

Five-finger discount:- to steal something, especially from a store.



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Eg:- The store has added extra security to prevent customers from taking items with a five-finger discount.

Care a hang :- to show no interest or concern.



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Eg:- She doesn't give a hang whether she wins or not.

Move heaven and earth:- to work very hard to do something or achieve a goal.



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Eg:- She moved heaven and earth to ensure her son got the best medical treatment.

Nobody's fool :- to not be stupid or easily deceived:



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Eg:- Veena is very sharp and clever
and is really nobody's fool.

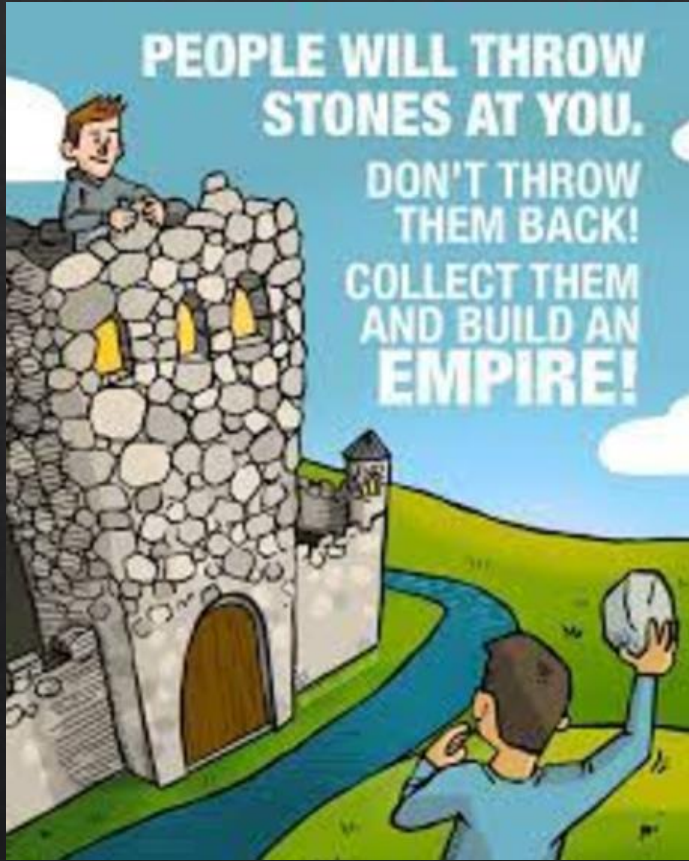
Beside the mark :- something is irrelevant or not to the point of the main topic being discussed.



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Eg:- The answer she wrote is beside the mark, so she will not be given good marks.

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade :- Make the best out of difficult situations



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Eg:- Anand personally believes in the motto, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

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Turn a deaf ear :- to ignore what someone says



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Eg:- Please do not just turn a deaf ear to their cries for help.

A bad patch :- A period of difficulty



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Eg:- Shami is going through a bad patch at the moment because his wife wants a divorce.

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Straight shooter :- A thoroughly upright straightforward person



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Eg:- He's a straight shooter who says what he thinks.

To bring to light :- to discover or make something known to the public.



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Eg:- The investigation brought to light several new facts about the case.

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Easy does it :- Used to tell someone to do something slowly and carefully.



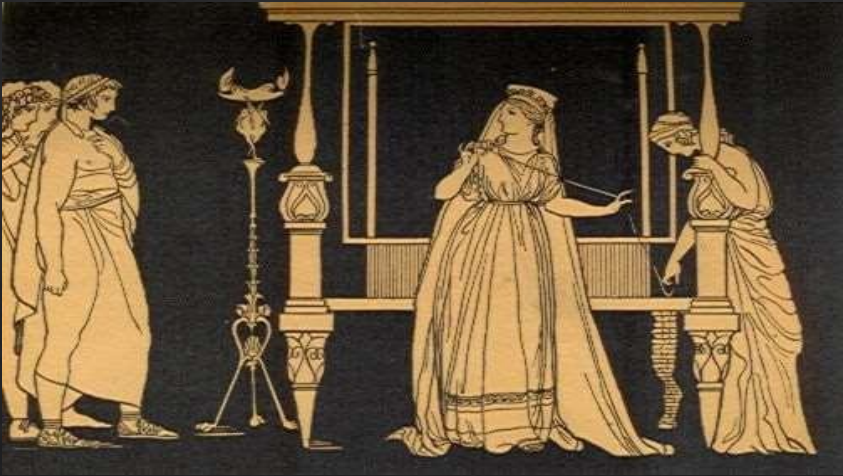
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Eg:- When lifting heavy boxes, he reminded himself, easy does it, so he wouldn't injure himself.

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Penelope's web :- a work which seems to be going on and yet never comes to an end.

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Eg:- Every day, I work on this manuscript, and every night, my boss tells me to redo most of it. It's becoming like Penelope's web.

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Hit the roof :- To become very angry



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Eg:- When the referee disallowed his goal, he hit the roof and was given a red card.

Creature of habit :- One who does same thing in the same way



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Eg:- My father's such a creature of habit - he always has to have a biscuit and a cup of tea at bedtime.

Henpecked husband:- a woman who is being a nag to a man.



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Eg:- I have witnessed numerous husbands being henpecked by their wives.

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At a low ebb :- in a bad or weak state



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Eg:- I was recently divorced and feeling at a very low ebb.

Off and on :- occasionally



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Eg:- He worked off and on as a bicycle messenger, but he never found permanent work.

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Jaundiced eye:- to view something with prejudice, usually in a cynical or negative way.



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Eg:- He seems to have/take a very jaundiced view of life.

A rainy day :- A time when money might unexpectedly be needed



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Eg:- She had saved some money for a rainy day.

Let the dust settle :- To wait for a situation to become clear or certain



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Eg:- After the argument, they decided to let the dust settle before talking again.

turn one's nose up :- to refuse to accept something because you feel that it is not good enough for you



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Eg:- She turned up her nose at the job because she didn't think it had enough status

Tip of the iceberg:- to only know a very small part of the problem



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Eg:- These small local protests are just the tip of the iceberg.

Keep one's card close to one's chest :- to keep your plans, intentions, or thoughts hidden from others



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Eg:- The coach advised the football team to hold their cards close to their chests so that their opponents would not get to know their plan.

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Play ducks and drakes:- to use recklessly



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Eg:- He lost his job for playing ducks and drakes with the fund of corporation.

Get out of hand:- to become difficult to control



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Eg:- It was the end of term and the children were getting a little out of hand.

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Actions speak louder than words:- what you do is more important than what you say

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Eg:- Politicians are all the same, all talk but no work; do they realize that actions speak louder than words?

Lead someone by the nose:- to control someone and make them do exactly what you want



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Eg:- It saddens me to see Sania's mother lead her completely by the nose.

Out of the woods:- no longer in trouble



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Eg:- The project has been given funding for another year, but it's not out of the woods yet.

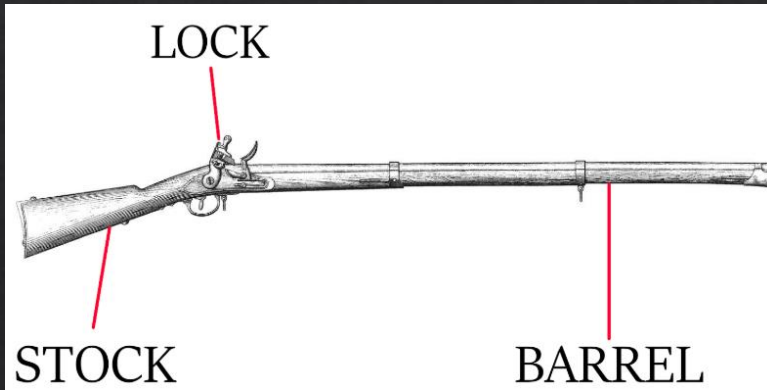
In the pink of health :- In good health



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Eg:- It took a few weeks of bed rest, but I'm in the pink of health now.

Lock, stock and barrel:- including all or every part of something:



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Eg:- We had to move our things
lock, stock, and barrel to the other
side of the country.

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On tenterhooks :- worried or nervous about something that is going to happen:



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Eg:- We've been on tenterhooks since the election results started coming in.

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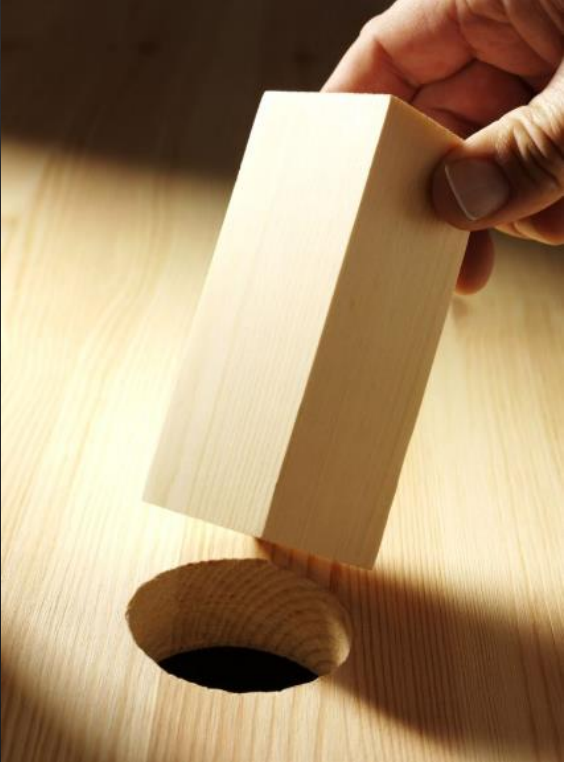
Cut to the quick:- to hurt someone's feelings a lot



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Eg:- His heartless comments cut her to the quick.

Square peg in a round hole:- a person whose character makes them unsuitable for the job or other position they are in:



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Eg:- How he got the job I will never know. He's like a square peg in a round hole.

Keep the wolf from the door. :- to have sufficient money to prevent starvation or hunger



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Eg:- Extreme poverty made the poor woman wonder how long she could keep the wolf from the door.

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Put the cart before the horse. :- to do things in the wrong order



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Eg:- The government put the cart before the horse by investing heavily before making major reforms.

Speaks volumes :- gives enough proof



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Eg:- His success at such a young age speaks volumes for his talent.

Swollen-headed:- thinking that you are more intelligent or important than you really are:



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Eg:- Since he secured the first rank Sudhir has become swollen-headed.

In the running:- in contention for an award, victory, or a place in a team.



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Eg:- Rahul is in the running for the manager position, and he's the best candidate if you ask me.

Foot the bill:- to pay for something, esp. something expensive



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Eg:- The couple were left to foot the bill after their claim was declined by their travel insurers.

God's acre:- A nickname for a church graveyard.



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Eg:- He was laid in rest in God's acre, with a comforting view of the river he loved so much.