

Pet Peeve: Idioms of Annoyance

I like to tell my students—half as a joke—that Americans are wonderful, friendly people. But, even these wonderful, friendly Americans can be annoyed or have pet peeves. In fact, it happens so often that we have a lot of idioms that we can use to talk about it.

Today, we're going to talk about four idioms that we use to describe things—and people—that bug us.

- Get on my nerves
- Rub me the wrong way
- Get fed up / Be fed up
- Push someone's buttons

After You've Heard the Recording

How will you use these idioms? Do they describe you? I think that the one I heard the most describing me was 'to push someone's buttons,' when I was a kid. My mother often told me that I 'pushed my sister's buttons, just to get her angry.'

I think a better question might be this: do you ever get fed up with English? I hope not!