**8 Idioms in English using two Easter symbols – Eggs and Bunnies.**

1. **To egg someone on** - to encourage or dare someone to do something, often something unwise  
**Ex**. *I wouldn’t have gone bungee jumping if John hadn’t egged me on to do it.*

2. **To put all your eggs in one basket** - to risk everything in one venture

**Ex**. *When investing in the stockmarket, you shouldn’t put all your eggs in one basket. You should diversify your portfolio.*

3. **To teach someone’s grandmother to suck eggs (informal)** - to presume to teach someone something they already know  
**Ex**. *I am probably teaching your grandmother to suck eggs, but you do realise that you need to switch on the TV before the DVD player will work?*

4. **To walk or tread on egg shells (Br E)** - to be very diplomatic and inoffensive  
**Ex**. *She is so stressed at the moment that I feel like I am walking on eggshells to avoid an argument.*

5. **You cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs** - In order to do something good, you need to give something else up

**Ex**. *James: ‘We may make a lot of money if we raise our prices, but we will upset a lot of our customers’.  
Tony: ‘We cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs’.*

6. **A chicken and egg situation** - a situation where it’s impossible to decide which of two things existed first and which caused the other.

**Ex**. *It’s a chicken and egg situation – I don’t know whether I was bad at Maths because I wasn’t interested, or wasn’t interested and therefore was not good at the subject.*

7. **To be like a rabbit caught in the headlights** - to be so surprised or frightened that you cannot move or think  
**Ex**. *Each time the directors asked Alan a question he looked like a rabbit caught in the headlights.*

8. **To pull a rabbit out of the hat** - to do something surprising (it’s often used to show a surprising solution to a problem)

**Ex**. *The Chancellor pulled a rabbit out of the hat by putting together a budget without raising taxes.*