Read the stories and do the exercise on the following page.

STORY 1: A blessing in disguise

Lacey was late for school. “Oh god! I am going to get scolded by Miss Rudy again!” she lamented. As she ran off to catch the bus, she missed it. “Oh! I am so unlucky! Why didn’t the alarm clock ring?” she muttered. Lacey ran as fast as she could but suddenly tripped over a rock. With her knee bleeding, Lacey finally reached school. “Are you okay?” Miss Rudy asked, concern clear on her face. Lacey was surprised Miss Rudy wasn’t mad at her. “The bus to school got into an accident!” Miss Rudy blurted out. That was when Lacey realized how lucky she had been for missing the bus. If she had been on that bus, she would have met with an accident. Her alarm clock not ringing had been **a blessing in disguise.**

STORY 2: A dime a dozen

George is an archaeologist. Even though, he is very experienced, he is extremely envious of his friend, Clooney. One day, Clooney was digging on a site and he found something extremely unusual. A golden egg gleamed under the sun. George was green with envy. Clooney told George to look after it. However, George had other plans. He stole the egg and decided to sell it, thinking it would fetch a large sum. When he went to the pawn shop, the seller told him, “Haha! This is no golden egg. This is a piece of chocolate covered in gold wrapping. These chocolate eggs are **a dime a dozen**, completely worthless!”
George went home, hanging his head in shame.

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STORY 3: Beating around the bush

Vera wanted a new iPhone for her birthday. She really wished her father would buy one for her.

Dad: What would you like for your birthday?
Vera: I'd like a....
Dad: Yes. Tell me.
Vera: I think you're really nice, Daddy!
Dad: Quit **beating around the bush** and come straight to the point! What would you want for your birthday?

Exercise: Drag and drop the correct meanings. 1 buck

Idiom	meaning
Beat around the bush	
A dime a dozen	
A blessing in disguise	

something bad that turned out to be good	**common worthless. cheap. Easy to find**	**avoid telling what you really want to say**

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