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### 26. Eat, sleep and breathe something -

**Meaning** - Being so enthusiastic and passionate about something that you think about it all the time.

**Example** - My son has recently learnt cycling. He eats, sleeps and breathes it now.

### 27. With bells on -

**Meaning** - When you are delighted and eager to go somewhere, you are said to go with bells on.

**Example** - The new year party at the beach is most awaited. I will be there - with bells on.

### 28. Fever pitch -

**Meaning** - When a feeling is very intense and exciting, it is said to be at a fever pitch.

**Example** - His love for music had reached a fever pitch before he became a world known musician.

## 29. Blood, sweat and tears -

**Meaning** - Something that requires a lot of effort and hard work.

**Example** - Being the team of Indian cricket team is not just a matter of luck for him, it is his blood, sweat and tears which has got him here.

## 30. Have on the brain -

**Meaning** - Thinking or talking about it all day long.

**Example** - He has just got engaged. Now, he has his fiancée on his brain all the time.

## 31. Fling yourself into -

**Meaning** - Doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

**Example** - Flinging himself into the exercise routine is the reason for his good physique.

## 32. Raring to go -

**Meaning** - Being very eager and enthusiastic about the idea of doing something.

**Example** - My kids wish to see the animals. They are raring to go to zoo.

## 33. Xerox subsidy -

**Meaning** - Using the office photocopier for personal use.

**Example** - The office now has a strict policy about xerox subsidy.

## 34. Get a grip on yourself -

**Meaning** - Controlling your feelings to deal with a situation.

**Example** - Reema saw her jewellery and cash missing from the almirah. After the initial shock, she got a grip on herself and called up the police.

## 35. Hang on by fingernails -

**Meaning** - Continuing to do something in a very difficult situation.

**Example** - The market of watches has suffered a big loss after the arrival of mobile phones. The survivors are just hanging on by their fingernails.

### 36. Pull out all the stops -

**Meaning** - Doing everything you can to make something successful.

**Example** - The deadline for the project is fast arriving; we have pulled out all the stops for timely completion.

### 37. Buckle down -

**Meaning** - Doing some hard work with determination and full attention.

**Example** - Getting through the exam for civil services is possible when you have buckled down yourself.

### 38. First out of the gate -

**Meaning** - Being the first one to make a start at something.

**Example** - John and his friends had decided to voice their opinion against the new economic policy. John was the first one to be out of the gate.

### 39. Going places -

**Meaning** - Exhibiting talent and ability that will lead to a successful future.

**Example** - Rakesh was a performer at the school sports club. It was obvious that he was going places.

### 40. Have one's heart set on -

**Meaning** - Possessing a determination to obtain something.

**Example** - He has not become a renowned cardiologist just by chance. He has his heart set on it after his father passed away with a cardiac arrest.

### 41. Make headway -

**Meaning** - Progress in what you are trying to achieve.

**Example** - The police have made a headway with their investigation in the terror attack on the city last Friday.

## 42. Punch above one's weight-

**Meaning** - Performing beyond your ability.

**Example** - He was not the best swimmer around but he could win the gold medal at the state swimming competition by working hard and punching above his weight in the finals.

## 43. Sink your teeth into -

**Meaning** - doing something with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

**Example** - Marie joined the badminton coaching classes. She sank her teeth into the practice sessions.

## 44. Stand one's ground -

**Meaning** - Maintaining your position.

**Example** - He stood his ground in support of his friend inspite of several family interferences.

## 45. Close to home -

**Meaning** - A comment which is true and makes you uncomfortable is close to home.

**Example** - Tom's comment about his friend's unethical activities was quite close to home. He looked quite embarrassed.

## 46. Carry the torch for -

**Meaning** - Having strong feelings for someone who can not be yours.

**Example** - He has been carrying a torch for Mamta, who is now married to Nitin, since they studied together in college.

## 47. Cork up something -

**Meaning** - Failing to express your emotions.

**Example** - She did not let her grief pour out when her father passed away. Its not good for her to cork up his feelings.

## 48. Cut to the quick -

**Meaning** - Hurting someone deeply or offending them.

**Example** - Joe had worked for 10 years with all his loyalty for his company. He was cut to the quick when his boss

held him responsible for the theft.

#### 49. Fish out of water -

**Meaning** - Feeling uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.

**Example** - Being a french, I felt like a fish out of water in the group of Japanese

#### 50. Bee in one's bonnet -

**Meaning** - Carrying an idea which constantly occupies your thoughts.

**Example** - She is not happy in Africa. She has a bee in he bonnet about moving to Dubai.

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