

**A kodak moment** – A term for a special or strange event that happens that is good to take a picture of. Sometimes used humorously. It's from an advertisement for Eastman Kodak film and cameras. **Example:** Our family posed for a kodak moment at the reunion. When I fell down, it was so funny, it was a kodak moment.

**Weasel out of something** – A figure of speech that refers to a tricky way a person avoids doing something. **Example:** I really don't want to do that project, so I'm going to try to weasel out of it.

**Take someone under your wing** – A figure of speech that means a person agrees to individually help a person very closely. **Example:** The new person at the office starts work today, and I get to take them under my wing to train them.

**Living on the edge** - A figure of speech that refers to a person who chooses to live life in a risky or dangerous way. **Example:** John always drives so fast on the highway! He's living on the edge!

**My leg fell asleep** – The feeling of when an arm or leg or foot doesn't move well because of being in a position when blood flow was restricted to that part. **Example:** I sat in a chair for more than an hour, and now my leg is asleep!

**A big mouth** - Slang that means a person talks too much. **Example:** 1. Don't tell Jane any secrets. She's got a big mouth. 2. Don't tell Jane any secrets. She's a big mouth.

**Call the shots** - Slang that means to be in charge of what is happening and what should happen. **Example:** The policeman is the one who will **call the shots** during the meeting.

**A close call** – Slang that means barely avoiding a disaster. **Example:** It was a **close call**, but my father didn't hit the animal when he was driving. **Whew!**

**Recharge your batteries** – Slang that means to take a break or vacation to relax and regain energy. **Example:** After all of my hard work, I need a vacation to **recharge my batteries**.

**Look on the bright side** – A figure of speech that encourages a person to always try to see the good things even in bad situations. **Example:** Don't worry about your exam score. **Look on the bright side.** You did better than last time, so it's a significant improvement from the previous exam.

**Cut the cord** – Ending a relationship with someone or a connection with something. **Example:** In order to achieve true independence, developing countries must **cut the cord** and stop asking for financial aid from the developed countries.

**Pass the baton** - A term that means giving authority or responsibility to another person. **Example:** The boss is retiring from the company, so he will pass the baton to the Vice President to be in charge.