

ばじとうふう

utter indifference;
talking to a wall; in one
ear and out the other

よじじゆくご
四字熟語

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いちじょういちげ

up and down

花鳥風月

かちようふうげつ

the beauties of nature

一 四 一 十

みつかへんか

short-lived rule;
governments and power
are fleeting

海千山千

うみせんやません

sly old dog; old fox

三目天下

しょうかいっしん

coming together as one
regardless of social
status

十人十色

じゅうにんという

to each his own;
different strokes for
different folks

十 下 一 心

いっせいちだい

once in a lifetime

一世一代

ききゆうそんぼう

life-and-death matter;
an emergency or crisis
where survival is
threatened

馬耳東風

はっほうびじん

everyone's friend

(Caution! typically
meant in a derogatory
way; imagine someone
who is nice to your face
and mean behind your
back)

半信半疑

はんしんはんぎ

half in doubt;

half-convinced;

dubious; incredulous

八方美人

しちてんはつき

fall seven times, get up

eight

(Note: this is a

condensed version of a

proverb and can also

be read the same as the

proverb ななころびや

おき)

全知全能

ぜんちぜんのう

omniscient and

omnipotent

七転八起

いしんてんしん

tacit understanding;

telepathy;

communicating without
speaking

一問一答

いちもんいっとう

answering question by
question; exchange of
questions and answers

以心伝心

いちごいちえ

once in a lifetime
encounter

(Note: This is actually
used as the Japanese
title of Forrest Gump)

二期一会

せんさばんべつ

an infinite variety of;
being extremely varied
and wide-ranging

危篤存亡

ぜぜひひ

free and unbiased; fair
and just; calling a
spade a spade

疑心暗鬼

ぎしんあんき

jumping at shadows;
once you suspect one
thing, everything will
look suspicious

是々非々

たしゆたよう

diversity; a great
variety of

因果応報

いんがおうほう

retribution; just
desserts

多種多様

じごうじとく

you reap what you sow;
paying for one's
mistakes

大義名分

たいぎぬいぶん

just cause; good reason

自業自得

しんきいつてん

changing one's
attitude; turning over a
new leaf

心機一転

じがじさん

singing one's own
praises

千差万別

ふへいふまん

discontent and
grumbling

針小棒大

しんしょうぼうだい

exaggeration; making a
mountain out of a
molehill

不平不満

うおうさおう

moving about in
confusion; going every
which way

適材適所

てきざいてきしよ

the right person in the
right place

右往左往

ぜんとたなん

having many difficulties
in store; grim prospects

暗中模索

あんちゆうもさく

groping in the dark;
exploring new avenues
without having any
clues

前途多難

きそうてんがい

fantastic; bizarre;
incredible

奇想天外

さいしよくけんび

being gifted with both
intelligence and beauty

自面自賛

ひょうりいったい

two sides of the same
coin

暗中飛躍

あんちゅうひやく

behind-the-scenes
maneuvering

表裏一体

しょうまつせつ

unimportant details

敵前逃亡

てきぜんとうぼう

desertion in the face of
the enemy; deserting
under enemy fire

枝葉末節

ゆだんたいてき

unpreparedness is one's
greatest enemy

臨機応変

りんきおうへん

resourcefulness; playing
it by ear

敵大断油

きゆうたいいぜん

remaining unchanged
(from the old state of
things)

旧態依然

いちもうだじん

round-up (e.g. of
criminals); wholesale
arrest; catching the
whole herd with one
throw

才色兼備

たにんぎようぎ

in a reserved manner;
treating a friend as a
stranger; unduly
distant; formal

言怒哀楽

きどあいらく

human emotions (joy,
anger, pathos, and
humor)

他人行儀

てんかむそう

unrivaled; peerless

斬新奇抜

ざんしんきばつ

novel; unconventional;
cutting-edge

天下無双

しりぬつれ

illogical; inconsistent;
disjointed

全身全霊

ぜんしんぜんれい

complete devotion;
body and soul

支離滅裂

ききいつぱつ

by a hair's breadth; in
the nick of time; close
call

危機一髪

てんいむほう

perfect beauty with no
trace of artifice;
flawless

一網打尽

しつじつごうけん

unaffected and sincere,
with fortitude and
vigor

佳 人 薄 命

かじんはくめい

the good die young

質実剛健

ゆうしようにんぱい

survival of the fittest

疾風迅雷

しっぷうじんらい

with lightning speed

優勝劣敗

うちょうてんがい

beside oneself with joy;
in an ecstasy of delight

殘虐無道

ざんぎやくむどう

inhumanity; atrocity

有頂天外

しんしゆつきぼつ

appearing in
unexpected places and
at unexpected
moments; elusive;
phantom

神出鬼没

天衣無縫



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しんらぼんしょう

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all things in nature; the
whole creation

森羅万象

じゅんぷうまんぼん

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smooth sailing

順風滿帆

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おんこうとくじつ

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having a gentle and
sincere personality

溫厚篤実

ひがいもうそう

persecution complex;

paranoia

被害妄想