



# EXAMPLES OF UNIQUE BRITISH EXPRESSIONS

- The penny drops → Sudden understanding  
Not on your nelly → Not on my watch/not happening  
Don't get your knickers in a twist → Don't get worked up  
A storm in a teacup → Making a big deal of something  
Over egg the pudding → Too much of a good thing  
Spend a penny → Use the toilet  
Not my cup of tea → Not to my taste  
Pop to the shop → Briefly stop at the shop  
Crack on → Get going  
Faff around → Mess around  
Dodgy → Iffy/disreputable  
Bob's your uncle → Right away/immediately  
Chalk and cheese → Opposites. Like oil and water  
Throw a spanner in the works → Throw a wrench in the works  
Argy-bargy → Argumentative  
Go pear shaped → Go all wrong  
Make a pig's ear of it → Mess something up  
Gutted → Devastated  
Chuffed → Proud/pleased  
Shattered → Wiped out  
Gobsmacked → Shocked  
Jammy → Lucky