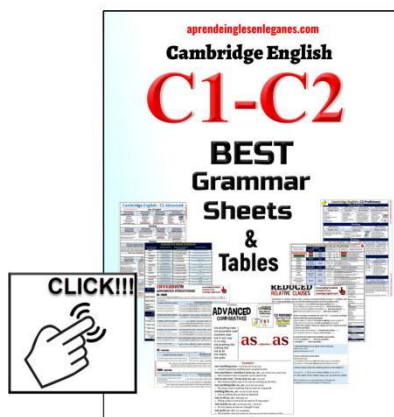




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Dead man's shoes

A job or position that can only be taken when someone dies or leaves.

- He's waiting for a promotion, but it's a case of dead man's shoes.
- In this company, it's dead man's shoes—nobody ever leaves.

Fill someone's shoes

To take over someone's role or responsibilities, often implying it's a big challenge.

- When the CEO retired, no one thought her replacement could fill her shoes.
- You've got some big shoes to fill, taking over as team captain.

If the shoe fits, wear it

If a criticism or comment applies to you, accept it.

- I didn't name anyone, but if the shoe fits, wear it.
- She got mad about the gossip, but honestly—if the shoe fits...

In someone's shoes

In someone else's situation or position.

- I wouldn't want to be in his shoes right now.
- If I were in your shoes, I'd probably do the same thing.

The shoe is on the other foot

The situation has reversed; the roles of two people have changed, especially regarding power or responsibility.

- He used to criticize her constantly, but now the shoe is on the other foot and she's the boss.
- I used to be the one always apologizing—now the shoe is on the other foot.

To have big shoes to fill

To replace someone who did an excellent job, creating high expectations.

- When the founder retired, the new CEO had big shoes to fill.
- He knew he had big shoes to fill when he joined the championship team.

Wait for the other shoe to drop

Expecting something bad or inevitable to happen, especially after an earlier event.

- The company laid off a few employees, and now everyone's just waiting for the other shoe to drop.
- After that weird call from my landlord, I was waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Walk a mile in someone's shoes

Understand someone else's experience or perspective before judging them.

- Don't criticize until you've walked a mile in his shoes.
- She learned to be more empathetic after trying to walk a mile in their shoes.

Where the shoe pinches - US English

The specific source of discomfort or difficulty.

- He says everything's fine, but I think I know where the shoe pinches.
- We finally found where the shoe pinches—it's the budget cuts causing the delays.