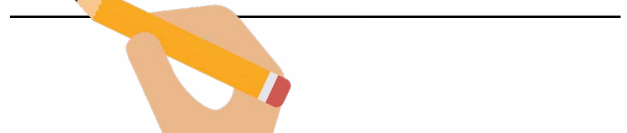


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1. abwarten und Tee trinken

Literal Translation: wait and drink tea

Meaning: wait and see

2. alles über einen Kamm scheren

Literal Translation: shear everything over one comb

Meaning: measure everything by the same yardstick

3. als Prügelknabe dienen

Literal Translation: serve as a whipping boy

Meaning: serve as a scapegoat

4. am Ball bleiben

Literal Translation: stay on the ball

Meaning: stay on top of things

5. an den Haaren herbeigezogen sein

Literal Translation: be pulled closer by the hair

Meaning: be far-fetched

6. auf Achse sein

Literal Translation: be on axle

Meaning: be on the move

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7. auf der faulen Haut liegen

Literal Translation: lie on the lazy skin

Meaning: to laze around

8. etwas auf dem Kasten haben

Literal Translation: have something on the box

Meaning: be clever

9. etwas Hals über Kopf tun

Literal Translation: do something neck over head

Meaning: do something on the spur of the moment

10. Laus über die Leber gelaufen

Literal Translation: louse run over the liver

Meaning: be peeved

11. ein Rad ab haben

Literal Translation: have a wheel off

Meaning: have a screw loose

12. eine ruhige Kugel schieben

Literal Translation: push a calm ball

Meaning: not work too hard

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13. unter dem Pantoffel stehen

Literal Translation: stand under the slipper

Meaning: be under the thumb

14. jemanden über den Tisch ziehen

Literal Translation: pull someone over the table

Meaning: con someone

15. vor die Hunde gehen

Literal Translation: go before the dogs

Meaning: go to the dogs

16. vor Neid platzen

Literal Translation: burst with envy

Meaning: be very envious

17. wie Gott in Frankreich leben

Literal Translation: live like God in France

Meaning: lead the life of Riley

18. Wer Wind sät, wird Sturm ernten.

Literal Translation: Whoever sows wind, will harvest a storm.

Meaning: You reap what you sow.

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