Interesting structures focusing on humor, sarcasm, exaggeration, and clever wordplay

These structures are fantastic for expressing humour, irony, frustration, exaggeration, sarcasm, and skepticism, among other things! They are versatile, and they work in both informal and sarcastic contexts.



1. "I don't know about you, but ..."

- **Meaning**: Used to express your opinion, often with an implied contrast to others. It can set up a rhetorical question or emphasize how your view might differ from the norm.
- Example: "I don't know about you, but I think pineapple on pizza is a crime."

2. "Don't even think about it."

- **Meaning:** Used to strongly discourage someone from attempting something. It can be serious or sarcastic, depending on the context.
- Example: "Don't even think about asking me to work overtime again."

3. "It's not rocket science."

- Meaning: Used to suggest that something is simple or easy to understand.
- **Example**: "You just need to follow the recipe. It's not rocket science."

4. "You had one job."

- **Meaning**: Often used to point out that someone failed at a relatively simple or important task.
- **Example**: "You had one job—don't forget the coffee!"

5. "It's all fun and games until ..."

- **Meaning**: Used to highlight that a situation is fine until something negative or more serious happens.
- Example: "It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt."

6. "I'm not here for ..."

- **Meaning**: Used to express disinterest or disapproval of something. It's typically followed by a noun or verb phrase.
- Example: "I'm not here for drama."

7. "You can't win them all."

- **Meaning:** Used to convey that it's okay to fail sometimes and that not every situation will go perfectly.
- Example: "Well, I lost the match, but you can't win them all."

8. "If the shoe fits ..."

- **Meaning:** Used when you're suggesting someone's behavior or actions match a certain description, usually implying they should accept it.
- Example: "If the shoe fits, wear it. You did say you wanted to be in charge."

9. "The plot thickens."

- **Meaning**: Used when a situation becomes more complicated or intriguing, often with a hint of suspense.
- **Example**: "And then she found the letter. The plot thickens."

10. "You win some, you lose some."

- **Meaning**: Similar to "you can't win them all," it's used to express acceptance of both success and failure in life.
- Example: "I didn't get the promotion, but hey, you win some, you lose some."

11. "I'll believe it when I see it."

- **Meaning**: Used to express skepticism or doubt about something, implying you need proof before accepting it as true.
- Example: "They say the new restaurant is amazing, but I'll believe it when I see it."

12. "Better safe than sorry."

- **Meaning**: Used to advise caution or to indicate that it's better to take precautions than to face consequences later.
- Example: "I double-checked my password. Better safe than sorry."

13. "Not my circus, not my monkeys."

- **Meaning:** A humorous way to say that a particular situation is not your responsibility, often in the context of someone else's problem.
- Example: "They're fighting over the TV remote? Not my circus, not my monkeys."

14. "Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

- **Meaning**: A warning not to assume something will happen before it actually does, or to not be too confident about a future outcome.
- **Example**: "I know you think you aced the interview, but don't count your chickens before they hatch."

15. "I'll take that with a pinch of salt."

- **Meaning**: Used when you're skeptical or doubtful about something someone has told you, suggesting that you don't believe it fully.
- Example: "She said she met a celebrity last week, but I'll take that with a pinch of salt."

16. "Let's not and say we did."

- Meaning: A playful way to suggest that you don't want to do something, but you'll pretend as if you did.
- Example: "You want to run a marathon this weekend? Let's not and say we did."

17. "I could tell you, but I'd have to kill you."

- Meaning: A playful or sarcastic way to say that information is secret or confidential.
- **Example**: "I know what happens in the next episode, but I could tell you, but I'd have to kill you."

18. "Well, that's just great."

- **Meaning**: Usually sarcastic, this is used when something bad or inconvenient happens, and you want to express frustration.
- Example: "I lost my wallet again. Well, that's just great."

19. "I'll get back to you on that."

- **Meaning**: Used when you need more time to respond or need to check something before giving an answer.
- **Example**: "I'll get back to you on that after I finish my research."

20. "It's a blessing in disguise."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that something that seemed negative at first may actually turn out to be beneficial.
- **Example**: "Losing that job was a blessing in disguise—it pushed me to start my own business."

21. "You're not wrong."

- **Meaning**: Used to agree with someone, but in a way that suggests you don't fully believe they're right. Often used sarcastically or with a touch of humor.
- **Example**: "I guess you could say the weather's nice—if you're into heatwaves. You're not wrong."

22. "It's not the end of the world."

- **Meaning**: Used to reassure someone that the situation isn't as bad as it seems, often with a calm or dismissive tone.
- Example: "You missed the bus? It's not the end of the world, just catch the next one."

23. "You make your own luck."

- **Meaning**: Suggests that success is not entirely due to chance, but rather the result of one's own efforts.
- Example: "I don't believe in luck. You make your own luck."

24. "That's the way the cookie crumbles."

- **Meaning**: Used to accept a situation, often when things don't go as planned. It implies that things happen whether we like them or not.
- Example: "You didn't win the prize? Oh well, that's the way the cookie crumbles."

25. "At the end of the day..."

- **Meaning:** Used to emphasize what really matters or the final conclusion after all factors are considered.
- Example: "At the end of the day, we all just want to be happy."

26. "You've got to hand it to [someone]..."

- Meaning: Used to express admiration for someone's effort or achievement.
- **Example**: "You've got to hand it to her, she really nailed that presentation."

27. "Let's agree to disagree."

- Meaning: Used when two people have opposing views but agree to stop debating and accept their differences.
- Example: "You think the movie was terrible, and I think it was brilliant. Let's agree to disagree."

28. "No harm, no foul."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that no damage has been done, and everything is fine after a mistake or misunderstanding.
- Example: "You accidentally broke my mug? No harm, no foul. It was just a cheap one."

29. "I rest my case."

- **Meaning**: Used when you believe you've already made your point clearly and there's no need for further discussion.
- Example: "The evidence is clear. I rest my case."

30. "That ship has sailed."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that an opportunity has passed and it's too late to take advantage of it.
- Example: "You wanted to ask for a raise? That ship has sailed."

31. "Don't take it the wrong way..."

- Meaning: Used before a comment that may be perceived as offensive or rude.
- **Example**: "Don't take it the wrong way, but I think you might need to work on your presentation skills."

32. "The ball is in your court."

- Meaning: Indicates that it's someone else's turn to make a decision or take action.
- Example: "I've done everything I can to help, now the ball is in your court."

33. "That's the spirit!"

- **Meaning**: Used to encourage someone to maintain enthusiasm or a positive attitude, often after they've made a positive statement or effort.
- **Example**: "You're ready to take on the challenge? That's the spirit!"

34. "What's the catch?"

- **Meaning**: Used when something seems too good to be true, often to question the hidden downside or condition.
- Example: "They're offering a free vacation? What's the catch?"

35. "Get out of here!"

- **Meaning**: Used to express disbelief, shock, or amazement—often with an exaggerated tone. Can be serious or humorous.
- Example: "You won the lottery? Get out of here!"

36. "Cut to the chase."

- **Meaning**: Used to tell someone to skip unnecessary details and get to the important point.
- Example: "Alright, cut to the chase—what's the plan?"

37. "I'll pass."

- Meaning: Used to politely decline something, whether it's an invitation, suggestion, or offer.
- Example: "You want to watch a three-hour documentary on fungi? I'll pass."

38. "Let's not beat around the bush."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that someone should be direct or avoid avoiding the main point.
- Example: "Let's not beat around the bush. Did you forget to send the email?"

39. "It's easier said than done."

- **Meaning**: Used to acknowledge that something is more difficult to achieve than it is to talk about.
- Example: "I know you want to quit your job, but it's easier said than done."

40. "Not on my watch."

- **Meaning:** Used to indicate that something won't happen while you're in control or responsible.
- Example: "You think I'm letting that happen? Not on my watch!"

41. "The jury's still out."

- Meaning: Used when the final decision or judgment has not been made yet.
- Example: "The jury's still out on whether this new product will succeed."

42. "It's a tough pill to swallow."

- Meaning: Used to express that something is hard to accept or deal with.
- Example: "Getting laid off was a tough pill to swallow, but I'll bounce back."

43. "Been there, done that."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that you've already experienced something, often with the implication that it's nothing new or exciting.
- Example: "A weekend in the city? Been there, done that."

44. "Call it a day."

- **Meaning**: Used when you decide to stop working or doing something for the time being.
- Example: "We've made enough progress. Let's call it a day."

45. "It's the thought that counts."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that the effort or intention behind something is more important than the actual outcome.
- **Example**: "I didn't like the gift, but it's the thought that counts."

46. "Take it or leave it."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that the offer is final, and it's up to the other person to accept or decline.
- Example: "I'm offering you \$100 for the car. Take it or leave it."

47. "You can't have your cake and eat it too."

- **Meaning:** Used to convey that you can't have two incompatible things at the same time
- **Example**: "You can't keep the job and go traveling. You can't have your cake and eat it too."

48. "It's all [someone's] fault."

- Meaning: Used to place blame on someone, often humorously or exaggeratedly.
- Example: "I'm late because of traffic. It's all my boss's fault."

49. "I'm all ears."

- **Meaning:** Used to indicate that you're fully listening or interested in what someone has to say.
- Example: "You have a great idea? I'm all ears."

50. "That's easier said than done."

- **Meaning**: Similar to "It's easier said than done," this emphasizes the difficulty of carrying out something that seems simple in theory.
- **Example**: "You think it's easy to start a business? That's easier said than done!"

51. "Give me a break."

- **Meaning**: Used to express frustration, disbelief, or impatience, often when someone is asking for something unreasonable or when a situation feels unfair.
- Example: "You want me to do all that work in one day? Give me a break!"

52. "Don't shoot the messenger."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that you are merely delivering bad news or a message, and you shouldn't be blamed for it.
- **Example**: "I'm just letting you know that the meeting was canceled—don't shoot the messenger."

53. "It's a [something] thing."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that something is a characteristic of a certain person or group of people, often with a humorous or dismissive tone.
- Example: "You lost your keys again? It's a [me] thing."

54. "I'm not made of money."

- **Meaning**: Used when you want to convey that you don't have unlimited resources or wealth, often when someone asks for something expensive or unreasonable.
- **Example**: "You want me to buy you a new phone? I'm not made of money!"

55. "What a coincidence!"

- **Meaning**: Used when two seemingly unrelated events happen at the same time, often with an ironic or sarcastic tone when you don't actually find it coincidental.
- **Example**: "You also love the same song I do? What a coincidence!"

56. "A little birdie told me ..."

- **Meaning**: A playful way of saying that you heard something, usually gossip or secret information, from an unknown source.
- Example: "A little birdie told me you're going on vacation next week!"

57. "To each their own."

- **Meaning**: Used to express acceptance of someone else's preferences or choices, even if you don't agree with them.
- **Example**: "You prefer pineapple on your pizza? To each their own."

58. "It's a no-brainer."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe something that is so easy or obvious that it doesn't require much thought.
- Example: "Choosing the chocolate cake was a no-brainer."

59. "There's no time like the present."

- **Meaning**: Used to encourage someone to take action now rather than waiting for the perfect moment.
- **Example**: "You've been talking about starting that project for weeks. There's no time like the present!"

60. "Don't count on it."

- Meaning: Used to express doubt that something will happen or be true.
- **Example**: "I might go to the party tonight—don't count on it, though."

61. "I'm all for it."

- Meaning: Used to express strong support or agreement with something.
- Example: "You want to start a new project? I'm all for it!"

62. "Not the brightest idea."

- **Meaning**: Used to sarcastically suggest that a particular idea was not very smart or well thought out.
- **Example**: "Going out in the rain without an umbrella? Not the brightest idea."

63. "It's not my day."

- **Meaning**: Used when things are going wrong or when you're having a series of unfortunate events.
- Example: "I spilled coffee on my shirt, missed the bus... It's not my day."

64. "You've got to be kidding me."

- **Meaning**: Used to express disbelief, surprise, or frustration, often when someone says something unreasonable or outlandish.
- Example: "You want me to pay for lunch again? You've got to be kidding me!"

65. "That's a first."

- Meaning: Used to express surprise when something unusual or unexpected happens.
- **Example**: "You're actually early for the meeting? That's a first!"

66. "No pain, no gain."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that effort and struggle are necessary to achieve success or improvement.
- Example: "You want to get stronger? No pain, no gain."

67. "That's rich."

- **Meaning:** A sarcastic remark used when someone says something hypocritical or ironic.
- Example: "You're complaining about being tired after a 5-minute workout? That's rich!"

68. "Easy for you to say."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that someone is making a suggestion that's easy for them but difficult for others.
- Example: "You think I should just quit my job and travel? Easy for you to say!"

69. "Look who's talking."

- **Meaning**: Used when someone is criticizing others for something they themselves are guilty of.
- Example: "You say I'm always late? Look who's talking—you're even later!"

70. "Call it what you want."

- Meaning: Used to show indifference or to dismiss someone's interpretation of a situation.
- Example: "You can call it a mess, I call it a work of art. Call it what you want."

71. "The more, the merrier."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that more people or things will make a situation better, typically used in social settings.
- **Example**: "You want to invite a few more people? The more, the merrier!"

72. "Like a deer in headlights."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe someone who is frozen in shock, confusion, or fear when faced with a situation.
- **Example**: "When the boss asked him about the report, he was like a deer in headlights."

73. "Not in a million years."

- Meaning: Used to emphasize that something will never happen or is highly unlikely.
- Example: "You think I'd work for him? Not in a million years."

74. "Cut the crap."

- Meaning: A direct way of telling someone to stop talking nonsense or wasting time.
- Example: "Cut the crap and get to the point."

75. "You've got bigger fish to fry."

- **Meaning**: Used to tell someone that they have more important or urgent things to deal with.
- Example: "Worrying about the small details? You've got bigger fish to fry."

76. "That's a wrap."

- Meaning: Used to indicate that something has come to an end or has been completed.
- **Example**: "We finished filming for the day—That's a wrap!"

77. "A penny for your thoughts."

- **Meaning**: Used to ask someone what they're thinking or to encourage them to share their thoughts.
- Example: "You've been quiet for a while. A penny for your thoughts?"

78. "I'm not holding my breath."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that you're not expecting something to happen anytime soon, or ever.
- Example: "You think he'll show up on time? I'm not holding my breath."

79. "Keep your fingers crossed."

- **Meaning**: Used when you hope for good luck or a positive outcome.
- Example: "I have an interview tomorrow. Keep your fingers crossed!"

80. "A leopard doesn't change its spots."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that a person cannot change their inherent nature or behavior.
- Example: "You think he'll stop being late? A leopard doesn't change its spots."

81. "Like taking candy from a baby."

- **Meaning:** Used to describe something that is incredibly easy to do or accomplish.
- Example: "Winning that game was like taking candy from a baby."

82. "Don't bite off more than you can chew."

- Meaning: Used to warn someone not to take on more than they can handle.
- **Example**: "I'm all for taking on new challenges, but don't bite off more than you can chew."

83. "You can't have your cake and eat it too."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that you can't have two contradictory things at the same time—something has to be sacrificed.
- **Example**: "You want both the high-paying job and the free time? You can't have your cake and eat it too."

84. "No guts, no glory."

- Meaning: Used to say that success comes only through taking risks or being brave.
- **Example**: "You've got to take that chance! No guts, no glory."

85. "I could care less."

- **Meaning**: A sarcastic way of saying that you don't care at all (Note: technically, it's a misstatement, but it's commonly used).
- **Example**: "You're upset about that? I could care less."

86. "That ship has sailed."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that a particular opportunity has passed and is no longer available.
- **Example**: "You want to join the team now? That ship has sailed."

87. "It's not rocket science."

- Meaning: Used to say that something is not very difficult to understand or do.
- Example: "All you have to do is follow the instructions—it's not rocket science."

88. "It's the thought that counts."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that the effort behind something is more important than the actual outcome or result.
- Example: "You didn't like the gift? Well, it's the thought that counts."

89. "It takes two to tango."

- Meaning: Used to express that both parties are responsible for a situation or conflict.
- **Example**: "Don't blame her for the argument—It takes two to tango."

90. "Out of the frying pan and into the fire."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe a situation where you escape one bad situation only to end up in a worse one.
- **Example**: "I left the job I hated, but now I've got this even worse one—out of the frying pan and into the fire."

91. "Better late than never."

- **Meaning**: Used when someone arrives late or does something late, but it's still better than not doing it at all.
- **Example**: "You finished the project? Better late than never."

92. "You win some, you lose some."

- Meaning: Used to express acceptance of both successes and failures in life.
- Example: "I didn't get the job, but hey, you win some, you lose some."

93. "Speak of the devil."

- **Meaning**: Used when the person you've been talking about unexpectedly appears.
- Example: "We were just talking about you! Speak of the devil!"

94. "Don't hold your breath."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that you shouldn't expect something to happen anytime soon—or at all.
- Example: "You think he'll actually clean his room? Don't hold your breath."

95. "Let's call it a day."

- Meaning: Used to indicate that it's time to stop working or end an activity for the day.
- Example: "I'm exhausted. Let's call it a day."

96. "What's the catch?"

- Meaning: Used to express suspicion when something seems too good to be true.
- **Example**: "They're offering free dinner? What's the catch?"

97. "The ball is in your court."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that it's now someone else's responsibility to take action or make a decision.
- **Example**: "I've done my part. Now the ball is in your court."

98. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that a visual representation is often more effective than verbal descriptions.
- **Example**: "I could explain it, but let me just show you the picture—a picture is worth a thousand words."

99. "When it rains, it pours."

- **Meaning:** Used to express that when something bad happens, other bad things tend to happen in quick succession.
- Example: "First I lost my wallet, then my phone broke. When it rains, it pours."

100. "You can't have it both ways."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that someone can't expect two contradictory outcomes or results.
- **Example**: "You can't complain about the work but also want to keep the job. You can't have it both ways."

101. "No use crying over spilled milk."

- **Meaning**: Used to say that there's no point in being upset about something that has already happened and can't be changed.
- Example: "The project didn't go as planned. No use crying over spilled milk."

102. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that it's better to hold onto what you have rather than risk losing it while trying to get something better.
- **Example**: "You're thinking of quitting your current job for a better one, but remember: A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

103. "Don't cry over spilled milk."

- **Meaning**: Used to tell someone not to get upset about something that cannot be undone.
- **Example**: "We missed the train, but don't cry over spilled milk. We'll catch the next one."

104. "A little too much of a good thing."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that something enjoyable or positive can become overwhelming or problematic if it goes too far.
- Example: "Another episode of the same show? A little too much of a good thing."

105. "Like a kid in a candy store."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe someone who is excited or overwhelmed by the many choices available.
- **Example**: "He walked into the electronics store like a kid in a candy store."

106. "Actions speak louder than words."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that what people do is more significant than what they say.
- **Example**: "He says he's sorry, but I'll believe it when I see him change. Actions speak louder than words."

107. "The grass is always greener on the other side."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that people often think others have it better, but it's not necessarily true.
- **Example**: "You think your friend's life is perfect, but remember, the grass is always greener on the other side."

108. "Bite the bullet."

- **Meaning:** Used to suggest that someone should face a difficult situation with courage and resolve.
- **Example**: "You've been avoiding this conversation for weeks—just bite the bullet and talk to them."

109. "Let the chips fall where they may."

- **Meaning:** Used to express that you're willing to accept whatever happens, even if it's out of your control.
- **Example**: "I've done my best. Let the chips fall where they may."

110. "Put your money where your mouth is."

- Meaning: Used to challenge someone to back up their words with actions or proof.
- Example: "You say you can do it? Put your money where your mouth is."

111. "It's the least I can do."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that you're doing something that's not a big deal or effort for you, in return for something someone has done for you.
- **Example**: "You helped me so much with my project. It's the least I can do to buy you lunch."

112. "A watchpot never boils."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that time seems to pass more slowly when you're impatiently waiting for something.
- Example: "I've been waiting for an email for hours—A watched pot never boils."

113. "Don't take it to heart."

- Meaning: Used to tell someone not to be upset by something said or done.
- **Example**: "He was joking—don't take it to heart."

114. "Like a fish out of water."

- Meaning: Used to describe someone who feels uncomfortable or out of place in a situation.
- Example: "I've never done anything like this before; I feel like a fish out of water."

115. "Every cloud has a silver lining."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that even in a bad situation, there's something positive or hopeful.
- **Example**: "I lost my job, but I'm seeing it as an opportunity to find something better—every cloud has a silver lining."

116. "You snooze, you lose."

- **Meaning**: Used to indicate that if you don't act quickly or take advantage of an opportunity, it will pass you by.
- Example: "I got the last ticket! You snooze, you lose."

117. "It's in the bag."

- Meaning: Used to say that something is guaranteed or certain.
- Example: "Don't worry, we've got this game in the bag."

118. "That's the way the cookie crumbles."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that sometimes things happen that are out of our control or not how we'd like them.
- Example: "You didn't get the promotion? That's the way the cookie crumbles."

119. "Money talks."

- **Meaning:** Used to suggest that money is a powerful influence in decision-making.
- Example: "They're offering him a raise? Guess money talks."

120. "Too little, too late."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe something that comes too late or in insufficient quantity to make a difference.
- **Example**: "Apologies after the fact? It's too little, too late."

121. "Cat's out of the bag."

- Meaning: Used to indicate that a secret has been revealed.
- Example: "So you're going on vacation next week? Looks like the cat's out of the bag!"

122. "Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

- **Meaning**: Used to warn someone not to assume that something will happen before it actually does.
- **Example**: "You think you're getting that promotion? Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

123. "Burning the midnight oil."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe staying up late working or studying.
- **Example**: "I was burning the midnight oil finishing that report."

124. "It's a double-edged sword."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe a situation that has both positive and negative consequences.
- Example: "The new job offers more pay but less free time—it's a double-edged sword."

125. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

- **Meaning:** Used to suggest that the person who complains the loudest gets attention or results
- Example: "He keeps asking for a raise; guess the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

126. "In the nick of time."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe doing something just in time, at the last possible moment.
- **Example**: "I made it to the station in the nick of time—just before the train left!"

127. "It's not the end of the world."

- Meaning: Used to reassure someone that a situation is not as bad as they think.
- Example: "You missed the deadline, but it's not the end of the world."

128. "What goes around comes around."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that the way you treat others will eventually come back to you, either good or bad.
- **Example**: "You treated her badly, and now she's ignoring you—what goes around comes around."

129. "A dime a dozen."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe something that is common or easily found.
- Example: "Those types of products are a dime a dozen in this store."

130. "It's all water under the bridge."

- Meaning: Used to say that something is in the past and no longer important.
- Example: "I'm sorry for what happened, but it's all water under the bridge now."

131. "The early bird catches the worm."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that those who start something early or are proactive will be more successful.
- Example: "I've been up since 5 am. The early bird catches the worm."

132. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that it's smart to watch your enemies closely, often to outmaneuver them.
- **Example**: "He's been acting all nice to me. Well, keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

133. "It's not over until the fat lady sings."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that something is not finished until the very end, often in a competitive situation.
- Example: "They're down by 10 points, but hey, it's not over until the fat lady sings."

134. "Let's not beat around the bush."

- **Meaning:** Used to suggest that you get to the point and avoid unnecessary delay or hesitation.
- **Example**: "We're running out of time—let's not beat around the bush and get to the main topic."

135. "What's done is done."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that there's no use in dwelling on something that has already happened and can't be changed.
- Example: "I didn't get the job, but what's done is done. Time to move on."

136. "Live and let live."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that people should allow others to live their lives the way they choose, without interference.
- Example: "If she wants to do things her way, let her. Live and let live."

137. "Like a bull in a china shop."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe someone who is clumsy or behaves in a way that disrupts things.
- Example: "He knocked over three chairs! He's like a bull in a china shop."

138. "That's the million-dollar question."

- **Meaning**: Used to refer to a question that is difficult to answer or is crucial to a situation.
- **Example**: "How do we solve the climate crisis? That's the million-dollar question."

139. "Burn the candle at both ends."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe someone who is working too hard or staying up too late, often leading to exhaustion.
- **Example**: "You've been working all day and going out at night? You're burning the candle at both ends."

140. "Throw in the towel."

- Meaning: Used to express giving up or admitting defeat.
- Example: "I can't solve this problem, I'm going to throw in the towel."

141. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that it's difficult to teach someone new things, especially if they are set in their ways.
- **Example**: "He's been doing the same job for 30 years. You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

142. "Rome wasn't built in a day."

- Meaning: Used to express that important things take time and effort to complete.
- Example: "We're not going to solve this overnight—Rome wasn't built in a day."

143. "Two heads are better than one."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that two people working together will be more effective than one person working alone.
- Example: "Let's brainstorm some ideas together. Two heads are better than one."

144. "A leopard can't change its spots."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that a person's character or nature cannot be changed.
- Example: "He's always been selfish, and he still is. A leopard can't change its spots."

145. "Don't judge a book by its cover."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that you shouldn't judge something or someone based solely on their appearance.
- Example: "She's quiet, but don't judge a book by its cover—she's brilliant."

146. "A watched pot never boils."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that time seems to pass more slowly when you're eagerly waiting for something to happen.
- Example: "Hurry up and make the decision! A watched pot never boils."

147. "Take it with a grain of salt."

- Meaning: Used to suggest that something should be viewed with skepticism or doubt.
- Example: "He says he's the best, but take it with a grain of salt."

148. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

- **Meaning**: Used to suggest that if something is working well, there's no need to change or improve it.
- Example: "The old system is fine; if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

149. "I'm all ears."

- **Meaning**: Used to express that you are fully listening or eager to hear what someone has to say.
- **Example**: "You've got some exciting news? I'm all ears!"

150. "Make a mountain out of a molehill."

- **Meaning**: Used to describe someone who is exaggerating a small issue into something much larger or more serious than it actually is.
- Example: "It's just a small mistake. Don't make a mountain out of a molehill."

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