



Say idioms

C1-C2

Best Grammar Sheets & Tables

→ Click to preview

easier said than done : something sounds simple but it is actually difficult to do.

- Starting a new routine is easier said than done.

having said that /that said : used to introduce a contrast or exception to what was just stated.

- I don't love crowds. Having said that, I enjoyed the concert.
- He's inexperienced. That said, he learns quickly.

it goes/ should go without saying : so obvious that it does not need to be stated.

- It goes without saying that safety comes first.
- It should go without saying that you should help out at home.

needless to say : used to emphasize that something is obvious.

- Needless to say, she was thrilled with the results.

no sooner said than done : Something is done immediately after being suggested.

- He asked for help, and it was no sooner said than done.

not to say : used to add a stronger or more extreme point.

- He was rude, not to say offensive.

say no more : used to indicate understanding of implied meaning and/or agreement.

- "I need help moving." "Say no more!"
- "I saw him coming out of her flat." — "Say no more!"

suffice (it) to say : used to indicate that only a brief statement is necessary.

- Suffice it to say, the meeting did not go well.

to say the least : used to emphasize that something is an understatement.

- The trip was challenging, to say the least.

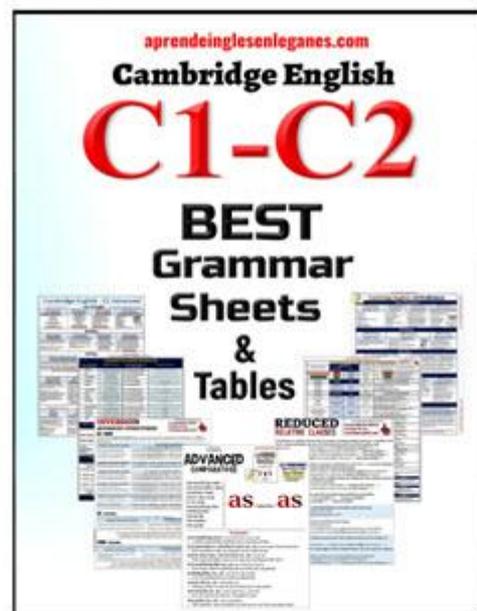
You don't say! : used to show surprise or interest — and sometimes disbelief or mild sarcasm.

Sarcastic :

- "He's late again." "You don't say!"

Non-sarcastic :

- "She taught herself three languages." "You don't say—that's impressive."



Your key to mastering advanced grammar

Perfect for C1 & C2 Cambridge
English exams