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Cambridge English Exam?



TELLING PEOPLE OFF

Tell someone off / Tick someone off (informal)

Echarle la bronca a alguien / mit jemandem schimpfen

- The teacher told him off for not doing his homework.
- She was ticked off for being late for work.



Give someone a talking-to (informal)

Leerle la cartilla a alguien / Jemanden die Levite lesen

- The teacher gave him a good talking-to about doing his homework on time.

Give someone a scolding (informal)

Leerle la cartilla a alguien / Jemanden die Levite lesen

- The boss gave me a scolding for not sending him the report on time.

Give someone a piece of your mind (informal)

Cantarle las cuarenta a alguien / Mit jemandem ein Hühnchen rupfen

- I'm going to give her a piece of my mind if she's rude to you again.



Scold someone (old fashion)

Regañar o reñir a alguien / jemanden schelten

- His mother scolded him for breaking her favourite vase.

Reprimand someone (formal)

Reprender a alguien / jemanden tadeln

- His teacher reprimanded him for hitting another boy in the playground.

Rebuke someone (formal)

Reprender a alguien / jemanden tadeln

- The manager rebuked his staff for speaking to the press.

Give someone a tongue-lashing (informal)

Poner a alguien como un trapo / jemanden zur Sau machen

- The coach gave us a real tongue-lashing after the game.

