



# **ACADEMIC LYCEUM “INTERNATIONAL HOUSE – TASHKENT”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

## Topic 40: Solutions. Advanced. Unit 7

### Understanding cliché. Time traveler.

# Cliche List – Definition, Meaning & Examples of Cliches

## **cliché [klee-shey]**

A cliché is an idea which has been overused to the point of losing its original meaning or effect, especially when at some earlier time it was considered meaningful.



## Clichés that Describe Time



- Only time will tell
- In the nick of time
- Lost track of time
- Lasted an eternity
- Just a matter of time
- A waste of time
- Time flies
- In a jiffy
- The time of my life
- At the speed of light

# Clichés that Describe People

## *To be (as) old as the hills*

– to be very old

*Don't listen to him, he's old as the hills.*



## a diamond in the rough

someone or something that has great potential but isn't refined or polished



**This building is a diamond in the rough.  
It's in a great location, and with some hard work,  
we can turn it into a profitable business.**



## Clichés that Describe People

*as fit as a fiddle*

*A person who is in an excellent state of health or physical condition.*



*My grandfather is nearly ninety but he's as fit as a fiddle.*

*nerves of steel*

*great patience and courage*

Example: You have got to have nerves of steel to stand up for Richard while he was wrongly treated because of his minor mistake.

## Clichés that Describe feelings

**Every cloud has  
a silver lining**

**Meaning**

**In every bad situation  
there is an element of good.**

**As the trip's been cancelled  
I'll be able to go to the match  
this Saturday. Every cloud  
has a silver lining.**

**Cry over  
spilled milk**

**Meaning**

**To be unhappy about  
what cannot be undone.**

**I failed the exam, but it's  
no use crying over spilled milk.  
I'll try it again.**

## Clichés that Describe feelings

*When Life  
Gives You  
Lemons, Make  
Lemonade*

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**HASTE  
MAKES  
WASTE**

**Meaning:**

Hurrying will cause you to  
make mistakes.





## Clichés that Describe feelings

# HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE

Meaning: To fall helplessly in love

"When the Beast saw Beauty, he fell head over heels in love with her."



## The calm before the storm

(A calm, peaceful situation that will not continue because a big argument, problem or is coming)

Example:

The restaurant doesn't look busy, but it's only ***the calm before the storm***. During the lunch hour, it gets crazy in here!





**To be at a loss for words** - be so surprised that one does not know what to say

**Be on good terms (with somebody)** - be friendly (with somebody)

**Be in somebody's shoes** - be in somebody's position

**Be in a good mood** - feel happy

**Be broke** - have no money at all

**Do one's best** - try as hard as possible

**Do somebody a favor** - do something - do something to help somebody

**Do (something) for a living** - have a job and earn money

**Exercise:**

1. I was so shocked by the news that I .....
2. Look what you've done! I wouldn't like to .....when Mum gets home.
3. "What do you.....?" "I work as a nurse."
4. After the divorce, they didn't talk for months, but now they.....each other.
5. I don't get paid till Friday, so now I.....
6. Although he....., he didn't win the race.
7. Could you.....? If you're going out, could you get me some milk?
8. Now's a good time to ask for a rise because the boss .....