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| **Off the top of my head** - the first idea that comes to my mind without thinking too much. |

When I think about successful entrepreneur, off the top of my head the first man that pops into my mind is Ilon Mask.

When I think about delicious food, off the top of my head I would say that Korean cuisine is my favorite one.

When I think of books that I've read recently, off the top of my head, there are several that come to my mind, but I want to tell you about Harry Potter.

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| **Rub me the wrong way when** - it bothers or irritates. (Negative feelings) |

It rubs me the wrong way when people do not patient enough to stay in a queue and try to go first.

It rubbed me the wrong way when my boss told me that I got promotion without the rise of my salary.

It rubs me the wrong way when my colleagues don't want to work.

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| **It gets under my skin** - it bothers me, it annoys me (Negative feelings) |

It really gets under my skin when I find out that our government spends our tax rubles on meaningless decorations instead of something worthwhile.

I don't usually complaint, but it is really hard to work with my team leader. It really gets under my skin how careless he is, 'cause he is absent around a half of time and I have to take charge of my team.

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| **A dime a dozen** - something is common (use to say that something is often or happens frequently. |

Beautiful women in Russia are a dime a dozen.

In St. Petersburg windy days are a dime a dozen.

Overtimes on my work are a dime a dozen.

Men among programmers are a dime a dozen.

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| **Few and far between** - something is uncommon (use to say that something is rare or happens rarely. |

Women among programmers are few and far between.

Sunny days in St. Petersburg's winters are few and far between. Last winter it was only two sunny days.

Unfortunately, in my city Korean restaurants are few and far between.

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| **Cost an arm and a leg** - something very expensive (talk about price) |

My wedding cost an arm and a leg.

Car maintenance costs an arm and a leg for me.

I know that it costs an arm and a leg to study in an university in the USA.

Visiting my parents-in-low costs us an arm and a leg.

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| **As cheap as chips** - something is cheap (about low cost items) |

Flights from St. Petersburg to Europe are as cheap as chips, especially in compare with flights to the central part of Russia.

Even private medicine in Russia compared to medicine in the USA is as cheap as chips.

According to many statistics, taxes in Russia compared to other countries are as cheap as chips. But it's a fake.

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| **A long shot** - something is unlikely |

Everyone wants to see new spokesmen in politics, but I think it's a long shot we'll see new faces in the government.

My boss supposes I'll move to Canada soon, but it's a long shot, because I didn't get necessary scores for the IELTS yet.

Many believe that the Internet in Russia will be isolated soon, however, I think it's a long shot. It's extremely hard to do so.

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| **A stone's throw away** - something is nearby (close by), not only physical, can be about event (location/proximity) |

Most of my colleagues live a stone's throw away from work, so it takes for them around 15 minutes to commute.

I live a stone's throw away from a huge park where I can walk, or cycle, or even do exercises.

My promotion is a stone's throw away - I am a boss from the 1st of November.

Holidays are a stone's throw away - everyone will take a rest from the 1st of January.

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| **Once in a blue moon** - something is rare or happens only occasionally (about rarity) |

In the era of the internet, I use my phone for calling once in a blue moon, because I can use messengers instead.

Since I got married, I see my friends once in a blue moon.

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| **To be as busy as a bee** - to be very busy (about being busy) |

Since I got a promotion, I am as busy as a bee.

It's quite challenging to find time to meet my best friend, 'cause he is always as busy as a bee.

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| **Have a blast (had a blast)** - to have a good time (about enjoyment) |

I can't wait for the New Year, we're going to have a blast.

I hope our guests had a blast on our wedding party.

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| **It dawned on me** - I realized (to express a moment of clarity or awareness) |

Only when I repaired my car third time it dawned on me how expensive the car maintenance can be.

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| **Just what the doctor ordered -** exactly what is wanted and needed |

Some peace and quiet is just what the doctor ordered.

An extra week of vacation is just what the doctor ordered.

One more hour for sleep is just what the doctor ordered.

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| **Get up on the wrong side of the bed** - to be bad tempered for the whole day for no particular reason |

If somebody wake me too early, I can get up on the wrong side of the bed.

It is better not to talk to me if I got up on the wrong side of the bed.

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| **To your heart's content** - do something enjoyable for as long as you want to do |

On holidays I can read to my heart's content.

Having been a child I spent all holidays playing computer games to my heart's content.

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| **To set in stone** - to be very difficult or impossible to change |

The schedule isn't set in stone, but we'd like to stick to it pretty closely.

My exam date isn't set in stone, but I'd like to take the exam on 14th, December.

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| **Bite the bullet** - to accept something difficult or unpleasant |

Despite the fact that I really loved my previous job, I didn't see any prospects, so I bit the bullet and changed my job.

I like coping with difficulties rather than biting the bullet and giving up.

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| **To be under the weather** - to be sick |

I don't remember the time when I was under the weather.

My ex-team leader is always under the weather, so I have to take charge of his team now and again.