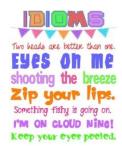
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## Idiom #8

## **Grasping at Straws**



When it comes to give account of their decisions, politicians always

grasp at straws...

Grasping (or clutching) at straws expresses the idea of making a desperate attempt at saving oneself. It corresponds to the Italian idiom about trying to climb the smooth surface of **a mirror** – a tricky task that is most likely doomed to failure.