

IDIOMS & PHRASES

(A)

Abounding in — से भरपूर

Sea abounds in all kinds of animals .

Above all — मुख्यतः, खासकर

Above all , don't mention this to Hari .

Abreast with — जानकारी रखना

He keeps himself abreast with the latest developments in the world of science .

Absent-minded person — असावधान व्यक्ति

Our professor is a very absent-minded person .

Accessory to — सहायक

This man was accessory to the crime .

Affect ignorance — कुछ पता न होने का दिखावा करना

You cannot affect ignorance of the law and escape punishment .

Aghast at — हक्का-बक्का होना

As she entered the hospital she looked aghast at the bed of the wounded .

Agreeable to — पसंद/अनुकूल होना

He being very fussy, the plan was not agreeable to his wishes .

Alive to — जानकारी रखना, सचेत रहना

He is not at all alive to the current economic problems .

All at once — अचानक

All at once the sky became dark and it began to rain .

All moonshine — बिल्कुल झूठा, मनगढ़ंत

What you are saying is all moonshine .

All of a sudden — अचानक

All of a sudden the walls of the room started shaking .

All the same — फिर भी

Although your agreements appear convincing all the same it will not happen .

Animal spirits — जोशीली प्रकृति

Young children are by nature full of animal spirits .

Apple of discord — झगड़े का परिणाम/कारण

Ever since their father's death this property has been an apple of discord between the two brothers .

Apple of one's eye — बहुत प्रिय

His lovely little daughter is the apple of his eye .

Ask for something — नुकसान या खतरा मोल लेना

Now you are complaining about the cut in your salary. You had asked for it by regularly coming late .

At all — थोड़ा सा भी

He told me that he did not have any money at all.

At daggers drawn — दुश्मनी होना

Once upon a time they were friends, but now they are at daggers drawn over the issue of money .

At large — बंधनमुक्त रहना, पकड़ा न जाना

A convict who had escaped from prison last month is still at large .

At once — तुरन्त

The boss was furious over secretary's mistake and asked him to come to his room at once .

At the eleventh hour — अन्तिम क्षण पर, ऐन मौके पर

The mob was getting out of control, but at the eleventh hour the police arrived and averted a riot .

At times — कभी-कभी

At times she feels a little better. but then again relapses into her old condition .

Aware of — जानकारी होना

I was not aware of his intentions .

(B)

Back out of — दिये हुए वचन से मुकर जाना

He backed out of the promise he had given me .

Backstairs influence — छुपा, नाजायज़ प्रभाव

He managed to get the job through backstairs influence .

Bad blood — दुश्मनी

There is bad blood between the two neighbours .

Be a party to something — पक्ष लेना, सहमत होना

I disagree with your proposals so I won't be a party to this agreement

Be all ears — बहुत ध्यान से सुनना

The children were all ears as I began to tell the story of Alibaba .

Be beside oneself — भावना से बेकाबू होना

She was beside herself with grief when she heard about her son's death .

Be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth — अत्यन्त धनवान होना

Pandit Nehru was born with a silver spoon in his mouth .

Be bound to — निश्चित रूप से

We are bound to be late if you don't hurry .

Be bound for — किसी निश्चित स्थान को जाना

This ship is bound for London .

Be ill at ease — परेशान होना

The whole night mosquitoes kept on biting him and he was quite ill at ease .

Be in the way — रास्ता रोकना

Is this chair in your way ?

Be no more — मर जाना

Since her husband is no more she feels quite lost .

Be off — चले/निकल जाना

I was tired of his chattering and asked him to be off .

Be out of the question — असंभव होना

Without oxygen life is out of question .

Be under age — नाबालिग होना

You cannot vote as you are under age .

Be up something — कोई योजना बनाने में व्यस्त रहना

These boys have suspicious movements. I am sure they are upto something .

Be well-off — धनवान होना

They own a house and a car, so they certainly are well-off .

Be worth its weight in gold — बहुत कीमती होना

In the desert a bottle of water is worth its weight in gold .

Bear down upon — हमला करना (युद्धपोत का) Our warship bore down upon the enemy convoy .

Beast of burden — सामान ढोने वाला जानवर

Mules are used as beasts of burden by the Indian Army .

Beast of prey — शिकार करने वाला जानवर

A tiger is a beast of prey .

Beat about the bush — इधर-उधर की बातें करना

Come to the point. Don't beat about the bush .

Beck and call — बुलाने पर हाज़िर होना

You cannot expect me to be at your beck and call everytime .

Bed of roses — सुख चैन की अवस्था

Life is no bed of roses .

Beggar description — वर्णन करने के परे होना

Her beauty beggared description .

Behind the scenes — छुपके

The leaders had been discussing behind the scenes for long, and finally they arrived at an agreement .

Bent on — प्रवृत्त, उद्यत

I am sure the two boys are bent on some mischief .

Better half — पत्नी

His better half takes good care of him .

Bide his time — अनुकूल अवसर के लिए शांति से प्रतीक्षा करना

The hunter bided his time till the tiger approached the pond for a drink .

Big deal — स्वयं के बारे में बड़प्पन की झूठी भावना

You think you can beat me! A big deal !

Birds's eye view — विहंगावलोकन

We had a bird's eye view of the city from the plane .

Birds of a feather — समान स्वभाव के लोग

Birds of a feather tend to flock together .

Black sheep — बदनाम आदमी

Ramesh is the black sheep of the family .

Blind alley — एक तरफ से बंद गली

They had to turn back as they had entered a blind alley .

Blind to — अनदेखी करना

He is blind to his son's actions .

Blow one's own trumpet — अपना बड़प्पन कहते फिरना

Blowing one's own trumpet speaks of ill breeding .

Blow one's top — बहुत गुस्से में होना

Ram has not been caring for his studies at all. Naturally, his father had to blow his top .

Blue stocking — साहित्यकार, विदुषी स्त्री

She has made a name for herself in society as a blue stocking .

Body and soul — ज़ी ज़ान से

He gave himself body and soul to the pursuit of learning .

Boil down — सारांश, मतलब होना

It all boils down to a clear case of murder .

Bolt upright — बिल्कुल सीधा

As he was suddenly awakened by a passing procession's noise he got up and sat bolt upright .

Bosom friend — ज़िगरी दोस्त

Arun and Anil are bosom friends .

Brazen-faced fellow — अशिष्ट आदमी

I cannot stand that brazen-faced fellow .

Break cover — छुपने के स्थान से बाहर आना

The enemy resumed heavy firing as the soldiers broke cover .

Break in — ज़बर्दस्ती दाखिल होना

The thief quietly broke in when everyone was asleep

Break the ice — चुप्पी भंग करने की खातिर बातें छेड़ना

They sat in awkward silence till I broke the ice .

Break the news — कोई समाचार देना

Ram had drowned and somebody had to break the sad news to his family somehow .

Breathe one's last — मर जाना

The nation plunged into grief as the beloved leader Pandit Nehru breathed his last .

Bring to light — राज़ खोलना

The C.I.D. brought to light a hideous conspiracy to assassinate the police chief .

Bring to the hammer — नीलाम करना

As he went bankrupt, all his goods were brought to the hammer .

Broad daylight — दिन दहाड़े

Yesterday the bank near our house was robbed in broad daylight .

Brown study — विचारों में मग्न रहना

Shyam is in the habit of getting into brown study .

Build castles in the air — हवा में महल बनाना

Be content with what you have. There is no point in building castles in the air .

Burning question — ज्वलंत प्रश्न

In the world today, issue of Poland is a burning question .

Burn the candle at both ends — अपनी शक्ति या धन का अधिक व्यय/खर्च करना

If you burn the candle at both ends like this, you will soon land up in

the hospital .

Bury the hatchet — दुश्मनी भूलकर मित्रता करना

The two warring nations reached a truce and at last buried the hatchet .

By and By — आहिस्ता-आहिस्ता

By and by people began to come into the lecture hall .

By heart — कंठस्थ

I know many passages from Shakespeare by heart.

By himself — अकेले

I have often seen him walking all by himself in the woods .

By the way — बात-बात में यूँ ही

By the way , are you married ?

(C)

Call a spade a spade — साफ-साफ कह देना

I am not rude but at the same time I don't hesitate to call a spade a spade .

Call to order — सभा, बैठक प्रारंभ करना

The chairman called the meeting to order .

Capital crime — मौत की सज़ा जैसा गुनाह

Murder is a capital crime .

Capital idea — उत्कृष्ट कल्पना

Going on a picnic this Sunday is a capital idea .

Capital punishment — मौत की सज़ा

The murderer was awarded capital punishment .

Carry one's point — विरोध समाप्त करना

In the beginning Mohan was slightly vague in his speech but gradually he succeeded in carrying his point .

Carry the day — यशस्वी बनना

The opener scored a century and carried the day .

Cast about for — इंतज़ार में रहना

He will cast about for an opportunity to take revenge on you .

Catch one's eye — ध्यान खींचना

I could not catch his eye , else I would have greeted him .

Chicken-hearted fellow — डरपोक आदमी

A chicken-hearted man like you will never make a soldier .

Clear off — जाना, भागना

Don't bother me ? Clear off !

Close-fisted man — कंजूस

Although having lot of money, he is a close-fisted man .

Close shave — बाल-बाल बचना

My car was just about to dash against the lamp post. It was quite a close shave .

Cock and bull story — मनगढ़ंत कहानी

Who would believe such a cock and bull story ?

Cold-blooded murder — घृणित हत्या

Karan had committed a cold-blooded murder so, the judge didn't show any mercy in awarding death sentence .

Cold feet — डर जाना

At the sight of his opponent he got cold feet .

Cold reception — ऊपरी मन से सत्कार

I wonder why she gave him such a cold reception .

Cold shoulder — किसी का साथ अप्रिय लगना

He tried to talk to her, but she gave him the cold shoulder .

Come of age — बालिग हो जाना

Now that you have come of age , you should take your own decisions

Come off it — अवांछित आदत को छोड़ना

Come off it , don't start with that boasting again .

Come to an end — समाप्त होना

It was such a boring film that I thought it would never come to an end

Come to light — पता चलना

The conspiracy came to light at the right time and plotters were arrested .

Come up to — बराबर होना

The profit from this deal with M/s Renuka Enterprise has not come up to my expectations .

Come up with — उत्तम विचार होना

I must say you have Come up with an excellent idea .

Commanding view — ऊंचाई से दिखने वाला दृश्य

Come we can go up and get a commanding view of the harbour from the hill top .

Confirmed bachelor — नामजद कुंआरा

Is he going to marry late or is he a confirmed bachelor ?

Corresponding to — मिलता-जुलता होना

While digging in the field other day I found an old coin corresponding to the one shown in this picture .

Cover a lot of ground — विस्तार से कहना

In his very first lecture the professor covered a lot of ground .

Creature comforts — शारीरिक सुख-चैन की चीज़ें

Being rich he would equip his mansion with all creature comforts .

Crocodile tears — बनावटी आंसू

He shed crocodile tears at the loss incurred by his friend .

Crux of a problem — समस्या का मुख्य भाग

The crux of the problem is how we are going to raise the funds we require for this project .

Cry over spilt milk — व्यर्थ खेद करना

In the beginning only, I had told you that was a bad bargain. It is no use crying over spilt milk now .

Curtain lecture — एकांत में पत्नी का पति को कोसना

The hen-pecked husband had to endure a curtain lecture every night

Cut a sorry figure — अयोग्य सिद्ध होना

When asked to make a speech he cut a sorry figure .

Cut out for — योग्य होना

Vikas is not cut out for army .

Cut to the quick — मर्मभेदी बात कहना

Your reproaches cut him to the quick .

(D)

Dance attendance on one — आगे-पीछे घूमना

He danced attendance on her all the time, but she ignored him .

Day in , day out — रोज़-रोज़

He worked , day in, day out to pass his C. A. Examination .

Dead against — बिल्कुल खिलाफ़

Her mother is dead against her acting in the films .

Dead letter — 1 . गलत पते के कारण डाक घर में पड़ा रहने वाला पत्र

As there was no address on the letter it went to the dead letter office .

2 . लागू नहीं किया जाने वाला कानून

Several enactments still on the statute book are now a dead letter .

Dead loss — कतई पूरा न होने वाला नुकसान

He invested quite a lot of money in paper business but it proved to be a dead loss .

Dead of night — आधी रात को

The thief entered the house at dead of night .

Dead silence — पूर्ण सतब्धता

There was dead silence in the deserted house .

Dead tired — बहुत थका हुआ

Having walked four miles I felt dead tired and immediately fell asleep .

Dish something out — बहुत सफाई से आलोचना करना

He is a glib talker and very good at dishing out flattery .

Do a city — शहर में घूमकर आकर्षक स्थान देखना

While I do the city you can relax in the hotel and watch the television .

Do away with — नष्ट करना

The murderer seems to have done away with the body .

Done to death — मार डालना

The poor man was done to death by repeated lathi blows on the head .

Do well — प्रगति करना, यश पाना

He is doing quite well in his new business .

Dog-eared book — जिस पुस्तक में पन्नों के कोने खास वाक्यों या परिच्छेदों की निशानी के तौर पर मुड़े हुए हों

This dog-eared book suggests that you have read it carefully and marked the important pages .

Down and out — हतोत्साह होना

He was without money and without food. In short, just down and out .

Draw out a person — किसी व्यक्ति की इच्छा के विरुद्ध चतुराई से उससे जानकारी प्राप्त करना

For a long time he was reluctant to say anything, but in the end I managed to draw him out .

Draw a line — मर्यादा तय करना

I can at the most give you one thousand rupees. And then I must draw a line .

Drop a line — छोटा सा पत्र लिखना

As soon as I get to Bombay, I'll drop you a line .

Drop a subject — किसी विषय पर विवाद बंद करना

We don't seem to agree, so let us drop the subject .

Drop in on — मिलने जाना

Do drop in on me whenever you have the time .

Drop out of — छोड़ देना

He had to drop out of the race when his car broke down .

Dutch courage — शराब पीकर आने वाली झूठी वीरता

He showed a lot of Dutch courage , but got frightened as the drink wore off .

(E)

Ease someone out — शिष्टतापूर्वक नौकरी से निकालना

After the two companies merged a number of their officers had to be eased out .

Easy Come, easy go — बिना प्रयास प्राप्त होना/खर्च हो जाना

He inherited great wealth but spent it all foolishly. It was a case of easy Come, easy go .

Eat humble pie — गर्व त्यागना, विनम्र हो जाना

He used to boast about his intelligence. Now with such bad examination results he has to eat the humble pie .

Eat one's words — शब्द वापिस लेना

He was vehemently insisting on his point, but finally had to eat his words , when the truth came out .

Eat out — होटल में भोजन करना

When you eat out , what restaurant do you generally go to ?

Elbow room — काम करने की स्वतंत्रता

He is a go-getter and needs just elbow room to succeed .

Err on the safe side — दो पर्यायों में नुकसान न देने वाला पर्याय-गलत हो तो भी स्वीकारना

To err on the safe side , I gave him fifty-five when he asked seventy pieces .

Escape notice — ध्यान न जाना I read this copy very carefully, but don't know how this mistake escaped my notice .

Escape one's lips — बोल जाना

Never let that abusive word escape your lips again .

Every now and then — अक्सर, बहुधा

We are very good friends and visit each other , every now and then .

(F)

Fast living — ऐश आराम की जिन्दगी

Rich men's children generally like fast living .

Feather one's nest — अवैध तरीके से कमाई करके रखना

The corrupt people are always busy feathering their nests .

Fed up with — तंग आ जाना I am fed up with this daily drudgery .

Feel up to — स्वयं को समर्थ पाना

Do you feel up to writing letters after a have working day ?

Fellow feeling — भाईचारा, अपनापन

One should have fellow feelings for all .

Few and far between — बहुत कम

His visits to our place are now few and far between .

Fight shy of — टालना I fight shy of air travel as it makes me sick .

Fill one in — जानकारी देना

As Ramesh could not attend the meeting he asked me to fill him in .

Fish out of water — अप्रिय परिस्थिति में लोगों के बीच होना

I felt like a fish out of water in the company of those scientists .

Flowery style — बहुत लालित्यपूर्ण भाषा शैली

Flowery style is not suited to every kind of writing .

Fly in the face of — जान बूझ कर उल्टा व्यवहार करना

Why should you recklessly fly in the face of danger ?

Fly off at a tangent — बीच में कोई असंबद्ध बात छेड़ना

Stick-to the point. Don't fly off at a tangent .

For good — हमेशा के लिए

He proposes to leave India for good .

For long — बहुत समय के लिए I cannot go on with this boring work for long.

Force one's hand — मन की बात प्रकट करने के लिए मजबूर करना

I forced his hand to learn the real motive behind his plan .

Forty winks — बहुत थोड़ी देर के लिए झपकी लेना

After lunch I must have my forty winks .

Fill in for — किसी की जगह लेना

Our manager has not been keeping well. So I have filled in for him .

For the time being — कुछ समय के लिए

For the time being I am staying at a hotel, but I propose to rent a flat shortly

Free-lance — कहीं नौकरी न करने वाला पत्रकार

He is a free-lance and contributes to several papers and magazines .

French leave — बिना बताये चले जाना

The boss is angry with him for taking french leave .

Fresh lease of life — पुनर्जीवित करना

The heart patient ws almost dying. But now through the relentless

efforts of doctor he has got a fresh lease of life .

Fringe benefits — वेतन के अलावा मिलने वाला लाभ

His salary is small, but he gets good fringe benefits .

Face up to — किसी अप्रिय बात को स्वीकारना

You have to face up to the fact that you are not capable of handling this job .

Fair play — न्यायसंगत वर्तव I know him well and can count on his sense of fair play .

Fair sex — नारी जाति

She was the only representative of the fair sex at the meeting .

Fair weather friend — मुसीबत में साथ न देने वाला मित्र

Most of the people you are associating with these days are just fair weather friends .

Fall a prey to — ठग जाना

The innocent man fell a prey to the designs of the cheat .

Fall back upon — किसी चीज का सहारा लेना

If I don't do well as a businessman I'll have to fall back upon my old profession of journalism .

Fall behind in — पिछड़ जाना

He fell ill and had to miss his college for a month. As a result he fell behind in his studies .

Fall foul of — किसी से दुश्मनी मोल लेना

If this new clerk continues with his criticism like this he will soon fall foul of the manager .

Fall in with — सहमत होना

He found my plan very profitable and so readily fell in with it .

Fall out of use — प्रयोग बंद हो जाना

As a language grows new words are added and many old ones fall out of use .

Fall out with — झगड़ा करना

It is indeed sad to see that you have fallen out with your best friend .

Fall to one's lot — नसीब में होना

I fell to my lot to become a writer .

Fall to work — काम आरंभ करना

He fell to work with enthusiasm and completed the job in an hour .

Family likeness — पारिवारिक समानता

There is a family likeness between the two cousins .

Family tree — वंश तालिका

Our family tree is rooted in eighteenth century .

Fan the flame — किसी बुरी बात को प्रोत्साहन देना

Although outwardly he professed loyalty, in secret he was fanning the flame of sedition .

Fancy price — बहुत अधिक मूल्य का होना

He has recently bought an imported TV set at a fancy price .

(G)

Gain ground — धीरे-धीरे प्रगति करना

India lost the first two matches, but began to gain ground gradually .

Game is not worth the candle — कष्ट की मात्रा में प्रयाप्त लाभ न होना

If you have to send your article to a dozen editors to get it published, I must say that the game is not worth the candle .

Get ahead of — आगे निकल जाना

Ram has got ahead of Shyam in mathematics .

Get all dolled up — बहुत सजधज कर तैयार होना

She gets all dolled up when she gets ready to go to parties .

Get along with — मित्रवत रहना

He has the knack for getting along with all sorts of people .

Get away with — बुरा काम करके सजा से मुक्त रहना

You can't cheat me like that and get away with it .

Get by heart — ज़बानी याद करना

Have you got the whole poem by heart ?

Get down to — काम गंभीरतापूर्वक आरम्भ करना

Now as we have had an hour's rest let us get down to business .

Get even with — बदला लेना

The other day Arun made a fool of Anil. And now Anil wants to get even with him .

Get hold of — मतलब समझ पाना

I was quite far from the stage and couldn't get hold of what the speaker was saying .

Get into a soup — झंझट में पड़ना

You will get into a soup if you neglect your studies like this .

Get into the swing of things — नई परिस्थिति में घुल मिल जाना

Many of the Indian students don't take long to get into the swing of things in the U. S. A

Get on one's nerves — तग करना

She talks so much that she gets on my nerves .

Get on with — 1 . काम चालू करना

2 . साथ होना

Get on with your work. Naresh and I get on with each other quite well

Get out of — बाहर निकल जाना

Sita is a very affectionate mother and does not let her children get out of her sight .

Get out of line — अनुशासन भंग करना

The headmaster warned unruly Gopal that he would be expelled if he got out of line in future .

Get rid of — छुटकारा पाना

Don't ask what all I had to do to get rid of a bore like Vinay .

Get the better of — विजय पाना, मात करना

He easily got the better of her in the argument .

Get the sack — नौकरी से हटाया जाना

He is thoroughly incompetent and I know that one day he will get the sack .

Get the upper hand — मात करना, प्रमुखता प्राप्त करना

It was a keenly fought match, but in the end I got the upper hand .

Get through with — काम पूरा करना

When will you get through with your homework ?

Get wind of — रहस्य का पता लगाना

There was a well-guarded conspiracy, but somehow the government got wind of it .

Get word — संदेश मिलना

I got word that my brother had suddenly become ill .

Gift of the gab — भाषण कला

He has a gift of the gab and can hold his audience spellbound .

Give a break — अवसर देना

Considering the fact that it was his first offence the judge gave him a break and let him off only with a warning .

Give a piece of mind — कोसना

He is so negligent in his work that I had to give him a piece of my mind .

Give a ring — टेलीफोन करना

I'll give you a ring as soon as I get there .

Give a wide berth — टालना, दूर रखना

He is not to be trusted. You should always give him a wide berth.

Give chapter and verse — साबित होना

I can give you chapter and verse for every statement I am making .

Give currency to — फैलाना, ज़ाहिर करना

Many new words in English have got currency . of late .

Give into — मान लेना, सहमत होना

He gave into her wishes .

Give quarter — सहानुभूति दिखाना

The conqueror gave no quarter to the defeated .

Give the go by — भूलना, टालना

There are many old religious practices to which we have now given the go by .

Give the slip — चकमा देकर भाग जाना

As the thief saw the policeman he gave him the slip by getting into a nearby lane .

Given to — व्यसन होना

I was sorry to see that he was given to heavy drinking .

Go a long way — काफी हद तक उपयुक्त होना

This amount will go a long way in defraying your trip's expenses .

Go hand-in-hand — साथ-साथ चलना

Going hand-in-hand with this expansion programme of the company is a massive plan of modernisation .

Go in for — रुचि लेना

What sports do you go in for ?

Go off the deep end — जल्दी से कुछ कर बैठना

Think with a cool mind. There is no need to go off the deep end and act foolishly .

Go through channels — योग्य मार्ग से

You will have to go through the channels if you want your representation for promotion to be considered .

Go through fire and water — कोई भी खतरा मोल लेना

A patriot is ready to go through fire and water to serve his motherland

Go through with — कोई काम अंत तक करते रहना

Do you have the determination enough to go through with this job ?

Go to law — कानून का सहारा लेना

In the western countries people go to law on very petty issues .

Go to rack and ruin — विनाश होना

The government must do something to save this sick sugar mill from going to rack and ruin .

Go to town — कोई काम ध्यानपूर्वक करना

The interior decorator went to town on my flat and made it like a palace .

Go without saying — स्पष्ट होना

It goes without saying that honesty pays in the long run .

Going concern — अच्छी तरह चलने वाला व्यवसाय

He has expanded his business and it is now a going concern .

Golden mean — बीच का मार्ग

We shall not go to the extremes, rather find a golden mean between the two .

Golden opportunity — बहुत अनुकूल परिस्थिति, स्वर्णिम अवसर

It was a golden opportunity for me to show my mettle .

Good deal — बहुत मात्रा में

This sofa set has cost me a good deal of money .

Good hand — 1 . कुशल, प्रवीण

She is quite a good hand at knitting .

2 . अच्छी लिखावट

You have a good hand .

Good humour — प्रसन्नचित्त होना

He has got a promotion today so he is in good humour .

Good offices — सहयोग से

This dispute between the two countries can be resolved only through the good offices of Irrigation Ministers .

Green room — नैपथ्य, अभिनेता का भेष-भूषा का कमरा

After the play was over I went to the green room to see the hero .

Grow grey — एक ही काम में जिंदगी बिताना

Prasad began working at the age of twenty, and has grown grey in the same office .

Grow out of — आयु बढ़ने के साथ कोई आदत छूटना

As child he used to stutter, but now has grown out of it .

(H)

Hall mark — उत्कृष्टता की निशानी

He is generally a good painter, but Batik painting is one of his hall

marks .

Hammer and tongs — बड़े ज़ोर-ज़ोर से

The opposition went for the government's policies hammer and tongs .

Hang by a thread — बहुत नाजुक स्थिति में होना

Naresh has been badly injured in the train accident and he is still hanging by a thread .

Hang fire — देर होना

This matter had been hanging fire for more than a month .

Hard boiled — व्यवसाय के आगे भावना की कीमत न रखना

He is a hard-boiled businessman .

Hard of hearing — कुछ हद तक बहरा

You will have to speak a little louder, as Mr. Rao is hard of hearing

Hard up — रुपयों की तंगी होना

Ever since he has left his job he has been quite hard up .

Haul over the coals — कोसना, भर्त्सना करना

The boss hauled him over the coals for his insubordination .

Have a brush with — थोड़ी सी अनबन होना

Our union's president had a brush with the general secretary in a meeting last week .

Have a finger in the pie — किसी चीज़ में हिस्सा होना

Why should you be so interested in what he is being paid? Do you have a finger in the pie ?

Have a mind — राज़ी होना, दिल करना

He can be very funny if he has a mind .

Have a thing at one's finger tips — पूर्णतः ज्ञान होना

He has the Maratha history at his finger tips .

Have an easy time of it — आराम होना

As long as Mr. Rao was there as the manager the staff had an easy time of it , but now things have changed .

Have another guess coming — ग़लत होना

If you think I'll be with you in this mischief you have another guess coming .

Have been to — किसी स्थान का हो आना

Have you been to Bombay of late .

Have clean hands — निर्दोष पाना

You can't suspect him of taking bribery. I am sure his hands are clean

Have in hand — कोई काम हाथ में होना

What job do you have in hand at present ?

Have it out with — झगड़ा करना

I am sure he has cheated me, and I am going to have it out with him .

Have an eye on a thing — किसी वस्तु पर दृष्टि रखना

Be content with what you have. Don't have an eye on others things .

Have one's hands full — किसी काम में व्यस्त होना

Please do not ask me to do anything more, my hands are already full

Have one's heart set on — बहुत इच्छा रखना

Ever since he had heard of accounts of the U.S.A. from his brother he has his heart set on going abroad .

Have one's way — अपनी ही बात करना

Little children must have their way in everything .

Have the right ring — ठीक महसूस होना

The statesman's speech about the problem had the right ring about it

Have too many irons in the fire — एक ही साथ अनेक काम करने की कोशिश करना

Beware of your health breaking down under the strain of overwork; I think you have too many irons in the fire .

Help oneself to — स्वयं ले लेना

Please help yourself to whatever you would like to have .

Hen-pecked husband — जोरू का गुलाम

Prakash is known among his friends as an hen-pecked husband .

Herculean task — बहुत कठिन कार्य

Preparing such a big report in such a short time was indeed a herculean task .

Hide one's light under a bushel — गुण छुपाकर रखना

To keep such a learned man in his present obscure position is like hiding his light under a bushel .

High and low — सर्वत्र

I searched for my pen high and low .

High-flown style — पांडित्यपूर्ण शैली

He has a high-flown style which does not cater to masses .

High living — ऐश आराम की ज़िन्दगी

Many diseases are brought on by high living .

High noon — मध्याह्न

At high noon during summer in Delhi people generally keep indoors .

High time — ठीक समय होना
It is high time to get up .

Hit it off — घुल-मिल जाना
She and her husband do not seem to hit it off .

Hit the nail on the head — सही बात कहना
The reviewer hit the nail on the head when he wrote that the main shortcoming of the book was the author's ignorance of the subject .

Hold on to — मजबूती से पकड़े रहना
he held on to the rope for fear of falling .

Hold one's own — अपना स्थान जमा के रखना
Will you be able to hold your own in front of a great player like him ?

Hold one's tongue — खामोश रहना
She talked so much that I had to ask her to hold her tongue .

Hold out against — प्रतिकार जारी रखना
Although our force was small we held out against a large number of enemies .

Husband one's resources — किसी गाढ़े समय के लिए सामग्री बचाकर रखना
We were careful to husband our resources for our journey across the desert .

Hush money — रिश्वत
A lot of hush money passed between the minister and his favourite business house .

(II)

Idle compliment — झूठी प्रशंसा
Although he praised my work yet I knew it was an idle compliment .

In a bad way — स्वास्थ्य चिन्ताजनक होना
Rajiv had an accident yesterday and now he is in a bad way .

In a body — सब मिलाकर
The boys went in a body to the headmaster to request him to declare a holiday on account of their winning a cricket match .

In a fair way — अच्छी सम्भावना होना
The doctor thinks that Ramesh is in a fair way to recovery .

In a fix — दुविधा में पड़ना
I could not decide whether to leave or stay— I was in a fix .

In a mess — संकट में पड़ना

Do your work properly, else you'll get into a mess .

In a person's good books — किसी का प्रिय होना

Ram is a bright boy and naturally in his teacher's good books .

In a temper — गुस्से में होना

The boss seems to be in a temper today .

In a word — संक्षेप में

In a word he doesn't care for your company .

In an instant — एक ही क्षण में

In an instant the panther leapt onto its prey .

In all — सब मिलाकर

In all there were thirty students in the class .

In a bad taste — अप्रिय होना

You should not have criticised him so viciously. It was in a bad taste .

In course of time — समय बीतने पर

In course of time the little boy grew into a fine young man .

In keeping with — अनुकूल

I knew he would help you. This is in keeping with his character .

In one's element — अनुकूल परिस्थिति में होना

Everyone at the party laughed at his jokes and I could see that he was in his element .

In one's line — पेशे के अनुकूल होना

He writes quite well. After all this is in his line .

In one's teens — किशोर अवस्था में होना

Some girls get married while still in their teens .

In the air — किसी खबर की अफवाह उड़ाना

It's in the air that he is going to become a minister .

In the chair — सभापति के स्थान पर

Who was in the chair at the meeting ?

In the doldrums — प्रगति रुक जाना

On account of trade recession his business is in the doldrums for more than a year .

In the same boat — समान परिस्थिति में होना

Don't get worked up about financial problems. We are in the same boat .

In time — समय पर

Did you reach office in time ?

In the long run — अंत में

You will find that he proves to be your best friend in the long run .

In the van — सबसे आगे

Kalidas will always be in the van of Sanskrit poets .

In vain — व्यर्थ में

The doctor's all efforts went in vain and the patient could not be saved .

Ins and outs — पूरा विवरण

Only Prakash knows the ins and outs of this affair .

Iron hand — कठोरता

The despots usually rule their kingdom with an iron hand .

Iron will — बलवती इच्छा

Sardar Patel is known as a man of an iron will .

(J)

Jack of all trades — सब काम कर सकने वाला व्यक्ति

Anand is a jack of all trades and master of none .

Jail bird — बार-बार जेल जाने वाला अपराधी

He being a notorious jail bird the judge did not show any mercy to him .

Join in with — हिस्सा लेना

We requested him to join in with us, but he preferred to act independently .

Jaundiced eye — पूर्वाग्रह ग्रसित दृष्टि

Don't look at the proposal with a jaundiced eye .

Jump to a conclusion — पूरा विचार न करते हुए

Don't jump to the conclusion that Ravi does not care for you only because he could not help you this time .

Just the thing — बिल्कुल सही

You are being critical but in my opinion Arun's appointment to this post is just the thing .

(K)

Keep a thing to oneself — राज़ न खोलना

I knew he did not mean what he was saying, so I kept the whole thing to myself .

Keep an eye on — निगरानी रखना

Please keep an eye on my suitcase while I buy my ticket .

Keep body and soul together — जीवित रहना

His income is just enough to keep his body and soul together .

Keep company with — संगत करना

If you keep company with bad people you will automatically acquire bad habits .

Keep good time — ठीक समय बताना

My watch always keeps good time .

Keep in mind — न भूलना

Please keep in mind that you promised to phone her this evening .

Keep in the dark — जानकारी न देना

Why did you keep me in dark about your illness .

Keep in touch with — संपर्क बनाए रखना

He promised to keep in touch with us while he was abroad .

Keep late hours — देर तक जगे रहना

If you keep late hours , you will ruin your health .

Keep on with — एक ही काम करते रहना

I asked him to check these proofs and he has kept on with it for the last four hours .

Keep one's head — गाढ़े समय में धैर्य रखना

When I saw a thief enter the room I kept my head and bolted the door from outside .

Keep out of the way — दूर रखना

Keep selfish people like Govind out of the way .

Keep pace with — उसी गति से

Jeewan is really fast in Mathematics. I cannot keep pace with him .

Keep someone at arm's length — पास फटकने न देना

He is a cheat so I take care to keep him at arm 's length .

Keep the wolf from the door — दरिद्रता से संघर्ष करना

The poor man found it hard to keep the wolf from the door .

Keep to the house — घर से बाहर न जाना

He has not been keeping well of late so he keeps to the house.

Keep track of — नोट करके रखना

We are going to keep track of all our expenses while we are in the U.S.A.

Keep up with — उसी गति से चलना

Ram walks so fast that it is difficult to keep up with him .

Kick a habit — आदत छोड़ देना

He used to be quite a heavy smoker. I wonder how Come he has kicked this habit .

Kick something around — किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार करना

They will first kick around with many proposals and then finally settle on one .

Kill two birds with one stone — एक ही समय में दो काम करना

While in New Delhi I'll call on a friend and also do some shopping.

Thus, I'll kill two birds with one stone .

Knock off — कोई काम खत्म करना

You have been working since morning—now knock it off .

Know by sight — शकूल से पहचानना

Although I haven't been introduced to our new neighbour, yet I know him by sight .

knowing look — सारगर्भित दृष्टिक्षेप

He gave me a knowing look , when I said I was busy in the evening .

(L)

Laid up with — बीमार होकर बिस्तर पर पड़े रहना

He was out in the rain yesterday and now is laid up with cold and feve .

Lame excuse — न जंचने वाला बहाना

Whenever Virendra is late for office he gives some lame excuse .

Land on one's feet — किसी खतरे से बच निकलना

It was dangerous dive in the air, but he finally landed on his feet .

Laugh in one's sleeve — मन में हंसना

He was wearing a funny dress at the party. And everyone was laughing in his sleeve .

Laughing stock — हंसी मज़ाक का निशाना बनना

He talked nonsense and made himself the laughing stock at the party

Lay bare — राज खोलना

I can't rest until I've laid bare this conspiracy .

Lay down the law — हुक्म चलाना

In his house his wife lays down the law .

Lay hands on — जबर्दस्ती पकड़ना

The bandit laid hands on the poor travellers .

Lay one's hand on — ज़रूरत की चीज़ का मिल जाना

I hope I'm lucky to lay my hand on the history book, I'm looking for .

Lay oneself open to — स्वयं को खतरे में डालना

Fault finders lay themselves open to attack if they make a slip anywhere .

Lay up for a rainy day — गाढ़े वक्त के लिए इंतजाम कर रखना

Don't spend your money so lavishly. You should lay up something for a rainy day .

Lay waste — नष्ट करना

During the World War II many cities in Europe were laid waste by continuous bombardment .

Lead a charmed life — बड़े-बड़े खतरों से बच निकलना

I wonder how he has come out unscathed from this dangerous mission. He seems to be leading a charmed life .

Lead a person a dance — किसी को ज़रूरत से ज्यादा तकलीफ देना

Why don't you pay him his dues instead of leading him a dance ?

Lead by the nose — किसी को अपने हुक्म के नीचे रखना

He is quite a henpecked husband and is led by nose by his wife .

Leading question — जिसका उत्तर प्रश्न में ही निहित है

The lawyer asked the witness many a leading question .

Leave in the lurch — कठिनाई में साथ छोड़ देना

He stood by me as long as all was well, but left me in the lurch the moment he sensed danger .

Leave much to be desired — संतोषजनक न होना

The arrangements they made for the function left much to be desired

Leave the beaten track — घिसी-पिटी लकीर से हटना

This author has left the beaten track and suggested a fresh look on the age-old problem of casteism .

Leave to oneself — अकेले छोड़ना

At times I prefer to be left to myself .

Left-handed compliment — उल्टा अर्थ निकलने वाली प्रशंसा

It is no left-handed compliment . You really acted very well .

Legal tender — सरकारी मान्यता प्राप्त

Thousand rupee notes are not legal tender any more .

Lend a hand — सहायता करना

Let us all lend him a hand in carrying these books to the basement .

Lend one's ear — ध्यान से सुनना

Friends , lend me your ears .

Let bygones be bygones — बीती बातें भूल जाना

We are now friends, so let bygones be bygones .

Let fly — ज़ोर से फेंकना

The boy let fly a stone in the direction of the dog .

Let go of — छोड़ देना

Don't let go of the rope until I tell you .

Let loose — खुला छोड़ना

The dogs were let loose on the running thief .

Let the cat out of the bag — भेद खोलना

Ramesh let the cat out of the bag when he said Renu was just pretending to be ill because she did not want to go to school .

Let the grass grow under your feet — किसी काम में विलंब करना

Do this work quickly; don't let the grass grow under your feet .

Lie in one's power — समर्थ होना

I will do whatever lies in my power to get you the job .

Lie in wait for — इन्तज़ार में रहना

The tiger hid and lay in wait for its prey .

Light-fingered gentry — पाकिटमार

As he reached his trousers' pocket for his wallet he realised that he had fallen a victim to the light fingered gentry .

Light reading — उपन्यास आदि हलका साहित्य

I think I'll do some light reading during train journey to pass time .

Light sleeper — आसानी से जगने वाला व्यक्ति

I am a light sleeper and even a slight sound can wake me up .

Lion's share — बहुत बड़ा हिस्सा होना

The lion's share of his profit was appropriated by his financier .

Little by little — धीरे-धीरे

His health is improving, but little by little .

Live from hand to mouth — मुफलिसी में गुजारा करना

Majority of Indian population lives from hand to mouth .

Live it up — ऐश आराम की ज़िंदगी बिताना

The rich man's son went to America and lived it up .

Live up to — वचन का निर्वाह करना

Kuldip had great expectations of his son but he did not live up to them .

Long and short — संक्षेप में

The long and short of what I have to say to you is that you are inefficient .

Long winded — भाषण का लम्बा होना

The audience visibly appeared bored with his long winded speech .

Look a gift horse in the mouth — मिले हुए उपहार की आलोचना करना

You should not say that the book Mohan has gifted you is rubbish. It is improper to look a gift horse in the mouth .

Look back on — स्मरण करना

It is usually pleasant to look back on the childhood memories .

Look daggers at someone — किसी को बहुत गुस्से से घूरना

What have I done? Why are you looking daggers at me ?

Look down upon — घृणा करना

We should not look down upon him just because he is poor .

Look every inch — सही-सही लगना

He looks every inch a king .

Look forward to — उत्सुकता से प्रतीक्षा करना

We are all looking forward to your visit to Bombay .

Look out for — खोज में होना

I am on the look out for a good second hand car .

Look up to — आदर करना

When Gandhiji was alive everybody used to look up to him .

Lord it over — शासन करना

Try to be independent. Don't let others lord over you .

Lose ground — पिछड़ जाना

To begin with he was ahead of others in the race; but later he lost ground .

Lose heart — धीरज खोना

Don't lose heart , everything will be all right in due course .

Lose one's cool — उत्तेजित होना

One should not lose one's cool even in the most difficult situation .

Lose one's head — संयम खो बैठना

You are of course in a fix but still you must not lose your head .

Lose one's touch — पहले की कुशलता

I'm afraid I will not be able to play well anymore; I seem to have lost my touch .

Lose one's way — रास्ता भूलना

We had gone for hunting, but while returning lost our way in the wood:

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Maiden name — विवाहित स्त्री का विवाहपूर्व नाम

What is the maiden name of Mrs. Kapur ?

Maiden speech — पहला भाषण

The new M.P. of our area promised to bring electricity in our town in his maiden speech .

Make a clean breast of something — सब कुछ बता देना

The accused made a clean breast of everything .

Make a hash — गड़बड़ घोटाला कर देना

Don't meddle in my cooking. You will make a hash of everything .

Make a mountain of a molehill — छोटी सी बात को बड़ा चढ़ाकर पेश करना

This job will not take you more than a few minutes. So don't make a mountain of a molehill .

Make a living — जीविका चलाना

In India it is difficult to make a living as an artist .

Make a point — कोई काम निश्चित रूप से करने का विचार रखना

I make it a point of buying a new book every month .

Make a virtue of necessity — कोई अप्रिय कार्य मजबूरी में करना, लेकिन कर्तव्य-पालन का आभास दिलाना

Knowing that the landlord was about to drive him out he vacated the house himself. Thus making a virtue of necessity .

Make an example of — उदाहरण देना या मिलना

I must make an example of behaving in the same rude manner as he does with others .

Make amends for — क्षति-पूर्ति करना

By his good deed today he had made amends for past misbehaviour .

Make away with — चोरी से भाग जाना

The thief made away with a thousand rupees .

Make believe — विश्वास दिलाना

The little girl made believe that she was a princess .

Make bold to — जिसको करने के लिए ढाढस की आवश्यकता है, ऐसा कार्य करना

We made bold to call directly on the minister to present our memorandum of demands .

Make both ends meet — आय में गुजारा कर पाना

In a poor country like India a lot of people find it difficult to make both ends meet .

Make common cause with — किसी कार्य में किसी को सहयोग देना

I will make common cause with you in your efforts to eradicate the evi

of casteism from the country .

Make fun of — किसी का मज़ाक उड़ाना

Anita had made a very funny hairdo for the party and everybody made fun of it.

Make hay while the sun shines — परिस्थिति अनुकूल होने का फायदा उठाना

When business was good he worked hard and made money; he believes in making hay while the sun shines .

Make it up with — सुलह करना

I had quarrelled with Ram yesterday, but now I have made it up with him .

Make light of — विशेष महत्त्व न देना

Although Naresh had committed a serious mistake in the ledger yet he tried to make light of it .

Make much ado about nothing — छोटी सी बात का बहुत शोर मचाना

I am only five minutes late, so don't make much ado about nothing .

Make much of — बहुत महत्त्व देना

Every mother makes much of her children .

Make neither head nor tail — कुछ भी समझ में न आना

He was so confused that I could make neither head nor tail of what he said .

Make no bones about — किसी बात को साफ-साफ कह देना

She made no bones about her distaste for mathematics .

Make off with — चोरी से लेकर भाग जाना

The thief made off with a thousand rupees .

Make one fire — साहसिक कार्य करना

I am amazed at your capacity for hard work and I wonder what makes you fire .

Make his mark — गुणों से सम्मान प्राप्त करना

It did not take him long to make his mark at the college .

Make their mouth water — मुंह में पानी भरना

As I was hungry the sight of cakes made my mouth water .

Make his way — प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति में धीरे-धीरे प्रगति करना, आगे जाना

I made my way through the great crowd .

Make oneself at home — अपना ही घर समझकर बिना संकोच व्यवहार करना

Please make yourself at home ; there is no need to be formal .

Make oneself scarce — चले जाना

Don't trouble me . Make yourself scarce .

Make short of — जल्द खत्म कर देना

Our lawyer was quite smart and made short of the defence counsel's arguments .

Make the best of — प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति को खुशी से झेलना

If we cannot find a larger apartment we will continue living here and make the best of what we have .

Make the best of a bad bargain — निराशाजनक परिस्थिति का यथासम्भव लाभ उठाना

As the cloth was little damaged, I got it very cheap; thus making the best of a bad bargain .

Make up for — क्षतिपूर्ति करना

You will have to make up for the loss you have caused .

Make up one's mind — सोचकर कार्य की दिशा तय करना

Have you made up your mind about my proposal to go to Simla this summer ?

Make up to — खुशामद करना

Ramkrishan has been making up to the manager in the hope of a promotion .

Man in a thousand — हज़ारों में एक

I like Ramesh very much; in my opinion he is a man in a thousand .

Man in the street — सर्वसाधारण व्यक्ति/प्रतिनिधि

The critics praised him as a great author but the man in the street did not think much of him .

Man of letters — साहित्यकार

He started writing at a very young age and is now an acknowledged man of letters .

Man of parts — विविध गुणों वाला व्यक्ति

He is a singer, a dancer and a musician; in short a man of parts .

Man of straw — जिसमें कुछ दम नहीं, ऐसा व्यक्ति

Gulzar is a man of straw. You cannot possibly rely on him .

Meet one half way — समझौता करना

I cannot accept, but I am prepared to meet you half way .

Middle age — चालीस से साठ के दरम्यान की आयु

Although he is middle aged yet he looks quite young .

Milk of human kindness — दया का भाव

She is full of the milk of human kindness .

Mind one's own business — दूसरों के काम में दखल न देना, अपना ही काम करना

Mind your own business ; don't interfere in my personal affairs .

Miss the boat — अवसर खोना

It was a golden opportunity for him to make a profit, but choosy as he is, he missed the boat .

Moot point — विवाद का विषय

Whether school children should be given sex education or not is a moot point .

Move heaven and earth — किसी काम के लिए अत्यधिक प्रयत्न करना

He will move heaven and earth to find out about the murderer .

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Naked eye — किसी उपकरण की सहायता के बिना देखना

You can not look straight at the sun at noon with naked eye .

Narrow escape — बाल-बाल बचना

No sooner did we run out of the burning house than it collapsed. It was indeed a narrow escape .

Never mind — कोई बात नहीं, कष्ट करने की कोई ज़रूरत नहीं

Never mind , if you cannot arrange for the books I had asked for .

Next to nothing — करीब-करीब कुछ भी नहीं

The children have eaten the entire loaf of bread and there is next to nothing left .

Nine days wonder — केवल थोड़े ही दिनों के लिए ध्यान आकर्षित करने वाली कोई नयी चीज़

Many a scientific inventions have proved just nine day's wonders .

Nip in the bud — कोई चीज़ प्रारंभ में ही/बाल्यावस्था में ही खत्म कर देना

The government nipped the revolt in the bud .

No love lost between — अनबन/दुश्मनी होना

Although Mr. Sharma and Mr. Verma do not quarrel openly there is no love lost between them .

No matter — कुछ भी हो तो भी

No matter where the thief tries to hide, the police will find him out .

Not fit to hold a candle — निचले दर्जे का होना

Most of the English dramatists are not even fit to hold a candle to Shakespeare .

Not on your life — बिल्कुल नहीं

I asked Ashok if he was interested in joining politics and he retorted :
" not on your life " .

Not worth his salt — नालायक व्यक्ति

I had employed him as he had brought good certificates, but I soon found out that he was really not worth his salt .

Now and then — कभी-कभी

I don't often fall ill, but now and then I do catch cold .

Null and void — व्यर्थ

This offer is open for six months, after which it will become null and void .

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Of a piece — समान, सदृश

Ram and Shayam are of a piece in their general conduct .

Of late — आजकल

Of late many girls have started dressing like boys .

Off and on — कभी-कभी, अनियमित रूप से

He drops in off and on for a chat with me .

Off one's head — बुद्धि भ्रष्ट होना

How can you say I won't help you? Are you off your head ?

Oily tongue — खुशामद की भाषा

I have seen many people falling prey to his oily tongue .

On edge — उत्सुकता से बेचैन होना

Expecting his examination result any moment he was on an edge throughout .

On one's guard — सावधान/सचेत रहना

He tried to trick me, but I was on my guard .

On one's last legs — खत्म होने की तैयारी में होना

This hotel project is on its last legs now .

On purpose — जानबूझकर

I suspect he made that mistake on purpose .

On the alert — सावधान

The commander asked the guards to be on the alert .

On the double — एकदम, जल्द

Double up to your quarters soldiers .

On the eve of — किसी कार्य का समय आ पहुंचने पर

On the eve of his marriage he fell ill .

On the look out — सावधान/सचेत रहना

The police inspector asked all constables to be on the look out for the

thief .

On the spot — तत्काल, उसी क्षण

During police firing one man died on the spot .

On the wane — प्रभाव कम होते जाना

The British Empire's influence is now on the wane .

On the whole — साधारणतया

I have slight doubts about certain things, but on the whole , I agree with you .

On time — समय पर

Did you reach office on time today ?

Once and for all — आखिरी बार निश्चित रूप से

I am warning you once and for all to mend your ways .

Once in a while — कभी-कभी, एकाध बार

Earlier I used to see a film every Sunday, but now I go only once in a while .

Once upon a time — प्राचीन काल में (किसी समय)

Once upon a time there was a king, who was very powerful .

One and all — सबके सब

The soldiers one and all were drunk .

Open fire — गोली चलाना प्रारंभ करना

As the enemy approached, we opened fire .

Open-handed man — रुपए उदारता से खर्च करने वाला व्यक्ति

He is an open-handed man and will certainly help you with money .

Open-hearted man — खुले दिल का आदमी

He is an open-hearted person and liked by all .

Open mind — किसी बात पर निर्णय पर न पहुंचना

I have an open mind on this question .

Open one's mind — अपने (गुप्त) विचार बता देना

She opened her mind to me and told me that she was in love with him .

Open question — अनिर्णीत बात

Whether the government will accept opposition's this proposal or not is an open question .

Open secret — ऐसा राज जो सबको मालूम हो गया है

It is an open secret that this film star is bald and wears a wig .

Order of the day — कोई चीज़ या कार्य प्रचलित होना

Nowadays jeans are the order of the day among youth .

Out and out — पूरी तरह से

He is out and out a docile character .

Out at elbows — गरीब, निर्धन

He has suffered heavy losses in business and is now out at elbows .

Out of breath — थक जाना, जोर-जोर से सांस लेना

He ran very fast and was out of breath , when he reached here .

Out of date — पुराना

Double-breasted coats are now out of date .

Out of doors — घर के बाहर

One must spend some time out of doors everyday .

Out of favour — खफा होना

Mr. Sharma, once a great favourite of our boss, now seems to be out of favour with him .

Out of hand — बिना विलम्ब, तत्काल

If you do this job out of hand you will be free in the evening .

Out of one's mind — पागल हो जाना

You are shouting and screaming as if you are out of your mind .

Out of order — काम न करने वाला यंत्र

I had to take a taxi because my car was out of order .

Out of pocket — पैसे न होना

I'm sorry I cannot lend you any money as I am out of pocket myself .

Out of sight, out of mind — कोई चीज़ अथवा कोई कार्य सामने न होने से/दिखने से भूल जाना

Even when I was in Bombay I remembered you always. It was not a question of out of sight, out of mind .

Out of sorts — स्वास्थ्य थोड़ा सा ठीक न होना

I feel out of sorts today .

Out of step — असामयिक अथवा असंबद्ध

Your remark is quite out of step in what we are discussing .

Out of temper — गुस्से में होना

Be on your guard, the boss seems to be out of temper today .

Over and over — बार-बार

He is such a dull boy that I have to explain to him the same thing over and over .

Over head and ears — दिलोजान से (प्यार करना)

He is over head and ears in love with her .

Over night — रात में

It's quite late, why don't you stay here over night ?

Over and above — इसके अलावा

Over and above this consideration, there is another I wish to mention

Over one's head — समझ में न आना

The speech of chairman was so pedantic that it went over the heads of the audience .

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Part and parcel — उसी का अंग होना

Every person is part and parcel of the society .

Passing strange — अत्यधिक आश्चर्यजनक

Rakesh has turned out to be spy for the enemy! It's passing strange .

Pay one back in his own coin — जैसे को तैसा

Don't play tricks on him, otherwise he will pay you back in your own coin .

Pick a lock — कुंजी के बिना ताला खोलना

The burglar picked the lock and broke into the house .

Pick a quarrel with — किसी के साथ उलझना

The soldier was furious over his insulting remark and was determined to pick a quarrel with the sailor .

Pick holes — त्रुटियां निकालना

Scientists tried to pick holes in his theory .

Pick pocket — पाकिट मारना

A young boy was arrested by the police for picking a man's pocket .

Pick up the tale — दूसरे का बिल चुकाना

When he went abroad to attend an international conference, his company picked up the tale .

Pin something on — किसी को ज़िम्मेदार ठहराना

Despite his best efforts the public prosecutor could not pin the robbery on the accused .

Pink of condition — उत्तम स्वास्थ्य होना

If you want to make a name as an athlete you must be in the pink of condition .

Piping hot — बहुत गर्म/ताज़ा

I always prefer to have my tea piping hot .

Play a trick on — किसी के साथ मज़ाक करना

The boys tried to play a trick on the professor, but he was too clever for them .

Play fast and loose with — काम पूरा न करने की परवाह न करना

You promised to stitch my shirt by today. But you haven't. How can you play fast and loose with your promises like this .

Play second fiddle — निचला स्थान स्वीकारना

He always plays second fiddle .

Play something by the ear — अन्दाज़ से कार्यवाही करना

As I did not know much of subject, I decided to play it by the ear rather than show my ignorance by asking a lot of questions .

Play the game — नियमानुसार करना

Whatever you do, always play the game .

Play truant — भाग जाना

Playing truant is a bad practice among school children which should be checked at a proper stage .

Play up to — खुशामद करना

Ravi plays up to every girl he meets .

Plume oneself on — डींग मारना

Vikas always plumes himself on his record in mathematics .

Pocket an insult — अपमान सहकर खामोश रहना

A debtor, unable to pay, has to often pocket insults from his creditor .

Poet laureate — राजकवि

Wordsworth was the poet laureate for England during the early nineteenth century .

Point blank — तत्काल

When I asked him to loan me 200 rupees, he refused point blank .

Poison the mind — किसी के खिलाफ दिमाग में ज़हर घोलना

Ramesh tried to poison my mind against Umesh .

Pros and cons — किसी समस्या के परस्पर विरोधी अंग

Don't pester me about your appointment. I shall take a decision only after weighing the pros and cons of the matter .

Provide against a rainy day — बुरे दिन के लिए बचत करना

Wise men save to provide against a rainy day .

Pull one's punches — नर्म आलोचना करना

When I complained to the neighbour about his vicious dog, I did not pull any punches .

Pull one's weight — ज़िम्मेदारी निभाना

If you do not pull your weight you will be sacked .

Pull oneself together — स्वयं पर काबू पाना

You can't go on weeping like this over bad results . Pull your self together .

Pull well with — मिलजुलकर काम करना

I resigned my job because I could not pull well with my ill-tempered boss .

Put a spoke in one's wheel — प्रगति में रुकावट

Babu Ram was getting on well in business till Lala Ram opened a rival establishment and thus put a spoke in his wheel .

Put down in black and white — लिखकर रखना

I am not lying. The evidence is here in black and white .

Put it to one — राय के लिए पेश करना

I put it to you , is it wise to squander money like this .

Put on trial — केस करना

Although Ram hadn't stolen any money he was put on trial .

Put one on his guard — किसी को सावधान करना

As the robber saw the watchman he put his accomplice on his guard .

Put one out of countenance — लज्जित करना

My friendly response to his hostile attitude put him out of countenance .

Put one's foot down — सख्त मनाही करना

I did not mind my son spending some money on clothes, but when he asked for a hundred rupees for a new tie, I had to put my foot down .

Put one's foot in it — बहुत बड़ी गलती करना

He put his foot in it when he addressed the chief guest by the wrong name .

Put one's hand to a thing — कोई कार्य हाथ में लेना

Once you put your hand to this job you won't find it very difficult .

Put one's shoulder to the wheel — स्वयं खूब प्रयास करना

It was a very tough job to be handled by one person, but he put his shoulder to the wheel .

Put something by for a rainy day — बचत करना

Don't be in a hurry to spend all your money ; put something by for a rainy day .

Put the cart before the horse — कोई काम उल्टे सिरे से प्रारंभ करना

How can you prepare the plan before you have got the loan

sanctioned. It's like putting the cart before the horse .

Put the screw — ज़बर्दस्ती रोकना

Unless you put the screw on your extravagant expenditure you'll be in debt soon .

Put things ship shape — ठीक जंचाकर रखना

Clean the room and put everything ship shape .

Put to bed — सुलाना

She put her children to bed .

Put to flight — भगाना

During 1971 war the Indian Army put up a tremendous show and put the enemy to flight .

Put to sea — समुद्री यात्रा आरम्भ करना

That ship will be put to sea tomorrow .

Put to shame — लज्जित करना

I had been unfair to him, but he put me to shame by his generous behaviour .

Put to the sword — कत्ल करना

Nadir Shah put many innocent Indians to sword.

Put up to — उकसाना

Who put you up to this mischief ?

Put up with — बर्दाश्त करना

How do you put up with that kind of noise whole day ?

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Quarrel with one's bread and butter — जहां से रोटी मिलती है वहां के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी से झगड़ा करना

Giving it back to your superiors is just like quarrelling with your bread and butter .

Queer fish — अस्थिर व्यक्ति

You never know how he might behave. He's a queer fish .

Quick of understanding — तेज़ बुद्धि वाला I didn't think much of him, but he was quick of understanding and easily grasped the subject .

Quite a few — बहुत सारे

Quite a few students were absent in our class today .

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Rack one's brains — बहुत अधिक सोचना I racked my brains over this

algebra problem for two hours, but could not find a solution .

Racy style — विशिष्ट शैली

He writes in a racy style .

Read between the lines — अतिरिक्त मतलब समझ जाना

His speech was very simple, but if you read between the lines you can find it was full of biting criticism .

Read upon — जानकारी एकत्र करना

I am reading upon Canada as I shall be shortly visiting it .

Ready money — नकद रुपया

Do you have ready money to make the payment ?

Ready pen — जल्द लिखने की क्षमता

A journalist has to have a ready pen .

Real estate — मकान आदि अचल संपत्ति

The most safe investment these days is the one in the real estate .

Red letter day — स्वर्ण दिन

August 1947 is a red letter day in Indian history .

Red tape — दफ्तरी कार्यवाही में विलम्ब होना

The red tape of government thwarts many a promising project .

Rest on one's laurels — और यश प्राप्ति हेतु कोशिश न करना

It's a great achievement to have secured a first position in University, but you must not rest on your laurels .

Rest on one's oars — थोड़ा यश प्राप्ति के बाद कोशिश बंद करना

Don't rest on your oars until you've reached the top .

Ride a hobby — अपने प्रिय विषय की ही बातें करते रहना

I tried to converse with him on various subjects, but he kept riding his hobby .

Right hand man — दाहिना हाथ होना, प्रमुख सहायक

Ram Prashad is minister's right hand man so you can't displease him .

Right here — इसी जगह

See me right here at this shop after half an hour .

Right now — तत्काल, इसी समय

Let us do it right now .

Rise like a phoenix from its ashes — नष्ट की हुई वस्तु का फिर से जीवित होना

Many times the tyrant stamped out revolt in his kingdom, but it kept on rising like a phoenix from its ashes .

Rise to the occasion — किसी विशेष अवसर का मुकाबला करना

During the Chinese aggression many people rose to the occasion and raised crores of rupees for war efforts .

Roaring business — बहुत तेज़ी का व्यवसाय

Till yesterday he was a small time shopkeeper. But ever since he has started with book trade he has been doing roaring business .

Rough guess — मोटा अन्दाज़ा

At a rough guess I would say there were about fifty people at Shyam's party .

Round dozen — पूरा दर्जन

This man has a round dozen of children .

Rule of thumb — योग्यता नहीं अनुभव के बल पर कार्य करना

He is an efficient mechanic although he does the job only by rule of thumb .

Rule the roost — दूसरों पर रोब डालना, अधिकार जमाना

I don't like Ashok. He always tries to rule the roost .

Ruling passion — जीवन का स्थायी भाव

Love of money has been the ruling passion of his life .

Run away with — 1 . बह जाना

If you let your feelings run away with your judgement, you won't make a good judge .

2 . एक ही भाव के लिए बैठे रहना

Don't run away with the notion that I do not want to succeed .

Run in the blood — परिवार में आनुवंशिक होना

Acting runs in Kapoor family's blood .

Run of good luck — अनकूल भाग्य का अवसर

In the beginning he had a run of good luck and made a big profit, but has been suffering losses now .

Run on a bank — लोगों की ओर से बैंक से तुरन्त रुपये निकालने का आग्रह

There was a run on the bank as the rumour spread that it was being closed down .

Run out of — समाप्त हो जाना

We ran out of petrol on our way to Agra .

Run riot — निरंकुश बर्ताव करना

The poet's imagination has run riot in this poem .

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Scot free — बचकर निकलना

As the police could not collect enough evidence against the robber he went scot free .

Search me — मुझे पता नहीं “ Why did she get so angry suddenly ?” search me

Seasoned food — मसालेदार भोजन

Seasoned food is tasty, but not good for digestion .

See how the land lies — चारों ओर की परिस्थिति का अंदाज़ा लगाना

We'll attack the enemy at night after seeing how the land lies .

See how the wind blows — परिस्थिति का अनुदाज़ा लगाना

We might launch the product in the market next month after seeing how the wind blows .

See the light — प्रकाशित होना

He says he has written a book. But if he has, it is yet to see the light .

See through coloured spectacles — पूर्वाग्रह, पूर्व दृष्टि

If you couldn't do well in the hockey tournament you should not lose heart. Don't see through coloured spectacles .

Send one about his business — किसी को तुच्छता पूर्वक चलता करना

As the salesman started getting on my nerves I sent him about his business .

Serve one right — योग्य सज़ा मिलना

He was trying to push Sanjay but fell himself. It served him right .

Set a scheme on foot — योजना आरम्भ करना

After we had worked out all the details we set the scheme on foot .

Set at defiance — परवाह न करना

He set the law of land at defiance and landed up in jail .

Set at liberty — रिहा करना

As the police could not prove the case against the prisoner he was set at liberty .

Set eyes on — देखना

While wandering in the woods yesterday I happened to set my eyes on a strange sight .

Set one on his legs again — दुखी: व्यक्ति को सहायता कर उसे फिर से खड़ा करना

After he sustained serious losses in his business I gave him a loan to set him on his legs again .

Set one's face against — कड़ा विरोध करना

They tried their best to draw him in the conspiracy, but he set his face

against it .

Set one's heart on — बहुत चाहना

My son has set his heart on going abroad for higher studies .

Set one's house in order — अपने कार्यक्रम की ठीक ढंग से व्यवस्था करना

Ever since Lal Singh's son has taken over the business he has set the house in order .

Set one's teeth — कठिनाई सहन करने का निश्चय करना

I know I had to suffer hardship, but I had set my teeth and determined not to give up .

Set one's teeth on edge — घृणा पैदा करना

His disgusting behaviour set my teeth on edges .

Set sail — समुद्री यात्रा आरम्भ करना

Let us go on board, the ship is about to set sail .

Set store in — बहुत महत्त्व देना

You don't seem to set store in his advice .

Settle an account — झगड़ा करना

I have to settle an account with Ram .

Sharp practice — अप्रमाणिक व्यवहार

It is said that he has made good money through sharp practice .

Shooting star — उल्का

Have you ever seen a shooting star ?

Short cut — नज़दीक का रास्ता

This lane is a short cut to my house .

Show a bold front — उठकर विरोध करने का भाव दिखाना

You only have to show a bold front and he will yield to your demand .

Show fight — लड़ने की तैयारी दिखाना

A bully is a coward, and he will back out if you show fight .

Shut one's mouth — किसी को चुप कराना

You can easily shut his mouth if you remind him of his foolish behaviour in the last party .

Sick bed — बीमार व्यक्ति का बिस्तर

How did you get into sick bed ? Till yesterday you were alright .

Sick leave — बीमारी के कारण ली हुई छुट्टी

I am on sick leave for the last one week .

Side issue — गौण प्रसंग

We'll take up the side issues after we are through with the main problem .

Side line — मुख्य कार्य के अलावा कार्य

We are mainly dealers in ready-made garments, but sale of hosiery items is our side line .

Sight seeing — दृश्यावलोकन

During our halt in Madras we went sight seeing .

Single blessedness — अविवाहित अवस्था

Why should I marry? I don't want to give up the state of single blessedness .

Sink money — किसी व्यवसाय में सदा के लिए धन लगाना

He has sunk in a lot of money in a business of precious stones and nothing has come out of it .

Sink or swim — करो या मरो

Whatever be the situation I will never leave you. We shall sink or swim together .

Sit up with — बैठे रहना

As her husband was ill she sat up with him throughout the night .

Skin of one's teeth — बाल-बाल बचना

When the ship sank everybody drowned except Vimal who managed to escape with the skin of his teeth .

Sleeping partner — किसी व्यवसाय में सक्रिय भाग न लेने वाला भागीदार

I told him that I could invest some money in a joint venture with him, but as I was busy with my own affairs I could only be a sleeping partner .

Slip of the pen — लिखने में थोड़ी गलती होना

It was just a slip of the pen when I wrote 'boot' instead of 'foot' .

Slip of the tongue — बोलने में थोड़ी गलती होना I didn't mean to hurt you. It was just a slip of the tongue .

Slip through one's fingers — हाथ से निकल जाना

Had you been a little careful this golden opportunity would not have slipped through your fingers .

Small arms — पिस्तौल आदि हथियार

Illegal distribution of small arms has given a fillip to crime in our area .

Small fry — छोटा/नगण्य

I have a factory of my own, but as compared to a big industrialist like you I am only a small fry .

Small hours — सुबह के पहले का समय

As I had to catch a flight I got up in the small hours of the morning .

Small talk — गपशप

We passed a pleasant hour in small talk .

Snake in the grass — आस्तीन का सांप

Don't ever trust Mohan. He is a snake in the grass .

So far — अब तक So far I have completed only five chapters of this book .

Sound a person — किसी विचार का पता बताना

I learn you have been sounded for the general manager's post .

Sound beating — अच्छी तरह पिटाई करना

The teacher caught on to Gopal's mischief and gave him a sound beating .

Sour grapes — अंगूर खट्टे

The fox tried her best to reach the grapes but couldn't. Finally she said that grapes were sour .

Sow one's wild oats — युवावस्था में भ्रष्ट जीवन बिताना

After sowing his wild oats he has now got a job and finally settled down .

Spare time — आराम का समय

In my spare time I prefer to read .

Speak extempore — किसी मौके पर, बिना पहली तैयारी के भाषण देना

Although he spoke extempore it was a fine speech .

Speak for itself — खुद बोलना

I am not exaggerating by praising him. His work speaks for itself .

Speak for one — किसी की तरफ से बोलना

As he was too shy to put forward his case I had to speak for him .

Speak of one in high terms — खूब प्रशंसा करना

You speak of him in high term . But does he deserve so much praise ?

Speak one's mind — साफ-साफ बताना

Since you have asked for my candid opinion. I shall speak my mind .

Speak volumes — अच्छी तरह साबित करना

It speaks volumes for her love for him that she left her home to marry him .

Speak well for — अच्छा अभिप्राय निकालना

The neatness of his writing speaks well for him .

Spin a yarn — कहानी कहना

Are you telling the truth or just spinning a yarn ?

Split hairs — बहुत बारीक फर्क निकालना

You should not split hairs , but take a broad view of the matter .

Spur of the moments — उसी क्षण

On the spur of the moment we decided to go to Simla for vacation .

Stand in another man's shoes — किसी दूसरे की जगह में

In his absence I have to stand in his shoes .

Stand in good stead — बहुत काम आना

His regular habit of saving stood him in good stead in difficult times .

Stand on ceremony with — शिष्टाचार पालन करना

Please be at ease, you don't have to stand on ceremony with me .

Stand one's ground — अपनी बात पर डटे रहना

He put forth many objections to my proposal but I stood my ground .

Stand a chance — सम्भावना होना

Although the rival cricket team was quite good it did not stand a chance of beating us .

Stand out against — हार न मानना

We tried our best to take him along for the expedition, but he stood against all our efforts .

Stand to reason — समझदारी के अनुकूल होना

It stands to reason that he would side with you .

Stand up for — जोर से मांग करना

If you yourself don't stand up for your rights, no one else will do it for you .

Standing joke — हमेशा के लिए हंसी मज़ाक का विषय

His so-called skill at horse riding has become a standing joke after his fall from the horse the other day .

Standing orders — हमेशा पालन करने के लिए बनाए गए नियम

Our standing orders are to answer all letters the same day .

Stare one in the face — कोई संकट सामने उपस्थित होना

During his trek across the desert he ran out of water supply and death stared him in the face .

Steer clear of — दूर रहना

Why do you get involved with bad characters? You should steer clear of them .

Stick at nothing — कुछ भी करने से न झिझकना

He is so ambitious that he will stick at nothing to get ahead of others .

Stick up for — पक्ष लेना

If anybody criticises you in the meeting I'll stick up for you .

Stone deaf — पूर्णतः बहरा

My grandmother was already hard of hearing but, of late, she has become stone deaf .

Stone's throw — बहुत थोड़ा फासला होना

The railway station is just at a stone's throw from our house .

Strain every nerve — अत्यधिक कोशिश करना

Although he strained every nerve to get audience's attention nobody listened to him .

Strait-laced person — संकुचित मनोवृद्धि का व्यक्ति

His ideas are too liberal for a strait-laced person like his father .

Strike a bargain — सौदा पटाना

The fruit seller was asking for eight rupees for one kilogram of grapes. But, I managed to strike a bargain and got them for six only .

Strike while the iron is hot — अवसर आने पर लाभ उठाना

Now that prices are rising let us sell our stocks. We should strike while the iron is hot .

Strong language — गुस्से से भरी भाषा

Don't use such strong language in the company of ladies .

Sum and substance — कुल मिलाकर मतलब

The sum and substance of my argument is that it is now too late to do anything .

Swallow the bait — प्रयोजन से ठग जाना

Election time promises are made to catch votes and many illiterate and ignorant men swallow the bait .

Swan song — आखिरी वक्तव्य

Mr. Pronob Ghoshal, a leading communist leader, issued a statement to the press during his serious illness, which proved to be his swan song .

Sworn enemies — कट्टर दुश्मन

Nothing can bring these two sworn enemies together .

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Take a fancy — बहुत पसन्द आना

Although there is nothing outstanding about this bed sheet, yet I have taken a fancy to it .

Take a leap in the dark — परिणाम की परवाह किए बगैर कोई खतरे का काम करना

You took a leap in the dark by going into partnership with a dishonest person like Kuldip .

Take advantage of — फायदा उठाना

I took advantage of the sale at " Babulal and Company " and bought some cheap shirts .

Take by storm — अचानक प्रभावित करना

Runa Laila, melodious singer , took the audience by storm .

Take into account — विचार में लेना

In judging his performance in the examination you should also take into account the fact he was ill for a month .

Take it easy — अधिक फ्रिक न करना

The test is still quite far. So , take it easy .

Take it ill — बुरा मानना

I hope you will not take it ill if I tell you the truth .

Take one at his word — किसी के कहने पर विश्वास करना

Taking him on his word I put in Rs. 10,000 in sugar business .

Take one's time — जल्दी न करना

I am in no hurry to go out. You take your time .

Take oneself off — चले जाना

Munnu, don't trouble me . Take yourself off .

Take sides — दो के झगड़े में किसी एक का पक्ष लेना

I would not like to take sides in this quarrel .

Take someone by surprise — आश्चर्यचकित करना

I didn't know he could sing so well. He took me by surprise that day .

Take someone for — गलत समझ बैठना

He resembles you so much that I took him for your brother .

Take stock — परिस्थिति का जायज़ा लेना

It is time for us to take stock of the situation before we take any further steps .

Take the air — खुली हवा में घूमना

To improve your health you should take the air every morning .

Take the bull by the horns — संकट का डटकर मुकाबला करना

Finally he decided to take the bull by the horns and ask his boss for a promotion .

Take the law into one's hands — किसी को अपने ही हाथों सज़ा देना

Even if he is guilty you can't take law in your hands and beat him like this .

Take time off — छुट्टी लेना

Since I was not feeling well I took two days off last week .

Take to heart — हृदय से अनुभव करना

She has taken her father's death to heart .

Tell to one's face — मुंह पर विरोध करना

Do you have the courage to tell him to his face that he is a fool ?

Take to one's heels — भाग जाना

As the thief heard policemen's whistle he took to his heels .

Take to pieces — पुर्जे अलग-अलग करना

Only yesterday I bought Raja this toy train and today he has taken it to pieces .

Take to task — कोसना, भर्त्सना करना

Mother took Naresh to task for his idleness .

Take aback — आश्चर्य चकित होना

I was taken aback at a strange sight in the jungle .

Taken up with — व्यस्त रहना

My time is taken up with a lot of household jobs .

Take upon oneself — जिम्मेदारी लेना

I took upon myself to look after Gopal's ailing father .

Tell time — घड़ी में क्या समय है यह बताना

My son could tell time when he was only four years old .

Tell two things/persons apart — दो वस्तुओं में फर्क समझना

The two brothers look so much alike that no one can tell them apart .

Through and through — पूर्णतः I was caught in the rain yesterday and by the time I reached home I was wet through and through .

Through thick and thin — प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति में

The two friends stayed together through thick and thin .

Throw away money — अंधाधुंध खर्च करना

If you throw away money like this you will soon be on the streets .

Throw cold water upon — हतोत्साहित करना

I was eager to set up a business in precious stones, but he threw cold water upon my enthusiasm by pointing out its minus points .

Throw dust in one's eyes — आंखों में धूल झाँकना, ठगना

He outlined a grand plan and asked for a loan for it, but I knew he was trying to throw dust in my eyes .

Throw oneself on — किसी से प्रार्थना करना

He knew I could help him out of the tight corner so he threw himself on my mercy .

Throw people together — लोगों को एकत्र करना

The purpose of my party is to throw persons of like interests together
Time after time — बार-बार

He applied for a professor's job time after time but could not succeed
Time hangs heavy — मुश्किल से समय बिताना

Time hangs heavy on my hands on a holiday .
To a man — सब के सब

They rose to a man and left the room agitatedly .
To and fro — आगे पीछे

Preoccupied with his emotional problems he walked to and fro about the room in a pensive mood .

Turn away from — निवृत्त करना

I tried to turn them away from their evil purpose, but was unsuccessful
Turn over a new leaf — नया जीवन आरंभ करना

He gave up his bad habits and turned over a new leaf .
Turn the tables — किसी की वरिष्ठता को उलट देना

He was ahead of me in the terminal examination, but I turned the tables on him in the annual examination .

Turn up one's nose at — नीचा समझना

He is so poor that he hardly gets anything to eat, and yet he turns up his nose at the idea of working for a living .

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Under a cloud — संशयास्पद होना

After his misbehaviour on the field in India Boycott is under a cloud .
Up in arms — लड़ने को तैयार होना

In Afghanistan many Pathans are up in arms against Russians .
Up-to-date — आधुनिक

He is very careful to keep up with up-to-date fashions .
Ups and downs of life — जीवन का उतार चढ़ाव

I have had my share of ups and downs of life .

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Wash one's hand of — जिम्मेदारी समाप्त कर लेना

I don't think anything is going to come off your programme of going for a trek so I wash my hands of it .

Waste one's breath — निरर्थक कोशिश करना

Don't argue with Harish any longer. You are only wasting your breath

Watch out for — नज़र रखना

One thief went inside while the other waited outside near the gate to watch out for the police .

What not — इत्यादि

She went to the market on a shopping spree and bought shirts, socks, ties and what not .

What's what — किसी परिस्थिति में क्या उचित है

He is an intelligent person and knows what's what .

Wheels within wheels — जटिल कार्य का और जटिल होना

To begin with I thought I could tackle this job, but then I found that there were wheels within wheels .

Wide awake — पूरा जगा हुआ

I thought Manmohan was asleep. But as I talked of the plan for a film he got up wide awake .

Wide of the mark — निशाना चूकना

His argument sounds impressive, but is wide of the mark .

With might and main — पूरी ताकत लगाकर

They pushed the huge rock with might and main and cleared the way

With bated breath — बड़ी उत्सुकता से

They all waited with bated breath for the election results .

Within an ace — करीब-करीब He was within an ace of being killed by the tiger .

Wolf in sheep's clothing — मित्रता जताने वाला खतरनाक आदमी

Beware of Suresh. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing .

World of good — बहुत अच्छा असर होना

This ayurvedic medicine has done me a world of good to my stomach problem .

Worn out — राज़ पता लगा लेना

The spy pretended to be his friend and tried to worn his secret out of him .

Worship the rising sun — उगते सूर्य को नमस्कार करना

The newly appointed manager has taken over and the staff has been worshipping the rising sun .