

Short Stories with Peter: The North Wind and the Sun

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

hold on to

agarrarse a; sujetar firmemente

DEF

To keep a firm grip on something rather than let it go.

In this story the meaning is physical; retain both on and to before the object, as in hold on to the rail.

ES

Mantener algo bien agarrado en lugar de soltarlo.

En este cuento el significado es físico; conserva on y to delante del objeto, como en hold on to the rail.

The traveller held on to his cloak in the wind.

The traveller held on to his cloak in the wind. → El viajero se aferró a su capa con el viento.

Hold on to the handrail when the bus starts moving.

Hold on to the handrail when the bus starts moving. → Agárrate a la barandilla cuando el autobús arranque.

2

give up

rendirse; dejar de intentarlo

DEF

To stop trying to do something.

It can stand alone or be followed by an -ing form: give up trying; the past form is gave up.

ES

Dejar de intentar hacer algo.

Puede ir solo o seguido de una forma en -ing: give up trying; su pasado es gave up.

The Wind gave up when blowing harder did not help.

The Wind gave up when blowing harder did not help. → El Viento se rindió cuando soplar más fuerte no ayudó.

I did not give up trying to solve the puzzle.

I did not give up trying to solve the puzzle. → No dejé de intentar resolver el acertijo.



3

persuade someone to do something*persuadir a alguien para que haga algo***DEF**

To get someone to agree to an action through reasons or a convincing approach.

Use persuade + person + to + verb; persuasion differs from forcing someone to act.

ES

Conseguir que alguien acepte actuar mediante razones o un enfoque convincente.

Usa persuade + persona + to + verbo; persuadir se diferencia de obligar a alguien a actuar.

The Sun persuaded the traveller to remove his cloak by making him warm.

The Sun persuaded the traveller to remove his cloak by making him warm. → El Sol persuadió al viajero para que se quitara la capa al darle calor.

She persuaded her friend to join the walk by describing the view.

She persuaded her friend to join the walk by describing the view. → Convenció a su amigo de unirse al paseo describiéndole las vistas.

