



151 IDIOM & PHRASES



TARGET JUDICIARY



WORD OF THE DAY



SUPERFLUOUS

Syn: surplus, extra, excess





My friend **got the sack** from his first job.

- a) got tired of >
- b) ~~was~~ dismissed from ✓
- c) was demoted from ↘
- d) resigned ✗

.



His friend turned out to be snake in the grass.

Covert

- a) a hidden enemy / a dishonest person
- b) an unreliable and deceitful person
- c) low and mean
- d) cowardly and brutal



keep body and soul together

- a) continue with his work
- b) to have just enough to sustain ✓
- c) be physical and spiritual
- d) maintain his health ✗



She is quite **at sea** and does not know what course of action to take in the matter.

- a) displeased ✗
- b) perplexed ✓
- c) danger ✗
- d) at ease ✗

Confused



The heavy downpour (**played havoc**) in the coastal area.

↓
rain

- a) caused floods
- b) caused diseases
- c) caused hardship
- d) caused destruction

↓
catastrophe

dogs & cats



blue- blooded

- a) of noble birth ✓ → royal family
- b) of unknown origin
- c) unhealthy ✗
- d) inferior



make one's mark

- a) score high marks X
- b) highlight something in a page
- c) reveal something
- d) distinguish oneself ✓



build castles in the air

- a) fly
- ~~b) dream~~ ✓
- c) film something
- d) work tirelessly



have a chip on one's shoulder

- a) feel physically tall ✗
- b) suffer an ailment ✗
- c) carry a burden ✓
- d) nurse a grudge



I hope you will back me at the meeting.

- a) speak after I do
- b) follow
- c) ~~support~~ ✓
- d) criticise



When it comes to dancing, he is all-thumbs

- a) an expert ✗
- b) a trainer ✗
- c) ~~clumsy~~ ✓ → funny
- d) lazy ✗



The smell from the kitchen makes my **mouth water**.

- a) makes me vomit ✗
- b) stimulates my appetite ✓
- c) makes me sick ✗
- d) makes me giddy ✗



a gentleman at large

- a) a man without a job ✓
- b) a man who runs around ✗
- c) ~~a man who is generous~~ ✗
- d) a man in the crowd ✗

100%



✗

bite the dust

- a) ✓ suffer a defeat ✓
- b) clean something ✗
- c) attack and defeat somebody ✗
- d) eat poorly ✗



At his wit's end, he turned to his old trade.

- a) After careful thinking
- b) Confidently
- c) ~~Not knowing what to do~~
- d) Overjoyed

✓
→ puzzle
confusing



A **closefisted** man does not know the significance of human life.

- a) a rich man
- b) a miser ✓
- c) an ill-mannered man
- d) a poor man ✗

Sat



to take to one's heels

- a) to turn around
- b) to show one's heels
- c) to walk leisurely
- d) ~~to run off~~

Gender Equality
Zoo wars



Before the report reached the authority, the media **spilled the beans**.

~~B~~

- a) dropped the charges
- b) spilled the content of the package
- c) ~~revealed~~ the secret information ✓
- d) hinted at the consequences.



The Rajput warriors **set their face against** the invader.

- a) faced difficulty
- b) turned away from
- c) opposed strongly ✓
- d) became enemies



to move heaven and earth

- a) to pray to all Gods ✓
- b) ~~to try everything possible~~ ✓✓
- c) to travel in a rocket ✓
- d) to cause an earthquake ✓

best of both worlds



In the securities scam, the national credibility was **at stake**.

- a) in danger ✓
- b) under pressure
- c) challenged
- d) on trial



Their attempt to get back the stolen necklace proved to be a **wild goose chase**.

- a) wise decision
- b) ~~useless search~~ ✓
- c) timely action
- d) delayed action



He and his neighbour are always **at loggerheads**.

- a) disagreeing on everything ✓
- b) aloof from each other ✗
- c) abusing each other
- d) agree on everything



The students wanted a holiday, but the Principal **put his foot down** and said, 'No'.

- ~~a) stepped out~~
- ~~b) kicked them~~
- ~~c) came downstairs~~
- d) asserted his authority ✓



The administration found it difficult to **cope with** the striking employees.

- a) ~~handle~~ ✓
- b) compromise
- c) subdue
- d) move



I and my friend always **go Dutch** when we eat out.

- a) pay for each other's meal ✗
- b) go together ✗
- c) divide the costs ✓
- d) drive together ✗



a storm in a tea cup

- a) something which encourages
- b) big fuss over a small matter ✓
- c) special positions
- d) steam while having tea



I am going to stay at home because I am feeling **under the weather** today.

- a) depressed
- b) irritated
- c) ~~sick~~ ✓
- d) unhappy

ill

s k i d d



I shall always remember my alma mater with gratitude.

- a) teacher who inspired me
- b) mother's loving care
- c) kindergarten days
- d) institution where I got education



The traffic came to a standstill after the heavy downpour of rain.

- a) diversion
- b) accident spot
- c) confused disorder
- d) complete halt



Those who work **(by fits and starts)** seldom show good results.

- a) ~~irregularly~~ ✓
- b) disinterestedly
- c) regularly
- d) rarely



Do not **lose your head** when faced with a difficult situation.

- a) ~~panic~~
- b) neglect anything
- c) get jealous
- d) forget anything



When the Inspector entered the class some of the students **shook in their shoes.**

- a) ~~trembled~~ With fear ✓
- b) showed signs of anger
- c) stood up to salute
- d) stamped the ground with their shoes

[Ruler + vocab + Reading]
(15 min)



I did not mind what he was saying, he was **only talking through his hat.**

- a) talking irresponsibly
- b) talking ignorantly
- c) talking Insultingly
- d) talking nonsense



Unless you **grease his palms** he will not do your work.

- a) beat him
- b) flatter him
- c) ~~bribe him~~ ✓
- d) talk to him





To add fuel to the fire

- a) to bring matters to a conclusion
- ~~b) to cause additional anger~~ ✓
- c) to start a revolt
- d) to make matters bright



I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.

- a) ~~selfish~~ motive ✓
- b) selfless motive ✗
- c) desire ✗
- d) am angry ✗



To work on this project is like ^{beating} flogging a
dead horse.

- a) ~~a~~ dragging something too far ✓
- b) over-spending money
- c) None of these
- d) harp upon a question that has been settled



The inspector was caught **red-handed**.

- a) caught in the act of committing the crime ✓
- b) caught with dirty hands
- c) found with hands tied
- d) quickly



ins and outs

- a) tactical moves
- b) ~~full details~~ ✓
- c) complexity of character
- d) entry and exit points



to end in smoke

- ~~a)~~ to come to nothing ✓
- b) to be on fire
- c) to burn slowly
- ~~d)~~ to have a smoking session

to ruin oneself



a white elephant

- a) a costly but useless possession ✓
- b) an expensive gift ✗
- c) a worthless thing ✗
- d) a rare species of elephants ✗



turn a deaf ear

- a) disobey ✗
- b) ~~defy~~ ✓
- c) dismiss ✗
- d) disregard ✗



build cashes in the air

a) build houses

~~b) daydream~~ ✓

c) work hard

d) waste time



The thief was **on good terms** with the police.

- a) followed the rules
- b) ~~was friendly~~ ✓
- c) agreed with them
- d) kept terms and conditions



There is no love lost between any two neighboring countries in the world.

- a) forming a group ✗
- b) ~~not on good terms~~ ✓
- c) have good understanding
- d) stop loving



take the bull by the horns

- a) grapple the situation courageously ✓
- b) close your eyes and attack the bull
- c) take defensive measures to deal with a crisis.
- d) crush something with a heavy hand



a dark horse.

a) a nightmare

b) a black horse

c) an unknown person

d) an unforeseen competitor



The possession of Jerusalem is ^{is} a bone of contention between Israel and Palestine.

- a) a subject of dispute ✓
- b) a subject of trade
- c) a subject of exports
- d) a subject of peace



I knew he had an axe to grind and turned down his offer of help.

- a) a private interest to serve ✓
- b) a sharp tongue
- c) a tendency to fight
- d) a blunt axe



Q. Sahil could be easily arrested because the police were tipped off in a advance.

- A. Toppled over
- B. Bribed
- C. Given advance information
- D. Threatened



Q. He passed himself off as a noble man.

A. Was regarded as

B. Pretended to be

C. Was thought to be

D. Was looked upon



Q. This matter has been hanging fire for the last many months and must therefore be decided one way or the other.-

- A. going on slowly ✓
- B. hotly debated ✗
- C. stuck up ✗
- D. ignored ✗



Q. The cricket match proved to be a big draw.

- A. a keen contest
- B. a huge attraction ✓
- C. a lovely spectacle
- D. a game without any result ✗



Q. Although he has failed in the written examination, he is using backstairs influence to get the job.

- A. Political influence
- B. Backing influence
- C. Deserving and proper influence
- D. Secret and unfair influence



Q. Since he knew what would happen, he should be left to stew in his own juice.

- A. Make a stew
- B. Boil
- C. Suffer in his own juice
- D. Suffer for his own act



Q. Do no trust a man who blows his own trumpet

- A. flatters
- B. praises others
- C. admonishes others
- D. praises himself



Q. The case was held over due to the great opposition to it.

A. stopped

B. postponed

C. dropped

D. cancelled



Q. Sanjay is very different about passing the Delhi Judiciary Exam this year.

A. Dead sure of

B. ~~Very hopeful of~~

C. Lacking self confidence about ✓

D. Reasonably certain of



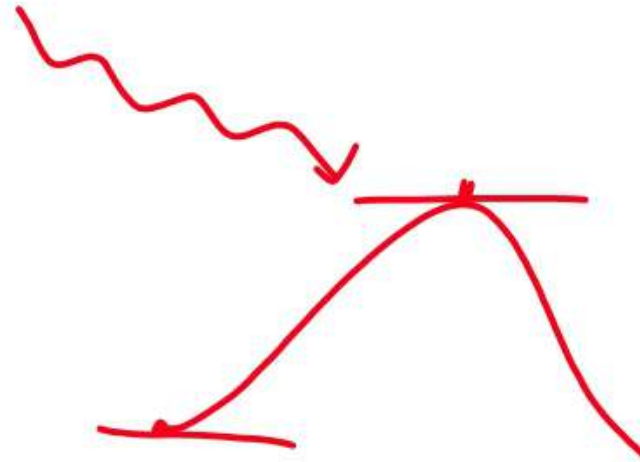
Q. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared to bell the cat.

- A. ✓ To take lead in danger. ✓
- B. To tie bell to a cat's neck
- C. To be alert of the enemy
- D. To make noise



Q. The popularity of the yesterday's superstar is on the wane.

- A. at its peak
- B. at rock bottom X
- C. growing more
- D. ~~growing less~~





Q. He sold his house for a song.

A. at a reasonable price

B. at a discount

C. very cheaply ✓

D. at a premium



Q. Despite the trust bestowed on the minister he turned out to be a snake in the grass during the revolution.

- A. a secret enemy ✓
- B. a treacherous person
- C. an unforeseen danger
- D. an unexpected misfortune



Q. How long will the people put up with the increasing economic hardships?

- A. welcome
- B. take easily
- C. remain satisfied with
- D. tolerate

Content
↓
satisfy

Contents
↓
material



Q. I hope it will not put you out if I am late.

- A. harm you
- B. irritate you
- C. please you
- D. worry out



Q. I felt like a fish out of water among all those business tycoons

- A. superior
- B. stupid
- C. ~~uncomfortable~~ ✓
- D. inferior



Q. Some people now wonder whether we just pay lip service or genuinely subscribe to democracy.

- A. pay oral tribute
- B. attach no value
- C. remain indifferent
- D. show only outward respect

29th to 31st



Q. He visits the doctor off and on.

- A. everyday ✗
- B. regularly ✗
- C. never at all
- D. occasionally ✓

ins and outs- *full details.*



Next to nothing-

- (a) ~~Hardly anything~~ ✓
- (b) To produce
- (c) Without answer
- (d) Reject without consideration



Baker's Dozen

(a) Twelve ✘

(b) Ten

(c) Thirteen ✔

(d) Fifteen



At one's wit's end-

- (a) ~~To get puzzled~~ ✓
- (b) To listen carefully
- (c) To run away
- (d) To walk slowly



I am all ears

- (a) ~~Listening to you~~ ✓
- (b) Clean your ears
- (c) Both the ears
- (d) Using my ears



Butterfly in my stomach

(a) Unhappy

(b) Excited ~~✓~~

~~(c) Nervous~~ ✓

(d) Sad



Waking up on the wrong side of the bed

- (a) Not Agree with someone
- (b) Feeling unhappy ✓
- (c) Disrespect
- (d) To make promise



Sorted out

(a) Conflict

(b) Supported

(c) Exited

(d) Resolved ✓

glitch
↓
jolt



Q. To cry wolf

A. To listen eagerly

B. To give false alarm ✓

C. To turn pale

D. To keep off starvation



Q. In the armed forces, it is considered a great privilege to die in harness.

A. die on a horse back

~~B. die in the battlefield~~

C. die while still working ✓

~~D. die with honor~~



Q. He is leaving the country for a good.

- A. for better prospects ~~X~~
- B. for a good cause ~~X~~
- ~~C~~ forever ✓
- D. for others good ~~X~~

for good



In a nutshell-

- (a) In brief ✓
- (b) In a nut
- (c) In long description
- (d) In discussion



With open arms

- ~~A. Warmly~~ ✓
- B. Cold blooded
- C. Resemble
- D. Coldly



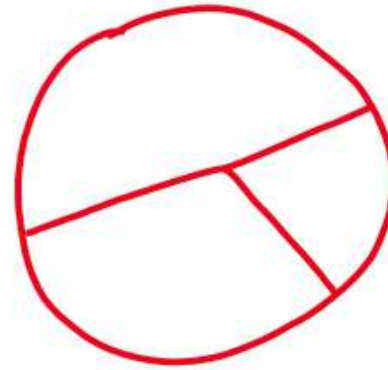
Lions share

A. look angrily

~~B. major share~~ ✓

C. minor share

D. heart of the prey





Bag and baggage

A. All the clothing

B. Without any belonging

C. Leave

D. With all one's belongings



A cock and bull story

A. Interesting story

B. A detective story

C. ~~An absurd tale~~ ✓

D. A relevant story



A black sheep

- A. Stranger
- B. On the run
- C. Unlucky
- D. Gentleman



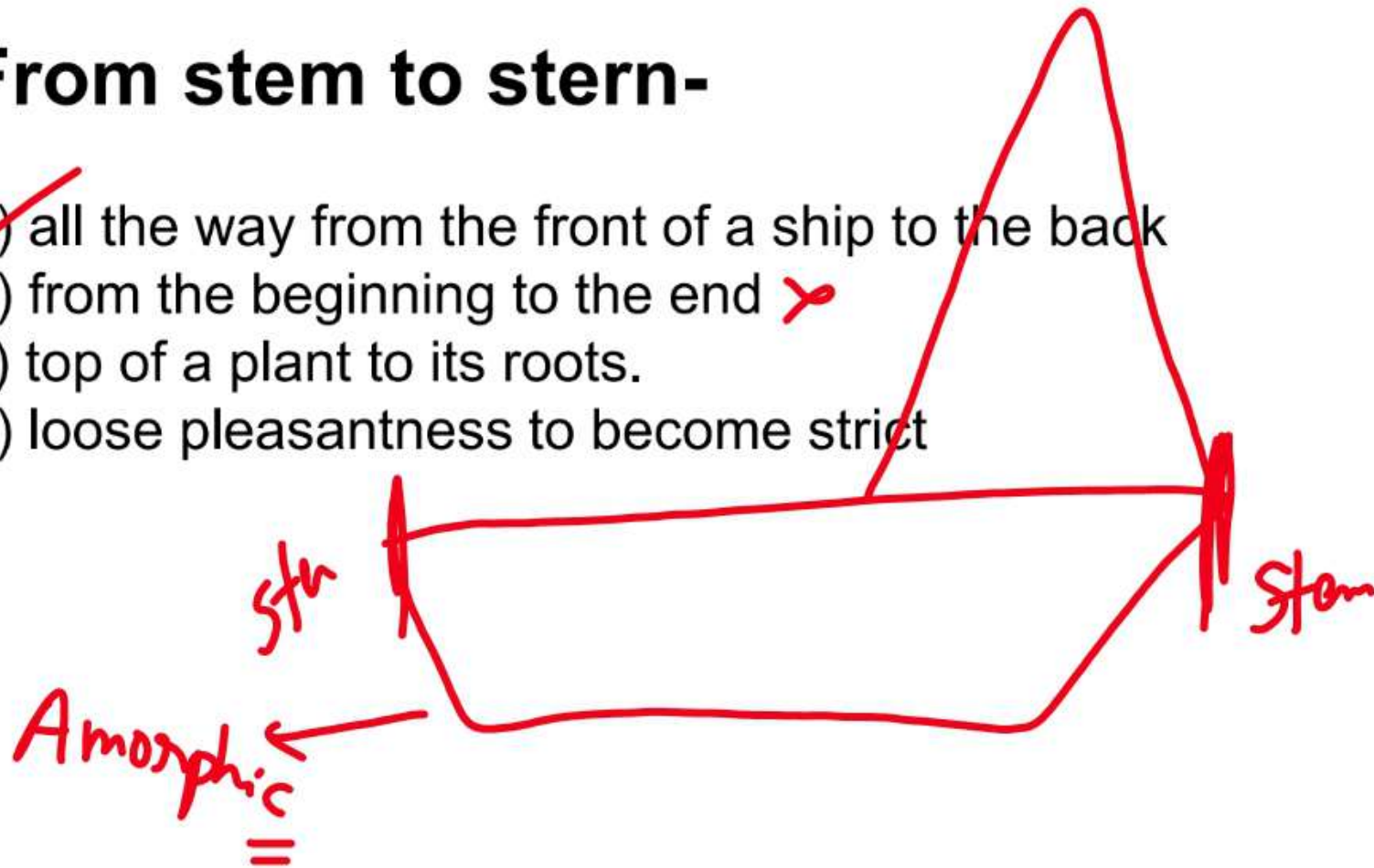
A turn coat

- A. One who changes one's opinion or party ✓
 - B. A wet coat
 - C. A poor man
 - D. Man of principal
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From stem to stern-

- a) ✓ all the way from the front of a ship to the back
- b) from the beginning to the end ✗
- c) top of a plant to its roots.
- d) loose pleasantness to become strict





Turn over a new leaf-

- a) ~~change one's behaviour for the better~~ ✓
- b) read between the pages of a book.
- c) do a somersault
- d) do a new job.



Take up the hatchet

- a) behave formally
- b) pursue a chance
- c) be caught in a trap
- d) prepare for or go to war



At loose ends

- a) tie two loose ends of a thread
- b) keep options open
- c) ✓ in an uncertain situation ✓
- d) repay debts



With might and main

a) with full risks

b) with full force

c) having full confidence

d) with full blessings



Cut short

- a) delete
- b) praise
- c) interrupt ✓
- d) slice into small pieces



Bad blood

- a) war
- b) ~~ill~~ feeling ✓
- c) threatening attitude
- d) in an infected state of being



A laughing stock

→ हँसी का पात्र

- a) an object of laughter ✓
- b) a storehouse of joke
- c) an object of desire
- d) a stock of high value

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Cut a sorry figure

- a) Did not stand straight
- b) Apologised for his remarks
- c) ~~Created a wrong impression~~
- d) Made a ~~poor~~ impression





Bring to light

- a) Introduced
- b) ~~Revealed~~ ✓
- c) Seen
- d) Brought to life



Beating around the bush *→ avoiding the main top*

- a) To run around in circles and never accomplishing results *→*
- b) *✓* To avoid getting to the point of an issue *✓*
- c) Avoiding coming face to face with a problem, escaping *→*
- d) Not accepting the real issue and solving minor problems *→*



Turn a blind eye

- a) Pretend not to notice ✓
- b) Hide the ugly truth from someone
- c) Stay away from bad habits
- d) Not able to see the obvious truth



A wild goose chase

- a) Timely search
- b) Wrong decision
- c) Fruitful search
- d) Useless search



I was **taken aback** when he proposed to marry my daughter.-

- a) ~~surprised~~ ✓
- b) pleased
- c) hurt
- d) shocked



She played ducks and drakes with her money.

- a) lent
- b) spent lavishly
- c) did not spend
- d) borrowed



He left the town **under a cloud**.

- a) of his own accord
- b) ~~in~~ disgrace ✓
- c) with a heavy heart
- d) when it was raining



They **got on well** with each other the moment they met.

- a) had an agreement
- b) had a misunderstanding
- c) had a friendly relationship X
- d) ~~fell in love~~ ✓



Dog eat dog

- a) very vigilant
- b) steady manager
- c) ruthlessly competitive ✓
- d) hostile and unhelpful



To eat one's own words

- a) to offer bribe with sweet words
- b) to listen carefully
- c) to remain silent ✓
- d) forced to retract one's own statement



steal someone's thunder

- a) take credit for something someone else did
- b) poor cry
- c) a useless attempt
- d) everything



Red-tape

- a) official procedures causing delay
- b) label red for something dangerous
- c) to be cleared very fast
- d) a procedure for close scrutiny



to end in smoke

- a) ~~to come to nothing~~ ✓
- b) to be on fire
- c) to burn slowly
- d) to have a smoking session



All In The Same Boat

- A. Everyone facing same challenges ✓
- B. To avoid talking
- C. Doing something special
- D. Travelling on same vehicle



Without a doubt

A.No idea

~~B.For certain~~ ✓

C.Without knowledge

D.Without laws

fix!



A man of straw

A. A puppet ~~o~~

B. Influential

~~C.~~ One who has no influence ✓

D. To struggle in vain

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A gala day-

- ~~A. A day of festivity~~ ✓
- B. A day of brief
- C. A rainy day
- D. A relevant day

Gala dinner



Bed of roses

- A. very soft bed
- B. dull life
- C. belong to
- D. full of joys





By hook or by crook

- A. By any means ✓
- B. To avoid taking sides
- C. To relax
- D. Feel uncomfortable



The teacher announced that she had no **blue-eyed boys** in the class.

- a) foreigners ~~X~~
- b) young boys
- c) ~~favourites~~ ✓
- d) royal children

↖ Blue Blood



To beat a dead horse

- a) To extract everything from a resource till it fails
- b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death
- c) Doing a cruel act
- d) To revive interest in hopeless issue



Call it a day

- a) To take a break or a holiday.
- b) To declare the end of a task. ✓
- c) To start a job wishing for success.
- d) Assign different days to different tasks.



At the drop of a hat

- a) Show outward respect to someone you hate.
- b) A mistake which is of not much consequence
- c) ~~Without any hesitation; instantly.~~
- d) Forcibly let go of something which is very personal to you.



Gnash your teeth

- a) Brush your teeth
- b) Take a big bite
- c) ~~Express rage~~
- d) Laugh hysterically

anger



To be on cloud nine

- a) To feel lucky
- b) To make one last attempt
- c) To be extremely happy ✓
- d) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated



To shoot the breeze

- a) To release stomach gases
- b) To have a casual conversation ✓
- c) To brag about some mild achievement
- d) To do random acts hoping one will be successful



Red letter day

a) Holiday

b) Ending day

c) Starting day

d) ~~Significant day~~ → ^{can} important day



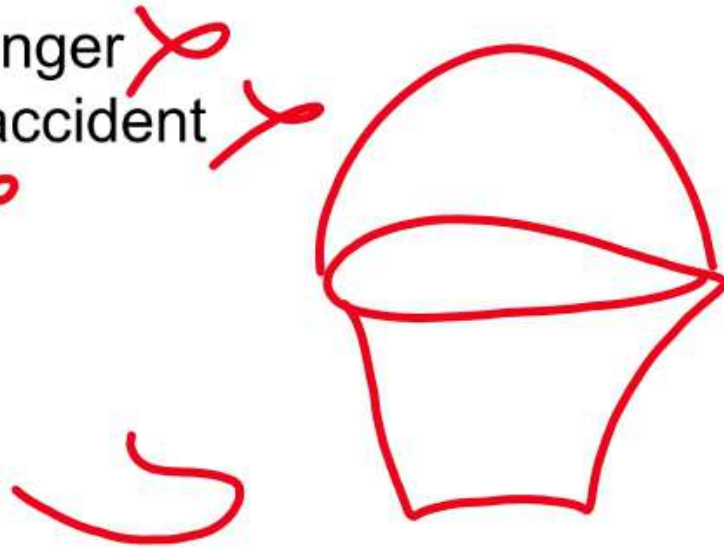
The alpha and the omega

- a) The beginning and the end ✓
- b) Truth and dare
- c) Happy and sad
- d) The love and the hatred



Kick the bucket

- a) To delay a little longer
- b) To meet with an accident
- c) Loose temper
- d) To die





Herculean task

- a) Motivating
- b) ~~Very difficult task~~ ✓
- c) Important task
- d) Optional to do





Rise like a phoenix

NPD

- a) Time to answer for one's action
- b) To make people happy
- c) Something memorable
- d) To become successful again

10th



The storm brought about great destruction in the valley.

- a) caused ✓
- b) succeeded
- c) halted
- d) invited



When I entered the house everything was **at sixes and sevens**.

- a) to have six or seven visitors at a time.
- b) in disorder or confusion. ✓
- c) an unpleasant argument.
- d) a quarrel among six or seven people



The parents are **In high spirits** as their son has got a decent job.

- a) ~~cheerful~~ ✓
- b) drunk
- c) shocked
- d) in good position



Ball is in your court

- a) Request someone to return your belonging.
- b) To tell someone politely about his/her mistake.
- c) Put the blame on the other person.
- d) ~~It is up to you to make the next decision or step.~~ ✓



Keep under one's hat

- a) ~~To keep something a secret~~ ✓
- b) Take care of somebody else's valuables given to you for safe keeping
- c) Keep all your wealth in your home
- d) Steal and hide something



Achilles' heel

- a) A secret weapon to be used as a last resort.
- b) The person who is blamed if anything goes wrong.
- c) A fatal weakness in spite of overall strength. ✓
- d) A past deed which one is trying to hide.



Make one's flesh creep

- a) To flatter someone
- b) ~~To~~ frighten someone ✓
- c) To confuse someone
- d) To abuse someone



A moot point

- a) Disputed ✓
- b) Unknown
- c) Agreeable
- d) Unclear



Bear the palm

(a) To read the future ✗

(b) To be the winner ✓

(c) To predict something ✗

(d) To bribe ✗

→ grease the palm,



At the eleventh hour

- (a) at eleven o'clock
- (b) at the beginning
- (c) at the last moment
- (d) in the middle of something



WORD OF THE DAY



- **BRITTLE** ✓

Syn: Fragile, Delicate, Breakable

Ant: Tough, Unbreakable, strong

