

(M) Make both ends meet (to live one's means) As my uncle has to bring up five children he finds it difficult to make both ends meet.

Mend one's fences (to make peace) It is high time for them to bury hatchet and mend their fences

Make a clean breast (confess) He made his clean breast before judge

Make amends (to give compensation) Government made amends for the loss of public property

Make the most of (to utilize time) You should make the most of resources to get success

Move heaven and earth (to try hard) He moved heaven and earth to become an IAS officer

Make sure (ascertain) He went to the office to make sure that everyone was there

Make neither head nor tail (not to understand) This story makes neither head or tail.

Moot point (debatable point) What is the moot point today?

Meet's one's Waterloo (to face defeat) Tipu Sultan met his Waterloo in the last battle of Mysore.

Man of letters (scholar) APJ Abdul Kalam was man of letters **Make light of** (don't care) He does not make light of the advice of his parents

Midas touch (productive) Our manager has the blessing of Midas touch he can make everything productive

Man of parts (versatile) Amitabh Bachchan is a man of parts.

Mealy mouthed (soft spoken) A mealy mouthed man is always successful

Man of straw (Weak person) Rohan is a man of straw but good natured

Mince the matters (Hide the reality) Tell the truth don't afraid and mince the matters.

Mare's nest (waste job/ invention) The involvement of director in the meeting proved mare's nest.

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Null and void (ineffective) The contents that he derived were null and void.

Next to nothing (almost nothing) The thieves looted everything and there was next to nothing left

Neck and crop (completely) The decoits finished him off neck and crop beyond recognition.

No love lost (intense dislike) There is no love lost between Mohan and his girlfriend

Nip in the bud (to destroy in very beginning) The evils of society must be nipped in the bud

Not worth one's salt (not deserving) He is not worth my salt.

[O]

Off hand (without preparation) He is very poor in English so he cannot answer the questions off hand

Over head and ears (excessively) Mohan is over head ears in love.

Out of question (certain) His hard work and success is out of question
Out of woods (out of danger) Patient is out of woods now

Order of the day (in fashion) Narrow paints are order of the day in Delhi
On the score (on the grounds of) He was sent to jail on the score of evidence.

Over and above (moreover and besides) I shall lend you money over and above what I have promised

Out and out (completely) Bhagat Singh was out and out a patriotic.

Off and on (occasionally) Since he is busy not a days but she visits me off and on.

Off colours (unusual form) Once a big star now he is off colours

Odds and ends (scattered things) The thief made away with the odds and ends lying about the room.

Off the hook (out of danger) He is yet not out off the hook.

Oily tongue (aterring words) Many people make you fool with oily tongue.

On the horns of dilemma (in a fix) After completing my graduation I am on the horns of dilemma.

One's cup of tea (to one's liking) Teaching English is my cup of tea.

Out of sorts (to be unwell) Shelly had been out of sorts the whole week.

On its last leg (about to collapse) This government is on its last leg

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Past master (an expert) Our principal was a past master.

Palmy days (prosperous time) We still remember the Palmy days of our life when we in a village were

Part and parcel (inseparable part) every citizen who is living here is the part and parcel this country

Pass the burt (to blame each other) All the politician pass the buck on each other of

Pay off old scores (take revenge) The way he is treating his friends makes it quite obvious that he is paying off old scores.

Pay through one's nose (to pay dearly) The customer has to pay through his nose because there scarcity of goods in the market.

Pay lip service (pretend to regard) Many people pay lip service to their guests.

Pay one back in the same coin (tit for tat) We should not hesitate in paying China and Pakistan back in their own coins

Pin money (allowances) He pays pin money to his wife. Pell Mell (gre confusion) There was Pell Mell after the lecture.

Play fast and pose (repeatedly changing one's attitude) No one can trust Mohan as he is used to playing st and loose,

Play second fiddle to (subordinate part) A self respecting man can never play second fiddle to anyone. Play truant (to be absent without permission) It's a very bad habit to play truant

Play to the gallery (to gain cheap popularity) The speeches of our leader are not sincere they are intended not to play to the gallery.

Play duck and drakes (to squander money) We should not play ducks and drakes. We should save something for hard times.

Play foul (to do something wrong) Don't play foul with your friends and relatives

Plough the sands (futile labour) he cannot make money because he appears to plough the sands

Pour oil on troubled waters (to pacify the matter) The two good friends exchanged hot words but the intervention of their teacher poured oil on troubled waters

Pull a long face (to look sad) She pulled a long face When she was rebuked.

Pull one's socks up (Work hard) You should pull your socks up before exam.

Pull strings (To influence) He managed his promotion by pulling strings

Put heads together (consult seriously) They put their heads together before innings.

Put a spoke in a wheel (to obstruct) Many businessmen put a spoke in their wheel after GST.

Put the cart before the horse (to do wrong things first) He always puts the cart before the horse

Pros and cons (for and against a thing) We must always consider the pros and cons of any new project.

Pyrrhic victory (victory at a high cost) Greek victory over Trojans proved Pyrrhic victory

Pick holes (to find fault with) He always picks hole in every work

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Queer fish (Strange person) One cannot make anything out of Rohan's attitude as he is a queer fish.

Quixotic project (Foolish) Being not worldly he wasted his money in Quixotic projects

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Rise to the occasion (to act the time demands) To face critical situation boldly you should rise to the occasion.

Run short of (shortage) These days due to some financial crisis my friend is running short of money

Rank and file (common man) If we want our country to progress in every field we must improve the economic lot of the rank and file.

Red tapism (official delay) Red Tapism is a bane of Indian bureaucracy.

Rest on one's laurels (complacent self satisfy) Ambitious persons never rest on their laurels.

Rock the boat (unset the balance) If your party withdraws the support from the government it may rock the boat.

Red herring (something distract attention) The demand of enquiry into his conduct is just a red herring as there is no truth in it.

Ripe up the old sores (to revive forgotten quarrel) Rahul and his wife cannot live in peace they always ripe up their old sores.

Read between the lines (hidden meaning) If her essay is being read between the lines we will find that she has made comment against the government.

Rule the roost (to dominate) Today the rich rule the roost

Red rag to a bull (provoke) The law against the dowry system is for the greedy persons like a red rag to a bull.

Ride rough shod over (to treat in a high handed fashion) Don't ride rough shod over a person when he is down and out

Rub one the wrong way (annoy) If you rub him the wrong way he is bound to react.

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Sit on the fence (not to commit oneself) When the party split Suresh was accused of sitting on the fence.

Smell a rat (to be suspicious) I smelt a rat in the bargain that my uncle made with me.

Shed crocodile tears (pretend sorrow) The mother shed crocodile tears on her step daughter's death

Split hair (to indulge) We should not try to split hair with our elders.

Stand in good stead (to be helpful in need) During the time of distress the advice of elders stand in good stead.

Show white feather (to show cowardice) Brave people never show white feather.

See eye to eye (to agree) Mohan could never see eye to eye with his elder brother.

Set store by (to value) I have always set store by my father's opinion.

Snap one's fingers at (to show contempt) The industry owner feels that he may snap his fingers at the workers

Speak volumes for (to have abundant proof) The amount of sacrifice made by Neema's friend speak volume for her true love for her friend.

Steal a march (to get ahead secretly) Rishi stole a march on my brother in trade and is very rich today.

Steer clear of (to avoid) Everyone if possible should steer clear of selfish people

Swan song (last words) "Lament" was the swan song of Shelley.

Snake in the grass (a secret enemy) Pakistan is the snake in the grass for India.

Sword of Damocles (constant threat) A sword of Damocles is always hanging over the head of a soldier in war.

Sail under false colours (a hypocrite) We should not believe our leaders because they sail under false colours,

Spartan life (brave) Swami Vivekanand lived a Spartan life promoting health of mind and body.

Saves one's face (to avoid disgrace) He is making lame excuses to save his face because he could not pre exam.

Scarlet women (woman with loose morals) Being a scarlet woman she is looked down upon by her hours

Set people by ears (to incite people) The communal speeches set people by ear.

Set Thames on fire (achieve sth impossible) Qualifying civil services examination for you is like settings on fire.

Sweat of the brow (hard labour) The honest person lived by sweat on the brow.

Steals someone's thunder (make a better impression) The young actor performed so well that he stole s mls thunder.

Straight from the shoulders (candidly) My lawyer told me straight from the shoulder that my case got weak.

Shop lifter (o steals from shop) A shop lifter often visits a shop as a customer

Stand one's (remain firm) He did not yield to pressure and stood his ground till the end.

Small fry (int person) Who cares for him he is a small fry.

Seamy side (immoral side) The picture depicts realism and seamy side of life in modern times

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Turn the tables (reverse the condition) Sometimes a bowler may turn the tables.

Turn up one's nose (to take with contempt) She failed twice in the exam yet she turns up her nose on my advice.

Turn coat (One who changes political opinion) Some leaders are really corrupt they turned their coat frequently

Turn the corner (to pass a critical stage) After the operation my friend turned the corner and now he is completely alright.

Tall talk (exaggerate) First do something don't give tall talk. Tooth and with full energy) All the freedom fighters fought tooth and nail for the country.

Throw a spammer (to be defeated) Opponent had to throw a spanner before a professional wrestler.

Turn a hair (no reaction) Although his friends provoked him, he did not turn a hair and remain calm

Take with a pinch of salt (to accept with doubt) Everybody takes Rahul's problem with a pinch of salt cause he is an unbelievable person.

Take the floor (make a speech) When Modi ji took the floor everyone shouted in excitement.

Tall stories (rated stories) Since he retired from army, he had been famous for his tall stories.

Throw up the sponge (surrender) You should never throw up the sponge one day you will win.

To and fro (forward and backward) She was strolling by the river to and fro Take up arm theht) The leaders have taken up their arms against government

Take somebody ride (to deceive) The shopkeepers take customers for a ride for selling cheap

Throw cold enter (to discourage) Instead of encouraging his students teacher threw the cold water on their project.

Take to heels (to run away) The students making mischief took to their heels seeing the teacher.

Turn a deaf (don't pay heed) When his wife demands something he turns a deaf ear.

Tall order (something difficult) it is a tall order to check population control in India.

Throw down the clave/gauntlet (to challenge) China had thrown down the gauntlet by not recognize that Sikkim as a part of India.

Take wind of mother's sail (to gain advantage by anticipation) Farsighted generals can win war liy told wind out of enemy's sail.

Through and Take bull by through (entirely) He is drenched in corruption through and through.

Take to heare (excessively) He took his failure to heart and lost interest affairs.

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Wry face (disappointed look) He made a wry face when he was refused admission to the college of his choice.

With open arms (cordially) The welcome the guest with open arms.

Will o' the wisp (unreal/ imaginative) To Romantic poets reality seems will o' the wisp.

Win laurels (to win distinction) Shakespeare won the laurels in the world of literature.

Wide berth (keep away) We should give a wide berth to smugglers.

White elephant (less utility and more expensive) He bought a Ferrari and it became a white elephant for him.

Wash hands of (have nothing to do) I have washed hands of my chores.

Weal and wer (joy and sorrow) We must learn to bear weal and woe of life patiently. Well disposed to (friendly and helpful to someone) One should be always well dispose to needy.

Wear and tear (damage caused by use) Wear and tear of the car is by Mohan.

Willy Nilly (whether one wishes or not) Willy Nilly she has to agree to the views.

Writing on the wall (signal/warning) The factory owner read the writing on the wall and closed all the units.

Wrangle over an acs' shadow (to quarrel over trifles) Their old relationship ended with a wrangle over an ass' shadow

Wild goose chase (unprofitable) All the efforts of government to control population are Wild goose chase

With a high hand (oppressively) He was a king who ruled his subjects with a high hand.

[Y]: **Yellow press** (sensational news) There are many unauthentic yellow press in the market.

Yeoman's service (excellent work) Vivekanand provides Yeoman's service to the nation