

Like so many of the basic things in life, there are lots of expressions that refer to **work**. Try using some of those listed below, but remember that many would not be suitable in more formal contexts.

**being busy**

be up to your eyeballs  
be up to your neck  
have your hands full

be up to your eyes  
busy as a bee  
be rushed off your feet

**working very hard**

beaver away  
burn the midnight oil  
keep your nose to the grindstone  
work like a dog

burn the candle at both ends  
hard at it  
pull your weight  
work your fingers to the bone

**get on with it**

get down to business  
knuckle down

get cracking  
put your shoulder to the wheel