

一代

一世

once in a lifetime

いざないのみこと

ぼじとうふう

utter indifference;
talking to a wall; in one
ear and out the otherよじじゆくご
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二目天下

sly old dog; old fox

うみせんやません

みつかてんか

short-lived rule;
governments and power
are fleeting

海千山千

花鳥風月

じゅうにんという
to each his own;
different strokes for
different folks

up and down

あがちいろうじちい

上
下
一

しょうかいっしん
coming together as one
regardless of social
status

the beauties of nature

かちらうふうざつ

上
下
一
心

十人十色

一會一瞬

ききゆうそんぽう

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

起八転七

らんのぢぢぢぢぢ
omniscient and
omnipotent

いちごいちえ

once in a lifetime
encounter

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

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

半信半疑

はっぽうびじん

everyone's friend

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

八方美人

はんしんはんぎ

half in doubt;
half-convinced;
dubious; incredulous

いちもんいつとう

answering question by
question; exchange of
questions and answers

以心伝心

いしんでんしん

tacit understanding;
telepathy;
communicating without
speaking

一問一答

心機一転

changing one's
attitude; turning over a
new leaf

γ2<ι1κιγ1

多種多様

retribution; just
desserts

らぽらぽがγ1

せんさばんべつ

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

危急存亡

たしゆたよう

diversity; a great
variety of

因果応報

疑心暗鬼

ひびぜひ

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

是非々々

ぎしんあんき

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

たいぎぬいぶん

just cause; good reason

自業自得

じごうじとく

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

大義名分

奇想天外

fantastic; bizarre;
incredible

いびぎんてうそま
き

じがじさん

singing one's own
praises

千差万別

うおうさおう

moving about in
confusion; going every
which way

適材適所

the right person in the
right place

よしきていばき
て

右往左往

大棒針

あんちゆうもさく
groping in the dark;
exploring new avenues
without having any
clues

不満不平

γまふいへふ
discontent and
grumbling

いびらばらふらん
exaggeration; making a
mountain out of a
molehill

前途多難

ぜんとたなん
having many difficulties
in store; grim prospects

暗中模索

旧態依然

きゅうたいいぜん
remaining unchanged
(from the old state of
things)

枝葉末節

てきぜんとうぼう
desertion in the face of
the enemy; deserting
under enemy fire

さいしよくけんび

being gifted with both
intelligence and beauty

自画自賛

しょうまつせつ

unimportant details

敵前逃亡

躍飛中暗

りんきおうへん

resourcefulness; playing
it by ear

表裏一体

two sides of the same
coin
いんていはいりくらふ

ゆだんたいてき

unpreparedness is one's
greatest enemy

behind-the-scenes
maneuvering
くやゐらゆちゃんあ

油断大敵

臨機応変

危機一髪

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

つぱいいきぎ

天下無双

novel; unconventional;
cutting-edge

つぱきんしんざ

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

てんかむそう
unrivaled; peerless

斬新奇抜

喜 怒 哀 楽

ぎ ら よ ぎ
た に ん ぎ
in a reserved manner;
treating a friend as a
stranger; unduly
distant; formal

他 人 行 儀

く ら い あ ど き
human emotions (joy,
anger, pathos, and
humor)

ぜ ん し ん ぜ ん れ い

complete devotion;
body and soul

支 離 滅 裂

し り め つ れ つ

illogical; inconsistent;
disjointed

全 身 全 霊

神出鬼没

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

しるまきしゆんしゆん

優勝劣敗

with lightning speed

いさやんらぷさく

てんいむほう

perfect beauty with no
trace of artifice;
flawless

一網打尽

ゆうししょうれつぱい

survival of the fittest

疾風迅雷

命薄人佳

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しつじょうごころ
unaffected and sincere,
with fortitude and
vigor

健剛実質

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いよくはくめい
the good die young

ざんぎやくむどう

inhumanity; atrocity

うちょうてんがい

beside oneself with joy;
in an ecstasy of delight

有頂天外

残虐無道

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被害妄想

ひがいもうそう
persecution complex;
paranoia

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順風満帆

じゅんぷうまんぱん

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smooth sailing

天衣無縫



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温厚篤実

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おんこうとくじつ
having a gentle and
sincere personality

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しんらばんしゅう

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all things in nature; the
whole creation

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森羅万象