

Short Stories with Peter: The North Wind and the Sun

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Key words & expressions · English + French

3 learning entries

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

1

hold on to

tenir fermement; s'agripper à

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.

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Garder une prise ferme sur quelque chose plutôt que le lâcher.

Dans cette histoire, le sens est physique ; garde on et to devant le complément, comme dans 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. → Le voyageur tenait fermement sa cape dans le vent.

Hold on to the handrail when the bus starts moving.

Hold on to the handrail when the bus starts moving. → Tiens-toi à la barre quand le bus démarre.

2

give up

abandonner; renoncer

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.

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Arrêter d'essayer de faire quelque chose.

L'expression peut s'employer seule ou devant une forme en -ing : give up trying ; le passé est gave up.

The Wind gave up when blowing harder did not help.

The Wind gave up when blowing harder did not help. → Le Vent a abandonné lorsque souffler plus fort n'a pas aidé.

I did not give up trying to solve the puzzle.

I did not give up trying to solve the puzzle. → Je n'ai pas renoncé à essayer de résoudre l'énigme.



3

persuade someone to do something*persuader quelqu'un de faire quelque chose*

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.

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Obtenir l'accord d'une personne pour agir grâce à des raisons ou à une approche convaincante.

Utilise persuade + personne + to + verbe ; persuader diffère de forcer une personne à agir.

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. → Le Soleil a persuadé le voyageur d'enlever sa cape en le réchauffant.

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

She persuaded her friend to join the walk by describing the view. → Elle a persuadé son ami de participer à la promenade en décrivant la vue.

