

## Expressions with the word MIND

### set on something or you have your mind set on something

If your mind is **set on something** or you **have your mind set on something**, you are very determined to do or to get something.

- *Her mind is set on becoming a doctor.* = *She has her mind set on becoming a doctor.*

Try to relax and **take/get/keep your mind off your problems**. [=stop thinking about your problems]

I'm finding it hard to **keep my mind on** my work. [=to concentrate on my work]

### put/set your mind to (something)

: to give your attention to (something) and try very hard to do it

- You'd be surprised at what you can accomplish when you *put your mind to it*.
- We can solve this problem if we *put our minds to it*.

### change your/someone's mind

: to change your/someone's decision or opinion about something

- He wasn't going to come, but at the last minute he *changed his mind*.
- I tried to convince her, but she wouldn't *change her mind*.

### cross someone's mind

: to come into someone's mind : to be thought of by someone

- Losing never *crossed her mind*. [=she was sure that she would win]
- Did it ever *cross your mind* that I could be right?

### give someone a piece of your mind

: to speak to someone in an angry way

- He stopped making so much noise after I went over there and *gave him a piece of my mind*.

### have a mind of your own

: to have your own ideas and make your own choices about what should be done

- Her parents want her to go to college, but she *has a mind of her own* and she insists on trying to become an actress.

### have (someone or something) in mind

: to be thinking of (someone or something): such as

**a** : to be thinking of choosing (someone) for a job, position, etc.

- They *have you in mind* for the job. [=they are thinking of giving the job to you]

**b** : to be thinking of doing (something)

- "I'd like to do something special for our anniversary." "What sort of thing did you *have in mind*?"
- He had it in mind [=intended] to leave the business to his daughter.

### make up your mind

: to make a decision about something

- I can't *make up my mind* [=decide] where to take my vacation.

### read someone's mind

: to know exactly what someone is thinking

- "I think we should go out to a movie tonight." "You *read my mind*. I was thinking the same thing."

### speak your mind

: to say what you think : to state your opinion

- If you don't agree with him, don't be afraid to *speak your mind*.