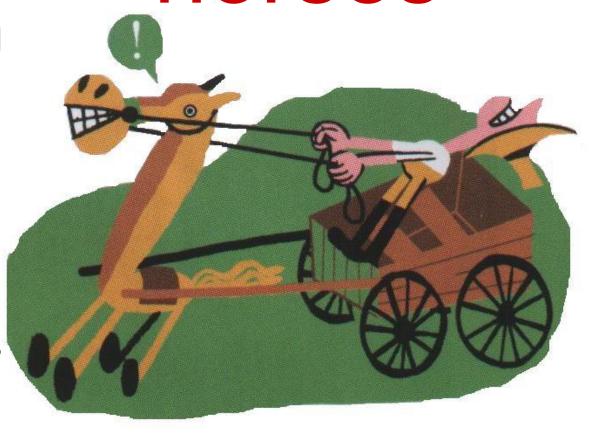
This means: wait a moment, stop going too fast.

"Just hold your horses, Mary, and let's think about this for a moment."

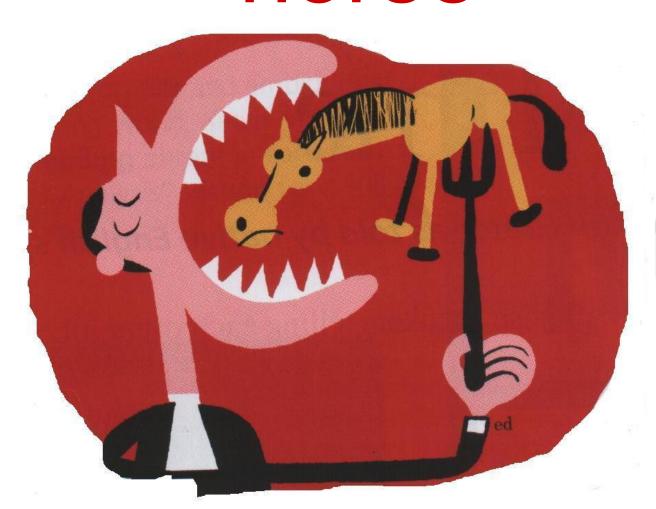
# Hold your horses



This is something that we say when we are very hungry

"I've had nothing but a sandwich all day-I could eat a horse."

# I could eat a horse



Never criticise something that has been given to you if it is free, very cheap, and good for you.

"I don't know why you're complaining because that job they offered you is fantastic: the pay is great, the holidays are long, and you'll be working with an experienced team, I wouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth if I were you."

# Never look a gift horse in the mouth





## To put the cart before the horse

To do things in the wrong order.

"you're wasting all this time deciding what to wear for the party when they haven't even invited you to it It's like putting the cart before the horse."



### To lock the stable door after a door after the

To take precautions after a bad event has occurred, and not before.

"that Picasso painting was stolen last week, and now they are thinking about improving security. It's a bit like locking the stable door after the horse has bolted."



horse has bolted

You can lead a horse to water but you can't

This means: you can give someone the opportunity to make him drink do something, but you cannot force them to do that thing if they don't want to.

"I made all the arrangements for the holiday: I bought the ticket, I packed his bags, and I took him to the airport but in the end he just wouldn't get on the plane. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink"

