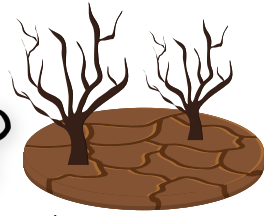


TO DRY OR TOO DRY?



It is an intransitive verb, a transitive verb, a reflexive verb, an adjective and a noun, it has quite a few different meanings and is used in lots of idiomatic expressions. How could you not love this 3-letter word!



Here's a riddle with a play on the transitive & intransitive versions of 'to dry;

What gets wetter the more it dries? Answer at the bottom of the page!



Vocabulary

Intransitive Verb!
(No object)



To dry - to become free from moisture or liquid. "I'm hanging the clothes out to dry".

Transitive Verb!
(Sub & Obj are different)



To dry something - use a towel, cloth, hairdryer etc to dry something other than yourself. "If I wash the dishes, will you dry them?"

Reflexive Verb!
(Sub & Obj are the same)



To dry oneself - use a towel or something similar to remove water from your skin (& hair) "I'll be down in two minutes, I just need to dry myself first"

Expressions

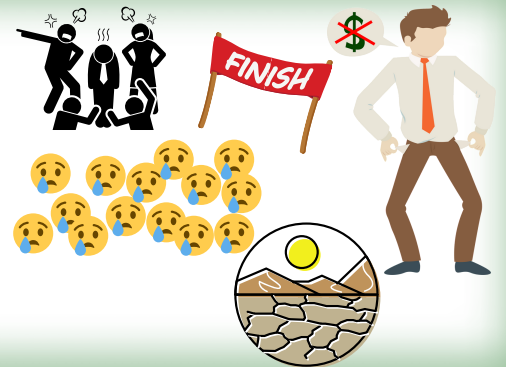
To hang someone out to dry - to leave/abandon someone in a difficult or vulnerable position instead of helping them

To be home and dry - to have successfully completed something

To bleed someone dry - to take all of the resources from someone and leave them with nothing (often used to talk about financial resources)

Not a dry eye in the house - Used to describe the moment when an entire audience is very moved by an act/scene/speech

(as) Dry as a bone - used to say extremely / exceptionally dry.



Warm Up...

- When might you use the expression '(as) dry as a bone'?
- Have you ever been somewhere that was as dry as a bone? Describe it.
- Where on earth do you think it is as dry as a bone?

Big Picture...

- How do you think you normally feel when you realise that you are home and dry? (in any situation)
- Have you ever been hung out to dry?
- Do you remember a situation when someone you know was hung out to dry? Describe it!

Zoom in...

- "It's about as exciting as watching paint dry" is an expression to say something is boring. What things do you find so boring that you would describe them with this idiom?
- "On the dry" is used to say someone has stopped drinking alcohol usually for a temporary period of time (but not always). If you drink alcohol, have you ever gone on the dry? When/Why? If you don't, do you know anyone who has? Talk about it.
- Dry wit /Dry humour is when someone makes a joke while staying calm and not making any noticeable facial expressions. Do you like this type of humour? Do you find it easy or difficult to understand? Do you know anyone with this sense of humour? Who? tell us about them!

SELF STUDY SUGGESTION: LET THE PAINT DRY - A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. [LINK](#)

What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel!!