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a chip on your shoulder

Being upset for something that happened in the past.



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a dime a dozen

Anything that is common and easy to get.



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a doubting thomas

A skeptic who needs physical or personal evidence in order to believe something.



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a drop in the bucket

A very small part of something big or whole.



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a fool and his money are easily parted

It's easy for a foolish person to lose his/her money.



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a house divided against itself cannot stand

Everyone involved must unify and function together or it will not work out.



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a leopard can't change his spots

You cannot change who you are.



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a penny saved is a penny earned

By not spending money, you are saving money (little by little).



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a picture paints a thousand words

A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words.



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a piece of cake

A task that can be accomplished very easily.



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a slap on the wrist

A very mild punishment.



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a taste of your own medicine

When you are mistreated the same way you mistreat others.



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a toss-up

A result that is still unclear and can go either way.



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actions speak louder than words

It's better to actually do something than just talk about it.



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add fuel to the fire

Whenever something is done to make a bad situation even worse than it is.



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against the clock

Rushed and short on time.



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all bark and no bite

When someone is threatening and/or aggressive but not willing to engage in a fight.



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all greek to me

Meaningless and incomprehensible like someone who cannot read, speak, or understand any of the Greek language would be.



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all in the same boat

When everyone is facing the same challenges.



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an arm and a leg

Very expensive. A large amount of money.



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an axe to grind

To have a dispute with someone.



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apple of my eye

Someone who is cherished above all others.



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as high as a kite

Anything that is high up in the sky.



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at the drop of a hat

Willing to do something immediately.



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back seat driver

People who criticize from the sidelines, much like someone giving unwanted advice from the back seat of a vehicle to the driver.



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back to square one

Having to start all over again.



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back to the drawing board

When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.



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baker's dozen

Thirteen.



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barking up the wrong tree

A mistake made in something you are trying to achieve.



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beat a dead horse

To force an issue that has already ended.



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beating around the bush

Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.



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bend over backwards

Do whatever it takes to help. Willing to do anything.



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between a rock and a hard place

Stuck between two very bad options.



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bite off more than you can chew

To take on a task that is way to big.



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bite your tongue

To avoid talking.



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blood is thicker than water

The family bond is closer than anything else.



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blue moon

A rare event or occurance.



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break a leg

A superstitious way to say 'good luck' without saying 'good luck', but rather the opposite.



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buy a lemon

To purchase a vehicle that constantly gives problems or stops running after you drive it away.



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can't cut the mustard

Someone who isn't adequate enough to compete or participate.



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cast iron stomach

Someone who has no problems, complications or ill effects with eating anything or drinking anything.



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charley horse

Stiffness in the leg / A leg cramp.



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chew someone out

Verbally scold someone.



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chip on his shoulder

Angry today about something that occurred in the past.



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chow down

To eat.



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close but no cigar

To be very near and almost accomplish a goal, but fall short.



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cock and bull story

An unbelievable tale.



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come hell or high water

Any difficult situation or obstacle.



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crack someone up

To make someone laugh.



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cross your fingers

To hope that something happens the way you want it to.



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cry over spilt milk

When you complain about a loss from the past.



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cry wolf

Intentionally raise a false alarm.



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cup of joe

A cup of coffee.



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curiosity killed the cat

Being Inquisitive can lead you into a dangerous situation.



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cut to the chase

Leave out all the unnecessary details and just get to the point.



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dark horse

One who was previously unknown and is now prominent.



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dead ringer

100% identical. A duplicate.



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devil's advocate

Someone who takes a position for the sake of argument without believing in that particular side of the argument.



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dog days of summer

The hottest days of the summer season.



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don't count your chickens before they hatch

Don't rely on it until your sure of it.



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don't look a gift horse in the mouth

When someone gives you a gift, don't be ungrateful.



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don't put all your eggs in one basket

Do not put all your resources in one possibility.



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doozy

Something outstanding.



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down to the wire

Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds.



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drastic times call for drastic measures

When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions.



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drink like a fish

To drink very heavily.



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drive someone up the wall

To irritate and/or annoy very much.



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dropping like flies

A large number of people either falling ill or dying.



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dry run

Rehearsal.



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eighty six

A certain item is no longer available.
Or this idiom can also mean, to throw
away.

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elvis has left the building

The show has come to an end. It's all
over.

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ethnic cleansing

Killing of a certain ethnic or religious
group on a massive scale.

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**every cloud has a silver
lining**

Be optimistic, even difficult times will
lead to better days.

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**everything but the kitchen
sink**

Almost everything and anything has
been included.

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excuse my french

Please forgive me for cussing.

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feeding frenzy

An aggressive attack on someone by a
group.

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field day

An enjoyable day or circumstance.

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finding your feet

To become more comfortable in whatever you are doing.



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long in the tooth

Old people (or horses).



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loose cannon

Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check.



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make no bones about

To state a fact so there are no doubts or objections.



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method to my madness

Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.



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mumbo jumbo

Nonsense or meaningless speech.



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mum's the word

To keep quiet. To say nothing.



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nest egg

Savings set aside for future use.



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never bite the hand that feeds you

Don't hurt anyone that helps you.



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new kid on the block

Someone new to the group or area.



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new york minute

A minute that seems to go by quickly, especially in a fast paced environment.



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no dice

To not agree. To not accept a proposition.



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no room to swing a cat

An unusually small or confined space.



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not playing with a full deck

Someone who lacks intelligence.



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off on the wrong foot

Getting a bad start on a relationship or task.



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off the hook

No longer have to deal with a tough situation.



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off the record

Something said in confidence that the one speaking doesn't want attributed to him/her.



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on pins and needles

Anxious or nervous, especially in anticipation of something.



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on the fence

Undecided.



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on the same page

When multiple people all agree on the same thing.



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out of the blue

Something that suddenly and unexpectedly occurs.



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out on a limb

When someone puts themselves in a risky situation.



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out on the town

To enjoy yourself by going out.



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over my dead body

When you absolutely will not allow something to happen.



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over the top

Very excessive.



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pass the buck

Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.



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pedal to the metal

To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.



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peeping tom

Someone who observes people in the nude or sexually active people, mainly for his own gratification.



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pick up your ears

To listen very carefully.



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pig in a poke

A deal that is made without first examining it.



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pig out

To eat a lot and eat it quickly.



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pipe down

To shut-up or be quiet.



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practice makes perfect

By constantly practicing, you will become better.



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pull the plug

To stop something. To bring something to an end.



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pulling your leg

Tricking someone as a joke.



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put a sock in it

To tell noisy person or a group to be quiet.



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queer the pitch

Destroy or ruin a plan.



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rain-check

An offer or deal that is declined right now but willing to accept later.



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raining cats and dogs

A very loud and noisy rain storm.



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ring fencing

Separated usual judgement to guarantee protection, especially project funds.



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rise and shine

Time to get out of bed and get ready for work/school.



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rome was not built in one day

If you want something to be completely properly, then its going to take time.



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rule of thumb

A rough estimate.



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run out of steam

To be completely out of energy.



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saved by the bell

Saved at the last possible moment.



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scapegoat

Someone else who takes the blame.



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scot-free

To escape and not have to pay.



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sick as a dog

To be very sick (with the flu or a cold).



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sitting shotgun

Riding in the front passenger seat of a car.



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sixth sense

A paranormal sense that allows you to communicate with the dead.



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skid row

The rundown area of a city where the homeless and drug users live.



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smell a rat

To detect someone in the group is betraying the others.



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smell something fishy

Detecting that something isn't right and there might be a reason for it.



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son of a gun

A scamp.



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southpaw

Someone who is left-handed.



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spitting image

The exact likeness or kind.



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start from scratch

To do it all over again from the beginning.



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the ball is in your court

It is your decision this time.



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the best of both worlds

There are two choices and you have them both.



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the bigger they are the harder they fall

While the bigger and stronger opponent might be a lot more difficult to beat, when you do they suffer a much bigger loss.



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the last straw

When one small burden after another creates an unbearable situation, the last straw is the last small burden that one can take.



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the whole nine yards

Everything. All of it.



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third times a charm

After no success the first two times, the third try is a lucky one.



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tie the knot

To get married.



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til the cows come home

A long time.



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to make a long story short

Something someone would say during a long and boring story in order to keep his/her audience from losing attention.



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to steal someone's thunder

To take the credit for something someone else did.



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tongue and cheek

humor, not to be taken serious.



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turn a blind eye

Refuse to acknowledge something you know is real or legit.



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twenty three skidoo

To be turned away.



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under the weather

Feeling ill or sick.



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up a blind alley

Going down a course of action that leads to a bad outcome.



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use your loaf

Use your head. Think smart.



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van gogh's ear for music

Tone deaf.



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variety is the spice of life

The more experiences you try the more exciting life can be.



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wag the dog

A diversion away from something of greater importance.



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water under the bridge

Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.



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wear your heart on your sleeve

To openly and freely express your emotions.



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when it rains, it pours

Since it rarely rains, when it does it will be a huge storm.



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when pigs fly

Something that will never ever happen.



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wild and dine

When somebody is treated to an expensive meal.



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wild and woolly

Uncultured and without laws.



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without a doubt

For certain.



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x marks the spot

A phrase that is said when someone finds something he/she has been looking for.



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you are what you eat

In order to stay healthy you must eat healthy foods.



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you can't judge a book by its cover

Decisions shouldn't be made primarily on appearance.



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you can't take it with you

Enjoy what you have and not what you don't have, since when you die you cannot take things (such as money) with you.



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your guess is as good as mine

I have no idea.



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zero tolerance

No crime or law breaking big or small will be overlooked.



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a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Having something that is certain is much better than taking a risk for more, because chances are you might lose everything.



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finger lickin' good

A very tasty food or meal.



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fixed in your ways

Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something.



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flash in the pan

Something that shows potential or looks promising in the beginning but fails to deliver anything in the end.



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flea market

A swap meet. A place where people gather to buy and sell inexpensive goods.



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flesh and blood

This idiom can mean living material of which people are made of, or it can refer to someone's family.



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flip the bird

To raise your middle finger at someone.



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foam at the mouth

To be enraged and show it.



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fools' gold

Iron pyrites, a worthless rock that resembles real gold.



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french kiss

An open mouth kiss where tongues touch.



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from rags to riches

To go from being very poor to being very wealthy.



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fuddy-duddy

An old-fashioned and foolish type of person.



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full monty

This idiom can mean either, "the whole thing" or "completely nude".



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funny farm

A mental institutional facility.



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get down to brass tacks

To become serious about something.



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get over it

To move beyond something that is bothering you.



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get up on the wrong side of the bed

Someone who is having a horrible day.



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get your walking papers

Get fired from a job.



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give him the slip

To get away from. To escape.



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go down like a lead balloon

To be received badly by an audience.



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go for broke

To gamble everything you have.



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go out on a limb

Put yourself in a tough position in order to support someone/something.



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go the extra mile

Going above and beyond whatever is required for the task at hand.



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good samaritan

Someone who helps others when they are in need, with no discussion for compensation, and no thought of a reward.



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graveyard shift

Working hours from about 12:00 am to 8:00 am. The time of the day when most other people are sleeping.



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great minds think alike

Intelligent people think like each other.



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green room

The waiting room, especially for those who are about to go on a tv or radio show.



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gut feeling

A personal intuition you get, especially when feel something may not be right.



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haste makes waste

Quickly doing things results in a poor ending.



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hat trick

When one player scores three goals in the same hockey game.



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have an axe to grind

To have a dispute with someone.



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he lost his head

Angry and overcome by emotions.



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head over heels

Very excited and/or joyful, especially when in love.



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hell in a hand-basket

Deteriorating and headed for complete disaster.



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high five

Slapping palms above each others heads as celebration gesture.



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high on the hog

Living in Luxury.



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hit the books

To study, especially for a test or exam.



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hit the hay

Go to bed or go to sleep.



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hit the nail on the head

Do something exactly right or say something exactly right.



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hit the sack

Go to bed or go to sleep.



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hocus pocus

In general, a term used in magic or trickery.



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hold your horses

Be patient.



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icing on the cake

When you already have it good and get something on top of what you already have.



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idle hands are the devil's tools

You are more likely to get in trouble if you have nothing to do.



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if it's not one thing, it's another

When one thing goes wrong, then another, and another...



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in like flynn

To be easily successful, especially when sexual or romantic.



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in the bag

To have something secured.



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in the buff

Nude.



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in the heat of the moment

Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.



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in your face

An aggressive and bold confrontation.



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it takes two to tango

A two person conflict where both people are at fault.



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it's a small world

You frequently see the same people in different places.



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its anyone's call

A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict.



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ivy league

Since 1954 the Ivy League has been the following universities: Columbia, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Harvard.



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jaywalk

Crossing the street (from the middle) without using the crosswalk.



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joshing me

Tricking me.



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keep an eye on him

You should carefully watch him.



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**keep body and soul
together**

**To earn a sufficient amount of money
in order to keep yourself alive .**



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keep your chin up

To remain joyful in a tough situation.



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kick the bucket

Die.



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kitty-corner

**Diagonally across. Sometimes called
Catty-Corner as well.**



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knee jerk reaction

A quick and automatic response.



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knock on wood

**Knuckle tapping on wood in order to
avoid some bad luck.**



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know the ropes

To understand the details.



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last but not least

An introduction phrase to let the audience know that the last person mentioned is no less important than those introduced before him/her.



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lend me your ear

To politely ask for someone's full attention.



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let bygones be bygones

To forget about a disagreement or argument.



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let sleeping dogs lie

To avoid restarting a conflict.



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let the cat out of the bag

To share a secret that wasn't suppose to be shared.



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level playing field

A fair competition where no side has an advantage.



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like a chicken with its head cut off

To act in a frenzied manner.



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liquor someone up

To get someone drunk.



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a blessing in disguise

**Something good that isn't recognized
at first.**



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