

1. To keep body and soul together:- To manage to live

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Eg – His wages are not enough to keep body and soul together.

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2. a slap on the wrist :- a mild reprimand or punishment



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Eg:- In the past, officers who mistreated prisoners often received a mere slap on the wrist.

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3. To burn one's finger :- To suffer a loss by acting rashly



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Eg :- She'd invested extensively in stocks and got her fingers burned when the market collapsed.

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4. A shot in the dark :- an attempt to guess something without having any facts or definite ideas

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Eg :- My answer to the last question was a complete shot in the dark.



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5. A bull market :- Market where prices are rising



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Eg :- There was a decline in prices after the bull market peaked in April 2000.

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6. Take your eye off the ball :- To stop paying attention for a moment

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Eg:- If you're a manager, you can't afford to take your eye off the ball for one minute.



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7. To shake in one's shoes :- To be afraid



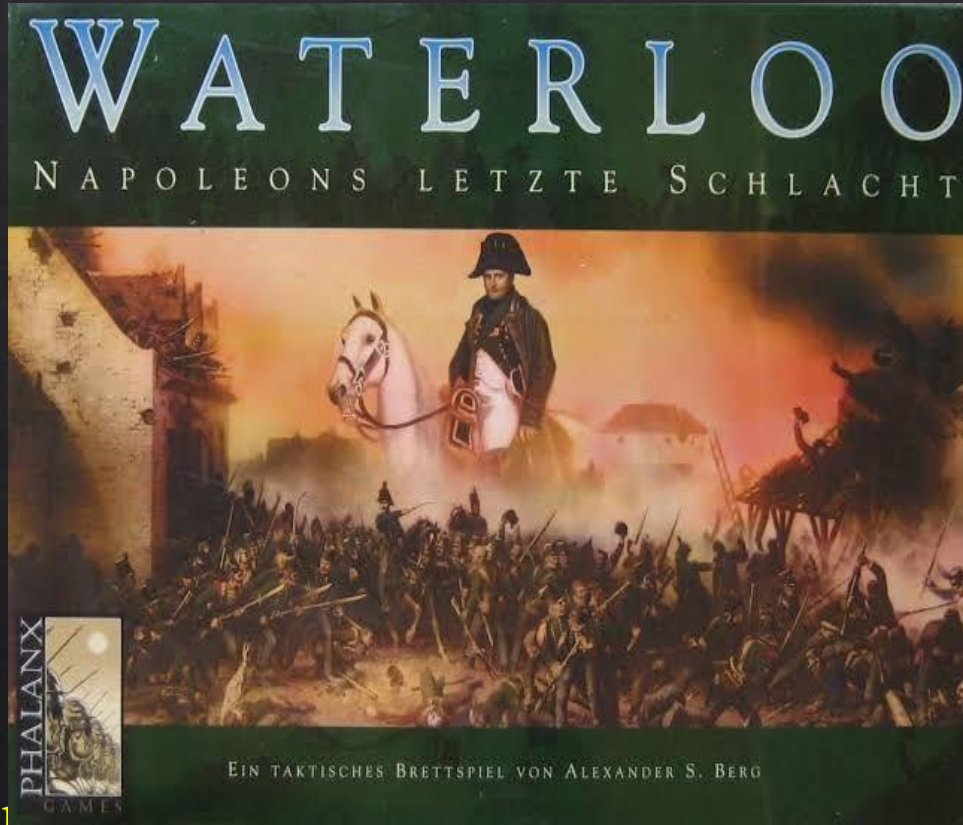
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Eg:- He was shaking in his shoes when he was face-to-face with the criminal.

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8. To meet one's water loo :- To be badly defeated in a contest

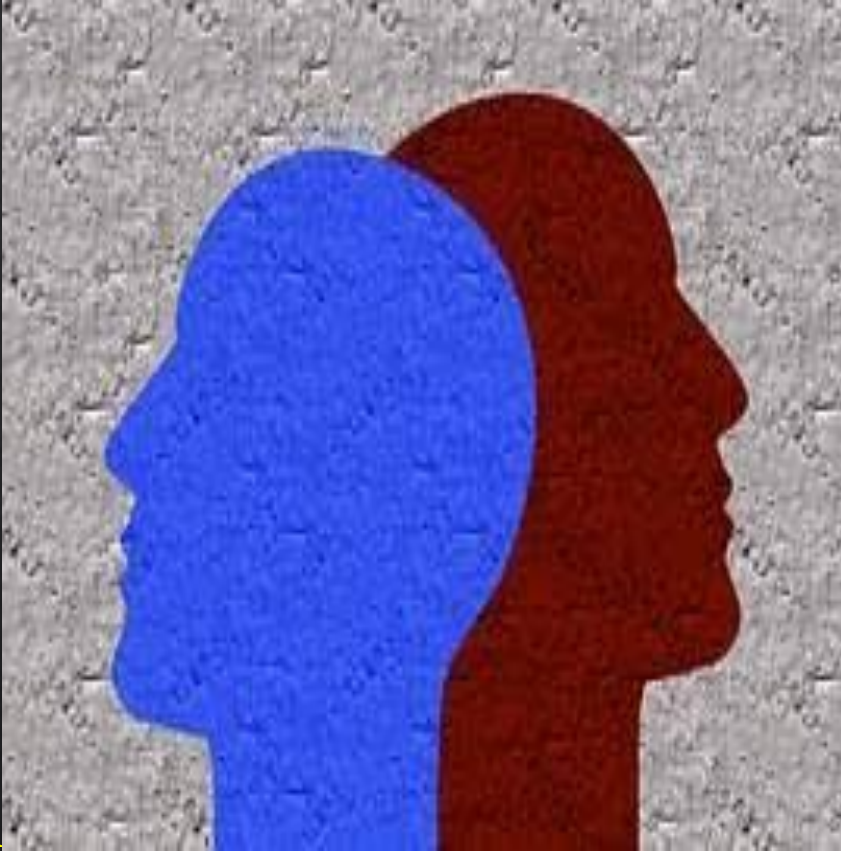
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Eg:- The governor finally met his Waterloo in the last election.

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9. To be in two minds :- In a dilemma



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Eg:- I am in two minds
whether to change the
engine or repair it.

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10. Slack off :- To ease pressure on something



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Eg:- It's natural to slack off towards the end of a hard day's work.

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11. To buy a pig in a poke :- to purchase a thing without previously examining it.

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Eg. - If you buy a used car without examining it thoroughly first you might end up buying a pig in a poke.

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12. Over and above :- In addition to



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Eg:- He had some repairs to pay for over and above the cost of the car.

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13. Ace in the hole :- A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an Ideal time

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Eg:- High technology remains the ace in the hole for foreign companies.

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14. For old time's sake :- Because of sentimental memories of the past

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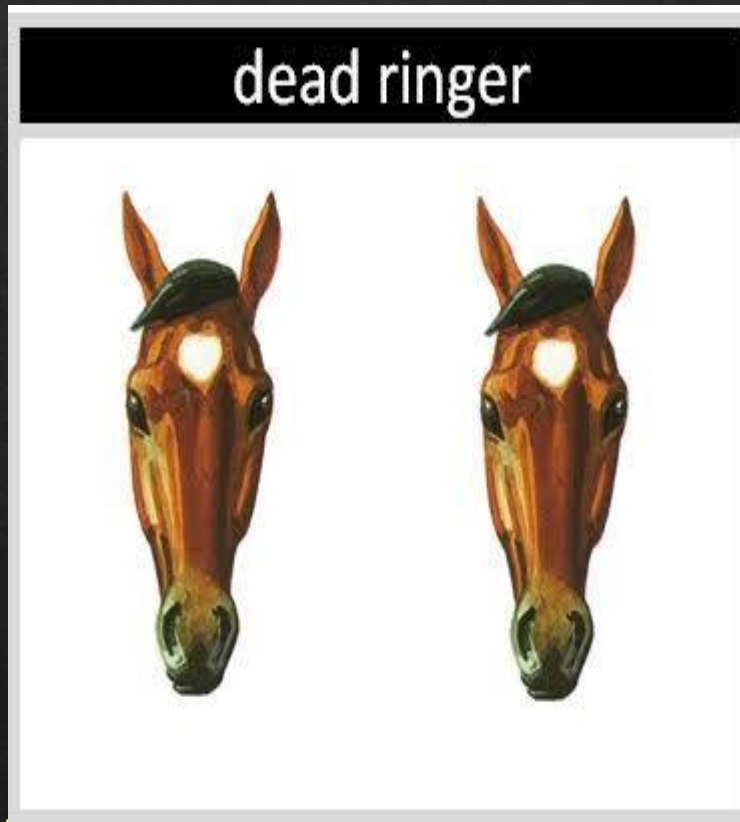
Eg:- He and his old friends from college went back to the bar for old time's sake.



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15. **Dead ringer** :- An exact duplicate



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Eg:- That man on the other side of the road is a dead ringer for Virat Kohli.

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16. To keep an eye on:- keep a watch on something or someone closely

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Eg – I keep an eye on my children because it helps me not worry about them all the time.

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17. Green light:- Got permission to go ahead with something

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Eg:- His boss finally gave him the green light to start the new project.

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Eg:- Her sister told her mother, who then told all and sundry.

19. A sea change:- A profound or notable transformation



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Eg - Recent years have witnessed a sea change in the fortunes of car safety as a marketable quantity.

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20. Twiddling one's thumb:- Feeling bored/ to do nothing, usually while you are waiting for something to happen.

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Eg:- I arrived early for the meeting so I was twiddling my thumbs for half an hour.

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21. Give cold shoulder :- Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone

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Eg:- She became really angry when her boyfriend gave her the cold shoulder.

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22. Armed to the teeth :- Fully armed, having many weapons



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Eg:- The robbers were armed to the teeth when they robbed the bank.

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23. To sleep like a dog :- To sleep soundly



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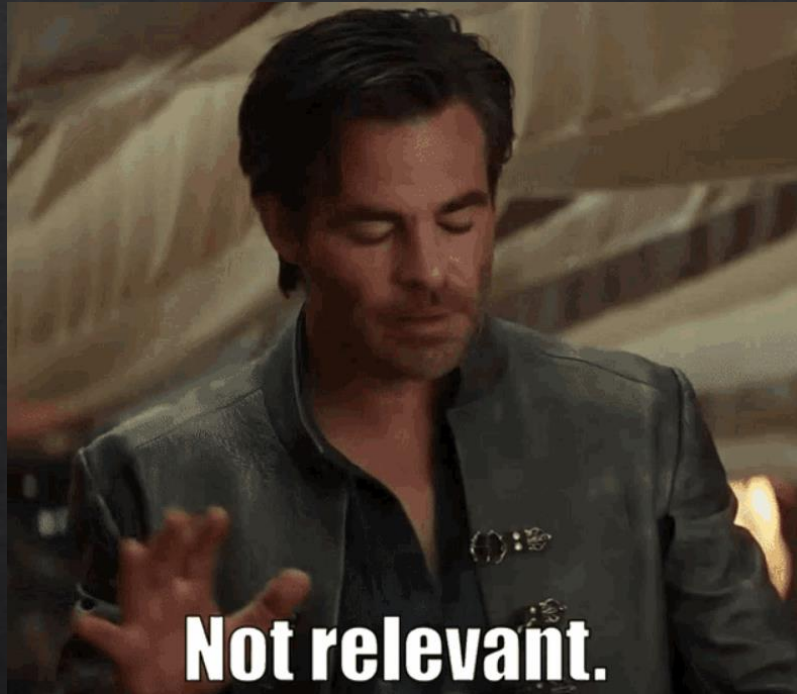
Eg:- My children always sleep like a log.

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24. Apropos of nothing :- Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation

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Eg:- Apropos of nothing, he suddenly asked me if I liked cats!

25. Lion's mouth:- A dangerous situation



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Eg – Don't put your head in the lion's mouth by driving in such horrible conditions.

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26. Neck of the woods :- Neighbourhood



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Eg:- We don't get much snow in our neck of the woods.

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27. At daggers drawn with :- To be bitterly hostile towards each other

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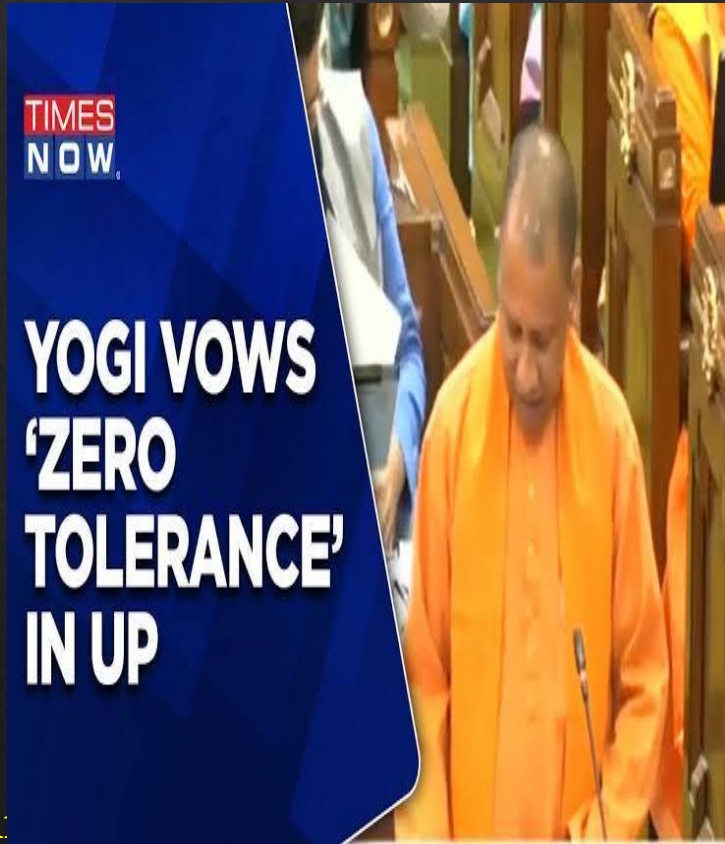
Eg:- She's at daggers drawn with her colleagues.

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28. Zero tolerance :- A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law

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Eg:- The school board has a policy of zero tolerance for students caught with drugs.



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29. To bridge the gap :- To reduce differences and reconcile

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Eg:- A need exists to bridge the gap between theory and practice in nursing.



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30. Bite the dust :- To die



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Eg:- Half of all new restaurants bite the dust in the first year.

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31. Pedal to the metal :- To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.

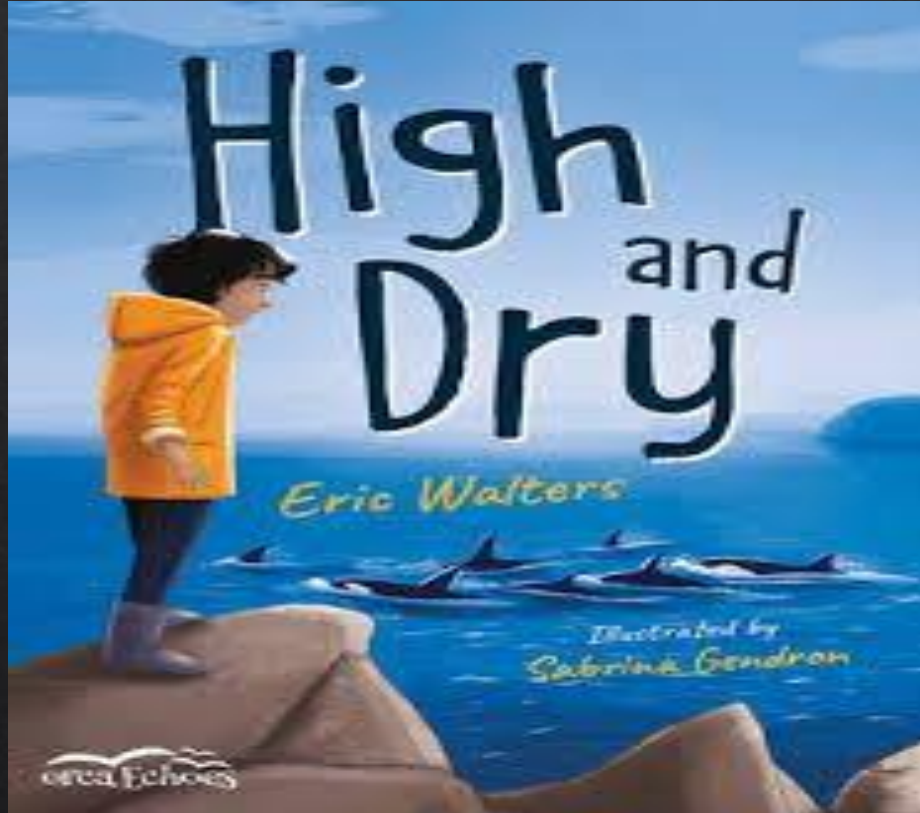
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Eg:- We are going to have to put the pedal to the metal if we want to finish on time.

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32. High and dry :- Abandoned



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Eg:- He left her high and dry in a strange country without any money.

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33. The whole ball of wax :- Everything



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Eg:- They are responsible
for the whole ball of wax

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34. 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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Eg:- You may be thinking that I have gone crazy, but there's a method to my madness.



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35. Dead lock :- A state in which progress is impossible

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Eg:- The governments of India and China are in a deadlock situation .

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36. To make one's mark :- To attain success



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Eg:- I plan to make my mark by writing the next great Indian novel.

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37. To lay someone by the heels :- To confine somebody in prison



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Eg:- Citizens are now demanding that the Governor be laid by the heels for his scandals.

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38. Have people rolling in the aisles :-

Make an audience laugh uncontrollably

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Eg:- We went to the comedy club last night and one of the comedians had everyone rolling in the aisles.

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39. In the flesh :- In bodily form



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Eg:- Thousands of fans gathered to see the band in the flesh .

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40. To breast the tape :- To win a race



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Eg:- The AAU later changed their rules to have the winner being the first athlete to cross the line not merely breast the tape.

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41. **Good grief** :- An expression of surprise or frustration

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Eg:- Good grief I can barely keep my thoughts on my duties.

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42. To jump out of one's skin :- To be extremely surprised



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Eg:- He nearly jumped out of his skin when he saw two rats

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43. Get into hot water :- To get into trouble



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Eg:- We'll get into hot water if the teacher hears about this.

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44. Penny wise and pound foolish :- Careless with large amounts, but not small

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Eg:- Education budget cuts are penny wise and pound foolish since public education is an investment in our future.

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45. All bark and no bite :- Full of talk, but low on action



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Eg:- He is one of the meanest and toughest chefs out there – and he's not just all bark and no bite.

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46. Appeal to Caesar :- Appeal to the highest possible authority



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Eg:- No one else has the authority to overturn this decision--you'll have to appeal to Caesar on this one.

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47. A bite at the cherry :- An attempt or opportunity to do something

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Eg:- Rajeev heard about a new investment opportunity that has the potential to be very profitable. He definitely wants a bite at the cherry.

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48. To make a mountain of a mole hill :-

To give great importance to trifles



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Eg:- You've just got a cold so stop making a mountain out of a molehill. You're not going to die from it!

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49. A beast of burden :- An animal that carries luggage



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Eg:- A mere child, he had to work like a beast of burden.

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50. Lose your head :- to lose control and not act in a calm way

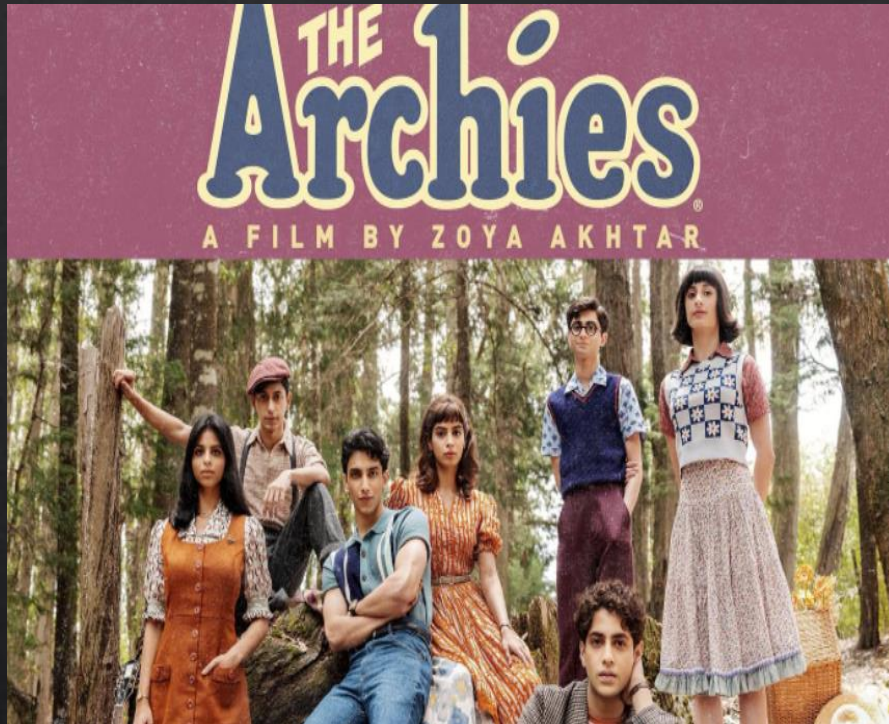


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Eg – He usually stays quite calm in meetings but this time he just lost his head.

51. New kid on the block :- a newcomer to a particular place or sphere of activity.

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Eg:- Realizing I was the new kid on the block in this job, I was determined to prove myself.

52. Cast someone adrift :- To leave someone without any support or purpose

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Eg:- The company was absorbed into a large conglomerate and most of its employees cast adrift.

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53. To the manner born :- To do something as though it is coming naturally

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Eg:- The young man gave orders to the soldiers as if to the manner born.

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54. To take the veil :- To become a nun



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Eg:- The young woman took the veil after her fiance died.

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55. Buy a lemon :- To buy something that is of much less value.



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Eg:- Considering how often that car breaks down, I think I bought a lemon from the dealership.

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56. Be my guest :- Please do it



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Eg:- If anybody wants to work on this, be my guest.

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57. To have a nodding acquaintance :-

Know somebody/something slightly



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Eg:- Students will need to have a nodding acquaintance with at least three languages.

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58. To miss the bus :- To lose an opportunity



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Eg:- You came for your joining two days late, sorry , you have missed the bus.

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59. Backseat driver :- A person who offers unsolicited advice.



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Eg:- They accused the former boss of being a backseat driver.

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60. To play with fire :- To take foolish risk



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Eg:- Investing in crypto without any knowledge is like playing with fire.

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61. **As hard as nails** :- Physically or mentally tough



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Eg:- You can never change his decision because he's as hard as nails.

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62. The whys and wherefores :- Reasons



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Eg:- Without asking the whys and wherefores he started to criticize people indiscriminately.