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Must-Know Korean Idioms

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1. 가뭄에 콩 나듯

gamume kong nadeut

Literal Translation: like beans sprouting during famine

Meaning: something that happens only once in a while

2. 눈에 핏발을 세우다

nune pitbareul seuda

Literal Translation: raise the blood vessels in white pupils

Meaning: getting very angry or aggravated so much as to show blood vessels in one's eyes

3. 눈을 의심하다

nuneul uisimhada

Literal Translation: doubt what one is seeing

Meaning: unable to believe what one is seeing

4. 머리를 굴리다

meorireul gullida

Literal Translation: roll one's head

Meaning: wrack one's brain

5. 발이 넓다

bari neoltta

Literal Translation: feet are wide

Meaning: be well-connected

6. 발을 디딜 틈이 없다

bareul didil teumi eoptta

Literal Translation: no place to put one's foot down

Meaning: very crowded

7. 삼천포로 빠지다

samcheonporo ppajida

Literal Translation: fall into Samcheonpo(government officials being exiled went through Samcheonpo to places of exile in the past)

Meaning: when the discussion turns in a totally different direction

8. 죽고 못 살다

jukgo mot salda

Literal Translation: die and cannot live

Meaning: like something a lot

9. 오지랖이 넓다

ojirapi neoltta

Literal Translation: the front of the outer garment is wide(or wider than it should be)

Meaning: be meddlesome

10. 입만 살다

imman salda

Literal Translation: only the mouth is alive

Meaning: all talk and no action

11. 피도 눈물도 없다

pido nunmuldo eoptta

Literal Translation: no blood and no tears

Meaning: someone who is cold hearted

12. 풀이 죽다

puli jukda

Literal Translation: the grass has withered

Meaning: lose confidence

13. 호박씨를 까다

hobakssireul kkada

Literal Translation: peel the skin off pumpkin seeds

Meaning: sneak behind someone's back

14. 토를 달다

toreul dalda

Literal Translation: supply a particle

Meaning: make unnecessary excuses

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