



### A STORM IN A TEACUP

means that a person is overreacting.

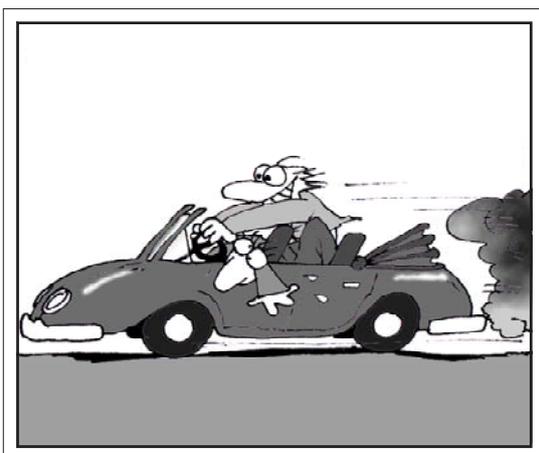
*e.g. When my boss saw that I forgot to post the letter he got very angry. But he will have forgotten by tomorrow, it was just a storm in a teacup.*



### BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

means that a redesign is necessary.

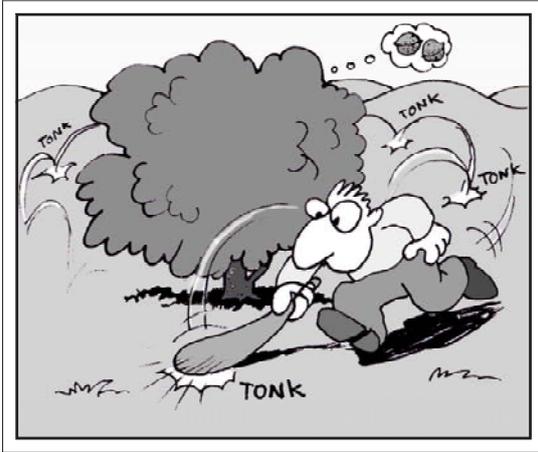
*e.g. After the prototype failed to function, the project group had to go back to the drawing board and redesign the whole structure.*



### BACK-SEAT DRIVER

is someone who gives orders when he or she is not in charge.

*e.g. Although Jim is not the project leader, he is a real back-seat driver - always telling the others what to do.*



### BEAT AROUND THE BUSH

is to approach an object indirectly. People hunting birds used to employ beaters to hit the bush and cause the birds to fly upwards for the hunters to shoot at.

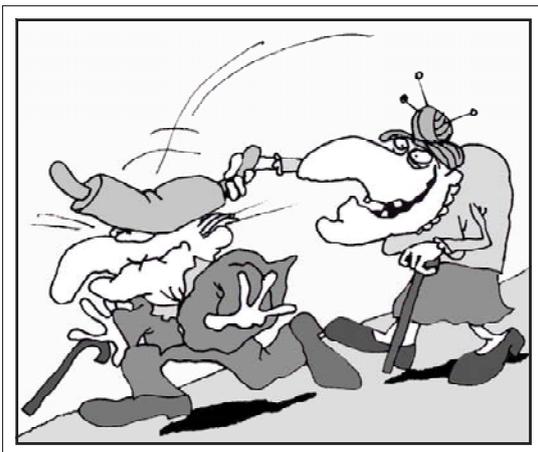
*e.g. The English tend to be implicit and indirect. They often beat around the bush and do not say what they really mean.*



### BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS

means that if you are asking for something you need very much, you must take what is offered; you can't dictate terms.

*e.g. It is not my dream job, but in these times of high unemployment beggars can't be choosers so I have decided to take it.*



### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

is an excuse for not being on time and is used as a politeness by the person who has been kept waiting.

*e.g. "Better late than never" said the chairman when Tom apologised for being late for the meeting. "But better never late", replied Tom.*