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● **Compilation of (A-Z) IDIOMS and PHRASES (with example sentences) for SSC ,Bank and other exams**

◆ **At one's wits end**

Meaning - perplexed, विकल

Use at one's wits end in a sentence

Example- Sunil was at his wit's end to find that his younger brother has taken

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poison.

◆ **At one's fingertips**

Meaning - complete knowledge, पूर्ण ज्ञान

Use at one's fingertips in a sentence

Example- All the rules of synthesis are at his fingertips.

◆ **At the spur of the moment**

Meaning - without delay, बिना देर किये

Use at the spur of the moment in a sentence

Example- In an interview we must reply at the spur of the moment.

◆ **All in all**

Meaning - most important

Use all in all in a sentence

Example- As he was the only son in a big family, he was all in all in his home.

◆ **At Close quarters**

Meaning - close examinations, गहरा परीक्षण

Use at Close quarters in a sentence

Example- Many of Reena's friends proved selfish at Close quarters.

◆ **Apple- pie order**

Meaning - in perfect order, सही क्रम में

Use apple- pie order in a sentence

Example- On the eve of inspection everything was kept in apple-pie order.

◆ **Above board**

Meaning - honest and straightforward, ईमानदार और सीधा

Use above board in a sentence

Example- Meera is known for her above board conduct.

◆ **Above all**

Meaning - before everything else

Use above all in a sentence

Example- Above all, he is blunt and dare devil.

◆ **As fit as a fiddle**

Meaning - strong and healthy, मजबूत और स्वस्थ

Use as fit as a fiddle in a sentence

Example- Shila has recovered from illness and now she is as fit as a fiddle.

◆ **At random**

Meaning - aimlessly, बिना किसी उद्देश्य के

Use at random in a sentence

Example- The militants fired at random killing a lot of innocent persons.

◆ **At a loose end**

Meaning -unoccupied, idle, खुला हुआ

Use at a loose end in a sentence

Example- Now-a-days Sohan is at a loose end because he has wound up his business.

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◆ **At logger heads**

Meaning - to be at strife, संघर्ष में होना

Use at logger heads in a sentence

Example- The partners of our firm are at logger heads these days.

◆ **At odds**

Meaning - in dispute, झगड़े में

Use at odds in a sentence

Example- The members of the group were at odds over the selection procedure.

◆ **An apple of discord**

Meaning - cause of quarrel, झगड़े का कारण

Use an apple of discord in a sentence

Example- Ancestral property is an apple of discord between two sisters.

◆ **At cross purposes**

Meaning - have conflicting intentions, परस्पर विरोधी इरादे हैं

Use at cross purposes in a sentence

Example- How can there be peace in their family when husband and wife are at cross purposes.

◆ **After one's own heart**

Meaning - to one's liking, पसंद करना

Use after one's own heart in a sentence

Example- When Sona met a man after her own heart, she got married to him.

◆ **At the bottom of**

Meaning - to be mainly responsible for

Use at the bottom of in a sentence

Example- It was found later that Somu was at the bottom of the whole trouble.

◆ **At a loss**

Meaning - to be unable to decide, निर्णय लेने में असमर्थ होना

Use at a loss in a sentence

Example- I am at a loss to know what to do.

◆ **At dagger's drawn**

Meaning - to have bitter enmity, कड़वी दुश्मनी रखना

Use at dagger's drawn in a sentence

Example- The quarrel between the two brothers has grown more bitter now and they are at dagger's drawn.

◆ **At large**

Meaning - abscond, to keep unchained

Use at large in a sentence

Example- People keep their dogs at large at night.

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◆ **At sea**

Meaning - applied to a person confused

Use at sea in a sentence

Example- I am quite at sea in Maths; I cannot solve a single problem.

◆Add fuel to the flame or fire

Meaning - to make the matter worse, मामले को बदतर बनाने

Use add fuel to the flame or fire in a sentence

Example- The attempt to suppress the agitation of the strikers only added fuel to the flame.

◆At sixes and sevens

Meaning - in disorder, अव्यवस्था में

Use at sixes and sevens in a sentence

Example- There was a robbery in our neighborhood last night and when I entered the house to enquire, everything was at sixes and sevens.

◆Assume airs

Meaning - to pretend superiority, श्रेष्ठता का दिखावा करना

Use assume airs in a sentence

Example- The rich are in the habit of assuming airs in the presence of their poor relations.

◆ **Argus eyed**

Meaning - careful, observant

Use argus eyed in a sentence

Example- As a politician, Modi is argus eyed and never overlooks even a small matter.

◆ **At a stone's throw**

Meaning - very close

Use at a stone's throw in a sentence

Example- Shahnaz's house is at a stone's throw from mine.

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◆ **By hook or by crook**

Meaning - by one means or another

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Use by hook or by crook in a sentence

Example- I am determined to obtain first division in my class by hook or by crook.

◆ **Bear the brunt of**

Meaning - to bear the main shock of, का मुख्य झटका सहन करना

Use bear the brunt of in a sentence

Example- The poor have to bear the brunt of increasing prices.

◆ **Bell the cat**

Meaning - to take first step at personal risk

Use bell the cat in a sentence

Example- Many people can boast of their bravery, but very few can bell the cat.

◆ **Bid defiance**

Meaning - to ignore

Use bid defiance in a sentence

Example- Mohan bade defiance to his father's wish of becoming a doctor and instead became an engineer.

◆ **Blow one's trumpet**

Meaning - to praise oneself

Use blow one's trumpet in a sentence

Example- No one likes to talk to those who are always blowing their own trumpet.

◆ **Break the news**

Meaning -to give bad news

Use break the news in a sentence

Example- Ram broke the news of her husband's death very gently so as to lessen the intensity of the shock.

◆ **Burn a hole in one's pocket**

Meaning -money spent quickly

Use burn a hole in one's pocket in a sentence

Example- Money given to a spendthrift only burns a hole in his pocket.

◆ **Bury the hatchet**

Meaning - to make peace

Use bury the hatchet in a sentence

Example- India and Pakistan must bury the hatchet to bring about peace to the

region.

◆ **Beside oneself**

Meaning - to feel excessively, अत्यधिक महसूस करना

Use beside oneself in a sentence

Example- Due to the accidental death of his wife he was beside himself with grief.

◆ **Bad blood**

Meaning - bitter relations

Use bad blood in a sentence

Example- The riots have created bad blood between the two communities in India.

◆ **Black and blue**

Meaning -to beat mercilessly

Use black and blue in a sentence

Example- The thief was bitten black and blue by the police.

◆ **Beat about the bush**

Meaning - to talk in a roundabout manner, गोलमोल तरीके से बात करना

Use beat about the bush in a sentence

Example- we should always come to the point and should not beat about the bush.

◆ **Beat the air**

Meaning - to make useless efforts

Use beat the air in a sentence

Example- Some speakers merely beat the air in speech while preaching.

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◆ **Build castles in the air**

Meaning - to make visionary schemes

Use build castles in the air in a sentence

Example- Many people who live in dreams build castles in the air and do not

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succeed in life.

◆ **Break the ice**

Meaning - to speak first after prolonged silence

Use break the ice in a sentence

Example- In the meeting Rahul broke the ice and suggested the plan to solve the problem.

◆ **Bring to book**

Meaning - to punish, to call to account

Use bring to book in a sentence

Example- The manager was brought to book for his negligence.

◆ **Breathe one's last**

Meaning - to die

Use breathe one's last in a sentence

Example- Shyam breathed his last in the prime of his life.

◆ **Back stairs influence**

Meaning - by unfair means

Use back stairs influence in a sentence

Example- These days many persons are given good posts through back stairs

influence.

◆ **Bird's eye view**

Meaning - concise view

Use bird's eye view in a sentence

Example- We had a bird's eye view of the whole fair from the top of the giant wheel.

◆ **Bolt from the blue**

Meaning - sudden or unexpected shock

Use bolt from the blue in a sentence

Example- The news of her husband's death in the air crash came to her as a bolt from the blue.

◆ **Burn one's boats**

Meaning - point of no return

Use burn one's boats in a sentence

Example- We had burnt our boats by declaring that we were not going to sign C.T.B.T.

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◆ **By the by**

Meaning - by the way

Use by the by in a sentence

Example- By the by, what is your name?

◆ **Be up to**

Meaning - to be equal to

Use be up to in a sentence

Example- He is up to all the tricks of the trade to grind his own axe.

◆ **Bated breath**

Meaning - in anxiety, expectancy

Use bated breath in a sentence

Example- The fate of the match hung in balance and every body waited for the result with bated breath.

◆ **Bandy words**

Meaning - to wrangle, to argue

Use bandy words in a sentence

Example- Obedient children don't bandy words with their parents when they

are advised.

◆ **Bee in one's bonnet**

Meaning - to be fussy

Use bee in one's bonnet in a sentence

Example- Suhana seems to have a bee in her bonnet because she is always finding faults with others.

◆ **Bite the dust**

Meaning - to be defeated

Use bite the dust in a sentence

Example- Pakistan had to bite the dust in the final of the world cup.

◆ **Blue stocking**

Meaning - educated but pedantic lad

Use blue stocking in a sentence

Example- No body likes to mix with Charlie because she is a blue stocking.

◆ **Book worm**

Meaning - a person in the habit of pouring over books

Use book worm in a sentence

Example- Meera has no time for social activities because She is a book worm.

◆ **Bring down the house**

Meaning -receive applause

Use bring down the house in a sentence

Example- Though it was his maiden speech, he brought down the house because of his oratory skill.

◆ **Brow beat**

Meaning - to bully

Use brow beat in a sentence

Example- The President of the college union always tries to brow beat the students opposed to him.

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◆ **Bad egg**

Meaning - a worthless

Use bad egg in a sentence

Example- Supriya comes of a noble family but she herself is a bad egg.

◆ **Beside the mark**

Meaning - irrelevant

Use beside the mark in a sentence

Example- No body agreed with him because his arguments were beside the mark.

◆ **Burn one's fingers**

Meaning - to get into trouble

Use burn one's fingers in a sentence

Example- Those who interfere in the affairs of others, often burn their fingers.

◆ **Brown study**

Meaning - reverie, day dreaming

Use brown study in a sentence

Example- Rahul could not follow the significance of my offer. He was in brown study.

◆ **Bank on**

Meaning - depend on, count on

Use bank on in a sentence

Example- The rich always bank on money to get things done.

◆ **Blaze the trail**

Meaning - to start a movement

Use blaze the trail in a sentence

Example- Surinder Nath Banarjee blazed the trail of Indian National Movement.

◆ **Bull in a China shop**

Meaning - one who causes damage

Use bull in a China shop in a sentence

Example- Most of the leaders of the freedom struggle have proved bulls in a China shop.

◆ **By the rule of thumb**

Meaning - according to practical experience

Use by the rule of thumb in a sentence

Example- In older times business was run by the rule of thumb.

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◆ **Big draw**

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Meaning - a huge attraction

Use big draw in a sentence

Example- The match between India and Pakistan is always a big draw.

◆ **Broken reed**

Meaning - support that failed

Use broken reed in a sentence

Example- When Ram needed help, his friend proved a broken reed.

◆ **By the skin of the teeth**

Meaning - narrowly

Use by the skin of the teeth in a sentence

Example- Raju escaped death in the accident by the skin of the teeth.

◆ **Bone of contention**

Meaning - cause of quarrel

Use bone of contention in a sentence

Example- Since India got independence, Kashmir problem has been a bone of contention between India and Pakistan.

◆ **Bit/piece of one's mind**

Meaning - to scold

Use bit/piece of one's mind in a sentence

Example- My father wrote to my brother giving a piece of his mind about his insulting conduct.

◆ **Born with silver spoon**

Meaning - to be born in a rich family

Use born with silver spoon in a sentence

Example- My friend does not have to worry about spending any amount of money as she is born with a silver spoon in her mouth.

◆ **Burn candle at both ends**

Meaning - squander

Use burn candle at both ends in a sentence

Example- After the death of Rohan's father he is burning candle at both ends.

◆ **By fits and starts**

Meaning - irregularly

Use by fits and starts in a sentence

Example- If we study by fits and starts we can never be successful in our exams.

◆ **By dint of**

Meaning - by force of

Use by dint of in a sentence

Example- Monica achieved success in life by dint of hard work.

◆ **Blow hot and cold**

Meaning - to speak in favour and against at the same time

Use blow hot and cold in a sentence

Example- Do not trust those who blow hot and cold in the same breath.

◆ **By and by**

Meaning - gradually

Use by and by in a sentence

Example- He is recovering by and by after long illness.

◆ **Blue blood**

Meaning - aristocratic blood

Use blue blood in a sentence

Example- Though my friend has blue blood yet her conduct is very mean and

vulgar.

◆ **Carry matters with a high hand**

Meaning - to deal with a person strictly

Use Carry matters with a high hand in a sentence

Example- The owner of the industry carried matters with a high hand and expelled two workers who were caught doing mischief in the office.

◆ **Clip one's wings**

Meaning - to weaken the power

Use Clip one's wings in a sentence

Example- My elder sister is very ambitious but my mother will surely clip her wings.

◆ **Come home to**

Meaning - to understand

Use Come home to in a sentence

Example- Neelu wanted to be a teacher in the college but soon it came home to her that she was not fit for the job as she was only a graduate.

◆ **Come to a standstill**

Meaning - come to a sudden stop

Use Come to a standstill in a sentence

Example- When we were going to Mussourie yesterday, our car came to a standstill right in the middle of the journey.

◆ **Come off with flying colours**

Meaning - to come out successfully

Use Come off with flying colours in a sentence

Example- The final football match was very crucial but finally we won and came off with flying colours.

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◆ **Cross one's mind**

Meaning - to occur to oneself

Use Cross one's mind in a sentence

Example- In the examination hall it crossed my mind that I had left my pen outside on the table.

◆ **Cry for the moon**

Meaning - to wish for something impossible

Use Cry for the moon in a sentence

Example- The hope of winning the lottery amounting to lakhs of rupees is

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simply crying for the moon.

◆ **Curry favour with**

Meaning - win favour of somebody

Use Curry favour with in a sentence

Example- Seema gave a lot of costly presents to her science teacher to curry favour with him.

◆ **Call a spade a spade**

Meaning - to speak plainly

Use Call a spade a spade in a sentence

Example- People often get angry when one calls a spade a spade.

◆ **Carry the day**

Meaning - to win a victory

Use Carry the day in a sentence

Example- After initial setback India carried the day in the Test match.

◆ **Cut a sorry figure**

Meaning - to give a poor show

Use Cut a sorry figure in a sentence

Example- The speaker cut a sorry figure in the meeting.

◆ **Cry over spilt milk**

Meaning - repent

Use Cry over spilt milk in a sentence

Example- Careless students often have to cry over spilt milk during the exams.

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◆ **Cut one's coat according to one's cloth**

Meaning - to live within one's means

Use Cut one's coat according to one's cloth in a sentence

Example- A wise man always cuts his coat according to his cloth if he wants to be successful in his life.

◆ **Curtain lecture**

Meaning - a reproof by wife to her husband

Use Curtain lecture in a sentence

Example- My brother never pays any attention to his wife's curtain lecture and does what he thinks.

◆ **Chip of the old block**

Meaning - resembling one's parents in habits

Use Chip of the old block in a sentence

Example- My friend is quite helpful like her father, so she is a chip of the old block.

◆ **Cave in**

Meaning - to yield to something

Use Cave in in a sentence

Example- Although our team fought bravely, yet had to cave in before the superior power play of the opposite team.

◆ **Cloven hoof**

Meaning - the evil intention

Use Cloven hoof in a sentence

Example- The Chinese showed the cloven hoof in 1962.

◆ **Cut throat**

Meaning - tough

Use Cut throat in a sentence

Example- It is very difficult for Indian Industry to survive in the teeth of international cut throat competition.

◆ **Call in question**

Meaning - doubt

Use Call in question in a sentence

Example- Sneha should not call in question my honesty.

◆ **Cheek by jowl**

Meaning - Close together

Use Cheek by jowl in a sentence

Example- In metropolitan cities it is common that affluence and poverty exists cheek by jowl.

◆ **Come to a pass**

Meaning - a difficult situation

Use Come to a pass in a sentence

Example- The things have come to such a pretty pass that he is financially ruined.

◆ **Cut and dried**

Meaning - readymade form

Use Cut and dried in a sentence

Example- There is no cut and dried formula for success in life.

◆ **Clinch the issue**

Meaning - decide the matter

Use Clinch the issue in a sentence

Example- When he agreed to leave the house for good, it clinched the issue in favour of his wife.

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◆ **Carry one's point**

Meaning - win approval

Use Carry one's point in a sentence

Example- After heated discussion he was able to carry his point.

◆ **Chequered/Checkered career**

Meaning - full of ups and downs

Use Chequered/Checkered career in a sentence

Example- Politicians have generally chequered career all long.

◆ **Cut both ends**

Meaning - argue in favour of both sides

Use Cut both ends in a sentence

Example- Ram is ambiguous because he always cuts both ends.

◆ **Cock sure**

Meaning - very sure and certain

Use Cock sure in a sentence

Example- Shyam was so cock sure of his success that he applied for the job before the declaration of the result.

◆ **Cock a snook**

Meaning - to show impudent contempt

Use Cock a snook in a sentence

Example- Shila is so proud of her wealth that she always cocks a snook at the acts of her husband.

◆ **Chapter and verse**

Meaning - in full detail, to give proof

Use Chapter and verse in a sentence

Example- Sohan has such a sharp memory that he can narrate the story chapter and verse.

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◆ **Cool one's heels**

Meaning - to be kept waiting

Use Cool one's heels in a sentence

Example- sona had to cool his heels before she could meet the President of the party.

◆ **Carrot and stick policy**

Meaning - reward and punishment

Use Carrot and stick policy in a sentence

Example- A successful businessman follows the carrot and stick policy towards his employee.

◆ **Come in handy**

Meaning - to be useful

Use Come in handy in a sentence

Example- Take some woollen clothes. They may come in handy in Shimla.

◆ Dig the grave

Meaning - to tarnish, to destroy

Use dig the grave in a sentence

Example- By taking side of the culprit Rahul dug the grave of his reputation.

◆ Draw the long bow

Meaning - exaggerate

Use draw the long bow in a sentence

Example- In calling him the best politician of the world, his followers draw the long bow.

◆ Die in harness

Meaning - die while working

Use die in harness in a sentence

Example- My Principal died in harness.

◆ Dutch courage

Meaning - bravery under alcoholic influence

Use dutch courage in a sentence

Example- Drunkards often indulge in dutch courage and boast of their imaginary qualities.

◆ Dare devil

Meaning - fearless person

Use dare devil in a sentence

Example- Only a dare devil can face a land mafia.

◆ **Dead broke**

Meaning - penniless

Use dead broke in a sentence

Example- On account of reckless spending Sohan is dead broke these days.

◆ **Down and out**

Meaning - poor and ruined

Use down and out in a sentence

Example- After a slump in share market he is down and out these days.

◆ **Draconian law**

Meaning - extremely severe law

Use draconian law in a sentence

Example- During emergency in 1975 the government imposed Draconian laws to subdue opposition.

◆ **Die-hard**

Meaning - persistent in struggle

Use die-hard in a sentence

Example- Suresh is a die-hard person and will not easily surrender.

◆ **Days of reckoning**

Meaning - time to answer for one's actions

Use days of reckoning in a sentence

Example- You may commit crime after crime but days of reckoning are never far off.

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◆ **Down in the mouth**

Meaning - out of elements

Use down in the mouth in a sentence

Example- Now-a-days Aman is down in the mouth because he has suffered heavy loss in business.

◆ **Dog in the manger**

Meaning - a person who prevents others from enjoying what he himself cannot

Use dog in the manger in a sentence

Example- By disrupting Parliament Session the Congress is following a dog in a manger policy.

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◆ **Damp squib**

Meaning - complete failure

Use damp squib in a sentence

Example- The visit of our foreign minister to China proved a damp squib on border issue.

◆ **Eat humble pie**

Meaning - to apologize

Use eat humble pie in a sentence

Example- Inspite of his constant bragging he lost the match and had to eat humble pie.

◆ **Eat one's words**

Meaning - take a statement back

Use eat one's words in a sentence

Example- Sohan warned his friends to be very careful in her speech otherwise she would have to eat her own words.

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◆ **End in smoke/fiasco**

Meaning - Come to nothing

Use end in smoke/fiasco in a sentence

Example- Suhana spoke a lot about her new film but it all ended in smoke and it flopped on box office.

◆ **Egg on**

Meaning - to urge somebody

Use egg on in a sentence

Example- The Captain egged the players on to continue to play foul till the end of the match.

◆ **Eke out**

Meaning - supplement income

Use eke out in a sentence

Example- To eke out his income he also works as a part time accountant in the evening.

◆ **Every dog has his day**

Meaning - good fortune comes Sooner or later

Use every dog has his day in a sentence

Example- Don't be disappointed. It is truly said that every dog has his day.

◆ **Ever and Anon**

Meaning - now and then, sometimes

Use ever and Anon in a sentence

Example- He visits his parents ever and anon.

◆ **(An) eye wash**

Meaning - a pretence

Use (An) eye wash in a sentence

Example- My friend's promise to help me just proved an eye wash.

◆ **Flesh and blood**

Meaning - human nature

Use flesh and blood in a sentence

Example- People in some villages are so poor that their sufferings are more than a flesh and blood can endure.

◆ **Fish in troubled waters**

Meaning - to take advantage of the trouble of others

Use fish in troubled waters in a sentence

Example- Shrewd businessman fish in troubled waters when there is scarcity of things.

◆ **Follow suit**

Meaning - to act in a like manner

Use follow suit in a sentence

Example- If you don't obey your elders, your children will follow suit.

◆ **Fall flat**

Meaning - to have no effect

Use fall flat in a sentence

Example- The minister's speech fell flat on the audience.

◆ **Fight shy of**

Meaning - to attempt to avoid a thing or a person

Use fight shy of in a sentence

Example- I generally fight shy of confronting my elder sister as she is in the habit of making sickening comments.

◆ **Fabian policy**

Meaning - policy of delaying decisions

Use fabian policy in a sentence

Example- Politicians generally follow a Fabian policy in order to keep everyone satisfied.

◆ **For no rhyme or reason**

Meaning - any reason whatsoever

Use for no rhyme or reason in a sentence

Example- Sneha did not appear for her final examinations for no rhyme or reason.

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◆Fight to the finish

Meaning - fight to the end

Use fight to the finish in a sentence

Example- Indian Army has vowed to fight to the finish and turn every intruder out of Indian territory.

◆Few and far between

Meaning - very rare

Use few and far between in a sentence

Example- His visits to his home town are few and far between because of his expanding business.

◆Fool's errand

Meaning - useless undertaking

Use fool's errand in a sentence

Example- His visit to the States to earn money proved to be a fool's errand.

◆ **Flog a dead horse**

Meaning - to revive interests in old matters

Use flog a dead horse in a sentence

Example- The rivals always flog a dead horse to insult their enemies.

◆ **Fall foul of**

Meaning - to quarrel

Use fall foul of in a sentence

Example- They were once bosom friends but now they have fallen foul of each other.

◆ **Fly off the handle**

Meaning - to lose one's temper

Use fly off the handle in a sentence

Example- When his father questioned him about money, he flew off the handle.

◆ **French leave**

Meaning - to be absent without permission

Use french leave in a sentence

Example- Those who take french leave should not be pardoned.

◆ **Fair and square**

Meaning - upright

Use fair and square in a sentence

Example- My father advised me to be fair and square in business dealings.

◆ **Feather one's own nest**

Meaning - to provide first for oneself

Use feather one's own nest in a sentence

Example- Our leaders are busy feathering their own nests and have no concern for the poor.

◆ **From pillar to post**

Meaning - rush in all directions and suffer much harassment

Use from pillar to post in a sentence

Example- You may rush from pillar to post, but you stand no chance of getting what you want without a bribe .

◆ **Foot the bill**

Meaning - bear expenses

Use foot the bill in a sentence

Example- Although he hosted the feast, his brother had to foot the bill.

◆ **Fair weather friend**

Meaning - selfish friend

Use fair weather friend in a sentence

Example- A fair weather friend will never stand by you in difficulty.

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◆ **Flash in the pan**

Meaning - sudden success

Use flash in the pan in a sentence

Example- The success of Indian cricket team is never constant and steady. It is generally a flash in the pan.

◆ **Fit to hold a candle to**

Meaning - match for, equal in quality

Use fit to hold a candle to in a sentence

Example- Sohan is the son of a famous writer but he is not fit to hold a candle to his father .

◆ **The Fourth Estate**

Meaning - the press

Use the Fourth Estate in a sentence

Example- The newspaper is regarded as the Fourth Estate of the state.

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◆ **Feather in one's cap**

Meaning - additional success

Use feather in one's cap in a sentence

Example- His success in his M.A. exams has added a new feather in his cap.

◆ **Fly in the face of**

Meaning - to defy

Use fly in the face of in a sentence

Example- It is disobedience on their part to fly in the face of the orders of the Principal.

◆ **Gain ground**

Meaning - to make progress

Use gain ground in a sentence

Example- The belief in the abolition of dowry system is gaining ground.

◆ **Get off scot free**

Meaning - escape from a situation without receiving the punishment one deserves

Use get off scot free in a sentence

Example- A murderer can also very easily get off scot free for lack of evidence.

◆ **Grease the palm**

Meaning - to bribe someone, give someone money in exchange of favour

Use grease the palm in a sentence

Example- Now-a-days if you want to get your work done, you will have to grease the palm of someone or the other.

◆ **Gird up the loins**

Meaning - to make oneself prepared for something

Use gird up the loins in a sentence

Example- Indian must gird up the loins to face any foreign attack on their country.

◆ **Go to the dogs**

Meaning - to decline or deteriorate

Use go to the dogs in a sentence

Example- The rich industrialist will go to the dogs because of his son's bad habits.

◆ **Get oneself into a mess**

Meaning - to get into a difficulty

Use get oneself into a mess in a sentence

Example- By signing the agreement, I got myself into a mess.

◆ **Give a wide berth**

Meaning- to avoid

Use give a wide berth in a sentence

Example- We should always give a wide berth to all selfish and mean persons.

◆ **Gentleman at large**

Meaning- an unreliable person

Use gentleman at large in a sentence

Example- We must not believe a gentleman at large.

◆ **Good Samaritan**

Meaning- one who helps stranger

Use good Samaritan in a sentence

Example- Rohan is a good Samaritan because he always comes to the help of the old and the children in difficulties.

◆ **Give a good account of oneself**

Meaning- to act creditably

Use give a good account of oneself in a sentence

Example- As the eldest son of his family Ram gave a good account of himself when calamity befell the family.

◆ Give the devil his due

Meaning- give credit to a worthless person for his good qualities

Use give the devil his due in a sentence

Example- We should give the devil his due for his good qualities.

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◆ Green horn

Meaning- inexperienced

Use green horn in a sentence

Example- Though a green horn in political field, Rahul appears to have a bright future.

◆ Give up the ghost

Meaning- pass away, die

Use give up the ghost in a sentence

Example- After long illness Shanu gave up the ghost last week.

◆ Go the whole hog

Meaning- to do something thoroughly

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Use go the whole hog in a sentence

Example- Shyam will have to go the whole hog to Come out of this mess.

◆ **Get into a scrape**

Meaning - awkward situation

Use get into a scrape in a sentence

Example- Ram got into a scrape when his wife refused to let him help his sister.

◆ **Go broke**

Meaning- become bankrupt

Use go broke in a sentence

Example- As a result of heavy gambling Rohan had to go broke in the long run.

◆ **Get into hot waters**

Meaning- get into trouble

Use get into hot waters in a sentence

Example- He got into hot waters by marrying a girl of another caste.

◆ **Give currency**

Meaning- to make publicly known

Use give currency in a sentence

Example- The Government has refused to give currency to a number of scams.

◆ **Great hand**

Meaning- expert

Use great hand in a sentence

Example- Rahul is a great hand at organising social parties.

◆ **Get down to brass tacks**

Meaning- to deal with the matter straight

Use get down to brass tacks in a sentence

Example- Instead of wasting time in discussion, please get down to brass tacks.

◆ **Give one a long rope**

Meaning- to let someone commit mistakes

Use give one a long rope in a sentence

Example- Mr. Verma never gives his employees a long rope.

◆ **Good turn**

Meaning- an act of kindness

Use good turn in a sentence

Example- Ram give me a good turn by recommending me for the post of Vice-President.

◆ **Hold water**

Meaning- sound, tenable

Use hold water in a sentence

Example- His statement will not hold water as it is not based on facts.

◆ **Hang together**

Meaning- support one another

Use Hang together in a sentence

Example- The two statements delivered by the leader of the party do not hang together.

◆ **Hope against hope**

Meaning- hope inspite of disappointment

Use Hope against hope in a sentence

Example- Mr. Mehta's case is very weak and everybody knows that finally he will lose, but he is still hoping against hope.

◆ **Have an axe to grind**

Meaning- to have a selfish interest

Use Have an axe to grind in a sentence

Example- Sneha is very selfish but the way she is being polite with everyone gives the impression that she has an axe to grind.

◆ **Have the gift of the gab**

Meaning- art of speaking

Use Have the gift of the gab in a sentence

Example- Meera is not highly qualified but she has the gift of the gab.

◆ **Hit below the belt**

Meaning- to strike unfairly

Use Hit below the belt in a sentence

Example- We should always face the enemy boldly and never hit him below the belt.

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◆ **Hold one's tongue**

Meaning- to keep quiet

Use Hold one's tongue in a sentence

Example- We should always hold our tongue before our elders.

◆ **Herculean task**

Meaning- very difficult

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Use Herculean task in a sentence

Example- It is Herculean task to root out corruption in India.

◆ **Haul over the coals**

Meaning- to take to task

Use Haul over the coals in a sentence

Example- Shila was hauled over the coals by her parents for her misconduct.

◆ **Have one's finger in everyone's pie**

Meaning- to partake of something

Use Have one's finger in everyone's pie in a sentence

Example- My best friend likes to have her finger in everyone's pie as she is in the habit of meddling with the affairs of others.

◆ **Halcyon days**

Meaning- peaceful days

Use Halcyon days in a sentence

Example- The days we spend in our school life are the halcyon days of our life.

◆ **Hold out an olive branch**

Meaning- offer of peace

Use Hold out an olive branch in a sentence

Example- The terrorists are not prepared to hold out an olive branch to the Government of India.

◆ **Hanky panky**

Meaning- jugglery

Use Hanky panky in a sentence

Example- None of this hanky panky, tell me the truth.

◆ **Have feet of clay**

Meaning- full of faults

Use Have feet of clay in a sentence

Example- The C.B.I inquiry revealed that many ministers have feet of clay.

◆ **Heart and soul**

Meaning- devoted

Use Heart and soul in a sentence

Example- Mahesh took part in the annual function heart and soul.

◆ **Hard and fast**

Meaning- strict

Use Hard and fast in a sentence

Example- No hard and fast rule is laid down about being regular in the college.

◆ **Hang fire**

Meaning- remain unsolved

Use Hang fire in a sentence

Example- Kashmir problem has been hanging fire for many years.

◆ **High and dry**

Meaning- a difficult situation

Use High and dry in a sentence

Example- Ramesh was left high and dry by his business partners.

◆ **Hit the nail on the head**

Meaning- to do the right thing at the right time

Use Hit the nail on the head in a sentence

Example- Samira hit the nail on the head by resigning her job.

◆ **Hobson's choice**

Meaning- no alternative

Use Hobson's choice in a sentence

Example- The employees in the private sector have Hobson's choice because

they are forced to accept what they are ordered to do.

◆ **Have too many irons in the fire**

Meaning- doing many things at a time

Use Have too many irons in the fire in a sentence

Example- Rajkumar is fickle minded and has too many irons in the fire.

◆ **Hold in abeyance**

Meaning- postpone

Use Hold in abeyance in a sentence

Example- For lack of funds the district administration has held the construction of road in abeyance.

◆ **High and mighty**

Meaning- proud persons

Use High and mighty in a sentence

Example- The high and mighty forget that everything in the world is transient.

◆ **Hard nosed attitude**

Meaning- aggressive

Use Hard nosed attitude in a sentence

Example- I don't know why my teacher always has a hard nosed attitude

towards me.

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◆ Hold in leash

Meaning- to restrain

Use Hold in leash in a sentence

Example- As a responsible leader of a party you must hold criticism of party workers in leash.

◆ Head and shoulders

Meaning- superior

Use Head and shoulders in a sentence

Example- Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was head and shoulders above his predecessors.

◆ Hold a brief

Meaning- to defend someone

Use Hold a brief in a sentence

Example- It is very improper for parents to hold a brief for their children who are in the wrong.

◆ **Hush money**

Meaning- a bribe

Use Hush money in a sentence

Example- Suresh managed to escape punishment by paying hush money.

◆ **Hold at bay**

Meaning- to prevent enemy from coming

Use Hold at bay in a sentence

Example- Maharana Pratap could not hold the Mughal army at bay for long.

◆ **Helter skelter**

Meaning- here and there

Use Helter skelter in a sentence

Example- When the police arrived the rioters ran helter skelter.

◆ **Have a brush with**

Meaning- to have encounter

Use Have a brush with in a sentence

Example- Our Principal had a brush with the Vice Chancellor over the appointment of a lecturer.

◆ **Hornet's nest**

Meaning- raise controversy

Use Hornet's nest in a sentence

Example- The speaker stirred up hornet's nest by referring to impending changes in the rules.

◆ **Hold somebody to ransom**

Meaning- to demand concession by making someone captive

Use Hold somebody to ransom in a sentence

Example- It is a pity that a handful of militants are holding the nation to ransom.

◆ **Hole and corner**

Meaning- secret

Use Hole and corner in a sentence

Example- She has come to know of your hole and corner method of dealing with people.

◆ **Ill at ease**

Meaning- uncomfortable

Use Ill at ease in a sentence

Example- A student is often ill at ease when he has to see the Principal after he has done something wrong.

◆ **In a fix**

Meaning- in a dilemma

Use In a fix in a sentence

Example- The whole police department is in a fix about the threatening letters written by the kidnappers.

◆ In a fair way

Meaning- hopeful

Use In a fair way in a sentence

Example- The doctor feels that patient is in a fair way on to recovery.

◆ In the good books of

Meaning- to be in favour with a person

Use In the good books of in a sentence

Example- Dinesh's brilliant success in his final examination has led him to be in the good books of his teachers.

◆ In tune

Meaning- in a mood

Use In tune in a sentence

Example- The teacher asked the students if they were in tune for study.

◆ Ins and outs

Meaning- secrets

Use Ins and outs in a sentence

Example- The servants are generally familiar with the ins and outs of the family.

◆ **In the blues**

Meaning- in dumps, depressed

Use In the blues in a sentence

Example- After his failure in the examination he is in the blues these days.

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◆ **In the red**

Meaning- suffer a loss

Use In the red in a sentence

Example- Most of our Public Sector Undertakings are in the red for lack of efficient administration.

◆ **In the limelight**

Meaning- prominent

Use In the limelight in a sentence

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Example- After being out of favour with the leader of the party Ravi is again in the limelight these days.

◆ **In the teeth of**

Meaning- In spite of bitter opposition

Use In the teeth of in a sentence

Example- Hindu Code Bill was passed in the teeth of opposition by various organizations.

◆ **In a tight corner**

Meaning- in difficult situation

Use In a tight corner in a sentence

Example- After losing in gambling heavily, Sohan is in a tight corner.

◆ **In cold blood**

Meaning- to do something deliberately

Use In cold blood in a sentence

Example- The child was murdered in cold blood.

◆ **In doldrums**

Meaning- to be depressed

Use In doldrums in a sentence

Example- After his failure in the examination he is in doldrums these days.

◆ **Ivory tower**

Meaning- imaginary world

Use Ivory tower in a sentence

Example- Those who talk of non-violence as a useful tool in international politics live in ivory tower.

◆ **In the dumps**

Meaning- in low spirits

Use In the dumps in a sentence

Example- Rajni visit cheered me up as I was in the dumps before her visit.

◆ **In a flutter**

Meaning- excited

Use In a flutter in a sentence

Example- My sister is in a flutter today because she is going for the interview.

◆ **Jaundiced eye**

Meaning- prejudice

Use Jaundiced eye in a sentence

Example- You must not evaluate the success of your rivals with a jaundiced eye.

◆ **Keep body and soul together**

Meaning- to maintain life

Use Keep body and soul together in a sentence

Example- These days because of rising prices it is difficult to keep body and soul together.

◆ **Keep at an arm's length**

Meaning- to keep at a distance

Use Keep at an arm's length in a sentence

Example- Selfish people should always be kept at an arm's length.

◆ **Keep the wolf from the door**

Meaning- to avoid starvation

Use Keep the wolf from the door in a sentence

Example- In India millions of people struggle hard to keep the wolf from the door.

◆ **Kith and kin**

Meaning- blood relation

Use Kith and kin in a sentence

Example- If we have no love for our kith and kin, we cannot be expected to love humanity.

◆ **Knit the brow**

Meaning- to frown

Use Knit the brow in a sentence

Example- Rekha's mother-in-law always knits the brow at everything she does.

◆ **Kick the bucket**

Meaning- to die

Use Kick the bucket in a sentence

Example- Mr. Mohan kicked the bucket after long illness in the prime of his life.

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◆ **Keep up appearances**

Meaning- to maintain outward show

Use Keep up appearances in a sentence

Example- Though Ramesh is in financial crisis, he is able to keep up appearances.

◆ **Keep one's fingers crossed**

Meaning- to wait expectantly

Use Keep one's fingers crossed in a sentence

Example- We had to keep our fingers crossed till the last ball was bowled.

◆ **Keep the pot boiling**

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Meaning- earn hardly enough for living

Use Keep the pot boiling in a sentence

Example- Ramu is earning only to keep the pot boiling.

◆ **Kick one's heels**

Meaning- to waste time in waiting

Use Kick one's heels in a sentence

Example- As the train was late we had to kick our heels at the station.

◆ **Keep abreast of**

Meaning- not to fall behind

Use Keep abreast of in a sentence

Example- It is very important for the young persons to keep abreast of political developments in the country.

◆ **Lost in the clouds**

Meaning- confused

Use Lost in the clouds in a sentence

Example- My psychology teacher is often lost in the clouds as she sometimes is unable to explain the questions clearly.

◆ **Lose ground**

Meaning- fail to keep position

Use Lose ground in a sentence

Example- The belief in prophecies and horoscopes is losing ground these days.

◆ **Laugh in one's sleeves**

Meaning- to laugh secretly

Use Laugh in one's sleeves in a sentence

Example- The students laughed in their sleeves at the teacher's ignorance of the subject.

◆ **Leave no stone unturned**

Meaning- to make all possible efforts

Use Leave no stone unturned in a sentence

Example- The minister assured the poor that he shall leave no stone unturned to uplift their condition.

◆ **Leap in the dark**

Meaning- to take a risk deliberately

Use Leap in the dark in a sentence

Example- Sohan must not leap in the dark by entering the business without experience.

◆ **Look sharp**

Meaning- to make haste

Use Look sharp in a sentence

Example- Look sharp, the bus is moving.

◆ **Let the cat out of the bag**

Meaning- to disclose

Use Let the cat out of the bag in a sentence

Example- Sunaina has, at last, let the cat out of the bag by confessing that she had stolen her brother's money.

◆ **Live in a fool's paradise**

Meaning- false hope

Use Live in a fool's paradise in a sentence

Example- Sohan's brother is living in a fool's paradise if he thinks that he can be a rich man without working hard.

◆ **Loaves and fishes**

Meaning- material benefit

Use Loaves and fishes in a sentence

Example- Most of the ministers are more concerned with the loaves and fishes of office than the service of man.

◆ **Live-wire**

Meaning- energetic

Use Live-wire in a sentence

Example- India needs live wire political leaders who can put the country on the right track.

◆ **Look a gift horse in the mouth**

Meaning- criticize a gift

Use Look a gift horse in the mouth in a sentence

Example- One should not look a gift horse in the mouth because it is given out of love and regards.

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◆ **Lose one's head**

Meaning- to be carried away

Use Lose one's head in a sentence

Example- One should not lose one's head even in such a victory.

◆ **Long and short**

Meaning- in brief

Use Long and short in a sentence

Example- The long and short of the Principal's speech was that examination would be held on time.

◆ **Latin and Greek**

Meaning- incomprehensible

Use Latin and Greek in a sentence

Example- The speech of literary persons is always Latin and Greek to illiterate persons.

◆ **Last nail in the coffin**

Meaning- Causing ruin

Use Last nail in the coffin in a sentence

Example- Second world war proved to be a last nail in the coffin of British imperialism.

◆ **Lead up the garden path**

Meaning- to cheat

Use Lead up the garden path in a sentence

Example- The traders lead the credulous customers up the garden path by assuring them of warranty.

◆ **Leaps and bounds**

Meaning- rapidly

Use Leaps and bounds in a sentence

Example- In comparison to India, China has progressed by leaps and bounds in every field.

◆ **Last straw**

Meaning- the final trial of patience

Use Last straw in a sentence

Example- The Rowlet Act was the last straw on the Camel's back and the whole India rose in protest against the British rule.

◆ **Let the grass grow under feet**

Meaning- to delay the matters

Use Let the grass grow under feet in a sentence

Example- We are bound to suffer if we let the grass grow under feet by postponing action.

◆ **Make both ends meet**

Meaning- to live within one's means

Use Make both ends meet in a sentence

Example- As Ramesh has to bring up five children, he finds it difficult to make both ends meet.

◆ **Mend one's fences**

Meaning- to make peace

Use Mend one's fences in a sentence

Example- It is high time for the two brothers to bury the hatchet and mend their fences.

◆ **Make a clean breast**

Meaning- to confess

Use Make a clean breast in a sentence

Example- When asked by the Magistrate sternly, the thief made a clean breast of the whole crime.

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◆ **Make amends**

Meaning- to give compensation

Use Make amends in a sentence

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Example- The government made amends to the family for the loss of their earning member in the war.

◆ **Make the most of**

Meaning- to utilize time

Use Make the most of in a sentence

Example- Students should make the most of their time if they want to get an administrative job.

◆ **Move heaven and earth**

Meaning- to try utmost

Use Move heaven and earth in a sentence

Example- Rohan moved heaven and earth to gain his end but failed.

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◆ **Make neither head nor tail**

Meaning- not to understand

Use Make neither head nor tail in a sentence

Example- The students can make neither head nor tail of what Mr. Verma teaches them.

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◆ **Moot point**

Meaning- a debatable point, undecided

Use Moot point in a sentence

Example- The question of abolition of child marriage is a moot point as far as Indians are concerned.

◆ **Meet one's Waterloo**

Meaning- to face final defeat

Use Meet one's Waterloo in a sentence

Example- Tipu Sultan met his Waterloo in the fourth battle of Mysore.

◆ **Man of letters**

Meaning- literary person

Use Man of letters in a sentence

Example- Dr. Radhakrishnan was a man of letters.

◆ **Make light of**

Meaning- not to care

Use Make light of in a sentence

Example- Ram is in the habit of making light of the advice of his parents.

◆ **Midas touch**

Meaning- a touch which turns anything into gold

Use Midas touch in a sentence

Example- Our manager seems to be gifted with Midas touch because he is capable of selling every product.

◆ **Man of parts**

Meaning- a man of qualities

Use Man of parts in a sentence

Example- Our Principal is a man of parts and is respected by all and one.

◆ **Mealy mouthed**

Meaning- soft spoken

Use Mealy mouthed in a sentence

Example- A mealy mouthed shopkeeper is always successful.

◆ **Man of straw**

Meaning- a weak person

Use Man of straw in a sentence

Example- The king being a man of straw, his orders were often disobeyed.

◆ **Mince matters**

Meaning- hide the truth and pretend

Use Mince matters in a sentence

Example- Tell the truth to your parents because it doesn't pay to mince matters.

◆ **Mare's nest**

Meaning- a false invention

Use Mare's nest in a sentence

Example- The involvement of teachers in the scheme proved to be a mare's nest.

◆ **Null and void**

Meaning- ineffective

Use Null and void in a sentence

Example- Strangely, the laws made by the British in India are not yet null and void.

◆ **Next to nothing**

Meaning- almost nothing

Use Next to nothing in a sentence

Example- The thieves made off with everything from the kitchen and there was next to nothing left.

◆ **Neck and crop**

Meaning- completely

Use Neck and crop in a sentence

Example- The decoits finished him off neck and crop beyond recognition.

◆ **No love lost**

Meaning- intense dislike

Use No love lost in a sentence

Example- There is no love lost between the two neighbours.

◆ **Nip in the bud**

Meaning- to destroy in the very beginning

Use Nip in the bud in a sentence

Example- The evils of the society must be nipped in the bud.

◆ **Not worth one's salt**

Meaning- not deserving

Use Not worth one's salt in a sentence

Example- We should not help the persons who are not worth their salt.

◆ **Off hand**

Meaning- without preparation or delay

Use Off hand in a sentence

Example- Suman is very poor in English grammar and can't answer all the questions off hand.

◆ **Over head and ears**

Meaning- excessively

Use Over head and ears in a sentence

Example- Rohan is over head and ears in love with Neema.

◆ **Out of question**

Meaning- certain

Use Out of question in a sentence

Example- His success is out of question because he is working hard these days.

◆ **Out of the question**

Meaning- unlikely, uncertain

Use Out of the question in a sentence

Example- His success is out of the question because he is not working hard these days.

◆ **Out of the woods**

Meaning- out of danger

Use Out of the woods in a sentence

Example- The patient is not out of the woods yet.

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◆ **Order of the day**

Meaning- in fashion

Use Order of the day in a sentence

Example- It is difficult to get any work done without bribery because bribery is the order of the day.

◆ **On the score of**

Meaning- on the grounds of

Use On the score of in a sentence

Example- Rohan was debarred from appearing in the examination on the score of indiscipline.

◆ **On that score**

Meaning- for the reason

Use On that score in a sentence

Example- You need not worry on that score.

◆ **Over and above**

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Meaning- moreover, besides

Use Over and above in a sentence

Example- I shall lend you books over and above what I have promised to give you in cash.

◆ **Out and out**

Meaning- completely

Use Out and out in a sentence

Example- Shri Bhagat Singh was a patriot out and out.

◆ **Off and on**

Meaning- occasionally (now and then)

Use Off and on in a sentence

Example- Since Reena is over busy these days, she visits me off and on.

◆ **One's Achilles heel**

Meaning- a weak point

Use One's Achilles heel in a sentence

Example- Howsoever powerful a person may be, he is vulnerable because of his Achilles' heel.

◆ **Off colour**

Meaning- not in usual form

Use Off colour in a sentence

Example- Once a glamorous actress, she is off colour these days.

◆ **Odds and ends**

Meaning- scattered things

Use Odds and ends in a sentence

Example- The thief made away with odds and ends lying about the drawing room .

◆ **Off the hook**

Meaning- out of trouble

Use Off the hook in a sentence

Example- Ramesh is not yet off the hook because Income Tax department is making a thorough inquiry into his financial status.

◆ **Oily tongue**

Meaning- flattering words

Use Oily tongue in a sentence

Example- Misty has often won over the enemies by his oily tongue.

◆ **On the horns of dilemma**

Meaning- in a fix

Use On the horns of dilemma in a sentence

Example- Sohan is on the horns of dilemma in the matter of his marriage.

◆ **One's cup of tea**

Meaning- to one's liking

Use One's cup of tea in a sentence

Example- Cooking is not my cup of tea.

◆ **Out of sorts**

Meaning- to be unwell

Use Out of sorts in a sentence

Example- Manish had been out of sorts the whole day and couldn't do his office work properly.

◆ **On its last legs**

Meaning- about to collapse

Use On its last legs in a sentence

Example- In many sections of Indian society the system of child marriage is on its last legs .

◆ **On the carpet**

Meaning- to be under consideration

Use On the carpet in a sentence

Example- What is on the carpet these days is in the newspapers.

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Part and parcel

Meaning - An essential or fundamental part or aspect (of something).

Meaning (Hindi) - अहम हिस्सा

Example - Difficult times are **part and parcel** of being a professional.

Pass Muster

Meaning - be accepted as adequate or satisfactory.

Meaning (Hindi) - पसंद होना, मंजूर होना

Example - This manifesto would not **pass muster** with the voters.

Pay the piper

Meaning - Face the consequences for something you've done/To face, accept, or suffer repercussions for one's actions or words, especially those that would be expected to incur punishment.

Meaning (Hindi) - कर्मों के परिणामों का सामना करना

Example -

With the judge handing down the maximum possible sentence, this monster will be **paying the piper** for the rest of his life.

Pell-mell

Meaning - Here and there

Meaning (Hindi) - तितर-बितर

Example - When the police fired one round in the air, people ran **pell-mell**.

Play someone along

Meaning - deceive or mislead someone over a period of time.

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी को धोखा देना या गुमराह करना

Example - I decided to **play along** with my friend and his crazy plan to buy a horse.

Point blank

Meaning - Clearly

Meaning (Hindi) - स्पष्ट रूप से

Example - He refused **point-blank** to help care for my sick brother.

Put heads together

Meaning - Consulted one another/To work together to come up with an idea or solution

Meaning (Hindi) - परामर्श करना

Example - The directors of our company **put their heads together** to formulate a new scheme.

Pull someone's leg

Meaning - Tease someone by trying to make her/him believe something that's exaggerated or untrue

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी की टांग खींचना

Example - Pulling other's legs is not in my nature.

Pie in the sky

Meaning - Something that is completely unrealistic or unlikely to be achieved.

Meaning (Hindi) - पूरी तरह से अवास्तविक या हासिल करने की संभावना न होना

Example - The promise of low-cost housing for everyone turned out to be **pie in the sky**.

Pyrrhic victory

Meaning - A victory where the loss is greater than the gain

Meaning (Hindi) - नाशकारी विजय

Example: Getting independence was a **Pyrrhic victory** for Indian people.

Quaking in one's boots

Meaning - When someone is extremely scared

Meaning (Hindi) - बेहद डर जाना

Example - When Mike saw the crocodiles in the water, he started **quaking in his boots**.

Quick temper

Meaning - One who gets angry very easily.

Meaning (Hindi) - जल्दी गुस्सा आना

Example - The manager makes me nervous - he's got such a **quick temper**.

Quick off the mark

Meaning - someone who is quick to react to an event or take advantage of an opportunity.

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी घटना पर प्रतिक्रिया करने या अवसर का लाभ उठाने के लिए तत्पर

Example - You've got to be **quick off the mark** when stores announce special offers.

Qualified Praise

Meaning - Restricted

Meaning (Hindi) - योग्य प्रशंसा

Example - The film has received **qualified praise**.

Quite a few

Meaning - a fairly large number of people or things

Meaning (Hindi) - पर्याप्त

Example - The letter arrived **quite a few** days ago.

Rack one's brain

Meaning - to think very hard about something.

Meaning (Hindi) - दिमाग पर ज़ोर देना

Example - I've **racked my brain** all day long, but I still can't remember where I put the keys.

Raining Cats and Dogs

Meaning - Raining very heavily.

Meaning (Hindi) - मूसलाधार बारिश

Example - It's **raining cats and dogs** and we don't have an umbrella or raincoat, so we cannot leave.

Rain or shine

Meaning - Ups and downs

Meaning (Hindi) - उतार चढ़ाव/चाहे बारिश हो या धूप हो

Example - We promised we would finish the project tomorrow, **rain or shine**.

Red tape

Meaning -

Official, bureaucratic rules or methods that are typically overly strict, convoluted, or tedious

Meaning (Hindi) - दफ्तरशाही

Example -

There's so much **red tape** involved in opening up a restaurant that we decided to ditch the plan altogether.

Red-handed

Meaning - used to indicate that a person has been discovered in or just after the act of doing something wrong or illegal.

Meaning (Hindi) - अपराध करते हुए पकड़े जाना

Example - I **caught** him **red-handed**, stealing a wallet

Rise to the occasion

Meaning - To increase one's effort in response to a challenging situation

Meaning (Hindi) - एक चुनौतीपूर्ण स्थिति के जवाब में प्रयास को बढ़ाना

Example - If you're going to lead this team, you've got to **rise to the occasion** and start motivating them.

Road less travelled

Meaning - a choice made in one's life that is unconventional/Anything Unconventional or Out of the Ordinary

Meaning (Hindi) - कुछ भी अपरंपरागत या सामान्य से बाहर

Example - Great Inventors and Scientists always tread on **Road Less Travelled**.

Root and branch

Meaning - In its entirety; wholly/ Completely

Meaning (Hindi) - पूरी तरह से

Example - The new government is aiming to overhaul the tax system **root and branch**.

Round the clock

Meaning - to something happening or done all day and all night.

Meaning (Hindi) - रात - दिन

Example - They have been working **round the clock** to solve the problem.

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Round the corner

Meaning - Imminent or likely to happen very soon/In close proximity to another location

Meaning (Hindi) - जल्द ही होने की संभावना होना

Example - With Diwali just **around the corner**, there couldn't be a better time to treat your home to a bright new look.

Round and round

Meaning - Literally, in a circle/ In a circuitous, indirect fashion, without an end or satisfactory result.

Meaning (Hindi) - गोलाकार/संतोषजनक परिणाम के बिना

Example - We've gone **round and round** with the insurance company, and they still haven't paid our claim.

Rub shoulders with

Meaning - To interact or mingle with a person or group, to come in close contact.

Meaning (Hindi) - मिलना-जुलना

Example - If you go to the program tonight, you may **rub shoulders** with some high standard people.

Rub someone the wrong way

Meaning - To irritate one due to someone or something's presence, nature, or habitual behavior (as opposed to directly and intentionally)

Meaning (Hindi) - परेशान करना

Example - He had a cold manner that **rubbed people the wrong way**.

Safe and sound

Meaning - Safe from danger and free from injury or harm/without any problem

Meaning (Hindi) - सही सलामत

Example - It was a rough trip, but we came back **safe and sound**.

Salt away

Meaning - To put something into storage for use at a later date/save money

Meaning (Hindi) - छिपाना/भंडारण में रखना

Example - It would be wise to **salt some of your paychecks away** each month.

Scapegoat

Meaning - A person who takes the blame for something they didn't do

Meaning (Hindi) - बलि का बकरा

Example - The party had to put the responsibility on somebody, and prime minister became the **scapegoat**.

State of the art

Meaning - Having or using the most advanced, up-to-date technology available.

Meaning (Hindi) - अत्याधुनिक

Example - After working in such a drab, old-fashioned office for so long, it's refreshing to work somewhere that is so **state of the art**.

Steer clear of (someone or something)

Meaning - To avoid someone or something

Meaning (Hindi) - साफ अलग हो जाना/ दूर रहना

Example -

The 8:00 train is always late, so **steer clear of it** if you want to be on time.

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Shake in (one's) shoes

Meaning - To be very nervous or afraid, often visibly so

Meaning (Hindi) - डर से काँपना

Example -

I may seem confident when I'm leading a training seminar, but I'm really **shaking in my shoes** most of the time.

Sleep on (something)

Meaning -

To postpone a decision until the following day so that one has additional time to consider it.

Meaning (Hindi) - अगले दिन तक एक निर्णय को करना स्थगित करना (उस पर और विचार करने के लिए)

Example - You should **sleep on** the offer and announce your final decision in the morning.

Small talk

Meaning -

Casual or trivial conversation/ unimportant conversation, usually engaged in with strangers or slight acquaintances out of a sense of politeness or social obligation.

Meaning (Hindi) - गपशप

Example - We stood around making **small talk** until the guest of honour arrived.

Steal a march on (someone or something)

Meaning -

To gain an unexpected or surreptitious advantage over someone or something, as by accomplishing something before, or better than, someone else.

Meaning (Hindi) - आगे बढ़ जाना

Example -

The retail business managed to **steal a march** on its competitors by signing an exclusive export agreement with Europe.

Spick and span

Meaning - Totally clean and/or organized

Meaning (Hindi) - साफ़ - सुथरा

Example -

The daughter in law plan to spend the day cleaning so that the place is **spick and span** when her mother-in-law arrives.

Set (someone) by the ears

Meaning -

To cause (someone, generally a group of two or more people) to engage in a squabble, dispute, or altercation.

Meaning (Hindi) - (किसी को, आम तौर पर दो या अधिक लोगों के एक समूह) एक झगड़ा, विवाद, या विवाद में संलग्न करने का कारण बनना

Example: The town was **set by the ears** when it was announced that a big megastore would be replacing many of its local shops and grocery marts.

Second fiddle

Meaning - Subordinate, lesser, or smaller in the role, position, or importance.

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी के अधीन काम करना

Example - You should not stay around in this company playing the **second fiddle** for someone your age and ability.

Set one's teeth on edge

Meaning - to induce an unpleasant sensation, to repel, irritate

Meaning (Hindi) - परेशान करना

Example - The noise of the machine in the next room really **set my teeth on edge**.

The letter of the law

Meaning - obeying the literal interpretation of the law, but not the intent or the spirit of those who wrote the law.

Meaning (Hindi) - लक़ीर के फ़क़ीर/कानून की शाब्दिक व्याख्या का पालन करना, बजाय अभिप्राय के

Example - Judges mustn't follow the **letter of the law**, but its spirit.

Thick as thieves

Meaning- intimate, close-knit.

Meaning (Hindi) - घनिष्ठ मित्र

Example- Alan and John attended a boarding school together and were **thick as thieves**.

Trickle down

Meaning -

To distribute, pass, or diffuse to people lower on a hierarchical structure.

Meaning (Hindi)- नीचे की ओर देना

Example: The results of the improved economy **trickled down** to people at lower-income levels.

To the hilt

Meaning- to the maximum extent possible as fully as possible.

Meaning (Hindi) - विस्तारपूर्वक

Example- John has borrowed money from the bank **to the hilt**.

Turn the tables

Meaning- gaining the upper hand over a competitor, rival, or enemy.

Meaning (Hindi)- पाँसा पलट देना/ स्थिति को पूर्णतः बदल देना.

Example: - Our team finally **turned the tables** on their old rivals.

Turn a deaf ear to

Meaning- To ignore or refuse to listen to someone or something

Meaning (Hindi)- सुन कर अनसुनी कर देना

Example-

: The government has been **turned a deaf ear to** the pleas of its most vulnerable citizens.

To the letter

Meaning - Exactly as something is written or instructed

Meaning (Hindi)- अक्षरशः पालन करना

Example -

: You must follow the instructions **to the letter**, or your application won't be considered.

To the backbone

Meaning- Through and through; thoroughly; in every manner or respect.

Meaning (Hindi)- हर पहलू से; अच्छी तरह से

Example:- Though he grew up in America, Anant is still Indian **to the backbone**.

Under the cloud: संदेहजनक

Meaning: Suspicious

Use: In our country politician are always under the cloud.

Under the rose: गुप्त रूप से

Meaning: Secretly

Use: They used to meet each other under the rose.

Under one's nose: एकदम सामने ही

Meaning: Directly in front of

Use: Terrorist fled from jail under the nose of the superintendent.

Under duress - दबाव में

Meaning: Under pressure

Use: He claimed that he signed the confession under duress.

Underdog - किसी और की तुलना में कमजोर आदमी

Meaning: Weak person in comparison to other

Use: He always supports the underdog people in his constituency.

Uncharted waters - एक ऐसी स्थिति है जो नई और ज्ञात नहीं है

Meaning: A situation that is new and not known

Use: For arts, student differentiation and integration are uncharted water.

Under fire - आलोचना की जा रही है

Meaning: Being criticised

Use: After coal scam, UPA government is under fire.

Upper crust - अक्सर अमीर और उच्च सामाजिक स्थिति

Meaning: High-class people, often rich and high social status

Use: Ambani brothers are the upper crust in India.

Upper hand - प्रभुत्व और नियंत्रित स्थिति

Meaning: Dominating and controlling position

Use: The USA has an upper hand in the world.

Under lock and key - सुरक्षित रूप से राखी हुई

Meaning: Stored securely

Use: Money in the bank is under lock and key, so there is no harm in depositing your money.

Under someone heel - किसी और के नियंत्रण में

Meaning: Under control of someone else

Use: The ram is under the heels of Mohan.

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Under the knife - सर्जरी से गुजरना

Meaning: Undergo a surgery

Use: Ashok is under the knife in City hospital for his heart surgery.

Under the weather - बीमार और ऊर्जा की कमी महसूस करना

Meaning: Feel sick and lack of energy

Use: He is under the weather due to climate change

Vexed question

Meaning- much debated and discussed

Use: killing should be granted or not' has become a vexed question.

Wash dirty linen in public

Meaning-(to expose private affairs in public, = il # e

Forer)- There is nothing as bad as washing one's dirty linen in public.

Wash one's hand of

Meaning- to be free from

Use: Police have washed their hands of the kidnapping case.

Wild goose chase

Meaning- useless efforts

Use: Pakistan's efforts to grab Kashmir have proved to be a wild goose chase.

Win laurels

Meaning- to win honours

Use: Sachin won laurels for India.

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