

# 1. Throw caution to the wind :- take risk



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Eg:- He threw caution to the wind, and repented later.

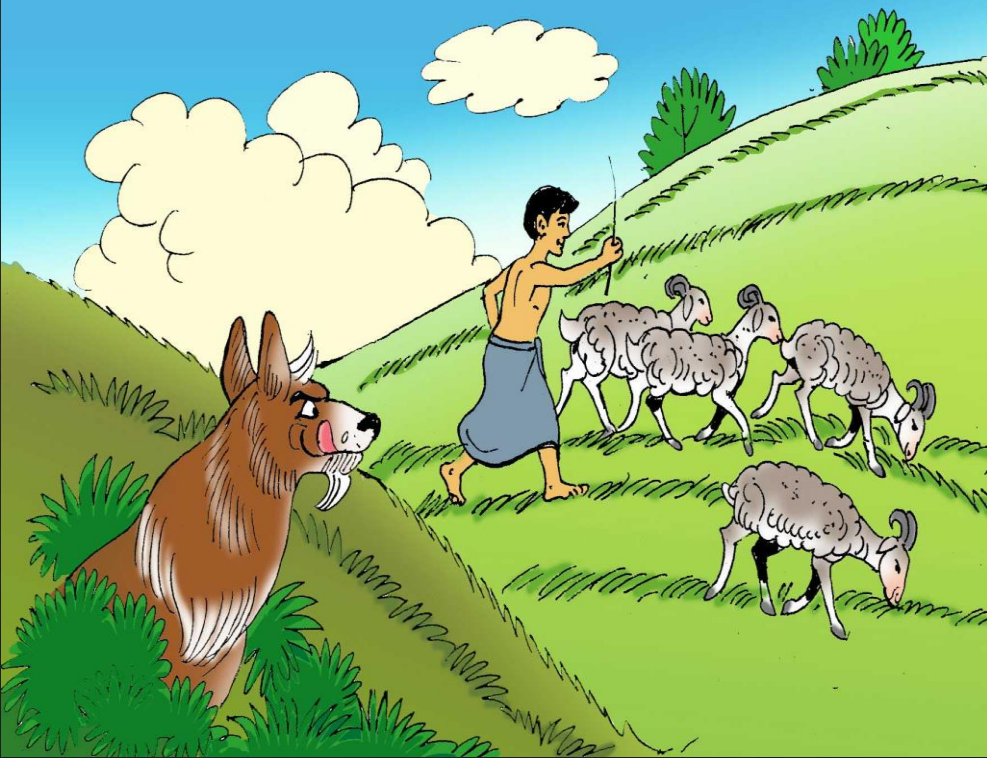
## 2. **Blue blooded:-** of noble birth



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Eg - The new student is very arrogant because his blood is blue.

### 3. Cry wolf:- to raise a false alarm



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Eg - If you cry wolf too often,  
people will stop believing you.



## 4. **Belly laugh** :- A loud and unrestrained laugh



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Eg:- This cartoon is so interesting that it makes us break into a lot of belly laugh.

## 5. A mare's nest :- A complex situation / Imaginary situation

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Eg - The tax laws in this country are a mare's nest that nobody fully understands.

## 6. **Beside oneself** :- Almost out of one's senses



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Eg:- He was beside himself with grief when his friend died.



## 7. cool as a cucumber :- very calm and relaxed



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Eg:- It's not everybody who can keep as cool as a cucumber in an emergency.

## 8. Butterflies in his stomach :- a nervous feeling



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Eg:- I used to get butterflies in my stomach before school tests.



## 9. The salt of the earth:- A good , reliable , honest person



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Eg – Robert is still the salt of the earth. He donates most of his salary to charity and volunteers weekly at the hospital.

## 10. An eagle eye :- a careful or close watch

Aunties at weddings be like 🙄



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Eg:- People felt that they had better be here because the eagle eye of those outside was on them.

# 11. rained on the new bride's parade :- to spoil a moment

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Eg:- I'm sorry to rain on your parade but you're not allowed to have alcohol on the premises.



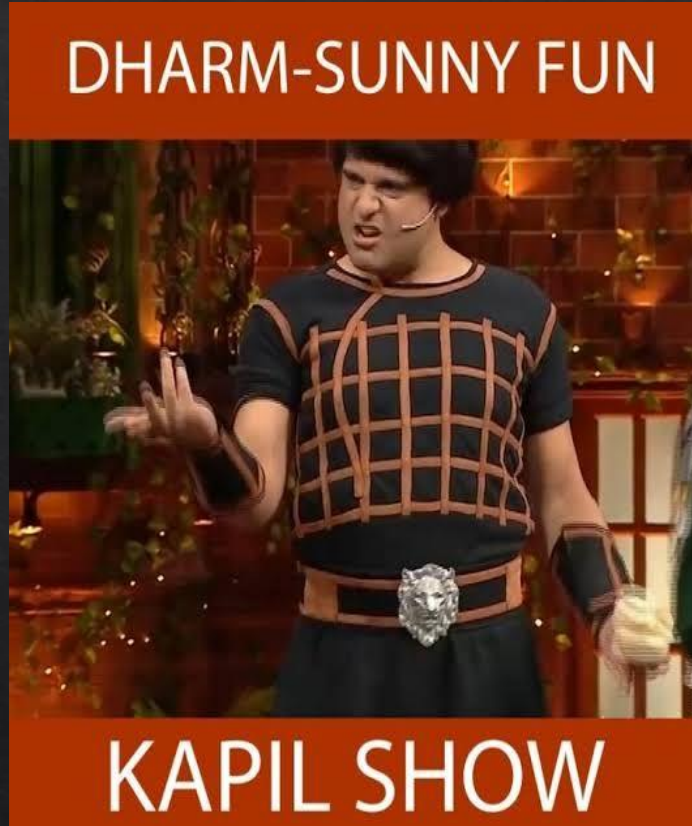
**12. At the drop of a dime /hat :-** Something that can happen very fast without hesitation

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Eg:- I have to get to the workshop or my boss will kick me out at the drop of a dime.

## 13. To pull someone's leg :- To joke with someone



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Eg:- I panicked when she said the presentation was tomorrow, but then I realised she was pulling my leg.

## 14. Snowed under :- busy



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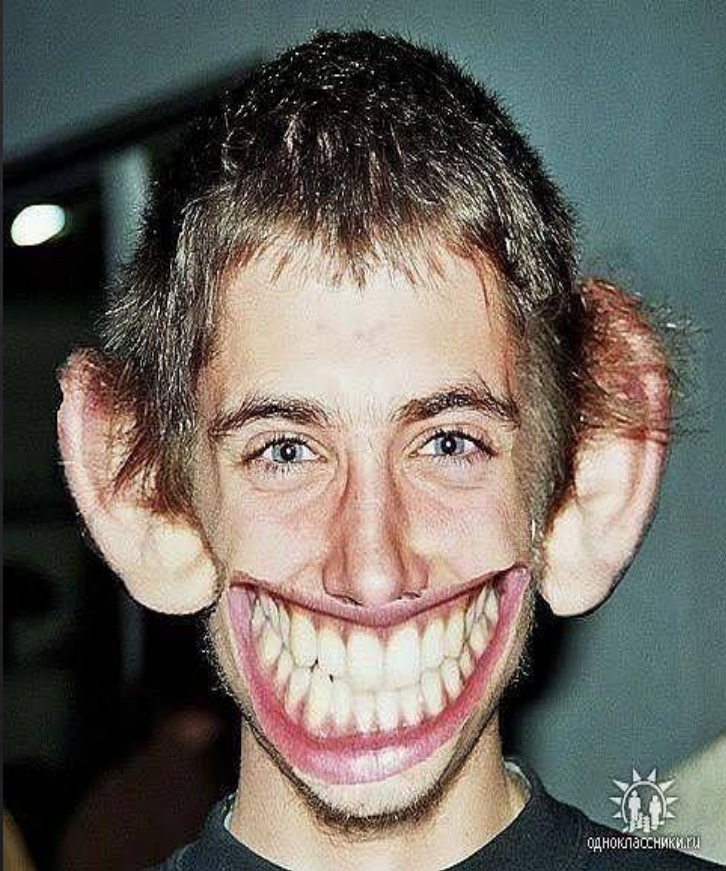
Eg:- They were snowed under with complaints about working conditions.

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## 15. Beaming from ear to ear :- Smiling broadly



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Eg:- She came out of his office,  
beaming from ear to ear.

## **16. All at sea :-** completely confused (about a subject or some task at hand)

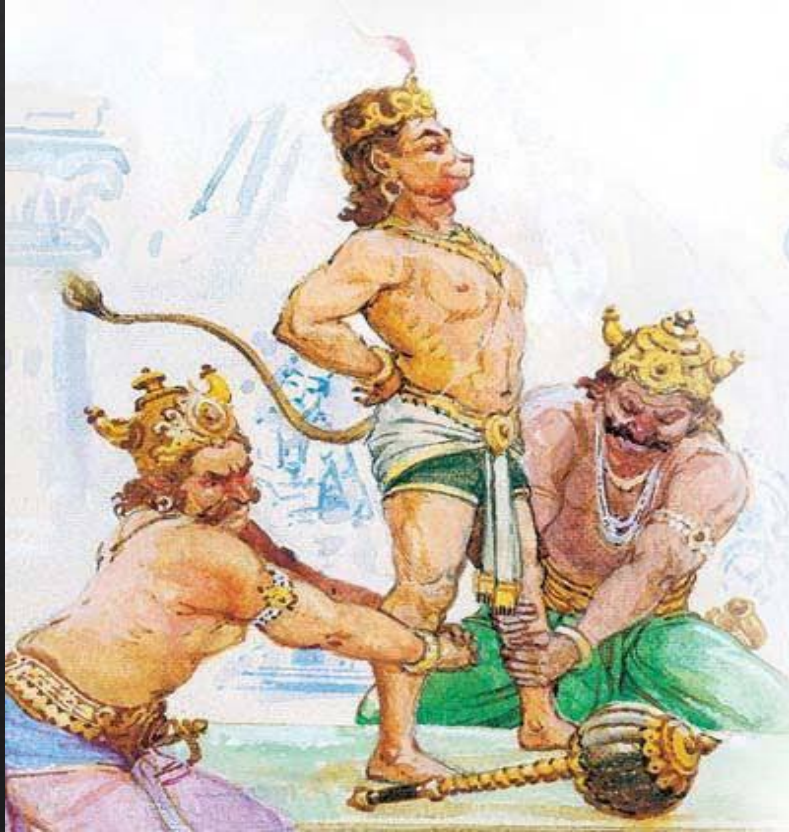
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Eg - I'm all at sea with these new regulations.

## 17. To stand one's ground :- To maintain one's position

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Eg:- I kept trying to get my grandmother to find a smaller house, but she stood her ground.

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## 18. A lot on one's plate :- A lot to do



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Eg:- She's got a lot on her plate -especially with two new projects starting this week.

## 19. A lame excuse :- Unsatisfactory explanation

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Eg – He offers the lame excuse that there are shipping difficulties.

**20. Hearts go out to :-** To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed

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Eg:- Our hearts go out to the families of the victims.

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**21. Toffee-nosed :-** A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class Aman Sir English



Eg:- It was a bit of a laugh, really, some of those toffee-nosed people having to queue.

## 22. In high spirits:- Joyful



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Eg :-All the children were in high spirits on the last day of school.

**23. Bear up :-** to deal with a very sad or difficult situation in a brave and determined way Aman Sir English



Eg:- It is particularly difficult to bear up against the mid-summer heat in Wuhan.



## **24. Black sheep:-** Person with bad reputation



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Eg:- Vijay Mallya was the black sheep, eventually he migrated to the United Kingdom to avoid the punishment here.

## 25. the calm before the storm :-

a period of quiet that comes before a time of activity, excitement, violence, etc.

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Eg:- I like to get everything done before the guests arrive and relax for a moment in the calm before the storm.

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## 26. A wild goose chase :- Unprofitable adventure /futile search

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Eg:- After two hours spent wandering in the snow, I realized we were on a wild goose chase.

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**27. Have an axe to grind :-** To have one's own interests to serve

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Eg:- Environmentalists have no political axe to grind - they just want to save the planet.



## **28. By hook or by crook :-** Using whatever methods are necessary

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Eg:- The police are going to get these guys, by hook or by crook.

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## 29. Hand and glove :- Very intimate terms



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Eg:- When he is released from prison, he will seek him out, and they will be hand and glove together.

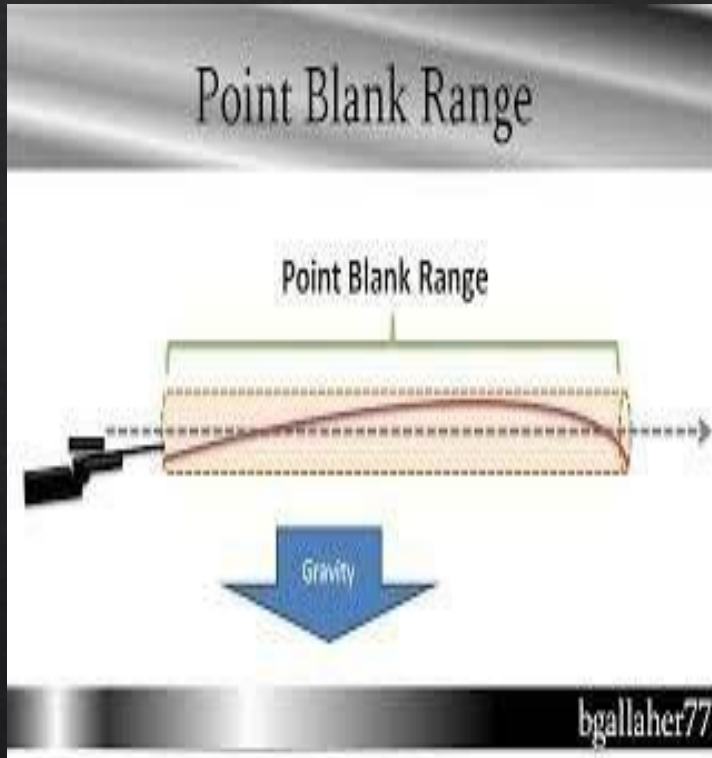
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### 30. Point blank :- close enough to hit the center of the target

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Eg:- The men broke into the building at the dead of night, and shot their victims point-blank as they slept.

## 31. Bear garden :- A place of noise and disturbance



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Eg:- This classroom is like a bear garden when the teacher is away.

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## 32. **Get on like a house on fire** :- Get on extremely well with someone

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Eg:- We got on like a house on fire and things moved forward from there.

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### **33. Against the clock :-** In a great hurry, as fast as possible



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Eg:- We are working against the clock to finish the report by Friday.

## 34. **So far so good** :- Things are going well so far

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Eg:- I've assembled the main frame. So far, so good—now let's put the wheels on.

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## 35. Hang in there :- To persist in a difficult situation

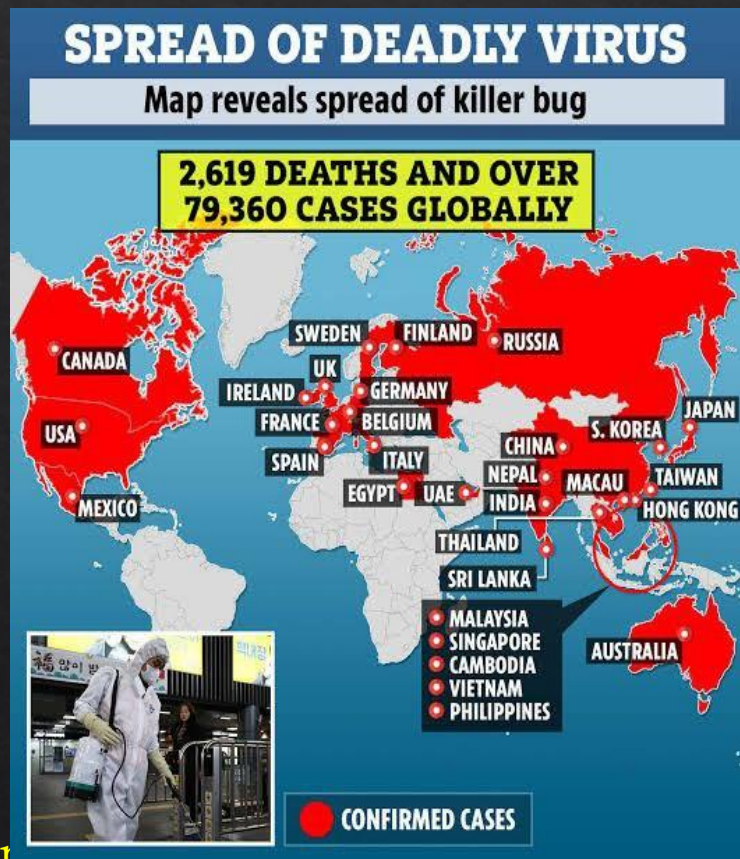


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Eg:- Hang in there and you never know what you might achieve.

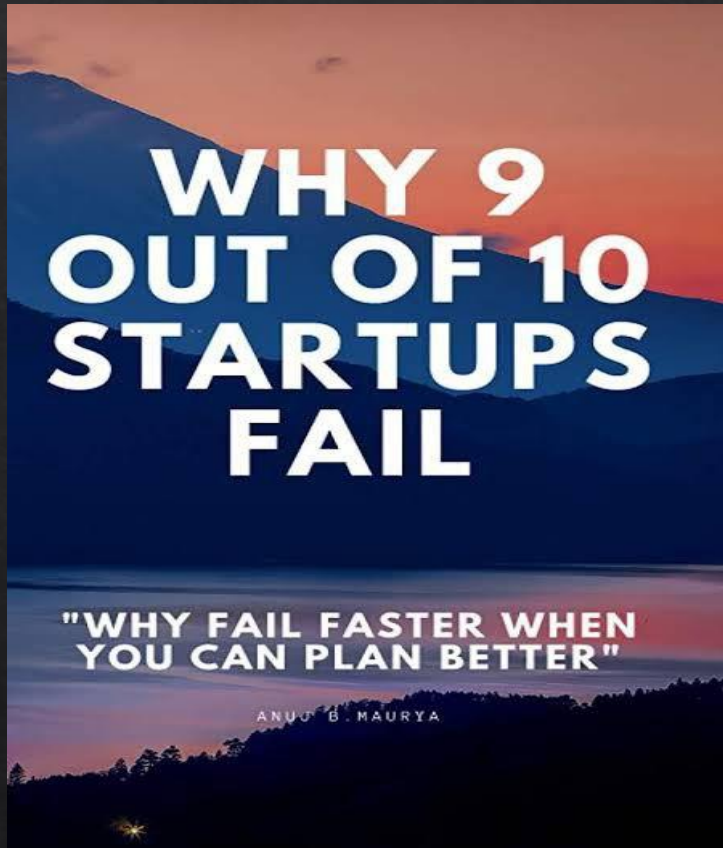


**36. Left, right and centre :-** Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people Aman Sir English



Eg:- She has been spending money left, right, and centre.

## 37. Nine times out of ten :- In most cases



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Eg:- Nine times out of ten  
our opponents will beat us.  
We just hope this is the one  
in ten.



## **38. Be hard hit :-** Severely affected by something unpleasant

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Eg:- The company has been hard hit by the drop in consumer confidence.



### **39. Black sheep:-** Person with bad reputation

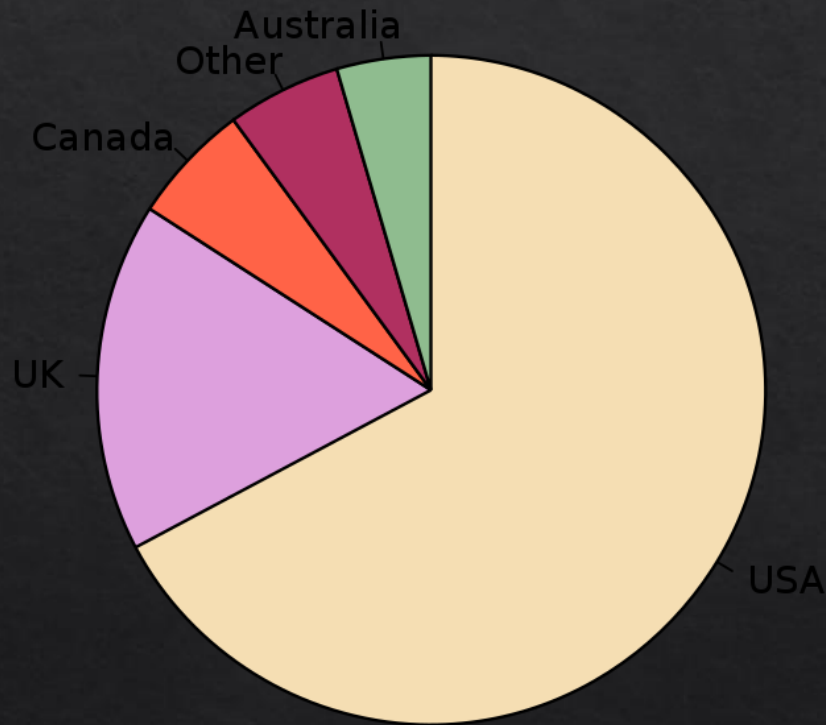


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Eg - John is the black sheep in our family and he almost ended up in jail a few times when we were younger.

**40. To put in a nut shell :-** to indicate that you are saying something in a very brief way, using few words.

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Eg:- The explanation is long and involved, but let me put it in a nutshell for you.

## 41. A flying visit :- A very short visit



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Eg- The prince is paying a flying visit to the town during a tour of kingdom.

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## 42. In seventh heaven :- Extremely happy



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Eg:- When she has all her grandchildren around her, she's in seventh heaven.

**43. As good as gold :-** A person who is obedient and well-behaved

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Eg:- He is as good as gold  
you should marry him.



## 44. Don't judge a book by its cover :-

outward appearance cannot be an indicator of someone or something's value or worth

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Eg – The candidate did not look very intelligent, but you can't judge a book by its cover.



## 45. **Wet blanket** :- One who spoils other people's fun

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Eg:- The weatherman threw a wet blanket on our picnic plan when he forecast rain.



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## 46. A carrot and stick approach:-

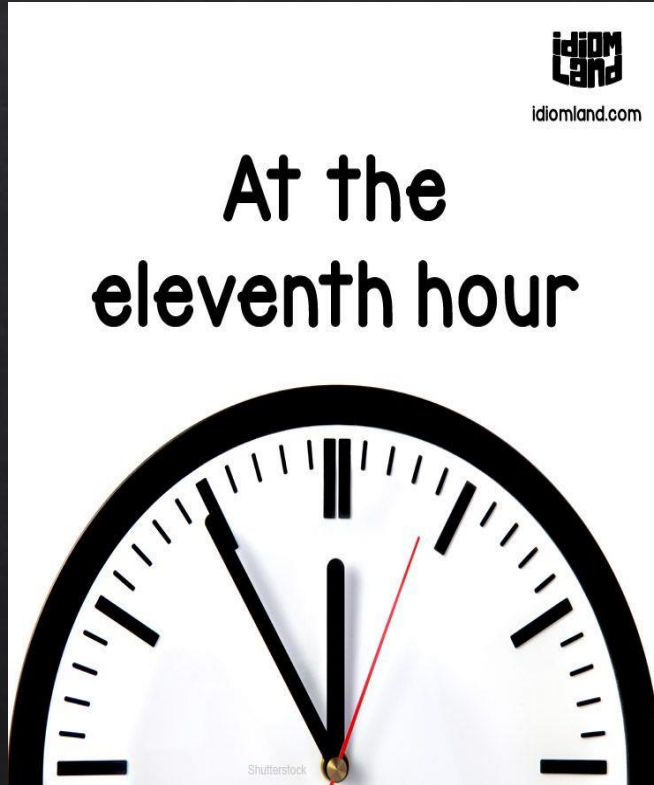
Rewards and punishments that influence someone's behavior.

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Eg:- Sometimes I just have to resort to the carrot and stick approach with my children.

## 47. **At the eleventh hour:-** At the very last moment.



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Eg - We only received the signatures  
at the eleventh hour.



## 48. The devil is beating his wife :- The sun is shining while it rains

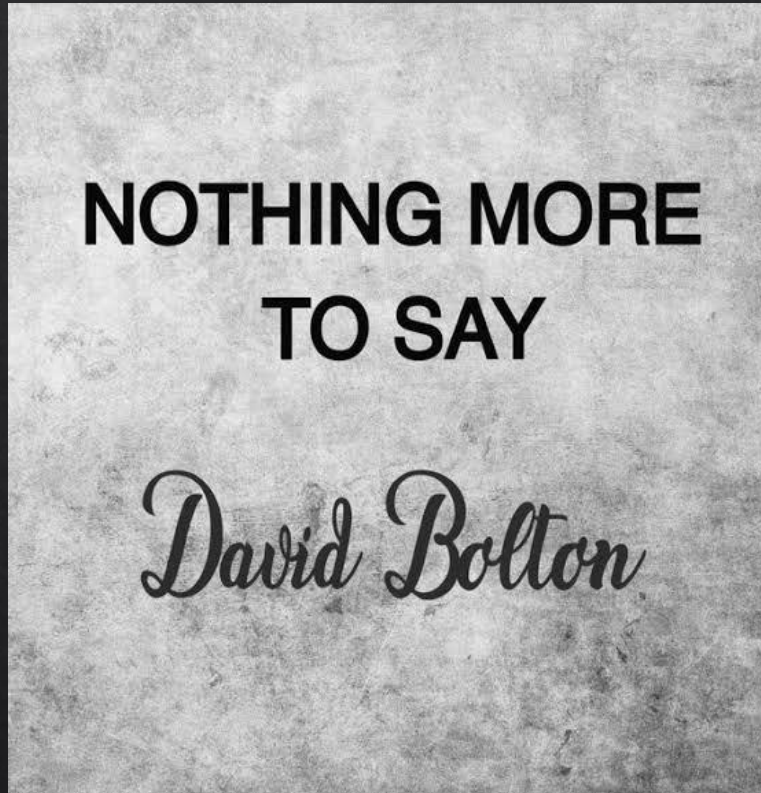
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Eg:- Today, the devil is beating his wife in our city—it's raining cats and dogs and the sun is also shining.

**49. That's all :-** there is nothing more to  
be said

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Eg:- That's all she wrote for the  
defending champions, who fall  
just short of bringing home the  
title a second time.



## **50. Caught red handed:-** To catch someone doing something illegal

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Eg- Her boyfriend and she robbed a store and were caught red-handed.

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**51. Fly off the handle :-** lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly

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Eg:- When Jack's father found out about the car, he really flew off the handle.

## 52. Chew the fat :- to gossip or chat casually



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Eg:- The older women meet to chew the fat with their neighbors every morning.

## 53. In light of :- because of



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Eg:- In light of this tragic event,  
we have cancelled the 4th of July  
celebrations.



## 54. To crow over something :- To brag or boast about something

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Eg:- The crowd was crowing over Brazil's easy victory in the match.

## 55. look to :- rely on



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Eg:- Children look to their parents for guidance.