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1. **grind to dust** (phrase) - (figuratively) to defeat someone completely/heavily; (literally) to crush, beat, or grind (something) into powder.
2. **the Ashes** (noun) - The Ashes is a Test cricket series played between England and Australia. It is basically a small terracotta urn presented to the winner of the Test cricket series between England and Australia.
3. **spotlight** (verb) – highlight, underline, underscore, focus attention on, draw attention to.
4. **structure** (noun) – composition, fabric, framework, system, organization.
5. **maiden** (adjective) – first, initial, inaugural.
6. **rival** (noun) – competitor, opponent, contender.
7. **inaugural** (adjective) – first, initial, maiden.
8. **joust** (noun) – (in sports) contest, tournament.
9. **nomenclature** (noun) – terms, expressions, words; a system of names used in a particular field.
10. **coin** (verb) - invent, create, devise, conceive, originate, think up, formulate (a new word/phrase).
11. **the urn** (noun) - the winners of the Ashes Test cricket series between England and Australia claiming one of the most famous (and smallest) trophies in sport - the Ashes urn.
12. **folklore** (noun) – story, myth, tale.
13. **cut to the present** (phrase) – get/come to the point or present situation (without spending more time on other things).
14. **Old Blighty** (noun) – an informal term for “Great Britain”.
15. **hand over** (phrasal verb) – pass, assign, transfer.
16. **host** (noun) - presenter, organizer, arranger.
17. **juxtaposition** (noun) – comparison, contrast; closeness.
18. **far from** (phrase) – the opposite of; nowhere near, a long way from; not, not at all.
19. **mythical** (adjective) – traditional.
20. **decade** (noun) – a period of ten years.

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21. vouch for (verb) – attest to, confirm, prove, show the truth of.
22. snap up (phrasal verb) - take advantage of, grab, snatch, seize, grasp.
23. resign to (verb) – reconcile oneself to, become resigned to, become reconciled to, have no choice but to accept, come to terms with, learn to live with.
24. eat humble pie (phrase) - to admit your fault in a humiliating way and/or make a humble apology; back down, admit defeat, surrender, capitulate, yield, give in, cave in, submit.
25. consecutive (adjective) – successive, in a row, one after the other, back-to-back, continuous.
26. show someone in a bad/poor light (phrase) – to make someone appear to be a bad/poor one.
27. will (noun) – determination, firmness of purpose, will power, strength of character, resolution, resolve.
28. tag (verb) - label, classify.
29. point out (phrasal verb) – identify, mention, indicate, draw attention to.
30. seize (verb) – take hold of, snatch, grab, capture (suddenly); take possession of.
31. anaemic (adjective) – feeble, weak, poor.
32. marauding (adjective) – devastating.
33. tale (noun) – story, narrative, report, account, record, history.
34. ignominy (noun) – shame, disgrace, humiliation/embarrassment.
35. birthplace (noun) – country of origin.
36. lean on (phrasal verb) - depend on be dependent on, rely on , count on, bank on.
37. fell past of fall (verb) – collapse, topple over, tumble over, keel over, fall down.
38. itchy hands (phrase) - some say itchy hands/palms are a sign of greed. Others say that if your hands/palms itch, it means there will be money in your future.
39. insipid (adjective) – uninteresting, boring, unexciting, lacklustre, pathetic.

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40. mount (verb) – increase, rise.
41. strike (verb) - attack.
42. believe (verb) - contradict, be at odds with, call into question, prove to be false, disprove.
43. summers (noun) - years, particularly a person's age.
44. clock (verb) - register, record; achieve.
45. masterly (adjective) - expert, clever, masterful.
46. spell (noun) – period, time, session, course.
47. reiterate (verb) – repeat, say again, restate.
48. base (noun) - basis, bedrock, foundation, core.
49. ponder (verb) – think about, consider, review, reflect on.
50. speak volumes (phrase) - be good evidence for,
51. inherent (adjective) – implicit, intrinsic, fundamental, basic.
52. pace-pack (noun) - a group of pace bowlers.
53. float (verb) – launch, get going, promote, introduce, establish, set up.
54. aboriginal (adjective) - native, original.
55. turn out (phrasal verb) - come, go, be present, attend, appear, turn up, arrive.
56. footprint (noun) – impression, mark/trace, effect, impact; range of operation.
57. hushed-up (adjective) - concealed, hidden, suppressed, obscured.
58. scandal (noun) – impropriety, misconduct, wrongdoing.
59. disarray (noun) – disorganization, disorder, lack of order, chaos.
60. hemisphere (noun) – a circle drawn around the Earth divides it into two equal halves called hemispheres.
61. southern hemisphere (noun) – the half of Earth that is south of the Equator. The two continents which completely lie in the southern hemisphere are Australia and Antarctica.

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