

# AMERICAN IDIOM SERIES: 'HOOK'

TRAVEL CONVERSATION

SEMESTER 3, LESSON 005



# TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

## Table Topic:

Do you know any expressions or vocabulary that use the word 'hook'? Brainstorm with your classmates to make a list of expressions or vocabulary that you know.

## Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine what special meaning the word 'hook' might have for expressions, vocabulary, or idioms. Share your thoughts with the class.



# USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

**hook** - a curved metal to catch fish; this is the most literal meaning, the remaining expressions are more figurative

In the Southern U.S. wearing a fish **hook** on baseball caps can be fashionable.

**to be/get hooked** - to be or get addicted

I'm **hooked** on that girl, no matter what she does I can't let her go.

**play hooky** - to skip school

Let's **play hooky**. Exams are already finished, we won't miss anything.

**hook** - part of a song which attracts or catches you

That **hook**! That's easily the best part of the song.

**hooker** - a prostitute (informal)

Prostitution is illegal, that's not a **hooker**, it's an undercover cop!

**off the hook** - to free somebody of a situation that left that person in trouble or was causing him/her a burden

You have to give me some advice! I forgot about my wedding anniversary again. How do I get **off the hook**?



# USEFUL WORDS (2)

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

**hook up (a)** - to set up or connect a machine or another piece of electronic equipment

Can you **hook up** the wi-fi? I can't get it to work.

**hook up (b)** - commonly used to talking about kissing and/or having sex with somebody you are not in a relationship with

Did Ricky and Jane **hook up** last night? They've been holding hands all day today.

**hook up (c)** - may mean to get together, to meet up, to catch up, or to connect in a friendly way (without romantic intentions)

Let's **hook up** tomorrow instead. I'm super busy today.

**hook up (d)** - used when a person “sets up” two friends in a romantic way as a third party; to play cupid

You've got to **hook** me up with your friend! She's the most beautiful thing I've ever seen!

**hook up (e)**- used when somebody does a special favor, or to help somebody by giving them or loaning them something

**Hook me up!** You are the store manager, I know you can get me a discount.



# GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Do you have any addictions? What are you **hooked** to these days? How about in the past?

Did you ever **hook up** with someone when you were in high school? Care to share your experience?

Do you have any special **hookups**? (any special favors you are able to give because of your ability or job)

Have you ever **hooked up** two friends who then got married?

What a song that has got a really catchy **hook**?

Have you ever played **hooky**?

Have you ever gotten **off the hook** for something you should have been punished or paid for? Tell us about it.



# ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

## Quiz Review

The teacher will describe a situation concerning one of today's expressions. Students should correctly identify which case of 'hook' the teacher is describing. Students may point to a definition in order to clarify which expression they think the teacher is describing.



# HOMework

Homework! Daily practice is essential  
for language learning.

## 1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

If you could hook your teacher up with someone famous who would it be and why. Give a 1-minute speech presenting it (After the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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