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Good afternoon all, What is he trying to say by "touch this string"? "But dream not, that Richard Coeur de Lion will ever resume his throne, far less that Wilfred of Ivanhoe, his minion, will ever lead thee to his footstool, to be there welcomed as the bride of a favourite. Another suitor might feel jealousy while he touched this string; but my firm purpose cannot be changed by a passion so childish and so hopeless." (Ivanhoe) Many thanks Don't know. It has no clear meaning in present-day English, and it's not a familiar archaism. Two possibilities occur to me. It could be the string of a musical instrument - suggesting someone is telling a tale, a ballad, an idle dream of what once was or might have been. The hopeless passion is as unreal as a ballad. Or it could be the heart-strings - an old-fashioned non-medical image, perhaps because the emotions of your heart can be touched and stirred as a musical instrument can. So another suitor could be worked into a mood by emotional manipulation. Definition 3b of the noun string in the on-line OED include several examples of the phrase touch a string. Rather unhelpfully, the OED defines string simply as referring figuratively to the string of a harp or other musical instruments. My reading of the OED'S examples is: - sometimes touch on a string means refer to a particular issue - sometimes it implies additionally cause an emotional response - in today's English we say touch a chord (same metaphor, different word). Here are some of the OED's examples: 1718 Pope Corr 12 Dec. (1956) II. 23 But I must own, when you talk of Building and Planting, you touch my String. 1741 S. Richardson Pamela III. xxv. 147 The dear Gentleman makes me spring to his Arms, whenever he touches this String. 1789 F. Burne Diary 6 Jan., No sooner did the King touch upon that dangerous string, the History of Music, than all else was forgotten! 1853 Dickens Bleak House xxxvii. 376, I asked Mr. Vholes if he would like to live altogether in the country? 'There, miss,' said he, 'you touch me on a tender string.' 1854 Poultry Chron. 2 320 What, another song to the old tune,—another play on the old string. Frankly, I am ever suspicious of archaizing English such as Walter Scott's. Did anyone ever really speak this way? Hola, me gustaría cual es la traducción literal de la expresión "touch base with someone". Cualquier sugerencia será muy bien recibida Un saludo Hola, me gustaría cual es la traducción literal de la expresión "touch base with someone". Cualquier sugerencia será muy bien recibida Un saludo Hola Lula May, Primero me siento obligado a avisarte que una traducción literal te va a llevar por senderos peligrosos y tal vez divertidos. Tocar la base con alguien... Sí existe la posibilidad de está frase, re-traducido al inglés, literalmente, para describir la llegada simultánea de dos personas a una base de béisbol! En lengua normal, quiere decir 'tener contacto con alguien'. saludos, Cuchufléte Hola, me gustaría cual es la traducción literal de la expresión "touch base with someone". Cualquier sugerencia será muy bien recibida Un saludo Por este lado del Atlántico también decimos "tocar base"... Acabo de llegar de mi almuerzo. Déjame tocar base con mi secretaria para verificar si tengo mensajes... (I just came back from lunch. Let me touch base with my secretary to see if I have any messages....) Por este lado del Atlántico también decimos "tocar base"... Acabo de llegar de mi almuerzo. Déjame tocar base con mi secretaria para verificar si tengo mensajes... (I just came back from lunch. Let me touch base with my secretary to see if I have any messages....) Laura, sin intención de denostar i menospreciar el lenguaje de ninguna región, te pregunto si te parece Spanglish esta forma de hablar, o es que tenéis mucho afán por el béisbol? ¡Viva Bernie Williams! Cuchu Laura, sin intención de denostar i menospreciar el lenguaje de ninguna región, te pregunto si te parece Spanglish esta forma de hablar, o es que tenéis mucho afán por el béisbol? ¡Viva Bernie Williams! Cuchu No, no creo que sea Spanglish... pero puede que sea un calco, aunque no estoy segura de ello. De todas formas, tocar base es muy común por acá. ¡Qué vivan los Yankees! Quiero que lleguen a la Serie Mundial. Laura, sin intención de denostar i menospreciar el lenguaje de ninguna región, te pregunto si te parece Spanglish esta forma de hablar, o es que tenéis mucho afán por el béisbol? Viva Bernie Williams! Cuchu Bernie Williams has long ago enjoyed his hey-day. So far he is a decaying player, but yes he could play for the Yankees. Anyway, viva Bernie!!! Tocar base es una frase muy común en español que significa consultar algo con alguien, generalmente antes de tomar una decisión o de realizar algún acto. Teniendo palabras como, consultar y contactar, me parece un poco de mal gusto usar "tocar base" como sinónimo de esa acción. Particularmente no me gusta el término. como se dice "keep in touch" o "to keep in touch" como en una carta o lo que sea? estoy seguro que ustedes saben lo que estoy tratando de decirles verdad? _____ hablo el dialecto de los puertorriquenos porque soy puertorriqueno pero estoy aprendiendo otro dialecto, y por eso estoy aqui, no se enojen. Todos queremos aprender verdad? Yo usaría "mantente en contacto" Asi lo deciamos cuando yo estaba en Mexico pero no soy experta I agree with Victoria, that is the way we will say it in Mexico. Mantente en contacto But I guess is just more common to hear "don't forget about me", "write me" or "call me"/"no te olvides de mí", "escríbeme" o "llámame", than saying "keep in touch". You are right. I only want to make a suggestion. I do not know if aniceto is only telling to his friend: "Hey, friend, (you) keep in touch" In this case is "Mantente en contacto" Or aniceto is talking about them (aniceto and his friend,): "Hey friend (we) keep in touch". In this case is "Estamos en contacto". I think in México it is more used "Estamos en contacto". "Mantente en contacto" it is used when your friend write you sporadic, or you need that he is in contacto with you (something important, wainting news, etc). También se utiliza: "Sigamos comunicando." Lo he oído en habla informal. Espero que sea de ayuda. Saludos. Vicki Hola Vicki ¿Quisiste decir "Sigamos comunicados" - "Sigamos comunicándonos"? También se utiliza: "Sigamos comunicando." Lo he oído en habla informal. Espero que sea de ayuda. Saludos. Vicki Hello! "seguimos en contacto" es lo que utilizo normalmente Saludos Hola Vicki ¿Quisiste decir "Sigamos comunicados" - "Sigamos comunicándonos"? Lo que puse es lo que oído en la plática informal, pero sí me parece mejor "sigamos comunicándonos". Gracias por el comentario. Saludos. Vicki Yo opino que la traducción correcta es: "Seguimos en contacto", pero es una frase demasiado formal. Yo pondría a un amigo algo como: "Escríbeme pronto" Un saludo, Nano Es posible usar "mantenerse en contacto" (como en "Mantente en contacto") y decir "Mantengámonos en contacto." (Let's stay in touch.)" ¿O es demasiado...? ¡Gracias! Es posible usar "mantenerse en contacto" (como en "Mantente en contacto") y decir "Mantengámonos en contacto." (Let's stay in touch.)" ¿O es demasiado...? ¡Gracias! Si escribo a un amigo o familiar, les digo "mantengámonos en contacto! ".. Al menos para mi suena bien y lo uso... Es posible usar "mantenerse en contacto" (como en "Mantente en contacto") y decir "Mantengámonos en contacto." (Let's stay in touch.)" ¿O es demasiado...? ¡Gracias! Es posible, Terry. En Colombia usamos esas expresiones. Yo a veces prefiero decir "no te pierdas". Es posible, Terry. En Colombia usamos esas expresiones. Yo a veces prefiero decir "no te pierdas". Gracias, Beatriz. Uds. me han dado varias opciones útiles. ¡Y a ti también, Weaton! De vez en cuando hace falta "confirmación." Otra opción -después de comentarlo por la oficina- puede ser: "Seguimos en contacto" Otras opciones-- No dejes de ... escribir(me) hablar(me) comunicarte estar en contacto mandarme un mensaje/correo You are right. I only want to make a suggestion. I do not know if aniceto is only telling to his friend: "Hey, friend, (you) keep in touch" In this case it is "Mantente en contacto" Or if aniceto is talking about them (aniceto and his friend,): "Hey friend (we) keep in touch". In this case it is "Estamos en contacto". I think in México "Estamos en contacto" is used more. "Mantente en contacto" it is used when your friend writes to you sporadically, or you need him to be in contacto with you (something important, wainting news, etc). Hola el_novato. Although your English is much, much better than my Spanish, there was a little room for improvement in your last post, so I made a few minor corrections! I hope you don't mind. To keep in touch = Ponerse en contacto Informalmente ; No te pierdas= keep in touch. Oh?? I thought "ponerse en contacto" meant to get in touch. You're right Stu, "ponerse en contacto" means "to get in touch". "To keep in touch" es, como han dicho antes, "mantenerse en contacto". Oh?? I thought "ponerse en contacto" meant to get in touch. You're right Stu, "ponerse en contacto" means "to get in touch". I'm really sorry Stu and beatrizg I got it all mixed-up. Ponerse en contacto is to get in touch and estar en contacto is to keep in touch. Isn't 'ponerse en contacto' more like 'to get in touch' with someone that you have lost contact with? Hello Willwood, No, not necessarily. It doesn't imply anything regarding previous contacts--you may have lost contact with the person, you may be in close contact with him or her, or you may never have been in contact at all. Hello! Which one is formal use? Can i use 'to get in touch' for the business letter or it's too informal? Thank you Hello! Which one is formal use? Can i use 'to get in touch' for the business letter or it's too informal? Thank you I would certainly use this in a business letter. In BE business usage, formality is increasingly in disuse, and people now write much more closely to spoken English than they did even ten years ago. I would suggest that it matters what kind of relationship you have with the business. Some of my clients expect very formal English, others do not. I would suggest erring on the side of caution and using the formal approach, unless you know that the recipient finds informal correspondence acceptable. As with all things, this is only my opinion. If you plan to use "get in contact," (context, please), for example, "Please get in contact with me," you could make it even more succinct: Please contact me. (Again, if you provide a context, both for the phrase as well as what kind of business letter you are writing, your readers can give you the best answer!) Good luck. Well i have to prepare something for the future clients (it's for the publicity agency) and they will have option to get in contact/get in touch with the provider by telephone or by Email. To get in touch…i use a lot for the customers/partners that i already know and we cooperate a lot, that's why it sounds more informal to me. I'll be in touch very soon. If I haven't read it in a novel, I would never know this expression. By machine translations, it's always translated to "contract". Hello everyone According to this link: Stative Verbs - Definition, Usage and Examples | Testbook.com As stated earlier, stative verbs are used to describe a state or condition rather than an action. Verbs related to the five senses like hear, see, touch, appear, and seem are considered stative verbs. This is my question: Why is "touch" considered as a stative verb? When we touch something, we move our hands and feel something. So, an action takes place. Am I right? Please tell me your opinion. Yes, I think so. In its normal literal sense of "be in physical contact with (sometimes implying and so aware of)", the verb "touch" is not (usually?) stative. I am using "not stative" to mean that the verb is freely used in the continuous form. I was touching his hand. I have not studied your document enough to be sure that this is what your author means by "stative" - terminology for describing English grammar is notoriously fluid. Why is "touch" considered as a stative verb? It isn't - the website is wrong. Verbs are not divided clearly between stative and dynamic/active. Depending on context, some verbs can be both stative and dynamic/active, and may be commoner in either their stative or active form. I get where you're coming from. Even though "touch" involves physical action, it's still considered a stative verb because it describes a state or condition of contact rather than the action itself. Hope that helps! Not because, when. It's both, let's face it, depending on context. This is English, not mathematics. Your book is probably thinking (can books think?) of a sentence such as "The table was almost touching the wall". That's stative, continuous, and it doesn't involve moving our hands to feel something. […] Your book is probably thinking (can books think?) of a sentence such as "The table was almost touching the wall". That's stative, continuous, and it doesn't involve moving our hands to feel something. To be "almost touching the wall" seems pretty static / stative, although according to one of Dowty's tests, "Statives do not occur in the progressive." But the whole distinction between categories of "stative verbs" and "dynamic verbs" seems unhelpful. Verbs can be used statively or used dynamically. Some verbs lend themselves to one or the other more than other verbs. Why is "touch" considered as a stative verb? Stative verbs are very difficult to teach. The purpose of teaching them is to prevent students from using the continuous form wrongly: - How many brothers do you have? - I am having two brothers. And confusion arises with - [Waiter in restaurant] Here is your steak. - It is my friend who is having the steak; I'm having fish." "The table was almost touching the wall" I'm not sure that this is a good example (or if it is possible for "touch" to be stative.) "The table [almost] touched the wall" is active Maybe the author was mixing up the sense of touch with the perception we get from it, which is usually described with the verb feel. The human action of touching is always dynamic, isn't it? This Cambridge site makes the same claim but gives no example for the verb touch. Somewhere in the middle of the page, they show this example for feel: feel (1) seem by touch; believe (stative); (2) touch (dynamic) Example: These peanuts feel sticky. Have you been feeling around in the bowl with your dirty hands? A rather confusing description for a learner, but yes, feel can be stative or dynamic, depending on context. (In both this sentences, I'm referring to physical proximity, not "feeling".) "The table touched the wall." might be considered stative because we assume that this "action" will continue until interrupted. "The cat touched the wall." is not stative as we don't expect the cat to remain in place for long. Bonjour! "Touch base with me in a couple of weeks" Ca veut dire quoi exactement? Merci! Note des modérateurs : nous avons fusionné plusieurs discussions pour créer ce fil. Last edited by a moderator: Mar 19, 2010 Bonjour. It means "Let me know exactly what is happening/any new developments/what the present situation is..." Examples: I've given you and John instructions on what to do next, so we'll all touch base in week and see how far we've progressed with the project. I hope you understand what I need you to do. Try your best and we'll touch base next month and decide what to do next. Perhaps: to touch base / contacter How would you say this sentence in French? "I just wanted to touch base with you and make sure everything is in order for the meeting next week." touch base - meaning to establish contact and verify that all things are going according to plan. Hi, as the context seems to be a business related one, I will say "Je voulais juste faire le point afin d'être sûr/sûre que tout est en ordre pour la réunion de la semaine prochaine" Bonjour ! J'ai du mal à trouver une formule appropriée en français pour la traduction de "touch base". Voici la phrase : "Phone call to my family just to touch base and say hey, how are you doing" Je comprends parfaitement le sens mais je n'arrive pas à l'exprimer. J'ai pensé à "Appeler ma famille juste pour me retrouver et leur demander comment ils vont" Qu'en pensez-vous ? Merci ! Pour garder contact (avec mes racines) ? ...histoire de garder contact "Pour retrouver mes racines" c'est pas mal mais c'est plus dans le cas d'un enfant qui appelle ses parents je pense. Dans le cas présent c'est un mari qui appelle sa femme et ses enfants. Merci en tous cas Calamitintin ! Merci Bianca ! "histoire de garder contact" c'est bien mais je trouve que ça ne rend pas le "base". C'est vraiment important pour lui de retrouver cette "base", pour retoucher terre. Last edited by a moderator: Mar 19, 2010 Si si, à mon avis ce n'est pas nécessaire de traduire "base" car on "touch base" avec n'importe qui, et pas juste sa famille. On "touch base" avec ses parents, ses amis, ses clients... On l'utilise entre collègues (américains) juste pour dire 'se contacter'. Je pense que c'est juste un synonyme informel de 'to contact' ou 'to get in touch'. Ce ne serait pas dérivé de la terminologie du base-ball comme expression ? Last edited: Nov 26, 2008 attention, on se moque pas, mais dans ce cadre là (appeler sa femme et son enfant) pourrait-on dire "juste pour faire un coucou ?" Ah ok ! J'y voyais un sens plus profond en fait... Je ne savais pas que c'était aussi informel. Je vais donc garder "histoire de garder contact". Merci à tous ! "faire un coucou" c'est ça, j'y avais pas pensé ! Super, merci ! Last edited by a moderator: Mar 19, 2010 Just for information, the origin of the expression comes from American baseball where "touching base" means coming back or touching down on your starting point or "home" Oui, justement, c'est une expression familière, et c'est dérivée de la terminologie du base-ball. Sans trop entrer dans les détails, on doit "touch base," littéralement toucher au base (il y en a trois, comme des petits coussins carrés, autour du champ intérieur) pour ne pas être "out," c'est à dire pour continuer à jouer pendant une période donnée du match. Alors, quand on "touches base" avec sa famille ou ses collègues, on reste "dans le match," on garde contacte. [….] Gargamelle (baseball fan) Last edited by a moderator: Mar 19, 2010 Hello; I am wondering if someone could help me with this. In an email, one of my client is speaking of someone else, and at the end, he said : "I will touch base with him" I don't know this expression. Does it means I will contact him? Thank you for yor help. It does mean Iwill contact him Je voulais aujourd'hui utiliser l'expression "touching base" comme titre d'un courriel en français--quelque chose de très bref pour simplement confirmer à ma collègue que je suis encore en train de travailler sur un projet, même si nous n'en avons pas discuté récemment. J'ai opté pour "mise à jour", car c'est très bref et il me semble que cela joue un peu le même rôle, même si la "mise à jour" n'avait rien de très nouveau par rapport à notre dernière conversation. Hello everybody What's the difference between BE in touch, KEEP in touch, GET in touch, and STAY in touch? Or it's all the same? E.g: They have been/kept/got/stayed in touch for 2 years. — Which one should I use? (I mean they sent letters to each other) Thank you for helping me! Last edited: Mar 19, 2016 Hello, Kruk. "Be/keep/stay in touch" mean roughly the same thing. Two people communicate with each other from time to time. "Get in touch" means that you contact somebody. The two of you probably don't communicate regularly. Last edited: Mar 19, 2016 By the way, a) as regards the preposition that goes with these expressions, we say 'to be (etc.) in touch with' someone, and b) the opposite is 'out of touch (with)'. BE in touch, KEEP in touch, GET in touch, and STAY in touch These are not all much the same meaning. They are all in the same ballpark of meaning but not exactly the same thing. BE in touch means that you are starting out being in a kind of relationship where you have not been in touch. KEEP in touch means you have already started the relationship. GET in touch means you have barely discovered this person's identity. STAY in touch is much the same as KEEP in touch. You have already established the relationship. If I were parting from someone I see once in a while and want to continue to be friendly with, I'd use one of these three phrases: "be in touch", "keep in touch", or "stay in touch". I wouldn't use "get in touch", since we're already in touch. "Get in touch" is essentially a request for contact. "Get in touch with us when you return to the city; we may have a job opening for you then." If I were parting from someone I see once in a while and want to continue to be friendly with, I'd use one of these three phrases: "be in touch", "keep in touch", or "stay in touch". I wouldn't use "get in touch", since we're already in touch. "Get in touch" is essentially a request for contact. "Get in touch with us when you return to the city; we may have a job opening for you then." I (just speaking for myself) wouldn't say "be in touch" in this situation, Parla. Thank you all! Now I get it

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