

# 1. **Be out for the count**:- Sleeping deeply/ unconscious

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**Eg:-** It looks like Jessica is out of the count as she is not answering my calls.

## 2. **Go by the book**:- To follow rules exactly

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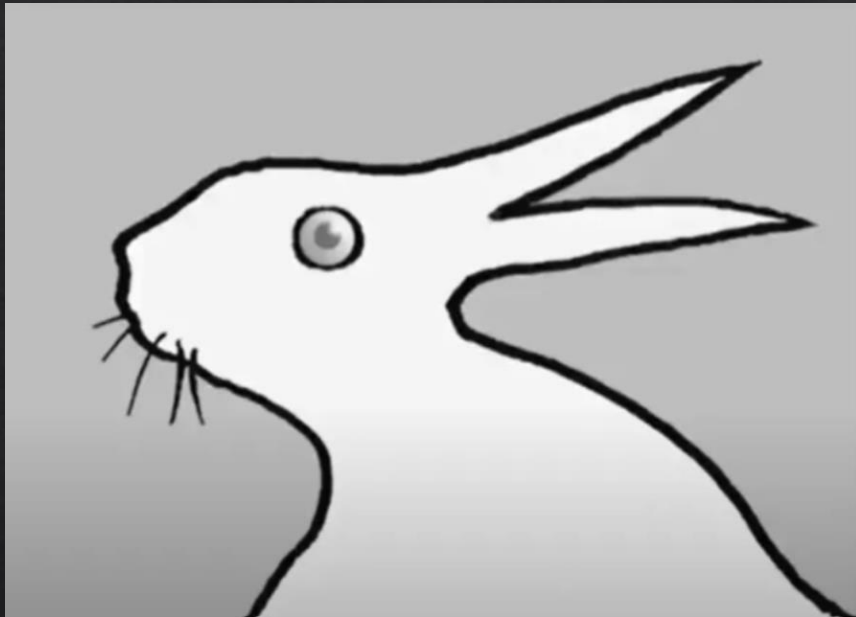
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**Eg:-** I don't believe in going by the book always. Sometimes it's better to use your common sense according to the situation.

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### **3. Double-talk:-** Speaking with double meaning.

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**Eg:-** He accused the ambassador of diplomatic double-talk.



## 4. Feet of clay:- Hidden faults

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**Eg:-** The politician was once seen as a promising leader, but his scandalous behavior showed that he had feet of clay.

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## **5. Treading on eggshells:-** To be careful in speech and actions

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**Eg:-** The politician should have known that he was treading on eggshells while giving a live interview .

**6. Laughing stock:-** someone who does something very stupid and is made fun of

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**Eg:-** After the event and how he behaved there, he was the laughing stock in school for days to come.



**7. Pay over the odds:-** to pay more for something than it is worth

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**Eg:-** We had to pay over the odds to get good seats for the concert.

**8. Play to the gallery:-** to say things that will make people admire you

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**Eg:-** Politicians these days are more interested in playing to the gallery than exercising real influence on world events.

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**9. A turn of the screw:-** an action which makes a bad situation worse

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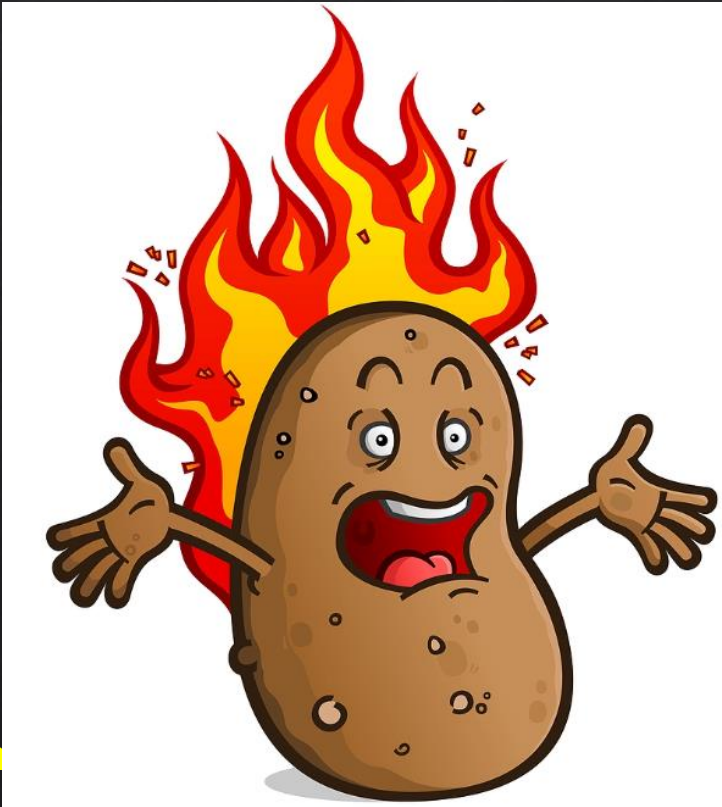


**Eg:-** Every rebel raid is another turn of the screw, increasing the pressure on the Government.

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## 10. A hot potato:- something that is difficult to deal with

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**Eg:-** The debate over tax reform became a political hot potato, with both parties reluctant to address it head-on.

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## 11. Another kettle of fish:- Completely different matter

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**Eg:-** Having knowledge is one thing but being able to communicate it to others is another kettle of fish.



## 12. changed hands:- Change of ownership

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**Eg:-** The quality of customer service deteriorated as the company changed hands.

### **13. too many irons in the fire:-** Having multiple tasks to complete

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**Eg:-** In 2019, I had too many irons in the fire that ultimately fractured my focus and affected my performances.

**14. the brain drain:-** Movement of professionals to another country for better prospect

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**Eg:-** The government is doing nothing to stop the brain drain as thousands of doctors move to developed countries every year.



**15. as right as rain:-** To be in a good mental and physical state

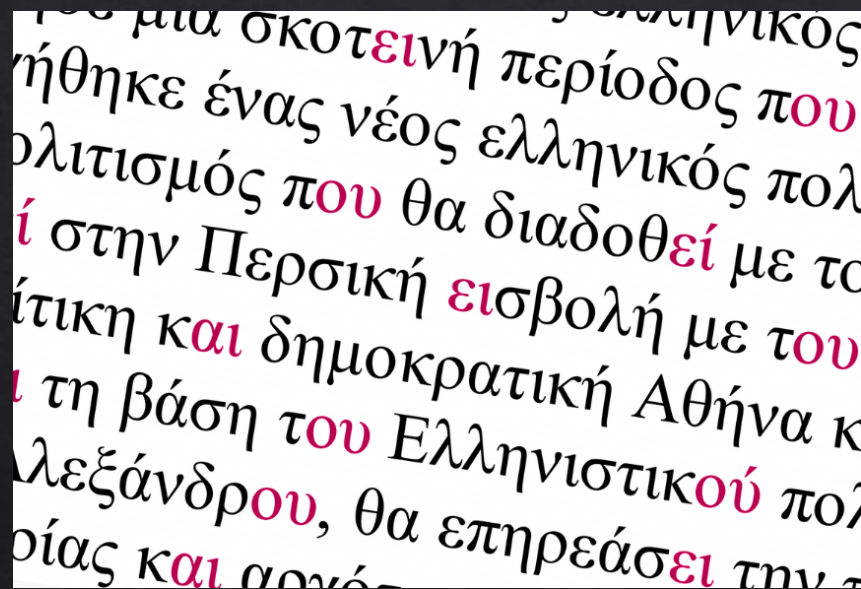
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**Eg:-** He was as right as rain after a few days in bed after getting injured.

**16. all Greek to me:-** Something which I don't understand

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**Eg:-** Don't try to explain the technicalities of how this machine works; it would be all Greek to me.

**17. Cook someone's goose:-** spoil someone's plans; cause someone's downfall.

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**Eg:-** I've got enough evidence against you to cook your goose.



## 18. Disappear into thin air:- Disappear suddenly

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**Eg:-** I left my phone here a minute ago and now it's disappeared into thin air.

**19. Put the screws on:-** Forcing someone to do what you want

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**Eg:-** The bank really put the screws on when they found out we couldn't make the payments on time.

## 20. Be as sharp as a tack:- A clever person

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**Eg:-** Even in his old age, my grandfather's mind was as sharp as a tack, and he would often beat us at chess.



**21. From pillar to post:-** Keep moving from one place to another

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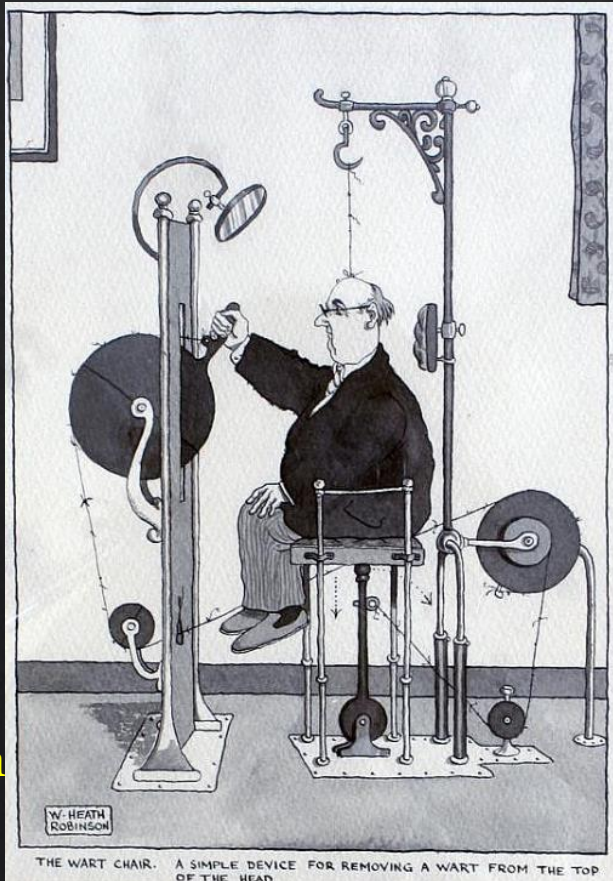


**Eg:-** Failing to get a satisfactory answer from her doctor, Mary went from pillar to post searching for a cure for her illness.

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## 22. Heath Robinson:- Very complicated system or machine for doing a simple task

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**Eg:-** The contraption he built to fix the leaking pipe was a real Heath Robinson; it had duct tape, plastic wrap, and even a bit of string holding it together.

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**23. As thick as thieves:-** Very close friends who are looked upon with suspicion

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**AS THICK  
AS THIEVES**



**Eg:-** The two women became as thick as thieves, running a café together.



**24. Call upon :-** to visit / to make of something or someone as a source of help

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**Eg:-** Her powers seem curiously independent of age, and she can call upon extraordinary sources of energy when the need arises.

## 25. Lose your touch :- Not being as successful as previously

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**Eg:-** After watching nawazuddin's recent movies , I felt he has lost his touch.

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## 26. At one's elbow :- Next to someone



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**Eg:-** The best thing about this house is that the ocean is at your elbow.



## 27. Blow up :- To destroy by an explosion



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**Eg:-** They threatened to blow up the plane if their demands were not met.

## **28. A fly on the wall :-** An unnoticed observer of a situation

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**Eg:-** I wish I'd been a fly on the wall during that conversation.

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**29. In the same boat :-** To be in the same difficult situation as someone else

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**Eg:-** When the steel plant shut down, the town's people were all in the same boat.



### 30. Hair's breadth :- narrow margin



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**Eg:-** His finger was within a hair's breadth of touching the alarm.

## 31. Grease the palm :- Bribe



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Eg:- I greased my brother's palm to stop him from telling Mom that I had a party while she was away.

**32. Tell upon :-** to inform the authority about someone's fault or bad action /have bad effect on someone's health

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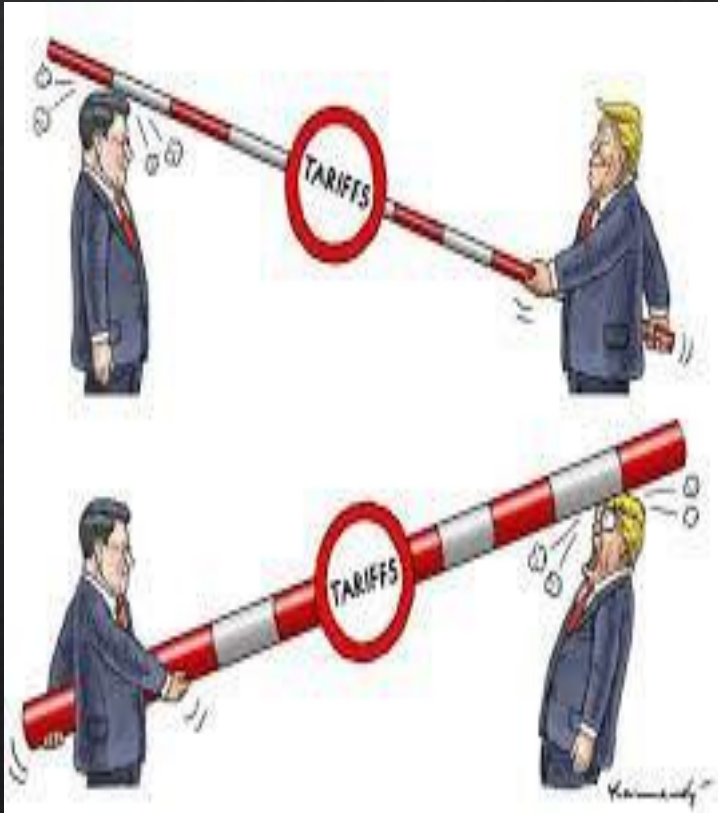


**Eg:-** Don't worry she won't tell upon you to the boss.

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### 33. Tit for tat :- Counter attack



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**Eg:-** They had a warm debate and the two gave each other tit for tat.

### 34. Win laurels :- To gain honour



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**Eg:-** Anand is a very hard working boy, he is sure to win laurels in his life.

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**35. Safe pair of hands :-** A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently

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**Eg:-** He has successfully completed more than 100 projects so far so he can be considered a safe pair of hands.

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## 36. Let down :- To fail/ disappoint



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**Eg:-** RCB has let down the fans this year also.

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### **37. Hard and fast:-** That cannot be altered/strict



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**Eg-** The rules and regulation of our gurukul are hard and fast.

### 38. Knock down :- To demolish



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**Eg:-** The illegal building was knocked down by the authorities yesterday.

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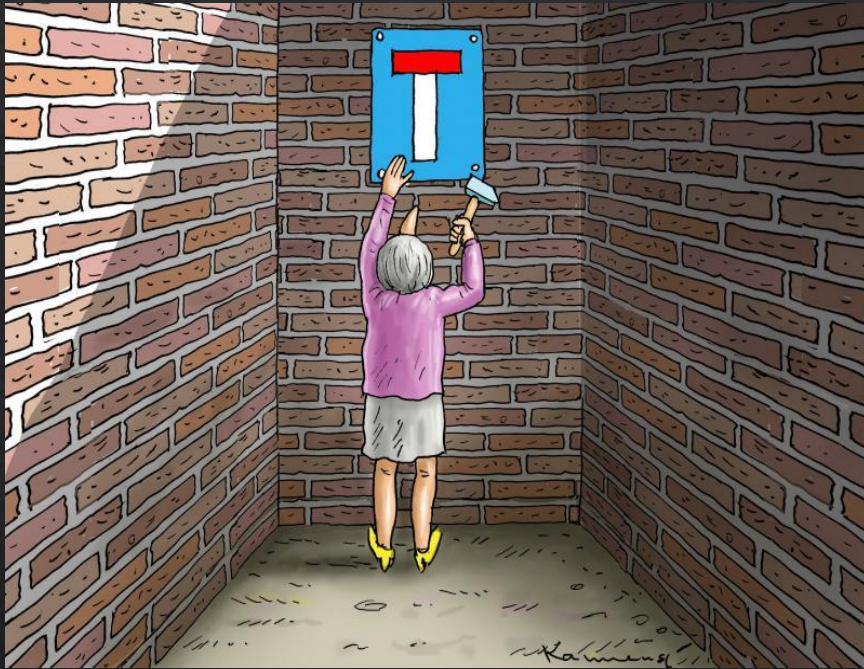
**39. A kick in the teeth:-** A grave setback/disappointment.



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**Eg:-** She was dismissed from her job, which was a real kick in the teeth after all the work she'd done.

## 40. To go to the wall :- fail or go out of bussiness



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**Eg -** After nine months of massive losses the company finally went to the wall.