

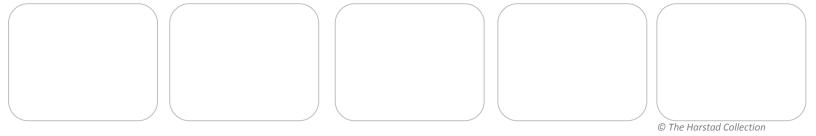
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- 2. <u>Back to the drawing board</u> The invention was a disaster, so it was back to the drawing board. Meaning: When an attempt fails and it is time to start all over.
- 3. At the drop of a hat Dad offered us a trip to the beach, and we were in the car at the drop of a hat. Meaning: Without hesitation; instantly.
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- 5. <u>Best of both worlds</u> John won a car and his parents paid the insurance; it was the best of both worlds. Meaning: All the advantages.
- 6. <u>Barking up the wrong tree</u> The scientist searched for fossils, but she was barking up the wrong tree. Meaning: <u>Looking in the wrong place</u>.
- 7. <u>Best thing since sliced bread</u> The house design was the best thing since sliced bread. Meaning: A good invention, idea, or plan.
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- 9. <u>Judge a book by its cover</u> The man with snake tattoos was nice, and I shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Meaning: <u>Decide something only on appearance</u>.
- 10. Costs an arm and a leg The diamond jewelry cost an arm and a leg.

 Meaning: Something is very expensive.
- 11. <u>Curiosity killed the cat</u> As Jen crawled into the cave, she remembered curiosity killed the cat. Meaning: Being inquisitive can lead to an unpleasant situation.
- 12. <u>Cut corners</u> The inspector checked the bridge to ensure workers did not cut corners. Meaning: <u>Something done badly to save money</u>.
- 13. <u>Crying over spilled milk</u> Ken accidentally ripped his shirt, but he did not cry over spilled milk. Meaning: Unhappy about something that has already happened or cannot be helped.



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