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All the way (Jade went all the way to Paris to buy her wedding dress.)

No wonder ("It's no wonder your son gets so stressed: he has to study all the time." "You're right.")

Better late than never. ("I know your birthday was last week, but here's your present." "Thanks! Better late than never.")

To cut a person off ("Why are you so uptight all the—" "Sorry to cut you off, but did you finish that work I gave you?")



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To have a point ("You know what time we have to leave, so why aren't you ready yet?" "Well, you do have a point there.")

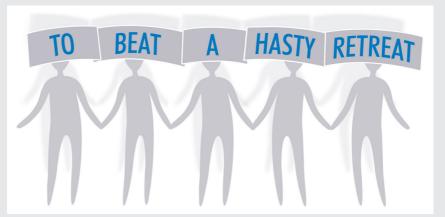
I guess so. ("Do you like it here in New York City?" "I guess so. But sometimes I miss the small town where I went to college.")

a conflict of interest ("Mr. Simms wants us to buy our new computers from his wife's company, but she is not offering the best price for them." "Hmm. That sounds like a conflict of interest to me.")

So what? ("Oh, no! I forgot to go to rehearsal." "So what? You don't even want to be in that band.")

Instead of ("Let's go see a play instead of a movie." "Sounds good to me.")

Fine with me. ("I'm so tired. I really don't want to go out to dinner tonight." "Fine with me. I'll just order a pizza.")



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It's very kind of you to say so. ("Your home is so lovely." "It's very kind of you to say so. Please come visit me again.")

To get up ("It's a beautiful day! Turn off the TV and get up from that sofa." "OK, I will . . . right after this show ends.")

To beat a hasty retreat (After fans and paparazzi recognized a famous actor at the restaurant, he had to beat a hasty retreat out the back door.)

Here comes ("Mr. Scanlon is extremely angry with me." "Uh-oh. Don't turn around, but here comes Mr. Scanlon right now.")

To get out of (a place) ("I'm bored. Let's get out of here." "Good idea. Let's try the party at Amanda's house.")