**An R.V. -** Slang for a Recreational Vehicle. Example: He sold his house and bought an R.V. so he could travel all over the USA.

**A short shelf life -** A figure of speech that means a person or product will not last for a long time. **Example:**  **1.** Bananas have a very short shelf life. **2.** New employees at that office usually have a very short shelf life.

**Low or high maintenance –** A figure of speech to describe a person or object that needs either very little or a lot of supervision or care. **Example: 1.** My team at work is very low maintenance. We fix problems without the boss getting involved.

**2.** Becky is so high maintenance. She always needs to bring a lot of make-up and cosmetics on a trip.

**Skeletons in the closet –** A metaphor that describes a person, family or group that has some bad things in their past history that they try to keep hidden. **Example:** Bob’s drug abuse when he was in college is a skeleton in his closet.

**Take a Chill Pill –** Slang that means a person should relax or calm down.  **Example:**   
Take a chill pill and stop yelling at me!

**A Sitting Duck –** Slang that means a person or object that is very vulnerable and easy to attack. **Example:**  1. All of my work mates went home early, making me a sitting duck for the boss to make me do everything. 2. The ship lost it’s ability to steer, so it was a sitting duck for the pirates to attack it.

**Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water –** An idiom that means something of good value shouldn’t be eliminated when getting rid of something that is unwanted.

**Example:** I know you’re frustrated with the car, but don’t sell it. Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater. It’s still a good car, and it’s only a few years old.

**The kitchen sink –** An expression that exaggerates the large amount of something.

**Example:** When Jane packs for a trip, she takes everything except the kitchen sink!

**The middle of nowhere –** Slang that refers to any place that seems far away from any form of civilization. **Example:** I don’t like going to John’s house. He lives out in the middle of nowhere. Also can be “the sticks”.

**Dive into –** An expression that means starting something. **Example:** Tomorrow I’m going to dive into the process of applying for a visa.

**Pump the brakes –** A term that means slowing or stopping the process of doing something. **Example:** I want to apply for a visa, but I have to pump the brakes on that for right now.

**Wait until the smoke clears –** An expression that means to wait to do something until after something else has stopped. **Example:** I want to apply for a visa, but I’ll wait until the smoke clears with the latest political situations.