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Must-Know **Turkish** Idioms

ağzında bakla ıslanmamak

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1. ağzında bakla ıslanmamak

Literal Translation: not let a fava bean get wet in one's mouth

Natural Translation: not being able to keep a secret

2. damarına basmak

Literal Translation: press on one's vein

Natural Translation: agitate someone about a sensitive subject

3. içi içine siğmamak

Literal Translation: not be able to fit one's "insides" inside

Natural Translation: be very excited

4. çamur atmak

Literal Translation: throw mud

Natural Translation: make false accusations on purpose

5. zıvanadan çıkmak

Literal Translation: get out of mortise joint

Natural Translation: lose control because of anger

6. yan çizmek

Literal Translation: manoeuvre to sideline

Natural Translation: evade a task or responsibility

7. sinek avlamak

Literal Translation: hunt mosquitoes

Natural Translation: have no customers

8. bindiđı dalı kesmek

Literal Translation: cut the branch that you are sitting on

Natural Translation: shoot at your own foot

9. ödü patlamak

Literal Translation: have one's gall bladder blast

Natural Translation: suddenly get scared of something

10. nal toplamak

Literal Translation: pick up horseshoes

Natural Translation: lag behind in a competition

11. nalları dikmek

Literal Translation: turn the horseshoes up

Natural Translation: die

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