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1. acquire a taste for (something)

- to develop a liking for some kind of food or drink or something else

Example: My friend has recently acquired a taste for classical music

2. as cool as a cucumber

- to be calm, to be not nervous or anxious

Example: The man is as cool as a cucumber and never worries about anything.

3. big cheese

- an important person, a leader

Example: My uncle is a big cheese in his company so you should be very nice to him.

4. bite off more than one can chew

- to try to do or eat more than you can manage

Example: I bit off more than I can chew when I began to work in the evening.

5. Bottoms up!

- everybody should drink now (this expression is used at the end of a drinking toast)

Example: "Bottoms up," our host said at the beginning of the dinner.

6. bring home the bacon

- to earn your family's living

Example: Recently, I have been working hard to bring home the bacon.

7. couch potato

- someone who spends a lot of time on a couch watching television

Example: My cousin is a couch potato and he never wants to leave his house.

8. cream of the crop

- the best of a group, the top choice

Example: Our company is always able to hire the cream of the crop of university graduates.

9. eat like a horse

- to eat a large amount of food

Example: I usually eat like a horse after I work hard all day.

10. food for thought

- something to think about, something that provides mental stimulation

Example: The advice from the bank manager was food for thought when I made my financial plan.

11. icing on the cake

- something that makes a good situation or activity even better

Example: I found a good job and the fact that I can work where I want is the icing on the cake.

12. melt in one's mouth

- to taste very good

Example: The pastry melted in my mouth.

13. spill the beans

- to tell a secret to someone who is not supposed to know about it

Example: "Please do not spill the beans about my plans to return to school next year."

14. like two peas in a pod

- very close or intimate with someone

Example: The sisters are like two peas in a pod and they do everything together.