

Useful expressions are words that should be learned together. Memorize them, use them, and your English will sound more natural. The following useful expressions can be found in this issue of Read On.

English	German	Example
to keep s.th. secret (p. 1)	etw. geheim halten	<i>The details of the new security law were kept secret until it passed.</i>
in light of (p. 2)	angesichts	<i>... arrangements developed ... in light of our historic commitment to the people of Hong Kong.</i>
to be under stress (p. 2)	unter Stress stehen	<i>Bees are already under stress.</i>
to go viral (p. 3)	sich rasend schnell verbreiten	<i>By the time she arrives at the camp 90 minutes later, her post has gone viral.</i>
funnily enough (p. 3)	witzigerweise	<i>Funnily enough, the issue of trust is at the heart of why Charli has so many fans.</i>
to have trouble doing s.th. (p. 5)	Mühe haben, etw. zu tun	<i>... most zoos had trouble paying for basic supplies, including animal feed.</i>
business as usual (p. 5)	wie sonst	<i>Several of the UK's 141 zoos and safari parks reopened on June 15, but it wasn't business as usual.</i>
to take the opportunity (p. 6)	die Chance nutzen	<i>The roads were quieter during lockdown, so many people took the opportunity to cycle ...</i>
to grind to a halt (p. 6)	zum Erliegen kommen	<i>... if even a small amount of people ... used their cars instead, traffic would grind to a halt.</i>
to pay attention (p. 8)	aufpassen	<i>Seagulls ... will have your lunch if you don't pay attention.</i>

Exercises: Useful expressions

1. Match the useful expression with its meaning.

a) funnily enough	A to spread quickly
b) to go viral	B to stop
c) in light of	C continuing as normal, even in a difficult situation
d) business as usual	D surprisingly
e) to grind to a halt	E considering

a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____ e) _____

2. Match the useful expression with its opposite meaning.

a) to have trouble doing s.th.	A to be distracted
b) to take the opportunity	B to let a chance pass
c) to pay attention	C to openly discuss s.th.
d) to keep s.th. secret	D to be relaxed and safe
e) to be under stress	E to find it easy to do s.th.

a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____ e) _____

ANSWER KEY

1. a) D • b) A • c) E • d) C • e) B

2. a) E • b) B • c) A • d) C • e) D

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