

1. Spill the beans

Give away a secret

2. Hold water

To be valid

3. Hobson's Choice

An apparently free choice where there is no real alternative

4. By and By

Gradually

5. Look down upon

To consider someone inferior

6. To bark up the wrong tree

To do something that will not get the result you want

7. At large

Not caught

8. Pull a fast one

Trick someone

9. Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm

Dejected

10. The acid test

A fact, event or situation that proves something

11. Praise oneself

Back to square one

12. To take french leave

Leave without any intimation

13. Close contest that ends in a tie

The bee's knees

14. A bed of roses

An easy and happy situation

15. Come to the point

To speak plainly about the real issue

16. To take a back seat

To become less important or to give up control over things

17. Keep abreast of

Keep oneself updated

18. Blind alley

A Situation in which no further progress can be made

19. A hard nut to crack

A difficult problem

20. To throw a fit

Express extreme anger

21. Kill two birds with one stone

To achieve two results with a single effort

22. A snake in the grass

A secret enemy

23. On shank's mare

On foot

24. Blow one's own trumpet

Come to the original point

25. Dead Heat

Extraordinary

26. Bring to light

Reveal clearly

27. A close-fisted person

A miserly person

28. To take the bull by the horns

To handle difficulties

29. To flog a dead horse

To waste the efforts

30. To add fuel to the fire

To make a bad situation worse

31. Chicken-hearted

Cowardly

32. See eye to eye

Agree with someone

33. To paddle one's own canoe

Depend on oneself

34. Give a piece of one's mind

To rebuke someone strongly

35. Cut and dried

Already decided

36. Make off with

To run away