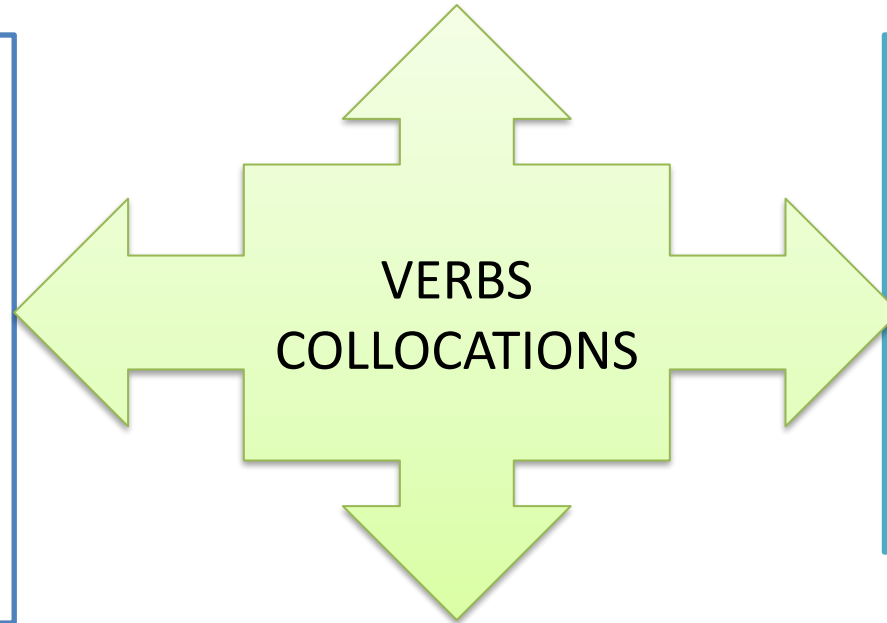


Collocations

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



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.*

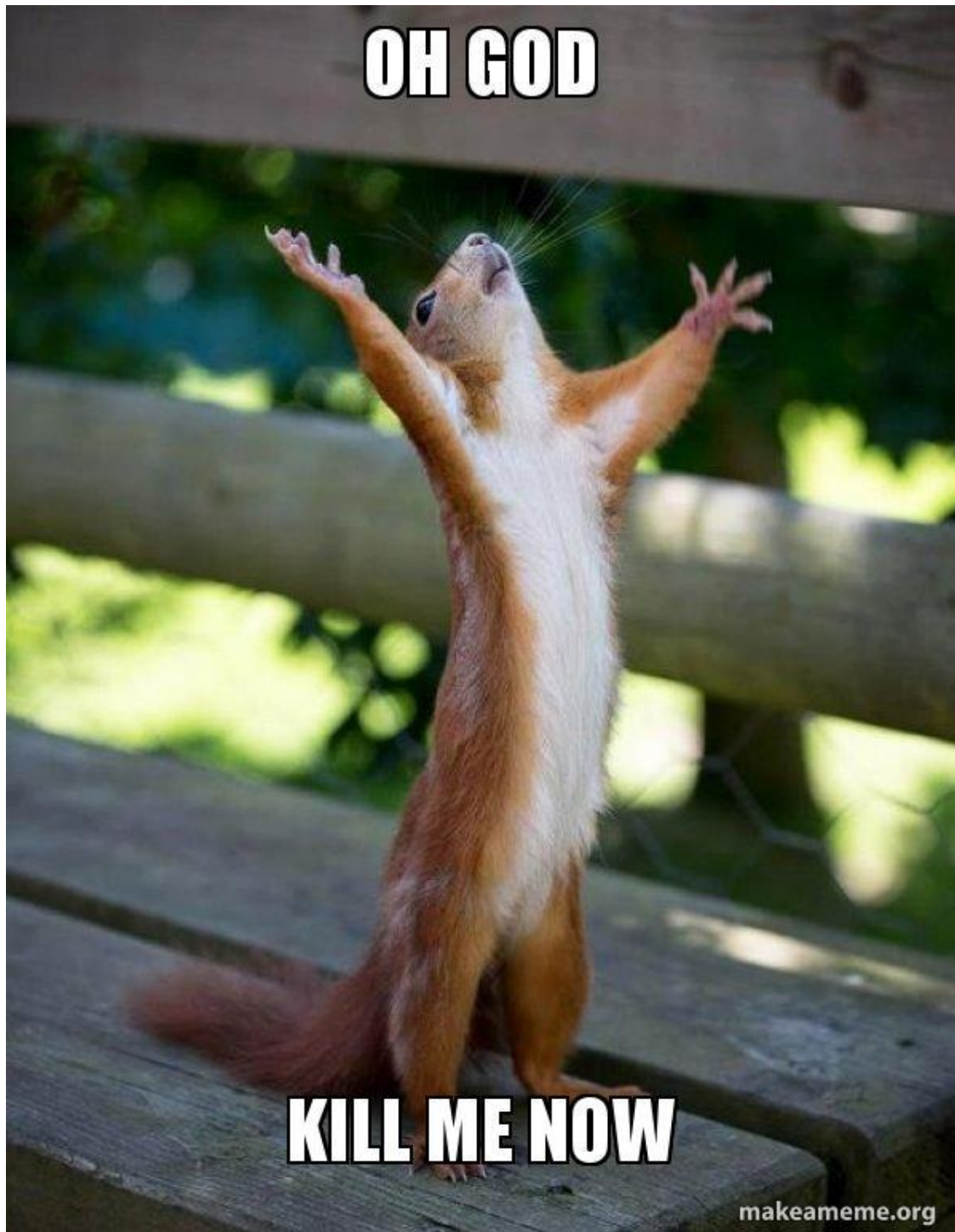
Tip of the iceberg: The small easily visible part of a larger problem. *The fact that Carrie is dating a member of the mafia is just the tip of the iceberg; she's also smuggling contraband into the country.*

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)