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Idiom	Figurative Meaning
A bull in a china shop	Someone who is very clumsy
Add fuel to the fire	Cause a problem to get worse
Busy as a bee	Very active and hardworking
Call it a day	Stop a particular activity
Cool as a cucumber	To be calm under stress
Crack a book	Open a book and study
Curiosity killed the cat	Asking too many questions may get you in trouble
Doggy bag	A bag to take home leftovers from a restaurant
Down to the wire	At the last minute
Draw a blank	Cannot remember
Fill in the blanks	Provide more information
Get a kick out of it	Really enjoy or like something
Get cold feet	Feel too scared and change your mind
Get off your high horse	Stop thinking you are better than others
Giving the cold shoulder	Ignoring someone
Have a change of heart	Change your mind

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Have second thoughts	Have doubts
I'm all ears	You have my full attention
In hot water	Be in trouble
In the same boat	Be in the same situation
It's in the bag	It's a certainty
Let the cat out of the bag	Tell a secret
Miss the boat	Miss your chance
Night owl	Someone who stays up late
Out of the blue	Without any warning
Play it by ear	Improvise
Read between the lines	Find the hidden meaning
See eye to eye	Agree
Snail's pace	Move extremely slow
The icing on the cake	Something additional that turns good into great
The world is your oyster	You can go anywhere or do anything you want
Wolf in sheep's clothing	Someone who pretends to be nice but is not