The Write Tribe

Read the stories and do the idioms exercise below.

STORY 1 : Give someone the benefit of the doubt

One day, an old haggard man came to Zi Yang's supermarket. The old man wore torn and tattered clothes. He looked suspicious but Zi Yang didn't make a fuss. Suddenly, someone screamed, "Thief! Thief!" Zi Yang immediately thought the old man was the thief. He grabbed the old weak man by his collar. "I am not the thief!" the old man gasped.
Zi Yang didn't believe a word the old man said.
Just then, Zi Yang's mother came along and said. "Zi Yang, trust what the old man says. He is not the thief! Look there! The thief is fleeing away!"
Zi Yang saw a young man running away from his store. That was when he realized, he had jumped into conclusions. Zi Yang learnt an important lesson, give someone the benefit of the doubt.

STORY 2 : Go back to the drawing board

Cecilia was trying to make a bow and arrow with a pack of ice-cream sticks. The bow and arrow was nearly done. In fact, it was beautiful. Cecilia had plans to sell the bow and arrow at The Write Store. She was certain it will fetch a handsome price. Just then, Li Yuan came along and tested the bow and arrow. He tried to shoot a water bottle. However, when he pulled the bow, the arrow fell limply to the ground. "Haha! You better go back to the drawing board! Your bow and arrow doesn't work!" Li Yuan scoffed and walked away.
Cecilia wasn't fazed by Li Yuan's words. She was determined to start over and work on the bow and arrow. "One fine day, Li Yuan, I will make the best bow and arrow in the world and earn a MILLION BUCKS!" Cecilia muttered under her breath with determination.
And..... she did. She became a millionaire and lived happily ever after and shot ice - cream stick arrows at Li Yuan at every opportunity she got. The end.

STORY 3 : Hang in there

Cecilia was making a new set of bows and arrows. This time, she was going to sell it at The Write Store for two million bucks. However, nothing worked. Whenever she pulled the bow, the arrow shot backwards! Cecilia was already on the verge to give up. Just then, Li Yuan came along. Li Yuan had already turned over a new leaf. He is now a caring and loving brother. He didn't want his sweet sister to give up! "Hang in there, Cecilia! Don't give up. You can do it!" he encouraged her. With her brother's pearls of wisdom, Cecilia tried again. This time the bow and arrow worked. She sold it to The Write Store for two million bucks. She shared her profits with her brother. Cecilia and Li Yuan became millionaires and they lived happily ever after shooting arrows. The end.

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idiom	meaning
Beat around the bush	
A dime a dozen	
A blessing in disguise	
Break a leg	
Bite the bullet	
Better late than never	
Call it a day	
Cut somebody some slack	
Easy does it	

avoid telling what you really want to say	**common, worthless, cheap. Easy to find**	**something bad that turned out to be good**
better to go late than not go at all	**tolerate the pain for a while so it will be over soon**	**good luck**
Don't be so critical	**slow down**	**stop working on something and rest**

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idiom	meaning
Getting out of hand	
Get something out of your system	
Get your act together	
Give someone the benefit of the doubt	
Go back to the drawing board	
Hang in there	

getting out of control	**To believe or trust what someone tells you even though it may not be true**	**to not give up**
finally telling someone what's bothering you	**start planning something again because earlier attempts were unsuccessful**	**get things in order / buck up**

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