

Callan book No. 7

Hang on - wait

Fed up - sick and tired, and bored

Snag - a problem (usually a small one)

Get on sb's nerves - make somebody feel angry and nervous

Feel down in the dumps - feel unhappy

Feel low - feel unhappy

Feel down in the mouth - feel unhappy

Let sb down - fail somebody who is depending on us

Go round the bend - go mad or become mad

Couldn't care less - it is of no importance to sb; it does not worry sb

Mind sb's own business - not to interfere with, or ask questions about other people's business or private life

Stand - to bear or suffer

Broke - without money

Just the job - exactly what is needed

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Hit the nail right on the head – to say something exactly to the point

Pull sb's leg – not to tell a person the truth, just for a laugh or for amusement

Put sb's foot down – to be very determined in stopping something

Watch sb's step – be careful

What's sb on about? – I don't understand what he is trying to say. It all sounds mad to me

Nosey Parker – sb who puts his nose into other people's business or private lives

Look before you leap – think carefully before you do anything which is uncertain

Drop a line – to write a short letter

I don't know if I'm coming or going – I am confused (by so much that is happening)

Pull oneself together – to discipline oneself after going through a difficult time

Let oneself go – relax and enjoy oneself

Fall to pieces – to lose control of oneself

Kill two birds with one stone – to do two things at the same time and so save time and energy

In one ear and out the other – does not listen

See red – be very angry