

Halloween Business English Phrases which are really used

a skeleton in the closet

an embarrassing or scandalous fact about someone that they tried to keep secret

"It has recently been revealed that the large corporation had a few skeletons in their closet, and the company's reputation has been damaged since the scandals came to light."

to come back to haunt you

when a past situation, action or decision causes problems much later in the future

"The risky decision that the CEO made 3 years ago came back to haunt her yesterday when the company went into liquidation."

to play devil's advocate

if you are in a discussion or a meeting, to play devil's advocate means to pretend to be against a plan so that people discuss the plan in more depth and more constructively. It is considered a positive way to balance a discussion.

"Just to play devil's advocate, what would be our contingency if the plan didn't work?"

a witch hunt

an attempt to punish particular people who have been blamed for something

"He was fired after the deal collapsed. He feels that he was the victim of a witch hunt."



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You may need to change the forms of some verbs according to verb tense



We all have to be careful about what we post on social media. If in your past you have made inappropriate comments, or posts which could appear very unprofessional in the eyes of a recruiter, it would be very wise to delete them, because recruiters are notorious for scrutinizing all social media accounts of those they are seeking to hire. If you have a _____, even if it is something from many years ago, it could _____ when you are searching for a new job position.



In a meeting, it is extremely important to challenge the views of participants, as this encourages healthy debate and can ultimately lead you to the right decision. Doing this deliberately is a technique which should be encouraged, but it is advised always to state that you are simply _____, because otherwise you could come across as being unnecessarily confrontational.



After the product was recalled due to faulty packaging, the story began to spread very quickly on social media and across news outlets around the world. The company claimed that they were the victim of a _____, as the media proceeded to portray the company in an excessively bad light, causing long term damage to the company's reputation.

