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Meaning : **jealousy**

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Meaning : **fairness**

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Meaning : **I do not understand**

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Meaning : **a kind heart**

6) The world is your oyster (The Merry Wives of Windsor)

Meaning : **You have a lot of opportunities, which you can make use of.**

7) primrose path (Hamlet)

Meaning : **a way of life that is easy and pleasant**

8) steep and thorny way (Hamlet)

Meaning : **a difficult and narrow way**

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