

ILLUSTRATED IDIOMS

LIST OF

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Bite the bullet



To face a difficult or unpleasant situation with courage and determination

Break a leg



**A way of wishing
someone good luck
before a performance**

Burn the midnight oil



To work late into the night

Cost an arm and a leg



To be very expensive

Cry over spilled milk



**To regret something
that cannot be changed**

Cut to the chase



To get to the point
without wasting time

PG- 7

Easy as pie



Very simple or easy to do

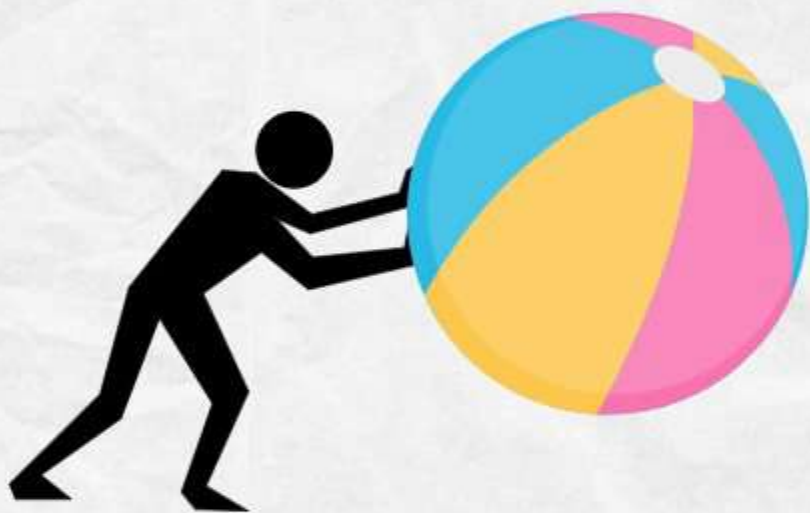
Get cold feet



**To feel nervous or
uncertain about something**

PG- 9

Get the ball rolling



To start something

Hit the nail on the head



To say or do exactly what is needed

In the heat of the moment



when making a decision based on emotions rather than reason

Keep an eye out



To be watchful or alert

Lend a hand



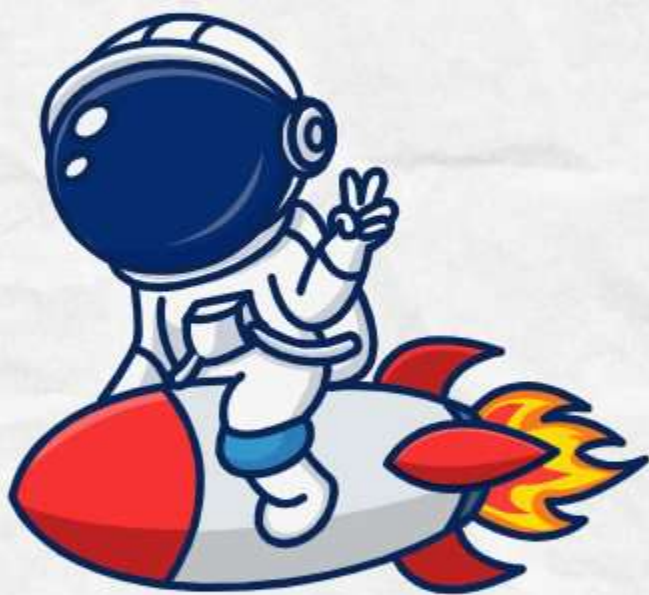
To offer help or assistance

Miss the boat



To miss an opportunity

Not rocket science



Easy to understand or do

Once in a blue moon

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Very rarely

Rain on someone's parade



**To spoil someone's
plans or excitement**

The ball is in your court



**It is now someone
else's turn to take action**

The tip of the iceberg



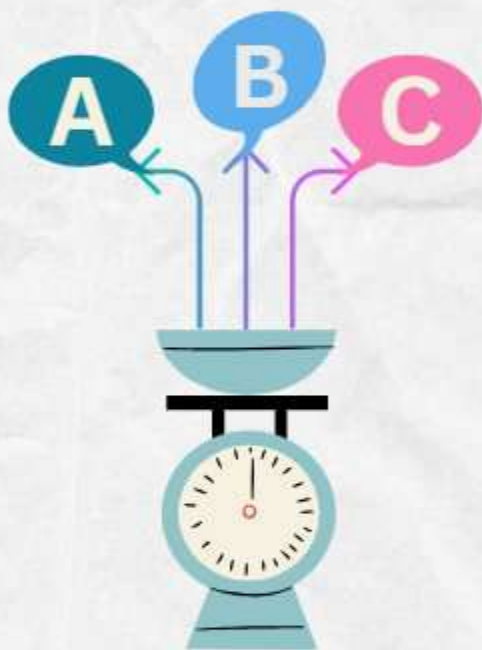
**Only a small part
of a larger problem**

Under the weather



feeling sick

Weigh your options



Consider the alternatives
before making a decision

Stab someone in the back



**To betray someone
who trusts you**

Read my mind



Refers to the idea that thoughts are known by another

Down in the dumps



Unhappy

**Put all your eggs
in one basket**



**Put all your money or
effort into one thing**

Bump into



To meet someone by
chance

A hot potato



A controversial topic

Sit on the fence



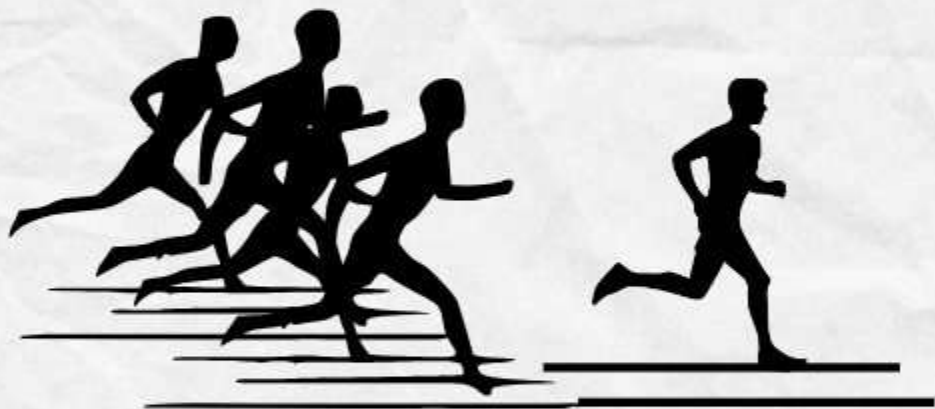
To be undecided

On cloud nine



Very happy

Get a head start



Start before all others

Kill two birds with one stone



To accomplish two different things at the same time

Barking up the wrong tree



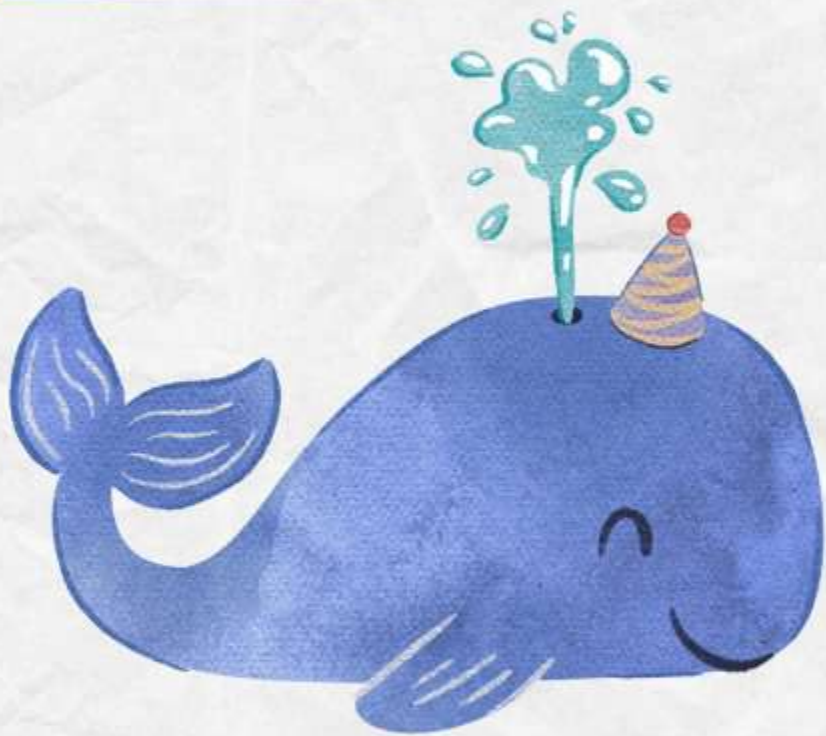
**Looking in the wrong place.
Accusing the wrong person**

Tickled Pink



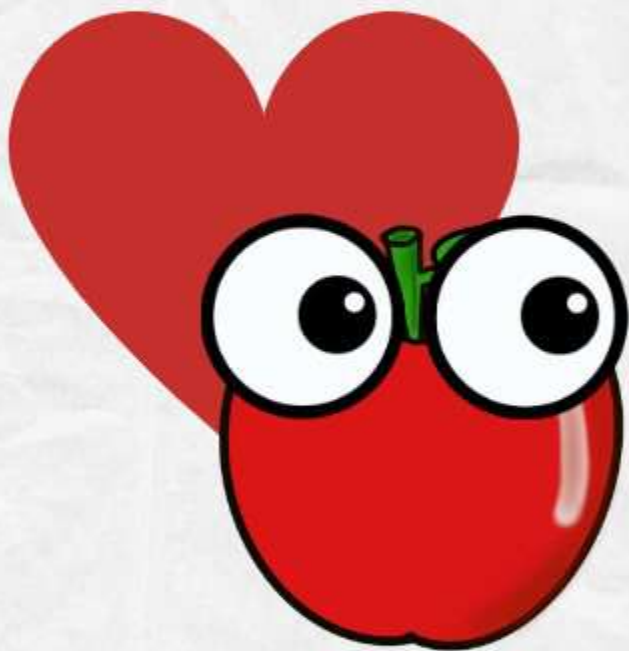
Very Amused

Have a whale of a time



To enjoy yourself very much

The apple of one's eye



You love someone
more than anyone else

Buy Time



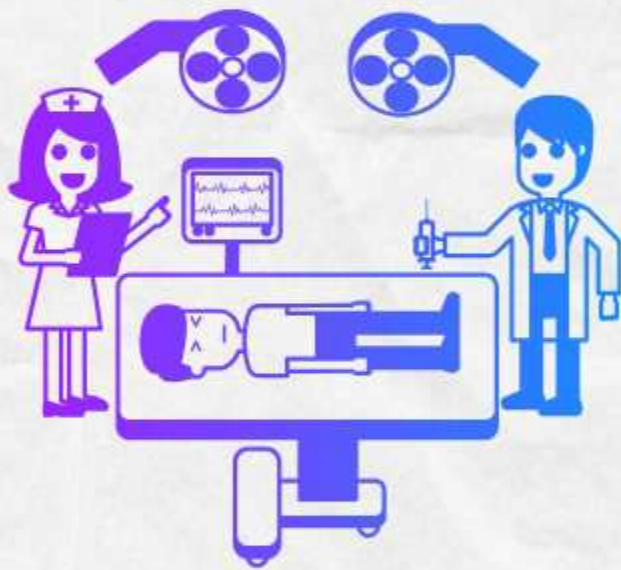
To postpone something

Six feet under



Dead and buried

Under the knife



To have a surgery

Spread your wings



Extend one's activities and interests or start new ones

Fly off the handle



To suddenly become very angry

Fit as a fiddle



In very good health

Out of shape



In poor physical
condition or unfit

To know the score



To understand and accept
the reality of the situation

Think outside the box



To go beyond a normal idea

Raise the bar



To raise standards
or expectations

Have a lot on your plate



To have a lot of responsibilities

In the red



To be in debt

Behind the times



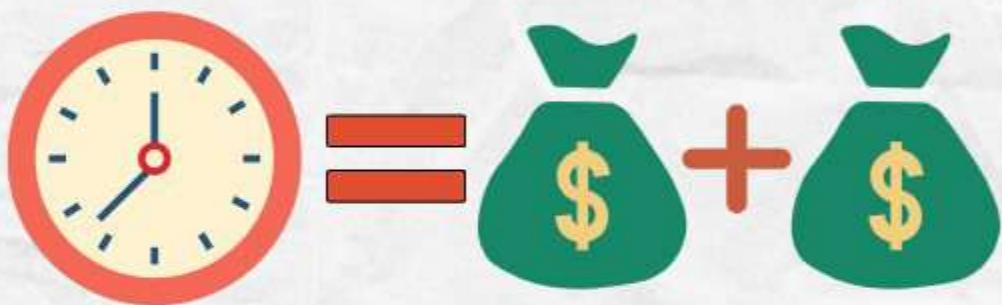
Old-fashioned; not modern

Since time immemorial



for a very, very long time

Time is money



Time is valuable, and
you shouldn't waste it