

ENGINEERING VOCABULARY

1. IT IS IN PROCESS - So wrapped up in red tape that the situation is almost hopeless.
2. WE WILL LOOK INTO IT - By the time the wheel makes a full turn we assume you will have forgotten it, too.
3. A PROGRAM - Any assignment that can't be completed by one telephone call.
4. EXPEDITE - To confound confusion with commotion.
5. CHANNELS - The trail left by interoffice memos.
6. COORDINATOR - The guy who has a desk between two expeditors.
7. CONSULTANT (or expert) - Any ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home.
8. TO ACTIVATE - To make carbons and add more names to the memo.
9. TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM - Hire more people and expand the office.
10. UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION - Never heard of it.
11. UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION - We're looking in the files for it.
12. A MEETING - A mass mulling by master minds.
13. A CONFERENCE - A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labor and the loneliness of thought.
14. TO NEGOTIATE - To seek a meeting of minds without knocking together of heads.
15. RE-ORIENTATION - Getting used to work again.
16. RELIABLE SOURCE - The guy you just met.
17. INFORMED SOURCE - The guy who told the guy you just met.
18. UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE - The guy who started the rumor originally.
19. A CLARIFICATION - To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.
20. WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY - We need more time to think of an answer.
21. NOTE and INITIAL - Let's spread the responsibility for this.
22. LET'S GET TOGETHER ON THIS - I'm assuming you are as confused as I am.
23. SEE MR. or LET'S DISCUSS - Come down to my office, I'm lonesome.
24. GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR PRESENT THINKING - We'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already decided to do.
25. WE WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE - If we figure it out, we'll let you know.
26. TO GIVE SOMEONE THE PICTURE - A long, confused and inaccurate statement to a newcomer.