

BETTER THE DEVIL YOU KNOW (THAT THE ONE YOU DON'T KNOW)

Used to say you would rather deal with a person you already know, even though you don't like them, than with a person you don't know, that could be even worse

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

Used when someone you are talking about just appears

BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

In a difficult situation where there are two equally unpleasant choices

PLAY THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

To express an opinion which you may not agree with but which is very different from what other people have been saying, in order to make the argument more interesting

THE DEVIL IN DISGUISE

Something or someone that appears to be good, useful, or benevolent, but that in reality proves to be the opposite



DEVIL-MAY-CARE (ATTITUDE/MANNER)

If you say that someone has a devil-may-care attitude, you mean that they seem relaxed and do not seem worried about the consequences of their actions

IDLE HANDS ARE THE DEVIL'S TOOLS

When one is unoccupied or has nothing to do, one is more likely to cause or get into trouble

THE DEVIL LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN

Used to explain how good things can happen to bad people, how evil people are often prosperous or well taken care of

"Did you hear what happened to Jenna last night? *Oh! Speak of the devil*, here she is."

"The same English teacher again this year? Well, *better the devil you know*, I guess..."

"When we first met, he seemed kind and so nice... but he turned out to be *the devil in disguise*"

"Taking a job I'm passionate about or one that I hate but is much better paid? I'm caught *between the devil and the deep blue sea*"

- I can't believe he got a mention of honour even after he copied my essay!
- Well, *the devil looks after his own...*

"Keep having that *devil-may-care attitude* toward your money and you'll soon be in the red."

"I totally agree with your proposal, I'm just *playing the devil's advocate* so that you know what opposers might say."

"We try to keep our kids as busy as possible during the summer break, after all, *idle hands are the devil's tools*"