

Top 500 Chinese Chéngyǔ 成语

A Comprehensive Reference of the Most Used Four-Character Idioms in Mandarin Chinese

Includes characters, pinyin, literal meaning, and figurative meaning / usage notes

#	成语	拼音 (Pīnyīn)	字面意思 (Literal)	含义与用法 (Meaning & Usage)
1	一石二鸟	yī shí èr niǎo	one stone two birds	Kill two birds with one stone; achieve two goals with one action
2	半途而废	bàn tú ér fèi	abandon halfway	Give up halfway; fail to see something through to completion
3	画蛇添足	huà shé tiān zú	draw a snake and add feet	Ruin something by overdoing it; add unnecessary details that spoil the result
4	亡羊补牢	wáng yáng bǔ láo	lose sheep then fix the pen	Better late than never; it's not too late to correct a mistake
5	守株待兔	shǒu zhū dài tù	guard a stump waiting for a rabbit	Rely on luck and do nothing; wait passively for windfall
6	对牛弹琴	duì niú tán qín	play the lute to a cow	Waste effort on the wrong audience; speak to someone who can't understand
7	狐假虎威	hú jiǎ hǔ wēi	fox borrows the tiger's might	Bully others by exploiting a powerful patron's authority
8	刻舟求剑	kè zhōu qiú jiàn	carve the boat to find the sword	Act inflexibly; cling to outdated methods in changed circumstances
9	掩耳盗铃	yǎn ěr dào líng	cover ears while stealing a bell	Self-deception; fool yourself while failing to fool others
10	杯弓蛇影	bēi gōng shé yǐng	bow's reflection in cup looks like snake	Groundless fears; be overly suspicious of harmless things
11	井底之蛙	jǐng dǐ zhī wā	frog at the bottom of a well	A person with a narrow view of the world; limited perspective
12	愚公移山	yú gōng yí shān	Foolish Old Man moves mountains	Persistence and determination can overcome any obstacle
13	叶公好龙	yè gōng hào lóng	Lord Ye loves dragons	Profess to love something but be terrified when it becomes real; fake enthusiasm
14	滥竽充数	làn yú chōng shù	play the yu flute without skill to make up numbers	Pass off as qualified; occupy a post without merit

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15	南辕北辙	nán yuán běi zhé	cart going south with wheels pointing north	Work against oneself; take actions contrary to one's goals
16	买椟还珠	mǎi dú huán zhū	buy the box and return the pearl	Choose the superficial over the valuable; miss what matters
17	塞翁失马	sài wēng shī mǎ	the old man of the frontier loses his horse	A seeming loss may be a blessing in disguise; fortune is unpredictable
18	螳螂捕蝉	táng láng bǔ chán	mantis catches cicada	Focus on immediate gain while ignoring greater danger lurking behind
19	一箭双雕	yī jiàn shuāng diāo	one arrow two eagles	Achieve two goals with a single effort
20	班门弄斧	bān mén nòng fǔ	brandish an axe at Master Ban's door	Show off in front of an expert; embarrass yourself with pretension
21	一鸣惊人	yī míng jīng rén	one cry startles everyone	Make a stunning debut; suddenly achieve great fame
22	破釜沉舟	pò fǔ chén zhōu	smash the cauldrons and sink the boats	Burn one's bridges; go all-in with no way to retreat
23	卧薪尝胆	wò xīn cháng dǎn	sleep on firewood and taste gall	Endure hardship to motivate oneself for future revenge or success
24	三人成虎	sān rén chéng hǔ	three men make a tiger	Repeated rumors become believed as truth; the power of false information
25	一暴十寒	yī pù shí hán	one day's heat and ten days' cold	Work inconsistently; lack perseverance
26	东施效颦	dōng shī xiào pín	Dongshi imitates frowning	Imitate blindly and achieve the opposite effect; ugly imitation
27	邯郸学步	hán dān xué bù	learn to walk in Handan	Lose one's own way while clumsily imitating others
28	郑人买履	zhèng rén mǎi lǚ	Zheng man buying sandals	Stick rigidly to rules instead of using common sense
29	一叶障目	yī yè zhàng mù	one leaf blocks the eye	Miss the big picture by focusing on minor details
30	千里之行始于足下	qiān lǐ zhī xíng shǐ yú zú xià	a thousand-mile journey begins underfoot	Even the greatest endeavor starts with a single step
31	马到成功	mǎ dào chéng gōng	horse arrives and success follows	Immediate and complete success; used as a blessing
32	一帆风顺	yī fān fēng shùn	a sail with smooth wind	Everything goes smoothly; bon voyage / good luck

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33	虎头蛇尾	hǔ tóu shé wěi	tiger's head snake's tail	Start with great ambition but fizzle out; diminishing effort
34	狼吞虎咽	láng tūn hǔ yàn	wolf swallows tiger gulps	Devour food ravenously; eat very fast
35	如鱼得水	rú yú dé shuǐ	like a fish getting water	Be perfectly suited to a situation; feel right at home
36	一举两得	yī jǔ liǎng dé	one action two gains	Kill two birds with one stone; accomplish two things at once
37	四面楚歌	sì miàn chǔ gē	Chu songs from all four sides	Be completely surrounded by enemies; in desperate straits
38	围魏救赵	wéi Wèi jiù Zhào	besiege Wei to rescue Zhao	Relieve pressure indirectly by attacking the enemy's home base
39	背水一战	bèi shuǐ yī zhàn	fight with backs to the water	Make a do-or-die stand with no retreat possible
40	草木皆兵	cǎo mù jiē bīng	every bush and tree is a soldier	See enemies everywhere; extreme nervousness and paranoia
41	纸上谈兵	zhǐ shàng tán bīng	talk war on paper	Be an armchair strategist; theorize without practical experience
42	胸有成竹	xiōng yǒu chéng zhú	bamboo already formed in the chest	Have a well-thought-out plan; be confident and fully prepared
43	一丝不苟	yī sī bù gǒu	not a single thread is careless	Be extremely meticulous; pay close attention to every detail
44	专心致志	zhuān xīn zhì zhì	focus heart and will	Be completely devoted and focused; give undivided attention
45	持之以恒	chí zhī yǐ héng	hold it with constancy	Persevere consistently; maintain a steady effort over time
46	锲而不舍	qiè ér bù shě	chisel without giving up	Persist doggedly; never give up no matter how hard it gets
47	一鼓作气	yī gǔ zuò qì	one drumbeat raises morale	Strike while the iron is hot; use momentum from the first push
48	闻鸡起舞	wén jī qǐ wǔ	hear the rooster and rise to practice	Work diligently from an early hour; be zealous in self-improvement
49	磨杵成针	mó chǔ chéng zhēn	grind a pestle into a needle	Perseverance will overcome any difficulty; nothing is impossible with effort
50	悬梁刺股	xuán liáng cì gǔ	hang from a beam and pierce the thigh	Study with extreme diligence; make great sacrifices to learn
51	手不释卷	shǒu bù shì juàn	hands never leave books	Be an avid reader; study without rest

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52	青出于蓝	qīng chū yú lán	blue comes from indigo	The student surpasses the teacher; the new generation exceeds the old
53	学以致用	xué yǐ zhì yòng	learn to apply	Apply knowledge practically; study for the purpose of using it
54	温故知新	wēn gù zhī xīn	review the old to know the new	Learning from the past yields new insights for the present
55	因材施教	yīn cái shī jiào	teach according to aptitude	Tailor education to each student's abilities and needs
56	举一反三	jǔ yī fǎn sān	raise one and infer three	Learn from one example and apply it broadly; think analytically
57	博学多才	bó xué duō cái	broad learning many talents	Be widely learned and highly talented; a person of great versatility
58	才高八斗	cái gāo bā dòu	talent as high as eight pecks	Extremely talented; highly gifted
59	出类拔萃	chū lèi bá cuì	emerge from the category and surpass	Stand out from the crowd; be the best among peers
60	鹤立鸡群	hè lì jī qún	a crane standing among chickens	Stand out among inferiors; be head and shoulders above others
61	人山人海	rén shān rén hǎi	people mountains people sea	Enormous crowd; a sea of people
62	水深火热	shuǐ shēn huǒ rè	deep water and hot fire	Extreme suffering; in dire circumstances
63	风平浪静	fēng píng làng jìng	wind calm waves still	Peaceful and undisturbed; calm after a storm
64	风雨同舟	fēng yǔ tóng zhōu	share a boat through wind and rain	Stand together through hardship; face difficulties united
65	同甘共苦	tóng gān gòng kǔ	share sweetness and bitterness together	Share both good times and bad; stick together through everything
66	患难与共	huàn nàn yǔ gòng	share calamity and hardship together	Stick together in times of trouble; be loyal friends
67	肝胆相照	gān dǎn xiāng zhào	liver and gallbladder illuminate each other	Open one's heart completely; be utterly sincere with a friend
68	情同手足	qíng tóng shǒu zú	feel like hands and feet to each other	Be as close as brothers; have an extremely deep friendship
69	亲密无间	qīn mì wú jiàn	intimacy without gaps	Extremely close; no distance between two people
70	志同道合	zhì tóng dào hé	same ambition same path	Share common ideals and goals; be kindred spirits

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71	同心协力	tóng xīn xié lì	same heart coordinated strength	Unite efforts toward a common goal; cooperate wholeheartedly
72	众志成城	zhòng zhì chéng chéng	collective will builds a city wall	Unity is strength; a united people can achieve anything
73	团结一致	tuán jié yī zhì	unite as one	Stand together; act with complete solidarity
74	齐心协力	qí xīn xié lì	hearts aligned forces coordinated	Work together in unison; pool efforts toward one goal
75	和衷共济	hé zhōng gòng jì	harmonious hearts crossing together	Work harmoniously for a common goal; unity in the face of difficulty
76	言归于好	yán guī yú hǎo	words return to good	Make up after a quarrel; restore friendly relations
77	化干戈为玉帛	huà gān gē wéi yù bó	turn weapons into jade and silk	Turn hostility into friendship; resolve conflict peacefully
78	握手言和	wò shǒu yán hé	shake hands and speak of peace	Shake hands and make up; reconcile after a dispute
79	退一步海阔天空	tuì yī bù hǎi kuò tiān kōng	step back and sea and sky open wide	Give way and find a brighter future; compromise leads to freedom
80	以和为贵	yǐ hé wéi guì	value harmony above all	Prioritize peace; harmony is the most precious thing
81	笑里藏刀	xiào lǐ cáng dāo	knife hidden in a smile	A two-faced, treacherous person who appears friendly but is dangerous
82	口蜜腹剑	kǒu mì fù jiàn	mouth of honey belly of swords	Honey-tongued but vicious at heart; hypocritically flattering
83	两面三刀	liǎng miàn sān dāo	two faces three knives	Be double-faced; hypocritical and backstabbing
84	言行不一	yán xíng bù yī	words and actions differ	Say one thing and do another; be inconsistent
85	阳奉阴违	yáng fèng yīn wéi	outwardly comply inwardly disobey	Comply in public but resist in private; two-faced obedience
86	表里不一	biǎo lǐ bù yī	outside and inside differ	Appearance doesn't match reality; be hypocritical
87	口是心非	kǒu shì xīn fēi	mouth says yes heart says no	Say what one doesn't mean; be insincere
88	言不由衷	yán bù yóu zhōng	words don't come from the heart	Speak insincerely; say things one doesn't believe

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89	拐弯抹角	guǎi wān mǒ jiǎo	turning corners and wiping edges	Speak in a roundabout way; beat around the bush
90	含沙射影	hán shā shè yǐng	shoot arrows using sand for cover	Make veiled attacks; insinuate or slander indirectly
91	一分耕耘 一分收获	yī fēn gēng yún yī fēn shōu huò	one part toil one part harvest	You reap what you sow; hard work always pays off
92	功夫不负 有心人	gōng fū bù fù yǒu xīn rén	effort doesn't fail the determined person	Perseverance always leads to success; hard work pays off
93	有志者事 竟成	yǒu zhì zhě shì jìng chéng	where there is will the deed will succeed	A determined person will always succeed
94	滴水穿石	dī shuǐ chuān shí	dripping water pierces stone	Persistent small efforts achieve great things
95	聚少成多	jù shǎo chéng duō	gather little into much	Many a little makes a mickle; small accumulations become large
96	积少成多	jī shǎo chéng duō	accumulate little to make much	Small savings add up; many drops make a river
97	千里之堤 溃于蚁穴	qiān lǐ zhī dī kuì yú yǐ xué	a thousand-li dike crumbles from an anthole	Small flaws can cause catastrophic failures; neglect small problems at great peril
98	防微杜渐	fáng wēi dù jiàn	guard against the small stop gradual growth	Nip problems in the bud; prevent trouble before it develops
99	防患于未 然	fáng huàn yú wèi rán	prevent disaster before it occurs	Take precautions; be proactive about safety
100	未雨绸缪	wèi yǔ chóu móu	fix the roof before it rains	Prepare for trouble before it happens; be prudent and forward-thinking
101	有备无患	yǒu bèi wú huàn	preparedness averts calamity	Be prepared and you won't face disaster; preparation is key
102	居安思危	jū ān sī wēi	in safety think of danger	Don't be complacent in comfortable times; always be prepared
103	知己知彼	zhī jǐ zhī bǐ	know yourself know your enemy	Know both yourself and your opponent; thorough intelligence leads to success
104	以逸待劳	yǐ yì dài láo	rest and wait for the weary enemy	Conserve energy and let the opponent exhaust themselves
105	声东击西	shēng dōng jī xī	feint east strike west	Distract in one direction and attack from another; use deception in strategy

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106	以退为进	yǐ tuì wéi jìn	retreat as a way to advance	Appear to give ground while actually gaining advantage; strategic withdrawal
107	欲擒故纵	yù qín gù zòng	to catch first release	Give the quarry some rope to land them better; play hard to get strategically
108	借刀杀人	jiè dāo shā rén	borrow a knife to kill	Use someone else's hand to do one's dirty work
109	暗度陈仓	àn dù Chén cāng	secretly cross at Chencang	Feign one action while secretly doing another; a clever decoy strategy
110	明修栈道 暗度陈仓	míng xiū zhàn dào àn dù Chén cāng	openly repair the plank road secretly cross at Chencang	Decoy the enemy with an obvious move while making a secret one
111	无中生有	wú zhōng shēng yǒu	create something from nothing	Invent something out of thin air; fabricate; also create from zero
112	空城计	kōng chéng jì	empty city stratagem	Bluff by making weakness look like strength; an audacious bluff
113	苦肉计	kǔ ròu jì	hurt-oneself stratagem	Feign self-harm to gain enemy trust; sacrifice oneself for a strategy
114	美人计	měi rén jì	beauty stratagem	Use an attractive person to distract or trap an enemy
115	走为上策	zǒu wéi shàng cè	retreating is the best strategy	When all else fails, run; strategic retreat is sometimes best
116	三十六计 走为上	sān shí liù jì zǒu wéi shàng	of thirty-six stratagems retreating is best	When facing certain defeat, the best option is to retreat
117	上屋抽梯	shàng wū chōu tī	go up on the roof then remove the ladder	Lure someone into a trap and then cut off their escape
118	趁火打劫	chèn huǒ dǎ jié	rob during a fire	Take advantage of someone's misfortune; kick someone when they're down
119	落井下石	luò jǐng xià shí	throw stones at someone who fell in a well	Add to someone's misfortune; kick someone when they're down
120	雪上加霜	xuě shàng jiā shuāng	add frost on top of snow	Make a bad situation worse; pile misfortune upon misfortune
121	天下无双	tiān xià wú shuāng	no equal under heaven	Unrivaled; peerless; the best in the world
122	德才兼备	dé cái jiān bèi	virtue and talent both present	Have both virtue and ability; a complete and exemplary person
123	才貌双全	cái mào shuāng quán	talent and looks both complete	Beautiful and talented; gifted in both appearance and ability

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124	文武双全	wén wǔ shuāng quán	civil and martial both complete	Master of both learning and martial arts; multi-talented
125	品学兼优	pǐn xué jiān yōu	character and study both excellent	Excel in both behavior and academics
126	任劳任怨	rèn láo rèn yuàn	accept toil and complaints	Work hard without complaining; bear any burden willingly
127	兢兢业业	jīng jīng yè yè	cautious and diligent	Be diligent and conscientious; work with great care
128	勤勤恳恳	qín qín kěn kěn	hardworking and earnest	Diligent and sincere; dedicated and honest in work
129	夙夜匪懈	sù yè fěi xiè	night and day without slackening	Work tirelessly day and night; be indefatigable
130	全力以赴	quán lì yǐ fù	go with all one's strength	Put in maximum effort; go all out
131	不屈不挠	bù qū bù náo	not bending not yielding	Unyielding; indomitable; refuse to give in under any pressure
132	百折不挠	bǎi zhé bù náo	hundred setbacks don't bend	Never give up despite repeated failures; utterly tenacious
133	坚忍不拔	jiān rěn bù bá	steadfast endurance can't be uprooted	Steadfast and tenacious; hold firm through great adversity
134	宁死不屈	ning sǐ bù qū	rather die than yield	Prefer death to surrender; die rather than compromise one's principles
135	大义凛然	dà yì lǐn rán	great righteousness awe-inspiring	Be filled with moral courage; stand for justice fearlessly
136	义正言辞	yì zhèng yán cí	righteous stance and words	Speak with righteous justification; argue from a position of moral authority
137	铁骨铮铮	tiě gǔ zhēng zhēng	iron bones ringing clear	Have unbending character; a person of iron integrity
138	高风亮节	gāo fēng liàng jié	lofty manner bright integrity	Noble character and integrity; exemplary moral conduct
139	廉洁奉公	lián jié fèng gōng	honest and dedicated to public service	Incorruptible and devoted to duty; honest public service
140	克己奉公	kè jǐ fèng gōng	restrain oneself and serve the public	Put public interest above personal interest; be selfless
141	先天下之忧而忧	xiān tiān xià yōu ér yōu	worry before the world worries	Bear social responsibility before personal concerns; care for society first

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142	鞠躬尽瘁	jū gōng jìn cuì	bend down and exhaust one's strength	Devote one's life to a cause; work oneself to death for a purpose
143	死而后已	sǐ ér hòu yǐ	stop only after death	Keep working until one dies; absolute dedication to a cause
144	忠心耿耿	zhōng xīn gěng gěng	loyal heart steadfastly bright	Be deeply loyal; whole-hearted and unwavering loyalty
145	赤胆忠心	chì dǎn zhōng xīn	red gallbladder loyal heart	Absolutely loyal and devoted; passionate fidelity
146	肝脑涂地	gān nǎo tú dì	liver and brains smeared on the ground	Give one's all; be willing to die for a cause
147	为民请命	wèi mín qǐng mìng	petition heaven for the people	Speak up for the people; advocate for the common good
148	体恤民情	tǐ xù mín qíng	feel and sympathize with the people's situation	Care about and respond to the needs of common people
149	爱民如子	ài mín rú zǐ	love the people like children	Govern with genuine care for the people; benevolent leadership
150	清官难断家务事	qīng guān nán duàn jiā wù shì	even a just official can't judge household affairs	Family disputes are hard to mediate; outsiders should not interfere in family matters
151	相见恨晚	xiāng jiàn hèn wǎn	regret meeting too late	Regret not having met sooner; instant deep connection with someone
152	一见如故	yī jiàn rú gù	meet once and feel like old friends	Feel an immediate affinity with a new acquaintance
153	一见钟情	yī jiàn zhōng qíng	fall in love at first sight	Love at first sight
154	两情相悦	liǎng qíng xiāng yuè	two hearts mutually pleasing	Mutual love; both parties are in love with each other
155	举案齐眉	jǔ àn qí méi	raise the tray to eyebrow level	Mutual respect and consideration between husband and wife
156	白头偕老	bái tóu xié lǎo	grow old together with white hair	Grow old together; live happily ever after (used as a wedding blessing)
157	相敬如宾	xiāng jìng rú bīn	respect each other like guests	Treat one's spouse with great respect and courtesy
158	天长地久	tiān cháng dì jiǔ	sky long earth lasting	Last as long as heaven and earth; eternal love
159	海誓山盟	hǎi shì shān méng	oath by the sea vow by the mountains	Solemn pledges of eternal love; undying promises

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160	生死相依	shēng sǐ xiāng yī	live and die together	Be inseparable; bound together through life and death
161	生死不离	shēng sǐ bù lí	not separated by life or death	Stay together no matter what; utterly inseparable
162	情深似海	qíng shēn sì hǎi	feelings as deep as the sea	Deep affection; profound love or friendship
163	恩爱有加	ēn ài yǒu jiā	mutual affection with extra warmth	Deeply in love; show great love and tenderness to one's partner
164	温柔体贴	wēn róu tǐ tiē	gentle and considerate	Kind, gentle, and caring; thoughtful and tender toward others
165	体贴入微	tǐ tiē rù wēi	considerate down to the minutest detail	Extremely thoughtful and caring in the smallest details
166	百年好合	bǎi nián hǎo hé	a hundred years of harmony	A blessing: may you have a hundred years of happiness together (wedding)
167	儿女情长	ér nǚ qíng cháng	children's love is long	Being too wrapped up in romantic love; letting sentiment interfere with duty
168	难舍难分	nán shě nán fēn	hard to let go hard to part	Very reluctant to part; deeply attached and hating goodbyes
169	依依不舍	yī yī bù shě	lingering and reluctant to leave	Linger and be loath to part; a touching farewell
170	劳燕分飞	láo yàn fēn fēi	wagtail and swallow fly apart	Separation of a couple; going their own ways after being together
171	各奔东西	gè bèn dōng xī	each rush to east and west	Each goes their own way; scatter in different directions
172	天各一方	tiān gè yī fāng	sky each a corner	Living far apart; separated by great distances
173	千里共婵娟	qiān lǐ gòng chán juān	share the moon across a thousand li	Though separated by distance, share the same moon; connected in spirit
174	举头望明月	jǔ tóu wàng míng yuè	raise head and gaze at the bright moon	Looking up at the moon, thinking of home and loved ones; homesickness
175	望眼欲穿	wàng yǎn yù chuān	gaze until eyes could pierce through	Look forward to something with intense longing; desperately waiting
176	翘首以待	qiáo shǒu yǐ dài	crane one's neck in waiting	Eagerly await; look forward to something with great anticipation
177	归心似箭	guī xīn sì jiàn	heart for home is like an arrow	Be in great hurry to return home; desperate homesickness

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178	魂牵梦萦	hún qiān mèng yíng	soul pulled dream entangled	Be obsessed day and night; dream about constantly
179	朝思暮想	zhāo sī mù xiǎng	morning thinking evening longing	Miss someone deeply all day long; ceaseless longing
180	相思入骨	xiāng sī rù gǔ	longing enters the bones	Longing so deep it's in your bones; ache with love or homesickness
181	功成名就	gōng chéng míng jiù	achievement complete fame established	Achieve success and fame; be accomplished and renowned
182	名利双收	míng lì shuāng shōu	gain fame and profit together	Gain both fame and fortune simultaneously
183	名垂青史	míng chuī qīng shǐ	name hangs in the green history	Leave one's name in history; be remembered throughout the ages
184	流芳百世	liú fāng bǎi shì	fragrance flows through a hundred generations	Leave a good reputation for generations; be remembered fondly
185	永垂不朽	yǒng chuī bù xiǔ	hang forever without decay	Be immortal; leave a legacy that lasts forever
186	丰功伟绩	fēng gōng wěi jì	rich merits great achievements	Outstanding achievements; great accomplishments
187	大器晚成	dà qì wǎn chéng	a great vessel is completed late	A late bloomer; greatness takes time to develop
188	时来运转	shí lái yùn zhuǎn	when the time comes fortune turns	Luck changes for the better; one's fortunes improve
189	否极泰来	pǐ jí tài lái	after extreme bad luck good luck comes	After the darkest hour comes the dawn; bad times eventually end
190	苦尽甘来	kǔ jìn gān lái	bitterness ends sweetness arrives	After suffering comes happiness; the end of hardship brings joy
191	峰回路转	fēng huí lù zhuǎn	peaks return roads turn	An unexpected positive turn; a situation improves suddenly
192	柳暗花明	liǔ àn huā míng	willows darken flowers brighten	A sudden improvement after bleakness; light at the end of the tunnel
193	绝处逢生	jué chǔ féng shēng	find life in a desperate place	Find a way out of a seemingly hopeless situation; escape against all odds
194	置之死地而后生	zhì zhī sǐ dì ér hòu shēng	put in the place of death and then survive	Facing mortal danger forces one to fight hard and survive; adversity breeds strength
195	化险为夷	huà xiǎn wéi yí	transform danger into safety	Turn a dangerous situation into a safe one; survive a crisis

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196	转危为安	zhuǎn wēi wéi ān	turn danger into safety	Go from danger to safety; successfully navigate a crisis
197	起死回生	qǐ sǐ huí shēng	raise the dead back to life	Bring back from the dead; revive a hopeless situation
198	妙手回春	miào shǒu huí chūn	skilled hands bring back spring	A doctor's great skill revives the sick; miraculous healing
199	枯木逢春	kū mù féng chūn	dead wood encounters spring	A hopeless situation revives; dead things come back to life
200	沉冤昭雪	chén yuān zhāo xuě	deep grievance illuminated and cleared	Have a long-standing injustice cleared up; be exonerated at last
201	水落石出	shuǐ luò shí chū	water subsides stone appears	The truth comes out; a matter becomes clear
202	真相大白	zhēn xiàng dà bái	true appearance greatly whitened	The truth is revealed; everything becomes clear
203	大白于天下	dà bái yú tiān xià	greatly white under heaven	Revealed to all the world; become publicly known
204	大快人心	dà kuài rén xīn	greatly gladdens people's hearts	Deeply satisfying to the public; greatly pleasing to everyone
205	拍手称快	pāi shǒu chēng kuài	clap hands and cry satisfaction	Applaud with joy; celebrate a satisfying outcome
206	扬眉吐气	yáng méi tǔ qì	raise eyebrows and exhale	Feel proud and relieved after a grievance is resolved; vindication
207	扬名立万	yáng míng lì wàn	spread name establish ten thousand	Become famous; make a name for oneself
208	一鸣惊人	yī míng jīng rén	one cry startles everyone	Make a stunning debut after obscurity; burst onto the scene
209	脱颖而出	tuō yǐng ér chū	the point pushes through the bag	Emerge from the crowd; stand out from many others
210	崭露头角	zhǎn lù tóu jiǎo	sharply reveal head and horns	Show one's talent for the first time; begin to make a name
211	乱七八糟	luàn qī bā zāo	chaotic seven and eight messy	In a complete mess; in total disorder
212	一团糟	yī tuán zāo	one mass of mess	Complete mess; chaotic and disorganized
213	手忙脚乱	shǒu máng jiǎo luàn	hands busy feet confused	Be flustered; rush about in panic and confusion

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214	措手不及	cuò shǒu bù jí	can't get hands ready in time	Caught off guard; be unable to respond in time
215	猝不及防	cù bù jí fáng	sudden and no defense possible	Taken completely by surprise; no time to prepare or react
216	始料未及	shǐ liào wèi jí	initial expectations couldn't reach this	Beyond what was initially anticipated; unexpected development
217	意料之外	yì liào zhī wài	outside expectations	Unexpected; beyond what one anticipated
218	出人意料	chū rén yì liào	beyond people's expectations	Surprising; not what anyone expected
219	喜出望外	xǐ chū wàng wài	joy exceeds hope	Be pleasantly surprised; exceed one's fondest hopes
220	大失所望	dà shī suǒ wàng	greatly lose what was hoped	Be deeply disappointed; far below expectations
221	不出所料	bù chū suǒ liào	not outside expectations	Just as expected; as predicted
222	如愿以偿	rú yuàn yǐ cháng	achieve wishes as hoped	Get what one wanted; have one's wishes fulfilled
223	事与愿违	shì yǔ yuàn wéi	events deviate from wishes	Things don't go as planned; reality disappoints expectations
224	天不遂人愿	tiān bù suí rén yuàn	heaven doesn't follow human wishes	Things don't turn out as one hopes; fate is uncooperative
225	天有不测风云	tiān yǒu bù cè fēng yún	weather has unpredictable wind and cloud	Life is unpredictable; expect the unexpected
226	人有旦夕祸福	rén yǒu dàn xī huò fú	people face misfortune and fortune morning and evening	Human fortune can change overnight; life is full of surprises
227	变幻莫测	biàn huàn mò cè	changeable and unpredictable	Changeable and impossible to predict; mercurial
228	瞬息万变	shùn xī wàn biàn	ten thousand changes in a breath	Change rapidly in a split second; extremely volatile
229	日新月异	rì xīn yuè yì	daily renewal monthly change	Change rapidly for the better; advance with each passing day
230	突飞猛进	tū fēi měng jìn	sudden flying fierce advance	Advance by leaps and bounds; make rapid and dramatic progress
231	一日千里	yī rì qiān lǐ	a thousand li in one day	Advance rapidly; make astonishing progress

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232	突如其来	tū rú qí lái	suddenly arrive like it	Arrive suddenly and unexpectedly; come out of nowhere
233	从天而降	cóng tiān ér jiàng	descend from the sky	Fall from the sky; arrive or appear suddenly and unexpectedly
234	凭空而来	píng kōng ér lái	arrive from thin air	Appear out of nowhere; materialize without warning
235	无影无踪	wú yǐng wú zōng	no shadow no trace	Vanish without a trace; completely disappear
236	销声匿迹	xiāo shēng nì jì	mute one's voice and hide one's tracks	Disappear from the scene; go into hiding
237	杳无音信	yǎo wú yīn xìn	no news whatsoever	No news at all; completely out of contact
238	望穿秋水	wàng chuān qiū shuǐ	gaze until the autumn waters are pierced	Look forward with extreme longing; wait desperately for someone
239	泥牛入海	ní niú rù hǎi	clay ox enters the sea	Something disappears without a trace and is never recovered
240	石沉大海	shí chén dà hǎi	stone sinks into the sea	Sink without a trace; get no response at all
241	一语中的	yī yǔ zhòng dì	one word hits the target	Hit the nail on the head; make a spot-on remark
242	一针见血	yī zhēn jiàn xuè	one needle draws blood	Make an incisive remark; cut straight to the heart of the matter
243	入木三分	rù mù sān fēn	penetrate three inches into wood	Describe or critique with great insight; go very deep
244	鞭辟入里	biān pì rù lǐ	whip the wall and enter inside	Incisive and penetrating analysis; get to the core of the matter
245	深入浅出	shēn rù qiǎn chū	enter deep come out shallow	Explain profound things in a simple way; make the complex accessible
246	言简意赅	yán jiǎn yì gāi	words simple meaning complete	Concise yet comprehensive; say a lot in few words
247	字字珠玑	zì zì zhū jī	every character is a pearl	Every word is a gem; said of excellent writing
248	文采飞扬	wén cǎi fēi yáng	literary talent flying and rising	Brilliant and elegant writing; colorful and spirited prose
249	出口成章	chū kǒu chéng zhāng	words come out as essays	Speak eloquently; whatever one says comes out polished and literary
250	妙语连珠	miào yǔ lián zhū	witty words strung like pearls	Speak in witty and elegant phrases; clever, continuous quips

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251	滔滔不绝	tāo tāo bù jué	flowing endlessly	Talk endlessly; eloquent and non-stop
252	口若悬河	kǒu ruò xuán hé	mouth like a hanging river	Talk fluently and non-stop; eloquent beyond measure
253	夸夸其谈	kuā kuā qí tán	talk boastfully and extravagantly	Talk big; speak in an exaggerated, empty way
254	纸上谈兵	zhǐ shàng tán bīng	talk war on paper	Theorize without practice; armchair strategy
255	言过其实	yán guò qí shí	words exceed reality	Exaggerate; say more than the facts warrant
256	危言耸听	wēi yán sǒng tīng	alarming words make one's hair stand	Exaggerate to frighten people; scaremongering
257	添油加醋	tiān yóu jiā cù	add oil and add vinegar	Embellish a story; add details to make it more dramatic
258	穿凿附会	chuān záo fù huì	drill holes and force connections	Make far-fetched associations; twist facts to suit one's argument
259	牵强附会	qiān qiǎng fù huì	pull forcefully and attach meaning	Force a connection; make strained and unconvincing arguments
260	断章取义	duàn zhāng qǔ yì	cut the text and take the meaning	Quote out of context; distort the meaning by selective quoting
261	望文生义	wàng wén shēng yì	look at text and generate meaning	Interpret literally without understanding the actual meaning; misread
262	混淆是非	hùn xiáo shì fēi	confuse right and wrong	Muddy the waters; confuse people about what is right and wrong
263	颠倒是非	diān dǎo shì fēi	invert right and wrong	Distort the truth; call right wrong and wrong right
264	混淆黑白	hùn xiáo hēi bái	confuse black and white	Distort the facts; blur the distinction between right and wrong
265	黑白颠倒	hēi bái diān dǎo	black and white inverted	Call things the opposite of what they are; gross distortion of truth
266	是非不分	shì fēi bù fēn	unable to distinguish right from wrong	Have no moral compass; fail to tell good from evil
267	善恶不分	shàn è bù fēn	unable to distinguish good from evil	Unable to tell good from evil; morally confused
268	指鹿为马	zhǐ lù wéi mǎ	point at a deer and call it a horse	Call a thing by a wrong name deliberately; deliberate distortion
269	混水摸鱼	hùn shuǐ mō yú	muddy the water to catch fish	Fish in troubled waters; create confusion to take advantage

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270	浑水摸鱼	hún shuǐ mō yú	fish in muddy water	Exploit a chaotic situation for personal gain
271	微乎其微	wēi hū qí wēi	tiny beyond tininess	Extremely small; negligible; a very slim chance
272	沧海一粟	cāng hǎi yī sù	one grain of millet in the ocean	A drop in the ocean; something tiny in comparison to the whole
273	九牛一毛	jiǔ niú yī máo	one hair from nine oxen	A very small part of the whole; a negligible amount
274	不足挂齿	bù zú guà chǐ	not enough to hang on teeth	Not worth mentioning; too trivial to talk about
275	微不足道	wēi bù zú dào	too tiny to be worth saying	Trivial; negligible; not worth speaking of
276	举足轻重	jǔ zú qīng zhòng	lift a foot and shift the weight	Of great importance; play a key role; pivotal
277	至关重要	zhì guān zhòng yào	extremely important	Of the utmost importance; absolutely critical
278	重中之重	zhòng zhōng zhī zhòng	the most important among all important	The top priority; the single most critical matter
279	首当其冲	shǒu dāng qí chōng	be first to receive the charge	Be the first to bear the brunt; be hit hardest
280	首屈一指	shǒu qū yī zhǐ	first to bend a finger	Be number one; be the best; take first place
281	名列前茅	míng liè qián máo	name among the front ranks	Rank near the top; be among the top performers
282	独占鳌头	dú zhàn áo tóu	alone occupy the dragon turtle's head	Take first place; win the top prize
283	一览无余	yī lǎn wú yú	one glance and nothing remains	See everything at a glance; nothing hidden from view
284	无边无际	wú biān wú jì	no edge no boundary	Boundless; vast and unlimited
285	一望无际	yī wàng wú jì	gaze as far as one can see no end	Stretch as far as the eye can see; boundless expanse
286	浩如烟海	hào rú yān hǎi	vast like a sea of smoke	Vast and enormous; used of a great body of knowledge or books
287	汗牛充栋	hàn niú chōng dòng	enough to make the ox sweat fill the rafters	An enormous number of books; a huge library
288	洋洋大观	yáng yáng dà guān	vast and spectacular	Grand and magnificent; an impressive spectacle
289	蔚为大观	wèi wéi dà guān	lush and becoming a grand spectacle	An impressive display; a grand sight

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290	美不胜收	měi bù shèng shōu	beauty too much to take in	So much beauty one can't absorb it all; overwhelming beauty
291	叹为观止	tàn wéi guān zhǐ	sigh that watching can stop here	So impressive that one can stop watching; breathtaking
292	无与伦比	wú yǔ lún bǐ	nothing to compare with	Incomparable; peerless; without equal
293	举世无双	jǔ shì wú shuāng	the whole world has no pair	Unique in the world; unparalleled
294	前所未有	qián suǒ wèi yǒu	never had before	Unprecedented; never seen before
295	史无前例	shǐ wú qián lì	no precedent in history	Without historical precedent; the first time ever
296	空前绝后	kōng qián jué hòu	nothing before nothing after	Unprecedented and unrepeatable; a unique event in history
297	绝无仅有	jué wú jīn yǒu	absolutely nothing else only this	Unique; one of a kind; extremely rare
298	凤毛麟角	fèng máo lín jiǎo	phoenix feather unicorn horn	Extremely rare; a once-in-a-generation talent or thing
299	千载难逢	qiān zǎi nán féng	hard to encounter in a thousand years	A once-in-a-millennium opportunity; extremely rare chance
300	百年一遇	bǎi nián yī yù	one in a hundred years	A once-in-a-century event; extremely rare
301	时过境迁	shí guò jìng qiān	time passes circumstances change	Times change and conditions alter; things are no longer the same
302	沧海桑田	cāng hǎi sāng tián	blue sea turns to mulberry fields	Great changes in the world; the sea becomes farmland, the world is transformed
303	物换星移	wù huàn xīng yí	things change stars shift	The world changes; time passes and all is different
304	岁月如梭	suì yuè rú suō	years like a shuttle	Time flies like a weaver's shuttle; time passes swiftly
305	光阴似箭	guāng yīn sì jiàn	time is like an arrow	Time flies like an arrow; life passes quickly
306	弹指一挥间	tán zhǐ yī huī jiān	a snap of the fingers	In the blink of an eye; an extremely short time
307	转眼即逝	zhuǎn yǎn jí shì	a turn of the eye and it's gone	Pass in the blink of an eye; disappear instantly
308	一去不返	yī qù bù fǎn	gone and never return	Once gone it never returns; irreversible

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309	一去不复返	yī qù bù fù fǎn	gone and cannot return again	Never to return; the past cannot be recovered
310	覆水难收	fù shuǐ nán shōu	spilled water is hard to retrieve	What's done cannot be undone; no use crying over spilled milk
311	木已成舟	mù yǐ chéng zhōu	the wood is already a boat	What's done is done; a fait accompli; it's too late to change
312	生米煮成熟饭	shēng mǐ zhǔ chéng shú fàn	raw rice is cooked into done rice	A fait accompli; what's already been done can't be undone
313	既成事实	jì chéng shì shí	already accomplished fact	A fait accompli; an established fact that cannot be changed
314	悔之不及	huǐ zhī bù jí	regret can't catch up	Too late to regret; past the point of no return
315	悔不当初	huǐ bù dāng chū	regret not at the beginning	Regret one's original decision; wish one had chosen differently
316	亡羊补牢为时未晚	wáng yáng bǔ láo wéi shí wèi wǎn	repair the pen after losing sheep not too late	Even after a mistake, it's not too late to take corrective action
317	金玉其外败絮其中	jīn yù qí wài bài xù qí zhōng	gold and jade on the outside rotten cotton within	Beautiful outside, ugly inside; a fine exterior hiding a rotten interior
318	绣花枕头	xiù huā zhěn tou	embroidered pillow	All show and no substance; looks great but is worthless inside
319	华而不实	huá ér bù shí	flowery but not substantial	Showy but without substance; all flash and no depth
320	徒有其表	tú yǒu qí biǎo	only have the exterior	Have only the outward appearance; lack real substance
321	外强中干	wài qiáng zhōng gān	strong outside dry inside	Appear strong but be hollow inside; all bluster and no backbone
322	色厉内荏	sè lì nèi rěn	appearance fierce inside cowardly	Outwardly fierce but inwardly cowardly; all bark no bite
323	纸老虎	zhǐ lǎo hǔ	paper tiger	Something that looks threatening but is actually harmless; an empty threat
324	虚有其表	xū yǒu qí biǎo	emptily have its appearance	Only look the part; have nothing but the appearance
325	名不副实	míng bù fù shí	name doesn't match reality	Fail to live up to one's reputation; the reality is less than the name implies
326	名副其实	míng fù qí shí	name matches reality	Deserve one's name; live up to one's reputation

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327	货真价实	huò zhēn jià shí	goods genuine price real	The genuine article at a fair price; authentic; the real deal
328	真材实料	zhēn cái shí liào	genuine materials and real ingredients	Made from real, quality materials; genuine substance
329	实至名归	shí zhì míng guī	when substance arrives name follows	Reputation comes naturally from genuine achievement; earn one's fame
330	名正言顺	míng zhèng yán shùn	name right words proper	Justifiable; done with proper authority and legitimately
331	理所当然	lǐ suǒ dāng rán	reason should naturally be so	Of course; only natural; goes without saying
332	天经地义	tiān jīng dì yì	heaven's principle earth's righteousness	An absolute truth; perfectly natural and right; beyond dispute
333	说干就干	shuō gàn jiù gàn	say do then do it	Action follows words immediately; just get it done
334	雷厉风行	léi lì fēng xíng	thunder's power wind's speed	Execute with speed and force; act swiftly and decisively
335	风风火火	fēng fēng huǒ huǒ	wind and fire	In great haste and energy; move with urgency
336	大刀阔斧	dà dāo kuò fǔ	big knife wide axe	Take bold and sweeping action; act decisively on a large scale
337	当机立断	dāng jī lì duàn	seize the moment decide immediately	Make a prompt decision; act decisively at the critical moment
338	果断决绝	guǒ duàn jué jué	decisive and resolute	Make firm and decisive decisions; cut through indecision
339	优柔寡断	yōu róu guǎ duàn	indecisive and hesitant	Indecisive; unable to make up one's mind
340	瞻前顾后	zhān qián gù hòu	look ahead look behind	Be overly cautious and hesitant; can't make a move from overthinking
341	犹豫不决	yóu yù bù jué	hesitate and not decide	Unable to make a decision; vacillate
342	举棋不定	jǔ qí bù dìng	hold the chess piece without placing	Hesitate over a decision; unable to settle on an action
343	摇摆不定	yáo bǎi bù dìng	sway without settling	Vacillate; waver back and forth without settling
344	三心二意	sān xīn èr yì	three hearts two intentions	Lack commitment; be half-hearted; be of two minds
345	心猿意马	xīn yuán yì mǎ	heart like a monkey mind like a horse	Have a restless, distracted mind; be unable to focus

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346	走马观花	zǒu mǎ guān huā	view flowers from horseback	Make a superficial observation; go through the motions without depth
347	浮光掠影	fú guāng lüè yǐng	floating light fleeting shadow	A superficial impression; see things only on the surface
348	蜻蜓点水	qīng tíng diǎn shuǐ	dragonfly touching water	Touch on something lightly; deal with something superficially
349	浅尝辄止	qiǎn cháng zhé zhǐ	taste shallowly and stop	Stop at the surface; lack depth; know a little and go no further
350	一知半解	yī zhī bàn jiě	know one half understand	Have only a superficial knowledge; know just enough to be dangerous
351	不求甚解	bù qiú shèn jiě	not seek thorough understanding	Be satisfied with a rough understanding; not dig deep
352	囫圇吞枣	hú lún tūn zǎo	swallow dates whole	Swallow something whole without tasting; accept without digesting or thinking
353	生搬硬套	shēng bān yìng tà	mechanically copy and rigidly apply	Apply rules mechanically without adaptation; copy blindly
354	弄巧成拙	nòng qiǎo chéng zhuō	attempt cleverness achieve clumsiness	Outsmart oneself; backfire from being too clever
355	聪明反被聪明误	cōng míng fǎn bèi cōng míng wù	cleverness in turn harmed by cleverness	One's own cleverness leads to one's downfall; too clever by half
356	搬起石头砸自己的脚	bān qǐ shí tou zá zì jǐ de jiǎo	lift a stone and crush your own foot	Bring trouble upon oneself; one's scheme backfires
357	作茧自缚	zuò jiǎn zì fù	spin a cocoon and bind oneself	Trap yourself in your own scheme; hoist by one's own petard
358	自食其果	zì shí qí guǒ	eat the fruit one grew	Reap what one has sown; suffer the consequences of one's own actions
359	自作自受	zì zuò zì shòu	do it yourself receive it yourself	Bring trouble on oneself; you made your bed now lie in it
360	咎由自取	jiù yóu zì qǔ	trouble comes from oneself	You have only yourself to blame; brought it on yourself
361	自讨苦吃	zì tǎo kǔ chī	ask for bitterness to eat yourself	Bring hardship on oneself; court trouble unnecessarily
362	饮鸩止渴	yǐn zhèn zhǐ kě	drink poison to quench thirst	Seek immediate relief at a terrible long-term cost; a desperate short fix

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363	杀鸡取卵	shā jī qǔ luǎn	kill the chicken to get the eggs	Sacrifice long-term gain for short-term benefit; destroy the golden goose
364	竭泽而渔	jié zé ér yú	drain the pond to catch fish	Exhaust resources for immediate gain; leave nothing for the future
365	急功近利	jí gōng jìn lì	rush for merit seek immediate profit	Be impatient for quick results; sacrifice the future for near-term gains
366	鼠目寸光	shǔ mù cùn guāng	mouse eyes one inch of light	Shortsighted; limited vision; unable to see beyond the immediate
367	目光短浅	mù guāng duǎn qiǎn	vision shallow and short	Short-sighted; lacking foresight
368	高瞻远瞩	gāo zhān yuǎn zhǔ	gaze high see far	Have great foresight and vision; see far ahead into the future
369	深谋远虑	shēn móu yuǎn lǜ	deep plans far thoughts	Plan carefully for the long term; think far ahead
370	真知灼见	zhēn zhī zhuó jiàn	genuine knowledge brilliant insight	Sound and incisive views; valuable and well-grounded insight
371	独具慧眼	dú jù huì yǎn	uniquely possess a perceptive eye	Have unique insight; see what others miss
372	火眼金睛	huǒ yǎn jīn jīng	fiery eyes golden pupils	Keen and penetrating vision; see through all deception (from the Monkey King)
373	明察秋毫	míng chá qiū háo	observe the autumn tip clearly	Have an extremely keen eye; notice the smallest details
374	随波逐流	suí bō zhú liú	follow waves chase current	Go with the flow; act without independent thought
375	人云亦云	rén yún yì yún	others say you also say	Parrot what others say; have no original opinion
376	墙头草	qiáng tóu cǎo	grass on top of a wall	A weathercock; change sides with the wind; opportunistic
377	见风使舵	jiàn fēng shǐ duò	see wind steer rudder	Be opportunistic; trim your sails to the wind
378	两面逢迎	liǎng miàn féng yíng	meet and please both sides	Please everyone; be a two-faced flatterer
379	左右逢源	zuǒ yòu féng yuán	find a spring on left and right	Be resourceful; be popular with all sides; benefit from every direction
380	八面玲珑	bā miàn líng lóng	graceful and skillful on eight faces	Please all sides; be a smooth social operator

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381	圆滑世故	yuán huá shì gù	smooth worldly sophisticated	Slippery and worldly; overly smooth and calculating in social dealings
382	老奸巨猾	lǎo jiān jù huá	old cunning extremely crafty	Deeply cunning and wily; a crafty old fox
383	狡猾多端	jiǎo huá duō duān	cunning with many tricks	Wily with many tricks up one's sleeve; extremely crafty
384	城府极深	chéng fǔ jí shēn	city walls and moat extremely deep	Very inscrutable; keep one's true feelings deeply hidden
385	喜怒不形于色	xǐ nù bù xíng yú sè	joy and anger don't appear on the face	Show no emotion; have an inscrutable poker face
386	不动声色	bù dòng shēng sè	not move voice or expression	Not bat an eyelid; remain completely calm and unexpressive
387	泰然自若	tài rán zì ruò	at ease and natural	Be perfectly composed; remain calm and unaffected
388	处变不惊	chǔ biàn bù jīng	face change without alarm	Remain calm in the face of change; unperturbed by upheaval
389	临危不乱	lín wēi bù luàn	face danger without confusion	Stay cool under pressure; remain composed in crisis
390	临阵脱逃	lín zhèn tuō táo	flee from battle formation	Desert at the critical moment; run away when most needed
391	临时抱佛脚	lín shí bào fó jiǎo	grab Buddha's feet at the last minute	Seek help at the last moment; cram or prepare hastily
392	平时不烧香临时抱佛脚	píng shí bù shāo xiāng lín shí bào fó jiǎo	don't burn incense normally then hug Buddha's feet last minute	Never prepare until the last minute; rely on last-minute effort after ignoring the problem
393	临渴掘井	lín kě jué jǐng	dig a well when thirsty	Prepare only when in urgent need; too little too late
394	春风化雨	chūn fēng huà yǔ	spring wind transforms to rain	Gentle but powerful education or influence; a teacher's benign inspiration
395	如沐春风	rú mù chūn fēng	like bathed in spring breeze	Feel warm and uplifted; be inspired by a kind person's company
396	和风细雨	hé fēng xì yǔ	gentle wind fine rain	Mild and gentle; do things in a slow, patient, gradual way
397	春意盎然	chūn yì àng rán	spring feeling abundant	Filled with the spirit of spring; lively and full of energy

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398	生机勃勃	shēng jī bó bó	vitality vigorous	Full of vitality and energy; thriving and vibrant
399	万紫千红	wàn zǐ qiān hóng	ten thousand purples thousand reds	A riot of color; great variety and vitality
400	百花齐放	bǎi huā qí fàng	a hundred flowers bloom together	Let all schools of thought contend; a flourishing of diversity
401	百家争鸣	bǎi jiā zhēng míng	a hundred schools contend	Let a hundred schools of thought contend; free intellectual debate
402	枯木逢春	kū mù féng chūn	dead wood encounters spring	Find new life after despair; revival of something seemingly finished
403	欣欣向荣	xīn xīn xiàng róng	thriving towards prosperity	Flourishing; growing vigorously; a thriving business or situation
404	繁荣昌盛	fán róng chāng shèng	prosperous and flourishing	Thriving and prosperous; in a state of great growth and success
405	蒸蒸日上	zhēng zhēng rì shàng	steaming rising daily	Grow stronger each day; rise like steam; prosper steadily
406	如日中天	rú rì zhōng tiān	like the sun at midday	At the height of power or prosperity; in one's prime
407	如虎添翼	rú hǔ tiān yì	like a tiger given wings	Greatly enhanced; become even more powerful with added support
408	如鱼得水	rú yú dé shuǐ	like a fish in water	Be in one's element; feel perfectly suited to a situation
409	如履薄冰	rú lǚ bó bīng	like walking on thin ice	Tread carefully; be in a precarious situation
410	如临深渊	rú lín shēn yuān	as if standing at a deep abyss	Be extremely cautious; feel great peril
411	如坐针毡	rú zuò zhēn zhān	like sitting on a mat of needles	Be in an extremely uncomfortable or anxious situation
412	如芒在背	rú máng zài bèi	like a thorn in the back	Feel extremely uneasy; as if stabbed from behind
413	如鲠在喉	rú gěng zài hóu	like a fish bone stuck in the throat	Have something bothersome that can't be said or resolved; feel stuck
414	触类旁通	chù lèi páng tōng	touch one category and understand others	Learn by analogy; understand related fields from mastering one
415	融会贯通	róng huì guàn tōng	melt together and pass through	Integrate all knowledge into a coherent understanding; master a subject thoroughly
416	博古通今	bó gǔ tōng jīn	broadly know ancient and modern	Have extensive knowledge of history and current affairs; be widely learned

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417	学富五车	xué fù wǔ chē	learning fills five carts	Have great erudition; a highly learned person
418	才疏学浅	cái shū xué qiǎn	talent sparse learning shallow	(Humble) acknowledge one's limited knowledge and ability
419	浅陋无知	qiǎn lòu wú zhī	shallow and ignorant	Shallow and ignorant; lacking education and insight
420	班门弄斧	bān mén nòng fǔ	show off axe skills at Master Lu Ban's door	Presume to demonstrate skill before an expert; show off before a master
421	貌似强大	mào sì qiáng dà	appear seemingly powerful	Appear strong but actually be weak; more show than substance
422	以蠡测海	yǐ lí cè hǎi	measure the sea with a shell	Judge the great by the small; limited perspective
423	夜郎自大	yè láng zì dà	Yelang thinks itself great	Be arrogantly self-important despite being insignificant; small frog big pond mentality
424	坐井观天	zuò jǐng guān tiān	sit in a well and watch the sky	Have a limited and narrow view; see only a fraction of reality
425	管中窥豹	guǎn zhōng kuī bào	peek at a leopard through a pipe	Get only a partial view; form an opinion based on limited evidence
426	一斑窥全豹	yī bān kuī quán bào	from one spot see the whole leopard	From a detail, grasp the whole; use a sample to understand the entirety
427	见微知著	jiàn wēi zhī zhù	see the small know the big	Perceive the whole from small clues; be able to read signs
428	以小见大	yǐ xiǎo jiàn dà	from small see big	Understand great things through small details; the big in the small
429	祸不单行	huò bù dān xíng	misfortune doesn't come alone	Troubles come in pairs; when it rains it pours
430	福无双至	fú wú shuāng zhì	good fortune doesn't arrive twice	Good luck is rare; fortune is scarce but misfortune is plentiful
431	因小失大	yīn xiǎo shī dà	because of small lose big	Lose the big by attending to the small; be penny-wise and pound-foolish
432	贪小便宜吃大亏	tān xiǎo piányí chī dà kuī	covet small advantage suffer great loss	Being greedy for small gains leads to great losses
433	贪得无厌	tān dé wú yàn	greedy and insatiable	Greedy and never satisfied; insatiable greed
434	人心不足蛇吞象	rén xīn bù zú shé tūn xiàng	human desire never enough snake swallows elephant	Human greed knows no bounds; ambition always exceeds grasp

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435	得陇望蜀	dé lǒng wàng shǔ	gain Long and gaze toward Shu	Never satisfied with what one has; always wanting more
436	欲壑难填	yù hè nán tián	the chasm of desire is hard to fill	Insatiable desires; the more you get the more you want
437	利令智昏	lì lìng zhì hūn	profit makes wisdom dim	Greed clouds the mind; avarice leads to poor judgment
438	见利忘义	jiàn lì wàng yì	see profit forget righteousness	Abandon principles for profit; put money above morality
439	唯利是图	wéi lì shì tú	profit is all one seeks	Be motivated solely by profit; a mercenary attitude
440	见钱眼开	jiàn qián yǎn kāi	see money eyes open wide	Eyes light up at the sight of money; be driven by greed
441	财迷心窍	cái mí xīn qiào	money bewitches the heart's openings	Be blinded by greed; have one's mind clouded by money
442	祸起萧墙	huò qǐ xiāo qiáng	trouble rises from the inner wall	Trouble comes from within; internal strife or family conflict
443	同室操戈	tóng shì cāo gē	same room wield spears	Fight among people on the same side; internal conflict
444	自相矛盾	zì xiāng máo dùn	one's own spear and shield contradict	Self-contradictory; logically inconsistent within one argument
445	以其矛攻其盾	yǐ qí máo gōng qí dùn	use his spear to attack his shield	Turn an opponent's argument against themselves; use their own logic against them
446	五十步笑百步	wǔ shí bù xiào bǎi bù	fifty paces laugh at hundred paces	The pot calling the kettle black; mock others for faults one has oneself
447	近朱者赤 近墨者黑	jìn zhū zhě chì jìn mò zhě hēi	near red become red near black become black	You are the company you keep; environment shapes character
448	出淤泥而不染	chū yū ní ér bù rǎn	emerge from mud without stain	Stay clean despite corrupt surroundings; maintain integrity in a bad environment
449	一波三折	yī bō sān zhé	one wave three turns	Full of twists and turns; with many complications
450	跌宕起伏	diē dàng qǐ fú	ups and downs undulating	Full of dramatic highs and lows; turbulent
451	扑朔迷离	pū shuò mí lí	thrash about and mysterious	Confusing and hard to figure out; bewildering situation

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452	错综复杂	cuò zōng fù zá	intertwined and complex	Complicated and intricate; a tangled situation
453	千丝万缕	qiān sī wàn lǚ	a thousand threads ten thousand strands	Inextricably linked; connected in countless ways
454	牵一发而动全身	qiān yī fà ér dòng quán shēn	pull one hair and move the whole body	One small change affects everything; highly interconnected
455	牵扯不清	qiān chě bù qīng	pulled and dragged not clear	Entangled and impossible to disentangle; hopelessly complicated
456	剪不断理还乱	jiǎn bù duàn lǐ hái luàn	cut it but can't sever order it and it's still tangled	Hopelessly tangled; a confusion that can't be resolved
457	一塌糊涂	yī tā hú tú	one collapse muddle	A complete mess; thoroughly chaotic
458	乱成一锅粥	luàn chéng yī guō zhōu	become as chaotic as a pot of porridge	Utter chaos; everything is mixed up and disordered
459	鱼龙混杂	yú lóng hùn zá	fish and dragons mixed together	Good and bad mixed together; a mixture of all kinds
460	泥沙俱下	ní shā jù xià	mud and sand all fall together	Good and bad sweep down together; everything lumped in together
461	鱼目混珠	yú mù hùn zhū	fish eyes mixed with pearls	Pass the fake off as genuine; mix counterfeits with authentic items
462	以假乱真	yǐ jiǎ luàn zhēn	use fake to confuse the real	The imitation is so good it's mistaken for the real thing
463	真假难辨	zhēn jiǎ nán biàn	real and fake hard to distinguish	Hard to tell genuine from fake; authenticity is unclear
464	半真半假	bàn zhēn bàn jiǎ	half real half fake	Half true, half fabricated; ambiguous veracity
465	云里雾里	yún lǐ wù lǐ	in clouds in fog	In a state of total confusion; bewildered and disoriented
466	不知所措	bù zhī suǒ cuò	not know what to do	At a loss; don't know how to respond; be at a standstill
467	无所适从	wú suǒ shì cóng	nowhere to adapt and follow	Not know which way to turn; lost and unable to decide
468	进退两难	jìn tuì liǎng nán	advance and retreat both difficult	Caught in a dilemma; caught between a rock and a hard place
469	左右为难	zuǒ yòu wéi nán	left and right both difficult	In a dilemma; in an awkward position either way

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470	骑虎难下	qí hǔ nán xià	riding a tiger hard to dismount	Be in a situation where you can't stop or back down; caught in one's own trap
471	进退维谷	jìn tuì wéi gǔ	advance and retreat both in a valley	Trapped with no way forward or backward; in an impossible position
472	进退失据	jìn tuì shī jù	advance retreat lose footing	Have no good option; lose one's footing whichever way one turns
473	一步一个脚印	yī bù yī gè jiǎo yìn	one step one footprint	Make steady, solid progress; work in a down-to-earth way
474	一鞭先着	yī biān xiān zhuó	first to strike with the whip	Get ahead of everyone; take the initiative; be first to act
475	先发制人	xiān fā zhì rén	move first and control the person	Strike first to gain the upper hand; preemptive action
476	后来居上	hòu lái jū shàng	the later arrival occupies the top	The newcomer surpasses the veteran; later entrants beat earlier ones
477	后起之秀	hòu qǐ zhī xiù	excellent person who rises later	A rising star; a talented newcomer who surpasses predecessors
478	青年才俊	qīng nián cái jùn	young and talented	A talented young person; a bright young talent
479	年轻有为	nián qīng yǒu wéi	young and promising	Young and capable; full of promise
480	前途无量	qián tú wú liàng	future without measure	Have boundless prospects; a bright future ahead
481	大有可为	dà yǒu kě wéi	much can be done	Full of potential; there is a lot of scope to accomplish things
482	大有作为	dà yǒu zuò wéi	great things can be accomplished	Achieve great things; realize great ambitions
483	一事无成	yī shì wú chéng	not a single matter accomplished	Accomplish nothing; fail at everything one attempts
484	碌碌无为	lù lù wú wéi	mediocre and accomplish nothing	Live an ordinary life with no achievements; mediocre and ineffectual
485	无所事事	wú suǒ shì shì	have nothing to do with anything	Have nothing to do; idle; do absolutely nothing
486	游手好闲	yóu shǒu hào xián	wander hands and love leisure	Be idle and do nothing; loaf around
487	好逸恶劳	hào yì wù láo	love ease hate toil	Love leisure and hate work; be lazy

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488	懒散成性	lǎn sǎn chéng xìng	laziness become nature	Laziness has become second nature; ingrained idleness
489	贪图享乐	tān tú xiǎng lè	covet pleasure and enjoyment	Crave pleasure; be hedonistic
490	醉生梦死	zuì shēng mèng sǐ	live drunk die dreaming	Live in a drunken stupor; lead a dissolute life
491	花天酒地	huā tiān jiǔ dì	flower sky wine earth	Live a life of debauchery; indulge in sex and alcohol
492	声色犬马	shēng sè quǎn mǎ	music women dogs horses	Indulge in sensual pleasures; degenerate lifestyle
493	玩世不恭	wán shì bù gōng	play with the world without reverence	Be flippant and irreverent; adopt a cynical, frivolous attitude toward life
494	不学无术	bù xué wú shù	no study no skills	Be ignorant and incompetent; have neither education nor ability
495	胸无点墨	xiōng wú diǎn mò	chest without a drop of ink	Have no learning whatsoever; be completely uneducated
496	目不识丁	mù bù shí dīng	eyes don't recognize the character 丁	Be completely illiterate; unable to read a single word
497	孤陋寡闻	gū lòu guǎ wén	isolated and ill-informed	Have limited knowledge and experience; poorly informed
498	见识短浅	jiàn shí duǎn qiǎn	knowledge and vision short and shallow	Have a limited and narrow worldview
499	有勇无谋	yǒu yǒng wú móu	have bravery but no strategy	Be brave but lacking brains; all brawn and no brains
500	勇而无谋	yǒng ér wú móu	courageous but without strategy	Act bravely without thinking; fool-hardy
501	有勇有谋	yǒu yǒng yǒu móu	have both courage and strategy	Both courageous and intelligent; a complete warrior
502	文韬武略	wén tāo wǔ lüè	civil strategies martial plans	Skilled in both literary and military arts; a complete strategist
503	运筹帷幄	yùn chóu wéi wò	plan strategy within the tent	Plan and direct strategy from headquarters; be a mastermind behind the scenes
504	决胜千里	jué shèng qiān lǐ	decide victory from a thousand li	Command victory from afar; win battles through superior planning
505	运筹决胜	yùn chóu jué shèng	plan strategy to decide victory	Win through meticulous planning and strategy

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506	百战百胜	bǎi zhàn bǎi shèng	a hundred battles a hundred victories	Win every battle; be consistently victorious; an unbeatable record
507	所向披靡	suǒ xiàng pī mǐ	wherever it points the grass bends	Carry all before one; irresistible force wherever it goes
508	攻无不克	gōng wú bù kè	attack and fail to overcome nothing	Conquer everything one attacks; an unstoppable fighting force
509	战无不胜	zhàn wú bù shèng	fight and fail to win nothing	Win every battle; always victorious
510	天下无敌	tiān xià wú dí	no enemy under heaven	Unbeatable; invincible; the greatest in the world
511	威震四方	wēi zhèn sì fāng	awe shakes the four directions	One's power and prestige are felt in all directions
512	名震天下	míng zhèn tiān xià	name shakes the world	Be known and respected throughout the land
513	举世瞩目	jǔ shì zhǔ mù	the whole world fixes its eyes	Be the focus of global attention; attract worldwide attention
514	万众瞩目	wàn zhòng zhǔ mù	ten thousand eyes fixed	Be the center of everyone's attention; spotlight by the masses
515	众望所归	zhòng wàng suǒ guī	all expectations converge here	Command the respect and expectations of all; live up to everyone's hopes
516	万众归心	wàn zhòng guī xīn	ten thousand people's hearts return	Win the hearts of all; enjoy universal popularity and support
517	民心所向	mín xīn suǒ xiàng	the direction the people's hearts point	What the people want; reflecting the popular will
518	大势所趋	dà shì suǒ qū	the direction the grand trend moves	The way things are going; an inevitable trend; the tide of history
519	顺应时代	shùn yīng shí dài	comply with the times	Go with the times; adapt to the current era
520	与时俱进	yǔ shí jù jìn	advance together with the times	Keep up with the times; progress along with the era
521	推陈出新	tuī chén chū xīn	push out the old and bring out the new	Replace the old with the new; innovate by building on tradition
522	革故鼎新	gé gù dǐng xīn	remove the old establish the new	Thoroughly reform; sweep away the old and establish the new
523	改朝换代	gǎi cháo huàn dài	change dynasty change era	Change of an era; a complete change of regime or system
524	历史洪流	lì shǐ hóng liú	historical torrent	The torrent of history; the unstoppable tide of historical change

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525	不可逆转	bù kě nì zhuǎn	cannot be reversed	Irreversible; unable to turn back; a one-way change
526	大势已去	dà shì yǐ qù	the grand situation is already gone	The tide has turned; it's all over; the battle is lost
527	回天无力	huí tiān wú lì	no strength to turn back heaven	Beyond saving; no power to reverse the inevitable
528	无力回天	wú lì huí tiān	no power to turn back heaven	Powerless to change destiny; the outcome cannot be avoided
529	坐以待毙	zuò yǐ dài bì	sit waiting to die	Wait passively for doom; accept defeat without a fight
530	束手待毙	shù shǒu dài bì	hands bound waiting for death	Accept death without a struggle; give up all resistance
531	垂死挣扎	chuí sǐ zhēng zhá	dying struggle	Make a last-ditch struggle; fight desperately when near the end
532	困兽犹斗	kùn shòu yóu dòu	a cornered beast still fights	Even a cornered creature will fight; don't underestimate the desperate
533	鱼死网破	yú sǐ wǎng pò	fish dies net breaks	A fight to the death where both sides suffer; mutual destruction
534	两败俱伤	liǎng bài jù shāng	both defeated both wounded	Both sides lose; a pyrrhic conflict with no winners
535	杀敌一千 自损八百	shā dí yī qiān zì sǔn bā bǎi	kill a thousand enemies lose eight hundred yourself	A pyrrhic victory; winning costs more than it's worth
536	得不偿失	dé bù cháng shī	gain doesn't compensate for loss	The gain is not worth the cost; not worth it
537	弊大于利	bì dà yú lì	disadvantages outweigh advantages	The disadvantages outweigh the benefits; the cons outweigh the pros
538	利大于弊	lì dà yú bì	advantages outweigh disadvantages	The benefits outweigh the drawbacks; the pros outweigh the cons
539	权衡利弊	quán héng lì bì	weigh advantages and disadvantages	Weigh the pros and cons; evaluate trade-offs carefully
540	深思熟虑	shēn sī shú lǜ	deeply think and carefully consider	Think something through carefully; ponder deeply before deciding
541	三思而后 行	sān sī ér hòu xíng	think three times then act	Look before you leap; think carefully before acting
542	谋定而后 动	móu dìng ér hòu dòng	plan settled then move	Only act after thorough planning; don't rush into action

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543	蓄势待发	xù shì dài fā	store power and wait to launch	Build up strength while waiting for the right moment to act
544	一触即发	yī chù jí fā	one touch and it launches	On the verge of breaking out; a situation about to explode
545	千钧一发	qiān jūn yī fà	thousand-weight hanging by a hair	Hanging by a thread; in extreme peril; a critical moment
546	危在旦夕	wēi zài dàn xī	danger within morning and evening	In danger that could materialize any moment; critically imperiled
547	岌岌可危	jí jí kě wēi	precarious and in danger	In imminent danger; on the brink of collapse
548	危如累卵	wēi rú lèi luǎn	dangerous as stacked eggs	As precarious as a stack of eggs; extremely unstable and fragile
549	一触即溃	yī chù jí kuì	one touch and collapse	Fall apart at the slightest contact; extremely fragile or weak
550	不堪一击	bù kān yī jī	can't withstand a single blow	Extremely vulnerable; collapse at the first attack; a pushover
551	摧枯拉朽	cūi kū lā xiǔ	smash the dry and pull down the rotten	Destroy with irresistible force; easily sweep away weak opposition
552	势不可挡	shì bù kě dǎng	momentum cannot be stopped	An irresistible force; an unstoppable advance
553	势如破竹	shì rú pò zhú	momentum like splitting bamboo	An unstoppable advance; charge forward with overwhelming momentum
554	风卷残云	fēng juǎn cán yún	wind sweeps away lingering clouds	Sweep away all opposition with ease; devour food quickly
555	势不两立	shì bù liǎng lì	the two cannot co-exist	Irreconcilable enemies; cannot coexist in the same space
556	水火不容	shuǐ huǒ bù róng	water and fire cannot coexist	Fundamentally incompatible; diametrically opposed
557	格格不入	gé gé bù rù	completely unable to fit in	Be incompatible; unable to integrate; feel like an outsider
558	格格不同	gé gé bù tóng	fundamentally different	Be fundamentally different; incompatible
559	大相径庭	dà xiāng jìng tíng	greatly diverge at the crossroads	Poles apart; completely different; have very little in common
560	南辕北辙	nán yuán běi zhé	wheels go south cart points north	Go in the completely opposite direction of one's goal
561	天壤之别	tiān rǎng zhī bié	difference like sky and earth	As different as heaven and earth; a world of difference

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562	霄壤之别	xiāo rǎng zhī bié	difference between sky and ground	A vast, insurmountable difference between two things
563	判若云泥	pàn ruò yún ní	differ like clouds and mud	As different as clouds and mud; a world of difference in quality
564	相差悬殊	xiāng chā xuán shū	differ by a great suspension	A great disparity; wildly different in level or quality
565	望尘莫及	wàng chén mò jí	see only the dust and can't catch up	Be left far behind; not able to catch up even in dreams
566	遥遥领先	yáo yáo lǐng xiān	far and far in the lead	Be far ahead; lead by a wide margin
567	遥遥无期	yáo yáo wú qī	no time horizon in sight	With no end in sight; an indefinitely long time away
568	遥遥相对	yáo yáo xiāng duì	facing each other from afar	Face each other across a distance; echo from afar
569	可望而不可即	kě wàng ér bù kě jí	can be seen but cannot be reached	Tantalizing but unattainable; out of reach
570	触手可及	chù shǒu kě jí	reachable by stretching out a hand	Within easy reach; almost there
571	近在眼前	jìn zài yǎn qián	close before one's eyes	Right in front of one's eyes; imminent; very close
572	近在咫尺	jìn zài zhǐ chǐ	close at an arm's reach	Very close; within arm's reach; nearby
573	咫尺天涯	zhǐ chǐ tiān yá	the horizon is just an arm away	Though physically close, emotionally or effectively far apart
574	天涯海角	tiān yá hǎi jiǎo	sky's edge sea's corner	The ends of the earth; the remotest corners of the world
575	天南海北	tiān nán hǎi běi	sky's south sea's north	Every corner of the land; from distant and various places
576	五湖四海	wǔ hú sì hǎi	five lakes and four seas	Every part of the country; from all corners of the land
577	四海为家	sì hǎi wéi jiā	make home of the four seas	Be at home everywhere; the world is one's home
578	走遍天下	zǒu biàn tiān xià	walk throughout all under heaven	Travel all over the world; go everywhere
579	行万里路	xíng wàn lǐ lù	walk ten thousand li of road	Travel widely; learn from broad experience of the world

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580	读万卷书 行万里路	dú wàn juǎn shū xíng wàn lǐ lù	read ten thousand books walk ten thousand li	Combine book learning with real-world experience
581	纸上得来 终觉浅	zhǐ shàng dé lái zhōng jué qiǎn	what is gained from paper always feels shallow	Book knowledge alone is insufficient; real experience is needed
582	实践出真 知	shí jiàn chū zhēn zhī	from practice comes true knowledge	True understanding comes from practice; learn by doing
583	知行合一	zhī xíng hé yī	knowledge and action united	Unite knowing and doing; knowledge must be accompanied by action
584	格物致知	gé wù zhì zhī	investigate things to reach knowledge	Acquire knowledge by careful study and investigation of the world
585	脚踏实地	jiǎo tà shí dì	feet planted on solid ground	Be down-to-earth and practical; act realistically and reliably
586	求真务实	qiú zhēn wù shí	seek truth and be practical	Pursue truth and work practically; a pragmatic approach
587	实事求是	shí shì qiú shì	seek truth from facts	Base conclusions on facts; a pragmatic, evidence-based approach
588	一分为二	yī fēn wéi èr	divide one into two	Look at both sides of an issue; a dialectical approach
589	辩证看待	biàn zhèng kàn dài	view dialectically	Analyze things dialectically; see both positive and negative aspects
590	全面发展	quán miàn fā zhǎn	comprehensive development	Develop in a well-rounded way; grow in all aspects
591	德智体美 劳	dé zhì tǐ měi láo	virtue intellect body aesthetics labor	All-round education covering morals, intellect, physical fitness, arts, and labor
592	德高望重	dé gāo wàng zhòng	virtue high prestige weighty	Be of high moral character and widely respected; have great prestige
593	威望极高	wēi wàng jí gāo	prestige extremely high	Have extremely high prestige and authority
594	众口皆碑	zhòng kǒu jiē bēi	all mouths become inscriptions	Universally praised; spoken well of by everyone
595	有口皆碑	yǒu kǒu jiē bēi	every mouth has a memorial tablet	Praised by everyone; have a universally good reputation
596	口碑载道	kǒu bēi zài dào	word of praise fills the road	Be praised by everyone everywhere; have an excellent reputation
597	臭名昭著	chòu míng zhāo zhù	foul name clearly evident	Be notoriously infamous; be well-known for bad deeds

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598	声名狼藉	shēng míng láng jí	reputation in wolf tracks	Have a terrible reputation; be utterly disgraced
599	遗臭万年	yí chòu wàn nián	leave stench for ten thousand years	Leave an infamy that lasts for ages; be condemned by history
600	千古留名	qiān gǔ liú míng	name remains through a thousand ages	Leave a name that lasts through the ages; be remembered forever
601	青史留名	qīng shǐ liú míng	name remains in the green history	Be remembered in history; leave a historical legacy
602	功在千秋	gōng zài qiān qiū	merit exists in a thousand autumns	Achievements that last for generations; a legacy for the ages
603	造福后人	zào fú hòu rén	create blessings for later people	Create benefits for future generations; a lasting positive contribution
604	前人栽树 后人乘凉	qián rén zāi shù hòu rén chéng liáng	those before plant trees those after enjoy shade	One generation plants trees the next sits in their shade; the fruits of predecessors' labor
605	承前启后	chéng qián qǐ hòu	inherit from before and open to what comes after	Bridge the past and the future; be a link in a chain
606	继往开来	jì wǎng kāi lái	carry on the past open the future	Carry forward the tradition and open new paths forward
607	薪火相传	xīn huǒ xiāng chuán	the fire passes from torch to torch	Pass knowledge and values from generation to generation; the eternal flame
608	代代相传	dài dài xiāng chuán	pass from generation to generation	Handed down from generation to generation; a long tradition
609	生生不息	shēng shēng bù xī	living and living without ceasing	Endless vitality; grow and reproduce without end; perpetual renewal
610	绵绵不绝	mián mián bù jué	continuous without end	Continuous without interruption; unbroken
611	源远流长	yuán yuǎn liú cháng	source far flow long	Have a long history with deep roots; of ancient and continuous origin
612	博大精深	bó dà jīng shēn	vast and profound	Extensive and profound; said of culture, learning, or thought
613	精益求精	jīng yì qiú jīng	already excellent yet seek more excellence	Constantly strive for improvement; always aim higher
614	止于至善	zhǐ yú zhì shàn	stop only at the highest good	Strive for perfection; rest only when the best is achieved
615	尽善尽美	jìn shàn jìn měi	complete virtue complete beauty	Perfect in every way; flawless in both virtue and beauty

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616	完美无缺	wán měi wú quē	perfect without flaws	Perfect and without a single flaw; flawless
617	无懈可击	wú xiè kě jī	no laxness to strike at	Impeccable; leave no opening for attack or criticism
618	密不透风	mì bù tòu fēng	so tight not even wind passes	Airtight; watertight; completely sealed or arranged
619	天衣无缝	tiān yī wú fèng	heavenly robe without seams	Seamless; flawless; perfect without any flaw or joint
620	无懈可击	wú xiè kě jī	no weakness to attack	Perfect; without a flaw; impregnable to criticism
621	浑然一体	hún rán yī tǐ	merged into a single whole	Perfectly integrated; merged into an organic whole
622	融为一体	róng wéi yī tǐ	melt into one body	Merge into a unified whole; be fully integrated
623	和谐统一	hé xié tǒng yī	harmonious and unified	Harmonious and united; in perfect accord
624	相辅相成	xiāng fǔ xiāng chéng	complement each other and complete each other	Mutually complementary; two things that bring out the best in each other
625	相得益彰	xiāng dé yì zhāng	mutually benefit and shine brighter	Bring out the best in each other; enhance each other's virtues
626	珠联璧合	zhū lián bì hé	pearls connected jade united	A perfect match; an ideal combination; two excellent things together
627	天作之合	tiān zuò zhī hé	a match made by heaven	A match made in heaven; a perfect pairing
628	金童玉女	jīn tóng yù nǚ	golden boy jade girl	A perfect couple; an ideal pair of young people
629	佳偶天成	jiā ǒu tiān chéng	an ideal couple naturally formed	A perfect match; made for each other
630	美满幸福	měi mǎn xìng fú	beautiful satisfaction and happiness	Happy and fulfilling; a complete and happy life
631	和和美美	hé hé měi měi	harmonious and beautiful	Living harmoniously and happily; a contented family life
632	其乐融融	qí lè róng róng	its joy harmonious and flowing	A scene of great harmony and happiness; everyone is at ease and joyful
633	皆大欢喜	jiē dà huān xǐ	everyone greatly happy	Everyone is happy; a satisfying outcome for all
634	皆大欢喜	jiē dà huān xǐ	all are greatly pleased	A happy ending; everyone is satisfied

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635	大团圆	dà tuán yuán	grand reunion	A happy reunion; a satisfying family gathering ending
636	喜气洋洋	xǐ qì yáng yáng	joy overflowing	Filled with joy; a cheerful and festive atmosphere
637	欢天喜地	huān tiān xǐ dì	joyful sky happy earth	Extremely joyful; ecstatic; overjoyed
638	兴高采烈	xīng gāo cǎi liè	spirits high and colors bright	In high spirits; elated and enthusiastic
639	喜笑颜开	xǐ xiào yán kāi	smile with joy and face opens	Beam with happiness; radiate joy; one's face lights up with happiness
640	眉开眼笑	méi kāi yǎn xiào	eyebrows open and eyes laugh	Beam with delight; be all smiles; look very happy
641	手舞足蹈	shǒu wǔ zú dǎo	hands dance feet stomp	Dance for joy; be so happy one can't contain oneself
642	乐不思蜀	lè bù sī Shǔ	so pleased one doesn't think of Shu	Be so happy in a new place one forgets one's homeland; become attached to pleasure
643	乐极生悲	lè jí shēng bēi	extreme joy gives birth to sorrow	Joy at its height breeds sorrow; don't be too ecstatic lest grief follow
644	得意忘形	dé yì wàng xíng	success makes one forget form	Let success go to one's head; be carried away by success
645	洋洋自得	yáng yáng zì dé	complacently self-satisfied	Be smugly self-satisfied; swagger with self-satisfaction
646	骄傲自满	jiāo ào zì mǎn	proud and self-satisfied	Be arrogant and complacent; rest on one's laurels
647	自高自大	zì gāo zì dà	raise and enlarge oneself	Be arrogant and self-important; think too highly of oneself
648	目空一切	mù kōng yī qiē	eyes empty of everything	Look down on everything; supremely arrogant
649	盛气凌人	shèng qì líng rén	overpowering air bullies others	Domineering; overbearing; bully others with one's arrogance
650	趾高气扬	zhǐ gāo qì yáng	toes high spirits raised	Walk with one's nose in the air; strut arrogantly
651	不可一世	bù kě yī shì	can't be matched in an era	Insufferably arrogant; think oneself the greatest of the age
652	唯我独尊	wéi wǒ dú zūn	only I am revered	Think only of oneself; act as though one is the only person who matters

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653	刚愎自用	gāng bì zì yòng	stubborn and self-willed	Obstinate and self-opinionated; refuse to listen to others
654	固执己见	gù zhí jǐ jiàn	stubbornly hold one's own view	Stubbornly cling to one's own opinion; refuse to listen to reason
655	一意孤行	yī yì gū xíng	one intention act alone	Act willfully; insist on having one's own way regardless of advice
656	我行我素	wǒ xíng wǒ sù	I act as I always have	Act as one always has regardless of others; go one's own way
657	特立独行	tè lì dú xíng	stand independently act alone	Be a lone wolf; march to the beat of one's own drum
658	卓尔不群	zhuó ěr bù qún	excel and not be among the masses	Stand head and shoulders above the crowd; be outstandingly different
659	超凡脱俗	chāo fán tuō sú	transcend the ordinary and worldly	Rise above the ordinary; be refined and otherworldly
660	不落俗套	bù luò sú tà	not fall into clichés	Avoid the commonplace; be original; break conventions
661	别出心裁	bié chū xīn cái	uniquely come from the heart	Come up with original ideas; think outside the box
662	独出心裁	dú chū xīn cái	uniquely originate from the heart	Demonstrate original thinking; come up with something novel
663	出奇制胜	chū qí zhì shèng	use the unusual to achieve victory	Win by using an unexpected move; use surprise to gain advantage
664	奇思妙想	qí sī miào xiǎng	unusual thoughts wonderful ideas	Creative and imaginative ideas; brilliant and novel thinking
665	异想天开	yì xiǎng tiān kāi	strange thoughts open up the sky	Have a wild, unrealistic idea; daydream; think up something fantastical
666	天马行空	tiān mǎ xíng kōng	heavenly horse runs through sky	An unconstrained imagination; free and creative thinking
667	浮想联翩	fú xiǎng lián piān	floating thoughts linked together	Thoughts float freely and associate freely; a train of free association
668	思如泉涌	sī rú quán yǒng	thoughts flow like a spring	Ideas gush forth; feel very inspired; creativity flows
669	才思敏捷	cái sī mǐn jié	talent and thought quick	Quick-witted and creative; having an agile and inventive mind
670	急中生智	jí zhōng shēng zhì	wisdom is born in urgency	Find a solution in a moment of crisis; quick thinking saves the day

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671	随机应变	suí jī yìng biàn	adapt according to circumstances	Be flexible and adaptable; respond appropriately to changing situations
672	见机行事	jiàn jī xíng shì	see the opportunity and act	Act according to circumstances; seize the right moment to act
673	相机而动	xiàng jī ér dòng	look for the opportunity and move	Wait for the right opportunity before acting; be opportunistic in a positive way
674	审时度势	shěn shí duó shì	assess the time and gauge the situation	Correctly assess the situation and act accordingly; read the moment
675	因势利导	yīn shì lì dǎo	follow the trend and guide beneficially	Guide things by going with the natural momentum; use the tide skillfully
676	因地制宜	yīn dì zhì yí	suit measures to local conditions	Adapt measures to local conditions; tailor approaches to the circumstances
677	因时制宜	yīn shí zhì yí	suit measures to the time	Adapt to the requirements of the time; do what's appropriate for the moment
678	与时俱进	yǔ shí jù jìn	advance together with the times	Keep pace with the times; be progressive
679	百尺竿头更进一步	bǎi chǐ gān tóu gèng jìn yī bù	from the top of a hundred-foot pole advance one more step	Make further progress from an already high level; continue to improve
680	精进不止	jīng jìn bù zhǐ	advance with excellence without stopping	Ceaselessly improve; always striving for better
681	孜孜不倦	zī zī bù juàn	diligent and tireless	Diligent and indefatigable; work without tiring
682	废寝忘食	fèi qīn wàng shí	neglect sleep forget food	Be so engrossed in work one forgets to eat and sleep; work obsessively
683	呕心沥血	ǒu xīn lì xuè	vomit heart drain blood	Pour one's heart and soul into something; exhaust oneself for a cause
684	殚精竭虑	dān jīng jié lǜ	exhaust essence and thoughts	Use every ounce of one's mental energy; think to exhaustion for something
685	全神贯注	quán shén guàn zhù	full spirit concentrated	Give one's full concentration; be totally absorbed in something
686	聚精会神	jù jīng huì shén	gather essence and spirit	Concentrate completely; focus the mind entirely
687	专注其中	zhuān zhù qí zhōng	focus within it	Fully immersed and focused in something; completely engaged
688	沉醉其中	chén zuì qí zhōng	intoxicated within it	Be completely absorbed and enchanted; lose oneself in something wonderful

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689	乐在其中	lè zài qí zhōng	find joy within it	Find joy in what one is doing; be happy in one's work
690	苦中作乐	kǔ zhōng zuò lè	make joy in the midst of bitterness	Find pleasure even in difficult circumstances; make the best of a bad situation
691	知足常乐	zhī zú cháng lè	know sufficiency always be happy	Be content with what one has; contentment brings lasting happiness
692	随遇而安	suí yù ér ān	be content wherever one goes	Be at ease in any situation; adapt and find peace in one's circumstances
693	随缘自在	suí yuán zì zài	go with fate and be at ease	Live according to one's fate and feel free; a carefree attitude toward life
694	顺其自然	shùn qí zì rán	let things follow nature	Let nature take its course; go with the flow; accept what comes
695	自然而然	zì rán ér rán	naturally and naturally	Naturally; as a matter of course; without any artifice
696	水到渠成	shuǐ dào qú chéng	when water flows the channel forms	When the conditions are right, success comes naturally
697	瓜熟蒂落	guā shú dì luò	when melon ripens it drops from the stem	When the time is right things happen naturally; natural resolution
698	万事俱备 只欠东风	wàn shì jù bèi zhī qiàn dōng fēng	all things ready only missing east wind	Everything is in place except the final critical element; almost ready
699	借东风	jiè dōng fēng	borrow the east wind	Get the critical help one needs; get the missing key element
700	临门一脚	lín mén yī jiǎo	one kick at the threshold	The final decisive push; one last effort to score or succeed
701	功亏一篑	gōng kuī yī kuì	effort short by one basket	Fall short at the last step; fail just before success; so close yet so far
702	差之毫厘 谬以千里	chā zhī háo lí miù yǐ qiān lǐ	differ by a hair err by a thousand li	A small initial error leads to a massive final mistake; precision matters
703	失之毫厘 差之千里	shī zhī háo lí chā zhī qiān lǐ	lose a hair's breadth differ by a thousand li	A tiny mistake leads to a big failure; details matter enormously
704	一念之差	yī niàn zhī chā	the difference of one thought	A momentary misjudgment that changes everything; a fateful choice
705	一步之遥	yī bù zhī yáo	only one step away	Just one step away; very close to the goal or to failure

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706	差一步	chā yī bù	one step short	Just one step short; almost there but not quite

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