

## Dialogue

**June:** You look so angry. What happened?

**Mark:** Nothing. Just don't ask.

**June:** Come on. I think you need to **let off some steam**. Besides, you shouldn't **keep your feelings pent up**. They'll eat you alive. So, talk to me.

**Mark:** All right. This morning I took my car to the garage to have them check the air-conditioner. They only gave it a **once over**, refilled it with some Freon, and charged me 300 **bucks**!

**June:** No wonder you're **livid**. I'd be mad, too if someone **ripped me off** like that.

**Mark:** Yeah, and they were rude. They said I didn't know anything about cars, which I don't, but they didn't have to be so **blunt**!

**June:** Sounds like you got a **raw deal**! Maybe you should file a **complaint** with the Consumer Protection Agency.



## Expressions

let off some steam  
 keep feelings pent up  
 bucks  
 livid  
 once over

ripped someone off  
 blunt  
 raw deal  
 complaint

## Let's Talk

1. What are the things that can make you feel livid?
2. Who do you talk to when you need to let off some steam?
3. When do you keep your feelings pent up?
4. Have you had a raw deal before? What happened?
5. What do you do when people are rude to you?

