

Add Fuel to Fire



do or say something that makes a miserable situation even worse

Aman only added fuel to the fire when he accused the other team of cheating

God's Ape

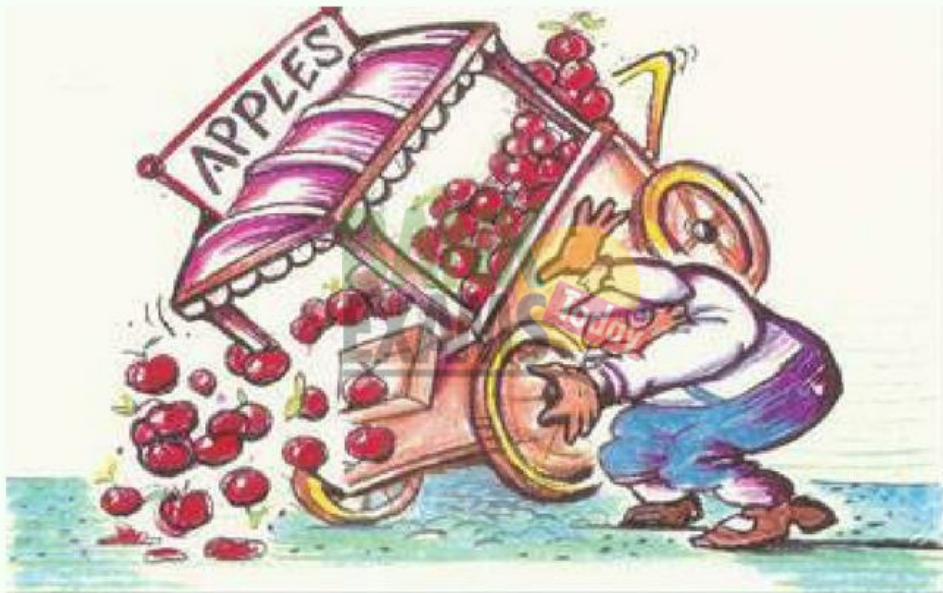
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A born fool

Rakesh is a god's ape. He cannot do anything properly

Upset the Apple Cart



Throw plans in confusion

**Karan's ignorance upset the apple cart of my
business**

Get an Axe



To be dismissed from the job

His protest against the new policy would get him
an axe

Go Ape Over



To be extremely enthusiastic

**The kids got ape over when their parent
announced a trip to Disneyland**

Beat Around the Bush



Avoid saying what you mean

**Stop beating around the bush and start dictating
the facts**

Call it a Day



Stop Working

We still couldn't find the source of the discrepancy. So we decided to call it a day and revisit it tomorrow.

Bite the bullet



do something difficult

We need to take strict action against the accused
and as the judge you must bite the bullet.

Cutting Corners



do something to save time or money

**His staff complains that he is cutting corners to
save money**

Alpha and Omega



Beginning and End, Essentials

To crack RBI Grade B Exam, you must know alpha and omega of Finance and Management.

A Big Chees



Very Important/powerful Person

He has an easy access to all government departments. He is big cheese/

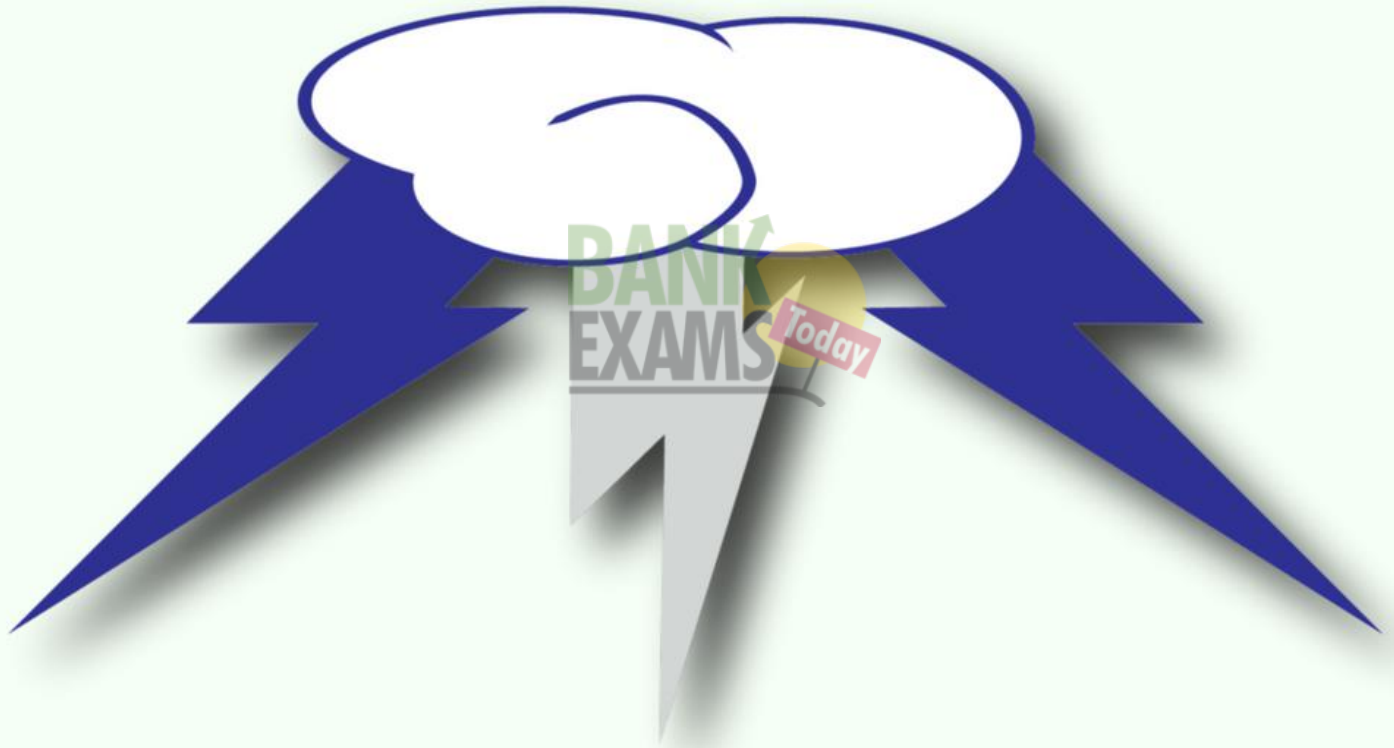
A Bird's Eye View



Overall Assessment

The video presented a bird's eye view of the destruction caused by flood.

A Bolt From Blue



Unexpected Happening

**His father's sudden death was a bolt from the blue
for entire family.**

Achilles' Heel



A weak point of someone/something

The food supply proved to be the nation's Achilles' heel in its defense against terrorist attacks

Feather in One's Cap



Distinction/honour

National Award added a new feather in his cap.

Against a Rainy Day



To Meet Emergency

You must save money against a rainy day.

At Daggers Drawn



Ready to fight

Scotland and England were at daggers drawn in the reign of Queen Mary of Scots.

At Back and Call



At one's command/ ready to serve
The peon is at back and call of the school principal.

At Sixes and Sevens



In state of total consfusion

**After the new-year party, we found our house at
sixes and sevens**

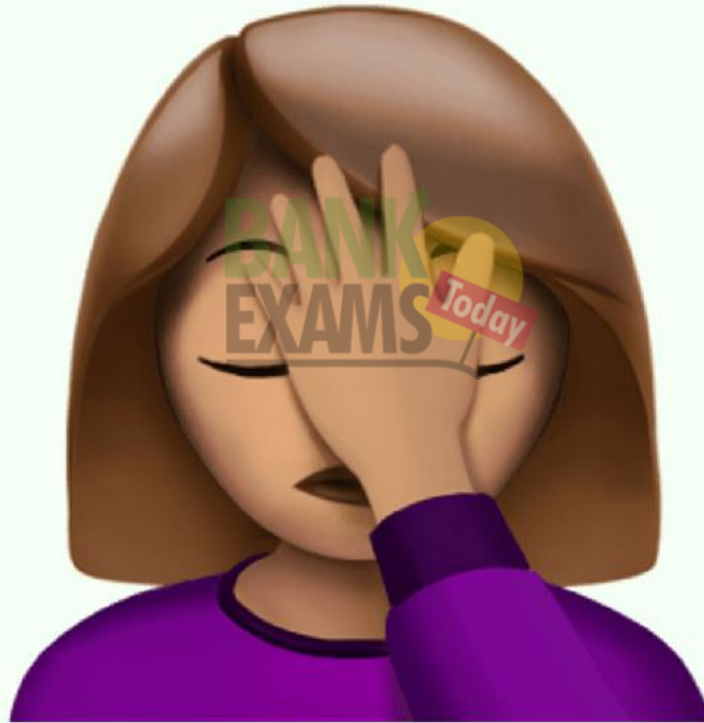
At Eleventh Hour



At the last moment

**The meeting was arranged at the eleventh hour
to discuss the sudden downfall in sales.**

Bear the burnt



To endure some unpleasant outcome
The family had to bear the burnt of Amit's
shameful act.

Beat a dead horse



Wastage of time and efforts

You are beating a dead horse trying to get your money back. The company has gone bankrupt.

Bell the cat



Attempt something dangerous

**Who's going to bell the cat and tell mom we
wrecked her car?**

Birds of Same Feather



Same in Nature/taste

The twin brothers are the birds of the same feather. They do everything together.

Lick the Dust



Defeated/Failed

Despite being a great warrior, he had to lick the dust in his last battle.

Bitter Pill to Swallow



Something difficult to accept

Not being able to get placement after completing B.tech from a reputed college was a bitter pill to swallow.

Blow Hot and Cold



Uncertain and changeable

He keeps blowing hot and cold on the question of moving to Canada.

Blow One's Own Trumpet



To Praise Oneself

John is used to blowing his own trumpet and won't listen to anyone else.

Break the Ice



Be the first to say something

John broke the ice by opposing the new company policy.

Broken Reed



Unsuitable or weak

The boss is a broken reed of the company, so everyone depends upon the manager.

Build Castle in Air



Daydreaming/ making unsuccessful plans

**Instead of building castles in the air, you must
take action for your career.**

Burn Candle at Both Ends



Extreme Efforts without time to rest

**After losing job, he is burning candle at both ends
to earn his livelihood.**

Call a Spade a Spade



Talk Bluntly

**Sapna never backbites, she believes in calling a
spade a spade**

Cat and Dog Life



Miserable and Quarrelsome Life

The couple is leading a cat and dog life.

Change the face



Before

After

Compleat Alteration

Internet has changed the face of communication

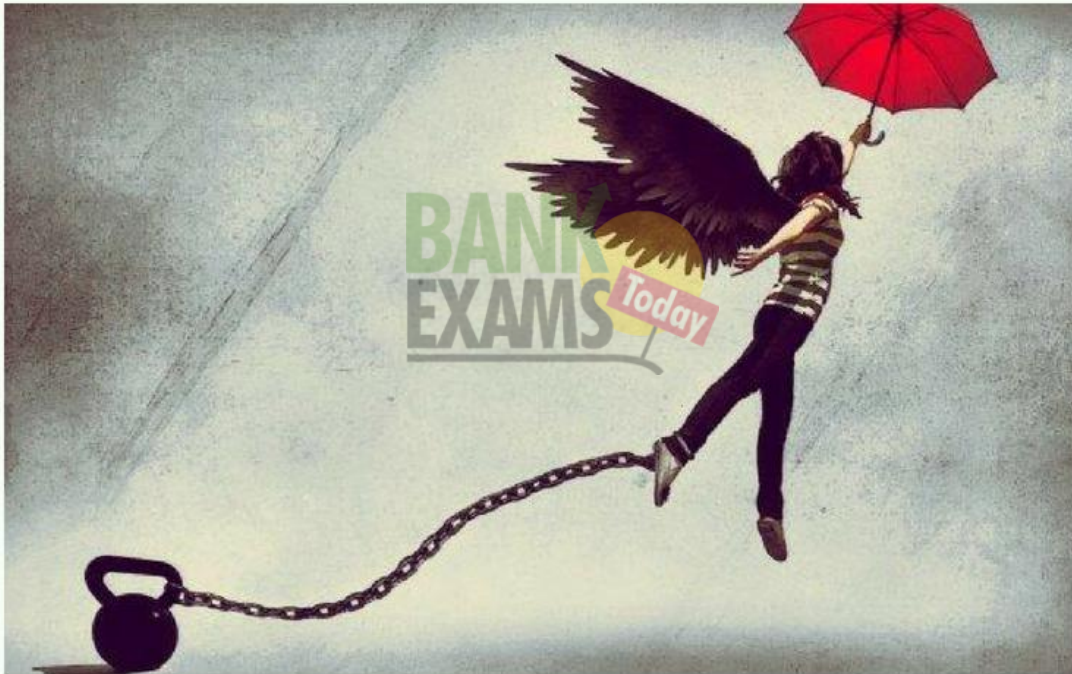
Chase the Rainbow



Try for Something Hard to Obtain

Her aim to get admission in DU with 70% marks is like chasing rainbow.

Clip Someone's Wings



Restrict Freedom

Her orthodox parents always try to clip her wings.

Cog in the Machine



Insignificant/Unnecessary

I realised that the suspect was just a cog in the machine. The real culprit is his wife.

Come off/out with Flying Colours



Victorious

He came out with flying colours in his final year exams.

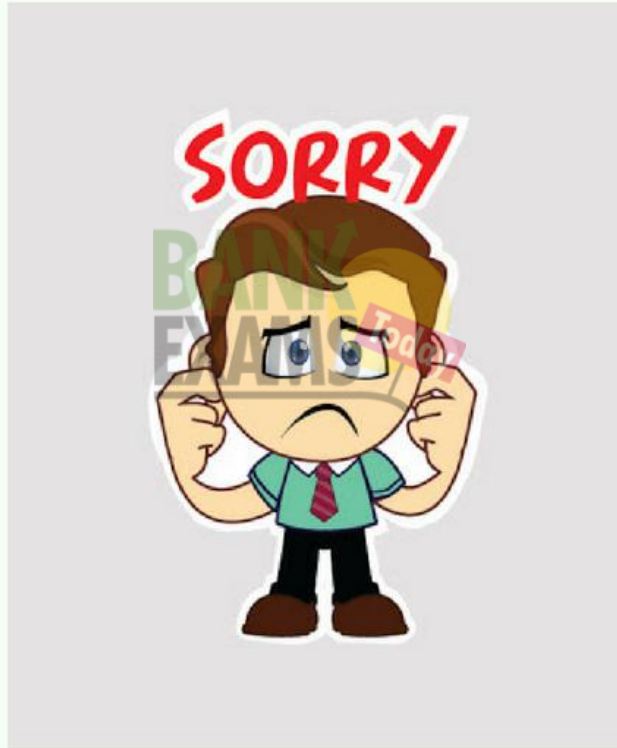
Cook the Books



To Falsify financial accounts

**He was caught red-handed while he was cooking
the books in his cabin.**

Cut a Sorry Figure



To be ashamed

He cut a sorry figure in the press conference held after the final verdict of the court.

Die in Harness



Die while working/ or in office

**Dr. Zakir Hussain is the only president of India
who died in harness.**

Dig in One's Heel



Refuse to submit/ to be obstinate

My wife dug in her heels and refused to leave the child to his nanny.

Drag One's Feet



Participate without enthusiasm/reluctant to act.

He dragged his feet to attend to the party.

Eat Humble Pie



Act submissively and apologetically

He confessed his crime and ate humble pie.

Egg on



To encourage or urge/incite/provoke

He egged on my anger with his stupid act.

Fair-weather Friend

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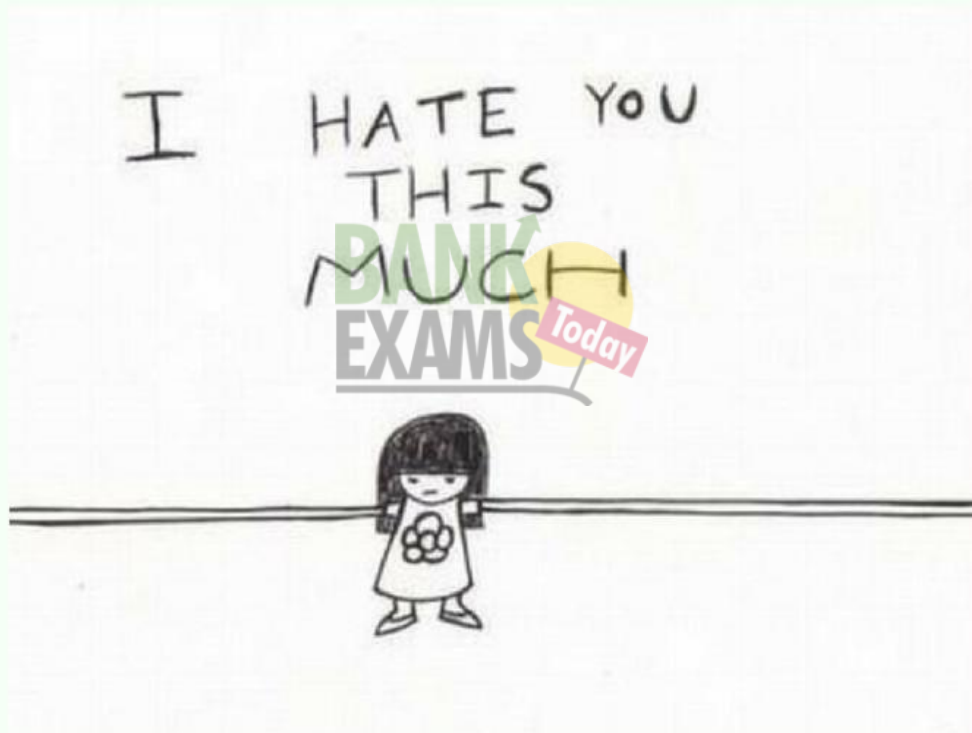
**Nope, sorry I can't
help you**



Selfish Friend

One should never rely on fair weather friends.

Fall from Grace



Lose status and prestige

After being convicted of murder, the famous actor fell from grace.

Fall on Deaf Ears



To be unnoticed/ignored

**All my complaints fell on deaf ears and no action
was taken against the robbery.**

Fiddling While the Rome Burns



ignoring the serious or disastrous events

**Climate change is upon us, and our leaders just
fiddle while Rome burns.**

Fish in troubled waters

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To take undue advantages of difficult/dangerous situation

He often buys up stock in companies declaring bankruptcy; fishing in troubled waters generally pays off .

Fool's errand

I am a bankrupt,
I need a loan



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Are you a fool, who
gives loan to a
bankrupt?



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a fruitless undertakings

Asking the bank for yet another loan was clearly
a fool's errand.

French Leave



remain absent without permission

**He was sacked as he was found guilty of taking
French leave very often.**

From Pillar to Post



Running from one place to another fruitlessly
He ran from pillar to post to get a job.

Get cold feet

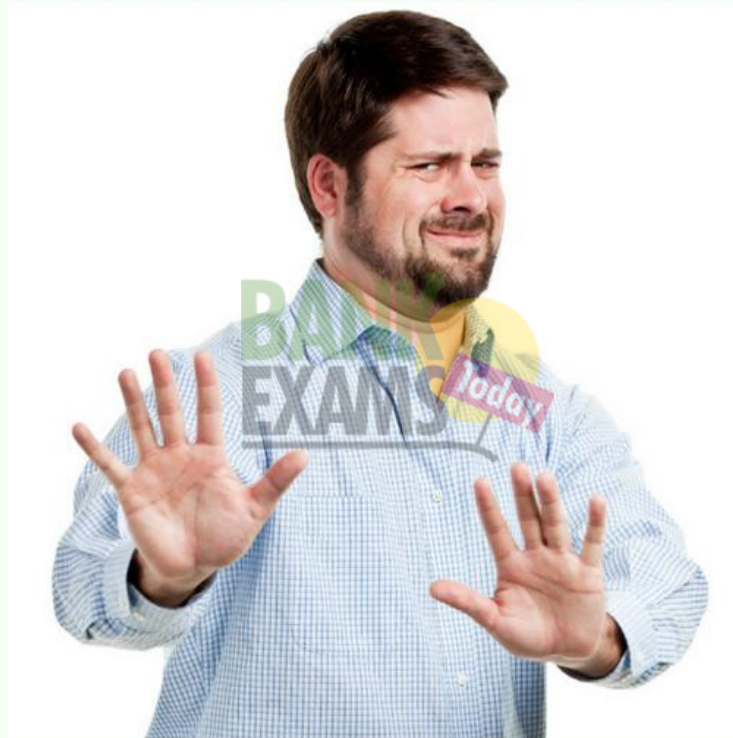
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too fearful to undertake an action

He is getting cold feet over all matters to oppose unacceptable policies.

Give a wide berth



To keep a reasonable distance

Youngsters need to give a wide berth to bad company and concentrate on their goals.

Give the devil his due



to give your foe proper credit (This usually refers to a person who has been evil-like the devil.

I don't like what the new management has done, but give the devil his due ,sales have improved.

Get the show on the road



Putting up a plan or idea into action

Now that we have completed all the legal formalities ,let's get the show on the road.

Hit the nail on the head



To describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem

I think Gautam hit the nail on the head when he said that what's lacking in this company is a feeling of confidence

Fight Tooth and Nail



fight with energy and determination

Soldiers fought tooth and nail to get back the lost territory.

Go Hand in Hand



Happen at the same time/closely connected

In underdeveloped countries, poverty and violence go hand in hand.

Golden Handshake



Hey Tim!, Sorry to imofrm you that the company has decided to terminate your employment. But you will be given a golden handshake.

Alright Sir!
I am glad that I
got an
opportunity to
work with this
organisation.



Sum given at the time of early retirement

**Many employees were given golden handshake
last year.**

Grease Somebody's Palm



To bribe

In some countries, it has become a practice of greasing the palms of the government officials to get work done.

Hand in Glove

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Very Intimate/close association

**After the match, it was discovered that he was
hand in glove with the referee.**

Head in the Clouds



Be unaware of what is going on

Most of the time she is having her head in the clouds. She must be in some deep trouble.

Heart in One's Mouth



To get extremely anxious and nervous
When he saw a tiger in front of him he had his
heart in his mouth.

Hold Somebody to Ransom



**To force somebody to do something
Threatening us with a fine if we don't participate
in the survey is a bit like holding us to ransom,
isn't it?**

Hold the Reins



To be in Complete Control

He's been holding the reins for over 20 years and intends to continue for as long as possible.

Hue and Cry



Loud opposition

There is a lot of hue and cry over the new law pertaining to land acquisition by the government

Icing on the Cake



Congratulations! You are hired and the company will give you an apartment and a car



Wow! Thank you. The additional benefits are like icing in the cake.

Extra work to better a work

He got a job and like icing on the cake, he was also allotted an office car.

Ill at Ease



Uneasy and Anxious

The stranger made the child feel ill at ease.

In a Nutshell



Briefly or concisely Stated

I have been asked to put the whole matter in a nutshell.

Cry Over Spilt Milk



Miserable and Quarrelsome Life

The couple is leading a cat and dog life.

Spill the Beans



Reveal a secret

**The winner of college election was a secret but
media spilt the beans.**

Bull in China Shop



Aggressive and Clumsy

My son is always like a bull in a china shop, so I'm worried about taking him to the museum.

In the Doldrums



Dull and Unproductive

His career was in doldrums during past three years.

In the Twinkling of an Eye



Very Fast and Instant

**The thief escaped in the twinkling of an eye and
the cops could not find him.**

Ivory Towers



Away from practical and normal life

Politicians sitting in the ivory towers will never understand the misery of the poor.

Jaundiced Eye/View



Partial or biased opinion

Cheated by several insurance companies, he looks on our company with a jaundiced eye.

Keep the Ball Rolling



maintain the momentum of an activity.
**After his father's death, he kept the ball rolling
by managing his grocery store.**

Leave no stone unturned



Make every possible effort

He left no stone unturned to find his missing daughter.

Let the sleeping dogs lie



Not to instigate trouble

He let the sleeping dog lie by not revealing the scandalous news in front of his parents.

Lull Before the Storm

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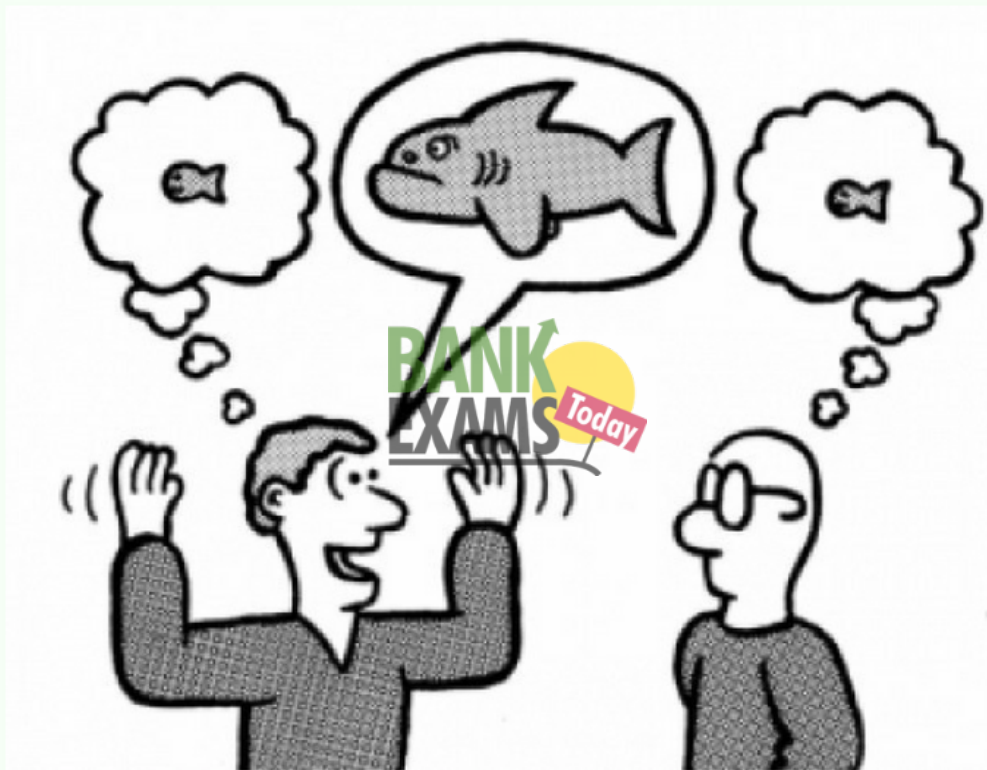


Quietness Before Some Unpleasant Happening

**Things seem normal in the office but it is a mere
lull before the storm.**

Make Mountain out of Molehill

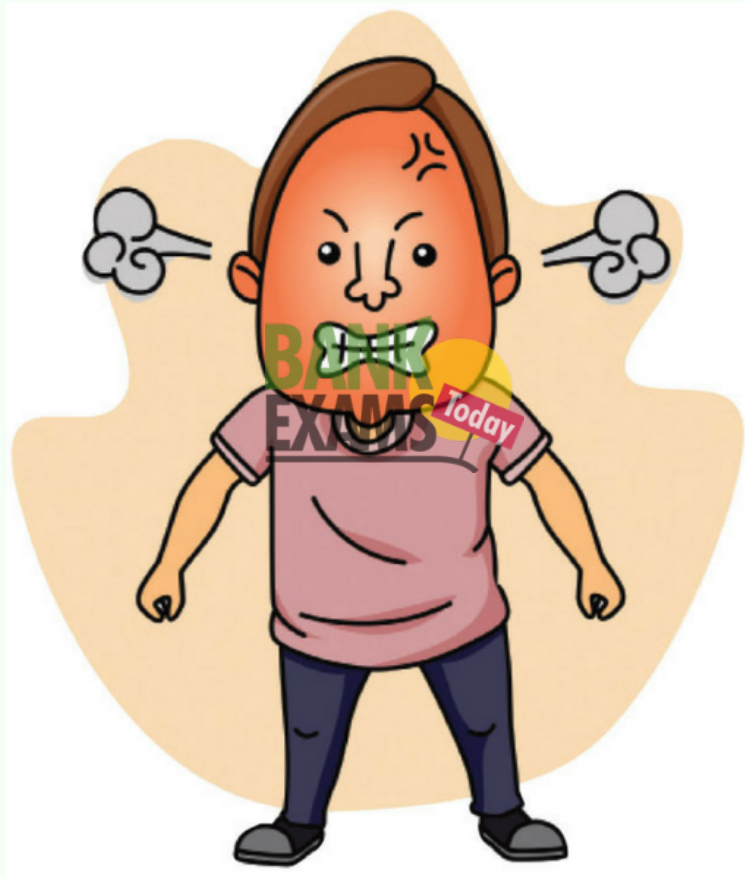
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To overreact/exaggerate

He has a habit of making a mountain out of a molehill.

Make Blood Boil



Make someone angry/Enrage

He makes my blood boil with his stupid acts

Nip in the Bud



Destroy in the very beginning

The army attacked the terrorists' boot camp and nipped them in the bud.

Open Pandora's Box



Invite/Uncover more problems
By implementing the commission's
recommendations, the government opened
Pandora's box.

Pay Lip Service



**insincere expression of friendship, admiration,
support, service by words only**

**She claims to be in favour of training, but so far
she's only paid lip service to the idea.**

Pull the rug out from under



spoil plan/withdraw support

The police pulled the rug out from under by nabbing the suspects.