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| **Idiom/Word** | **Definition** | **Sample Sentence** |
| **Probe (n.)** | A device for gathering information; Investigation | NASA probes arrives at Jupiter orbit; There was a probe into the company’s finances. |
| **Probe (v.)** | Probing (adj.) | The interviewer probed into his private life. The interviewer asked a lot of probing questions. |
| **Orbit (n.)** | the circular path one object takes around another in space | The spacecraft will go into Jupiter orbit. |
| **Orbit (v.)** | Move around a planet or star | The Moon orbits The Earth. |
| **Go into orbit** | Rise dramatically and quickly | House prices have gone into orbit. |
| **Burst into** | To begin to produce sth | Scientists burst into applause when a signal sent back across 800 million kilometers. |
| **Hostile** | Difficult or not suitable for living; | What makes this mission so risky is this fact that Jupiter is an incredibly hostile world. |
| **Intervention** | Interference; مداخله | The government was reported to be considering military intervention. |
| **On such a scale** | Of a large size | Military invention on such a scale will not be possible in future without more careful analysis and political judgment. |
| **Inquiry** | An act of asking for information; پرس و جو، تحقیق | The inquiry has taken seven years to reach its conclusions. |
| **On record** | Officially measured | 2015 was the most dangerous year on record; Financial experts are worried after the pound hit the lowest rate against the dollar on record. |
| **Logger** | A person who cut trees | 50 people were killed protecting forests and lands from illegal loggers and miners. |
| **Cellar** | زیر زمین | He finds a dusty old sea chest hidden in the cellar of his house. |
| **Tattered** | پاره پاره شده، مندرس شده | He peers inside and finds a rolled-up piece of tattered old paper. |
| **Only a matter of time** | It will definitely happen | Knowing that it will only be a matter of time before someone else finds the treasure, he rushes off to find a ship. |
| **At times** | Occasionally; sometimes | The journey is long and at times the sea is rough and stormy. |
| **At one time or another** | At an unspecified time | Time usages: a long time; in no time; only a matter of time; at times; as time goes by; at one time or another; time after time; in no time; time-consuming |
| **Hatch** | جوجه گیری;  اندیشیدن | He overhears them hatching a plan. |
| **Assimilation** | ادغام و ترکیب | The /t/ in white is slightly pronounce /p/ in: “White paper”. This is called assimilation. |
| **Verge** | مشرف; نزدیکی | Scientists are **on the verge of** discovering a cure for cancer. |
| **Brink** | لبه، کنار و حاشیه | People in the city are **on the brink of** starvation because of a lack of food. |
| **Set to be** | Ready to / likely to be | She (is) set to be the Prime Minister after him. |
| **Take the reins (افسار)** | To take control of something |  |
| **To become** |  | She (is going to become) the prime minister. |
| **Follow in someone’s footsteps** | To do sth (normally a job) which someone has done before you |  |
| **Swift (adj.)** | Quick and fast; rapid | She never anticipated events would move quite so swiftly. |
| **Put your foot in your mouth** | Say sth embarrassing | Have you ever put your foot in your mouth?! |
| **Pressing** | Needs quick action | Perhaps her most pressing task is to supervise Britain’s withdrawal from European Union. |
| **Malnutrition** | Bad health caused by a poor diet; سوء تغذیه | Malnutrition is still, of course a major problem in India, so it perhaps surprising that many Indians are seriously overweight. |
| **So-called** | Named informally by many people به اصطلاح | One state has proposed a so-called fat tax of 14.5% on restaurants that sell fast food, to try to make people more health conscious |
| **Humanitarian** | Philanthropist; بشر دوست | Humanitarian convoys (گروه، کاروان) have uncovered emergency levels of severe malnutrition in northern Nigeria. |
| **Scene** | Place where an incident happened | The thief smashed the shop’s window, grabbed the merchandise and fled (flee = فرار کردن) the scene. |
| **Orphan** | A child with no parents | I’ve got a story about a young orphan. |
| **Grim** | Forbidden and uninviting; Difficult سخت و ترسناک، شوم | He ends up in a miserable grim workhouse. |
| **Insolence** | گستاخی، بی احترامی | He is thrown out because of his insolence. |
| **Scruffy** | ژولیده | The shelter, in a run-down damp building, is run by a scruffy old man. |
| **Shed light on** | Give new information to help explain a situation. | He was able to shed light on what happened to the police. |
| **Out like a light** | In a deep sleep | It’s not long before he’s out like a light; The kids played on the beach for hours. When I put them to bed they went out like a light. |
| **Run errands** | To go out to buy or do something errand = mission, task, chore | After school he runs errands for his father. |
| **In the light of** | Because of the certain facts | The police decided to drop the prosecution in the light of the new information. |
| **Brings to light** | Reveals sth previously unknown | The cause of the problem was brought to light by the engineer’s inspection. |
| **Prosecution** | پیگرد قانونی | Businesses without a new license in August face prosecution if they continue to trade. |
| **Likely / unlikely** | Used to talk about the future | The new smartwatches are **unlikely** to be a big revolution in technology; **Is it likely to be** any better than the previous version? |
| **Plagiarize** | use the words or ideas of someone else and pretend they are your own; سرقت ادبی کردن | In university I had to sign this claimer that I wouldn’t plagiarize. |
| **Rip off** | Steal sth or copy sth; a rip-off : sth that is a copy version; sth that is not worth the price |  |
| **bear a striking similarity** | to have a very strong similarity; bear resemblance; ant: bears a faint resemblance | Look at them! The daughter bears a striking similarity with her mother! |
| **Be like chalk and cheese** | Being very very different | They are like chalk and cheese. |
| **Be the spitting image** | Be very similar; Be like two peas in a pod | Those babies are like two peas in a pod. |
| **Convention** | عرف قرارداد مجمع و انجمن | Trump has told the Republican National Convention he’s proud to be their nominee for president. |
| **Damning** | Very critical | The International Olympic Committee has received a damning report into widespread state-sponsored doping in Russian sport. |
| **Pact** | معاهده، پیمان Contract, agreement | An international climate pact signed last year was intended to stop the world warming up by such a margin. |
| **Make your blood run cold** | Make you feel very scared | I’ve got a story to tell that will make your blood run cold. |
| **Chimney** | بخاری، دودکش |  |
| **Run up against sth** | Start to experience a problem | The police has never run up against sth like this before so it requires the brains of a super-sleuth (detective) to solve it. |
| **Run through (his head)** | Think about | The detective runs through the evidence – with all the possible scenarios running through his head. |
| **Run the risk of** | Do sth that might cause sth bad to happen | He doesn’t want to run the risk of losing him. |
| **Strangle** | Choke; Throttle; خفه کردن | He then turned on the victim’s daughter by strangling her. |
| **Traumatize** | آسیب روانی دیدن | The children were traumatized by separation from their families. |
| **Gruesome** | Causing repulsion or horror; frightful, horrifying; مخوف | The detective has got to the bottom of this murder mystery – and what a gruesome one it is. |
| **Gemination** | Put two things near each other. |  |
| **Bland** | Tasteless and boring | They say English food is bland. |
| **Pun** | A funny way of using a word that more than one meaning is suggested; جناس | ''Why are film stars so cool?'' ''Because they have lots of fans!'' |
| **Steer clear of** | To avoid someone or something; Steer also refers to driving |  |
| **Repel** | Keep sth away; دفع کردن Repellent: دافع | His rudeness repels me. |
| **Coop** | آغل گوسفند، مرغدانی |  |
| **Fly the coop** | Run away |  |
| **Fly the nest** | Leave home |  |
| **Pigs might fly** | When you don’t think sth with happen you can say this expr. قورباغه ابوعطا می خونه |  |
| **Run around like a headless chicken** | Panic |  |
| **Deter** | Prevent/discourage someone from doing sth by making it difficult of unpleasant; بازداشتن |  |
| **Break through** | Forcefully making a way through |  |
| **Blaze** | Very large fires | Hot weather is causing difficulties for the firefighters tackling the blazes in the south and center of the state. |
| **Prematurely** | Before its expected time |  |
| **Eluded** | Failed to be achieved | Voters for Emmy Award made sure that the acting nominees reflected the diversity that eluded the Oscars this year. |
| **Cut out** | Stop eating | She has been told to cut sweet things as she’s getting a bit fat! |
| **To cut a long story short** | To only talk about the most important or interesting details |  |
| **Cuts someone short** | Stops someone from finishing what they are saying or doing |  |
| **Cut to the chase** | Don’t waste time, just get to the important bit. |  |
| **Mutter** | غرغر کردن، زیر لب حرف زدن، من من کردن | He mutters: “all the better to hear you with!” |
| **Dash (v.)** | Go or do fast | They dash into the cottage, seize the wolf and threaten to cut him up. |
| **Cut (someone/sth) up** | Use sharp tools to separate (sth/someone) into pieces. |  |
| **Cutback** | Reduction in money available to spend |  |
| **Little red riding hood** | = شنل قرمزی؟! |  |
| **Elision** | حذف، ادغام |  |
| **Cutting remark** | A cruel comment intended to upset someone. |  |
| **Sewage** | waste water and excrement conveyed in sewers; فاضلاب شهری | When it rains, the water carries sewage with it into the lake, polluting the water. |
| **Filthy** | Very dirty or unpleasant; disgustingly dirty; (ex: filthy mind, filthy rich) چرک و کثیف | I don't need to run down my opponent through filthy language in order to win; Yet already I've thought up at least 145 ways I would insult people if I were filthy rich. |
| **Unfazed by sth** | Not surprised or worried; calm | He is **unfazed** by the arrival of one of the world's richest men. |
| **Teeming with** | Contain a large number of (usually living things); Teem (v.) = be full of or warming with; فراوان بودن | Every garden is teeming with wildlife; Have you been in the shops this afternoon? It was teeming with people. |
| **Overpower (v., adj.)** | Adj. = extremely strong or intense; v. = defeat or overcome with superior strength; فتح و غلبه کردن | He is hated for being a rich bully who uses his strength and wealth to overpower those who are weaker and poorer than he is. |
| **Being as cool as a cucumber** | If someone is very calm and relaxed, we say they are as cool as a cucumber; |  |
| **Cyborg** |  | A fictional or hypothetical person whose physical abilities are extended beyond normal human limitations by mechanical elements built into the body. |
| **Get an insight into** |  | Mary’s experience as a holiday rep helped her to get an insight into the minds of young tourists. |
| **Rep** | Act as a sales representative for a company or product. | Then we called our **rep** in the tower to tell him our situation. |
| **Question (v.)** | Express doubts about; | The football coach questioned the commitment of his players after he spotted them partying and drinking heavily at a nightclub in town. |
| **Has the looks** | Appears intelligent and/or handsome; | He’s called Darcy – a wealthy man who has the looks; |
| **Has the look of** | Has the appearance of; | He has the look of someone very important; |
| **Contempt** | Humiliation; scorn; disdain; تحقیر و اهانت | He showed his contempt for his job by doing it very badly; They have bad manners, **contempt** for authority and no respect for older people. |
| **Looks as if** | Appears to be | It looks as if he still has the hots for Elizabeth because he asks her to marry him. |
| **Look for sth** | Try to find sth | Her mother is looking for a good man to marry her; |
| **Looks on** | Has a particular opinion | He looks on someone from a lower status in society with contempt. |
| **Looks like** | Seems | It looks like he’s someone who is best to avoid. |
| **Look to** | Plan to | He was looking to marry her; |
| **Look over** | Read | She looks over his letter and realizes how stupid she has been to have judged him so badly; |
| **Look down on** | Believe that someone is less important than you; | He is very polite and charming this time, and he doesn't appear to **look down on** her. |
| **Look up** | Improve | But a little later things start to**look up**. |
| **Look forward to** | Be excited and happy about a future event; | They have a wonderful wedding and **look forward to** a happy life together. |
| **So as (not) to be** | In order (not) to; (it’s formal) | I’ve worked really hard all my life so as not be poor. |
| **Hunger strike** | Time during which someone refuses to eat as a protest; اعتصاب غذا | She is ending a 16-year hunger strike, during much of which she's been force-fed in hospital. |
| **Unveil** | Make public in a ceremony; Reveal; display; exhibit; رونمایی | Unfortunately one sculptor was judged to have failed that test when he **unveiled**this bronze statue. |
| **Outlaw (n.)** | a person who has broken the law, especially one who remains at large or is a fugitive(فراری); Rebel; | Despite what romantic notions your kind has invented we are criminals, bandits and outlaws. |
| **Stand up for** | Give support to; defend | Today's story is a famous legend about a so-called outlaw who likes to **stand up** **for** poor people. |
| **Don’t stand a chance against** | Have little possibility of success; | A fight breaks out but the Sheriff's men **don't** **stand a chance** against the fit and strong Robin. |
| **Stand for** | Represents an idea or principle; | He's a good fighter and Robin invites him to join his group of men who together **stand for**equality and fairness for everyone. |
| **Stand to lose** | Be in a situation where you may lose an advantage; | Robin **stands to lose** his lovely Maid Marian... |
| **Won't stand for** | Refuse to accept or allow a situation. | Her father suggests to her that it's a good idea but Marian **won't stand for**it and runs off into the forest to find Robin. |
| **Stand out** | Be noticeably better than other people; | Her father suggests to her that it's a good idea but Marian **won't stand for**it and runs off into the forest to find Robin. |
| **Stands by** | Supports someone in a difficult situation; | He **stands by**them and arranges for Robin's land to be returned to him and the men to be forgiven for any crimes they had been accused of. |
| **Stands** | Remains; exists in a place; | It still **stands** in this spot today. |
| **Pull sth off** | to succeed in doing something that is difficult |  |
| **Egg somebody on** | Encourage or urge someone or urge to do something (especially something they shouldn't do) |  |
| **Pandemonium** | A situation in which there is a lot of noise or craziness because people are excited, angry, or frightened; | We were all jumping up and down already, so once he got there, it was complete **pandemonium** (غوغا). |
| **Feed on** | Eats, consumes (especially for animals) | Monkeys raid (attack, یورش کردن) crop fields and feed on grains and vegetables; |
| **Sculptor** | مجسمه ساز |  |
| **Prostitute** | A person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity for payment; خودفروش، فاحشه | A group of prostitutes are in the street, not behaving very well. |
| **Inhibition** | A feeling that makes one self-conscious and unable to act in a relaxed and natural way; بازداری | An imbalance of excitation and **inhibition** may underlie several neurological diseases, including autism, Tourette's syndrome and schizophrenia. |
| **Drive sb round the bend** | Make sb very annoyed | Their wild behavior is **driving him around the bend**. |
| **Come round** | Begins to accept sth previously rejected | He **comes round** to the idea that this is how all women behave |
| **Ivory** | Ivory (n.) = عاج فیل  Ivory (adj.) = made of ivory | He decides to 'make' his ideal woman by carefully and delicately sculpturing an ivory statue. |
| **Round and round** | Moving in a circular direction | He works his way **round and** **round** the block, chiseling (تراشیدن) and carving away at pieces. |
| **Round the clock** | All day and all night | He works **round the clock** until eventually he creates a beautiful sculpture. |
| **Go round to** | Visit | He then **goes** **round** **to** a festival that is taking place in the village to worship goddess Aphrodite |
| **In a roundabout kind of way** | More or less; sort of | She goes to see this statue and is flattered to find that it almost looks like her – in a **roundabout kind of way**; He told me, in a roundabout way, that he won’t go out me. |
| **Round off** | Finish, complete; | And just to **round off** the story, you might like to know that later he marries his ivory girlfriend and they have two children. |
| **Pronunciation:** | Shoe is => Shoe (w)is | I must put my shoe (w)on; |
| **Alliteration** | The occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or connected words. | In the poet's medieval French, the verse displays intricate internal rhymes and numerous **alliterations** |
| **Put sth down to** | (phrasal verb) gave something as a reason for something else | And he **put**his long life**down to** celibacy (تجرد و بی همسری), no spices and daily yoga. |
| **Detestable** | Deserving intense dislike; hateful; despicable; نفرت انگیز | He has a curious relationship with a violent and detestable man. |
| **Sound out** | Talk to someone to find out their thoughts and ideas; | He's trying to **sound out** a friend about an odd situation he's seen. |
| **By the sound of it** | Basing your ideas on information you have heard or read |  |
| **Doesn’t like the sound of (sth)** | Is unhappy about a situation he has heard about; | John doesn't **like the sound of** this and wants to find out more. |
| **Not a sight or sound of (someone)** | Nobody has seen or heard from (someone) | Then for a while, there's **not a sight or sound** of him. |
| **Trample** | Tread on and crush; پایمال کردن، لگد مال کردن | He saw another man trampling on a young girl. |
| **Walking cane** | عصا و چوب دستی |  |
| **Sounds as though** | Appears to be true, based on what you have heard | It **sounds as though** he has been using secret potions (معجون) to transform himself. |
| **Sounds like** | (Also) appears to be true, based on what you have heard. |  |
| **Get to the bottom of sth** | ته چیزی رو درآوردن! | It's time to get to the bottom of Mr. Hyde's strange behavior |
| **Pronunciation** | Green + Park => “Greempark” | Well, when one word ends in the sound /n/ and the next word begins with a /p/, /b/, /w/ or /m/ sound, then the /n/ from the end of the word changes to an /m/ sound. |
| **Stop + (gerund/infinitive)** | I've stopped**buying** coffee – it's too expensive. | I stopped **to buy** a coffee on the way into work this morning. (I stopped walking in order to buy a coffee.) |
| **Regret + (gerund/infinitive)** | You'll regret not **finishing** university. (about past events) | We regret **to inform** you that your application has not been successful. (about the action which is about to happen) |
| **Go on + (gerund/infinitive)** | She**went on** talking about verbs for hours - she didn't stop! | After talking about verbs she went on **to tell** a joke. (She changed activity.) |
| **Forget/Remember + (gerund/infinitive)** | I still remember **being** nervous on my first day of school. I’ll never forget **seeing** his face. | I forgot **to bring** my lunch today.  Remember **to call** your mother tonight!  (Sth you need to do and you remember or forget to do it.) |
| **Hub** | a place which is the center of a particular activity | They were found off the northern coast of Libya, a country that's become **a hub** for people trafficking. |
| **Rickety** | not stable; likely to break; ضعیف، لق | Around 20 **rickety** wooden boats, packed full with men, women and children. |
| **Flee (v.)** | to quickly leave a place, normally because it is dangerous or unpleasant; | I fled the place = I ran away from the place;  I fled to the bathroom = I ran away to the bathroom; ex = Flee! Flee for your life! |
| **A ballpark figure** | An estimated number;  Ballpark (adj.) = (of prices or costs) approximate; rough; (n.)= زمین بیسبال | The answer varies depending on underlying assumptions, but a rough **ballpark** figure is 20 times the area of Minnesota planted as corn. |
| **Marine reserve** | area of ocean protected by the law; | He has announced plans to dramatically expand a **marine reserve** off the coast of Hawaii. |
| **Mourning** | Sadness because someone has died عزا |  |
| **Break the news** | Tells someone about something (usually bad) | Juliet's cousin sees this and **breaks the news** to her family. |
| **Break off break up** | End a relationship | Their parents want them to **break off** any relationship they may have. |
| **Tie the knot** | If two or more companies tie the knot, they join to become one company. | The two airline companies finally agreed to tie the knot after last-minute haggling over ownership. |
| **Break into** | Enters a place by force; |  |
| **Break down** | gets upset; starts to cry; | She **breaks down** in tears and tells them it's not what she wants. |
| **Distraught** | Deeply upset and agitated; شوریده و ناامید | She was so distraught that she decides to take a sword and plunge it into her heart. |
| **Pronunciation** | It’s very difficult to say /d/ when it comes in between two other consonants. | Your mouth has to do a lot of work. So in many cases the /d/ is not pronounced. 'Boiled potatoes' becomes 'boilpotatoes'. This is called elision. |
| **Future continuous** |  |  |
| **Adrift (adj.)** | (Of a boat or its passengers) floating without being either moored or steered; شناور، سرگردان | It pained me to leave her like this, but - but - I was **adrift** in a sea of uncertainty. |
| **Plummet (v.)** | Fall quickly and suddenly; ant = soar | Costs will **soar**, power and communication lines could be down for months and accommodation will be hard to find; Some Wall Street firms warn the currency's value may **plummet** quickly |
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