

MÓDULO 02 - COME OFF

DEFINITION

- 1) COME OFF - to become detached from something
- 2) COME OFF (well) - to be successful; to go well; OR to give an impression

COME OFF is inseparable

COME is an irregular verb (COME - CAME - COME)

EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS

1) COME OFF - to become detached from something

1. Present tense

I **get my nails** done every week. I hate how my nails look when the polish starts *to come off*.

- get (nails/hair/makeup) done - have someone else do your hair or nails
 - o I got my makeup done.
 - o I'm getting my hair done today.
 - o I'm getting my nails done right now. = Someone else is doing my makeup/hair/nails.
- I do my makeup/hair/nails, etc. = I do these things on my own.

2. Present continuous

We need to **redo** the paint on the wall. It's *coming off*.

- redo - do again
- the prefix "re" means "again" or "go back to an original state."
 - o rewrite = write again (start over)
 - o rebuild = build again (start over)
 - o reconsider/rethink - consider again; think about (something) again

3. Future (going to) + past simple + past continuous

I'm going to **get a manicure** today. My nail **polish** *came off* while I was washing the dishes.

- When you GET a manicure/a haircut/a massage = You RECIEVE these things
- Polish - nationality for people from Poland. Sounds like "Poulêshh"
 - o My grandfather is Polish. He's from Warsaw.
- Polish a noun that refers to what you put on your nails, shoes, wood furniture, etc. or a verb. Sounds like "Pólêshh"
 - o I'm going to buy furniture polish for our table.
 - o Every day my dad polishes his shoes before going to work.

4. Past continuous

Stephanie said that the product worked, and the stain *was coming off*.

5. Used to

Pedro didn't use to care when the paint *came off*, but now he is the first one to notice.

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6. Future (will)

Don't worry, I'm sure the **meeting** *will come off well*!

MEETING x REUNION

- meeting - an encounter with people at work, etc.
 - Every Friday we have a meeting at work.
- reunion - when you reunite with family, friends or classmates after spending many years without seeing each other
 - I'm going to my 20-year high school reunion tonight.

7. Present perfect

I don't know why you're so **upbeat**; meetings with that boss have never *come off well*.

- upbeat - full of energy; positive

8. Past perfect

The meeting *had come off* **without a hitch**, but Joseph was still worried.

- "to come off without a hitch" - an expression that means to go well without any problems

9. Conditionals

The event *wouldn't have come off* so well if we hadn't hired that speaker to make the **keynote speech**.

- keynote speech - the main speech at a conference or other professional event

10. Modals (must, may)

The project *must come off* perfectly, or we may **lose our jobs**.

- to be fired - to lose your job because you did something wrong
- to lose your job/to be laid off/to be let go - to lose your job, but it wasn't necessarily your fault

Bonus!

11) "What did you think of Jake?"

- "I don't know. He **came off** a little arrogant. I don't think I'll go out with him again."

- To come off arrogant = to appear to be arrogant; to give the impression that he's arrogant.

*Come off is usually used with negative adjectives in this type of situation.

PRACTICE

Can you think of a time when something that you were nervous about came off really well?

◦ I was really nervous about a job interview that I had a few weeks ago. Luckily, it came off really well and I got the job!

Or try to create another sentence using COME OFF with the meaning (to become detached from something)

◦ I was driving down the road and my bumper came off in the middle of the highway!