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1) take a rain check 改天吧
来源：考试大 Model: [1998.8.北美(29)] Can you come over for dinner tonight? (今天晚上来吃饭好吗?) I'm up to my ears in work, so I'll have to take a rain check. (我工作很忙，改日吧。)

2) lost count 弄不清楚
来源：考试大 Model: [2000.1.(21)] Ever since your girlfriend moved to Bridgeport, you are always driving there. How many trips a week do you make anyway? (自从你的女友搬到Bridgeport，你老是开车去看她。一周去几次啊?) I have lost count, but I can do it with my eyes closed. (搞不清楚了，但我闭着眼也能摸过去。)

3) be in another world 精神恍惚；魂不守舍
Model: [1996.5.(25)] Pete's really out of it these days. (Pete 这几天有点心不在焉。)

4) make yourself at home 随意，随便
来源：考试大 Model: [1999.8.(7)] Do you mind if I take off my jacket? (你介意我脱下夹克吗?)

Of course not, make yourself at home. (当然不介意，随意一点!)

5) save your breath 省口气吧；别白费口舌了
Model: [1995.10.(14)] Hey? John! John! (嘿，John! John!) Save your breath. He's out of earshot. (省口气吧。他已经听不到了。)

6) make sense 有意义，理解
Model: [1999.1.(29)] The plot of that movie is hard to follow. (那部电影的情节很难跟得上。)

It makes more sense the second time. (再看一遍就理解了。)

7) cost sb. an arm and a leg 非常昂贵
来源：考试大 Model: [1999

、 1(4) Did you see the diamond ring Bill gave to Linda?(你看到Bill送给Linda的钻戒了吗?) I sure did. It must have cost him an arm and a leg.(当然了。那一定很昂贵。) 8) burn a hole in one's pocket 很快地被花光 Model: [1997.10] Have you saved enough to buy that new printer for your computer yet? (你攒足钱给你的电脑买一台新打印机了吗?) You know money seems to be burning a hole in my pocket lately. Maybe next month. (这几个月我花钱如流水。也许下个月吧。) 9) fill one's shoes 很好地顶替; 令人满意地替代 Model: [1997.8.] Have you heard that Professor Jones is retiring? (你听说Jones教授要退休了吗?) Yes. The faculty won't find anyone to fill her shoes. (是的。学校将很难找到合适的人来代替她。) 10) is ice cold 表示理所当然 来源: 考试大 Model: [1995.10.] Does Prof. Ford always come to class? (Ford教授总是来上课吗?) Is ice cold? (当然了。) 11) like apples and oranges 用来表示无法相比的事物 Model: [1997.1.] Which game do you think is more difficult to learn, chess or bridge? (你认为桥牌和象棋哪个更难学?) They are like apples and oranges. (它俩没法比较。) 12) look for a needle in a hay stack 大海捞针 来源: 考试大 Model: [1990.1.] We are supposed to meet John here at the train station. (我们要在火车站接John。) That's like looking for a needle in a hay stack. (那可真是大海捞针。) 13) lose one's train of thought 忘记 Model: [1995.1.] When you interrupted me, you made me lose my train of thought. (你打断了我的思考, 我忘记我在想什么了。) 14) meet each other half way 相互妥协, 让步 Model: [1992.8.] My chemistry project is in trouble because my partner and I had totally different ideas about how to proceed. (我的化学课题

出问题了。在进展问题上，我与我的合作者意见完全不同。) You should try to meet each other half way. (你们应该相互妥协。)

15) on the dot 准时；正点来源：考试大 Model: [1992.8.] Did you and Amanda really meet exactly five minutes to two in front of the theatre? (你和Amanda确实在差5分两点的时候到达剧院门口了吗?) Yes, we were both there on the dot. (是的，我俩都准时到达。)

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