

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT

Grade – IV to X

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1	As keen as mustard.	Very excited and enthusiastic.	Kids are always as keen as mustard to learn new things around them.
2	Through thick and thin.	Under all circumstances, no matter how difficult.	Peter & Sam decided to work together <u>through thick and thin</u> to complete the project.
3	A storm in a tea cup.	Unnecessary anger/worry about a trivial matter.	If you ask me, these silly arguments are nothing but a storm in a tea cup.
4	Beat a dead horse.	To waste effort on something when there is no chance of succeeding.	He keeps trying to get his story published but I think he's beating a dead horse.
5	Sit on the fence.	To delay making a decision when you have to choose between two sides.	You can't sit on the fence any longer – you have to decide which career you want to take up when you grow up.
6	Cream of the crop.	The best of all.	Reema is a very bright student. She is the cream of the crop in her class.
7	A dime a dozen.	Anything that is common, inexpensive, and easy to get or available anywhere.	1) People with your skills are a dime a dozen these days. 2) Math & Science graduates are a dime a dozen everywhere in Hyderabad.

8	Throw cold water.	To be negative about someone's ideas or plans.	You're always throwing cold water on my suggestions.
9	To move Heaven & Earth	To make all possible efforts.	Websites on health and fitness are a dime a dozen nowadays. But not all the information they provide, is accurate.
10	Lain and Greek	Unable to understand	The speeches of the literary thinkers are mostly Lain and Greek.
11	A dime a dozen	Very common and of no value.	You tubers nowadays are a dime a dozen.
12	Fair & Square	Honest	Our school won fair & square in the Inter School Basketball Championship.
13	Like two peas in a pod	They're always together.	Ram and Raghu are best friends. They are like two peas in a pod.
14	Through Fire & Water	In all sort of difficulties.	Parents go through fire and water to protect their children.
15	To move heaven & earth	To make all possible efforts	The Indian cricket moved heaven and earth to win the ICC World Cup.

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