

# Collocations

*It's a rarity to hear a grain of  
encouragement nowadays.*



keep control  
keep in touch  
keep quiet  
keep someone's place  
keep the change

come to a compromise  
come to a decision  
come to an agreement  
come to an end  
come to a standstill  
come to terms with  
come to a total of  
come under attack

VERBS  
COLLOCATIONS

get started  
get the impression  
get the message  
get the sack  
get upset  
get wet  
get worried

pay someone a compliment  
pay someone a visit  
pay the bill  
pay the price  
pay your respects



- 1) bang on time
- 2) dead on time
- 3) early 12th century
- 4) free time
- 5) from dawn till dusk
- 6) great deal of time
- 7) late 20th century
- 8) make time for
- 9) next few days



- 10) past few weeks
- 11) right on time
- 12) run out of time
- 13) save time
- 14) spare time
- 15) spend some time
- 16) take your time
- 17) tell someone the time
- 18) time goes by
- 19) time passes
- 20) waste time



a ball of string

a bar of chocolate

a bottle of water

a bunch of carrots

a cube of sugar

a pack of cards

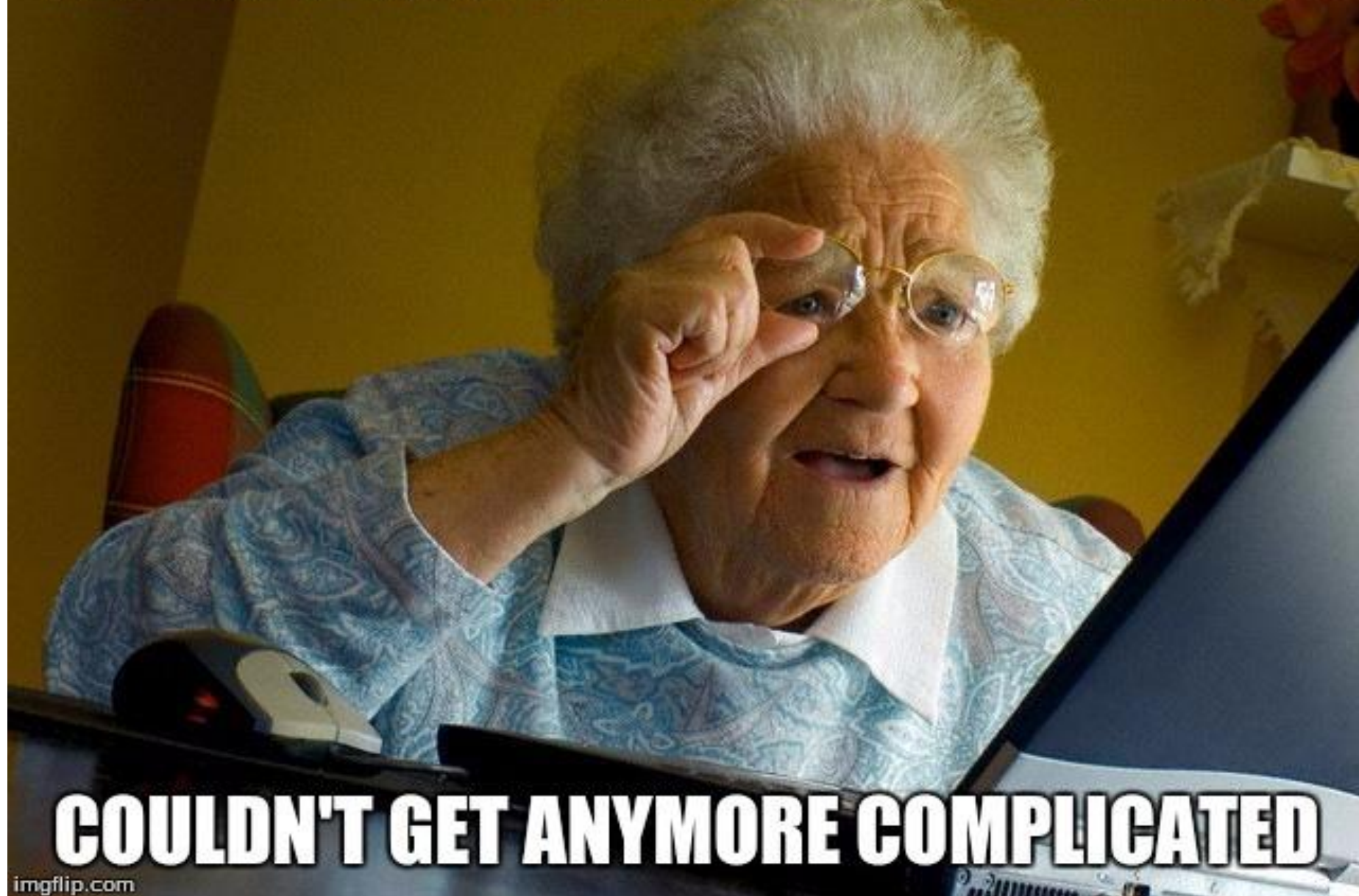
a pad of paper



***Classifiers***



**WHEN I THOUGHT THESE THINGS**



**COULDN'T GET ANYMORE COMPLICATED**



**Get something off your chest:** To talk about something that has been bothering you for a long time; to admit something you have done wrong. *I have to get this off my chest – I copied your answers on the exam.*

**Let the cat out of the bag:** Tell a secret. *Brady's surprise party is going to be great if you don't let the cat out of the bag.*

**Tip of the iceberg:** The small easily visible part of a larger problem. *The fact that Carrie is dating a member of the mafia is just the tip of the iceberg; she's also smuggling contraband into the country.*

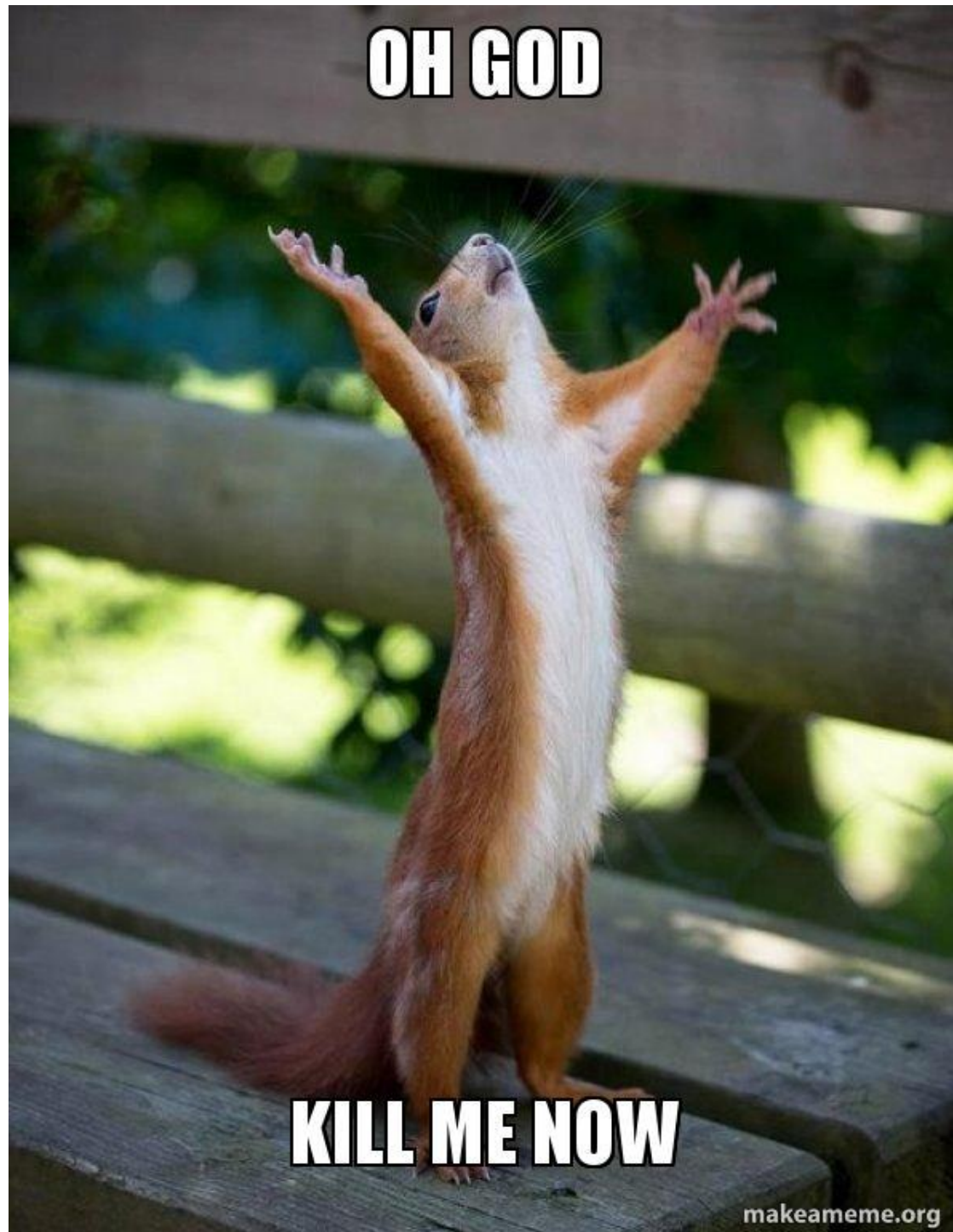
**Fiddle while Rome burns** – do some useless work when the situation is getting only worse. *Taking a painkiller is like fiddling while Rome burns – it won't help solve the problem.*

**Go down the tubes** – worsen, fail miserably. *My date went down the tubes because I was talking too much about serious stuff.*

**Set your sights on** – to be determined to do something. *I set my sights on visiting London one more time in May.*



**OH GOD**



**KILL ME NOW**



- It was indeed too hard to \_\_\_\_\_ (reach a conclusion/agreement)
- Not everyone is able to \_\_\_\_\_ his own personal qualities. (get to grips with)
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- Can we share this \_\_\_\_\_ of chocolate?
- Did you take your new \_\_\_\_\_ of cards?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a visit to see to his problems with a dishwasher.
- I really need to \_\_\_\_\_ first, otherwise I won't be able to pay off my loan. (procedures involving taxes)