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Today's Idioms

I'll get a rain check *American, informal*
something that you say when you cannot accept someone's invitation to do something but you would like to do it another time • (often + **on**) *I'll take a rain check on that drink tonight, if that's all right.* • *I won't play tennis this afternoon but can I get a rain check?*

ask (sb) for a rain check *American, informal* • *I was supposed to see Marge on Saturday – I'll have to ask her for a rain check.*

a red eye *American, informal*
a flight that leaves late at night and arrives early the next morning • *We took the red eye from Seattle to New York.*

red-eye • (always before noun) *There's a red-eye flight to Los Angeles leaving at 10pm.*

Vocabulary & Pronunciation

Hot or Not: Parking-Lot Etiquette

parking lot	- parking area
cutthroat	- n a murderer, especially one who cuts throats.adj cruel in competition
mentality	- attitude
parking-lot rage	- violent behavior exhibited by drivers in parking lots. cf) road rage
Hanukkah	- (Judaism) an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC
transgression	- crime, offence
jerk	- Slang(US and Canada) a person regarded with contempt, esp. a stupid or ignorant person

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Hot or Not:
Parking-Lot Etiquette

by Jennifer Newman

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The holidays can bring out the worst in people, especially in **parking lots**. There's a **cutthroat mentality** that emerges when holiday shoppers are looking for the perfect parking spot. This behaviour is a Not and will certainly get you on Santa's naughty list.

With Hanukkah in full swing and 11 shopping days till Christmas, it's time for a review of parking lot etiquette.

Observe all traffic signs: No rolling through stop signs or zooming down lanes; stop signs and speed limits are posted to keep everyone safe.

No stealing spots: This probably causes more **parking-lot rage** than any other **transgression**. Do not pull into a spot when it's clear that someone else is waiting for it.

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No stalking: Do not drive slowly behind someone who's walking to their car. It's annoying, and there's no guarantee that they're actually leaving the parking lot. They might just be dropping off their bags before the next round of spending.

Limit how long you'll wait for a spot: You might be willing to wait all day for that prime parking spot, but the cars lined up behind you won't be. If the car hasn't pulled out after a minute or two, it's time to move on and let someone else get that spot. It won't be easy, but it's never easy doing the right thing.

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Park between the lines: When pulling into a spot, make sure you're lined up between the lines. There's nothing worse in a crowded parking lot than a driver who takes up two parking spaces because they can't pull into a space correctly — or because they're a **jerk**.

These tips could help secure a spot on Santa's nice list. Are you naughty or nice when looking for a parking spot?

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Q1. This story was published before Christmas day & it's about when people go shopping during the Christmas holidays. You can learn a lot about the North American culture through an article like this. People from small towns usually relax and take their time, while in the city it's the opposite.

My question is, have you ever seen anyone take up 2 parking spots? or have you done it before? Tell us about it please.

Q2. Do you think people who have parking-lot rage or road rage should go to anger management classes? Why do you think?