

# CUT TO THE CHASE

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*Meaning*

**TO SAY WHAT IS IMPORTANT  
WITHOUT DELAY**

I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY SO I'LL  
**CUT TO THE CHASE** —  
YOU NEED A NEW CAR ENGINE

# Flog a dead horse

## Meaning

To waste time trying to do something that will not succeed.

He keeps trying to get it published but I think he's flogging a dead horse.



# Every cloud has a silver lining

## Meaning

In every bad situation  
there is an element of good.

As the trip's been cancelled  
I'll be able to go to the match  
this Saturday. Every cloud  
has a silver lining.



# English Idiom

## Hit The Books

Hit The Books - to study; to study for an exam

- I told my students to hit the books. There will be an exam next week.
- We are going home, and we will hit the books.
- Did you hit the books last night?

English





# Over my dead body

Meaning

**I will never let you do this.**

- John says he's going to buy a motorbike.
- **Over my dead body!**



# When hell freezes over

Meaning

**It will never happen.**

- Will you go out with him?
- When hell freezes over!



# From scratch

Meaning

From nothing,  
from the very beginning.

I built every bit of my  
own house. I started **from  
scratch** and did everything  
with my own hands.



# Straight from the horse's mouth

## Meaning

From the original  
or a trustworthy source.

I heard it straight from  
the horse's mouth  
that the boss is retiring



# Call it a day

## Meaning

To stop doing something,  
especially working.

I'm getting a bit tired  
now - let's call it a day.

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