

Expressions and phrases related to making decisions:

- **Be in two minds**
Be undecided or unsure about what to do
*"I'm **in two minds** about whether or not to accept the offer."*
- **Be in a quandary**
Find it difficult to decide what to do
*"The job is good but the salary is low. I'm **in a quandary** about what to do."*
- **Be on the fence**
Have not yet reached a decision
*"The candidates have very similar ideas which is why so many electors are still **on the fence**."*
- **Change your mind**
Change your decision
*"I was going to go sailing but I **changed my mind** when I saw the weather."*
- **Have second thoughts**
Change your mind after more thought.
*"I wanted an apartment, but **on second thoughts**, I prefer to have a garden."*
- **Keep your options open**
Postpone making a decision so that you can choose among several possibilities.
*"The offer sounds good, but **keep your options open** until you're sure it's the best choice."*
- **Make a snap decision**
A quick or hasty decision without taking the time to think it over.
*"Take time to think about it. **Snap decisions** are not always the best."*
- **Make up your mind**
Definitely decide on something.
*"I've **made up my mind**, I'm going to accept the offer."*
- **Mull over something**
Think carefully before making a decision.
*"He **mulled over** several options before making a decision."*
- **Take it or leave it**
You must decide now whether you accept or not.
*"This is our final proposal – **take it or leave it**."*
- **(A) toss-up**
The choice between two equally-good options (like tossing a coin).
*"Both boxers are in excellent condition. It's a **toss-up** which of them will win."*
- **Toy with an idea**
Consider something without giving it serious thought.
*"Sally has often **toyed with the idea** of moving abroad, but she's still here!"*
- **Weigh your options**
Consider which is the best choice.
*"After **weighing my options**, I've decided to work freelance."*

○ **Weigh the pros and cons**

Consider the advantages and disadvantages.

*“They **weighed the pros and cons** of the school before enrolling their children.”*

○ **The icing on the cake**

To top something off, to make something even better

“Mary got a promotion because she worked very hard. She also received an increase in her salary and a bonus which was the icing on the cake”

○ **Stick to your guns :**

To be firm and stick to your decision about something despite criticism from other people

“If you’ve thought things through and are comfortable with your decision, just stick to your guns.”

○ **Splits hairs :**

To argue over issues that are not important

“David and Kate were arguing about the temperature that day it was very hot. Kate said it was 32 °C and David thought it was 33 °C. John told them not to split hairs, it was still very hot!”

○ **To be in two minds :**

where you are not able to make up your mind and are unsure as to what you should do or choose

“John received an invitation to attend a party. It was on the same day as the football game he really did not want to miss. He was in two minds whether to accept the invitation or not.”

○ **The bottom line :**

The final result or outcome, The main point.

“Michael resigned from the company after only 6 months in the job. The bottom line is that he did not enjoy the work and felt he made a mistake.”