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Welcome

"None can destroy iron, but its own rust can. Likewise, none can destroy a person, but his own mindset can" - RATAN TATA

You Should Learn at least 5-10 Idioms daily



HAPPY LEARNING

1) A Bit Much

Meaning: A bit too much

Use: These shoes costs a bit much.

2) A Bite at The Cherry

Meaning: An opportunity that is not available to everyone **Use:** After a long struggle, finally he got a bite at the cherry.

3) A Cat Nap

Meaning: A short time sleep during day time

Use: I am tired, I need a cat nap.

4) A Cold Day In July

Meaning: Something which never going to happen

Use: It like a cold day in july.

5) A Cold Fish

Meaning: Someone who is hard, unfeeling or emotionless

Use: My boss is a cold fish.

6) A Cut Above

Meaning: Something which is slightly better than other thing

Use: This pizza is a cut above other one.

7) A Cut Below

Meaning: Inferior to someone

Use: This movie is really a cut below what I expected.

8) A Few Sandwiches Short Of A Picnic

Meaning: Something which is stupid

Use: This lunch is really a few sandwiches short of a picnic.

9) A Guinea Pig

Meaning: Someone who become part of an experiment

Use: The vaccine manufacturer is searching some guinea pigs for

experiment.

10) A Hair's Breadth

Meaning: Very small amount or distance

Use: My house is at a hair's breadth from here.

11) A Home Bird

Meaning: Someone who spend his time at home

Use: Don't be a home bird.

12) A Lame Duck

Meaning: An unsuccessful person or enterprise

Use: The director of the company became a lame duck.

13) A Life Of Its Own

Meaning: An independent existence

Use: He is living a life of its own.

14) A Lone Wolf

Meaning: A person who is not social with people

Use: Because of so much pressure, he became a lone wolf.

15) A Notch Above

Meaning: Higher quality

Use: This mobile brand is a notch above the other brand.

16) A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Meaning: A visual presentation conveys information better than words

Use: A picture is always a worth of thousand words.

17) A Plum Job

Meaning: An easy work that pays well

Use: I am looking for a plum job.

18) A Rare Bird

Meaning: Someone or something which is rarely found

Use: He is a rare bird in our team.

19) A Second Bite At The Cherry

Meaning: A second change to do something

Use: He got a second bite at the cherry.

20) A Sight for Sore Eyes

Meaning: Someone or something that we pleased to see

Use: Her presence is a sight for sore eyes for me.

21) A Sitting Duck

Meaning: Someone or something in a vulnerable position & easy to damage

Use: I don't want to be a sitting duck any more.

22) A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

Meaning: Fix a problem early to avoid further problems

Use: You should stitch in time saves nine.

23) A Stone's Throw

Meaning: Very short distance

Use: My friend is living at a stone's throw from my house.

24) A Storm in a Teacup

Meaning: Unnecessary worry or anger about minor matter

Use: She always has a storm in a teacup.

25) A Tall Order

Meaning: difficult job or work

Use: It's very easy and not a tall order.

26) Above And Beyond

Meaning: Something more than expected

Use: I got everything above and beyond in my life.

27) Above Board

Meaning: without deceit, honestly

Use: Be open and above board with me.

28) Above The Law

Meaning: Exempted from a law that is applied to everyone

Use: Nobody is above the law in our office.

29) Accident Of Birth

Meaning: Having a good luck due to family

Use: His wealth is an accident of birth because of his father.

30) Accident Waiting To Happen

Meaning: Dangerous way of organising something

Use: His stunts with bike are like accident waiting to happen.

31) Ace In The Hole

Meaning: A hidden advantage or benefit

Use: He always has an ace in the hole.

32) Acid Test

Meaning: A severe or crucial test

Use: I have to go through an acid test in the interview.

33) Acknowledge The Corn

Meaning: Admit to a mistake

Use: You should acknowledge the corn.

34) Across The Board

Meaning: affecting all classes

Use: The corona virus is affecting across the board.

35) Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Meaning: Character is shown more accurately by actions than by words

Use: Your actions will speak louder than words.

36) Add Fuel To The Fire

Meaning: Aggravate an existing tension

Use: Don't add fuel to the fire.

37) Add Insult To Injury

Meaning: Humiliate someone after his defeat or damage

Use: They added insult to his injury.

38) After The Fact

Meaning: After something is completed

Use: Such decisions after the fact can be dangerous.

39) Against The Clock

Meaning: In a hurry to meet a deadline **Use:** I am against the clock in this project.

40) Agree To Disagree

Meaning: To agree not to argue anymore

Use: You have every rights to agree to disagree.

41) Aha Moment

Meaning: Sudden realization about something

Use: Finally his aha moment came after one year.

42) Airy Fairy

Meaning: impractical or idiotic

Use: I don't want to do friendship with airy fairy people.

43) Alive and Kicking

Meaning: Healthy and active despite problems

Use: Casteism is still alive and kicking.

44) All Along

Meaning: From the very beginning

Use: I knew the truth all along.

45) All And Sundry

Meaning: Each one

Use: I help all and sundry at the office.

46) All Bets Are Off

Meaning: Seemed certain is now it is unclear

Use: When he get lonely all bets are off.

47) All Ears

Meaning: Listen carefully

Use: I am listening the news with all ears.

48) All Eyes And Ears

Meaning: Attentive

Use: We should now be all eyes and ears.

49) All Eyes Are On

Meaning: Watching something attentively

Use: All eyes are on the final match.

50) All Hands on Deck

Meaning: Collective help

Use: I need all Hands on Deck in this work.

51) All Hat And No Cattle

Meaning: Pretentious

Use: He is all hat and no cattle.

52) All In Good Time

Meaning: At a more favourable time

Use: You will hear the result all in good time.

53) All in One Piece

Meaning: Without damaged

Use: I got the glass door all in one piece.

54) All Mouth And No Trousers

Meaning: To talk about doing something but never do it

Use: His promises are all mouth and no trousers.

55) All Over The Board

Meaning: Everywhere

Use: You can get cars all over the board in the city.

56) All Over The Map

Meaning: In different locations

Use: I love cricketers from all over the map.

57) All Over The Place

Meaning: In different locations

Use: Please clean your room, your shoes are all over the place.

58) All Rights Reserved

Meaning: All reproduction rights are asserted by the copyright holder

Use: We have all rights reserved.

59) All Set

Meaning: Ready

Use: We are all set for the game.

60) All Sizzle And No Steak

Meaning: Failing to live up to reputation

Use: After seeing the movie, I think it's all sizzle and no steak.

61) All Told

Meaning: With everything taken into consideration

Use: They all told me to save his brother.

62) All That Jazz

Meaning: Similar things or qualities **Use:** The mangoes and all that jazz.

63) All The Marbles

Meaning: The entire reward, winnings, power

Use: Both the teams are fighting for all the marbles.

64) All The Rage

Meaning: Very fashionable

Use: Beard is all the rage now.

65) All The Same

Meaning: Anyway or nevertheless

Use: All the same, the truth will come.

66) All Very Well

Meaning: True to a certain extent

Use: You project is all very well, but not so practical.

67) All Wet

Meaning: Completely mistaken **Use:** He is all wet in this matter.

68) Amateur Hour

Meaning: A display of inability, something done badly

Use: Don't show your amateur hour now.

69) An Early Bird

Meaning: Someone who gets up early in the morning

Use: I am an early bird who always exercise in the morning.

70) An Eye for an Eye

Meaning: The thought that a person who causes another person to suffer

should suffer in an equal amount

Use: He always believe in an eye for an eye.

71) An Offer One Can't Refuse

Meaning: Very attractive offer

Use: That is an offer I can't refuse.

72) And All That

Meaning: So on

Use: He like politics and all that.

73) And Counting

Meaning: The mentioned number is increasing or decreasing

Use: He got a donation of 50,000 rupees and counting.

74) And So Forth

Meaning: The list continues in a similar manner and similar things

Use: We remove them from the team 'at our risk', and so forth.

75) And So On

Meaning: The list continues in a similar manner and similar things

Use: I spend my day doing works, eating, sleeping, and so on.

76) Ants In Your Pants

Meaning: Restlessness

Use: Don't have ants in your pants.

77) Any Tom, Dick or Harry

Meaning: Any ordinary person

Use: I don't want to work with any tom, dick or harry.

78) Angel's Advocate

Meaning: Taking a positive outlook on an idea

Use: I will be angel's advocate for you.

79) Apple of One's Eye

Meaning: One that is highly cherished

Use: My son is just the apple of my eye.

80) Apples and Oranges

Meaning: Not comparable

Use: These are like apples and oranges, don't compare them.

81) Armed to the Teeth

Meaning: Carrying many weapons

Use: The Indian army is armed to the teeth.

82) Around the Clock

Meaning: At all times

Use: I am here for you around the clock.

83) As Fit as A Fiddle

Meaning: To be physically fit **Use:** He is as fit as a fiddle.

84) As Poor as a Church Mouse

Meaning: Very poor

Use: Don't be as poor as a church mouse.

85) At Death's Door

Meaning: Very near to death

Use: His grandfather is at death's door.

86) At Each Other's Throats

Meaning: Constantly arguing

Use: They are at each other's throats.

87) At Sixes and Sevens

Meaning: In a state of confusion

Use: We are at sixes and sevens in the office today.

88) At the Drop of a Hat

Meaning: Suddenly

Use: I will go at the drop of a hat today.

89) At the End of the Day

Meaning: In the final analysis or in the end

Use: At the end of the day, we won that game.

90) Babe In The Woods

Meaning: A Naïve person

Use: My friend is a babe in the woods.

91) Babe Magnet

Meaning: Someone who is very attractive to women

Use: My friend is a babe magnet.

92) Back And Forth

Meaning: Negotiations; backward and forward

Use: He paced slowly back and forth.

93) Back in the Day

Meaning: In earlier times

Use: He was a strong guy back in the day.

94) Back Of Beyond

Meaning: A remote place

Use: My friend lives somewhere at the back of beyond.

95) Back to Square One

Meaning: Begin something again **Use:** We will back to square again.

96) Back the Wrong Horse

Meaning: Supporting the losing side **Use:** He always back the wrong horse.

97) Backseat Driver

Meaning: Someone who gives unwanted advice

Use: Don't try to be my backseat driver.

98) Bad Apple

Meaning: Dishonest person

Use: He is a bad apple in our office.

99) Bad Blood

Meaning: Feelings of hate between people because of arguments before

Use: There is bad blood between us.

100) Bad Egg

Meaning: Someone who is not trustworthy

Use: I don't believe him because he is a bad egg.

101) Bag of Tricks

Meaning: A set of methods

Use: I have a whole bag of tricks.

102) Bang for Your Buck

Meaning: Value for money

Use: This mobile phone is a bang for your buck.

103) Bat/Play for the Other Team

Meaning: To be homosexual

Use: He always plays for the other team.

104) Bat/Play for Both Teams

Meaning: To be bisexual

Use: He plays for both teams.

105) Batten Down the Hatches

Meaning: Prepare for a storm

Use: We have batten down the hatches.

106) Be A Barrel of Laughs

Meaning: To be funny

Use: Life is not a barrel of laughs at every moment.

107) Be A Cold Day In Hell

Meaning: Something that will never happen

Use: It will be a cold day in Hell when we will become friends.

108) Be in Seventh Heaven

Meaning: Extremely happy

Use: I was in seventh heaven when I saw her.

109) Be Like Chalk and Cheese

Meaning: Very different from each other

Use: Don't compare us, we are like chalk and cheese.

110) Be on the Mend

Meaning: Improving after an illness or damage **Use:** He's been ill, but he's on the mend now.

111) Be Snowed Under

Meaning: Be extremely busy with work

Use: He will be snowed under with work tomorrow.

112) Beat Around the Bush

Meaning: To avoid talking about the important and uncomfortable topic

Use: I will not beat around the bush.

113) Beat Someone To The Draw

Meaning: Obtain something more quickly than someone else

Use: I will beat him to the draw.

114) Beat Someone to the Punch

Meaning: Do something more quickly than someone else

Use: We will beat them to the punch.

115) Beauty Is Only Skin Deep

Meaning: Character is more important than external appearance

Use: I always believe that, beauty is only skin deep.

116) Bed of Roses

Meaning: A comfortable situation

Use: Don't stay in bed of roses every time.

117) Behind the Eight Ball

Meaning: At a serious drawback

Use: She is already behind the eight ball.

118) Behind the Scenes

Meaning: An event which is not apparent to the public

Use: We should see the behind the scenes.

119) Behind the Times

Meaning: Old-fashioned

Use: My equipment are a bit behind the times.

120) Bell the Cat

Meaning: Take on a difficult task

Use: I am going to bell the cat.

121) Bells And Whistles

Meaning: Decorative but not essential

Use: Manufacturers still build bikes with all the bells and whistles.

122) Belly Laugh

Meaning: Hearty laughter

Use: The movie is full of belly laugh.

123) Best of Both Worlds

Meaning: The advantages of two different things at the same time

Use: His stories are best of both worlds.

124) Better late Than Never

Meaning: Something to be late than never to arrive or to happen

Use: It is always better late than never.

125) Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

Meaning: In a difficult position or situation

Use: He is in between the devil and the deep blue sea.

126) Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt

Meaning: Absolutely certain or definitive

Use: I will prove it beyond the shadow of a doubt.

127) Big Cheese

Meaning: An important person in an organization

Use: He is the big cheese in the company.

128) Big Deal

Meaning: An important event

Use: It is not a big deal.

129) Big Fish

Meaning: An important person

Use: The police is searching the big fish.

130) Big Picture

Meaning: A wide perspective of something

Use: I always try to see the big picture.

131) Birds of a Feather

Meaning: of the same kind or nature **Use:** Birds of a feather flock together.

132) Bird's-Eye View

Meaning: A view from above or a broad perspective

Use: I want to see the bird's-eye view.

133) Bite Off More Than You Can Chew

Meaning: to try to do something that is very difficult for you

Use: You should not bite off more than you can chew.

134) Bite the Bullet

Meaning: To do something even though that involves pain

Use: He is ready to bite the bullet.

135) Bite the Hand That Feeds You

Meaning: Harm someone who has helped you

Use: We should not bite the hand that feeds us.

136) Bitter Pill to Swallow

Meaning: Very unpleasant fact but must be accepted

Use: His words were bitter pills to swallow.

137) Black and White

Meaning: A distinction between good and bad

Use: These are like black and white.

138) Black Eye

Meaning: A mark of shame or a bad reputation

Use: I can see him with black eye.

139) Black Sheep

Meaning: Someone who does not fit into a group

Use: I don't want to be the black sheep in this group.

140) Blind Date

Meaning: A date between two persons who have not previously met

Use: I don't believe in blind date.

141) Blood and Thunder

Meaning: A dramatic performance

Use: The movie is full of blood and thunders.

142) Blow Off Steam

Meaning: To express anger and frustration without damaging

Use: They need to blow off steam.

143) Blow the Whistle

Meaning: Reporting an illegal activity to the authorities

Use: He needs to blow the whistle on him.

144) Blow Your Own Trumpet

Meaning: To promote proudly about your achievements

Use: She always blow her own trumpet.

145) Blue Eyed Boy

Meaning: A man who is liked very much and is treated well by someone

Use: He is a blue eyed boy in our college.

146) Bolt From the Blue

Meaning: Something completely unexpected

Use: It was like bolt from the blue.

147) Bone Dry

Meaning: Completely dry

Use: I don't like bone dried pizza.

148) Born on The Wrong Side of the Blanket

Meaning: Born to parents who were not married **Use:** He was born on the wrong side of the blanket.

149) Borrow Trouble

Meaning: Invite problems

Use: Don't borrow troubles everytime.

150) Bottom of the Barrel

Meaning: The lowest possible condition, level; low-quality choices

Use: He don't like anything from the bottom of the barrel.

151) Break Out in A Cold Sweat

Meaning: To perspire from fever or anxiety

Use: The thought made him break out in a cold sweat.

152) Break the Bank

Meaning: Exhaust one's financial resources

Use: One day he would break the bank.

153) Break The Ice

Meaning: To make people who have not met before feel more relaxed

with each other

Use: He tried to break the ice when I was interviewing.

154) Bring Home the Bacon

Meaning: Earn money that is needed to live

Use: I have to bring home the bacon.

155) Bringing a Knife to a Gunfight

Meaning: Underequipped

Use: I don't want to bring a knife to a gunfight.

156) Bucket List

Meaning: A list of things that one wants to do before dying

Use: I have a bucket list for the next month.

157) Bump in the Road

Meaning: A temporary setback

Use: There may be a bump in a road in every journey.

158) Burn the Candle at Both Ends

Meaning: Work too hard despite bad consequences for one's health

Use: I can't burn the candle at both ends forever.

159) Burn the Midnight Oil

Meaning: Working late into the night **Use:** I always burn the midnight oil.

160) Busman's Holiday

Meaning: A working vacation

Use: I don't need a busman's holiday this month.

161) Buy a Pig in a Poke

Meaning: Buying something without prior inspection

Use: Don't buy a pig in a poke.

162) By Hook or by Crook

Meaning: by any method possible

Use: I have to complete my target by hook or by crook.

163) By Word of Mouth

Meaning: in speech but not in writing; by being told by another person

Use: The good news spread by word of mouth.

164) Call a Spade a Spade

Meaning: Speaking frankly about a problem

Use: We have to call a spade a spade.

165) Call It a Day

Meaning: To stop work because you think you have done enough

Use: Finally he agreed to call it a day.

166) Call It a Night

Meaning: To stop an activity in the evening or night in order to go to bed

Use: The band called it a night and left the stage.

167) Call the Shots

Meaning: Making an important decisions in an organization

Use: It is time for me to call the shots.

168) Call the Tune

Meaning: Make an important decisions to control a situation

Use: I have to call the tune in right time.

169) Carry Coals To Newcastle

Meaning: engaging in useless labour or work

Use: Never carry coals to Newcastle.

170) Carry the Can

Meaning: Taking the blame for something one is not responsible

Use: Only I will carry the can for it.

171) Cast the First Stone

Meaning: Be the first to criticize or attack someone

Use: I will be the first person to cast the first stone.

172) Castle in the Air

Meaning: An impractical or illogical plan **Use:** I don't need your castle in the air.

173) Cat Fight

Meaning: A fight between two women **Use:** I can't see their cat fight any more.

174) Cat on a hot tin roof

Meaning: Extremely nervous

Use: He's been like a cat on a hot tin roof all day.

175) Catch Some Rays

Meaning: To sit or stand outside in the sun **Use:** You should get out and catch some rays.

176) Catch Someone's Eye

Meaning: Attract one's attention **Use:** He always catches her eye.

177) Caught Red-Handed

Meaning: Catch while committing a crime

Use: The thief caught red handed by the owner.

178) Circle the Wagons

Meaning: Take a defensive position

Use: People increasingly see it as their job to circle the wagons.

179) Claim to Fame

Meaning: A reason why someone or something is famous

Use: That is his primary claim to fame.

180) Clip Someone's Wings

Meaning: Reduce someone's freedom

Use: He should not clip her wings.

181) Close, But No Cigar

Meaning: Almost succeeded, but is not completely successful or correct

Use: It was close but no cigar for Johnny.

182) Cock and Bull Story

Meaning: A story that is obviously not true, used as an excuse

Use: I don't listen to his cock and bull story.

183) Come Out in the Wash

Meaning: Problems will be solved in the end

Use: All your problems will come out in the wash.

184) Come Out fighting

Meaning: Respond to something aggressively

Use: We have to come out fighting now.

185) Coming Down the Pike

Meaning: Something likely to occur in the near future

Use: So many new inventions coming down the pike.

186) Cool as A Cucumber

Meaning: Calm even in frustrating situations

Use: He is as cool as a cucumber.

187) Cool Your Heels

Meaning: Wait

Use: You have to cool your heels.

188) Couch Potato

Meaning: A lazy person who sit all day

Use: Don't be a couch potato.

189) Crash a Party

Meaning: Attending a party without invitation

Use: I never crashed any party in my life.

190) Cross to Bear

Meaning: An unpleasant situation that you have to deal with, although it

is very difficult

Use: There is no option, this is your cross to bear.

191) Crunch Time

Meaning: A critical moment or period

Use: It is a crunch time in my office.

192) Cry Your Eyes Out

Meaning: Cry for a long time

Use: I cried my eyes out when I missed him.

193) Curiosity Killed The Cat

Meaning: Don't be too curious

Use: Always remember, curiosity killed the cat.

194) Cut Corners

Meaning: Take shortcuts

Use: I don't need any cut corners to get success.

195) Cut the Mustard

Meaning: Do something adequately

Use: I don't think he can cut the mustard.

196) Cutting-Edge

Meaning: Innovative

Use: We are bringing a cutting-edge solution.

197) Change Horses in Midstream

Meaning: Changing plans or leaders in the middle of serious problems

Use: We have to change our horses in midstream.

198) Change of Heart

Meaning: A change in opinion

Use: I don't see any change of heart in him.

199) Changing of the Guard

Meaning: Change the leader of an organization

Use: It is an incredible changing of the guard this time.

200) Chase Rainbows

Meaning: To pursue impractical goals **Use:** Don't chase rainbows every time.

201) Cheap Shot

Meaning: An unfair attack on someone's weakness

Use: I don't use cheap shot on anyone.

202) Cherry-Pick

Meaning: To pick only the best people or things from a group

Use: It was a cherry-pick by the company.

203) Chickens Come Home To Roost

Meaning: The negative outcome of previous actions reveal themselves

Use: Because of you chickens came home to roost.

204) Child's Play

Meaning: A very easy task **Use:** It is not a child's play.

205) Chill Out

Meaning: To calm down or go easy

Use: You need to chill out in this situation.

206) Chin Music

Meaning: Idle or meaningless talk

Use: I don't like chin music.

207) Chip off the Old Block

Meaning: Someone who is very similar in character to their father or

mother

Use: He is a chip off the old block.

208) Chomp at the Bit

Meaning: To be eager and not willing to wait to do something

Use: Have some patience, don't chomp at the bit.

209) Chop Chop

Meaning: Without delay; quickly

Use: Come here, chop chop!

210) Chop Shop

Meaning: A place where stolen automobiles are stripped of saleable parts

Use: I never visited any chop shop.

211) Dance to Someone's Tune

Meaning: To do what someone else wants

Use: Don't dance to his tune.

212) Dance with the Devil

Meaning: Deliberately do something immoral

Use: I never dance with the devil.

213) Dark Horse

Meaning: A person who keeps their skill, interests or ideas secret

Use: He is a real dark horse for the team.

214) Darken Someone's Door

Meaning: Make an unwanted visit to someone's home where he/she is

not welcome anymore

Use: I don't like to dark anyone's door.

215) Dead as the Dodo

Meaning: To not be important or popular any longer

Use: It is dead as the dodo.

216) Dead Eye

Meaning: An unerring marksman

Use: I did not see a dead eye.

217) Dead Heat

Meaning: An exact tie in a competition **Use:** The fight ended in a dead heat.

218) Dead of Winter

Meaning: The middle of winter, when it is very cold

Use: I don't like to go out in the evening of dead of winter.

219) Dead Run

Meaning: Running as fast as possible **Use:** It is a dead run for both of you.

220) Dead Shot

Meaning: A good shooter

Use: He is a very dangerous dead shot.

221) Deep Pockets

Meaning: A person or an organization having sizeable financial wealth

Use: She has deep pockets for her future.

222) Deliver the Goods

Meaning: Provide what is anticipated **Use:** He always delivers the goods.

223) Devil's Advocate

Meaning: Someone who argues against an idea or plan that a lot of people support, in order to make people discuss and consider it

Use: Don't try to be a devil's advocate.

224) Dirty Look

Meaning: To look at someone in a disapproving way

Use: He gave a dirty look to me.

225) Dodge a Bullet

Meaning: To closely escape disaster

Use: I just dodged a bullet.

226) Dog Days of the Summer

Meaning: The hottest day of summer

Use: I don't like to go out in dog days of the summer.

227) Dog-Eat-Dog

Meaning: Intensely competitive

Use: We are living in dog-eat-dog world.

228) Don't Judge a Book by It's Cover

Meaning: Don't make your opinion by looks **Use:** You should not judge a book by it's cover.

229) Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

Meaning: Don't think about small things **Use:** He should not cry over spilled milk.

230) Double-Edged Sword

Meaning: Something which can be helpful or harmful

Use: He is a double-edged sword in our team.

231) Down in the Dumps

Meaning: Deeply sad

Use: He is feeling down in the dumps.

232) Down the Road

Meaning: In the future

Use: We have so many projects down the road.

233) Drag Your Feet

Meaning: Delay doing something

Use: Don't drag your feet now.

234) Draw a Blank

Meaning: Unable to remember or recall something

Use: He always draw a blank in crucial times.

235) Draw a Line in the Sand

Meaning: Issue an final condition

Use: He should draw a line in the sand right now.

236) Draw a Long Bow

Meaning: Exaggerate

Use: Don't draw a long bow here.

237) Draw the Line

Meaning: To set a limit to what one will accept or to do something

Use: You must draw the line somewhere.

238) Dressed Up to the Nines

Meaning: wearing very smart or attractive clothes

Use: She dressed up to the nines.

239) Drive a Hard Bargain

Meaning: To negotiate effectively for benefits **Use:** He will successfully drive a hard bargain.

240) Drive Someone Up the Wall

Meaning: Enormously irritate someone

Use: He drives her up the wall.

241) Drop a Line

Meaning: To write a letter

Use: I will drop a line to him today.

242) Drop the Ball

Meaning: Make a mistake

Use: He already dropped the ball.

243) Eager beaver

Meaning: A person who is hardworking and enthusiastic

Use: He is an eager beaver in my friend circle.

244) Eagle-Eyed

Meaning: Having sharp or keen vision **Use:** My brother is an eagle-eyed person.

245) Early Bird

Meaning: A person who gets up or arrives early

Use: We want some early birds in our team.

246) Eat Crow

Meaning: To take blame and accept humiliation

Use: He will be eating crow tonight.

247) Eat Humble Pie

Meaning: To admit defeat and accept humiliation

Use: He has to eat humble pie again.

248) Eat Someone's Lunch

Meaning: Conquer someone thoroughly

Use: He eats her lunch.

249) Elephant in the Room

Meaning: An obvious problem that no one wants to discuss

Use: Nobody talks about the elephant in the room.

250) Eleventh Hour

Meaning: The last minute

Use: He came in the eleventh hour.

251) Every Dog Has Its Day

Meaning: Everyone is successful or happy at some time in their life

Use: No need to worry, every dog has its day.

252) Every Man and His Dog

Meaning: Many people or large number of people

Use: Everybody and his dog is going on a vacation this summer.

253) Every Man for Himself

Meaning: A situation where all are trying to do what is best for

themselves and no one is trying to help anyone else

Use: In journalism and politics it's every man for himself.

254) Face the Music

Meaning: Accepting the judgment or punishment

Use: He has to face the music.

255) Fall for Something

Meaning: To be deceived by something

Use: I fell for her in a big way.

256) Fall Off the Wagon

Meaning: To start drinking alcohol after quitting

Use: He fell off the wagon at the hostel party.

257) Fall on One's Sword

Meaning: Accepting the blame; sacrifice oneself

Use: He falls on her sword.

258) Fashion-Forward

Meaning: Always ready to adopt new styles quickly

Use: He is a fashion-forward person.

259) Fat Cat

Meaning: someone who has a lot of money; high paying executive

Use: He is a fat cat businessman.

260) Father Figure

Meaning: A mentor

Use: He is a father figure for us.

261) Feast Your Eyes On

Meaning: To look at someone or something with great pleasure

Use: Come and feast your eyes on this cheese pizza.

262) Feather in One's Cap

Meaning: A notable achievement

Use: It's a real feather in our cap to play for the team.

263) Feather One's Nest

Meaning: To take advantage of one's position

Use: He has decided to feather his nest by blackmail.

264) Fed Up With

Meaning: Refuse to tolerate something any further

Use: I am fed up with her conduct.

265) Feel Like a Million Dollars

Meaning: To feel good and healthy

Use: The food made him feel like a million dollars.

266) Feel On Top of The World

Meaning: Healthy feeling

Use: Today I am feeling on top of the world.

267) Fifteen Minutes of Fame

Meaning: Temporary success or renown

Use: I don't need a fifteen minutes of fame.

268) Fifth Wheel

Meaning: A superfluous person or thing

Use: The chair is a fifth wheel, thay don't need it.

269) Fight Fire with Fire

Meaning: Fighting against an opponent by using the same methods or

weapons used by the opponent

Use: The only way we can deal with crime is to fight fire with fire.

270) Fight Like Cat and Dog

Meaning: Arguing repeatedly with each other

Use: We don't fight like cat and dog.

271) Find your Voice

Meaning: To become confident & willing to talk

Use: Finally we find our voice.

272) Find Your Feet

Meaning: To adjust or become familiar with a new situation

Use: I have finally found my feet in my job.

273) Finger-Pointing

Meaning: Making explicit and often unfair accusations of blame

Use: There's a finger-pointing when we make mistakes.

274) Fire in the Belly

Meaning: Very strong ambition **Use:** They have a fire in the belly.

275) First In, Best Dressed

Meaning: The who do something will have an advantage

Use: The first 50 customers today will get a big discount! First in, best

dressed!

276) Fish for Compliments

Meaning: Manipulate people to take praise **Use:** You don't need to fish for compliments.

277) Fish Out of Water

Meaning: Someone who is uncomfortable in a specific situation

Use: I felt like a fish out of water.

278) Flash in the Pan

Meaning: A one-time phenomenon

Use: His success was just a flash in the pan.

279) Flat Broke

Meaning: Having no money at all

Use: He is now a flat broke.

280) Flesh and Blood

Meaning: Very close relatives

Use: She is not my flesh and blood.

281) Flew the Coop

Meaning: Escaped

Use: He flew the coop with all the money.

282) Fly High

Meaning: Become successful, especially for the moment

Use: Don't try to fly high with shortcuts.

283) Fly Off The Handle

Meaning: To react in a very angry way to something

Use: She just flew off the handle.

284) Follow In Someone's Footsteps

Meaning: To do the same thing as someone else

Use: I follow in his footsteps in my life.

285) Follow Your Heart

Meaning: Depends on one's deeper feelings when making a decision

Use: We should always follow our heart.

286) Food for Thought

Meaning: Something that makes you think cautiously

Use: There is so much food for thought in this article.

287) For a Song

Meaning: For a very small amount of money

Use: She bought the book for a song.

288) For XYZ Reasons

Meaning: For multiple reasons

Use: You should not stop working hard for xyz reasons.

289) Foul Play

Meaning: Crime, typically murder **Use:** There is a foul play in this case.

290) Fourth Estate

Meaning: The media

Use: The fourth estate of our country is corrupt now.

291) Fox in the Henhouse

Meaning: Someone who causes problems **Use:** He is always a fox in the henhouse.

292) Freak Out

Meaning: To become or cause someone to become extremely emotional

or psychological

Use: Don't freak out at this moment.

293) French Leave

Meaning: Absence without permission; secret departure

Use: Many of the students took French leave.

294) Freudian Slip

Meaning: A revealing slip of the tongue

Use: That is the Freudian slip of him.

295) From Pillar to Post

Meaning: Forced to keep moving from one place to another

Use: We were driven from pillar to post.

296) From Scratch

Meaning: From the beginning

Use: I am learning programming from scratch.

297) From Soup to Nuts

Meaning: All from beginning to end

Use: He thought everything from soup to nuts.

298) From the Bottom of One's Heart

Meaning: Honestly and with deep feeling

Use: I am saying this from the bottom of my heart.

299) Full Fathom Five

Meaning: Lost deep in the sea

Use: There was a boat accident yesterday, many people are lost full

fathom five.

300) Full of the Joys of Spring

Meaning: Very happy and energetic **Use:** He's still full of the joys of spring.

301) Game of Chicken

Meaning: A conflict situation where neither side back down for fear of

seeming cowardly

Use: This is a game of chicken.

302) Get A Word In Edgewise

Meaning: Be able to say something while someone else is talking a lot

Use: I could not get a word in edgewise.

303) Get Bent Out of Shape

Meaning: Become angry or upset

Use: I am getting bent out of shape because of his stupidy.

304) Get Carried Away

Meaning: Become so excited about something that is uncontrollable

Use: I get carried away when I see dogs.

305) Get In on the Ground Floor

Meaning: Invest in something while it is still small or in initial situation

Use: This is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor.

306) Get in Shape

Meaning: Doing exercise regularly

Use: I need to get in shape.

307) Get Off Scot Free

Meaning: Not get the punishment that is deserved

Use: He was punished and they got off scot-free.

308) Get Someone's Goat

Meaning: Irritate someone deeply

Use: He always gets her goat.

309) Get To Grips With

Meaning: To make an effort to understand and deal with a problem

Use: He was unable to get to grips with his enemy.

310) Get the Ball Rolling

Meaning: To begin an activity **Use:** We can get the ball rolling.

311) Get the Picture

Meaning: To understand a situation **Use:** He can't possibly get the picture.

312) Get the Third Degree

Meaning: To be questioned in great detail about something

Use: He got the third degree in police station.

313) Get Wind of

Meaning: To hear a piece of information that someone else was trying to

keep secret

Use: They got wind of the plans to rob their house.

314) Get With the Program

Meaning: Figure out what everyone else already knows

Use: He just get with the program.

315) Go Ballistic

Meaning: to become very angry or excited **Use:** He went ballistic when he saw them.

316) Go Bananas

Meaning: To become extremely angry or excited

Use: Don't go bananas in every situation.

317) Go Belly Up

Meaning: To fail completely or bankrupt **Use:** The bank went belly-up in last month.

318) Go Berserk

Meaning: To become angry or crazy, and violent

Use: He went berserk when they insult him.

319) Go Off Half-Cocked

Meaning: To do or say something without preparing for it

Use: She went off half-cocked to the interview.

320) Go Off the Deep End

Meaning: Suddenly become very angry

Use: The news caused him to go off the deep end.

321) Go Off The Rails

Meaning: To lose control and start behaving in a way that is not

acceptable

Use: He went off the rails after the game.

322) Go Out on a Limb

Meaning: Put in a vulnerable position

Use: I wouldn't go out on a limb without data.

323) Go to the Dogs

Meaning: To become ruined or disordered

Use: The company was going to the dogs.

324) Go to the Mattresses

Meaning: Going into a battle

Use: We have to go to the mattresses.

325) Go the Extra Mile

Meaning: To do more than one is required to do

Use: He always go extra mile every time.

326) Go Under the Knife

Meaning: Undergo a surgery

Use: He needs to go under the knife.

327) Go Viral

Meaning: Spread rapidly on the Internet

Use: It is easy to go viral in these days.

328) Go with the Flow

Meaning: Accepting the way things are naturally going

Use: I never go with the flow.

329) Grab the Bull by the Horns

Meaning: Candidly deal with a problem

Use: I always grab the bull by the horns.

330) Grasp at Straws

Meaning: Taking desperate actions with little hope of success

Use: Sometimes you need to grasp at straws.

331) Grease Monkey

Meaning: An auto mechanic

Use: He want to become a grease monkey.

332) Grease the Wheels

Meaning: Taking action to make an operation run smoothly

Use: I tried to grease the wheels for him to get success.

333) Green Around the Gills

Meaning: To look ill and pale

Use: He looked kind of green around the gills after the trip.

334) Green as Grass

Meaning: Lacking training or inexperience

Use: He is as green as grass for this job.

335) Grind One's Teeth

Meaning: Be very angry about something but not able to say about it

Use: You do not need to grind your teeth.

336) Guilty Pleasure

Meaning: Doing something for pleasure but actually it is not good

Use: Having ice cream is a guilty pleasure for me.

337) Guinea Pig

Meaning: A person who is used in an experiment

Use: They used the prisons as guinea pig to test the drug.

338) Give and Take

Meaning: Negotiate or compromise

Use: It is a give and take deal for us.

339) Give Lip Service

Meaning: Talking about supporting something but not taking any action

Use: The police always gives lip service in this case.

340) Give Someone a Holler

Meaning: Contact someone

Use: I need to give someone a holler for help.

341) Give Someone a Piece of Your Mind

Meaning: Telling someone why you are angry with him

Use: I will not give him a piece of my mind.

342) Give Someone an Earful

Meaning: Express an opinion to someone with anger

Use: She never gives me an earful.

343) Give Someone the Cold Shoulder

Meaning: Intentionally ignore or treat someone in an unfriendly way:

Use: I don't give anyone the cold shoulder.

344) Give Something a Whirl

Meaning: Attempt to do something without being familiar with it

Use: You need to give it a whirl.

345) Give the Green Light

Meaning: Approve something

Use: My father is not giving the green light.

346) Hands are Tied

Meaning: Something is not within your power

Use: In this matter, my hands are tied.

347) Hands Down

Meaning: Undoubtedly or without question

Use: My team won hands down.

348) Hanging by a Thread

Meaning: In great threat of elimination or failure

Use: His future is hanging by a thread.

349) Hard Nut to Crack

Meaning: A difficult problem or person

Use: He is a hard nut to crack.

350) Haul Over the Coals

Meaning: Scold someone hard **Use:** Don't haul over the coal.

351) Have A Ball

Meaning: Having enjoyable time

Use: He is having a ball today.

352) Have a Chip on One's Shoulder

Meaning: Having angry attitude

Use: I don't have a chip on her shoulder.

353) Have a Dog in the Hunt

Meaning: To support a certain person in a battle

Use: I always have a dog in the hunt.

354) Have a Nose for Something

Meaning: To have natural talent at something

Use: I have a nose for painting.

355) Have an Ace Up One's Sleeve

Meaning: having a hidden benefit

Use: I don't have an ace up his sleeve.

356) Have Bigger Fish to Fry

Meaning: Have better and more important work to do

Use: I have bigger fish to fry today.

357) Have One Foot in The Grave

Meaning: Death is near because of old age or illness

Use: He has one foot in the grave.

358) Have Skin in the Game

Meaning: Risking something in an Agreement, have a personal investment

in an organization

Use: I don't have any skin in the game.

359) Have Something in the Bag

Meaning: Be certain or sure to win

Use: I still have something in the bag to win this game.

360) Have the Hots for Somebody

Meaning: Find someone so attractive

Use: I have the hots for her.

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361) Have the Time of Your Life

Meaning: Having a very fun or enjoyable time

Use: I am having the time of my life.

362) Have Your Nose in the Air

Meaning: Derisive attitude

Use: Ha has his nose in the air.

363) Have Your Say

Meaning: Express your point of view on something

Use: I have to say something in this matter.

364) Have Your Thumb Up Your Ass

Meaning: Have no work or nothing to do

Use: Every time he stands around with his thumb up his ass.

365) He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best

Meaning: Even if someone is not successful now he or she will succeed in

the end

Use: There is no doubt, he who laughs last laughs best.

366) He Would Put Legs Under A Chicken

Meaning: He is very talkative

Use: Get ready to listen, He would put legs under a chicken.

367) Head and Shoulders Above

Meaning: Someone or something is much better than others

Use: The two applicants stood head and shoulders above the rest.

368) Head Start

Meaning: An advantage over others

Use: I have a head start in this game.

369) Heads Up

Meaning: Get ready or be careful

Use: Put your heads up now.

370) Heart and Soul

Meaning: With all energy or love

Use: I will put my heart and soul for it.

371) Heavens Open

Meaning: Start raining heavily

Use: Just as we got to the school, the heavens opened.

372) Heavy Hitter

Meaning: An Influential person **Use:** I will become a heavy hitter.

373) Helicopter Parenting

Meaning: Over attentive parenting

Use: Indian moms always do helicopter parenting.

374) Hell for Leather

Meaning: As fast as possible

Use: This horse often goes hell for leather.

375) High as a Kite

Meaning: Strongly under the impact of drugs

Use: He always in high as a kite.

376) Hit a Wall

Meaning: Suddenly stop making further progress

Use: Don't hit a wall so early.

377) Hit It Out of the Park

Meaning: Succeed brilliantly

Use: He have to hit it out of the park.

378) Hit the Books

Meaning: Study

Use: I like to hit the books before sleeping.

379) Hit the Ground Running

Meaning: To start a project with no training period needed

Use: Law graduates are always expected to hit the ground running.

380) Hit the Hay

Meaning: To go to bed in order to sleep

Use: I hit the hay at 9 PM everyday.

381) Hit the Jackpot

Meaning: Doing something that lead great success

Use: I will surely hit the jackpot.

382) Hit the Nail on the Head

Meaning: To describe the truth what is causing a situation

Use: You have to hit the nail on the head.

383) Hit the Road

Meaning: To leave

Use: Don't hit the road so early.

384) Hit the Roof

Meaning: Become very angry

Use: He always hit the roof when someone insults him.

385) Hit the Sack

Meaning: To go to bed to sleep

Use: Today, I will hit the sack early.

386) Hit the Spot

Meaning: Be very satisfying; to be exactly what is needed

Use: A cheese burger would hit the spot.

387) Hobson's Choice

Meaning: One selection among bad options

Use: This is the hobson's choice according to me.

388) Hold One's Peace

Meaning: Be silent

Use: Don't hold your peace in this moment.

389) Hold the Phone

Meaning: Wait for a moment

Use: Can you hold the phone for a moment?

390) Hold Your Horses

Meaning: Restrain yourself **Use:** I am holding my horses.

391) Home Away from Home

Meaning: A place where one feel as comfortable as own home

Use: This is like a home away from home for me.

392) Home Truths

Meaning: An unpleasant fact of you that another person tells you

Use: I will told him a few home truths.

393) Honour System

Meaning: A system of payments that relies on the honesty

Use: The hotel has a honour system for customers.

394) Hot Mess

Meaning: Something or someone in a state of utmost disorder

Use: The room is hot mess.

395) Hot Potato

Meaning: A controversial topic or project that is avoidable

Use: The news channels always look for hot potatoes.

396) If the Shoe Fits, Wear It

Meaning: If something said or suggested about you is accurate, accept it

Use: The fact is, If the Shoe Fits, Wear It.

397) In a Fog

Meaning: Confusion

Use: I don't want to be in a fog.

398) In a Heartbeat

Meaning: Without any delay or hesitation **Use:** Situations can change in a heartbeat.

399) In a Jam

Meaning: A difficult situation **Use:** We were stuck in a jam.

400) In a New York Minute

Meaning: Very quickly or instantly **Use:** I am in a New York minute.

401) In a Nutshell

Meaning: Using as few words as possible to explain

Use: Can you explain it in a nutshell?

402) In a Pickle

Meaning: To be in a difficult situation

Use: We are in a pretty pickle now because the hotel gave our room away.

403) In Broad Daylight

Meaning: Something happens during the day **Use:** We played the match in broad daylight.

404) In Clover

Meaning: To enjoy a life from a positive financial situation

Use: He lives in clover because of his rich father.

405) In Full Swing

Meaning: At the highest level of activity

Use: The party is in full swing.

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406) In His Cups

Meaning: Drunk

Use: He was in his cups and talking very loudly.

407) In Hot Water

Meaning: In trouble

Use: He is in hot water with the authorities.

408) In One's Element

Meaning: A situation where one is comfortable

Use: You can tell she's in her element.

409) In Touch

Meaning: In contact

Use: Always get in touch with me.

410) In the Blink of an Eye

Meaning: Extremely quickly

Use: The fighter jet passes in the blink of an eye.

411) In the Cards

Meaning: Something which is likely to occur

Use: His marriage with her is in the cards.

412) In the Dark

Meaning: Something that is not informed might be useful to know

Use: Truth always shines in the dark.

413) In the Driver's Seat

Meaning: In a dominant position

Use: My team will be in the driver's seat today.

414) In the Hot Seat

Meaning: Under pressure publicly

Use: He is in the hot seat.

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415) In the Limelight

Meaning: At the centre of attention **Use:** He is trying to be in the limelight.

416) In the Spotlight

Meaning: Receiving huge publicity or attention

Use: I would be in the spotlight for my solo performance.

417) In the Long Run

Meaning: A long period of time

Use: It will be beneficial in the long run.

418) In the Nick of Time

Meaning: At the last possible moment

Use: We went there just in the nick of time.

419) In the Pipeline

Meaning: Being planned in order to happen

Use: More good games are in the pipeline.

420) In the Same Boat

Meaning: In the same difficult situation as someone else or similarly

vulnerable

Use: Everyone is in the same boat today.

421) In the Toilet

Meaning: In tragic condition

Use: We are in the toilet at this time.

422) In the Works

Meaning: Under development

Use: An English leaning program is in the works.

423) It Never Rains but It Pours

Meaning: When something bad happens other bad things usually happen

simultaneously

Use: Like they say, it never rains but it pours.

424) It Won't Fly

Meaning: It won't be approved or accepted

Use: You can submit your project, but it won't fly.

425) It's All Greek to Me

Meaning: Something which is impossible to understand

Use: Whatever he said, it's all Greek to me.

426) It's Not Over Till the Fat Lady Sings

Meaning: Don't give up too soon, things may change

Use: As they say, It's not over till the fat lady sings.

427) It's Not Rocket Science

Meaning: Something that is not difficult to understand

Use: It's not a rocket science, everybody knows it.

428) I've Had It Up to Here

Meaning: Extremely annoyed or exhausted at something that someone

has done on several times

Use: I've had it up to here with your lies.

429) Jack of All Trades

Meaning: A person with a wide variety of skills who can do many different

jobs

Use: He is a Jack of all trades and master of none.

430) Join the Club

Meaning: Understand an unpleasant situation because you are in the same situation

Use: We refused to join the club.

431) Jump in with Both Feet

Meaning: Involved in a situation too quickly without thinking about it first

Use: We don't jump in with both feet.

432) Jump on the Bandwagon

Meaning: To follow a trend or join others in doing

Use: Let's jump on the bandwagon right now.

433) Jump the Gun

Meaning: To do something too soon **Use:** We are jumping the gun a bit.

434) Jump the Track

Meaning: To come off the track **Use:** Finally he jumped the track.

435) Jump Through Hoops

Meaning: Complete a task in order to satisfy someone **Use:** We had to jump through hoops to get our returns.

436) Just Around the Corner

Meaning: Occurring soon to happen soon

Use: Economic restoration is just around the corner.

437) Just for the Record

Meaning: To make it clear

Use: All I have said just for the record.

438) Just What the Doctor Ordered

Meaning: Exactly what is wanted or needed **Use:** I am doing just what the doctor ordered.

439) Keep Someone at Bay

Meaning: To prevent someone from moving closer

Use: I always keep bad people at bay.

440) Keep a Stiff Upper Lip

Meaning: Control emotions

Use: Can you keep a stiff upper lip?

441) Keep an Eye On

Meaning: Keep under careful observation **Use:** You need to keep your eye on him.

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442) Keep an Eye Peeled

Meaning: Watch carefully and continuously for something

Use: They need to keep their eyes peeled.

443) Keep It Under Your Hat

Meaning: Don't reveal this secret

Use: Don't public it, keep it under your hat.

444) Keep Someone at Arm's Length

Meaning: Avoid close relationship or cooperation

Use: I like to keep him at arm's length.

445) Keep Your Nose Clean

Meaning: To avoid getting into trouble

Use: I need to keep my nose clean in this situation.

446) Keep Your Powder Dry

Meaning: Do not attack until you are ready or to wait before taking action

Use: Always keep you powder dry without preparation.

447) Keeping One's Nose to the Grindstone

Meaning: Working hard on something repetitive

Use: I am keeping my nose to the grindstone.

448) Kick the Bucket

Meaning: To die

Use: He kicked the bucket too early.

449) Kick the Can Down the Road

Meaning: Postpone an important decision

Use: It is the time to kick the can down the road.

450) Kill Two Birds with One Stone

Meaning: to succeed in achieving two things in a single action

Use: He is known for killing two birds with one stone.

451) King of the Hill

Meaning: The top or most influential person in a given field or area

Use: I want to be the king of the hill.

452) Kiss and Make Up

Meaning: To become friendly again after a fight **Use:** I don't want to kiss and make up with him.

453) Kith and Kin

Meaning: Friends and relatives

Use: My kith and kin is coming today.

454) Knock on Wood; Touch Wood

Meaning: Hoping I have good luck **Use:** Touch wood, so far so good.

455) Knock Some Sense Into

Meaning: To beat someone in order to teach a lesson

Use: I will knock some sense into his head soon.

456) Larger Than Life

Meaning: Person who attracts a lot of attention because he/she is exciting or interesting than most people

Use: I don't like to live larger than life.

457) Last But Not Least

Meaning: Importantly, despite being mentioned after everyone else

Use: He is the last but not the least.

458) Laughter is the Best Medicine

Meaning: Laughing is the best in order to recover from physical or mental injury

Use: My doctor said, laughter is the best medicine.

459) Learn the Ropes

Meaning: Become more familiar with a work or endeavour

Use: I have to learn the ropes in order to get success.

460) Leave Someone in the Lurch

Meaning: Leave someone in a difficult situation

Use: I will never leave him in the lurch.

461) Lend one's Ear

Meaning: Listen

Use: Can you lend your ears for a minute?

462) Let Bygones Be Bygones

Meaning: To decide to forget about a past disagreement or something

unpleasant

Use: He will let bygones be bygones.

463) Let Off Steam

Meaning: To express feelings of anger without harming anyone

Use: He want to let off steam.

464) Let One's Hair Down

Meaning: To relax and relish

Use: I want to let my hair down today.

465) Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

Meaning: To leave a person or situation alone if they might cause trouble

Use: Why can't I let sleeping dogs lie?

466) Let the Cat Out of the Bag

Meaning: To reveal something that was intended to be secret

Use: He didn't let the cat out of the bag.

467) Letter of the Law

Meaning: Exactly what the law says

Use: I want to stick to the letter of the law.

468) Lick One's Wounds

Meaning: Taking rest to get back the strength or happiness after a bad

defeat or experience

Use: You need to lick your wounds.

469) Life is A Bowl of Cherries

Meaning: Life is very wonderful **Use:** My life is a bowl of cherries.

470) Light a Fire Under Someone

Meaning: Motivate someone to work hard

Use: I want to light a fire under him.

471) Light at the End of the Tunnel

Meaning: Sign of improvement or hope in a situation that has been bad

for a long time

Use: I can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

472) Like a Kid in a Candy Store

Meaning: Act in a childlike or silly way

Use: Don't act like a kid in a candy store.

473) Like Father, Like Son

Meaning: A son's behaviour can be expected like his father.

Use: It's a fact, Like Father, Like Son.

474) Like Shooting Fish in a Barrel

Meaning: Very easy

Use: This work is like shooting fish in a barrel.

475) Like Taking Candy from a Baby

Meaning: Very easy

Use: His work is like taking candy from a baby.

476) Like Two Peas in a Pod

Meaning: Very similar appearance or behaviour

Use: They both are like two peas in a pod.

477) Like The Cat That Got The Cream

Meaning: Looks proud or satisfied about something he/she has done

Use: He is looking like the cat that got the cream.

478) Lion's Den

Meaning: A dangerous or scary place **Use:** I don't want to visit that lion's den.

479) Lion's Share

Meaning: Largest part of something

Use: He is holding a lion's share in that company.

480) Live Large

Meaning: Having a lavish lifestyle

Use: I want to live large.

481) Living in Cloud Cuckooland

Meaning: Having unrealistic beliefs or plans

Use: He is living in cloud cuckooland.

482) Living on Borrowed Time

Meaning: To Continue to be alive after one expected to die

Use: His grandfather is living on borrowed time.

483) Living Under a Rock

Meaning: Ignorant or unaware of important events

Use: Majority of people are living under a rock.

484) Loaded for Bear

Meaning: Prepared to deal with attacks or criticism

Use: They were loaded for bear.

485) Loan Shark

Meaning: Someone who lends money with a very high rate of interest

Use: He is doing business with a loan shark.

486) Lock Horns

Meaning: To come into a conflict

Use: They will lock horns and wrestle.

487) Long Shot

Meaning: An attempt or guess that is little chance of success

Use: The captain tried a long shot on goal.

488) Look the Other Way

Meaning: To turn your head to not looking at someone or something

Use: Turn a deaf ear, look the other way.

489) Loose Cannon

Meaning: Someone out of control

Use: It is proved that you are a loose cannon.

490) Lose One's Touch

Meaning: Decline in skill at doing something

Use: He has lost his touch in bowling.

491) Lose Touch

Meaning: Not be as successful at doing something as before

Use: It is very easy to lose touch.

492) Lose the Thread

Meaning: Stop concentrating because unable to understand what

someone is saying

Use: He lost the thread of the conversation.

493) Love at First Sight

Meaning: Fall in love with somebody in first meeting

Use: It was love at first sight.

494) Love Rat

Meaning: Someone who cheats on his/her love partner

Use: She was a love rat in his life.

495) Love Someone With All of One's Heart And Soul

Meaning: To love someone deeply

Use: I love her with all of my Heart and Soul.

496) Lower the Boom

Meaning: Implement a punishment or penalty

Use: The teacher will lower the boom today.

497) Low-Hanging Fruit

Meaning: Things that are easy to obtain, achieve, or deal with

Use: This is a low-hanging fruit for me.

498) Mad as A Hatter

Meaning: Mentally ill

Use: They have become as mad as a hatter.

499) Main Squeeze

Meaning: Committed or serious romantic partner

Use: I want to know, who's his main squeeze?

500) Make a Break for It

Meaning: Try to escape or run off

Use: I don't want to make a break for it.

501) Make a Mountain out of a Molehill

Meaning: To make a little difficult things seem like a serious problem

Use: He always makes a mountain out of a molehill.

502) Make Ends Meet

Meaning: Having enough money to fulfil basic expenses

Use: Many families in the world are struggling to make ends meet.

503) Make Nice

Meaning: Act friendly despite conflict

Use: I don't want to make nice in this situation.

504) Make One's Mark

Meaning: Obtain influence or recognition

Use: I will make my mark here.

505) Make Someone's Day

Meaning: To make someone feel happy

Use: I tried to make his day.

506) Make Waves

Meaning: Causing problems by making suggestions or criticisms

Use: I know he will make waves at work.

507) Match Made in Heaven

Meaning: When two people perfectly suited or complement each other

Use: They are a match made in heaven.

508) May-December Marriage

Meaning: A marriage between a younger and an older partner

Use: It was a may-december marriage.

509) Me Time

Meaning: A time when one can do what he/she want to do

Use: Give me time for what I want to do.

510) Meeting of the Minds

Meaning: Strong instinctive agreement or understanding on something

Use: There was a meeting of the minds between us.

511) Mend Fences

Meaning: To try to be friendly again with someone after a dispute

Use: It is too late to mend fences with me.

512) Miss the Boat

Meaning: Be too late for something **Use:** You already missed the boat.

513) Monday Morning Quarterback

Meaning: Someone who criticise after already knowing the outcome of

something

Use: He is often referred to as a Monday morning quarterback.

514) Month of Sundays

Meaning: Something which is very unlikely to happen

Use: This is like month of Sundays.

515) More Fun Than A Barrel of Monkeys

Meaning: Very funny and enjoyable

Use: The movie was more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

516) Mother Nature

Meaning: Nature and natural forces

Use: I want to live close to mother nature.

517) Move Heaven and Earth

Meaning: To work very hard to do or achieve something

Use: I will move heaven and earth to help her.

518) Move Up in the World

Meaning: Become more successful **Use:** I have to move up in the world.

519) Movers and Shakers

Meaning: People with a lot of power and influence

Use: They are the movers and shakers of this country.

520) Much Of A Muchness

Meaning: Very much similar to each other **Use:** All of them are much of a muchness.

521) Mum's the Word

Meaning: To agree with someone, to keep something a secret

Use: I am not going to tell people, OK, mum's the word!

522) Music to My Ears

Meaning: Welcome news

Use: It is like a music to my ears.

523) Mutton Dressed as Lamb

Meaning: A woman who dress to look younger by wearing clothes

designed for young people

Use: His dressing sense is like mutton dressed as lamb.

524) My Dogs Are Barking

Meaning: My feet are hurting

Use: My Dogs Are Barking, I can't run anymore.

525) Nail-Biter

Meaning: A suspenseful event that induces tension or anxiety

Use: The last game was a nail-biter.

526) Neck and Neck

Meaning: Very close in a competition

Use: Today's game will be neck and neck.

527) Neck of the Woods

Meaning: The place where someone lives

Use: In my neck of the woods, everyone lives a simple life.

528) Nest Egg

Meaning: Wealth saved for a future

Use: He did not even build up a nest egg for future.

529) Never in A Million Years

Meaning: Absolutely never or impossible to happen

Use: It is a never in a million years incident.

530) Never Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth

Meaning: Accept gifts politely

Use: We should never look a gift horse in the mouth.

531) Nice Chunk of Change

Meaning: A huge amount of money **Use:** He has a nice chunk of change.

532) Nine Times Out of Ten

Meaning: Nearly always

Use: He plays well nine times out of ten.

533) Nine-to-Five Job

Meaning: An office job during regular business hours

Use: I don't want to do nine-to-five job.

534) No Holds Barred

Meaning: Without limits or controls **Use:** This is fun with no holds barred.

535) No Love Lost Between

Meaning: Two people do not like each other

Use: There's no love lost between them.

536) No Rhyme or Reason

Meaning: Without logic or any obvious reasonable explanation

Use: There is no rhyme or reason to his story.

537) No Room to Swing A Cat

Meaning: Very small

Use: I have no room to swing a cat.

538) No Shit, Sherlock

Meaning: Very obvious

Use: No shit, Sherlock. we all knows that!

539) Not Enough Room to Swing a Cat

Meaning: A very small space

Use: I have a tiny apartment with not enough room to swing a cat.

540) Not Give A Fig

Meaning: To not care anything at all **Use:** I don't give a fig to his stupidity.

541) Not Have a Prayer

Meaning: To have no chance of succeeding

Use: He don't have a prayer.

542) Not Lift a Finger

Meaning: To not make any effort

Use: He did not lift a finger to help me.

543) Not Mince Your Words

Meaning: Saying clearly and directly, even it can upset people

Use: They did not mince his words.

544) Not One's Cup of Tea

Meaning: Not what one likes or is interested in

Use: This is not my cup of tea.

545) Not Playing with A Full Deck

Meaning: Mentally deficient

Use: He wasn't playing with a full deck.

546) Not Ready for Prime Time

Meaning: Not yet perfected or skilled **Use:** I am not ready for the prime time.

547) Not Sit Well with Someone

Meaning: Difficult for someone to agree with or accept

Use: The master's decision did not sit well with many parents.

548) Nothing to Write Home About

Meaning: Be very mediocre or ordinary

Use: The movie was nothing to write home about.

549) Nuts and Bolts

Meaning: The basic details of a job or activity

Use: We have to polish the nuts and bolts for future.

550) Nutty as a Fruitcake

Meaning: To be a very strange or idiotic **Use:** You really are nutty as a fruitcake.

551) Pack Heat

Meaning: To carry a gun

Use: A thug was packing heat.

552) Paddle One's Own Canoe

Meaning: Able to act independently

Use: He paddles his own canoe.

553) Pain in the Neck

Meaning: Someone or something making your life difficult or annoying

Use: That man is a real pain in the neck.

554) Paint the Town Red

Meaning: To go out drinking, dancing, partying

Use: They're going to paint the town red.

555) Par for the Course

Meaning: Expected in a particular situation

Use: Long hours are par for the course.

556) Pass the Buck

Meaning: To pass a problem to someone else

Use: I don't like to pass the buck.

557) Pass With Flying Colours

Meaning: To win, achieve, succeed or accomplish something exceptionally

Use: I hope, he will pass with flying colours.

558) Passing Fancy

Meaning: A short time liking

Use: Liking her was just a passing fancy.

559) Pay Through the Nose

Meaning: To pay huge money for something **Use:** I have to pay through the nose to get that.

560) Pecking Order

Meaning: Rank of importance or power **Use:** The pecking order will change soon.

561) Pencil Something In

Meaning: Make tentative or provisional arrangements

Use: Tomorrow is pencilled in as the date for the meeting.

562) Pep Talk

Meaning: A speech during which someone encourages to do something

better

Use: The players need a pep talk with the coach.

563) Perfect Storm

Meaning: A very unpleasant situation in which several bad things happen

at same time

Use: He is facing a perfect storm nowadays.

564) Pet Peeve

Meaning: Something that especially annoys you

Use: This is a pet peeve of him.

565) Pick a Fight

Meaning: Intentionally start a fight **Use:** Don't try to pick a fight with me.

566) Pick Up the Slack

Meaning: Doing something that is missing or not getting done

Use: His demand will help pick up the slack.

567) Pick Up the Tab

Meaning: To pay a bill

Use: He don't like to pick up the tab.

568) Pie in the Sky

Meaning: Something that is impractical or that cannot be fulfilled

Use: His idea is just pie in the sky.

569) Piece of Cake

Meaning: Something that is very easy to do

Use: Winning this match against this team is a piece of cake.

570) Pin Someone Down

Meaning: Demand someone to be specific or make a commitment.

Use: He should try to pin her down.

571) Pink Slip

Meaning: A layoff notice

Use: Write your name on this pink slip.

572) Pipe Dream

Meaning: An unrealistic or impractical hope

Use: This is only a pipe dream.

573) Piping Hot

Meaning: Very hot, specially food

Use: I will drink this piping hot milk.

574) Pipped to the Post

Meaning: A close defeat

Use: I don't want to be pipped to the post.

575) Pissing Contest

Meaning: A meaningless or unwanted argument or competition

Use: There is always a pissing contest between them.

576) Play Ball

Meaning: Cooperate or work together with someone

Use: Let's choose up and play ball.

577) Play Cat And Mouse

Meaning: Try to defeat someone by tricking that person into making a

mistake to take an advantage over them

Use: They are paying cat and mouse.

578) Play Hardball

Meaning: Adopt a tough negotiating position in order to get what you

want

Use: I want to play hardball on this matter.

579) Play With Fire

Meaning: Doing something very risky

Use: Be aware, you are playing with fire.

580) Play Your Cards Right

Meaning: Exploit a situation to get the best advantage

Use: Play your cards right in crucial situations.

581) Point of No Return

Meaning: A place or situation from which it is impossible to go back

Use: I have crossed the point of no return.

582) Point the Finger At Someone

Meaning: Blame someone

Use: I don't want to point the finger at him.

583) Pop the Question

Meaning: To propose someone to marry you

Use: I am ready to pop the question.

584) Pot Calling the Kettle Black

Meaning: Accusing someone for something of which he/she is also

responsible

Use: It is like the pot calling the kettle black.

585) Powder Keg

Meaning: A situation that is dangerous and may become violent

Use: This place is a powder keg.

586) Preaching to the Choir

Meaning: Argue to those who already agree with you

Use: He is preaching to the choir with me.

587) Pretty Penny

Meaning: A large amount of money or too much money

Use: This car costs a pretty penny.

588) Pull Out All the Stops

Meaning: Doing everything to make something successful

Use: We have to pull out all the stops to achieve this.

589) Pull Strings

Meaning: Using influence in order to get something to help someone

Use: If you want to get the job, I can pull strings for you.

590) Pull the Plug On

Meaning: Prevent something from happening or continuing

Use: The company pulled the plug on the deal.

591) Pull Yourself Together

Meaning: Control emotions or to become calm

Use: Stop worrying and pull yourself together.

592) Puppy Dog Eyes

Meaning: A begging or requesting look

Use: I can't see his puppy dog eyes.

593) Puppy Love

Meaning: Love that does not last that a young person has for someone

Use: Undoubtedly, it was a puppy love between us.

594) Pure as the Driven Snow

Meaning: To be innocent or to be morally completely good

Use: I am not actually pure as the driven snow.

595) Push the Envelope

Meaning: Go beyond usual or normal ways of doing something to be

innovative

Use: We have to push the envelope to get better result.

596) Put a Thumb on the Scale

Meaning: Try to influence a discussion in an unfair way

Use: He tried to put his thumb on the scale.

597) Put Down Roots

Meaning: Establish or settle in a place **Use:** It is very hard to put down roots.

598) Put in One's Two Cents

Meaning: To express opinion

Use: I don't need to put in my two cents.

599) Put Lipstick on a Pig

Meaning: Make bad cosmetic changes **Use:** Nobody likes to put lipstick on a pig.

600) Put Out Feelers

Meaning: Ask questions to find out the opinions of other people

Use: He is trying to put out feelers with local people.

601) Put Someone on the Spot

Meaning: To ask someone a question that is difficult or embarrassing to

answer immediately

Use: He tried to put him on the spot but he managed well.

602) Put the Best Face On Something

Meaning: Emphasize or highlight the positive aspects of a bad situation

Use: He must put the best face on it.

603) Put the Brakes On

Meaning: Slow down something

Use: We need to put the brakes on him.

604) Put the Cart Before The Horse

Meaning: Doing things in the wrong order **Use:** Don't put the cart before the horse.

605) Put the Genie Back in the Bottle

Meaning: Trying to suppress or hide something that has already been

revealed or done

Use: He can't put the genie back in the bottle.

606) Put the Pedal to the Metal

Meaning: Drive as fast as possible

Use: We need to put the padel to the metal.

607) Put Up with Something

Meaning: Tolerate or agree something **Use:** I can't put up with him any longer.

608) Put Words In Someone's Mouth

Meaning: Imposing an opinion to someone who has never stated that

opinion

Use: Don't put words in my mouth.

609) Put Your Foot Down

Meaning: Using authority to stop something negative behaviour

Use: You just have to put your foot down.

610) Put Your Foot In Your Mouth

Meaning: Saying something that regret immediately

Use: No need to put your foot in your mouth.

611) Quake In One's Boots

Meaning: To tremble with fear

Use: Are you quaking in your boots?

612) Quarter Past

Meaning: 15 minutes after the hour

Use: We will meet at quarter past 5PM.

613) Quarter To/Of

Meaning: 15 minutes before

Use: You have to come in quarter to 9AM.

614) Queer the Pitch

Meaning: To ruin or spoil one's efforts or plans

Use: It can gueer the pitch for the system.

615) Quick as a Flash

Meaning: Very fast

Use: The car was quick as a flash.

616) Quick-and-Dirty

Meaning: Done or produced hastily

Use: It was a Quick-and-Dirty work by him.

617) Race Against Time

Meaning: To do something quickly to meet a deadline

Use: We are racing against the time.

618) Rain Cats And Dogs

Meaning: Rain heavily

Use: It is raining cats and dogs.

619) Rain on Someone's Parade

Meaning: To spoil someone's plans or pleasure

Use: He rained on my parade.

620) Raise One's Voice

Meaning: Speak loudly

Use: We have to raise our voice to stop this injustice.

621) Raise Red Flags

Meaning: Draw attention to trouble ahead

Use: They raised red flags to us.

622) Raise the Bar

Meaning: To set a higher standard in a certain area of endeavour

Use: We have to raise the bar to win the match.

623) Raise the Roof

Meaning: To play or sing very loudly **Use:** He is raising the roof in public.

624) Rake Someone Over the Coals

Meaning: Scold someone severely

Use: He raked me over the coals in office.

625) Rake Over the Ashes

Meaning: Revive the memory of an incident which happened in the past

Use: There is no point in raking over old coals.

626) Run like the wind

Meaning: Run fast

Use: He always run like the wind.

627) Rank and File

Meaning: The ordinary workers or members in a company or organisation

Use: The rank and file has left the company.

628) Read Between the Lines

Meaning: To guess something that is not expressed directly

Use: He has the ability to read between the lines.

629) Read the Tea Leaves

Meaning: Predict or forecast the future from small signs

Use: He has read the tea leaves.

630) Rear Its Ugly Head

Meaning: To appear something unpleasant **Use:** Casteism is rearing its ugly head again.

631) Red Flag

Meaning: A warning a sign **Use:** It is a red flag for us.

632) Red Herring

Meaning: A misleading clue or hint **Use:** We have to stop all red herrings.

633) Red Tape

Meaning: Government documents, rules, or processes that cause delays

Use: The Government has controlled the red tape system.

634) Red-Light District

Meaning: A place with many houses of prostitution **Use:** I have never seen any red-light district in my life.

635) Riding High

Meaning: Enjoying success

Use: He is riding high after the success.

636) Right as Rain

Meaning: Absolutely correct or in excellent health or condition

Use: I will soon be as right as rain.

637) Right Under One's Nose

Meaning: In a place easy to see or find

Use: I always keep my keys under my nose all the time.

638) Right-Hand Man

Meaning: A very important assistant who helps someone

Use: He is my right-hand man.

639) Ring a Bell

Meaning: To sound familiar

Use: Does it ring a bell?

640) Rob the Cradle

Meaning: To have a girlfriend or boyfriend who is much younger

Use: He has robbed the cradle.

641) Rock Bottom

Meaning: The lowest possible level **Use:** His life has hit rock bottom.

642) Rock the Boat

Meaning: Saying or doing something to disturb an existing situation

Use: Don't rock the boat here.

643) Roll the Dice

Meaning: Take a risk

Use: It is my turn to roll the dice.

644) Roll With the Punches

Meaning: Flexibly deal with problems

Use: I have the capability to roll with the punches.

645) Rome Wasn't Built in a Day

Meaning: Complex and Big projects need time

Use: Don't be in a hurry, Rome wasn't built in a day.

646) Rookie Mistake

Meaning: An error or mistake made by an amateur or inexperienced

person

Use: It was a rookie mistake by him.

647) Rotten to the Core

Meaning: Very bad or dishonest

Use: The education system is rotten to the core.

648) Rub It In

Meaning: To remind someone of something stupid or bad that they did

Use: You don't need to rub it in.

649) Rubber-Stamp

Meaning: Approve something without consideration or deliberation

Use: He rubber-stamped my design without any discussion.

650) Rule of Thumb

Meaning: A general principle or guideline or direction

Use: I often works by rule of thumb.

651) Run a Tight Ship

Meaning: Manage an organization in a strict & systematic way

Use: I have to run a tight ship.

652) Run off at the Mouth

Meaning: Talk a lot about irrelevant or unimportant things

Use: They always run off at the mouth.

653) Run on Fumes

Meaning: A situation where energy or resources is almost consumed

Use: My team is run on fumes now.

654) Run Out of Steam

Meaning: Lose momentum, energy or interest

Use: Finally they run out of steam.

655) Run the Table

Meaning: Win every contest

Use: This is the man who run the table.

656) Sacred Cow

Meaning: An individual or organization that one cannot question or

criticize

Use: Don't make a sacred cow of the monarchy.

657) Scare the Living Daylights Out of Someone

Meaning: to frighten someone very badly

Use: They scared the living daylights out of him.

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658) Scorched Earth Policy

Meaning: The act of destroying everything

Use: The rebels are accused of looting and a scorched earth policy.

659) Screw The Pooch

Meaning: Making a serious mistake

Use: You shouldn't go there to screw the pooch.

660) School Of Hard Knocks

Meaning: Learn from difficult real-life experiences

Use: He is my school of hard knocks.

661) Second Banana

Meaning: The second most important person in an organisation

Use: I always play second banana to him.

662) Second Wind

Meaning: Renewed energy

Use: She had got her second wind.

663) See Eye to Eye

Meaning: To agree with someone

Use: I always see eye to eye with my wife.

664) Seize/Take the Bull By the Horns

Meaning: To do something difficult in a determined way

Use: I have to seize the bull by the horns.

665) Seize the Day

Meaning: Grab an opportunity **Use:** I am going to seize the day.

666) Sell Like Hotcakes

Meaning: Sold very quickly

Use: His products are selling like hotcakes.

667) Selling Point

Meaning: An attractive feature of something that makes people want to

buy a particular product

Use: That is a good selling point.

668) Set in Stone

Meaning: Fixed

Use: Our team is all set in stone.

669) Set the Bar Too High

Meaning: Set a high standard for something

Use: I am working hard and setting the bar too high.

670) Set the Thames on Fire

Meaning: Causing a lot of excitement or strong feelings

Use: He won't ever set the Thames on fire.

671) Set the World on Fire

Meaning: Be very exciting or successful

Use: We can set the world on fire.

672) Shape Up or Ship Out

Meaning: Behave properly otherwise leave the organization

Use: You have to shape up or ship out.

673) Sharp as A Tack

Meaning: Mentally agile or nimble

Use: I became sharp as a tack.

674) Shift Gears

Meaning: Suddenly change what you are doing

Use: They team suddenly shifted the gears and won the match.

675) Shipshape And Bristol Fashion

Meaning: Clean

Use: He is all shipshape and Bristol fashion.

676) Shit a Brick

Meaning: Be extremely fearful or afraid

Use: We were all shitting bricks as the bus missed our car by inches.

677) Shoot from the Hip

Meaning: To speak in a very direct and honest way

Use: I saw myself shooting from the hip.

678) Shoot Off One's Mouth

Meaning: Do something that harm oneself

Use: He is very dangerous, he shoot off peoples mouth.

679) Short Fuse

Meaning: to get angry very quickly

Use: I have a very short fuse so stay away from me.

680) Shot Across the Bow

Meaning: A alert of more serious actions to come

Use: A cannon shot across the bow.

681) Show One's True Colours

Meaning: Revealing true nature or character

Use: I have seen his true colour.

682) Show Your Cards

Meaning: Disclose your resources or plans

Use: Don't show your cards to your enemies.

683) Sick and Tired of

Meaning: Very unhappy or annoy about something

Use: I am sick and tired of all the arguments.

684) Sick as a Dog

Meaning: Very sick

Use: He is as sick as a dog.

685) Sick as a Parrot

Meaning: Very unhappy

Use: The coach was sick as a parrot when his team lost the match.

686) Sight for Sore Eyes

Meaning: A sight that makes you happy **Use:** Seeing her is a sight for sore eyes.

687) Silver Bullet

Meaning: A simple solution to a complicated problem

Use: There is no silver bullet for your problem.

688) Simmer Down

Meaning: Become less angry or excited about something

Use: Can you simmer down and think about it?

689) Sink or Swim

Meaning: Fail or succeed

Use: Now it is sink or swim for me.

690) Sing a Different Tune

Meaning: Changing opinion suddenly **Use:** He suddenly sang a different tune.

691) Sit On Something

Meaning: To force someone to be silent

Use: He tried to sit on him.

692) Sit Tight

Meaning: Wait and do not go anywhere

Use: It's not over, sit tight.

693) Sitting Duck

Meaning: An easy or defenceless target

Use: Don't think, I am A sitting duck.

694) Sitting Pretty

Meaning: In a favourable or helpful situation

Use: I am sitting pretty in a small city.

695) Six Feet Under

Meaning: To be dead and buried

Use: The witnesses were six feet under.

696) Six of One, a Half Dozen of the Other

Meaning: Two things are equally good or bad

Use: I know, six of one, a half dozen of the other.

697) Sleep Like a Baby

Meaning: To sleep very well

Use: I sleep like a baby.

698) Sleep with the Fishes

Meaning: Dead, often by kill

Use: He had slept with the fishes.

699) Slower than Molasses

Meaning: Very slow or sluggish

Use: His car is slower than molasses.

700) Small Beer

Meaning: Unimportant

Use: I don't care, it's a small beer.

701) Small Fry

Meaning: People or things that are not important

Use: But in reality it is small fry.

702) Small Potatoes

Meaning: Unimportant

Use: Can you ignore the small potatoes?

703) Smell a Rat

Meaning: To believe that something dishonest or wrong has happened

Use: She began to smell a rat.

704) Smoking Gun

Meaning: Information that proves that crime was committed by whom

Use: The smoking gun was the hair on his collar.

705) Snake Oil

Meaning: Fraudulent medicine

Use: These are nothing but snake oil.

706) Soak Up the Sun

Meaning: To enjoy the sun

Use: I want to soak up the sun for some time.

707) Sore Point

Meaning: A sensitive topic for a person

Use: He's still a sore point about his failure.

708) Speak of the Devil

Meaning: When someone you have just been talking about enter

suddenly

Use: Speak of the devil here he is!

709) Spick and Span

Meaning: Very clean and neat

Use: His room is always spick and span.

710) Spill the Beans

Meaning: Reveal a secret

Use: No need to spill the beans.

711) Spin A Yarn

Meaning: Tell a long story

Use: He is going to spin a yarn.

712) Spit into The Wind

Meaning: Do something pointless

Use: I never spit into the wind.

713) Spoiling for a Fight

Meaning: Eager to argue or fight

Use: I was tired and spoiling for a fight.

714) Square the Circle

Meaning: Attempt to do something that is very difficult or impossible

Use: I am not going to square the circle.

715) Stab Someone in the Back

Meaning: To betray

Use: He stabbed me in the back.

716) Stand Someone In Good Stead

Meaning: To be useful or helpful to someone or something in the future

Use: I would stand him in good stead.

717) Stand On One's Own Two Feet

Meaning: To be independent without help from other people

Use: I will stand on my own two feet.

718) Steal Someone's Thunder

Meaning: Upstage or outshine someone **Use:** I didn't mean to steal your thunder.

719) Step Up to the Plate

Meaning: To take responsibility for doing something in a group even though it is difficult

Use: In this crisis we all need to step up to the plate.

720) Stick Your Nose into Something

Meaning: Trying to discover things which do not involve you **Use:** You should stop sticking your nose into my personal life.

721) Sticker Shock

Meaning: Surprise at the high price of something

Use: I think he got a bit of sticker shock when we went down to the

dealership.

722) Stick-in-the-Mud

Meaning: A person who adapts slowly to new ideas or old-fashioned

Use: My friend is a real stick-in-the-mud.

723) Sticky Wicket

Meaning: A difficult or tricky situation

Use: This is something of a sticky wicket she has got me into.

724) Storm in a Teacup

Meaning: An unnecessary anger and worry about an unimportant matter

Use: It is usually a storm in a teacup.

725) Stormy Relationship

Meaning: Relationship with a lot arguments

Use: They had a stormy relationship.

726) Stumbling Block

Meaning: An obstacle

Use: I don't want a stumbling block in my life.

727) Straight Arrow

Meaning: An honest person

Use: I always been a straight arrow.

728) Sugar Daddy

Meaning: An older man who favours a younger woman in exchange for a romantic or sexual relationship

Use: Don't try to be her suger daddy.

729) Sure-Fire

Meaning: Certain to succeed

Use: This is a sure-fire way to get success.

730) Swan Song

Meaning: A farewell or final appearance

Use: Tomorrow will be my swan song.

731) Sweep Something Under the Carpet

Meaning: To try to avoid dealing with a problem

Use: He is trying to sweep his mistakes under the carpet.

732) Sweet Dreams

Meaning: Sleep well

Use: Good night and sweet dreams.

733) Sweeten the Deal

Meaning: Add something to an offer during a negotiation to make it

attractive

Use: You have to be careful to sweeten the deal.

734) Swim Against the Tide

Meaning: Not following what everyone else is doing

Use: I always swim against the tide.

735) Swim with Sharks

Meaning: To take a major risk

Use: You don't need to swim with sharks.

736) Take a Deep Dive Into

Meaning: Explore something thoroughly or extensively

Use: I will take a deep dive into your project.

737) Take a Flyer

Meaning: Take a chance

Use: I think you need to take a flyer.

738) Take a Gander

Meaning: To look quickly at something

Use: Let's take a gander at my new mobile.

739) Take a Hike

Meaning: A rude way of telling someone to leave or go away

Use: If he don't like it, he can take a hike.

740) Take A Powder

Meaning: Depart quickly to avoid a difficult situation

Use: How he would take a powder?

741) Take a Rain Check

Meaning: refuse an offer politely with saying accept it at a later

Use: May I take a rain check?

742) Take Five

Meaning: Take a short break

Use: Let's take five and get some food.

743) Take It Easy

Meaning: Don't hurry, rest, relax, or be calm

Use: Don't be in a hurry, take it easy.

744) Take It on The Chin

Meaning: Accept misfortune courageously or be attacked **Use:** His great strength is the ability to take it on the chin.

745) Take It or Leave It

Meaning: You have to decide now whether you will accept this proposal

or not

Use: You can take it or leave it.

746) Take Someone to Task

Meaning: Scold or rebuke someone strongly

Use: He took them to task.

747) Take Something with a Pinch of Salt

Meaning: To doubt the truth or value of something

Use: I take anything he says with a large pinch of salt.

748) Take the Edge Off Something

Meaning: To lessen the strong feeling

Use: This will take the edge off your concern.

749) Take the Fifth

Meaning: Refuse to answer a question **Use:** My lawyer told me to take the fifth.

750) Take the Gloves Off

Meaning: Negotiate in a more aggressive way **Use:** Our team needs to take the gloves off.

751) Take the High Road

Meaning: The way that is morally right **Use:** I decided to take the high road.

752) Take the Shine Off Something

Meaning: To spoil something or to make something less enjoyable

Use: Don't take the shine off something.

753) Take the Starch out of Someone

Meaning: To make someone less confident **Use:** We should not take the starch out of him.

754) Take The Wind Out of Someone's Sails

Meaning: To cause someone to lose confidence or energy

Use: They took the wind out of his sails.

755) Take Your Life in Your Hands

Meaning: To do something that is very dangerous which cause death

Use: Don't take your life in your hands.

756) Take Your Medicine

Meaning: Accept something unpleasant without complaining

Use: You should have the courage take your medicine.

757) Take Your Time

Meaning: Don't be in a hurry **Use:** Relax and take your time.

758) Taste of Your Own Medicine

Meaning: Take the same unpleasant experience or treatment that you

have given to others

Use: You need to taste Your own medicine.

759) Tear One's Hair out

Meaning: Very worried or upset about something

Use: They are tearing their hair out.

760) Tear-Jerker

Meaning: A film or book that makes you cry

Use: That movie was a real Tear-Jerker.

761) Tell It to the Marines

Meaning: When someone do not believe what they are saying

Use: I don't believe it, tell it to the marines.

762) Tempest in a Teapot

Meaning: A commotion over an unimportant matter

Use: His anger was illogical, a tempest in a teapot.

763) Ten a Penny

Meaning: Something Ordinary

Use: Teachers of his school are ten a penny.

764) Ten to One

Meaning: Very probably

Use: Ten to one he has disregarded it.

765) Test the Waters

Meaning: Experiment or research with something cautiously

Use: First you test the waters then talk about it.

766) Tie the Knot

Meaning: Get married

Use: They are soon going to tie the knot.

767) Tighten the Screws

Meaning: Increase pressure on someone to do something

Use: We have to tighten the screws to get some result.

768) Tight-Lipped

Meaning: Refusing to comment on something

Use: He's been very tight-lipped about his failures.

769) Till the Cows Come Home

Meaning: For a very long time

Use: We play cricket till the cows come home.

770) Time is Money

Meaning: Time is very important, so don't waste it.

Use: I am very busy because time is money.

771) Tip of the Iceberg

Meaning: A small part of a much larger problem

Use: It is only the tip of the iceberg.

772) To be A Peach

Meaning: Someone or something that is extremely good, impressive, or

attractive

Use: He used to be a peach in the office.

773) To be the Apple of Someone's Eye

Meaning: To be loved by someone

Use: He is going to be the apple of her eye.

774) To Each His Own

Meaning: People have different tastes

Use: I don't care for football, but to each his own.

775) To Get Cold Feet

Meaning: To experience hesitance or fear **Use:** I am not going to get cold feet now.

776) To Have Butterflies In Your Stomach

Meaning: To be nervous

Use: I don't have butterflies in my stomach.

777) To Pay an Arm and a Leg

Meaning: A very high cost

Use: I have to pay an arm and a leg for it.

778) To Pop one's Cherry

Meaning: Doing something for the first time **Use:** I am not going to pop my cheery here.

779) To Pull Someone's Leg

Meaning: Lie playfully

Use: Don't try to pull my leg.

780) To the Letter

Meaning: Exactly or precisely

Use: He followed my orders to the letter.

781) Toe the Line

Meaning: Following the rules

Use: You have to toe the line, if you want to work here.

782) Tongue-in-Cheek

Meaning: Intended to be humorous and not meant seriously

Use: I think he was talking tongue-in-cheek.

783) Too Many To Shake A Stick At

Meaning: A large number

Use: There are too many to shake a stick.

784) Toot Your Own Horn

Meaning: Talk boastfully about oneself or someone's achievements

Use: Please don't toot you own horn now.

785) Top Banana

Meaning: The boss

Use: The top banana of the company will resign.

786) Touch Base

Meaning: Meet briefly or in short with someone

Use: I just wanted to touch base with him.

787) Touch One's Heart

Meaning: Affect someone emotionally

Use: He has touched my heart.

788) Tough Cookie

Meaning: A physically and emotionally strong person

Use: He really is a tough cookie.

789) Turn a Blind Eye

Meaning: Choose or pretend not to notice **Use:** The police generally turn a blind eye.

790) Turn on a Dime

Meaning: Quickly reverse direction **Use:** This bike can turn on a dime.

791) Turn the Corner

Meaning: Begin to improve after a problem **Use:** Calm down before you turn the corner.

792) Turn the Tables

Meaning: Reverse a bad situation

Use: I have the ability to turn the tables.

793) Twenty-Four Seven

Meaning: Any time

Use: You can talk to me twenty-four seven.

794) Twist the Knife in Deeper

Meaning: Make someone's suffering or pain worse

Use: Don't twist the knife in deeper.

795) Two a Penny

Meaning: very common and inexpensive

Use: Good students are two a penny at that school.

796) Two Peas in A Pod

Meaning: Very similar in appearance

Use: The twin brothers are like two peas in a pod.

797) That Ship Has Sailed

Meaning: That opportunity has passed

Use: You are late because that ship has sailed.

798) That's Music to My Ears

Meaning: I am glad to hear this

Use: That is music to my ears, no doubt about it.

799) The Apple Never Falls Far From the Tree

Meaning: Family characteristics are usually inherited

Use: He proves that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

800) The Cat Is Out of the Bag

Meaning: The secret has been disclosed

Use: I think the cat is out of the bag.

801) The Coast Is Clear

Meaning: It is safe to do something because no one is here to see or catch

you

Use: The coast is clear, we can leave.

802) The Cherry On the Cake

Meaning: The last thing that makes something perfect

Use: The wonderful weather on the day was the cherry on the cake.

803) The Only Game in Town

Meaning: The only thing of a particular type available

Use: The stadium of the city is no longer the only game in town.

804) The Real McCoy

Meaning: Something that is real and not a copy

Use: This gold coin is the real McCoy.

805) The Time is Ripe

Meaning: A specific time is right for something to happen

Use: The time is ripe for revolution.

806) The Walls Have Ears

Meaning: Be careful what you say as people may be monitor

Use: Be careful before saying because the walls have ears.

807) The Whole Enchilada

Meaning: The entire thing

Use: Let's hear the whole enchilada.

808) The Whole Shebang

Meaning: All the parts of something

Use: We saw the whole shebang.

809) The World Is Your Oyster

Meaning: You can go anywhere or do anything that you want to

Use: As they say, the world is your oyster.

810) Thin On The Ground

Meaning: Rare; Not available in large amounts or numbers

Use: Auto rickshaws seem to be thin on the ground.

811) Think Big

Meaning: To be ambitious

Use: Everyone should think big.

812) Think Outside the Box

Meaning: To find new ways of doing things or solving problems

Use: You have to think outside the box to solve this problem.

813) Think Tank

Meaning: A group of experts who work together to produce new ideas on

a particular subject

Use: The think tank of the team is very supportive.

814) Third Rail

Meaning: A controversial issue usually avoided by politicians

Use: I know this is a third rail.

815) Thirty-Thousand-Foot View

Meaning: A very broad perspective

Use: He has always a thirty-thousand-foot view.

816) Three Sheets to the Wind

Meaning: Drunk

Use: He is three sheets to the wind.

817) Through Thick and Thin

Meaning: In all situations, in good times and bad

Use: I will always stand by her through thick and thin.

818) Throw a Wrench Into the works

Meaning: Deliberately causing a problem **Use:** Don't throw a wrench into the works.

819) Throw Caution to the Wind

Meaning: Doing something without worrying about the risks involved

Use: I threw caution to the wind and it was a mistake.

820) Throw Down the Gauntlet

Meaning: Invite someone to compete with you

Use: The supermarket has thrown down the gauntlet to its competitors.

821) Throw Elbows

Meaning: Be aggressive

Use: Don't Throw your Elbows, keep calm.

822) Throw in the Towel

Meaning: To admit defeat

Use: He is ready to throw in the towel.

823) Throw Someone for a Loop

Meaning: To deeply surprise someone

Use: She really threw me for a loop.

824) Throw Someone Under the Bus

Meaning: Deliberately sacrifice someone for your own personal gain

Use: He is ready to throw her under the bus.

825) Throw the Fight

Meaning: Intentionally lose a contest

Use: He deceived everyone by throwing the fight.

826) Thumbs-Up

Meaning: A gesture to show approval of something

Use: She gave me a thumbs-up sign.

827) Train Wreck

Meaning: Something that fails completely

Use: The team turned out to be a real train wreck.

828) Trash Talk

Meaning: To talk in an insulting way about someone

Use: I don't like his trash talk.

829) U Turn

Meaning: A complete change of opinion or plan **Use:** There is a complete u turn in his statement.

830) Ugly Duckling

Meaning: An ugly and not successful child or young person who grows

into a beautiful or successful person

Use: Her husband is an ugly duckling man.

831) Under/Below the Radar

Meaning: Not prominent or well-known

Use: The player tried to stay under the rader.

832) Under the Impression

Meaning: To have an idea or belief that is usually not clear

Use: He had apparently been under the impression.

833) Under the Table

Meaning: Without being officially recorded or illegally

Use: I don't like to do anything under the table.

834) Under the Weather

Meaning: Feeling ill

Use: He has been under the weather since last week.

835) Under Wraps

Meaning: Temporarily hidden or secret

Use: The police tried to keep the report under wraps.

836) University of Life

Meaning: Difficult real-life experience not like formal education

Use: I learned my skills at the university of life.

837) Until the Cows Come Home

Meaning: For a very long time

Use: I will be there until the cow come home.

838) Until You're Blue in the Face

Meaning: For a long time with no results

Use: I told him to clean the room until you are blue in the face, but he

won't do it.

839) Up a Creek

Meaning: In a very bad situation

Use: I will be up the creek without her.

840) Up for Grabs

Meaning: Available and ready to be won or taken

Use: The job is up for grabs.

841) Up in Arms

Meaning: Angry or upset

Use: They were up in arms against the attacker.

842) Up in the Air

Meaning: Still to be settled or not yet decided

Use: The project is still up in the air.

843) Up to One's Neck

Meaning: Deeply involved in something or nearly overwhelmed

Use: I am up to my neck in my work.

844) Up to Scratch

Meaning: Reaching an acceptable standard

Use: His work simply isn't up to scratch.

845) Up to Snuff

Meaning: Meeting a basic standard **Use:** I'm not feeling up to snuff today.

846) Upset the Apple Cart

Meaning: To cause trouble or to disorganize or spoil something

Use: You always upset the apple-cart and never agreed with anybody.

847) Vale of Tears

Meaning: The world regarded as a scene of trouble or as a sad place

Use: He lived for many years in this vale of tears.

848) Vicious Circle

Meaning: An attempt to solve a problem makes the problem worse

Use: How can we broke this vicious circle?

849) Victory Lap

Meaning: Visible public appearances or show after a victory

Use: The entire team took a victory lap.

850) Virgin Territory

Meaning: A completely new area of activity

Use: The social media is no longer virgin territory.

851) Waiting in the Wings

Meaning: Ready to become a successor or to take responsibilities

Use: I am waiting in the wings.

852) Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

Meaning: To become aware of the situation

Use: You have to wake up and smell the coffee.

853) Walk on Eggshells

Meaning: Be extremely cautious about words in order to avoid offending someone

Use: I feel like I am walking on eggshells.

854) Walk the Plank

Meaning: Be forced to resign a position or job

Use: The company will have to walk the plank the bad performer.

855) Water Under the Bridge

Meaning: Problems happened in the past that's no longer worth worrying about

Use: I think of the past as water under the bridge.

856) Watering Hole

Meaning: A pub or bar where alcohol is served

Use: What's your favourite watering hole?

857) Wet Behind the Ears

Meaning: Inexperienced or new to something

Use: He is still wet behind the ears.

858) Wet Blanket

Meaning: A person who does or says something that spoils other's fun

Use: I know he is a wet blanket.

859) Wet Your Whistle

Meaning: Drink something

Use: I need to wet my whistle before the match.

860) What's Good for the Goose Is Good for the Gander

Meaning: What's appropriate for a man is appropriate for a woman, too

Use: As they say, what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

861) When Hell Freezes Over

Meaning: Something that will never happen **Use:** We will be friend when hell freezes over.

862) When In Doubt, Leave It Out

Meaning: When unsure about something, omit or overlook it

Use: When you are In doubt, leave it out.

863) When in Rome, Do as the Romans Do

Meaning: When you visit a place, follow their customs

Use: When you are in Rome, do as the romans do.

864) When It Rains, It Pours

Meaning: Misfortunes or difficult situations tend to come in groups

Use: We can't do anything because when it rains, it pours.

865) When Pigs Fly

Meaning: Something that will never happen

Use: I will be with you when pigs fly.

866) When the Chips Are Down

Meaning: In a difficult situation

Use: I will be there when the chips are down.

867) Where There's a Will, There's a Way

Meaning: If you have a strong desire to achieve something, you will achieve it even if you face a lot of of problems

Use: Always remember, where there's a will, there's a way.

868) Where There's Smoke, There's Fire

Meaning: For every rumour there's always some reason

Use: We know, where there's smoke, there's fire.

869) Whistle in the Dark

Meaning: Pretending to be unafraid

Use: We knew that he was whistling in the dark.

870) Whistling Dixie

Meaning: Being unrealistically or unreasonably optimistic **Use:** You are whistling Dixie if you thinking you will win.

871) White Elephant

Meaning: Something of little or no value or difficult to sell

Use: This team is a white elephant.

872) Wild Goose Chase

Meaning: Trying to find something that does not exist

Use: He sent me on a wild goose chase.

873) Window Dressing

Meaning: Something that is intended to seem impressive but does not have any real effect or value

Use: The reforms by the company are seen as window dressing.

874) Window Shop

Meaning: When customer look goods in shop without intended to buy it

Use: They go to the shop just to window-shop.

875) Witch Hunt

Meaning: Find all the people in a particular group in order to punish them

Use: Instead of a witch hunting, police should find the real culprits.

876) With Bells On

Meaning: Eagerly or enthusiastically

Use: I will definitely go there with bells on.

877) Worn to a Frazzle

Meaning: Exhausted or tired **Use:** He was worn to a frazzle.

878) Wouldn't Be Caught Dead

Meaning: someone dislikes something very much

Use: I wouldn't be caught dead wearing a dress like that.

879) Writing on the Wall

Meaning: Hints of coming disaster or calamity

Use: Did they see the writing on the wall?

880) Year In, Year Out

Meaning: Continuously over a period of years

Use: They go to the same place year in year out.

881) You Can Lead a Horse to Water, but You Can't Make It Drink

Meaning: If someone has no will, It's very hard to force him/her to do

something

Use: You can lead a horse to Water, but you can't make it drink

882) You Can Say That Again

Meaning: I totally agree

Use: Yes that is true, you can say that again.

883) You Can Take It to the Bank

Meaning: I completely guarantee this

Use: I can tell you that you can take it to the bank.

884) You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover

Meaning: You can't know people or things properly by their external

appearances

Use: Always remember, You can't judge a book by its cover.

885) You Can't Make an Omelette Without Breaking Eggs

Meaning: It is impossible to achieve something good without causing

some problems

Use: The fact is you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.

886) You Can't Make Fish of One and Fowl of the Other

Meaning: Everyone must be treated equally

Use: Keep in mind, you can't make fish of one and fowl of the other.

887) You Know the Drill

Meaning: You are already familiar with the process

Use: I don't need to say it again because you know the drill.

888) You Snooze, You Lose

Meaning: If you delay, you will miss the opportunity

Use: It's very competitive, you snooze, you Lose.

889) Young at Heart

Meaning: Behaving or thinking like a young people

Use: He is still young at heart.

890) Your Guess Is as Good as Mine

Meaning: I know as much you know

Use: Hey, your guess is as good as mine.

891) Your Mileage May Vary

Meaning: You may obtain different results **Use:** Your mileage may vary but keep going.

892) Your Number Is Up

Meaning: You are going to die

Use: How you know that your number is up?

893) You're Driving Me Nuts

Meaning: You are making me giddy or crazy

Use: Why are you driving me nuts?

894) Yours Truly

Meaning: Me

Use: Your truly, John.

895) Zero In On something

Meaning: Focus closely or carefully on something **Use:** I have to zero in on the book to understand it.

896) Zig When One Should Be Zagging

Meaning: To make an error or mistake

Use: Don't zig when you should be zagging.

897) Zip One's Lip

Meaning: Make or be quiet **Use:** I will zip his lip soon.

898) Get out of hand

Meaning: Become out of control

Use: You have to be aware because it is getting out of your hand.

899) Get your act together

Meaning: Work better or leave

Use: You need to get your act together.

900) Hang in there

Meaning: Don't give up

Use: Hang in there until you get success.

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