

Idioms & Phrases

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1. **Sweeping Statement** – Thoughtless statement (SO(Audit), 1997)
2. **All at sea** – Puzzled (SO(Audit), 1997)
3. **Enough rope** – Enough freedom for action (SO(Audit), 1997)
4. **By fits and start** – Irregularly (SO(Audit), 1997)
5. **Fell foul of** – Got into trouble with (SO(Audit), 1997)
6. **Token strike** – Short strike held as warning (SO(Audit), 1997)
7. **Face the music** – Get reprimanded (SO(Audit), 1997)
8. **Look down upon** – Hate intensely (SO(Audit), 1997)
9. **Flogging a dead horse** – Wasting time in useless effort (SO(Audit), 1997)
10. **Under a cloud** – Under suspicion (SO(Audit), 1997)
11. **Green thumb** – To have a natural interest (SO(Audit), 2001)
12. **Played havoc** – Caused destruction (SO(Audit), 2001)
13. **No love lost between** – Not on good terms (SO(Audit), 2001)
14. **Fair and square** – Honest (SO(Audit), 2001)
15. **A white elephant** – Costly or troublesome possession (SO(Audit), 2001)
16. **Out and out** – Totally (SO(Audit), 2001)
17. **On the cuff** – On credit (SO(Audit), 2001)
18. **Does not hold water** – Cannot be believed (SO(Audit), 2001)
19. **A wild goose chase** – Futile search (SO(Audit), 2001)
20. **In a tight corner** – In a difficult situation (SO(Audit), 2001)
21. **Going places** – Talented and successful (SO(Audit), 2003)
22. **In cold blood** – A murder done without intention (SO(Audit), 2003)
23. **Off and on** – Occasionally (SO(Audit), 2003)
24. **Hard and fast** – Strict (SO(Audit), 2003)
25. **Took to heels** – Run away in fear (SO(Audit), 2003)
26. **To keep up** – To keep in touch (SO(Audit), 2003)
27. **Make a clean breast** – Confess without reserve (SO(Audit), 2003)
28. **Heads will roll** – Transfers will take place (SO(Audit), 2003)
29. **Make no bones about** – Do not have any hesitation in anything (SO(Audit), 2003)
30. **Take after** – Resembles (SO(Audit), 2003)
31. **To starve off** – Postpone (SO(Audit), 2003)
32. **To give a piece of mind** – To reprimand (SO(Audit), 2003)
33. **Rest on laurels** – To be complacent (SO(Audit), 2003)
34. **Pay through nose** – Pay an extremely high price (SO(Audit), 2003)
35. **Draw on fancy** – Use imagination (SO(Audit), 2003)
36. **Turn an honest living** – Make an legitimate living (SO(Audit), 2005)
37. **Give the game away** – Give out the secret (SO(Audit), 2005)
38. **Cheek by jowl** – Very near (SO(Audit), 2005)

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39. **Give in** – Yield (SO(Audit), 2005)
40. **Run riot** – Act without restraint (SO(Audit), 2005)
41. **Go through fire and water** – Undergo any risk (SO(Audit), 2005)
42. **Talking through hat** – Talking nonsense (SO(Audit), 2005)
43. **Put up with** – Tolerate (SO(Audit), 2005)
44. **By fits and starts** – Irregularly (SO(Audit), 2005)
45. **Reading between the lines** – Understanding the hidden meaning (SO(Audit), 2005)
46. **Get the sack** – dismissed from (SO(Audit), 2006)
47. **Pros and cons** – Considering all the facts (SO(Audit), 2006)
48. **By leaps and bounds** – Very Quickly (SO(Audit), 2006)
49. **In the good books** – In favour with boss (SO(Audit), 2006)
50. **In the long run** – Ultimately (SO(Audit), 2006)
51. **To be always one's beck and call** – At one's disposal (ready to serve one's master) (SO(Audit), 2006)
52. **Turn a deaf year** – Disregard/ignore/refuse (SO(Audit), 2006)
53. **At one's wit's end** – Puzzled/confused/perplexed (SO(Audit), 2006)
54. **To fight tooth and nail** – To fight in a determined way for what you want (SO(Audit), 2006)
55. **The green-eyed monster** – Used as a way of talking about jealousy (SO(Audit), 2006)
56. **Set the record straight** – Give a correct account (SO(Audit), 2007)
57. **Good Samaritan** – Helpful person (SO(Audit), 2007)
58. **Bad blood** – Angry feeling (SO(Audit), 2007)
59. **To go to the whole hog** – To do it completely (SO(Audit), 2007)
60. **Lay out** – Spend (SO(Audit), 2007)
61. **Laying off** – Dismissal from jobs (SO(Audit), 2007)
62. **Leaps and bounds** – At rapid pace (SO(Audit), 2007)
63. **Spilling the beans** – Revealing the information indiscreetly (SO(Audit), 2007)
64. **Carry out** – Execute (SO(Audit), 2007)
65. **Went to the winds** – Dissipated/ To be utterly lost (SO(Audit), 2008)
66. **Ins and outs** – Full details (SO(Audit), 2008)
67. **A white elephant** – A costly but useless possession (SO(Audit), 2008)
68. **Fed up** – Annoyed (SO(Audit), 2008)
69. **In the good books** – In favour with (SO(Audit), 2008)
70. **Sharp practices** – Dishonest means (SO(Audit), 2008)
71. **In high spirits** – Full of hope and enthusiasm (SO(Audit), 2008)
72. **Shake in shoes** – Tremble with fear (SO(Audit), 2008)
73. **Fits and starts** – Not regularly (SO(Audit), 2008)
74. **Close shave** – Narrow shave (SO(Audit), 2008)
75. **Take with a grain of salt** – To listen to something with considerable doubt (TA(IT & CE), 2004)

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76. **Hobson's choice** – No real choice at all (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
77. **To eat a humble pie** – To apologize (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
78. **To give the devil his due** – to give encouragement even to the enemy (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
79. **Reading between the lines** – looking for meanings that are not actually expressed (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
80. **An open book** – One that hold no secrets (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
81. **An axe to grind** – A private interest to serve (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
82. **To blow one's own trumpet** – Praise one's own abilities and achievements (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
83. **Stand-offish** – Indifferent (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
84. **Sowing wild oats** – Irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age (TA(IT & CE), 2004)
85. **A bolt from the blue** – Something unexpected and unpleasant (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
86. **By leaps and bounds** – Rapidly (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
87. **Of no avail** – Useless (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
88. **On the verge of** – On the brink of (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
89. **A sore point** – Something which hurts (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
90. **Like a phoenix** – With a new life/rebirth/reincarnation (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
91. **To keep under wraps** – Secret (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
92. **Die in harness** – To die at one's work (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
93. **Fair- weather friend** – A friend that deserts in difficulties (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
94. **Emerge out of thin air** – Appear Suddenly (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
95. **Cut no ice** – Had no influence (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
96. **Brought up** – Introduce for discussion (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
97. **Cannot hold a candle to** – Cannot be compared to (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
98. **Burn one's boat** – Leave no means of return (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
99. **Make one's flesh creep** – Horrify (TA(IT & CE), 2006)
100. **Pros and cons** – For and against/ analysis of all the given facts (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
101. **To take into account** – To consider (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
102. **Blow over** – Pass off (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
103. **Run into** – Incurred/to experience difficulties (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
104. **Blue-eyed boys** – Favorites (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
105. **Dropping names** – Hinting at high connections/To mention famous people you know or have met in order to impress others. (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
106. **A Red letter day** – An important day (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
107. **Bone to pick** – Cause of quarrel/ Bone of contention (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
108. **At stone's throw** – Very near (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
109. **Struck a chill to the heart** – Arouse fear/to make somebody afraid (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
110. **End in a fiasco** –A Total/Utter failure (TA(IT & CE), 2007)
111. **Fall back** – To turn or move back (TA(IT & CE), 2008)

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112. **Turn up one's nose at** – To reject/despises (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
113. **Turn one's head** – To feel proud in a way that other people find it annoying (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
114. **High and dry** – Neglected/ To leave someone helpless (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
115. **Take for granted** – To accept readily/ To pre-suppose as certainly true (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
116. **Mince matters** – To confuse issues/ to mix facts (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
117. **Currying favour with** – Ingratiating / trying too hard to get please somebody (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
118. **Set one's face against** – Oppose strongly (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
119. **Strom in a tea cup** – Commotion (angry/worry) over a trivial matter (TA(IT & CE), 2008)
120. **Putting one's foot down** – Asserting one's authority/ take a firm stand (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
121. **The man in the street** – An ordinary man (common man) (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
122. **To catch up with** – To compete with (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
123. **Fight to the bitter end** – To fight a losing battle (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
124. **Throw down a glove** – To accept defeat (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
125. **Read between the lines** – Understanding the hidden meaning (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
126. **Let the cat out of the bag** – To utter a secret carelessly or by mistake (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
127. **To have Too many iron in the fire** – To get engage in too many enterprises at the same time (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
128. **Fall through** – To fail (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
129. **Cut one off, without a shilling** – Disinheriting / To expel from fraternal property (TA(IT & CE), 2009)
130. **To smell a rat** – To suspect a trick (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
131. **Turn a deaf ear** – Disobey (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
132. **Have the last laugh** – To be victorious at the end of an argument (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
133. **Red letter day** – Happy and significant day (Gala day) (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
134. **To blaze a trail** – To lead the way as a pioneer (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
135. **To beat a retreat** – To run away in fear (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
136. **To steer clear of** – Avoid (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
137. **To get one's own back** –To get one's revenge (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
138. **To run across** – To meet by chance (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
139. **A dark horse** – An unforeseen competitor (Statistical Investigator, 2005)
140. **Put up with** – Endure (Statistical Investigator, 2006)
141. **Got the sack** – Dismissed from (Statistical Investigator, 2006)
142. **Herculean task** –A work requiring very great effort (Statistical Investigator, 2006)
143. **By leaps and bounds** – Rapidly (Statistical Investigator, 2006)
144. **Helter-Skelter** – In disorderly haste (Statistical Investigator, 2006)
145. **Go to the winds** - Disappear (SO(CA), 2005)
146. **Make ducks and drakes of** – Squander (SO(CA), 2005)

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147. **On the level** – Honest and sincere (SO(CA), 2005)
148. **Done for** – Ruined (SO(CA), 2005)
149. **Make a clean breast** – Confess (SO(CA), 2005)
150. **To end in smoke** – To come to nothing; no outcome (SO(CA), 2005)
151. **To have something up one's sleeve** – Having a secret plan (SO(CA), 2005)
152. **To take to one's heel** – To run away (SO(CA), 2005)
153. **To turn a deaf ear** – To be indifferent (SO(CA), 2005)
154. **At snail's pace** – To do things very slowly (SO(CA), 2005)
155. **To run one down** – To disparage someone (SO(CA), 2005)
156. **To blow one's own trumpet** – To praise oneself (SO(CA), 2005)
157. **To face the music** – To bear the consequences (SO(CA), 2005)
158. **To take someone to task** – To scold someone (SO(CA), 2005)
159. **At one's wit** – Puzzled/Confused/Perplexed (SO(CA), 2005)
160. **At stake** – In danger/ that can be lost or won depending on the success of a particular action (SO(CA), 2007)
161. **To play to the gallery** – To behave in an exaggerated way to attract people's attention (SO(CA), 2007)
162. **Read between the lines** – Understand the hidden meaning (SO(CA), 2007)
163. **Sitting on the fence** – Hesitating which side to take (SO(CA), 2007)
164. **No love lost between** – Not on good terms (SO(CA), 2007)
165. **To have not a leg to stand on** – Unable to prove or explain why something is reasonable (SAS, 2005)
166. **A man in the street** – An ordinary person / common man (SAS, 2005)
167. **Blood running cold** – Become very frightened (SAS, 2005)
168. **Playing to the gallery** – Befooling the common man (SAS, 2005)
169. **Come out of one's shell** – To appear suddenly (SAS, 2005)
170. **Lay down arms** – To surrender (CPO, 2010)
171. **Making hay while the sun shines** – Taking advantage of a favorable opportunity (CPO, 2010)
172. **Blow one's own trumpet** – To praise oneself (CPO, 2010)
173. **Bear with** – Support / To be patient with some body or something (CPO, 2010)
174. **Give vent to** – To emphasize (CPO, 2010)
175. **Turn a deaf ear** – Pay no attention (CPO, 2010)
176. **Bone of contention** – Matter of dispute (CPO, 2010)
177. **Stand on own feet** – To be independent (CPO, 2010)
178. **By fits and starts** – Irregularly (CPO, 2010)
179. **Over head and ears** – Completely (CPO, 2010)
180. **To call it a day** – To conclude proceedings (CGL T-1, 2011)
181. **To put up with** – To tolerate (CGL T-1, 2011)

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182. **To face the music** – To bear the consequences (CGL T-1, 2011)
183. **Yeoman's service** – Social work (CGL T-1, 2011)
184. **To take to hearts** – To grieve over (CGL T-1, 2011)
185. **To smell a rat** – To be suspicious (CGL T-1, 2011)
186. **To move heaven and earth** – to try everything possible (CGL T-1, 2011)
187. **To take someone for a ride** – to deceive (cheat) someone (CGL T-1, 2011)
188. **In cold blood** – Not intentional / Excitedly (CGL T-1, 2011)
189. **A damp squib** – A disappointing result (CGL T-1, 2011)
190. **To bite the dust** – To be defeated (CGL T-1, 2011)
191. **To take to one's heel** – To run away (CGL T-1, 2011)
192. **To be all at sea** – Lost and confused (CGL T-1, 2011)
193. **Cold Comfort** – Slight satisfaction (CGL T-1, 2011)
194. **A bolt from the blue** – An unexpected and unpleasant event (CGL T-1, 2011)
195. **To feather one's nest** – To make oneself rich (in position or in monetary terms) (CGL T-1, 2011)
196. **To die in harness** – To die while in service (CGL T-1, 2011)
197. **To show a clean pair of heels** – to escape/run away (CGL T-1, 2011)
198. **To flog a dead horse** –to waste one's efforts (CGL T-1, 2011)
199. **To strain every nerve** – To make utmost efforts (CGL T-1, 2011)
200. **A bolt form the blue** – Unexpected problem (CPO, 2011)
201. **Sailing in the same boat** – Being in the same difficult situation (CPO, 2011)
202. **Gift of the gab** – Ability to speak well (CPO, 2011)
203. **To keep the wolf from the door** – Escape starvation (CPO, 2011)
204. **Soft option** – Easy and agreeable option (CPO, 2011)
205. **A little gush of gratitude** – Excessive enthusiasm (FCI, 2012)
206. **To lose ground** – To become less popular (FCI, 2012)
207. **To fall back on** – to fail to do something important in time (FCI, 2012)
208. **To make one's blood boil** – To make somebody furious (FCI, 2012)
209. **Wear and tear** - Damage (FCI, 2012)
210. **To add fuel to the fire** – To cause additional anger (FCI, 2012)
211. **Hand in glove** – In close relationship (FCI, 2012)
212. **To make a mountain of a molehill** – To give great importance to little things (FCI, 2012)
213. **To speak one's mind** – To be frank and honest (FCI, 2012)
214. **Maiden speech** – First speech (DEO, 2008)
215. **At the eleventh hour** – At the very last moment (DEO, 2008)
216. **Cope with** - compromise (DEO, 2008)
217. **Go a long way** – help considerably (DEO, 2008)
218. **Gift of the gab** – talent of speaking (DEO, 2008)

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219. **Standstill** – Complete halt (DEO, 2008)
220. **Cross swords** - Disagree (DEO, 2008)
221. **Pore over** – Go through (DEO, 2008)
222. **Make both ends meet** – To live a lavish life (DEO, 2008)
223. **Run down** - Criticise (DEO, 2008)
224. **Grease anybody's palm** – To give bribe (Stenographer, 2010)
225. **Leave in the lurch** – Abandon in the midway/difficult situation (Stenographer, 2010)
226. **Caught red handed** – At the time of committing crime (Stenographer, 2010)
227. **On the brink of** – On the point of (Stenographer, 2010)
228. **Face the music** – Face the unpleasant consequences (Stenographer, 2010)
229. **Gift of the gab** – Ability to speak impressively (Stenographer, 2010)
230. **Go down the drain** – Lose forever (Stenographer, 2010)
231. **A close shave** – Narrow escape from danger (Stenographer, 2010)
232. **Cool as cucumber** – Not nervous or emotional (Stenographer, 2010)
233. **In high spirits** - Cheerful (Stenographer, 2010)
234. **Scapegoats** - A person who is blamed for the wrongdoings with arrogant reactions (CHSL, 2010)
235. **A red letter day** – A day memorable for joyful event (CHSL, 2010)
236. **Wears heart on sleeves** – Express feelings openly (CHSL, 2010)
237. **To pay off old scores** – To refund old dues (CHSL, 2010)
238. **Man of letters** – Proficient in literary arts (CHSL, 2010)
239. **Turn down** - Refuse (CHSL, 2010)
240. **On good terms** – Agree with someone (CHSL, 2010)
241. **Stole the show** – Win everyone's praise (CHSL, 2010)
242. **Measure up** – Reach the level (CHSL, 2010)
243. **Doctor the accounts** – To manipulate the accounts (CHSL, 2010)
244. **Dark horse** – An unexpected winner (CHSL, 2010)
245. **Face the music** – To bear the criticism (CHSL, 2010)
246. **In the red** – Losing money/to owe money (CHSL, 2010)
247. **In lieu of** – Despite of (CHSL, 2010)
248. **Beat about the bush** – Speak in a round about manner (CHSL, 2010)
249. **Bring about** - Cause (Stenographer, 2011)
250. **Pull up** - Reprimand (Stenographer, 2011)
251. **At sixes and seven** – In disorder or confusion (Stenographer, 2011)
252. **Lose head** – Panic (Stenographer, 2011)
253. **Take to task** – To criticize severely/ to punish (Stenographer, 2011)
254. **Sit in judgement** – To pass judgement(or comment on someone) especially when you have no authority (Stenographer, 2011)

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255. **Leave in the lurch** – To desert someone (Stenographer, 2011)
256. **Cry over spilt milk** – Cry over irreparable loss (Stenographer, 2011)
257. **Bad blood** – Active enmity (Stenographer, 2011)
258. **Close shave** – A narrow escape (Stenographer, 2011)
259. **Grease palms** – To bribe someone (MT(NT), 2011)
260. **Carrot and stick** – Reward and punishment policy (MT(NT), 2011)
261. **To cut teeth** – To gain experience of something for the first time (MT(NT), 2011)
262. **Cut no ice** – Had no influence (MT(NT), 2011)
263. **Close the book** - Stop working on something (MT(NT), 2011)
264. **In fits and starts** - Irregularly (MT(NT), 2011)
265. **Bird's eye view** – An overview (MT(NT), 2011)
266. **Run in the same groove** – Clash with each other (MT(NT), 2011)
267. **Keep your head** – Remain calm (MT(NT), 2011)
268. **Pull strings** – Use personal influence (MT(NT), 2011)
269. **Pot luck dinner** – Dinner where somebody brings something to eat (Stenographer, 2011)
270. **To hit below the belt** – To attack unfairly (Stenographer, 2011)
271. **All at sea** - Puzzled (Stenographer, 2011)
272. **Sought after** – Wanted by many people because it's of good quality or difficult to find/Pursued by (Stenographer, 2011)
273. **Build castle in the air** - Daydreaming (Stenographer, 2011)
274. **On the spur of the moment** – To act suddenly, without planning (CHSL, 2011)
275. **To have something up one's sleeve** – To have a secret plan (CHSL, 2011)
276. **A red letter day** – An important or joyful occasion in one's life (CHSL, 2011)
277. **To explore every avenue** – To try every opportunity (CHSL, 2011)
278. **At one's beck and call** – Ready to follow orders/ To be dominated by someone (CHSL, 2011)
279. **By fair or foul means** – In honest or dishonest way (CHSL, 2011)
280. **Status quo** – As it is/ unchanged position (CHSL, 2011)
281. **To burn candle at both ends** – To be extravagant/ Spend without any worry (CHSL, 2011)
282. **To hit the jackpot** – To make money quickly (CHSL, 2011)
283. **To bring to light** – to reveal (CHSL, 2011)
284. **At the eleventh hour** – At the last possible moment (CHSL, 2011)
285. **Go scot-free** – To escape without punishment (CHSL, 2011)
286. **To shed crocodile tears** – To pretend grief (CHSL, 2011)
287. **To look down one's nose** – To regard with contempt (CHSL, 2011)
288. **To miss the bus** – To miss an opportunity (CHSL, 2011)
289. **A white elephant** – Costly and troublesome possession, with much use to its owner (CHSL, 2011)
290. **To call spade a spade** – To be frank (CHSL, 2011)

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291. **To fight tooth and nail** – To fight heroically, in very determined way (CHSL, 2011)
292. **Birds of same feather** – Persons of same character (CHSL, 2011)
293. **Take exception** – To object over something (CHSL, 2011)
294. **High handed** – Using authority in an unreasonable way, overbearing (CHSL, 2011)
295. **Too fond of one's own voice** – To like talking without wanting to listen to other people/Very selfish (CHSL, 2011)
296. **By leaps and bounds** – Rapidly (CHSL, 2011)
297. **An open book** – Straight forward and honest dealings (CHSL, 2011)
298. **Fall short** – Fail to meet expectation/ have no effect (CHSL, 2011)
299. **Heart to heart talk** – Frank talk (CHSL, 2011)
300. **Give the game away** – Give out the secret(unintentionally) (CHSL, 2011)
301. **Take cue from** – To copy what someone already did in past in order to be successful (CHSL, 2011)
302. **Call for** – To ask (CHSL, 2011)
303. **Out of the question** – Undesirable/ Not worth discussing (CHSL, 2011)
304. **Run into** – To meet someone accidentally (CHSL, 2011)
305. **End up in something** – Come to nothing/ Useless (CHSL, 2011)
306. **Spread like fire** – Spread rapidly (CHSL, 2011)
307. **Ins and outs** – Full details (CHSL, 2011)
308. **Dropping like flies** – Collapsing in large numbers (CHSL, 2011)
309. **Rat race** – Fierce competition for power (CHSL, 2011)
310. **Hard nut to crack** – Difficult task (CHSL, 2011)
311. **See eye to eye** – To think in same way (CHSL, 2011)
312. **Put across** – To communicate your ideas, feelings, etc. successfully. (CHSL, 2011)
313. **To have second thoughts** – To reconsider (Constable, 2012)
314. **Not my cup of tea** – Not what somebody likes or interested in (Constable, 2012)
315. **To break the ice** – To start a conversation (Constable, 2012)
316. **To eat a humble pie** – To say or show sorry for a mistake that one made (Constable, 2012)
317. **To add fuel to fire** – To worsen the matter / To incite (CPO, 2012)
318. **To burn one's fingers** – To get physically hurt (CPO, 2012)
319. **At the eleventh hour** – At the last moment (CPO, 2012)
320. **To feel like a fish out of water** – Uncomfortable situation (CPO, 2012)
321. **To foam at one's mouth** – To be very angry (CPO, 2012)
322. **Send packing** – To tell somebody firmly or rudely to go away / Terminate service (CGL T-2, 2012)
323. **Kick up a row** - Make a great fuss / To complain loudly about something (CGL T-2, 2012)
324. **Wet behind the ears** – Young and without experience / Naïve (CGL T-2, 2012)
325. **To talk someone over** – To convince over (CGL T-2, 2012)
326. **Wear heart on sleeves** – Express emotions freely (CGL T-2, 2012)

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327. **Bury the hatchet** – To make peace / To stop being unfriendly and become friends again (CGL T-2, 2012)
328. **Once in a blue moon** - Rarely (CGL T-2, 2012)
329. **Through thick and thin** – Under all circumstances (CGL T-2, 2012)
330. **Come to grief** – To suffer (CGL T-2, 2012)
331. **Eat anyone's salt** – To be anyone's guest (CGL T-2, 2012)
332. **Give a hand with** – To help with (CPO, 2012)
333. **Take to heart** – To be very upset by something that somebody says or does / Serious (CPO, 2012)
334. **Had better** – used for telling somebody what you think he 'should' do (CPO, 2012)
335. **Strike a bargain** – To negotiate a deal (CPO, 2012)
336. **Point blank** – Very definite and direct (CPO, 2012)
337. **Scapegoat** - A person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency / Fall guy (CPO, 2012)
338. **Kicking heels** – To be relaxed and enjoy / Waste time (CPO, 2012)
339. **End in smoke** – Come to nothing (CPO, 2012)
340. **Die in harness** – Die in service/ Die while working (CPO, 2012)
341. **On the horns of dilemma** – In a situation where you have to make choice between things that are equally unpleasant (CPO, 2012)
342. **Hold your tongue** – To be silent (CHSL, 2012)
343. **No hard and fast** rules – Easy regulation (CHSL, 2012)
344. **Live from hand to mouth** - Miserably (CHSL, 2012)
345. **Turn a deaf ear** – Refuse to obey (CHSL, 2012)
346. **Take exception** – To object (CHSL, 2012)
347. **To hail from** – To come from (CHSL, 2012)
348. **To put an end to** - Stop (CHSL, 2012)
349. **By fits and starts** - Irregularly (CHSL, 2012)
350. **Bad blood** – Feeling of hatred (CHSL, 2012)
351. **Turn up** – To appear (CHSL, 2012)
352. **Die hard** – unwilling to change (CHSL, 2012)
353. **Turn down** - Reject (CHSL, 2012)
354. **To pass away** - Die (CHSL, 2012)
355. **Carry weight** – Be important / Important influence (CHSL, 2012)
356. **Fall flat** – Fail to amuse people / Fail to produce intended effect (CHSL, 2012)
357. **Under the thumb of** – Under the control of (CHSL, 2012)
358. **To get wind** – Come to know about something secret or private (CHSL, 2012)
359. **Part and parcel** – An essential part of something (CHSL, 2012)
360. **To give vent to** – To express a feeling, especially anger, strongly (CHSL, 2012)
361. **Stand by** – To help/support somebody or be friend, even in difficult times (CHSL, 2012)

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362. **In black and white** – In writing (CHSL, 2012)
363. **At a loss** – Unable / Not knowing about what to do or say (CHSL, 2012)
364. **Lame excuse** – Unsatisfactory explanation (CHSL, 2012)
365. **Hand in glove** – Working closely with someone / Very intimate (CHSL, 2012)
366. **A hard nut to crack** – A difficult problem or situation to solve or deal with (CHSL, 2012)
367. **For better or worse** - Always (CHSL, 2012)
368. **From the bottom of one's heart** – To speak frankly (CHSL, 2012)
369. **In a nutshell** - Brief (CHSL, 2012)
370. **A shot in the dark** – An attempt to guess something (CHSL, 2012)
371. **At the eleventh hour** – At a last moment (CHSL, 2012)
372. **Water under the bridge** – Something that happened in the past and is now forgotten or no longer important (CHSL, 2012)
373. **Stick to guns** – Hold on to original decisions (CHSL, 2012)
374. **Out of hand** – Out of control, at once, immediately (CHSL, 2012)
375. **The salt of the earth** – Very good and honest/ Kind (CHSL, 2012)
376. **Talking through hat** – Talking nonsense (CHSL, 2012)
377. **Looking forward to** – To expect something or someone (FCI, 2012)
378. **Slip off** – Leave quietly (FCI, 2012)
379. **Get on well** – Have a friendly relationship (FCI, 2012)
380. **In a pickle** – In an embarrassing or awkward situation (FCI, 2012)
381. **Under a cloud** – Being subject to suspicion (FCI, 2012)
382. **As hard as nail** – Emotionless / To show no sympathy, kindness or fear (CGL, 2012)
383. **Allow a free hand** – Complete liberty (CGL, 2012)
384. **Lays out** – To spend money (CGL, 2012)
385. **Break down** – To lose control of your feelings and start crying / Could not proceed (CGL, 2012)
386. **Cut coat according to one's cloth** – Live within your means (CGL, 2012)
387. **Weal and woe** – Ups and downs (CPO, 2012)
388. **Iron will** – Strong determination (CPO, 2012)
389. **To take to task** - Punish (CPO, 2012)
390. **Rack and ruin** - Ransacked (CPO, 2012)
391. **Rides the high horse** – Feel superior (CPO, 2012)
392. **By fits and starts** – Irregularly (MTS, 2013)
393. **Has a bee in one's bonnet** – To be preoccupied or obsessed with something (MTS, 2013)
394. **See through** – Detect / To realize the truth about someone or somebody (MTS, 2013)
395. **Take after** – To follow / To take care of older members of family (MTS, 2013)
396. **Break up** – Disband itself / The breaking up of relationship or association / The division of larger group in smaller fragments (MTS, 2013)
397. **Stand by** - Support (MTS, 2013)

Idioms & Phrases

398. **Bull in a China shop** – A clumsy person (MTS, 2013)
399. **Change colours** – To turn pale (MTS, 2013)
400. **Spick and span** – Neat and clean / Tidy (MTS, 2013)
401. **Give in** – To agree to do something that you don't want to do (MTS, 2013)
402. **Leaps and bounds** - Irregularly (MTS, 2013)
403. **Wide off the mark** - Irrelevant / Not accurate / Inadequate (MTS, 2013)
404. **Out of the world** – Extraordinary (MTS, 2013)
405. **Sweep under the carpet** – Keep hidden (MTS, 2013)
406. **By leaps and bound** – Very rapidly (MTS, 2013)
407. **To toe the line** – To follow the lead / To follow boss's orders (MTS, 2013)
408. **Stick to guns** – Maintain opinion (MTS, 2013)
409. **Take hat off** – Encourage / To admire somebody very much for something he has done (MTS, 2013)
410. **Null and void** – Empty (FCI, 2013)
411. **Break the ice** – Initiate a talk (FCI, 2013)
412. **Keep the wolf from the door** – Avoid starvation (FCI, 2013)
413. **Fish in troubled water** – To make a profit out of troubled situation (FCI, 2013)
414. **Look into** – To investigate (FCI, 2013)
415. **Smell the rat** – Suspect that something is fishy (CGL T-1, 2013)
416. **Let the grass grow under the feet** – Delay in getting things done (CGL T-1, 2013)
417. **Apple of discord** – Cause of animosity (CGL T-1, 2013)
418. **A fish out of water** – In uncomfortable situation (CGL T-1, 2013)
419. **In the long run** – Over a period of time (CGL T-1, 2013)
420. **Jumping down one's throat** – To react very angrily to somebody (CGL T-1, 2013)
421. **Out of wits** – Greatly confused (CGL T-1, 2013)
422. **Call spade a spade** – To speak in a straightforward manner (frankly) (CGL T-1, 2013)
423. **Face the music** – Accept the punishment (CGL T-1, 2013)
424. **To play second fiddle** – Take a subordinate role (CGL T-1, 2013)
425. **Casting pearl before swine** – Offering good things to undeserving people (CGL T-1, 2013)
426. **Putting the cart before the horse** – Doing things in the wrong way (CGL T-1, 2013)
427. **Not fit to hold candle** – Not so good as somebody or something else (CGL T-1, 2013)
428. **Egg someone on** – TO encourage somebody to do something (CGL T-1, 2013)
429. **For good** - Permanently (CGL T-1, 2013)
430. **Achilles's heel** – Weak spot (CGL T-1, 2013)
431. **Take a leap in the dark** – To take risk (CGL T-1, 2013)
432. **Cut the guardian knot** – Remove difficulty / To solve problem (CGL T-1, 2013)
433. **Blow one's own trumpet** – Self boasting (CGL T-1, 2013)
434. **A cakewalk** – An easy achievement (CGL T-1, 2013)

Idioms & Phrases

435. **Not to look a gift horse in the mouth** – Not to find fault with the gift received (CGL T-1, 2013)
436. **Man of straw** – A man of no substance (CGL T-1, 2013)
437. **Born with a silver spoon** – Born in a rich family (CGL T-1, 2013)
438. **Let sleeping dogs lie** – Not to bring up an old controversial issue (CGL T-1, 2013)
439. **A month of Sundays** – A long time (CGL T-1, 2013)
440. **A closed book** – A mystery (CGL T-1, 2013)
441. **In apple pie order** – In perfect order (CGL T-1, 2013)
442. **Thick and thin** – In spite of all difficulties (CGL T-1, 2013)
443. **Wet one's whistle** – To have a drink / Moistens one's throat (CGL T-1, 2013)
444. **Bury the hatchet** – Make peace (CGL T-1, 2013)
445. **Cool one's heel** – To keep waiting (CGL T-1, 2013)
446. **Live-wire** – A person who is lively or energetic (CGL T-1, 2013)
447. **Feel blue** – In trouble / depressed (Constable, 2013)
448. **Above board** – Legal and honest (Constable, 2013)
449. **Pour cats and dogs** – Rain heavily (Constable, 2013)
450. **For good** - Permanently (Constable, 2013)
451. **Iron fist** – To treat people in severe manner / strictly (Constable, 2013)
452. **Time and again** - Always (Constable, 2013)
453. **Eat humble pie** – To say or show that you are sorry for the mistakes committed by you (CPO, 2013)
454. **Rule the roost** – Exercise authority / To be the most powerful member in the group (CPO, 2013)
455. **Have something up your sleeve** – Have an alternate plan (CPO, 2013)
456. **Take to task** – Punished / Reprimanded (CPO, 2013)
457. **Feel one's pulse** – To find what one is thinking on some point (CPO, 2013)
458. **Donkey's year** – A long time (CGL T-2, 2013)
459. **To make things done** – To manage (CGL T-2, 2013)
460. **Chicken out** – Withdraw / To decide not to do something because you are afraid (CGL T-2, 2013)
461. **Ice braking** – Starting a conversation (CGL T-2, 2013)
462. **Bad hats** – People of bad character (CGL T-2, 2013)
463. **Give and take** – Adjustment / Willingness in relationship to accept what somebody else wants and gives up some of what you want (CGL T-2, 2013)
464. **Off and on** – Irregularly (CGL T-2, 2013)
465. **Man of straw** – A man of no substance (CGL T-2, 2013)
466. **Break down** – Weep bitterly (CGL T-2, 2013)
467. **Get down to business** – To begin work seriously (CHSL, 2013)
468. **Giving a piece of one's mind** – Speak sharply / To disapprove (CHSL, 2013)
469. **Go about** – Go around / TO continue to do something (CHSL, 2013)

Idioms & Phrases

470. **Take exception** - To object at something (CHSL, 2013)
471. **Picking up holes in** – Finding out faults with something (CHSL, 2013)
472. **To cast a die** – To take a decision (CHSL, 2013)
473. **Put up with** – Bear patiently / To bear or endure (CHSL, 2013)
474. **The gift of the gab** – Ability to speak well (CHSL, 2013)
475. **See through** – Detect / To realize the truth (CHSL, 2013)
476. **Cordon off** – Isolate / To stop people from getting into an area by surrounding it with police (CHSL, 2013)
477. **Keep an open house** – Welcome all members (CHSL, 2013)
478. **Wet behind ears** – Young and inexperienced / Naive (CHSL, 2013)
479. **Pick on** - Warn severely (MT(NT), 2014)
480. **Fight tooth and nail** – Fight with strength and fury (MT(NT), 2014)
481. **Teething problems** – Difficulties at the start (MT(NT), 2014)
482. **A wild goose chase** – Fruitless pursuit (MT(NT), 2014)
483. **To get into hot water** – To get into trouble (MT(NT), 2014)
484. **A bolt from the blue** – A complete surprise (MTS, 2014)
485. **Plain sailing** – Very easy (MTS, 2014)
486. **Take to one's heel** – Run off (MTS, 2014)
487. **To cut one short** – To criticize one (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
488. **Show the white flag** – To surrender (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
489. **A cut above** – Rather superior to (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
490. **To throw dust in one's eye** – To deceive (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
491. **Read between the lines** – Know what the writer thinks / Know hidden meaning (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
492. **Give vent to** - Express (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
493. **Bring about** – Cause to happen (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
494. **Husband one's resource** – Save / Economical (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
495. **Foam at the mouth** - Angry (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
496. **Keep wolf away from the door** – Keep away extreme poverty (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
497. **Pin money** – Additional money (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
498. **The Alpha and Omega** – Beginning and end (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
499. **Salt of the earth** – Good, honest and ideal (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
500. **Bring the house down** – Make the audience applaud enthusiastically (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
501. **Gerrymandering way** – In a manipulative and unfair way (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
502. **Strain every nerve** – Make all efforts / Try all tricks (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
503. **Hard and fast** – That cannot be altered / fixed (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
504. **Turn up one's nose at** - To not accept something because you do not think it is good enough for you / To treat with contempt (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
505. **Down in the dumps** – Sad and depressed (CGL T-1, RE-2013)

Idioms & Phrases

506. **Dot one's I's and cross one T's** – Be detailed and exact (CGL T-1, RE-2013)
507. **All moonshine** – Superficial (CPO, 2014)
508. **Wild goose chase** – A foolish and useless enterprise (CPO, 2014)
509. **Swan song** – Last prayer (at funeral or farewell) (CPO, 2014)
510. **By the skin of teeth** – By the narrowest margin (CPO, 2014)
511. **Bury the hatchet** – Make peace / Forget the quarrels (CPO, 2014)
512. **Keep up with** – Go at equal pace (CPO, 2014)
513. **Flies off at a tangent** – Start discussing something irrelevant (CPO, 2014)
514. **Batten down the hatches** – Prepare for a difficult situation (CPO, 2014)
515. **Nail one's colours to the mast** – Refuse to climb down (CPO, 2014)
516. **All might and main** – With full force (CPO, 2014)
517. **Red herrings** – Clues intended to distract or mislead / An unimportant fact, idea, event, etc. that takes people attention from the important ones (CPO, 2014)
518. **To cut one's coat according to one's cloth** – To live within one's means (CPO, 2014)
519. **White elephant** – A costly but useless possession (CPO, 2014)
520. **Look sharp** – Pay attention (CPO, 2014)
521. **Big draw** – Huge attraction (CPO, 2014)
522. **Bear down** – To move quickly towards something/someone in a determined or threatening way (CPO, 2014)
523. **To put a spoke in someone's wheel** – Destroy the plan / Cause hindrance / To prevent somebody from putting their plan into action (CPO, 2014)
524. **At a stretch** - Continuously (CPO, 2014)
525. **Know beans about something** – Well informed and intelligent (CPO, 2014)
526. **To get into hot water** – To get into troubles (CPO, 2014)
527. **Know the ropes** – Learn the procedures (CGL T-1, 2014)
528. **Barking up the wrong tree** – Trying to find someone ay wrong place (CGL T-1, 2014)
529. **In the swim** – Well informed and up-to-date (CGL T-1, 2014)
530. **Rub up the wrong way** – To irk or irritate someone (CGL T-1, 2014)
531. **Add fuel to the fire** – Worsen the situation (CGL T-1, 2014)
532. **In the loop** – Informed regularly (CGL T-1, 2014)
533. **Hold one's horses** – To keep waiting (CGL T-1, 2014)
534. **Black out** – Lost consciousness (CGL T-1, 2014)
535. **Cut and dry method** - Honest (CGL T-1, 2014)
536. **Back to the drawing board** – Plan it all over again (CGL T-1, 2014)
537. **In the air** – Certain / Able to be firmly relied on to happen or be the case / Specific but not explicitly named or stated (CGL T-1, 2014)
538. **On the same page** – Thinks in a similar way (CGL T-1, 2014)
539. **Pull no punch** – Speaks frankly (CGL T-1, 2014)

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540. **Going places** – Talented and successful (CGL T-1, 2014)
541. **Stand/Hold your ground** – Refuse to yield / To continue with your opinions or intentions when someone is opposing you (CGL T-1, 2014)
542. **Put your feet down** – Take a firm stand / To be very strict in opposing what somebody wishes to do (CGL T-1, 2014)
543. **Read between the line** – To understand the inner meaning (CGL T-1, 2014)
544. **To the letter** – Paying attention to every detail / Doing or following exactly what somebody something says (CGL T-1, 2014)
545. **To carve out a niche** – To work harder in order to have successful career / Develop a special position for oneself (CGL T-2, 2014)
546. **Wild goose chase** – Useless search / Unprofitable adventure (CHSL, 2014)
547. **In Dutch** – In trouble (CHSL, 2014)
548. **See eye to eye** – To have the same opinion (CHSL, 2014)
549. **Come to light** – Been revealed / To become known to people (CHSL, 2014)
550. **Around the clock** – Day and night (CHSL, 2014)
551. **Balloon goes up** – The situation turns unpleasant or serious (CHSL, 2014)
552. **Watching grass grow** – Very boring (CHSL, 2014)
553. **Nine day's wonder** – A dazzling short-lived spectacle of no real value (CHSL, 2014)
554. **Beyond the pale** – Outside commonly accepted standards (CHSL, 2014)
555. **Took after** – Similar to / to look or behave like an older member of your family (CHSL, 2014)
556. **Throw dust into one's eye** – To deceive (CHSL, 2014)
557. **Cool about working** – Not tense about working / Reading to work (CHSL, 2014)
558. **Salad days** - Adolescence (CHSL, 2014)
559. **All ears** - Attentive (CHSL, 2014)
560. **Maiden speech** – First speech (CHSL, 2014)
561. **Hold water** – With logical backing / To stand up to critical examination (CHSL, 2014)
562. **Other fish to fry** – Some important work to attend to (CHSL, 2014)
563. **A close shave** – A narrow escape from danger (CHSL, 2014)
564. **To tell in a nut shell** – In a brief manner / Summarize (CHSL, 2014)
565. **Within a stone's throw** – At a short distance (CHSL, 2014)
566. **To feather one's nest** – To enrich oneself when opportunity occurs (CHSL, 2014)
567. **A close-fisted person** – A miser (CHSL, 2014)
568. **To gather roses only** – To seek all enjoyments of life (CHSL, 2014)
569. **A black sheep** – A person with bad reputation (CHSL, 2014)
570. **To grease the palm** – To bribe (CHSL, 2014)
571. **For good** – Permanently (CHSL, 2014)
572. **An about turn** – Complete change of opinion or situation (CHSL, 2014)

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573. **Make a mockery** – to make something seem ridiculous or useless / No serious outcome (CHSL, 2014)
574. **Eat like a horse** – Eat a lot (CHSL, 2014)
575. **Go to the dogs** – To be ruined (CHSL, 2014)
576. **Pay on the nail** – Pay promptly / Payment without delay (CHSL, 2014)
577. **Penelope's web** – An endless job (CHSL, 2014)
578. **At draggers drawn** - Enmity (CHSL, 2014)
579. **Bury the hatchet** – Make peace (CGL T-2, 2014)
580. **Null and void** – Not binding / Having no legal force / Not binding (CGL T-2, 2014)
581. **Break in** - To train somebody or something in something (CGL T-2, 2014)
582. **Stir up a Hornet's nest** - To create a lot of trouble (CGL T-2, 2014)
583. **Second thoughts** – Reconsidering the original idea (CGL T-2, 2014)
584. **Average out** - Balance (CGL T-2, 2014)
585. **Go to the dogs** – Ruin / to go to in very bad situation (CGL T-2, 2014)
586. **Floored** – To surprise or confuse (CGL T-2, 2014)
587. **Give way** - Collapse (CGL T-2, 2014)
588. **Tall tales** - Boasting (CGL T-2, 2014)
589. **Backseat driver** – A person who gives unwanted advice (CGL T-2, 2014)
590. **At random** - Without any aim or target (CGL T-2, 2014)
591. **Break off** – Suddenly stop (CGL T-2, 2014)
592. **Go haywire** – Become out of control (CGL T-2, 2014)
593. **Above board** – Honest / Without any secret (CGL T-2, 2014)
594. **Feather in one's cap** – An achievement (CGL T-2, 2014)
595. **Follow one's nose** – To go straight ahead (CGL T-2, 2014)
596. **To latch onto** – To promote (CGL T-2, 2014)
597. **Fight shy of** – To avoid someone/ something (CGL T-2, 2014)
598. **Add fuel to the fire** – Worsen the matter (CGL T-2, 2014)
599. **Cock and bull story** – Absurd an unbelievable story (CHSL, 2015)
600. **Hold water** – Seem logical (CHSL, 2015)
601. **To be down to earth** – To be realistic (CHSL, 2015)
602. **In the nick of time** – Just in time (CHSL, 2015)
603. **To shun evil company** – To avoid or give up bad company (CHSL, 2015)
604. **Seamy side** – Unpleasant and immoral (CHSL, 2015)
605. **A sacred cow** – A person never to be criticised (CHSL, 2015)
606. **A dog's breakfast** – A total mess / A thing that has been done badly (CHSL, 2015)
607. **Sail in the same boat** – To be in same situation (CHSL, 2015)
608. **Take the bull by the horns** – to face a difficulty courageously (CHSL, 2015)
609. **Shed crocodile tears** – To pretend to be sympathetic (CHSL, 2015)

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610. **To be in a quandary** – In a confusing situation (CHSL, 2015)
611. **Take French leave** – Absenting oneself without permission (CHSL, 2015)
612. **To put in a nutshell** – To state something very concisely (CHSL, 2015)
613. **The genomes of Zurich** – A slang term for Swiss bankers (CHSL, 2015)
614. **To make up one's mind** – To decide what to do (CHSL, 2015)
615. **To call it a day** – Decide to finish working of the day (CHSL, 2015)
616. **In two minds** – To be undecided (CHSL, 2015)
617. **Put something by** – To save money for a particular purpose (CHSL, 2015)
618. **On cloud nine** – Extremely happy (CHSL, 2015)
619. **The jury is out** - No decision has been reached (CHSL, 2015)
620. **Have a finger in every pie** – To be meddlesome / To involved in a lot of different activities and having influence over them (CHSL, 2015)
621. **To take after** – To resemble an older member of family (CHSL, 2015)
622. **Flying visit** – Very short visit (CHSL, 2015)
623. **Telling upon** – Showing effectively / Having strong effect (Constable, 2015)
624. **Kith and kin** - Relatives (Constable, 2015)
625. **Part and parcel** – Important part (Constable, 2015)
626. **Beat about the bush** – Circumlocution / Does not talk specifically (Constable, 2015)
627. **Carry out** – Complete something (Constable, 2015)
628. **Take fancy** – To attract or please somebody (Constable, 2015)
629. **Snake in the grass** – A hidden enemy (CGL T-1, 2015)
630. **Make a mountain of a mole hill** – Exaggerate a minor problem (CGL T-1, 2015)
631. **Spill the beans** – Reveal the secret information (CGL T-1, 2015)
632. **Make amends for** – Compensate the loss (CGL T-1, 2015)
633. **Leave high and dry** – In a difficult situation without help or money / Leave alone to work / A boat in a position out of water (CGL T-1, 2015)
634. **Make believe** – To pretend that something is true (CGL T-1, 2015)
635. **Go for the jugular** – Attack all out / To attack somebody's weaker point during a discussion (CGL T-1, 2015)
636. **Keep a level head** – To remain calm and sensible in a difficult situation (CGL T-1, 2015)
637. **Under the weather** - Sick (CGL T-1, 2015)
638. **At loggerheads** – In strong disagreement (CGL T-1, 2015)
639. **Go Dutch** – Divide the cost (CGL T-1, 2015)
640. **Alma mater** – Institution where one got education (CGL T-1, 2015)
641. **A closefisted man** – A miser (CGL T-1, 2015)
642. **As draft as a brush** – Very silly (CGL T-1, 2015)
643. **Rise with the lark** – Get up early / To get out of bed very early in the morning (CGL T-1, 2015)

Idioms & Phrases

644. **At one's wit's end** – To be so worried by a problem that you don't know what to do next (CGL T-1, 2015)
645. **Make a beeline** – Rush / To go straight towards something as quick as you can (CGL T-1, 2015)
646. **Wild goose chase** – Useless search (CGL T-1, 2015)
647. **A man of letters** – A literary person (CGL T-1, RE 2015)
648. **Horse sense** – Basic common sense (CGL T-1, RE 2015)
649. **Shot in the arm** – Something that gives encouragement (CGL T-1, RE 2015)
650. **Catch time by the forelock** – Seize opportunity (CGL T-1, RE 2015)
651. **Get on nerves** - Annoying (CGL T-1, RE 2015)
652. **Clean hands** – innocent (CPO, 2015)
653. **A golden mean** – Middle course between two extremes (CPO, 2015)
654. **Vexed question** – Controversial issue (CPO, 2015)
655. **Keep the wolf away from the door** – To keep off starvation (CPO, 2015)
656. **Out of sorts** – Ill or sick / Upset (CPO, 2015)
657. **Gut feeling** – Strong instinct (based on feelings and emotions rather than thought and reason) (CPO, 2015)
658. **Finish with something** – Be through / To have something at the end / To stop doing something (CPO, 2015)
659. **Red-letter day** – An important day (CPO, 2015)
660. **A close fisted man** - Miser (CPO, 2015)
661. **To set the Thames on fire** – Do a heroic deed / To do such a work that needs a strenuous effort (CPO, 2015)
662. **Eat humble pie** – To say sorry for mistakes / Suffer humiliation (CPO, 2015)
663. **Play ducks and drakes** – Spend lavishly / To waste or squander (CPO, 2015)
664. **Be taken aback** – Shocked or surprised (CPO, 2015)
665. **Lay it on thick** – An exaggeration / To talk about somebody or something in a way than they really are (CPO, 2015)
666. **Bird's eye view** – A overview / A general view from above (CPO, 2015)
667. **To win laurels** – to earn great prestige (CPO, 2015)
668. **In the soup** – To be in trouble (CPO, 2015)
669. **Draw the line** – To set a limit (CPO, 2015)
670. **A bee hive** – A busy place (CPO, 2015)
671. **To cut the Gordian knot** – To perform a difficult task (CPO, 2015)
672. **Take a French leave** – Being absent without permission (CGL T-2, 2015)
673. **Arm-chair critic** – A person who give advice based on theory not on practice (CGL T-2, 2015)
674. **A chip of the old block** – An experienced old man (CGL T-2, 2015)
675. **Feather your nest** – To make yourself richer, especially by spending money on yourself that should be spent on something else (CGL T-2, 2015)

Idioms & Phrases

676. **Throw up cards** – To give in / To blow away the plan (CGL T-2, 2015)
677. **Vote with your feet** – Showing your disapproval (CGL T-2, 2015)
678. **Dog in a manger** – A selfish person (CGL T-2, 2015)
679. **Chapter and verse** – Providing minutes details (CGL T-2, 2015)
680. **Bring down the house** – Amuse the audience greatly / To make everyone cheer (CGL T-2, 2015)
681. **Give a wide berth to** – To stay away from or avoid someone (CGL T-2, 2015)
682. **A hard nut to crack** – A difficult problem to solve (CGL T-2, 2015)
683. **In black and white** – In writing (CGL T-2, 2015)
684. **Beside the mark** – Irrelevant / Not to be accurate (CGL T-2, 2015)
685. **To give a piece of mind** – Scolding / To tell someone that you are angry with them or you disapprove of their behaviour (CGL T-2, 2015)
686. **Give away** - To distribute something (CGL T-2, 2015)
687. **Fight tooth and nail** – Fight with all strengths (CGL T-2, 2015)
688. **Show a clean a pair of heels** – To run away fast / To flee swiftly (CGL T-2, 2015)
689. **All moonshine** – Concocted / Superficial (CGL T-2, 2015)
690. **Up to the mark** – According to the required standard (CGL T-2, 2015)
691. **A red letter day** – An important day (CGL T-2, 2015)
692. **Sit on the fence** – To avoid becoming involved in deciding or influencing something (Stenographer, 2016)
693. **Shake off** – Forget / To get away from somebody who is chasing or following you (Stenographer, 2016)
694. **Cock and bull story** – A concocted or absurd story (Stenographer, 2016)
695. **Pull a long face** – Look dejected / An unhappy or disappointed expression (Stenographer, 2016)
696. **Under a cloud** – Under suspicion (Stenographer, 2016)
697. **Cat-nap** – Short sleep (CGL T-1, 2016)
698. **To pull a long face** – Look sad (CGL T-1, 2016)
699. **Fit like a glove** - Perfectly (CGL T-1, 2016)
700. **Caught red-handed** – Discovered in the act of doing (CGL T-1, 2016)
701. **Gate crasher** – Uninvited guest (CGL T-1, 2016)
702. **To angle** – To fish (CGL T-1, 2016)
703. **For all intents and purposes** - Practically (CGL T-1, 2016)
704. **Go out of one's way** – Do everything possible (CGL T-1, 2016)
705. **In the running** – Has good prospects in competition (CGL T-1, 2016)
706. **Beat about the bush** – To say everything except the main topic (CGL T-1, 2016)
707. **Make room** – Make space (CGL T-1, 2016)
708. **Mend your way's** – Improve one's behaviour (CGL T-1, 2016)
709. **Beggar description** – Cannot be described (CGL T-1, 2016)
710. **Drag one's feet** – Be reluctant to act (CGL T-1, 2016)

Idioms & Phrases

711. **Hope against hope** – Nurture an impossible hope (CGL T-1, 2016)
712. **For keeps** - Forever (CGL T-1, 2016)
713. **Paed into insignificance** – Seemed less important (CGL T-1, 2016)
714. **With one voice** - Unanimously (CGL T-1, 2016)
715. **Make it light** – Treat lightly (CGL T-1, 2016)
716. **Every inch a gentleman** - Entirely (CGL T-1, 2016)
717. **A rough, violent, troublesome person** - Tartar (CGL T-1, 2016)
718. **To add fuel to the fire** – Make thing worse (CGL T-1, 2016)
719. **To take to heart** – TO be greatly affected (CGL T-1, 2016)
720. **To bring to light** – TO reveal (CGL T-1, 2016)
721. **All moon shine** – Far from reality (CGL T-1, 2016)
722. **At a snail's pace** - Slowly (CGL T-1, 2016)
723. **Call on** – Pay a visit (CGL T-1, 2016)
724. **Pros and cons** – Advantages and disadvantage (CGL T-1, 2016)
725. **Once in a blue moon** – Very rarely (CGL T-1, 2016)
726. **Fish out of water** – An uncomfortable position (CGL T-1, 2016)
727. **Be down with** – Suffering from (CGL T-1, 2016)
728. **Fair-weather friend** – Supports only when easy and convenient (CGL T-1, 2016)
729. **Pull together** – Work harmoniously (CGL T-1, 2016)
730. **To bury the hatchet** – to make peace (CGL T-1, 2016)
731. **Selling like hot cakes** – To have a very good sale (CGL T-1, 2016)
732. **Scot free** - Unpunished (CGL T-1, 2016)
733. **To give oneself airs** – Behave arrogantly (CGL T-1, 2016)
734. **At a stone's throw** – At short distance (CGL T-1, 2016)
735. **Bone of contention** – Matter of dispute (CGL T-1, 2016)
736. **To eat humble pie** – To yield under humiliating circumstances (CGL T-1, 2016)
737. **To end in smoke** – To fail/ To end without any practical results (CGL T-1, 2016)
738. **To spill the beans** – To reveal a secret (CGL T-1, 2016)
739. **Drive home** - Emphasise (CGL T-1, 2016)
740. **A left hand compliment** – An ambiguous compliment (CGL T-1, 2016)
741. **Cut a sorry figure** – Make a poor impression (CGL T-1, 2016)
742. **To take to task** - Reprimand (CGL T-1, 2016)
743. **Bad blood** - Enmity (CGL T-1, 2016)
744. **Maiden speech** – First speech (CGL T-1, 2016)
745. **To get cold feet** - Fear (CGL T-1, 2016)
746. **Beside the mark** – Not to the point (CGL T-1, 2016)
747. **On tenterhooks** – In suspense and anxiety (CGL T-1, 2016)
748. **A cuckoo in the nest** – An unwelcomed intruder (CGL T-1, 2016)

Idioms & Phrases

749. **A house of cards** – An insecure scheme (CGL T-1, 2016)
750. **To smell a rat** – To suspect foul dealings (CGL T-1, 2016)
751. **Old head on young shoulder** – To be wise beyond one's age (CGL T-1, 2016)
752. **A wild-goose chase** – Pointless search (CGL T-1, 2016)
753. **Hard of hearing** – To be deaf (CGL T-1, 2016)
754. **Burn your boats** – Do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation (CGL T-1, 2016)
755. **Dressing-down** – To give scolding (CGL T-1, 2016)
756. **Null and void** - Invalid (CGL T-1, 2016)
757. **A dark horse** – Unexpected winner (CGL T-1, 2016)
758. **Throw cold water** - Discourage (CGL T-1, 2016)
759. **Butt in** – Interrupt (CGL T-1, 2016)
760. **Couch potato** – A person who prefers to watch television (CGL T-1, 2016)
761. **Carry the ball** – Be in charge (CGL T-1, 2016)
762. **Turn down** - Reject (CGL T-1, 2016)
763. **Catch a tartar** – to deal with a person who is more than one's match (CGL T-1, 2016)
764. **Cap in hand** – In a respectful manner (CGL T-1, 2016)
765. **In the blues** – Cheerless and depressed (CGL T-1, 2016)
766. **Cheek by jowl** – Very close together (CGL T-1, 2016)
767. **Beyond the pale** – Unreasonable or unacceptable (CGL T-1, 2016)
768. **Blow one's own trumpet** – Praise oneself (CGL T-1, 2016)
769. **Stick to guns** – Maintain own opinion (CGL T-1, 2016)
770. **At sea** – At a loss (CGL T-1, 2016)
771. **Straw in the wind** – An indication of what might happen (CGL T-1, 2016)
772. **Face the music** – Be punished (CGL T-1, 2016)
773. **Curry favours** – Seek favourable attention (CGL T-1, 2016)
774. **Weal and woe** – Good times and bad times (CGL T-1, 2016)
775. **Call in question** - Challenge (CGL T-1, 2016)
776. **Make both ends mean** – Live within means (CGL T-1, 2016)
777. **Put up the shutters** – Go out of business (CGL T-1, 2016)
778. **A drop in a bucket** – A very insignificant amount (CGL T-1, 2016)
779. **Draw a blank** – Find no favour (CGL T-1, 2016)
780. **To keep in abeyance** – In a state of suspension (CGL T-1, 2016)
781. **To be in a fix** – In a difficult situation (CGL T-1, 2016)
782. **To break the ice** – Make people comfortable and relaxed / Start conversation (CGL T-1, 2016)
783. **As daft as a brush** – Extremely silly (CGL T-1, 2016)
784. **In a nutshell** – Briefly and concisely (CGL T-1, 2016)

Idioms & Phrases

785. **Strain every nerve** – Work very hard (CGL T-1, 2016)
786. **Evening of life** – Old age (CGL T-1, 2016)
787. **Button one's lips** – Stop talking (CGL T-1, 2016)
788. **Cock and bull stories** – Absurd and unlikely stories (CGL T-1, 2016)
789. **A live wire** – Lively and active (CGL T-1, 2016)
790. **Capital punishment** – Death sentence (CGL T-1, 2016)
791. **Leaps and bounds** - Rapidly (CGL T-1, 2016)
792. **Wet behind the ears** – Young and without much experience (CGL T-1, 2016)
793. **Under a cloud** – Under suspicion (CGL T-1, 2016)
794. **Get the sack** – Be dismissed (CGL T-1, 2016)
795. **Feather in one's cap** – A new and additional distinction (CGL T-1, 2016)
796. **Donkey's year** – A long time (CGL T-1, 2016)
797. **Leave no stone unturned** – To try every possible way (CGL T-1, 2016)
798. **A man of letters** - Scholar (CGL T-1, 2016)
799. **Bear in mind** - Remember (CGL T-1, 2016)
800. **To nip in the bud** – To stop something in the starting (CGL T-1, 2016)
801. **To put a spoke in one's wheel** – To hinder (CGL T-1, 2016)
802. **To clip one's wings** – To deprive one of power (CGL T-1, 2016)
803. **Hold up** – Delay (CGL T-1, 2016)
804. **To play fast and loose** – To act in an unreliable way (CGL T-1, 2016)
805. **Feather one's own nest** – Make money in an improper way (CGL T-1, 2016)
806. **Pull a fast one** – Play a trick (CGL T-1, 2016)
807. **Grease the palm** – To bribe (CGL T-1, 2016)
808. **Turn-turtle** – Complete over-turn of a situation (CGL T-1, 2016)

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