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**BEED 2A**

**IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS**

* **Action speaks louder than words**
* **Definition:** Refers to the idea that it’s better to do something than just talk about it.
* **Example:** “He always tells his girlfriend that he loves her, but he never actually does anything nice for her. Someone should teach him that actions speak louder than words.”
* **Add fuel to the fire**
* **Definition:** Something that worsens an already bad situation.
* **Example:** “I wanted to intervene when they were yelling at each other, but that would have just added fuel to the fire.”
* **All bark and no bite**
* **Definition:** Being verbally threatening, but unwilling to do anything significant.
* **Example:** “He keeps threatening to shut down our paper after we ran that article about him, but I don’t think he will. In my opinion, he’s all bark and no bite.”
* **At the drop of a hat**
* **Definition:** A willingness to do something right away.
* **Example:** “Our boss expects us to show up in her office at the drop of a hat, even when we’re in a meeting with clients.”
* **Beating around the bush**
* **Definition:** Avoiding the main issue.
* **Example:** “I kept trying to steer the conversation back to his alibi, but he wouldn’t stop beating around the bush, bringing up things totally off-topic.”
* **Cry over spilt milk**
* **Definition:** Complaining about a loss or failure from the past.
* **Example:** “She was mad that he broke her vase, but it *was* an accident, and there’s no use crying over spilt milk anyway, so she forgave him.”
* **A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush**
* **Definition:** It’s better to have a small, secured advantage than the possibility of a bigger one. It’s better to stick with what you have than risk it for something greater.
* **Example:** “Someone offered me $100 to buy my old TV. I was hoping to sell it for $200, but I have a feeling this is the best offer I’ll get for a while, and I need that money now. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, right?”
* **Cut to the chase**
* **Definition:** Skip the irrelevant parts, and go straight to the main point.
* **Example:** “Why don’t you just cut to the chase, and tell me where you hid my phone!
* **Hit the nail on the head**
* **Definition:** Do or say exactly the correct thing.
* **Example:** “I really hit the nail on the head when I guessed they were getting married.”
* **Slap on the wrist**
* **Definition:** A mild punishment, such as a scolding.
* **Example:** “The cop pulled me over for speeding, but it was my first time so she just gave me a slap on the wrist.”
* **Spill the beans**
* **Definition:**Tell a secret.
* **Example:**“My three-year-old spilled the beans about the surprise birthday party we were planning.”
* **Taste of your own medicine**
* **Definition:** When someone receives the same treatment, usually negative, that they gave someone else.
* **Example:** “That kid is always beating up other kids on the playground. I wish someone would give him a taste of his own medicine.”\

## Foot in the door -

* **Definition -**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.

## 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

## 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 ssthe capital.