

1

Chocolate
fireguard/kettle/
teapot

something that
is utterly
useless or
pointless

H

2

Chocolate
-box

a pretty view
or picture

E

3

The grass is
always greener on
the other side.

the belief that an
alternative will be
better, even though it
probably won't be

W

4

Mutton dressed
as lamb

an older woman
dressed in clothes
more suited to a
younger woman

A

5

spring into
action

to do something
quickly with
energy or force

S

6

*black
sheep*

someone who's
viewed by the family
or group as an
outcast because of
their behaviour L

7

*You can't make an
omelette without
breaking eggs*

in order to
achieve something,
something has to be
destroyed or
sacrificed I

8

*walk on
eggshells*

be very
diplomatic so as
not to offend K

9

*teach someone's
grandmother
to suck eggs*

offer unnecessary
advice to someone
who's older and
more experienced E

10

nest egg

amount of money
that's been saved
or kept for a
special purpose A

11

kill the goose that
lays the golden
eggs

destroy a reliable
and valuable
source of income

R

12

have egg on your
face

look stupid
because of
something you've
done

A

13

get
cracking

start to act
quickly and
energetically

B

14

egg on

encourage
someone to do
something foolish
or risky

B

15

egghead

very clever person
who's only
interested in
studying

I

16

*Don't put all
your eggs in one
basket*

**don't depend
completely on one
plan, with nothing to
fall back on if things
go wrong**

T

17

*chicken-and-egg
situation*

**unresolved question
as to which of two
things caused the
other**

C

18

*bad egg/good
egg*

**untrustworthy/
reliable person**

A

19

*as sure as eggs
is eggs*

**certainly,
beyond any
doubt**

U

20

*run around
like a headless
chicken*

**act in a panic-
stricken,
directionless
manner**

G

21

*no spring
chicken*

**someone who's
not exactly young
anymore**

H

22

*like a hen with
one chick(en)*

**overly fussy,
overanxious**

T

23

*lay something
at someone's
door*

**name someone
as responsible
for something**

I

24

*fly
the nest*

**young person leaving
their parents' home to
set up home
elsewhere**

N

25

*fly
the coop*

**make one's
escape**

T

26

empty
nester

person whose
children have
grown up and
left home H

27

count one's
chickens

treat something
that hasn't
happened yet as a
certainty E

28

Chickens come
home to roost

one's past mistakes
will resurface and
cause present
troubles H

29

rabbit on

continue talking
about something
that's of no interest to
the other person E

30

pull/bring a
rabbit out of the
hat

come up with an
unexpected
solution to a
problem A

31

hopping mad

**very angry;
jumping up and
down with rage**

D

32

*hop on the
bandwagon*

**become involved with
or support an
activity/cause that's
recently become
popular**

L

33

Hop it!

**used to tell
someone to go
away**

I

34

*happy
bunny*

**someone who's
satisfied with a
situation**

G

35

*catch somebody
on the hop*

**do something
when someone
isn't ready for it**

H

36

*bright-eyed and
bushy-tailed*

**alert and
lively; eager**

T

37

*as mad as a
March hare*

**crazy,
eccentric**

S