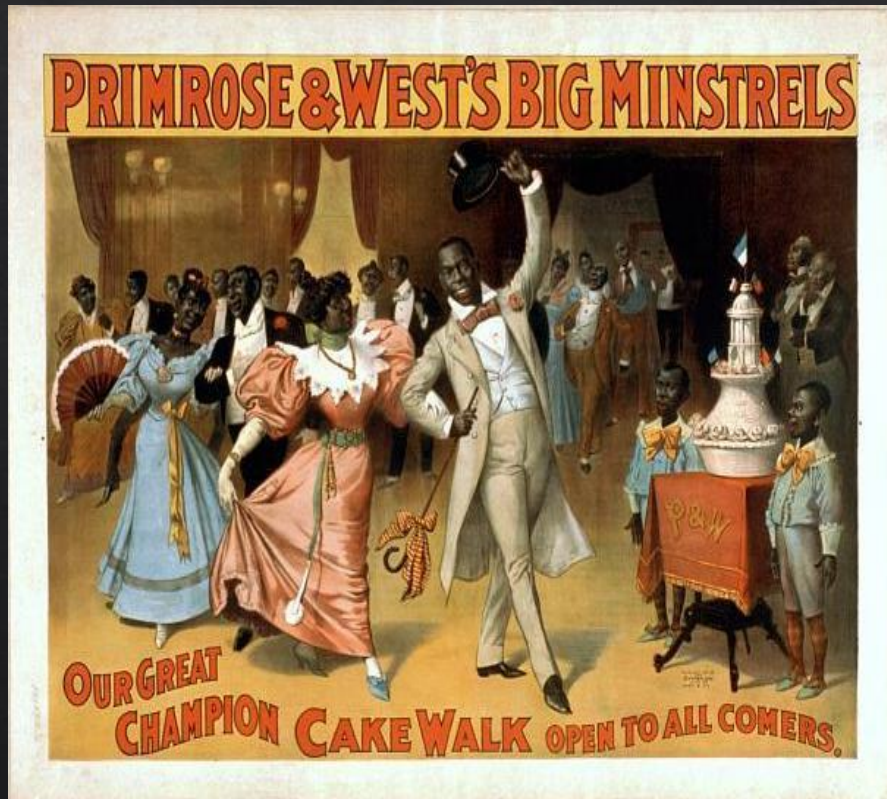


1. A cakewalk:- An easy task /achievement



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Eg- I've been running marathons for years now, so this 5KM run will be a cakewalk for me.

2. Weal and woe :- Good and bad days



Eg- Weal and woe comes in everybody's life .One should learn to live with them.

3. All eyes :- Watching eagerly



Eg:- The kids were all eyes
as he slowly unwrapped the
package.

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4. A green horn :- A inexperienced man



Eg – He's not the most Aman Sir English sophisticated businessman you'll ever meet, but he's no greenhorn.

5. Bag and baggage:- With all one's belongings



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Eg - Sally showed up at our door bag and baggage one Sunday morning.

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6. In cold blood :- in a cruel calm way, without showing any emotion



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Eg- The crime had been committed in cold blood.

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7. A skeleton in the cupboard :- An embarrassing fact to be kept secret



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Eg:- The only person I know who has a skeleton in the cupboard is Ravi.

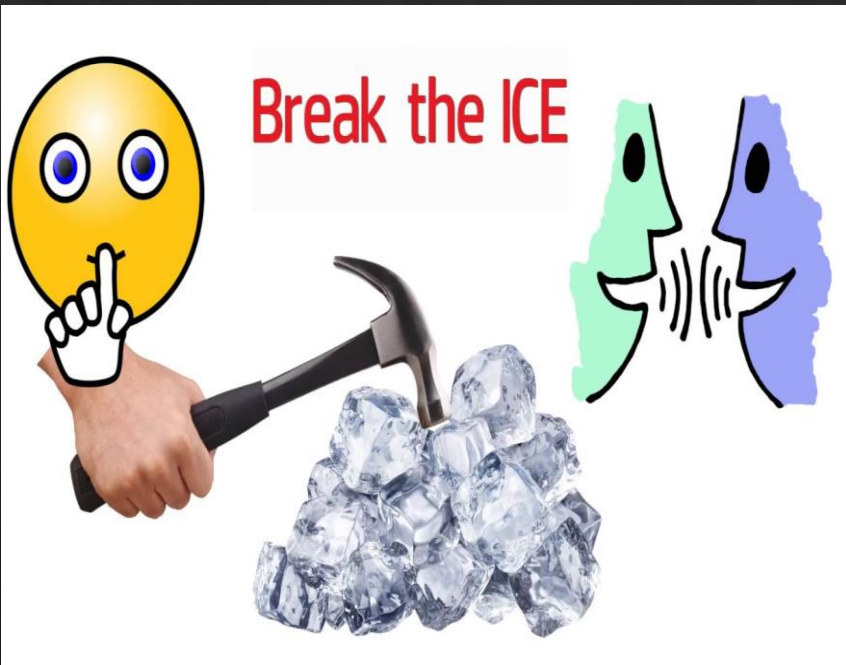
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8. Fly into a rage:- To become extremely angry



Eg – I asked to speak to her boss and she just flew into a rage.

9. Break the ice:- Initiate something / to start a conversation



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Eg – Someone suggested that we play a party game to break the ice..

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10. Beat around the bush:- Avoiding the main topic



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Eg –Will you please stop beating about the bush and get to the point.

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11. To smell a rat :- to have reason to suspect



Eg:- The investor smelt a rat when he saw the company records.

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12. To be fair and square :- To be honest

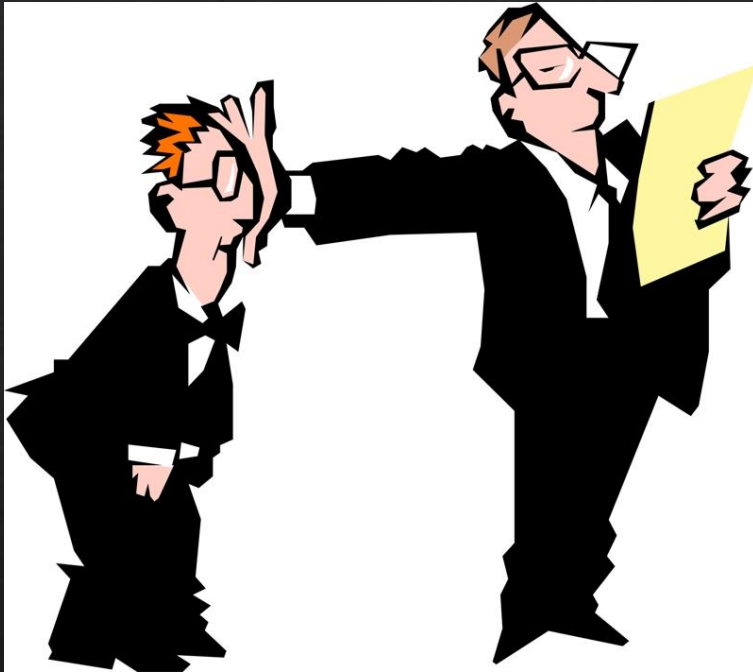


Eg – The supporters for the other team were angry but we won the game fair and square.

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13. Keep at arm's length :- Avoid becoming too friendly



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Eg - I like to keep my office colleagues at arm's length outside of office. I don't want them in my personal life.

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14. Cut a poor/sorry figure :- To put a bad impression



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Eg:- The witness cut a poor figure in his cross-examination.

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15. Bear the palm :- To be a winner



Eg:- Ritika will surely bear the palm in the competition.

16. Bob's your uncle! :- It becomes easily and quickly achievable



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Eg:- To switch the TV on, press the button, and bob's your uncle.

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17. To hit below the belt:- to be mean and unfair in a fight.



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Eg – The shot that he took at him was completely below the belt . Decent people do not compete like this.

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18. Himalayan blunder :- grave error



Eg:- We made a Himalayan blunder in believing the investment agent.

19. Donkey's years:- A long time.



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Eg- She worked as PA to the manager of a SBI's Bank branch for donkey's years.

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20. In hot waters :- To be in trouble



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Eg:- He found himself in hot water over his comments about immigration.

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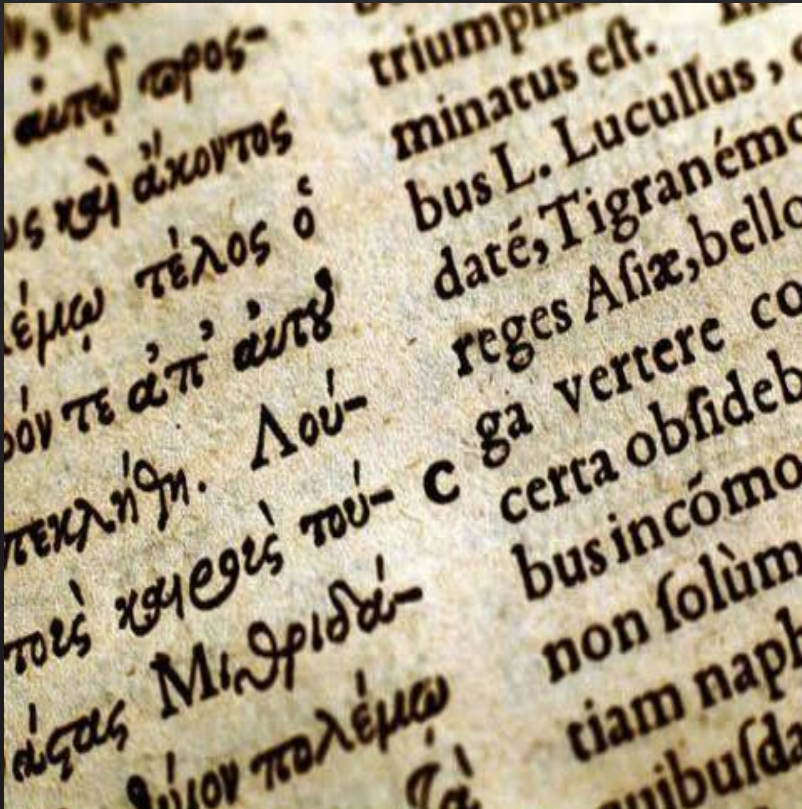
21. Quicken the pulse :- made someone excited or interested



Eg:- Seeing your crush coming can quicken your pulse.

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22. Latin and greek :- Incomprehensible



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Eg:- He tried to explain the rules of the game to me, but it was Latin and Greek to me.

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23. Elbow room :- space or freedom to work



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Eg:- If you want me to work on this project, I want full elbow room.

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24. On the ball :- To be alert



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Eg:- She really is on the ball;
she's bought houses at auctions
so she knows what she's doing.

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25. Yellow bellies:- Cowards



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Eg:- The girl students were so yellow-bellied that they even feared their own shadows.

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26. A rolling stone gathers no moss - an aimless person cannot succeed.



Eg. – It was time for you to settle down at least five years back. You should find a place that you like and build a home there because a rolling stone gathers no moss.

27. Born with a silver spoon in his mouth :- born to riches and luxury

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Eg:- The stranger's conduct was that of a man who had been born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

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28. an olive branch :- gesture of peace



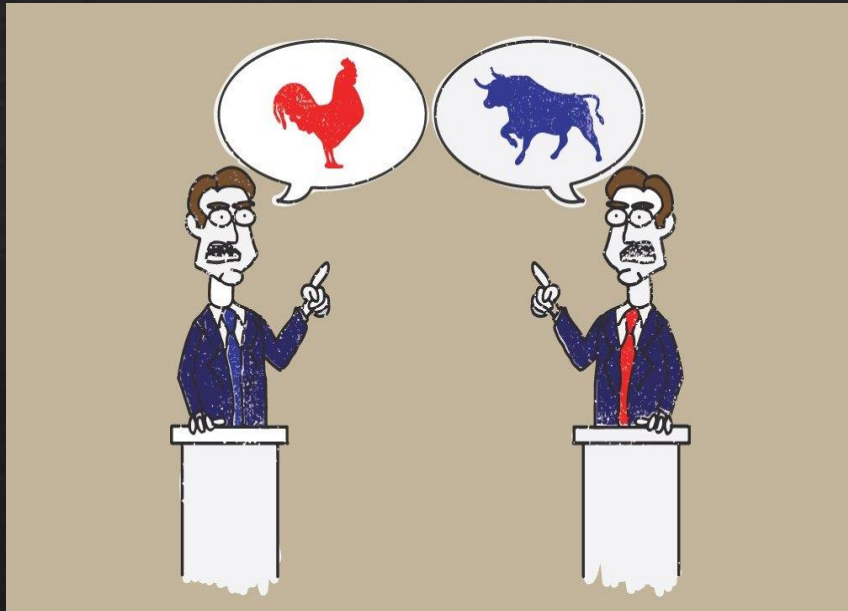
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Eg:- He held out an olive branch to the opposition by releasing 42 political prisoners.

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29. Cock and bull story:- An implausible story used as an explanation or excuse

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Eg- Don t give me that cock and bull story You should have completed this task long time ago.

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30. In full swing :- very active / fully functional



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Eg:- When we arrived, the party was **in full swing** and the room was abuzz.

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31. Aladdin's cave :- a place that contains many interesting objects



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Eg:- His shop, a veritable Aladdin's cave of antiques, is for sale

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32. take something at face value :-

as true or genuine without being questioned
or doubted

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Eg:- After all his lying,
nothing he says now should
be taken at face value

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33. Turn over a new leaf :- To begin again



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Eg:- He promised to turn over a new leaf and study harder.

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34. Fair weather friend :- Friends in good time



Eg – I really had thought that she would help me with my problem but she is a fair weather friend .

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35. To cudgel one's brain :- think hard to solve a problem



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Eg:- She cudgeled her brains about why he would make such a risky move.

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36. Come in handy :- be useful



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Eg:- The fans would have **come in handy** during the humid weather over the last few days.

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37. Play it by ear :- To do something without special preparation

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Eg:- I've had no time to prepare for this meeting, so I'll have to play it by ear.

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38. To be on cloud nine :- To be extremely happy



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Eg- The grandmother was on cloud nine to see her grandson after a long time.

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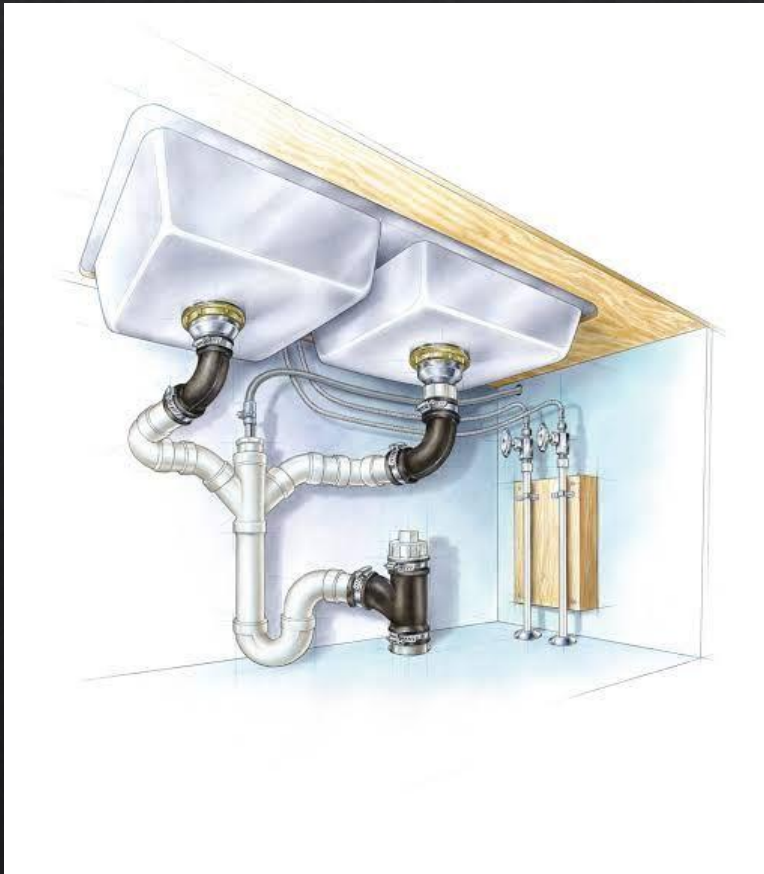
39. heart in the right place :- Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner Aman Sir English



Eg:- He looks very rough, but he has his heart in the right place.

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40. Down the tubes :- Failing completely



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Eg:- If business doesn't pick up soon, the company will go down the tubes.

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41. Put one's foot down:- refuse very firmly to do something

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Eg- The boss put her foot down and refused to accept any more changes to the plan.

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42. **With a pinch of salt :-** Doubt the truth or value of something



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Eg:- It's best to take what he says with a pinch of salt - he's always exaggerating.

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43. To get cold feet:- Fear



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Eg - The burglar has got cold feet,
when the dog started barking.

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44. Achilles's heel :- A weakness or vulnerable point



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Eg - He was very brave, but fear of spiders was his Achilles' heel.

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45. Escaped by the skin of his teeth :- Barely managed to escape

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Eg:- He escaped from the secret police by the skin of his teeth.

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46. Lose your marbles :- To go insane



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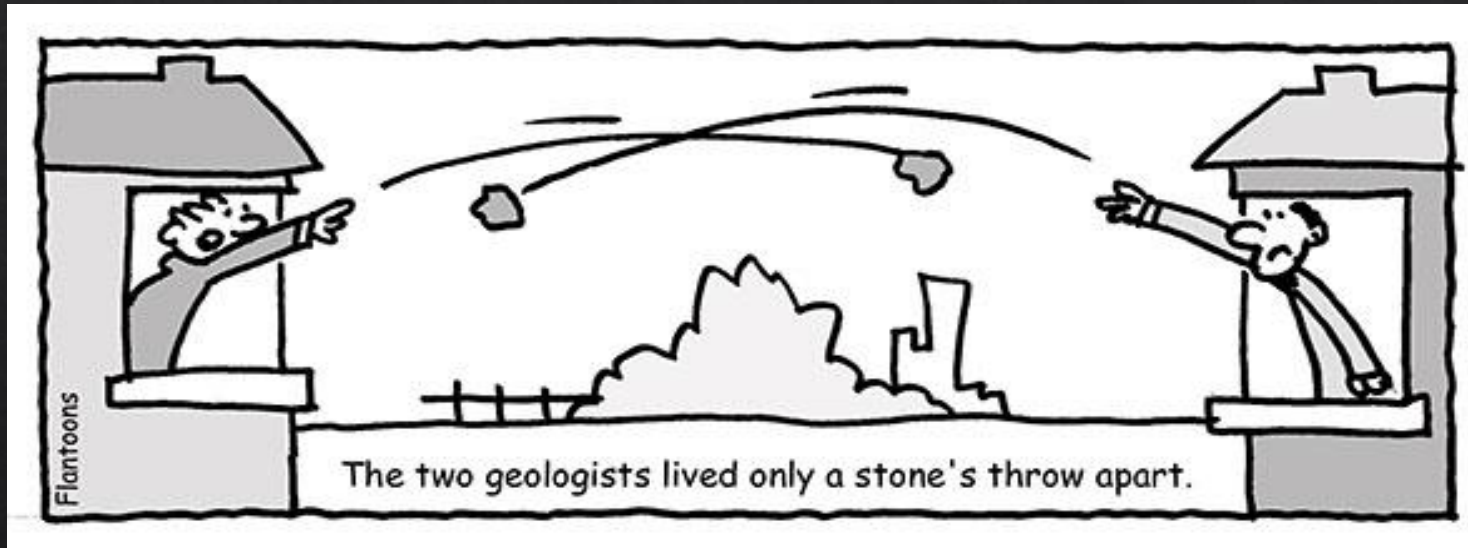
Eg:- When he started ranting about how the government was out to get him, I thought he'd lost his marbles.

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47. A stone's throw away:- At a short distance

Eg:- The high school is just a stone's throw from his house.

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48. Take with a grain of salt :- Doubt the truth or value of something

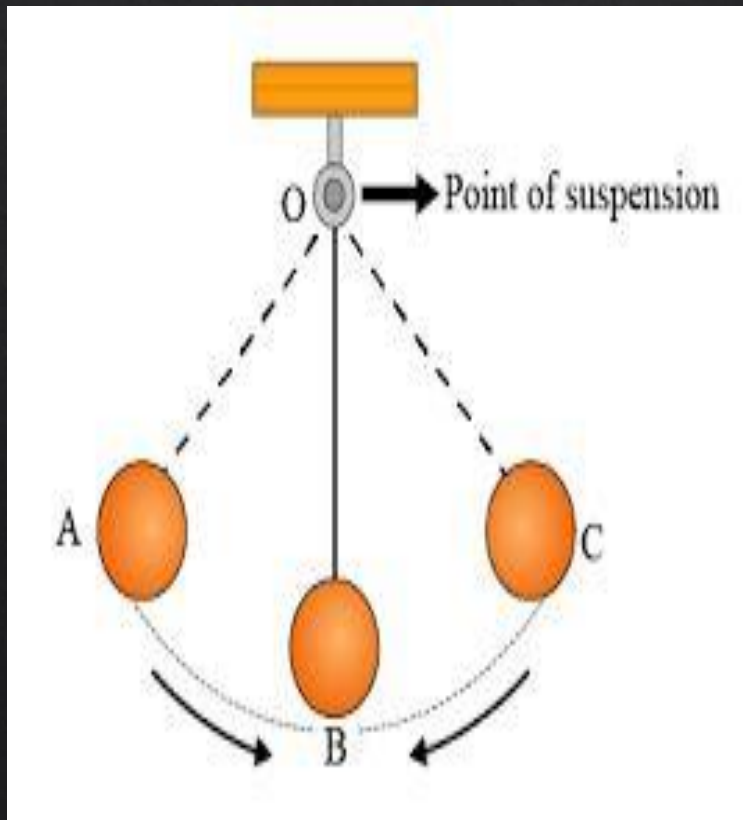
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Eg:- She took the claim that he didn't want to be president with a grain of salt.

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49. To and fro:- Forward and backward



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Eg:- I was disturbed by all the people walking to and fro outside the office.

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50. Run around in circles:- to keep doing something without achieving much.

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Eg:- I've been running around in circles trying to get all the reports finished before the meeting.

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51. By leaps and bounds:- Very quickly / rapidly



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Eg- The company is growing by leaps and bounds this year.

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52. Red tape :- Official rules and bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something

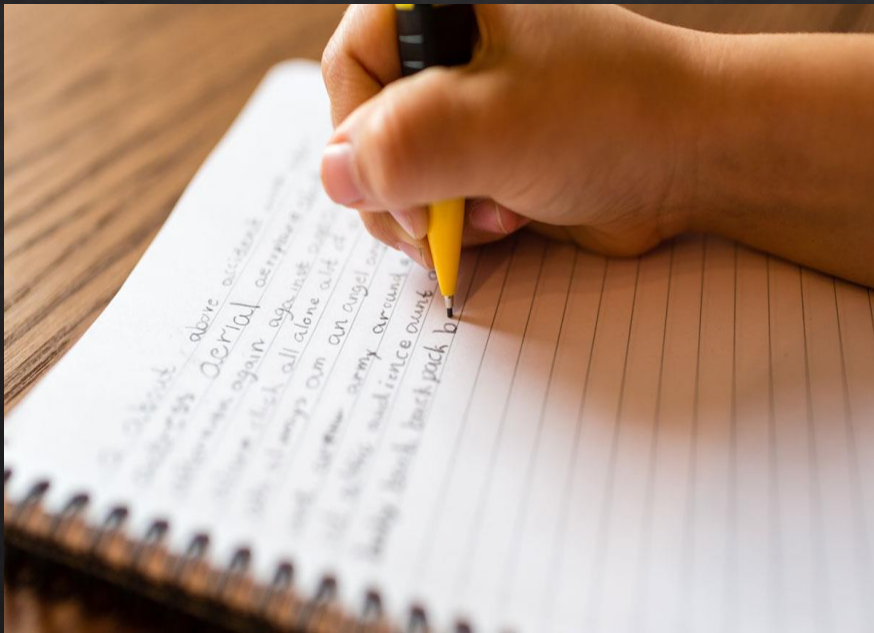
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Eg:- Because of all **red tape** at immigration I missed my connecting flight.

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53. In black and white:- in writing



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Eg - This is good to have the agreement in black and white.

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54. Catch 22 situation :- difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible



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Eg:- To get a certain job, you need work experience. But to get that work experience, you need to have had a job. It's a Catch-22.

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55. Hold water :- Appear to be valid or reasonable



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Eg:- It may seem logical, but his argument doesn't hold water.

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56. **Slow and steady** :- make consistent progress for success



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Eg:- A second evaluation, in March 1994, reflected these **slow and steady** improvements.

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57. Ins and out:- full detail

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Eg - I know how to use computers, but I don't really understand the ins and outs of how they work.

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58. Went pear – shaped :- Went terribly wrong



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Eg:- She was in debt, and when she lost her job it all went pear-shaped

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