**1. Out of the blue**– randomly, without warning, surprisingly

Example: “That storm came out of the blue and I didn’t have an umbrella!”

**2. Green with envy**– to be very jealous, envious

Example: “Katie was green with envy when she saw you got a new car for your birthday.”

**3. Gray area**– something that is unclear, undefined

Example: The issue of allowing mobile phones in the classroom is a gray area right now- it could go either way.

**4. Caught red-handed**– to catch someone in the act of doing something

Example: “He was caught red-handed while stealing those candy bars.”

**5. Green thumb**– to be skilled at gardening

Example: “My mother has a green thumb- she can make anything grow!”

**6. Black sheep**– to be the outcast, odd one out, unlike the others

Example: “Rachel is the black sheep in the family because she is an artist whereas everyone else is an economist.”

**7. Once in a blue moon**– very rarely

Example: “Once in a blue moon you will see that mean professor smile.”

**8. Take the red eye**– a late night flight that arrives early in the morning

Example: “I took the red eye from California to New York last night and now I am exhausted.”

**9. Tickled pink**– to be extremely pleased

Example: “Your grandma was tickled pink that you called on her birthday!”

**10. White lie**– a small lie that is told to be polite or avoid hurting someone’s feelings

Example: “I didn’t like her dress, but I told a white lie because I didn’t want to offend her.