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Meaning : to avoid doing something

DUCK

GET

COP

WRIGGLE

OUT OF

something
doing something

DUCK OUT OF : to avoid doing something that you were intending to do or had promised to do.

- It's his turn to cook dinner, but I bet he'll try to duck out of it.
- You can't duck out of your responsibilities.

GET OUT OF : to avoid doing something that you should do or that you said you would do

- I said I'd meet him, but now I want to get out of it.
- Ruth always tries to get out of doing the washing up.

COP OUT (OF) : to avoid doing something that you should do because it is difficult.

- He has copped out of his responsibilities.
- She copped out of the parachute jump at the last minute with some feeble excuse.

WRIGGLE OUT OF : to avoid doing something by making excuses.

- Don't try and wriggle out of doing your homework.
- He tried desperately to wriggle out of giving a clear answer.