

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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