the top of my head.

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I know a few people who could help you, but I can't give you their names **off the top of my head.**

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(= without being able to check; immediately)

Against all (the) odds, we won the competition.

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**Against all (the) odds, we won the
competition.**

(=despite facing many problems)

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I should eat more healthily, and
the same goes for you.

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the same goes for you.

(=it relates to... as well)

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He fired me, and then, **to add insult to injury**, told me that I would never find another job.

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(=used to say that something made a bad situation even worse)

With/In hindsight, I shouldn't have sold the house. It would be worth much more now!



With/In hindsight, I shouldn't have sold the house. It would be worth much more now!

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(=used to say that knowing what you know today, you would have done something differently)

And now, **without further ado**, let's start the meeting.



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(= without delaying something)

No wonder you've got a stomachache.
You've eaten too much chocolate!

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(=I'm not surprised that...)

To put it mildly, she's not the friendliest person I've met.



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(=used to say that in fact you should use stronger words to describe somebody or something)

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(=in no way)

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Do you remember the English equivalents of these expressions?

- w żadnym wypadku
- delikatnie mówiąc
- na próżno
- bez zastanowienia
- przelać czarę goryczy
- pomimo przeszkód
- to samo tyczy się
- nie przedłużając
- z perspektywy czasu
- nic dziwnego, że

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