There are numerous figurative expressions in English. Here is a list of some of them.

**To follow suit** = to do something that somebody else has done

*John bought a new car. His jealous neighbor immediately followed suit.*

**To swell with pride**

To swell with pride is to feel extreme joy.

*My son has won a prestigious scholarship and I am swelling with pride.*

**The sword of Damocles**

To have the sword of Damocles hanging over your head is to live in constant fear of some impending danger.

**Halcyon days**

Used to refer to a period of time when there is peace and happiness on earth.

**Give the devil his due**

Used to say that a person should be rewarded for his good qualities however worthless he may be.

*She is very clumsy and I don’t quite like it when she enters the kitchen, but I have got to give the devil her due. She makes excellent cakes.*

**To be in the doldrums**

When you are in the doldrums, you are in low spirits.

**Draconian legislation**

Draconian legislation means very stringent laws.

**Throw dust in someone’s eyes**

To throw dust in someone’s eyes is to try to deceive him / her.

**Dutch courage**

The courage that one feels when one is under the influence of alcoholic drinks
It was Dutch courage that made him hit the policeman.

**In the same boat**

When people are in the same boat they are in the same circumstances.

‘I’m broke. Do you think you could lend me a few dollars?’ ‘Sorry, I’m in the same boat.’