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### 76. Foot in the door -

**Meaning** - Small but good start with a possibility for a bright future.

**Example** - With customers coming in, his new venture has got a foot in the door.

### 77. Go great guns -

**Meaning** - Being successful.

**Example** - Ram's preparation for the final exams is going great guns. He scored 90% marks in the practice test.

### 78. Dead in the water -

**Meaning** - Plan or project that has ceased to function and is not expected to be re-activated in future.

**Example** - Because of the revolt from the civil society, the plan to get the FDI in various sectors is now dead in the water.

## 79. Flying start -

**Meaning** - Something that is immediately successful.

**Example** - The film hit the box office with a flying start and collected the highest revenue on day 1.

## 80. Make a go of -

**Meaning** - Succeeding in your enterprise.

**Example** - With his hard work and dedication, he has made a go of his new venture.

## 81. Go to the dogs -

**Meaning** - Getting comparably less successful than before.

**Example** - With new corruption scams un-veiling everyday, the country is going to dogs.

## 81. Go up in smoke -

**Meaning** - Something that ends before getting a result.

**Example** - With a vigilant police force around the town, the plan of antisocial elements to cause chaos went up in smoke.

## 82. Live on the breadline -

**Meaning** - Having very little income.

**Example** - The partition of the country has left many people on the breadline.

## 83. Make or break -

**Meaning** - Circumstances causing total success or total ruin.

**Example** - The huge investment in this big project with make or break him.

## 84. Landslide victory -

**Meaning** - Overwhelming victory received by a candidate of political party at an election.

**Example** - With a win of more of than 40% seats in the first two hours of counting, they are expecting a landslide victory.

### 85. Let slip through fingers -

**Meaning** - Failing to obtain or keep up a good opportunity.

**Example** - This opportunity can be your break through in the industry. Don't let it slip through your fingers.

### 86. Rags to riches -

**Meaning** - Becoming very rich while starting very poor.

**Example** - His innovative ideas in business got him from rags to riches.

### 87. On the pig's back -

**Meaning** - Refers to a person in successful and well situation.

**Example** - The tourism in the state was on the pig's back before the terror attacks hit the capital.

### 88. Miss the boat -

**Meaning** - Failing to take advantage of an opportunity because of slow actions.

**Example** - I managed to get a discount of 10% but could not get an early bird offer. Reaching late made me miss the boat.

### 89. Smash hit -

**Meaning** - Refers to music, films which are very successful.

**Example** - His music became a smash hit in a week's time.

### 90. Murphy's law -

**Meaning** - Means that if anything can go wrong, it will.

**Example** - Let's be prepared for the worst but don't forget the Murphy's law.

### 91. Place in the sun -

**Meaning** - Finding a place in the sun refers to a position which provides you all the success and happiness you want in your life.

**Example** - Getting married into the renowned business family in the town, she found a place in the sun.

## 92. Sink or swim -

**Meaning** - fail or succeed.

**Example** - The test will decide if he sinks or swims.

## 93. Champagne on a beer budget -

**Meaning** - Wanting expensive things that you can not afford.

**Example** - She always buys things out of her budget. She has developed a taste for champagne on beer budget.

## 94. Top dog -

**Meaning** - Very successful group, company, person, country etc.

**Example** - The economic survey proved that they are the top dogs of the IT industry.

## 95. Keep up appearances -

**Meaning** - Maintaining an outward show of prosperity or well-being while hiding your difficulties

**Example** - Keeping up the appearances was important for him to secure the new big projects.

## 96. Wooden spoon -

**Meaning** - Imaginary prize for the last person in a race.

**Example** - We won a wooden spoon at the fashion show.

## 97. Have the world by its tail -

**Meaning** - Very successful person who can choose from a lot of opportunities.

**Example** - Being the pioneers in the pharmaceutical industry, they are now having the world by its tail.

## 98. Live beyond means -

**Meaning** - Spending more money than you can afford.

**Example** - He has a habit of living beyond his means.  
Most of the times, you will find him borrowing the money from his friends.

## 99. Live in an ivory tower -

**Meaning** - Living a lifestyle that saves you from the real world problems.

**Example** - Her inexperience in dealing with tough situations is because she has lived in an ivory tower

## 100. Hit the road running -

**Meaning** - Start performing immediately.

**Example** - She was our old employee. She hit the road running when she joined us back.

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