

# Are you being taken for a ride?

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“Ride” you may know. Here are some easy and common uses:

- A bike ride (paseo en bicicleta) or to go for a ride on a horse.
- A car ride (vuelta en coche). You might have taken someone for a ride in your Porsche. So, to go for a ride is go somewhere perhaps for the scenery and some time away from your town or house.
- Yesterday was Mr. Morales first ride in a Rolls Royce (ayer era la primera vez que Mr. Morales viajó en un Rolls Royce). This means that it was his first time in a Rolls Royce.

Those examples are the easy part.

Now for some idioms. Contemplate these:

- Sometimes mortals are “taken for a ride” by politicians. This means that they are tricked or deceived by falsehoods (falsedades). An example: Mr. Sanchez, the Spanish Prime Minister, is “taking the people for a ride” with his explanations about the Covid vaccination programme. The Spanish people feel that they have been taken for a ride about the Covid vaccines (...siente que les han tomado el pelo...).
- Mr. Johnson, the British Prime Minister, “is riding high” in the opinión polls. This means that the opinión polls give him positive approvals.
- Mr. Sanchez, the Spanish Prime Minister, is “letting things ride”. This means he is not doing anything to deal with an issue - he is just letting

things take their course without intervention. Perhaps in Spanish he is  
“están dejando que las cosas sigan su curso.