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them! They will not let my play run, but they steal my thunder”“??”??

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But senior officers stole their thunder by revealing for the first time estimates of the funding needed for the new centre.

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3. playing to the gallery??

playing to the gallery??????act in an exaggerated way in order to appeal to popular taste????????????????????????????????
17??gallery??

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Politicians these days are more interested in playing to the gallery than exercising real influence on world events.

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4. ??fat lady sings????????????????????????????????

fat lady sings??????used to convey that there is still time for a situation to
change??1976????????????????????“The opera ain't over
till the fat lady sings????????????????????”??

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It isn't over till the fat lady sings.

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5. ??????????yobs??????

Yob?????????a rude, noisy, and aggressive
youth????????????????????????????????“????”???——????????????????????????????????“Yob”??“boy”??????

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a gang of loud-mouthed yobs

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6. by the skin of my teeth????????????????????

by the skin of my teeth?????by a very narrow margin; only just????????????????????????????????????
??Job 19:20?My bone cleaveth to my skin, and to my flesh,
and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth?

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He escaped from the secret police by the skin of his teeth.

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7. Bankrupt????????????????????

Bankrupt?????(Of a person or organization) declared in law as unable to pay their debts????????????????????
??16????????????????????????????????
banca?????????“?”???banca rotta ???“?”?

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The recession has led to many small businesses going bankrupt.

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8. ??????????????????romance languages????????

roman languages?????????????????“romance”??“Rome????”????????????????? romanticus
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romanticus ?????????? romanz????????????
latinus???“romance”?“romantic”????????????

9. ??“in a nutshell?????????????????”????

in a nutshell?????in the fewest possible words??

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Well, to put it in a nutshell, we're lost.

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10. apple of discord ?“????????????????”?????????????

apple of discord?????a cause or subject of strife or dissension; ??? apple of contention????????? apple of dissension??OED????????????????——????????????????????????????????“????????”????????????????????????????????????

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The right to host the Olympic Games is an apple of discord between the two countries.

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11. the greatest (best) thing since sliced bread????????????????????????????????

be the best (or greatest) thing since sliced bread?????be very good????????????????????20?????????????????bread slicer?????20??60??

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That's not to say there isn't a market there, rather that we haven't been convinced it's quite the next best thing since sliced bread.

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