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What should I say,I want to tell my co-passenger " lower your glass and stick your head out or neck out to see if the car can move around (there is a bike standing which needs to avoided) . None of that sounds very natural. I would probably say something like "Can you just take a look out of the window". But if you do want to use your version, it would be head, not neck (and window, not glass!). Is it, can you take a look out the window. Should I add "of" after out. I'm sure a lot of people would just say "out the window", but "out of" is preferable, in my view. Alex, because it's a Dutch expression it might take someone who speaks both Dutch and English to tell us how it relates to English expressions. That said, the Dutch "talk out of the side of one's neck" (if that's indeed an adequate translation) seems similar to the AE "talk out of one's hat," to talk nonsense, to talk without really knowing about the subject.To "talk out of one's ass" is similar, though it is most often used to describe someone who is bragging about himself or criticizing another. It's a very rude phrase, of course. Thank you, biblio!ept. Could you help me out to move this thread to the Dutch-English Forum? I have never heard the expression before. It seems to mean saying nothing of any interest, pointless talk. There are a couple of songs with the expression as the title. The words of one of them are here From these words, ooops I mean 'lyrics', the only thing the singer wants to hear about is money and he's not interested in hearing about anything else. Maybe this would be called gangsta rap ? I am somewhat out of my depth here ! I know the expression "to talk through one's hat" meaning to talk about something you know nothing about. I hope I don't talk through my hat very often. CheersHG I looked this up in a list of Dutch expressions which you can find here: under nek. The definition is listed as "peddling/selling nonsense", which would be equivalent to the English expression 'talking out of one's hat/ass'. I can't speak for the frequency of usage in Dutch, but, to my knowledge, 'talking out of the side of one's neck' is not nearly as common or known as the hat/ass variants in English. Also, the expression given in the list, which I admit isn't very helpful if you can't read Dutch, just reads 'to speak out of one's neck'. To blow smoke' and 'to fabulate' mean essentially the same thing, though I can't say I've ever heard 'fabulate' used in conversation.A quick note about the text in bold, since this was originally in the English only forum. These expressions all contain the element of fabrication, but have different nuance.To talk out of your hat/your ass/ the back of your neck - talking about something as if you are knowledgeable without actually being so.To blow smoke - exaggerating/lying to make something or someone sound better than it isTo fabulate - to create/tell stories [which usually have fictitious elements] Last edited: Feb 25, 2010 Hi,it does exist in Dutch and literally means 'to talk out of one's neck'. It's rather informal and has the same meaning as in English. No idea where it comes from... Alex, because it's a Dutch expression it might take someone who speaks both Dutch and English to tell us how it relates to English expressions. That said, the Dutch "talk out of the side of one's neck" (if that's indeed an adequate translation) seems similar to the AE "talk out of one's hat," to talk nonsense, to talk without really knowing about the subject. To "talk out of one's ass" is similar, though it is most often used to describe someone who is bragging about himself or criticizing another. It's a very rude phrase, of course. I always thought the expression was 'to talk out of the back of ones' neck'. Or perhaps 'out of the back of one's head'. Last edited: Feb 26, 2010 In Belgium I remember the expression, "to have a fat neck" (or thick neck) meant to boast or brag and people would often gesture to both sides of the rear of their neck with both hands when they said it. Maybe that expression only applies to bragging and is different from talking out of ones' neck. Last edited: Feb 26, 2010 Strange how the expression seems to have changed. There is no reference to any specific part of the neck in the original Dutch "Uit zijn nek kletsen". Kletsen can mean to talk smalltalk, to banter, to chat, to catch up on gossip... I suppose to talk out of one's neck means the head is bypassed; therefore the kletsen gets even more mindless. "Uit zijn nek praten/kletsen/lullen" has the label "informal, colloquialism" in Van Dale. "lullen" can be translated as "to talk bullshit." Van Dale Dutch-English indeed has "to talk out of the back of one's neck" as a translation for this expression. I have no idea where the expression comes from Hi,it does exist in Dutch and literally means 'to talk out of one's neck'. It's rather informal and has the same meaning as in English. No idea where it comes from... Literally? It looks like in American English it would be to 'talk out of the side of their mouth', which means that it's not what they would say to others, or just a bunch of bull. I think it is translated as "the back of one's neck" because the Dutch word "nek" is not an exact synonym for the English word "neck".Nek = the back of the neckHals = the front of the neckMaybe that's why they translated the expression that way, to specify what part of the neck it's about (as it is specified in Dutch)? WARNING: The forums will be closed for maintenance for around 15 minutes starting at 9:45 pm US Eastern Time (3:45 am in most of Europe). Hola! Estoy traduciendo un artículo y el título es: "How to make a neck wrap with cooler beads" Mi traduccin fue: "Hacer una almohada para el cuello con abalorios (en mi pas, Argentina, le decimos "mostacillas") fros" Pero no me convence del todo...A alguien se le ocurre algo? Muchas gracias! Alexis ltima edicin por un moderador: 13 Agosto 2011 Un "neck wrap" es algo que se lleva alrededor del cuello, como un collar o una bufanda; una almohada es ms bien un colchoncillo. Pero en cuanto a "cooler beads", no parece tener mucho sentido y me pregunto si debera ser "color (colored) beads". Debes iniciar sesin o registrarte para participar. hola amigos, como se dice, "a kink" como un dolor en el cuello o la espalda? quiero decir que "I fell asleep and woke up with a kink in my neck" gracias!! "Contractura muscular del cuello", I think. Hola. Tambin usamos "tortcolis". Saludos S, claro! Eso es lo que dice todo el mundo. (Lo mo era ms bien lo que podra decir un mdico.) Tambin es muy comn hoy en da decir "contractura muscular", se oye tanto esta como tortcolis, as laluzquebrilla tiene donde elegir Saludos No es lo ms correcto en cuanto a la traduccin, pero en cuanto al uso estas expresiones se usan mucho en mi pas: "me di un tm en el cuello"o"tengo el cuello duro"o"me dio un aire en el cuello"Desde ya que contractura creo es el trmino ms preciso pero las otras opciones son ms coloquiales e informales hola amigos, como se dice, "a kink" como un dolor en el cuello o la espalda? quiero decir que "I fell asleep and woke up with a kink in my neck" gracias!! Interesting. This side of the pond we'd call it a crick in the neck. Anyway, I hope you got your answer (and I hope you're better now). Hi guys,I watched the Caddyshack the other night and I couldn't understand why it is funny when Chevy Chase says "What brings you to this nape of the woods, neck of the wape; How come you're here?" Could somebody explain it to me? I don't understand neither "nape of the woods" nor "neck of the wape". Thanks! He is humorously mixing up two unrelated expressions. 1) this neck of the woods - a colloquial expression meaning "this general area", meant to sound rural and folksy. 2) nape of the neck - the back of the neckHe seems to have trouble saying "neck of the woods", so chooses a plain phrase instead. Oh, thanks. I thought there was more into it, like some male sex joke or something. But I get it now. Hi everyone, I was wondering what the correct term for necktie (neck tie?) is. I've searched Google and I've gotten both the same results for both words, I've checked Oxford Dictionaries as well, which gave me definition for North American-Dated or British & American Terms (and it didn't give me the answer for necktie).Thank you! Dear KMy concise Oxford 1991 quotes Fowler: "after trying hard at an early stage to arrive at some principle that should teach us when to separate, when to hyphen, and when to unite the parts of compound words, we had to abandon the attempt as hopeless and welter in the prevailing chaos." The editor goes on to say that with computer spell checking, there is a tendency to combine into one word and indeed the dictionary lists "necktie" as one word, but "neck tie" in the U.S as permissible. Hi kikstheflks, welcome to WRF.According to Google Ngram, necktie is the usual spelling but neck-tie and neck tie are acceptable. - Click HereIn BE, as you are aware, "necktie/neck-tie/neck tie" is (outside of advertising) rarely used, mainly, I suspect because there are so few other 'ties' that could ever fit the context. Last edited: Jan 12, 2015 Hi Ted,Thank you for the reply. The same could be applied for Earmuffs or Ear muffs then? Hi Paul,Thanks for sending me the Google Ngram! I hadn't heard of it until now. Should be very useful for my future searches Thanks again guys! Yes, the Oxford spells it earmuff. . . . indeed the dictionary lists "necktie" as one word, but "neck tie" in the U.S as permissible. I've lived in the US, as a reader and a writer, all my life and have never seen "neck tie". Ever. It's one word. So is earmuff. What does this phrase mean? [Mod: original title 'to keep the boot on'] Is it an idiom or just scarcely used? Thanks in advance for your replies!With the situation in the Gulf growing more bleak by the day, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar pledged on Sunday to "keep the boot on the neck" of BP to fulfill their responsibility in addressing the spill. Just because some don't find government redistribution acceptable, does not mean that they want corporations and/or the "wealthy" to place their boot on the neck vulnerable groups, like Obama suggests is the job of government to keep the boot on the neck of corporations or the wealthy such as BP or those who make more that \$250K/yr. Last edited by a moderator: Dec 20, 2010 I wouldn't call this an idiom; it's a metaphor which I think is quite possible to understand from its constituent words: that is, it can, I think, be understood without necessarily having heard it before, and had it explained to you. The whole metaphor is "keep the boot on the neck" (not "keep the boot on"). For what reason would someone put their boot on someone's neck and keep it there? The headline of your Reuters source explains it well: "U.S. to keep heat on BP..." A boot to the neck of a person is putting pressure (in a threatening manner) on that person to do what you want them to do. I still don't know the exact meaning of this metaphor? So does it sort of mean to flex muscles, put someone under pressure, to twist arms or to run a tight ship? Thanks a lot for your explanantion, airportzombie! Unfortunately, I was just typing my reply while your answer came in! If you were literally doing this, you would not be just holding an empty boot up to their neck. The other person would be laying on the ground with you partially standing on their neck. You are forcing them to remain on the ground in a very uncomfortable way. Hi, Wordreference members. What is the best description you usually use to refer to a woman of a beautiful neck: - Her neck is as long as a giraffe's. - Her neck is as long as a bottleneck.. Her neck is as slender as a axe rod. Thanks in advance. Hullo L-L. Try She has a swan neck You have made me smile with these, none of them sound very complimentary. If you are trying to conjure BEAUTY I would particularly avoid the giraffe image. but the connotations of bottle necks and axes are also very negative in general use, so they are unlikely to suggest beauty to your reader. Thanks, ewie, and it sounds good. You have made me smile with these, none of them sound very complimentary. If you are trying to conjure BEAUTY I would particularly avoid the giraffe image. more bleak by the day. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar pledged on Sunday to "keep the boot on the neck" of BP to fulfill their responsibility in addressing the spill. 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If you are trying to conjure BEAUTY I would particularly avoid the giraffe image. but the connotations of bottle necks and axes are also very negative in general use, so they are unlikely to suggest beauty to your reader. If so, what is your suggestion then? Do you really say things like this in Arabic? I have tried all three out on a female colleague here, and examined her neck (from a safe distance) until she told me to stop it, but neither of us was able to think of anything that was suitable. Although I do like necks, it's not something that really gets compliments given to it these days. We had a queen called Edith Swan-neck, but that was a thousand years ago. Do you really say things like this in Arabic? I have tried all three out on a female colleague here, and examined her neck (from a safe distance) until she told me to stop it, but neither of us was able to think of anything that was suitable. Although I do like necks, it's not something that really gets compliments given to it these days. We had a queen called Edith Swan-neck, but that was a thousand years ago. No, we don't say so but I somewhere spotted on the Internet. In Arabic, we usually describe the long neck of a woman by saying:Her neck is as a fawn's. Also, the beautiness of the neck lies in the"longness" I cannot bring to mind a good metaphor. We would just say she has a beautiful or elegant neck, I think. Ewie's "swan neck" - or "she has a neck like a swan" - works for me.... I like suzi br's suggestion of referring to the beauty of a woman's neck as "an elegant neck." Lark-lover, I believe that the real difficulty we're having with these metaphors is that there is perhaps a cultural difference in our perception of beauty. For Americans, Brits, and most of the Western World, we don't really uphold the length of one's neck as a highly praised beauty trait. In many other parts of the world, extremely long necks are highly praised. (I believe this is the case in some parts of Africa.) Secondly, we usually don't find metaphors connecting the beauty of humans with animal traits as being flattering. I started to write rather extensively on other examples of cultural differences in our perception of beauty, but I erased it because that's probably a thread that belongs in the cultural division of the forum. There's a Halloween episode of The Simpsons where a robot-like character tells Marge she has an "elegant, swan-like neck." Hah! I find "The Simpsons" highly entertaining, but I'm not sure I'd want to direct our non-native English speakers to "The Simpsons" as trustworthy guide to English. At least not polite and proper English. Why not? I've heard of a lot of people who learn English from television shows—including cartoons. And "The Simpsons" offers many examples of modern spoken American English. Song lyrics, on the other hand...those are what English learners should deem untrustworthy. Yes, watching televisions shows can be a very effective method of learning English (or any foreign language for that matter) -- including cartoons. I completely agree with that. I'm just making a small point that sometimes the humor and expressions can be crude and without a strong grasp of English, one might easily apply them to situations in which they might not be appropriate. I'm not talking about quality and standard of speech and that is something I believe WordReference Forum tries to uphold. I think if we want to continue this, we'll have to start another thread. But I don't really think I have much more to add. As I said, it was just a small point. I'm not contrary to the show itself. As I said, I think it's entertaining. Nd it's not always crude. It's very clever in many ways. You, obviously are a huge fan. Ok. I'm done with this thread. Hi, all! Have you ever heard of the expression "above-the-neck"? I'm not sure it is in its literal meaning in the following sentence: "Working out has above-the-neck benefits". It is followed by the brain and mental benefits of a workout. What is your understanding? I should be most grateful to know yours. Above-the-neck refers to the brain. It means that exercise has a beneficial effect on brain function. I can understand it. The head is probably the only part of the body with muscles that aren't deliberately exercised during a workout, so "above-the-neck" benefits refer to mental benefits.Cross-posted. The only thing I can think is that it means that exercise may benefit the area (literally) above the neck. LATimes.com. That workout routine can bring some health benefits to the parts above the neck, either mentally or cerebrally. I agree with Barque. It's a cute way to talk about mental benefits. Exercise basically affects muscles below the neck. There is a joke that people say when they think someone is crazy. They'll say that person needs: A checkup from the neck up.(A checkup is a short way to say a physical examination by a doctor.) Thanks for all of your replies! WARNING: The forums will be closed for maintenance for around 15 minutes starting at 9:45 pm US Eastern Time (3:45 am in most of Europe).

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