

Unit : 4 Idioms

1. To give up : abandon

- (A) I can do nothing more. **I give up.** ,
Stop keeping company
(B) He was noisy and ill-tempered. So we have given him up.

2. To keep up : prevent from getting low

- (A) Don't lose heart. **Keep up** courage.
Maintain pace or speed.
(B) They walked fast. The old man could not **keep up** with them.

3. To go into action : to be active

- (A) The army **went into action** and threw the enemy out of the border.
Join, enter :
(B) Both the boys **went into** Navy.

4. To keep well : preserve in being

- (A) He doesn't **keep well** due to old age.

5. To break down : collapse, fail

- (A) All our plans **broke down** due to heavy rains.
Overcome be emotion
(B) She **broke down** as she heard the sad news.

6. To go well with : be on decent terms

- (A) This old tie doesn't **go well with** your new blue suit.

7. To break out : start suddenly or violently

- (A) A war **broke out** between the two countries.
Escape of :
(B) The prisoners **broke out** of he jail.

8. To wake up to : become conscious of

The people **woke up to** a new sense of pride in their culture.

9. To look into : examine, investigate

- (A) The police **is looking into** the matter.
Peep into:
(B) He buys books but never **looks into** them.

10. To see off : begin race, journey, etc.

- (A) We **set off** on a journey on motor-cycles.
Compensate :
(B) Is the claim sufficient **to set off** against the loss?

11. To take off : deduct

- (A) Will you **take** that amount **off** my bill?
Remove :

(B) The doctor asked him **to take** the shirt off.

12. Look down on : show contempt :

She **looked down upon** her sisters because their husbands were not rich.

13. To serve out : distribute / punish :

She used **to serve out** garments at the temple door.

14. To stand by : to support :

(A) He promised **to stand by** if things went wrong.

Be ready for action :

(B) The army **stands by** to defend the borders.

15. To set down : put down:

(A) The coolie **set** the load **down** on the ground.

Write down on paper :

(B) The Government **set down** rules for the election.

16. To put off : postpone :

(A) The meeting was put off for a few days.

Make excuses:

(B) Don't try to **put me off** with such silly arguments.

17. To call on : Make a short visit :

A friend has **called upon** to see my new house.

18. To come up : arise :

(A) I shall inform you if something new **comes up**.

Rise in social position :

(B) He was a poor farmer's son. He **came up** the hard way.

19. To bring to light : cause to be visible :

The police inquiry **brought** two more crimes **to light**.

20. To call for : require :

Your bad results in the exams **call for** harder work for the university exams.

21. To carry out : do as required :

The servant **carried out** his master's wishes.

22. At the spur of the moment : on a sudden impulse :

There was no time to sit and think. I had to take a decision and act **on the spur of the moment**.

23. To come round to : arrive by a longer route :

(A) We **came through** the fields as the road was blocked.

Agree :

(B) He opposed me in the beginning but I made him **come round**.

24. To cut down : cause to fall by cutting :

(A) They **cut down** a tree.

Reduce in :

(B) We must **cut down** household expenses.

25. To drop in : pay a casual visit :

Raju and Rita **drop in** sometimes for tea.

26. To run out : decrease

(A) Hurry ! time is **running out**.

Fail to reach crease in cricket :

(B) Kapil Dev was **run out** at 75 after lunch.

27. To talk over : discuss :

It is no use going to court. Let's **talk over** and come to some agreement.

28. To turn off : switch off :

Will you please turn the T.V. off?

29. ups and downs : alternations of good and bad fortunes :

The family has seen many **ups and downs** in the last two decades.

30. out of question : not to be discussed :

We can't spend so much money on that. It is **out of the question**.

31. To take to task : to scold :

The teacher took him to task for coming late.

32. In full swing : in full operation :

Lights went out when the entertainment-fair was in full swing.

33. Off and on : without order :

It rained all day off and on.

34. up to the mark : reaching a fixed level :

The furniture and decoration of the restaurant are good but food is not always up to the mark.

35. To make the mark : become distinguished :

She went to Bombay and made her mark there as a first-rate stage actress.

36. In the long run : in course of time :

This motor-cycle is no doubt costly, but you will find profit in it in the long run.

37. To pass away : die :

Mahatma Gandhi was passed away by Godescy.

38. To bring up : rear, educate :

(A) She brought up her daughters well.

Call attention to :

(B) The matter was **brought up** for discussion at the Board Meeting.

39. To bring forth : produce, give birth to :

The farm brought forth a good crop of potatoes.

40. To carry on : continue :

It was not difficult **to carry on** trade after getting the bank's loan.

41. To cast off: abandon, throw away as unwanted:

She exercises daily to **cast** excess weight off.

42. A draw a blank : get nothing after hoping to win or find something :

The police tried hard for clues but **drew a blank**.

43. To fall in love with : feel love for somebody :

Romeo **fell in love** with a girl named Juliet.

44. To get through : make contact, reach, communicate :

(A) I started as soon as your message **got through** to me.

Pass examination :

(B) Raju failed but Reena **got through**.

45. To keep back : keep confidential :

(A) Generally, I **keep** nothing **back** from my friends.

Withhold, hold back :

(B) The general **kept back** the enemy troops.

46. To pass through : cross :

We **passed through** villages.

47. To turn a deaf ear to : pay no attention :

I tried to warn her. But she **turned a deaf ear** on me.

48. to live up to : to fulfil an ideal :

Indian leaders have failed **to live up to** public's expectation.

49. To run down : to insult :

The manager **ran down** an employer in presence of other.

50. To see through : see minutely :

I could **see through** her flattery.

Unit : 5

Opposites - Antonyms

A

absent - present
abundant - scarce
accept - decline, refuse
accurate - inaccurate
admit - deny
advantage - disadvantage
against - for
agree - disagree

alive - dead
all - none, nothing
ally - enemy
always - never
ancient - modern
answer - question
antonym - synonym
apart - together

appear - disappear, vanish
approve - disapprove
arrive - depart
artificial - natural
ascend - descend
attic - cellar
attractive - repulsive
awake - asleep

B

backward - forward
bad - good
beautiful - ugly
before - after
begin - end
below - above
bent - straight
best - worst

better - worse, worst
big - little, small
black - white
blame - praise
bless - curse
bitter - sweet
borrow - lend
bottom - top
boy - girl

brave - cowardly
build - destroy
bold - meek, timid
borrow - lend
bound - unbound, free
boundless - limited
bright - dim, dull
brighten - fade
broad - narrow

C

calm - windy, troubled
can - cannot, can't
capable - incapable
captive - free
careful - careless
cheap - expensive
cheerful - sad, discouraged, dreary
clear - cloudy, opaque
clever - stupid

clockwise - counterclockwise
close - far, distant
closed - ajar, open
clumsy - graceful
cold - hot
combine - separate
come - go
comfort - discomfort
common - rare

conceal - reveal
contract - expand
cool - warm
correct - incorrect, wrong
courage - cowardice
create - destroy
crooked - straight
cruel - kind
compulsory - voluntary
courteous - discourteous, rude

dangerous - safe

deep - shallow

diseased - healthy

dark - light
day - night
daytime - nighttime
dead - alive
decline - accept, increase
decrease - increase

definite - indefinite
demand - supply
despair - hope
dim - bright
disappear - appear
discourage - encourage

down - up
downwards - upwards
dreary - cheerful
dry - moist, wet
dull - bright, shiny
dusk - dawn

D

E

early - late
east - west
easy - hard, difficult
empty - full

encourage - discourage
end - begin, start
enter - exit
even - odd

expand - contract
export - import
exterior - interior
external - internal

F

fade - brighten
fail - succeed
false - true
famous - unknown
far - near
fast - slow
fat - thin
feeble - strong, powerful

few - many
find - lose
first - last
float - sink
foolish - wise
fore - aft
free - bound, captive
fold - unfold

forget - remember
found - lost
fresh - stale
frequent - seldom
friend - enemy
for - against
fortunate - unfortunate
full - empty

G

generous - stingy
gentle - rough
get - give
giant - tiny, small, dwarf
girl - boy

give - receive, take
glad - sad, sorry
gloomy - cheerful
go - stop
good - bad, evil

grant - refuse
great - tiny, small, unimportant
grow - shrink
guest - host
guilty - innocent

H

happy - sad
hard - easy
hard - soft
harmful - harmless
harsh - mild
hate - love
have - have-nots

healthy - diseased, ill, sick
heaven - hell
heavy - light
help - hinder
here - there
hero - coward
high - low

hill - valley
hinder - help
honest - dishonest
horizontal - vertical
hot - cold
humble - proud

ill - healthy, well
immense - tiny, small
important - trivial
in - out

inferior - superior
inhale - exhale
inner - outer
inside - outside

interesting - boring
interior - exterior
interesting - dull, uninteresting
internal - external

include - exclude
increase - decrease

intelligent - stupid, unintelligent

intentional - accidental

I

J

join – separate

junior - senior
just – unjust

justice - injustice

K

knowledge – ignorance

known – unknown

L

landlord - tenant
large - small
last - first
laugh - cry
lawful - unlawful, illegal
lazy - industrious
leader - follower
left - right
lend –borrow

lengthen - shorten
lenient - strict
left - right
less - more
light - dark, heavy
like - dislike, hate
likely - unlikely
limited - boundless
little – big

long - short
loose - tight
lose - find
loss - win
loud - quiet
love - hate
low - high
loyal - disloyal

M

mad - happy, sane
major - minor
many - few
mature - immature
maximum - minimum

melt - freeze
merry - sad
messy - neat
minor – major

minority - majority
miser - spendthrift
misunderstand - understand
more – less

N

nadir - zenith
narrow - wide
near - far, distant
neat - messy, untidy

never - always
new - old
night - day
nighttime – daytime

no - yes
noisy - quiet
none - some
north - south

O

obedient - disobedient
odd - even
offer - refuse
old - young

old - new
on - off
open - closed, shut
opposite- same, similar

optimist - pessimist
out - in
outer - inner
over - under

P

past - present
patient - impatient
peace - war
permanent - temporary
plentiful - scarce
plural - singular

poetry - prose
polite - rude, impolite
possible - impossible
poverty - wealth, riches
powerful – weak

pretty - ugly
private - public
prudent - imprudent
pure - impure, contaminated
push – pull

Q

qualified - unqualified	question – answer	quiet - loud, noisy
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R

raise - lower rapid - slow rare - common regular - irregular	real - fake rich - poor right - left, wrong	right-side-up - upside-down rough - smooth rude – courteous
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S

safe - unsafe same - opposite satisfactory - unsatisfactory secure - insecure scatter - collect separate - join, together serious - trivial second-hand - new shallow - deep shrink - grow	sick - healthy, ill simple - complex, hard singular - plural sink - float slim - fat, thick slow - fast sober - drunk soft - hard some - none sorrow – joy	sour - sweet sow -reap straight - crooked start - finish stop - go strict - lenient strong - weak success - failure sunny - cloudy synonym - antonym sweet - sour
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T

take - give tall - short tame - wild them - us there - here	thick - thin tight - loose, slack tiny - big, huge together - apart top – bottom	tough - easy, tender transparent - opaque true - false truth - flasehood, lie, untruth
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U

under - over unfold - fold unknown - known	unqualified - qualified unsafe - safe up - down upside-down - right-side-up	upstairs - downstairs us - them useful - useless
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V

vacant - occupied vanish - appear vast - tiny	victory - defeat virtue – vice	visible - invisible voluntary - compulsory
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W

war - peace wax - wane weak - strong wet - dry	white - black wide - narrow win – lose	wisdom - folly, stupidity within - outside wrong – right
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Y

yes – no	yin – yang	young – old
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Z

zip - unzip

zenith – nadir

Unit 6: Synonyms

Amazing — incredible, unbelievable, improbable, fabulous, wonderful, fantastic, astonishing, astounding, extraordinary

- **Anger** — enrage, infuriate, arouse, nettle, exasperate, inflame, madden
- **Angry** — mad, furious, enraged, excited, wrathful, indignant, exasperated, aroused, inflamed
- **Answer** — reply, respond, retort, acknowledge
- **Ask** — question, inquire of, seek information from, put a question to, demand, request, expect, inquire, query, interrogate, examine, quiz
- **Awful** — dreadful, terrible, abominable, bad, poor, unpleasant
- **Bad** — evil, immoral, wicked, corrupt, sinful, depraved, rotten, contaminated, spoiled, tainted, harmful, injurious, unfavorable, defective, inferior, imperfect, substandard, faulty, improper, inappropriate, unsuitable, disagreeable, unpleasant, cross, nasty, unfriendly, irascible, horrible, atrocious, outrageous, scandalous, infamous, wrong, noxious, sinister, putrid, snide, deplorable, dismal, gross, heinous, nefarious, base, obnoxious, detestable, despicable, contemptible, foul, rank, ghastly, execrable
- **Beautiful** — pretty, lovely, handsome, attractive, gorgeous, dazzling, splendid, magnificent, comely, fair, ravishing, graceful, elegant, fine, exquisite, aesthetic, pleasing, shapely, delicate, stunning, glorious, heavenly, resplendent, radiant, glowing, blooming, sparkling
- **Begin** — start, open, launch, initiate, commence, inaugurate, originate
- **Big** — enormous, huge, immense, gigantic, vast, colossal, gargantuan, large, sizable, grand, great, tall, substantial, mammoth, astronomical, ample, broad, expansive, spacious, stout, tremendous, titanic, mountainous
- **Brave** — courageous, fearless, dauntless, intrepid, plucky, daring, heroic, valorous, audacious, bold, gallant, valiant, doughty, mettlesome
- **Break** — fracture, rupture, shatter, smash, wreck, crash, demolish, atomize
- **Bright** — shining, shiny, gleaming, brilliant, sparkling, shimmering, radiant, vivid, colorful, lustrous, luminous, incandescent, intelligent, knowing, quick-witted, smart, intellectual

- **Calm** — quiet, peaceful, still, tranquil, mild, serene, smooth, composed, collected, unruffled, level-headed, unexcited, detached, aloof
- **Come** — approach, advance, near, arrive, reach
- **Cool** — chilly, cold, frosty, wintry, icy, frigid
- **Crooked** — bent, twisted, curved, hooked, zigzag
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- **Cry** — shout, yell, howl, scream, roar, bellow, weep, wail, sob, bawl
- **Cut** — gash, slash, prick, nick, sever, slice, carve, cleave, slit, chop, crop, lop, reduce
- **Dangerous** — perilous, hazardous, risky, uncertain, unsafe
- **Dark** — shadowy, unlit, murky, gloomy, dim, dusky, shaded, sunless, black, dismal, sad
- **Decide** — determine, settle, choose, resolve
- **Definite** — certain, sure, positive, determined, clear, distinct, obvious
- **Delicious** — savory, delectable, appetizing, luscious, scrumptious, palatable, delightful, enjoyable, toothsome, exquisite
- **Describe** — portray, characterize, picture, narrate, relate, recount, represent, report, record
- **Destroy** — ruin, demolish, raze, waste, kill, slay, end, extinguish
- **Difference** — disagreement, inequity, contrast, dissimilarity, incompatibility
- **Do** — execute, enact, carry out, finish, conclude, effect, accomplish, achieve, attain
- **Dull** — boring, tiring, tiresome, uninteresting, slow, dumb, stupid, unimaginative, lifeless, dead, insensible, tedious, wearisome, listless, expressionless, plain, monotonous, humdrum, dreary
- **Eager** — keen, fervent, enthusiastic, involved, interested, alive to
- **End** — stop, finish, terminate, conclude, close, halt, cessation, discontinuance
- **Enjoy** — appreciate, delight in, be pleased, indulge in, luxuriate in, bask in, relish, devour, savor, like
- **Explain** — elaborate, clarify, define, interpret, justify, account for
- **Fair** — just, impartial, unbiased, objective, unprejudiced, honest
- **Fall** — drop, descend, plunge, topple, tumble
- **False** — fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, spurious, untrue, unfounded, erroneous, deceptive, groundless, fallacious
- **Famous** — well-known, renowned, celebrated, famed, eminent, illustrious, distinguished, noted, notorious
- **Fast** — quick, rapid, speedy, fleet, hasty, snappy, mercurial, swiftly, rapidly, quickly, snappily, speedily, lickety-split, posthaste, hastily, expeditiously, like a flash
- **Fat** — stout, corpulent, fleshy, beefy, paunchy, plump, full, rotund, tubby, pudgy, chubby, chunky, burly, bulky, elephantine
- **Fear** — fright, dread, terror, alarm, dismay, anxiety, scare, awe, horror, panic, apprehension
- **Fly** — soar, hover, flit, wing, flee, waft, glide, coast, skim, sail, cruise
- **Funny** — humorous, amusing, droll, comic, comical, laughable, silly
- **Get** — acquire, obtain, secure, procure, gain, fetch, find, score, accumulate, win, earn, rep, catch, net, bag, derive, collect, gather, glean, pick up, accept, come by, regain, salvage
- **Go** — recede, depart, fade, disappear, move, travel, proceed
- **Good** — excellent, fine, superior, wonderful, marvelous, qualified, suited, suitable, apt, proper, capable, generous, kindly, friendly, gracious, obliging, pleasant, agreeable, pleasurable, satisfactory, well-behaved, obedient, honorable, reliable, trustworthy, safe, favorable, profitable, advantageous, righteous,

expedient, helpful, valid, genuine, ample, salubrious, estimable, beneficial, splendid, great, noble, worthy, first-rate, top-notch, grand, sterling, superb, respectable, edifying

- **Great** — noteworthy, worthy, distinguished, remarkable, grand, considerable, powerful, much, mighty
- **Gross** — improper, rude, coarse, indecent, crude, vulgar, outrageous, extreme, grievous, shameful, uncouth, obscene, low
- **Happy** — pleased, contented, satisfied, delighted, elated, joyful, cheerful, ecstatic, jubilant, gay, tickled, gratified, glad, blissful, overjoyed
- **Hate** — despise, loathe, detest, abhor, disfavor, dislike, disapprove, abominate
- **Have** — hold, possess, own, contain, acquire, gain, maintain, believe, bear, beget, occupy, absorb, fill, enjoy
- **Help** — aid, assist, support, encourage, back, wait on, attend, serve, relieve, succor, benefit, befriend, abet
- **Hide** — conceal, cover, mask, cloak, camouflage, screen, shroud, veil
- **Hurry** — rush, run, speed, race, hasten, urge, accelerate, bustle
- **Hurt** — damage, harm, injure, wound, distress, afflict, pain
- **Idea** — thought, concept, conception, notion, understanding, opinion, plan, view, belief
- **Important** — necessary, vital, critical, indispensable, valuable, essential, significant, primary, principal, considerable, famous, distinguished, notable, well-known
- **Interesting** — fascinating, engaging, sharp, keen, bright, intelligent, animated, spirited, attractive, inviting, intriguing, provocative, though-provoking, challenging, inspiring, involving, moving, titillating, tantalizing, exciting, entertaining, piquant, lively, racy, spicy, engrossing, absorbing, consuming, gripping, arresting, enthralling, spellbinding, curious, captivating, enchanting, bewitching, appealing
- **Keep** — hold, retain, withhold, preserve, maintain, sustain, support
- **Kill** — slay, execute, assassinate, murder, destroy, cancel, abolish
- **Lazy** — indolent, slothful, idle, inactive, sluggish
- **Little** — tiny, small, diminutive, shrimp, runt, miniature, puny, exiguous, dinky, cramped, limited, itsy-bitsy, microscopic, slight, petite, minute
- **Look** — gaze, see, glance, watch, survey, study, seek, search for, peek, peep, glimpse, stare, contemplate, examine, gape, ogle, scrutinize, inspect, leer, behold, observe, view, witness, perceive, spy, sight, discover, notice, recognize, peer, eye, gawk, peruse, explore
- **Love** — like, admire, esteem, fancy, care for, cherish, adore, treasure, worship, appreciate, savor
- **Make** — create, originate, invent, beget, form, construct, design, fabricate, manufacture, produce, build, develop, do, effect, execute, compose, perform, accomplish, earn, gain, obtain, acquire, get
- **Mark** — label, tag, price, ticket, impress, effect, trace, imprint, stamp, brand, sign, note, heed, notice, designate
- **Mischievous** — prankish, playful, naughty, roguish, waggish, impish, sportive
- **Move** — plod, go, creep, crawl, inch, poke, drag, toddle, shuffle, trot, dawdle, walk, traipse, mosey, jog, plug, trudge, slump, lumber, trail, lag, run, sprint, trip, bound, hotfoot, high-tail, streak, stride, tear, breeze, whisk, rush, dash, dart, bolt, fling, scamper, scurry, skedaddle, scoot, scuttle, scramble, race, chase, hasten, hurry, hump, gallop, lope, accelerate, stir, budge, travel, wander, roam, journey, trek, ride, spin, slip, glide, slide, slither, coast, flow, sail, saunter, hobble, amble, stagger, paddle, slouch, prance, straggle, meander, perambulate, waddle, wobble, pace, swagger, promenade, lunge
- **Moody** — temperamental, changeable, short-tempered, glum, morose, sullen, mopish, irritable, testy, peevish, fretful, spiteful, sulky, touchy

- **Neat** — clean, orderly, tidy, trim, dapper, natty, smart, elegant, well-organized, super, desirable, spruce, shipshape, well-kept, shapely
- **New** — fresh, unique, original, unusual, novel, modern, current, recent
- **Old** — feeble, frail, ancient, weak, aged, used, worn, dilapidated, ragged, faded, broken-down, former, old-fashioned, outmoded, passe, veteran, mature, venerable, primitive, traditional, archaic, conventional, customary, stale, musty, obsolete, extinct
- **Part** — portion, share, piece, allotment, section, fraction, fragment
- **Place** — space, area, spot, plot, region, location, situation, position, residence, dwelling, set, site, station, status, state
- **Plan** — plot, scheme, design, draw, map, diagram, procedure, arrangement, intention, device, contrivance, method, way, blueprint
- **Popular** — well-liked, approved, accepted, favorite, celebrated, common, current
- **Predicament** — quandary, dilemma, pickle, problem, plight, spot, scrape, jam
- **Put** — place, set, attach, establish, assign, keep, save, set aside, effect, achieve, do, build
- **Quiet** — silent, still, soundless, mute, tranquil, peaceful, calm, restful
- **Right** — correct, accurate, factual, true, good, just, honest, upright, lawful, moral, proper, suitable, apt, legal, fair
- **Run** — race, speed, hurry, hasten, sprint, dash, rush, escape, elope, flee
- **Say/Tell** — inform, notify, advise, relate, recount, narrate, explain, reveal, disclose, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, enlighten, instruct, insist, teach, train, direct, issue, remark, converse, speak, affirm, suppose, utter, negate, express, verbalize, voice, articulate, pronounce, deliver, convey, impart, assert, state, allege, mutter, mumble, whisper, sigh, exclaim, yell, sing, yelp, snarl, hiss, grunt, snort, roar, bellow, thunder, boom, scream, shriek, screech, squawk, whine, philosophize, stammer, stutter, lisp, drawl, jabber, protest, announce, swear, vow, content, assure, deny, dispute
- **Scared** — afraid, frightened, alarmed, terrified, panicked, fearful, unnerved, insecure, timid, shy, skittish, jumpy, disquieted, worried, vexed, troubled, disturbed, horrified, terrorized, shocked, petrified, haunted, timorous, shrinking, tremulous, stupefied, paralyzed, stunned, apprehensive
- **Show** — display, exhibit, present, note, point to, indicate, explain, reveal, prove, demonstrate, expose
- **Slow** — unhurried, gradual, leisurely, late, behind, tedious, slack
- **Stop** — cease, halt, stay, pause, discontinue, conclude, end, finish, quit
- **Story** — tale, myth, legend, fable, yarn, account, narrative, chronicle, epic, sage, anecdote, record, memoir
- **Strange** — odd, peculiar, unusual, unfamiliar, uncommon, queer, weird, outlandish, curious, unique, exclusive, irregular
- **Take** — hold, catch, seize, grasp, win, capture, acquire, pick, choose, select, prefer, remove, steal, lift, rob, engage, bewitch, purchase, buy, retract, recall, assume, occupy, consume
- **Tell** — disclose, reveal, show, expose, uncover, relate, narrate, inform, advise, explain, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, recount, repeat
- **Think** — judge, deem, assume, believe, consider, contemplate, reflect, mediate
- **Trouble** — distress, anguish, anxiety, worry, wretchedness, pain, danger, peril, disaster, grief, misfortune, difficulty, concern, pains, inconvenience, exertion, effort
- **True** — accurate, right, proper, precise, exact, valid, genuine, real, actual, trusty, steady, loyal, dependable, sincere, staunch
- **Ugly** — hideous, frightful, frightening, shocking, horrible, unpleasant, monstrous, terrifying, gross, grisly, ghastly, horrid, unsightly, plain, homely, evil, repulsive, repugnant, gruesome

- **Unhappy** — miserable, uncomfortable, wretched, heart-broken, unfortunate, poor, downhearted, sorrowful, depressed, dejected, melancholy, glum, gloomy, dismal, discouraged, sad
- **Use** — employ, utilize, exhaust, spend, expend, consume, exercise
- **Wrong** — incorrect, inaccurate, mistaken, erroneous, improper, unsuitable

Unit : 7

Foreign Words

Over the centuries the English language has assimilated words and phrases from a variety of other languages. In context, those listed here are often printed in italics.

ab initio *Latin* from the beginning

a cappella *Italian* sung without instrumental accompaniment (literally 'in chapel style')

à deux *French* for or involving two people

ad hoc *Latin* made or done for a particular purpose (literally 'to this')

ad infinitum *Latin* endlessly; forever (literally 'to infinity')

ad interim *Latin* for the meantime

ad nauseam *Latin* to a tiresomely excessive degree (literally 'to sickness')

a fortiori *Latin* more conclusively (literally 'from a stronger [argument]')

agent provocateur *French* a person who tempts a suspected criminal to commit a crime so that they can be caught

and convicted (literally 'provocative agent')

à huis clos	<i>French</i> in private (literally 'with closed doors')
al dente	<i>Italian</i> (of food) cooked so as to be still firm when bitten (literally 'to the tooth')
alfresco	<i>Italian</i> in the open air (literally 'in the fresh')
amour propre	<i>French</i> self-respect (literally 'own love')
annus mirabilis	<i>Latin</i> a remarkable or auspicious year
a posteriori	<i>Latin</i> based on reasoning from known facts or past events rather than on assumptions or predictions (literally 'from what comes after')
a priori	<i>Latin</i> based on deduction rather than experience (literally 'from what is before')
au courant	<i>French</i> well informed; up to date (literally 'in the (regular) course')
au fait	<i>French</i> having a good or detailed knowledge (literally 'to the point')
au fond	<i>French</i> basically; in essence (literally 'at the bottom')
au naturel	<i>French</i> in the most simple or natural way
beau geste	<i>French</i> a noble and generous act (literally 'fine gesture')
beau idéal	<i>French</i> the highest standard of excellence (literally 'ideal beauty')
beau monde	<i>French</i> fashionable society (literally 'fine world')
beaux arts	<i>French</i> the fine arts
bête noire	<i>French</i> a person or thing one particularly dislikes (literally 'black beast')
belles-lettres	<i>French</i> literary works written and read for their elegant style (literally 'fine letters')
billet-doux	<i>French</i> a love letter (literally 'sweet note')
blitzkrieg	<i>German</i> an intense, violent military campaign intended to bring about a swift victory (literally 'lightning war')
bona fide	<i>Latin</i> genuine; real (literally 'with good faith')
bon mot	<i>French</i> a clever or witty remark (literally 'good word')
bon vivant	<i>French</i> a person with a sociable and luxurious lifestyle (literally 'person living well')
brasserie	<i>French</i> an informal or inexpensive restaurant (literally 'brewery')

carpe diem	<i>Latin</i> make the most of the present time (literally 'seize the day!')
carte blanche	<i>French</i> complete freedom to act as one wishes (literally 'blank paper')
cause célèbre	<i>French</i> a controversial issue attracting much public attention (literally 'famous case')
caveat emptor	<i>Latin</i> the buyer is responsible for checking the quality of goods before purchasing them (literally 'let the buyer beware')
c'est la guerre	<i>French</i> used as an expression of resigned acceptance (literally 'that's war')
chacun à son gout	<i>French</i> everyone to their own taste
chef-d'œuvre	<i>French</i> a masterpiece (literally 'chief work')
cherchez la femme	<i>French</i> there is certain to be a woman at the bottom of a problem or mystery (literally 'look for the woman')
comme il faut	<i>French</i> correct in behaviour or etiquette (literally 'as is necessary')
compos mentis	<i>Latin</i> sane; in full control of one's mind
cognoscenti	<i>Italian</i> people who are well informed about something (literally 'people who know')
cordon sanitaire	<i>French</i> a guarded line placed around an area infected by disease to prevent anyone from leaving (literally 'sanitary line')
Cosa Nostra	<i>Italian</i> a US criminal organization related to the Mafia (literally 'our thing')
coup de foudre	<i>French</i> love at first sight (literally 'stroke of lightning')
coup de grâce	<i>French</i> a blow by which a mortally wounded person or thing is mercifully killed (literally 'stroke of grace')
coup de main	<i>French</i> a sudden surprise attack (literally 'stroke of hand')
coup d'état	<i>French</i> a sudden violent seizure of power (literally 'blow of state')
cri de cœur	<i>French</i> a passionate appeal or protest (literally 'cry from the heart')
cui bono?	<i>Latin</i> who stands to gain? (implying that whoever does may have been responsible for a crime; literally 'to whom (is it) a benefit?')
de facto	<i>Latin</i> in fact, whether by right or not
Dei gratia	<i>Latin</i> by the grace of God
déjà vu	<i>French</i> the sense of having experienced the present situation before (literally 'already seen')

de jure	<i>Latin</i> rightful; by right (literally 'of law')
de nos jours	<i>French</i> contemporary (literally 'of our days')
Deo gratias	<i>Latin</i> thanks be to God
Deo volente	<i>Latin</i> God willing
de profundis	<i>Latin</i> expressing one's deepest feelings (literally 'from the depths')
de rigueur	<i>French</i> obligatory; required by etiquette or current fashion (literally 'of strictness')
dernier cri	<i>French</i> the very latest fashion (literally 'the last cry')
de trop	<i>French</i> not wanted; superfluous (literally 'excessive')
deus ex machina	<i>Latin</i> an unexpected event that saves an apparently hopeless situation (literally 'god from the machinery')
dolce far niente	<i>Italian</i> pleasant idleness (literally 'sweet doing nothing')
dolce vita	<i>Italian</i> a life of pleasure and luxury (literally 'sweet life')
doppelgänger	<i>German</i> an apparition or double of a living person (literally 'double-goer')
double entendre	<i>French</i> a word or phrase with two possible interpretations (from obsolete French, 'double understanding')
dramatis personae	<i>Latin</i> the characters in a play (literally 'persons of the drama')
embarras de richesse	<i>French</i> more options or resources than one knows what to do with (literally 'embarrassment of riches')
éminence grise	<i>French</i> a person who has power or influence without holding an official position (literally 'grey eminence')
en famille	<i>French</i> with one's family; in an informal way (literally 'in family')
enfant terrible	<i>French</i> a person whose behaviour is unconventional or controversial (literally 'terrible child')
en masse	<i>French</i> all together (literally 'in a mass')
en passant	<i>French</i> by the way (literally 'in passing')
entente cordiale	<i>French</i> a friendly understanding between states
entre nous	<i>French</i> between ourselves

esprit de corps	<i>French a feeling of pride and loyalty uniting the members of a group (literally 'spirit of body')</i>
ex gratia	<i>Latin (of payment) given as a favour rather than because of any legal obligation (literally 'from favour')</i>
ex officio	<i>Latin by virtue of one's position or status (literally 'out of duty')</i>
fait accompli	<i>French a thing that has been done or decided and cannot now be altered (literally 'accomplished fact')</i>
faute de mieux	<i>French for want of a better alternative</i>
faux pas	<i>French an embarrassing blunder or indiscretion (literally 'false step')</i>
femme fatale	<i>French a seductive woman (literally 'disastrous woman')</i>
fête champêtre	<i>French an outdoor entertainment; a garden party (literally 'rural festival')</i>
fin de siècle	<i>French relating to the end of a century</i>
force majeure	<i>French superior strength</i>
folie de grandeur	<i>French delusions of grandeur</i>
gîte	<i>French a small furnished holiday house in France</i>
grande dame	<i>French a woman who is influential within a particular sphere (literally 'grand lady')</i>
haute couture	<i>French the designing and making of clothes by leading fashion houses (literally 'high dressmaking')</i>
haute cuisine	<i>French high-quality cooking (literally 'high cookery')</i>
haut monde	<i>French fashionable society (literally 'high world')</i>
hors de combat	<i>French out of action due to injury or damage (literally 'out of the fight')</i>
idée fixe	<i>French an obsession (literally 'fixed idea')</i>
in absentia	<i>Latin while not present (literally 'in absence')</i>
in camera	<i>Latin in private (literally 'in the chamber')</i>
in extremis	<i>Latin in an extremely difficult situation; at the point of death</i>
in loco parentis	<i>Latin in the place of a parent</i>
in medias res	<i>Latin in or into the middle of things</i>
in propria persona	<i>Latin: in his or her own person</i>

in situ	<i>Latin in the original or appropriate position</i>
inter alia	<i>Latin among other things</i>
in toto	<i>Latin as a whole</i>
ipso facto	<i>Latin by that very fact or act</i>
je ne sais quoi	<i>French a quality that is hard to describe (literally 'I do not know what')</i>
jeu d'esprit	<i>French a light-hearted display of wit (literally 'game of the mind')</i>
jeunesse dorée	<i>French wealthy, fashionable young people (literally 'gilded youth')</i>
joie de vivre	<i>French exuberant enjoyment of life (literally 'joy of living')</i>
katzenjammer	<i>German a hangover or a severe headache accompanying a hangover (literally 'cats' wailing')</i>
laissez-faire	<i>French a non-interventionist policy (literally 'allow to do')</i>
locum tenens	<i>Latin a temporary deputy or stand-in (literally 'one holding a place')</i>
locus classicus	<i>Latin the best known or most authoritative passage on a subject (literally 'classical place')</i>
magnum opus	<i>Latin the most important work of an artist, writer, etc. (literally 'great work')</i>
manqué	<i>French having failed to become what one might have been (from manquer 'to lack')</i>
mea culpa	<i>Latin an acknowledgement that something is one's fault (literally 'by my fault')</i>
memento mori	<i>Latin something kept as a reminder that death is inevitable (literally 'remember (that you have) to die')</i>
ménage à trois	<i>French an arrangement in which a married couple and the lover of one of them live together (literally 'household of three')</i>