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COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSIONS

1. (A) penny for your thoughts: ¿En qué piensas?
Said when you want to know what another person is thinking, usually because they have been quiet for a while.
2. To add insult to injury: Para colmo de males.
To make a bad situation worse; to hurt the feelings of a person who has already been hurt.
3. Once in a blue moon: Muy rara vez / de Pascuas a Ramos.
Rarely; very seldom; once in a very long time.
4. To hear something on/through the grapevine: Oír rumores.
To hear news from someone who heard the news from someone else.
5. To be on the ball: Estar al loro, alerta.
Paying attention; alert.
6. To cut corners: Tomar atajos / Reducir gastos.
To reduce costs, time or effort in carrying something out by leaving out certain steps.
7. To cost an arm and a leg: Costar un ojo de la cara / un riñón / un huevo.
To be very expensive
8. The final/last straw: La gota que colma el vaso.
The last in a series of unpleasant events which finally makes you feel that you cannot continue to accept a bad situation.
9. To take something with a pinch/grain of salt: Tomar algo con cautela / con pinzas.
To view something with scepticism, or not to take it literally.
10. To be/feel under the weather: No sentirse bien; estar pocho, fastidiado, resfriado.
To feel ill.