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They had to (study hard)

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go back to square one

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burn the midnight oil

The doctor said Amy was (healthy)

fit as a fiddle

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feeling poorly, sick

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be patient

3. cry wolf

give a false alarm