

MÓDULO 03 - COME ON

DEFINITION

COME ON

- 1) an expression used to encourage someone to do something, like “let’s go” or “come;”
- 2) to begin to feel the effects of a headache, migraine or other illness;
- 3) expression that shows disbelief, similar to “no way” or “I don’t believe it!”

COME ON is INSEPARABLE

COME is an IRREGULAR VERB COME – CAME – COME

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1) an expression to say encourage someone to do something like “let’s go” or “come”

1. Present tense

Come on, we can’t be late!

2. Present continuous

We’re running late, let’s go, *come on*!

- to run late = a common expression used to say, “to be late” or “to be behind schedule”.
 - o I’m running late, so please start the meeting without me!

3. Past continuous

Come on, sis, don’t worry. We weren’t doing **anything** wrong.

- sis = short term for sister (only used with sisters, not friends)
- bro = short term for brother (can be used with brothers and friends)

We were NOT doing ANYTHING wrong. You can’t have double negatives in English.

✗ ~~We don’t have nothing.~~

✓ We don’t have ANYTHING.

2) to begin to feel the effects of a headache, migraine or other illness

4. Present continuous

I feel a migraine *coming on*.

5. Present perfect

I’ve had this hangover threatening to *come on* for hours now. I think I’ll be fine **though**.

- “Though”, usually found at the end of a sentence, means “but” or “however”
 - o I’m allergic to milk. I can drink soymilk though.

6. Modals (can)

Can you bring me some medicine? I feel a headache *coming on*.

- Could you bring me? = Means the same thing, but it’s slightly more polite.
 - o Can you...? = Você pode...?
 - o Could you...? = Você poderia...?

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3) expression used to show disbelief, like “no way” or “I don’t believe it!”

7. Present tense + frequency adverbs

Oh, *come on*, you believe him? You know he always lies!

8. Present simple

For God’s sake, come on, tell the truth!

- Pelo amor de Deus! = For God’s sake! or “For Goodness sake”
- “Oh my God!” (Some people may find this offensive)
 - o “Oh my gosh!” or “Oh my goodness!” are options that no one will be offended by.

9. Past simple

Come on, **man**, you didn’t really **play hooky**, **did you?**

- man = slang used with males (teenagers or adults)
- play hooky = skip class; ditch class
- Did you? = Didja?

10. Present simple

Twenty dollars for a bottle of water? *Come on*, **you gotta be kidding me!**

- “You gotta be...” = You have got to be... = You have to be...
- “...kidding me” = ...joking me (not being serious)

Bonus expression!

TO COME ON TO (someone), usually used in the continuous tense, means to flirt with someone; show romantic interest; we also say “to hit on someone”

- Was that guy coming on to you? = What that guy hitting on you? = What that guy flirting with you?

PRACTICE

Who is someone that you are always encouraging to go faster, etc. that you would use the expression “Come on!” with?

o I say, “Come on!” to my kids all the time, especially when they complain about doing simple things like picking up their clothes.