

LESSON 35

to give one's right arm for sth

e.g.: I'd give my right arm for another piece of this cake of yours!

to twist sb's arm

e.g.: The children twisted my arm to buy them some more sweets.

wash your hands of sth

e.g.: His partners have washed their hands of the project, and blamed him for the failure.

have a hand in sth

e.g.: She had a hand in it from the very beginning.

The idiom to **give one's right arm for sth/to sth** means to want something very much. To **twist sb's arm** (informal) means to persuade or force sb to do sth more. When you **wash your hands of sth** you don't want to have anything to do with the matter, but when you **have a hand in sth**, you are involved in it.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR RIGHT ARM FOR?

IS THERE ANY COUNTRY YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR RIGHT ARM TO VISIT?

WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR RIGHT ARM TO GET AN "A" AT YOUR CAE EXAM?

HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO TWIST SOMEBODY'S ARM TO MAKE THEM DO SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DO?

IF A FRIEND TOLD YOU THAT HE READ A BOOK BECAUSE HIS PARENTS TWISTED HIS ARM TO DO IT, WHAT WOULD HE MEAN?