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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. |  |
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