

Phrases, patterns and collocations database

about partly/mainly/all about, do sth about, about time, about to do

access (have/gain/provide) access to, Internet access, wheelchair access

account account for, (give) an account of, take into account, take account of, on account of, by all accounts, on sb's account

act act in good/bad faith, act out of desperation/necessity, act the part/role of, act on sb's advice/orders/behalf, put on an act, get your act together, in the act (of doing)

age act your age, (at/by/from) the age of, under age, school/working/etc age, with age, age limit, age bracket/group, (in the) Stone/Bronze/Iron Age

ages take/spend ages (doing), ages ago, seems/feels like ages (since)

answer answer to sb, give sb an answer, answer charges/criticisms, answer a need, answer sb's prayers, answer the description of, (have a lot to) answer for, in answer to

argument have / get into an argument (with sb), win/lose an argument, argument about/over, argument for/against, without (an) argument

arm arm sb with, arm yourself against, take up arms (against), lay down (your) arms, up in arms (about), arms control, arms race

art have/get sth down to a fine art, art of doing, art to doing, art deco, art form, art gallery, art house

ask ask yourself sth, ask sb a favour, ask a lot / too much (of sb), ask sb over/round, ask sb in, for the asking, asking for trouble/it/etc, if you ask me

associate associate sth with

authority have the authority to do, grant sb the authority to do, have authority over, have sth on good authority, in authority, with authority, the authorities, local authority

back back into sth, back onto sth, back sb (to do)

bad go bad, go from bad to worse, feel bad (about), bad for, bad at (doing), in a bad way, (in) bad faith, bad apple, bad blood

balance (hang) in the balance, strike a balance, upset/alter/redress the balance, balance between/of, on balance, off balance

basis basis for, on a daily/temporary/etc basis, on the basis of/that

behaviour behaviour towards, pattern of behaviour, on your best behaviour, aggressive/antisocial/violent/ bad/ good/exemplary behaviour

belief express belief(s), belief in/that, contrary to popular belief, beyond belief, in the belief that, popular/widely held/widespread/firm/strong/growing belief

bend bend sth into (shape/a circle/etc), (go) round the bend, sharp/tight bend

best make the best of, do your best, (all) for the best, at best, at your best, to the best of my knowledge, to the best of sb's ability, the best of both worlds, best friend

bet bet (sth) on, make a bet (with sb), safe bet

better get better, get the better of, had better, (all) the better for, better than nothing, better luck next time, better off, better yet, for better or (for) worse, better half

big make a big thing out of, make it big, big on, big of sb (to do), great big, big business, big-headed, big-hearted, Big Bang, big name, big money, big game

block block sb's way, block of flats, apartment block, high-rise block, mental/writer's block

book read sb like a book, (do sth) by the book, book about/on, a closed book, an open book, in my book, in sb's good/bad books

born born to do, born on/in, born of, born into, born and bred, born-again, newborn

bottom come bottom, get to the bottom of, the bottom drops/falls out of, at the bottom (of), from the bottom of my heart, bottom line

brain pick sb's brain(s), rack your brain(s), the brains behind, brainless, brainchild (of), brainstorm, brainwash, brainwave

break break a habit, break with tradition, make the break (from), take/have/need a break, a welcome break from, lunch/tea/coffee break

brick bricks and mortar, brick wall, bricklayer

certain know/say for certain, certain to do, make certain, certain of/about, a certain (amount of sth)

chance take a chance (on), leave to chance, by chance, by any chance, the/sb's chances of (doing), the chance to do, second chance, last chance, pure/sheer chance, there's every/no chance that

change change from sth to, change sth into, change sth for, change for the better/worse, change your mind, change the subject, make a change, undergo a change

charge charge sb with, charge sb for, take charge, (put) in charge (of), overall charge

child as a child, only child, a child of, child abuse, childcare, child's play, child support

choice make a choice, exercise choice, have no choice, choice between, choice of, personal/parental/consumer choice, informed choice, wide choice, obvious choice

choose choose from, choose between, choose sb/sth as, choose sb/sth out of, choose to do, pick and choose, nothing/little to choose between

class class sb/sth as, social class, working/middle/upper class, ruling class, class system, class differences, class war

clean give sth a (good) clean, make a clean break, make a clean breast of, clean and tidy, a clean bill of health, a clean slate/sheet, clean sweep

clear make/get sth clear, make yourself clear, (have) a clear conscience, clear in your mind (about), clear as a bell, clear as mud, clear case (of), clear evidence/indication

clock set a clock, watch the clock, against the clock, around the clock, clockwise, clockwork

come come to a conclusion/decision/etc, come to power, come into view, come as a shock/etc, come to do sth, come true

common have sth in common (with sb), common for sb/sth to do, common to, common language, the common people, common practice

conclusion bring sth to a conclusion, come to / arrive at / reach a conclusion, jump/leap to conclusions, in conclusion, conclusion of, logical conclusion, foregone conclusion

consequence accept/face the consequences, consequence of, serious/disastrous/dire consequences, as a consequence, in consequence, of no/little consequence

consideration take into consideration, give consideration to, show consideration for, under consideration, for sb's consideration, out of consideration for

course run its course, in/during the course of, in due course, on a course, course of action/events

crime commit/report/witness/solve a crime, fight/commit crime, the scene of a crime, organised crime, crime prevention, crime rate, crime wave

cry cry with pain/happiness/relief, cry over/about, cry for help, cry yourself to sleep, cry your eyes/heart out, cry on sb's shoulder, have a (good) cry, cry of, a far cry from

date date from, date back to, keep (sth) up to date, set/fix a date, go on / make a date (with sb), at a later/future date, to date

day make sb's day, day by day, from day to day, any day now, in this day and age, day off, day out, day trip

dead go dead, drop dead, dead (set) against (doing), in dead trouble, dead and buried, dead silence, dead centre, dead and gone, dead tired, dead ahead

deal deal in, deal with, deal a blow to, make a big deal (out) of, cut/make/reach/strike a deal (with), get/have a good deal (on), big deal, a good/great deal of

decide decide to do, decide against / in favour of, decide that, decide between, decide for yourself, decide on

delight delight in doing, take (great) delight in doing, to sb's delight, with/in delight

demand demand sth from sb, meet/satisfy a demand, make a demand, the demand for, in demand, on demand

deny deny sb sth, deny a request, deny that, deny doing, deny having done, deny (all) responsibility for

depth in depth, to/at a depth of, hidden depths, the depths of, out of your depth

dint by dint of

dirty do the dirty on, do sb's dirty work, get your hands dirty, give sb a dirty look, dirty word, dirty tricks

discussion (have a) discussion about/on, (have a) discussion with, discussion of, in discussion with, under discussion, heated discussion, discussion group

disposal waste disposal, at sb's disposal, at the disposal of

doubt doubt that, have your doubts about, cast doubt on, raise doubts, in doubt, doubt as to / about, beyond (any) doubt, (a) reasonable doubt, without a doubt, open to doubt

dream dream of/about/that, have a dream, a dream to, beyond your wildest dreams, a dream come true, in your dreams, like a dream

drive drive (your point) home, drive sb crazy/mad, drive sb to do sth, drive at sth

drop drop sth off sth, drop sth into/onto sth, drop sb at, drop a hint, drop sb (from a team)

eager eager to do, eager for, only too eager to do

effect have an/no/little/some effect (on), come into effect, put/bring sth into effect, adverse/beneficial effect, for effect, in effect, with effect from

end come to an end, bring sth to an end, put an end to, at/by the (very) end (of), no end in sight (to), at an end, (for) hours/weeks/etc on end, in the end

energy have/lack the energy to do, put/throw your energy into, nuclear energy, source of energy, energy needs, energy crisis

equal of equal size/quality/value, equal in size/quality/value, equal to, roughly equal (to), equal rights

erect erect (a statue/monument/etc) to sb, stand erect, erect posture

ever hardly ever, if ever, first/only/etc sth ever (to), bigger/better/etc than ever, as ever, ever since, forever/for ever

example make an example of, set an example, follow an example, give an example, an example of, classic/prime example

fall fall ill, fall into (a category), fall in love, fall into place, fall short, fall to pieces

family have/start a family, nuclear family, extended family, single-parent family, a family of, in the family, one of the family, family tree, family name, family values

fat get/grow fat (on), fat chance, a fat lot of good/help/use

feature feature sb/sth in, a feature of, distinguishing feature, safety features, feature film, feature writer

feel get/have a feel for, feel free, feel like (doing), feel as if/as though, feel strongly about, feel the effects/benefits of, feel guilty, feel your way, feel at home

find find yourself (doing), find sb doing, find sth difficult/interesting/etc, find your way

fine cut it fine, fine by sb, fine details/points, fine line between, with a fine-tooth(ed) comb, fine print

floor take/have the floor, ground/first/etc floor, floor show, floor plan, floorboard

fly fly a flag/kite, fly by, fly open, fly at

focus focus on, the focus of/for, in focus, out of focus, focus group, main/primary/major focus

fold fold sth in half/two, fold sth neatly/carefully, fold flat, fold your arms

follow follow sb's argument/etc, follow suit, follow sb's lead, follow sb's advice, as follows

force force sb to do, force sth on sb, force your way into/through, force a smile, with force, police force, armed forces

form form an impression of, take/assume the form of, fill in/out a form, in the form of, in good/bad form, application form

foundation lay the foundations of, have no foundation, without foundation, foundation course, foundation stone

free set sb free, let sb go free, free sb from, walk free, free to do, free from, free and easy, free time

fresh fresh from, fresh out of, fresh-faced, freshwater, fresh start, fresh air

friend make friends (with), close/good/great friend, old friend, friend of the family, family friend, circle of friends, friends with

generation the older/younger generation, generation gap, Generation X, future generations

get get going, get somewhere, get ill/angry/upset/etc, get sth wet/dirty/etc, get to do sth, get sb sth, get sth done, get sth doing

go go and do sth, go deaf/grey/crazy/bad/etc, go for days/weeks/etc (without sth), go hungry, go without, go to do sth

good good (for sb) to do, a good deal, a good many/few, good of sb to do, for sb's own good, no good, it's no good doing

grant grant sth to, grant sb permission/authority, grant a request, grant sb's wish

green green politics, green belt, (give sb) the green light, greenhouse, the greenhouse effect

guess guess at, guess that, guess right, take/make/hazard a guess (at), rough guess, lucky guess, wild guess, educated guess, at a guess

happen happen to do, it so happens that, as it happens

head head towards/for (a place), head a ball, head a committee/etc, head a list

health good/bad for your health, in good/poor health, ill health, health and safety, health hazard/risk, health centre, health club, health food, health service

high look/search high and low, high risk of, high priority, in high spirits, high finance, high time, on a high, a new/all-time/record high, high tech, high street

hours keep regular/late hours, work long hours, for hours (on end), (during) school/working/etc hours, at/until all hours, after hours, out of hours

house move house, on the house, housework, housekeeping, housekeeper, housewife, houseproud

human human behaviour, human being, human error, human nature, human race, human rights

ill fall / be taken ill (with), critically/seriously/terminally ill

impression have/give the (false) impression that, do an impression (of), create/make an impression (on sb), under the impression that, first impressions

impulse act on impulse, do sth on impulse, control/resist an impulse, an impulse to do

job get/find/take/do a job, a good job, leave/lose your job, make/do a good/bad job of, make the best of a bad job, have a job to do / doing, sb's job to do, out of a job, on the job, job losses

jump jump at the chance (to do), jump the queue, jump to conclusions, jump the gun

keen keen (for sb) to do, keen on, keen interest in

kind kind of sb to do, respond in kind, kind(s) of, of some/any kind, of a/the kind, kind regards

know know (sth) about, know sb/sth to be/do, know better, get/come to know, let sb know, in the know, know-how

large (as) large as life, at large, in large measure/part, larger than life, large-scale

laugh laugh at/about, laugh in sb's face, make sb laugh, have a good laugh, have the last laugh, don't make me laugh, for a laugh, a laugh a minute

law become law, break/follow/uphold the law, pass/amend/repeal a law, lay down the law, practise law, against the law, above the law, by/under law, law and order

lead lead sb into, lead the way, lead the world, lead sb to do, lead to/down/through, take/hold the lead, follow sb's lead, in the lead

leisure have the leisure to do, at your leisure, leisure centre, leisure pursuits, leisure time

length go to great/any/etc lengths, run the length (and breadth) of, of (un)equal length, in length, (for any) length of time, at (some/great) length

letter (get/receive) a letter from, send/write sb a letter, letter of, follow/obey sth to the letter, the letter of the law, letter bomb, letterbox

life put sb's life at risk, lose a life, bring sth to life, come to life, not on your life, save sb's life, take your own life, that's life, this is the life, quality of life

lightning thunder and lightning, a bolt/flash of lightning, struck by lightning, at lightning speed

like like (sb) to do, like doing, like it when, just like, anything/nothing like, it's not like sb to do, like crazy/mad, like so, something like

link link to, link sth/sb to/with, click on / follow a link, (find/prove/establish) a link between

live live a life of crime/luxury, live to the age of, can live with, live and let live, live and learn, live beyond/within your means, live in hope, live a lie, live to tell the tale

load load sth with/into, take a load off (your feet), a (whole) load of, loads of, a heavy load to bear/carry

lock lock sth in, lock horns with, under lock and key, locksmith

long take a long hard look at, at long last, long way, in the long run/term, long time no see, as/so long as, long-distance, all day/week/etc long

lot that's your lot, have a lot on, lots of, a lot of, an awful lot, a lot on your mind, the lot, sb's lot (in life)

love love to do, love doing, give/send your love to, (fall) in love (with sb), love for, true love, love at first sight, love affair, loved ones

luck push your luck, wish sb luck, trust to luck, bring you luck, the luck of the draw, a stroke/piece of luck, as luck would have it, in luck, with any luck

mark mark sth with/on, leave a mark on, burn/scratch/etc mark, the halfway mark, be quick/slow off the mark, hit/miss the mark

marriage (related) by marriage, marriage guidance, marriage vows, marriage of convenience

material material goods/possessions, material rewards, material resources, raw material(s)

matter a matter of, in a matter of (days, etc), no matter how, no matter what, to make matters worse, as a matter of fact/course/urgency, a matter of opinion, subject matter

medicine take medicine, alternative/complementary/herbal medicine, medicine cabinet

mental make a mental note (of/about), mental arithmetic, mental illness, mental age, mental health

metal precious metal, metal detector

mind make up your mind, cross/slip your mind, have/bear in mind, have a one-track mind, take your mind off, bring to mind, in two minds about, on your mind, state of mind, narrow/broad/open/absent-minded

misapprehension under the misapprehension that

moment take/be a moment, just/wait a moment, any moment (now), at the moment, at this/that moment in time, in a moment, the right moment (to/for), the moment of truth

money make/earn/spend/cost/etc money, get your money's worth, put your money where your mouth is, pay good money for, made of money, for my money

mother the mother of, mother country, mother-in-law, motherland, Mother Nature, Mother's Day, mother-to-be, mother tongue

move move it, get a move on, follow sb's every move, make a move, on the move

national in the national interest, national anthem, national costume/dress, national debt, national holiday

native go native, native to, a native of, native speaker, non-native speaker, native land, native species

natural completely/totally natural, natural causes, natural ability, natural resources, natural selection

nature the nature of, by nature, in nature, Mother Nature, human nature, second nature

near near to (doing sth), the near future, from near and far, a near thing, the nearest thing to, your nearest and dearest

need need (sb) to do, need do, need doing, meet a need, have no need of, in need (of)

never you never know, never again, never mind, never mind if/whether/etc, never ever, never-ending

new new to, brand new, whole new, good as new, new-look, new age

nice nice of sb (to do), nice for sb (to do), nice to sb, nice to meet/see sb, nice and warm/comfortable/clean, nice as pie, nice one

notice bring sth to sb's notice, come to sb's notice (that), escape sb's notice, take notice (of), at short / a moment's / a few hours' notice, until further notice

now now is the time to, from now on, for now, up to now, right now, now that, any day/moment/etc now, just now, every now and then/again, nowadays

odds the odds of doing, the odds are (that), the odds are in favour of/against, long odds, against all the odds

off have / take / be given the day off, have / take / be given time off, off work/college, off sick

office take office, run for office, public office, head office, office holder, office block, office hours, office party

old get/grow old, poor old, old age, old flame, old folk(s), old hand, old hat, old people's home, the Old Testament

on on time, on and on, on end, from now / that moment / then on, You're on!

opt opt for, opt to do

option have no option (but to do), consider your options, the option of doing, the option to do, keep/leave your options open

paper piece/sheet of paper, (present/write/etc) a paper on, (put sth) on paper, paper over (the cracks), not worth the paper it's written/printed on, paper round, paper qualifications, paperwork

pay pay dearly for, pay sb a compliment, pay your way, pay your (last) respects to, pay the penalty/price for, it pays to, pay rise, pay and display, pay freeze, take-home pay

peer peer group, peer pressure

pen put pen to paper, the pen is mightier than the sword, pen-pusher, pen friend/pal

person do sth in person, meet sb in person

perspective put into perspective, from another / a different / sb's / etc perspective, from the perspective of, in perspective, out of perspective, a sense of perspective

place change/swap places with, take the place of, take sb's place, put sth in(to) place, in place of, out of place, place of work, no place for

play play against/for, play at, play by yourself, play for time, play the fool, play sth by ear, at play

point point at/to/towards sth, get to the point, make a point of doing sth, make your point, miss the point, at some point, beside the point, up to a point, a sore point

polite polite to, polite of, just/only being polite, polite conversation, polite company, polite society

poor (come a) poor second, poor loser, poor girl/boy/etc, poor relation, a poor man's sth

power take/seize/hold/exercise/exert/wield/abuse power, in power, beyond sb's power, power to do, power struggle, power structure, power base

praise praise sb for doing, win/earn/deserve praise, full of praise for, in praise of

prefer prefer sth to, prefer (sb) to do, prefer doing, would prefer (that), would prefer it if

principle have principles, stand by / stick to your principles, principle of sth, principle that, in principle, a matter / an issue of principle, against sb's principles, set of principles

print print on, print in, in print, out of print

prison go to prison, send sb to prison, in prison, prison term, prison sentence, prison reform, prison officer, open prison

process the process of, in the process of doing, peace process, a process of elimination

provoke provoke sb into doing, provoke a reaction/protest/response, provoke outrage

purpose serve a purpose, the purpose of doing, sb's purpose in doing, a sense of purpose, on purpose

quality high/good/top quality, poor/bad/low quality, personal qualities, leadership qualities, quality control, quality of life, quality time

question beg the question, raise the question (of), a/no question of, in question, out of the question, without question, beyond question, some question over / as to / about, awkward question

rain rain hard/heavily, pour with rain, heavy/light rain, rainbow, rainwater, caught in the rain

raise raise your hand, raise sth with sb, raise a child / family, raise doubts, raise sb's hopes/ expectations, raise a smile, raise your voice, raise an army

- react** react to, react by doing, react accordingly/appropriately, react with, react against
- reaction** cause/produce/provoke/trigger a reaction (to), reaction against, adverse/gut/immediate reaction, chain reaction
- read** read sb's mind, read sb like a book, read between the lines, read sb's lips, take sth as read, a good/depressing/etc read
- reality** escape from reality, face (up to) reality, become a reality, in reality, virtual reality, reality TV
- record** keep/maintain/compile a record (of), set/put the record straight, on record, on the record, off the record
- relative** it's (all) relative, relative to, close/near relative, distant relative, a relative of yours, relative clause/pronoun
- respect** respect sb for, respect sb as, gain/lose sb's respect, command/deserve/earn/win respect, treat sb with respect, with respect to, in this/those respect
- response** response to, in response to, response from, no response, response time
- rest** rest sth on/against, rest assured that, take/have a rest (from), get some rest, come to rest, at rest
- rich** rich in, filthy/stinking rich, rich and famous, (the) rich and (the) poor
- right** have a/the/no/every right to do, give sb the right to do, right and wrong, right in saying/thinking/believing, right (of sb) to do, equal rights, human rights, animal rights
- risk** risk sth on, risk doing, risk one's life, take a risk, run the risk of, put sth at risk, pose a risk to, the risk of, at the risk of doing
- rule** break/bend/follow the rules, against the rules, as a rule, rule of law, rule of thumb, rules and regulations
- run** run a business/campaign/etc, run riot, run on petrol/electricity/etc, run sb a bath, run through sth, run the risk of doing, run into problems
- rush** rush to conclusions, do sth in a rush, in a rush (to do sth), mad rush, rush hour, the Christmas/etc rush
- say** have your say, (have) the final say, go without saying (that), say the word, can't say fairer than that, say your piece, a horrible/stupid/strange/etc thing to say
- second** give/take sb a second to do, in a second, within seconds, seconds later, a split second
- sense** sense that, see sense, make sense (of), have the sense to, come to your senses, a sense of, in a/one sense, common sense
- sentence** sentence sb to, pass sentence, serve a sentence (of five years, etc), prison sentence, death sentence
- shape** shape sth into, take the shape of, take shape, in / out of shape, all shapes and sizes
- share** share with/between/among, share and share alike, share in/of, shareholder, share index, share option, share-out
- sharp** keep a sharp eye on, sharp rise/increase/drop/fall, sharp criticism, have a sharp tongue
- short** (run) short of, (have a) short temper/fuse, draw/get the short straw, make short work of, a short while/period/spell, at short notice, short and sweet, shortlist
- sick** call in sick, feel sick, make sb sick, sick as a parrot, worried sick, sick and tired (of), sick with fear/worry/etc, sick at heart, sick bag
- side** side with sb, take sides, see both sides (of an argument), look on the bright side, on the plus/minus side, by sb's side, on sb's side, on either side (of)
- size** that's about the size of it, cut sth to size, in size, full size, size of, downsize
- small** feel/look small, (it's a) small world, in a/some/no small way, with a small 'c'/etc, small change, small hours, small screen, small talk
- smooth** smooth the way for, smooth-talking, smooth sailing, smooth operator
- social** social conditions, social contact, social security, social services, social call, social worker, social club, social life
- speak** speak well/highly/badly/ill of, speak for yourself, speak your mind, speak out of turn, no sth to speak of, so to speak
- speaking** broadly/generally speaking, on speaking terms, speaking of, speaking as
- start** have/make a good/fine/bad/etc start, get off to a good/flying/head/bad/etc start, make a start (on/at), (right) from the start, for a start, (at/from the) start of, get (sth) started
- steady** steady yourself, steady your nerves, hold sth steady, steady relationship, steady growth, steady look, steady pace
- straight** set/put sb straight about, set/put the record straight, get/come straight to the point, get sth straight, think/see straight, straight talking, straight answer
- style** style sth/yourself as, style of, in style, out of style, with style
- subject** subject sb to, bring up / get onto a subject, drop/change the subject, subject to, the subject of, British subject
- sun** sun yourself, in the sun, sunbathe, sunlight, sunrise, sunset, sunshine
- support** support doing sth, support sb (financially), support an idea, support a team, offer support, in support of
- surface** on the surface, beneath/under the surface, surface area, kitchen surface
- table** set/clear/lay the table, table a proposal, etc, on the table, table manners, timetable
- talk** talk sb into / out of (doing), talk your way into / out of (doing), talk sense into, talk the same language as, have a talk (with), be all/just talk, the talk of, talk is cheap
- taste** develop/have a taste for, in good/bad taste, sense of taste, acquired taste
- tell** tell the truth / a lie, tell yourself (that), tell the difference (between), tell the time, tell it like it is, there's no telling, you're telling me, that would be telling
- term** in the long/short term, end of term, term of/in office, term time, prison/jail term, fixed term, long-/short-term
- thin** have a thin skin, skating on thin ice, out of / from / into thin air, thin on the ground, thin on top
- threat** pose a threat (to), face a threat, under threat, threat of, idle threat, bomb threat, death threat

time pass the time, spend time, make time, find the time, take time, in/on time, by the time, time after time, part-time, full-time, time frame, time limit

tool a tool for (doing), a tool of, toolbar, tool kit, tool box

top come out on top, sth gets on top of you, at the top of, on top (of), off the top of your head, on top of the world, top prize, top priority, top secret

tough get tough with, tough on, tough luck, tough love, tough guy

town town planning, the town of, the outskirts/edge of town, town centre

track keep track of, lose track of time/etc, on the wrong track, on track (to do)

treat treat cruelly/badly/fairly/unjustly, treat sb with, treat sb for, treat sb like, treat sb to, treat a/an illness/disease/ patient/etc, in for a treat

turn turn to do sth, turn a gun/etc on sb, turn to sb, turn cold/nasty/etc, turn 40/etc

understanding come to / reach an understanding, have an understanding (with sb), an understanding of, on the understanding (that)

use use sth for (doing), use sth to do, use sth as, use sth properly, have many uses, in use, of (no) use, it's/there's no use doing, what's the use of doing?

view view sth as, take the view that, take a dim/poor view of, come into view, in view of, with a view to, view on/about/that, in sb's view, viewpoint, point of view

want want (sb) to do, want sth done, for want of

way get in sb's way, know the way, lose your way, get sth out of the way, make way for, in the way, on the way, in this way, a way of doing, by the way

weak weak at the knees, weak on, on weak ground, weak argument, weak point/spot, weak-willed

weather good/bad/etc weather, freak weather, in all weathers, under the weather, weather forecast, weatherproof

web surf the Web, on the Web, website, web page, webcam, World Wide Web, webmaster, weblog (blog)

wedding wedding anniversary, wedding cake, wedding ceremony, wedding dress, wedding invitation, wedding ring, wedding present

wheel take the wheel, at/behind the wheel, on wheels, wheel of fortune

wind light/strong wind, gust of wind, in the wind, winds of change

window window-shopping, window dressing, out (of) the window, a window on/onto/into

word put in a (good) word for sb, (have) a word with sb (about), spread the word, put words in sb's mouth, give/say the word, from the word go, word of mouth, in other words

work work on/in/with/as/at/for, work like magic, work both ways, work a treat, work wonders, work your way (through/around), at work, out of / in work, piece of work

worse get worse, make matters/things worse, (take a turn) for the worse, worse for wear

worst do your worst, fear the worst, be your own worst enemy, if (the) worst comes to (the) worst, at worst, the worst of all/both worlds

write write for a magazine/etc, have sth / be written all over your face, nothing to write home about, writer's block

year years of age, years old, year on year, for years, not/never in a million years, leap year