

Idioms that suggest you are busy

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In our professional lives, we tend to remain busy all the time and sometimes may find it hard to do all the tasks expected from us. In such situations, we need to communicate to the higher boss or our family of our busy status. Today, let us see how you can communicate to others that you are busy in a business manner. Some ways to communicate your busy status are-

When you talk about being **busy in past**, you say:

I was busy + verb (with 'ing' form)

Example: I was busy working.

When you talk about being **busy in present**, you can say:

I am busy + verb (with 'ing' form)

Example: I am busy working.

Busy Idioms

Busy as a beaver

Slammed

To be snowed under

Swamped

Busiest men have the most leisure

Following idioms and phrases are used to convey that you are busy.

1. Busy as a beaver

It shows that you are busy indeed.

Example: I am busy as a beaver these days; I couldn't take out time for lunch.

2. A lot on one's plate

It shows that you have lot of work to do.

Example: Today, there are a lot of things in my plate as I am supposed to do an extra work of my colleague who is on leave.

3. Slammed

It is used to convey that you are being overloaded with work.

Example: Because of yesterday's pending work, I am slammed with a lot of work today.

4. Biz

This is a short and slang term which is generally used in an informal communication between colleagues and subordinates.

Example: Hey guys, these days you really seem biz.

5. To be snowed under

This phrase shows that you are busy in a work and you are having trouble doing that.

Example: I am so snowed under the work these days that I do not feel like doing anything and just want to simply sit at home or go for holiday.

6. Swamped

This is a slang term used for describing yourself as being overworked.

Example: I can't take more projects as I am already swamped with lot of work.

7. Busiest men have the most leisure

This is an idiom which indicates that professional people manage their work in such a way that they get the time to fulfill all their hobbies and enjoyment and start new work with a fresh mind.

Example: Raj said he was busy but I know that busiest men have the most leisure.

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