

Idioms and Phrases

Set-A

1. Throw in the towel

Ans. Admit defeat

2. To air dirty linen in public

Ans. To discuss private affairs in public

3. Tit for tat

Ans. To do harm as done to you

4. Bite your tongue

Ans. Stop yourself from saying something

5. Spill the beans

Ans. Reveal a secret

6. As clear as mud

Ans. Impossible to understand

7. Four corners of the earth

Ans. From all parts of the world

8. The crux of the matter

Ans. The critical point

9. To shake off

Ans. To get rid of

10. Hanging by a thread

Ans. Be in a dangerous situation

11. Going over one's head

Ans. Beyond one's capacity to understand

12. Mad as a hatter

Ans. Eccentric

13. Be an old hat

Ans. Be outdated

14. Feather your own nest

Ans. Make money unfairly

15. GREEN THUMB

Ans. To have talent in gardening

16. HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Ans. To daydream

17. To bark up the wrong tree

Ans. To be wrong about the reason for something

18. To grease the palm

Ans. To bribe someone

19. To take the bull by the horns

Ans. To face danger boldly

20. Gift of the gab

Ans. Have the talent to speak well

21. Turn a deaf ear

Ans. To pay no heed

22. Take to task

Ans. To rebuke

23. Have one's hands full

Ans. To be very busy

24. Face the music

Ans. Face the criticism

25. As the crow flies

Ans. The shortest route

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26. Pass the hat
Ans. To collect money

27. In a pickle
Ans. In trouble

28. Red letter day
Ans. A very special day

29. Through thick and thin
Ans. Support under all circumstances

30. Rule the roost
Ans. To make all the decisions

31. Acid test
Ans. Definitive proof of truth or falsehood

32. At arm's length
Ans. Avoiding too much closeness

33. Dark horse
Ans. Someone who unexpectedly succeeds

34. Hand in glove
Ans. In partnership for something dishonest

35. Late in the day
Ans. Too delayed to be of any use

36. Draw a blank
Ans. Be unsuccessful

37. Bolt from the blue
Ans. Something sudden that happens unexpectedly

38. Left-handed compliment
Ans. Insulting remark appearing as praise

39. Put your best foot forward

Ans. Try as hard as one can

40. At snail's pace
Ans. Do something very slowly

41. Please come to the point, don't beat around the bush.
Ans. Avoid the topic

42. My aunt who orders everyone around is a pain in the neck.
Ans. Irritating

43. Make short work of something
Ans. Dispose of quickly

44. Make no headway
Ans. Unable to progress ahead

45. In a nutshell
Ans. Express very briefly

46. Be an open book
Ans. One about whom it is easy to know everything

47. I am not thinking of the solution to this problem. I will cross the bridge when I come to it.
Ans. Deal with something only when necessary

48. She has a good job and a happy family. She has the best of both worlds.
Ans. All the advantages

49. Dance to someone's tune
Ans. Do what others what you to do

50. Leave no stone unturned
Ans. Try everything possible

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Set-B

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| 1. After one's own heart
Ans. Sharing or having one's tastes or views. | Ans. Act in a way that is likely to incur problems or difficulties. |
| 2. Pull the wool over someone's eyes
Ans. Deceive someone by telling lies. | 14. Drive someone up the wall
Ans. Make someone very irritated or angry. |
| 3. At somebody's expense
Ans. Paid for by someone. | 15. At the top of your lungs
Ans. Extremely loudly. |
| 4. Cock and bull story
Ans. An implausible story used as an explanation or excuse. | 16. The wheels have come off
Ans. Things start to fail or go wrong, especially after a period of success. |
| 5. At large
Ans. A criminal escaped or not yet captured. | 17. Be left stranded
Ans. To be the last person on whom the blame falls on eventually. |
| 6. Head over heels
Ans. Madly in love. | 18. All thumbs
Ans. A crowd cheering their favourite team. |
| 7. A bone of contention
Ans. An issue over which there is continuing disagreement. | 19. A wet blanket
Ans. A person who discourages enjoyment or enthusiasm. |
| 8. Zip your lip
Ans. Keep quiet about something. | 20. A thorn in the flesh
Ans. A source of continual annoyance or trouble. |
| 9. A walk of life
Ans. A person's occupation or position within society. | 21. A ray of hope
Ans. Something that provides a small amount of optimism in a difficult situation. |
| 10. Cut to the chase
Ans. Come to the point. | 22. Mind your language
Ans. Tell someone to speak politely |
| 11. Be in force
Ans. In great strength or numbers. | 23. Be in two minds
Ans. Unable to decide. |
| 12. Make a scene
Ans. Make a public disturbance or excited emotional display. | 24. Wet behind the ears
Ans. Lacking experience or being immature. |
| 13. Ask for trouble | 25. A bone of contention |

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Ans. An issue over which there is continuing disagreement.

26. Zip your lip

Ans. Keep quiet about something.

27. At short notice

Ans. With little warning or time for preparation.

28. Alphabet soup

Ans. A confusing or confused mixture of things.

29. Be in the air

Ans. When an emotion or idea is on everyone's mind.

30. Children should be seen and not heard

Ans. Children should not speak in the presence of adults.

31. Ease somebody's mind

Ans. Alleviate someone's anxiety.

32. An axe to grind

Ans. Have an ulterior motive.

33. At the eleventh hour

Ans. At the last moment

34. The nitty-gritty

Ans. The most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation.

35. To quit on someone

Ans. To stop helping someone, especially when support is needed.

36. Excuse my French

Ans. Used to apologise for swearing.

37. Chicken out

Ans. To decide not to do something because you are too frightened.

38. A bad hair day

Ans. A day on which everything seems to go wrong.

39. Blessing in disguise

Ans. An apparent misfortune that eventually has good results.

40. A picture paints a thousand words

Ans. An image of a subject conveys its meaning more effectively than a description does.

41. Bite off more than you can chew

Ans. Take on a commitment one cannot full.

42. A fool's paradise

Ans. A state of happiness based on a person's not knowing about potential trouble.

43. Get on somebody's nerves

Ans. To be an irritant.

44. Eyebrow raising

Ans. Something which surprises, shocks, or offends people.

45. Be glad to see the back of

Ans. Be happy when a person leaves.

46. Crunch time

Ans. A critical moment near the end of a game when decisive action is needed.

47. Add insult to injury

Ans. To further a loss with mockery to worsen an unfavourable situation.

48. Tie the knot

Ans. Get married.

49. Easier said than done

Ans. Be more easily talked about than put into practice.

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50. A red rag to a bull

Ans. An object, utterance, or act which is certain to provoke someone.

51. Be under no illusions

Ans. Be fully aware of the true state of affairs.

52. Level playing field

Ans. A situation in which everyone has a fair and equal chance of succeeding.

53. Be in the red

Ans. To be in a loss or debt.

54. Evil twin

Ans. An imaginary double humorously invoked to explain or excuse uncharacteristic or reprehensible behaviour.

55. Back to the drawing board

Ans. Used to indicate that an idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

56. In cahoots with

Ans. In an alliance or partnership with.

57. Choose a soft option

Ans. Do the thing that is easiest or least likely to cause trouble in a particular situation.

58. Achilles' heel

Ans. A weakness or vulnerable point.

59. Can't judge a book by its cover

Ans. You shouldn't prejudge the value of something, by its outward appearance alone.

60. Backseat driver

Ans. A passenger who gives unwanted and/or unneeded directions to the driver.

61. A bad patch

Ans. A period of difficulty.

62. A dime a dozen

Ans. Very common and of no particular value.

63. Burn the midnight oil

Ans. Read or work late into the night.

64. Throw the towel in

Ans. To quit in defeat.

65. Come what may

Ans. No matter what happens.

66. Against the clock

Ans. Work very fast to complete something within a deadline.

67. No dice

Ans. Used to refuse a request or indicate that there is no chance of success.

68. Keep at bay

Ans. To control something and prevent it from causing you problems.

69. Ring fencing

Ans. Guarantee that funds allocated for a particular purpose will not be spent on anything else.

70. Keep your chin up

Ans. Remain cheerful in difficult circumstances.

71. Don't put all your eggs in one basket

Ans. Don't risk everything on the success of one venture.

72. Let your hair down

Ans. Behave uninhibitedly.

73. Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched

Ans. You should not make plans that depend on something good happening before you know that it has actually happened.

74. Off the hook

Ans. No longer in difficulty or trouble.

75. The last straw

Ans. A minor difficulty but coming on top of a series of difficulties that makes a situation unbearable.

76. New kid on the block

Ans. Newcomer to a particular place or sphere of activity.

77. Come in handy

Ans. Turns out to be useful.

78. Let bygones be bygones

Ans. Forget past offences or causes of conflict and be reconciled.

79. Heave a sigh of relief

Ans. To suddenly feel very happy because something unpleasant has not happened or has ended.

80. A lot on your plate

Ans. To have a large number of problems to deal with.

81. Come to terms with something

Ans. To gradually accept a sad situation.

82. Under the weather

Ans. Slightly unwell or in low spirits.

83. Be out of order

Ans. A device not working properly or at all.

84. A sight for sore eyes

Ans. A person or thing that one is extremely pleased or relieved to see.

85. A cold fish

Ans. Someone who seems unfriendly and who does not share his feelings.

86. Bend over backwards

Ans. Make every effort to achieve something, especially to be fair or helpful.

87. To hit the sack

Ans. To prepare for sleep

88. Hocus pocus

Ans. Meaningless talk or activity, typically designed to trick someone

89. Fire the imagination

Ans. To make someone feel very interested in something and excited about it.

90. Pulling your leg

Ans. To trick or lie to someone in a playful way.

91. Kitty-corner

Ans. Things located diagonally opposite each other.

92. Never-never land

Ans. An imaginary utopian place or situation.

93. Every dog has his day

Ans. Everyone will have good luck at some point in their lives.

94. I can't think straight

Ans. Cannot think rationally due to being overwhelmed with emotion.

95. Cut corners

Ans. Do something perfunctorily so as to save time or money.

96. The tail is wagging the dog

Ans. The less important or subsidiary factor, person, or thing dominates a situation.

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97. Rags to riches

Ans. Used to describe a person's rise from a state of extreme poverty to one of great wealth.

98. Shoot through

Ans. Leave, typically to escape from or avoid someone or something.

99. It's not rocket science

Ans. Used to say that you do not think that something is very difficult to do or to understand.

100. Pass the buck

Ans. Shift the responsibility for something to someone else.

101. Pull the plug

Ans. Prevent something from happening or continuing.

102. As high as a kite,

Ans. Intoxicated with alcohol.

103. Cross that bridge when you come to it

Ans. Deal with a problem when and if it arises.

104. A little bird told me

Ans. Used to indicate that the speaker knows something but chooses to keep the identity of their informant secret.

105. Stab someone in the back

Ans. Betray someone

106. Over my dead body

Ans. Used to emphasise that one completely opposes something.

107. Tongue in cheek

Ans. In an ironic or insincere way.

108. Pedal to the metal

Ans. To drive very fast.

109. Lend me your ear

Ans. To politely ask for someone's full attention.

110. Run out of steam

Ans. Lose impetus or enthusiasm.

111. A shot in the arm

Ans. An encouraging stimulus.

112. Your number is up

Ans. The time has come when someone is doomed to suffer a disaster.

113. Wine and dine

Ans. When somebody is treated to an expensive meal.

114. Cross your fingers

Ans. To hope that things will happen in the way that you want them to.

115. Ease somebody's mind

Ans. Alleviate someone's anxiety.

116. An axe to grind

Ans. Have an ulterior motive.

117. Chew something over

Ans. Discuss or consider something at length.

118. On a wing and a prayer

Ans. With only the slightest chance of success.

Set-C

1. To drink like a fish
Ans. To drink excessive amounts of alcohol
2. A person who is lazy and has low standards of cleanliness.
Ans. Slob
3. Down to the wire
Ans. To denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute
4. To exclude from a society or group.
Ans. To ostracise or ostracise
5. Ethnic cleansing
Ans. The mass killing of members of one ethnic group
6. Very rude or coarse; vulgar.
Ans. Gross
7. To stop doing something; cease or abstain.
Ans. To desist
8. Every cloud has a silver lining
Ans. Every bad situation has some good aspects to it
9. Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin
Ans. Scalding
10. Dead ringer
Ans. A candidate fraudulently substituted for another in a competition
11. Dark horse
Ans. A candidate about whom little is known but who unexpectedly wins
12. An organisation set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.
Ans. Charity
14. Flea market
Ans. A street market selling second-hand goods
15. A conclusion or agreement done or reached decisively and with authority.
Ans. Definitive
16. Flesh and blood
Ans. A person's physical body and their needs and frailties
17. A political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument.
Ans. Demagogue
18. To go for broke
Ans. To risk everything in an all-out effort
19. To go the extra mile
Ans. To make a special effort to achieve something
20. The action of repeating something aloud from memory.
Ans. Recitation
21. A trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.
Ans. Vestige
22. Fixed in one's ways
Ans. Not wanting to change how one does things

23. To trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall.

Ans. To stumble

24. Flash in the pan

Ans. A thing or person whose sudden but brief success is not repeated

25. To invent (something) in order to deceive.

Ans. To fabricate

26. To foam at the mouth

Ans. To be very angry

27. To disorder or disarrange (someone's hair), typically by running one's hands through it.

Ans. To ruffle

28. Fuddy-duddy

Ans. A person who is very old-fashioned and pompous

29. Courteousness and refinement of manner

Ans. Urbanity

30. To have an axe to grind

Ans. to have a private reason for doing something

31. Great minds think alike

Ans. It is said when two people have the same opinion

32. Involving immoral or dishonourable action and motives

Ans. Sordid

33. To be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death.

Ans. To bereave

34. To make someone feel completely baffled.

Ans. To perplex

35. Graveyard shift

Ans. A work shift that runs through the early morning hours

36. Good Samaritan

Ans. A charitable or helpful person

37. Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

Ans. Ambiguous

38. Something widely feared as a possible dangerous occurrence.

Ans. Spectre/ spectre

39. Zero tolerance

Ans. Non-acceptance of antisocial behaviour

40. Variety is the spice of life

Ans. New experiences make life more interesting

41. Average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree.

Ans. Moderate

42. Scot-free

Ans. Without suffering any punishment or injury

43. Tongue-in-cheek

Ans. In an insincere way

44. A factory, where workers are employed at very low wages for long hours and under poor conditions.

Ans. Sweatshop

45. To get over it

Ans. To accept something that happened in the past and move on

46. Extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

Ans. Distress

47. A region of injured tissue or skin in which blood capillaries have been ruptured; a bruise.

Ans. Contusion

48. To get up on the wrong side of the bed

Ans. To start the day in a bad mood which continues all day long

49. An event serving as an introduction to something more important

Ans. Prelude

50. To bite the dust

Ans. To be killed

51. To burn the midnight oil

Ans. To read or work late into the night

52. The conclusion that can be drawn from something although it is not explicitly stated

Ans. Implication

53. An outline representing or bounding the shape or form of something.

Ans. Contour

54. To lose one's head

Ans. To become confused or overly emotional about someone or something

55. A person famous and respected within a particular sphere.

Ans. Eminent

56. Head over heels

Ans. To be madly in love

57. Things that have been discarded as worthless.

Ans. Flotsam

58. Become apparent through the appearance of symptoms.

Ans. Manifest

59. Wear your heart on your sleeve

Ans. Make one's feelings apparent

60. When it rains, it pours

Ans. When something bad occurs, it usually occurs more than once

61. Rub a part of the body to restore warmth or sensation.

Ans. Chafe

62. Add fuel to the fire

Ans. Cause a situation to become worse

63. Practice makes a man perfect

Ans. Regular activity is the way to become proficient in it

64. Match or surpass a person by imitation.

Ans. Emulate

65. Lack of skill, ability, or competence

Ans. Ineptitude

66. Pull the plug

Ans. Prevent something from continuing

67. Tie the knot

Ans. To get married

68. The ball is in your court

Ans. It is up to you to make the next move

69. To harass someone persistently to do something.

Ans. Importune

70. A short statement expressing a general truth.

Ans. Maxim

71. A piece of cake

Ans. Something easily achieved

72. Having or displaying an overly critical point of view.

Ans. Judgemental or Judgmental

73. Obtain something by force, threats, or other unfair means.

Ans. To extort

74. A picture paints a thousand words

Ans. An image of a subject conveys its meaning or essence more effectively than a description does

75. To bite off more than one can chew

Ans. To take on a commitment that one cannot fulfil

76. To bite the bullet

Ans.

To do something difficult that one has been hesitating over

77. Feeding frenzy

Ans. An episode of frantic competition for something

78. Excuse my French

Ans. To apologise for swearing

79. The punishment of being kept in school after hours.

Ans. Detention

80. A slap on the wrist

Ans. A mild punishment

81. Actions speak louder than words

Ans. What someone does mean more than what they say they will do

82. The outer layer of the cerebrum (part of the brain), composed of folded grey matter, plays an important role in the consciousness.

Ans. Cortex

83. A hot spring in which water intermittently boils, pushing a tall column of water and steam into the air.

Ans. Geyser

84. A blessing in disguise

Ans. A misfortune that eventually has good results

85. Make something seem less important, significant, or trifling.

Ans. Trivialize

86. Against the clock

Ans. To do a job fast to finish it before a deadline

87. A gesture expressing respect, such as a bow.

Ans. Obeisance

88. An event or a group of events occurring as part of a sequence

Ans. Episode

89. A dime a dozen

Ans.

Very common and of no particular value

90. A drop in the bucket

Ans. A very small amount compared with what is needed

91. Represent something as being less important than it really is.

Ans. Underplay

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92. To shut a door, window, or lid forcefully and loudly

Ans. To slam

93. Sums of money expressed in a specified monetary unit

Ans. To denominate

94. To make a long story short

Ans. Used to end an account of events quickly

95. To steal someone's thunder

Ans. To do a job before another person can do it and take away the credit

96. To regard with disgust and hatred.

Ans. Abhor

97. Unable to be destroyed or removed.

Ans. Ineradicable

98. The lower jawbone in mammals and fishes

Ans. Mandible

99. Rise and shine

Ans. An expression used when waking someone up

100. Urge someone to act in a violent or unlawful way.

Ans. Incite

101. Raining cats and dogs

Ans. It is raining unusually hard

102. A loud, harsh, piercing cry

Ans. Screech

103. Run out of steam

Ans. To lose impetus or enthusiasm

104. A hollow object used to contain something.

Ans. Receptacle

105. Saved by the bell

Ans. Saved at the last moment

106. Smell a rat

Ans. To begin to suspect trickery or deception

107. The tendency to recur at intervals.

Ans. Periodicity

108. A dramatic entertainment, in which performers express through gestures

Ans. Pantomime

109. Sixth sense

Ans. An intuitive power of perception

110. Rome was not built in a day

Ans. It takes time to create great things

111. Work extremely hard or incessantly.

Ans. Toil

112. Express a proposition, theory, etc. In clear or definite terms.

Ans. Enunciate

113. Rule of thumb

Ans. Broadly accurate guide based on practice

114. To sweep over something so as to surround it completely.

Ans. Engulf

115. Turn a blind eye

Ans. Pretend not to notice

116. Turn a blind eye

Ans. Pretend not to notice

117. To take someone somewhere suddenly and quickly

Ans. Whisk

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118. Up a blind alley
Ans. Following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome
119. Familiarity breeds contempt
Ans. Close association with someone leads to a loss of respect for them
120. Don't put all your eggs in one basket
Ans. Don't risk everything on the success of one venture
121. To leave a place suddenly or secretly
Ans. Decamp
122. Through thick and thin
Ans. To be together under all circumstances, no matter how difficult
123. Thumb one's nose
Ans. To express scorn
124. The customary code of polite behaviour in society or among members of a particular profession or group
Ans. Etiquette
125. The way in which a substance holds together; thickness or viscosity
Ans. Consistency
126. Based on random choice or personal whim
Ans. Arbitrary
127. Wild goose chases
Ans. A hopeless search for something unattainable
128. You bet
Ans. Certainly
129. To slap with one's hand or a flat object
Ans. To spank
130. To shoot the breeze
Ans. To have a casual conversation
131. Deserving reward or praise
Ans. Meritorious
132. To put the cat among the pigeons
Ans. To do something that is likely to cause controversy
133. Involving or showing violence and bloodshed
Ans. Gory
134. The recently dead person in question
Ans. Deceased
135. The best of both worlds
Ans. The benefits of widely differing situations, enjoyed at the same time
136. To take the cake
Ans. To be especially good; outstanding
137. To cut off a branch, limb, or twig from the main body of a tree
Ans. Lop
138. Ignorance is bliss
Ans. Sometimes it is better for you if you do not know all the facts
139. Have a blast
Ans. To have a lot of fun
140. To allay the sorrow or grief
Ans. To console
141. To teach a person to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
Ans. To indoctrinate
142. Crocodile tears

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Ans. Expressions of sorrow that are insincere

143. To portray in words; Describe
Ans. To depict

144. Chink in one's armor
Ans. An area of vulnerability

145. To impose something unwelcome on
Ans. To inflict

146. Wide in range or effect
Ans. Sweeping

147. To treat with cruelty or violence
Ans. Abuse

148. Too many cooks spoil the broth
Ans. If too many people are involved in a task or activity, it will not be done well

149. Easy come, easy go
Ans. Something acquired without effort may be lost without regret

150. To spill the beans
Ans. To reveal secret information unintentionally

151. To spin one's wheels
Ans. To waste one's time

152. To kill someone by covering their nose and mouth so that they suffocate
Ans. To smother

153. To break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay
Ans. To disintegrate

154. To cause a process or action to begin
Ans. To initiate

155. To jump ship

Ans. To leave an organisation

156. To kick the bucket
Ans. To die

157. A rich source of something
Ans. Lode

158. X marks the spot
Ans. The exact location

159. To use for the first time
Ans. Christen

160. To expel large quantities of (something) rapidly and forcibly
Ans. To spew

161. You can say that again
Ans. To express agreement

162. The elephant in the room
Ans. An obvious problem that no one wants to discuss

163. To imply or suggest an idea in addition to the literal meaning
Ans. To connote

164. To make from scratch
Ans. To do something from the beginning

165. To resolve a sentence into its component parts and describe their syntactic roles
Ans. To parse

166. Having a sensation of whirling and a tendency to fall or stagger
Ans. Giddy

167. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Ans. If one has to give up fighting with some group because one can't win, band together with them

168. All good things must come to an end

Ans. Even enjoyable experiences cannot last forever

169. A person who is not accepted by a social group, especially because he or she is not liked, respected, or trusted

Ans. Pariah

170. Barking up the wrong tree

Ans. To be pursuing a misguided line of course of action

171. Back to the drawing board

Ans. An idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised

172. To pilfer or steal (something, especially an item of small value) in a casual way.

Ans. To filch

173. An achievement or something desired fail to be attained by someone

Ans. To elude

174. A person involved in a lawsuit.

Ans. Litigant

175. Once in a blue moon

Ans. To happen very rarely

176. A fool and his money are easily parted

Ans. A foolish person spends money carelessly and will soon be penniless

177. All bark and no bite

Ans. To be full of big talk but lacking action

178. Backseat driver

Ans. A person who keeps giving advice to others for things that they are not responsible

179. Back to square one

Ans. To be back to where one started, with no progress having been made

180. Very poor or bad.

Ans. Lousy

181. An arm and a leg

Ans. A large, possibly exorbitant, amount of money

182. An axe to grind

Ans. To have a problem with something or someone

183. At the drop of a hat

Ans. Without hesitation or good reason

184. Apple of my eye

Ans. Someone that one cherishes above all others

185. Disgusting and an unpleasant smell.

Ans. Rancid

186. No man is an island

Ans. No one is selfsufficient; everyone relies on others

187. A person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.

Ans. Stoic

188. The squeaky wheel gets the grease

Ans. The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention

189. To beat a dead horse

Ans. To revive interest in a hopeless issue

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190. Beating around the bush

Ans. To avoid getting to the point of an issue

191. To bite off more than you can chew

Ans. To take on a commitment one cannot fulfil

192. To bite your tongue

Ans. To make a desperate effort to avoid saying something

193. A heavy blow, or the sound of such a blow

Ans. Whop

194. Whole nine yards

Ans. Everything possible

195. Under the weather

Ans. Slightly unwell

196. Birds of a feather flock together

Ans. People with the same tastes and interests will be found together

197. Beggars can't be choosers

Ans. People with no other options must be content with what is offered

198. To chew someone out

Ans. Reprimand someone severely

199. To chip on his shoulder

Ans. Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight

Set-D

1. A hard nut to crack

Ans. A difficult problem

2. To take French leave

Ans. Leave without any intimation

3. A snake in the grass

Ans. A secret enemy

4. On shank's mare

Ans. On foot

5. Blow one's own trumpet

Ans. Praise oneself

6. Spill the beans

Ans. Give away a secret

7. Back to square one

Ans. Come to the original point

8. Dead heat

Ans. Close contest that ends in a tie

9. The bee's knees

Ans. Extraordinary

11. Bring to light

Ans. Reveal clearly

12. Hold water

Ans. To be valid

13. A close-fisted person

Ans. A miserly person

14. A bed of roses

Ans. An easy and happy situation

15. To take the bull by the horns

Ans. To handle difficulties

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| 16. To flog a dead horse
Ans. To waste the efforts | Ans. To speak plainly about the real issue |
| 17. To add fuel to the fire.
Ans. To make a bad situation worse | 28. Give a piece of one's mind
Ans. To rebuke someone strongly |
| 18. Hobson's choice
Ans. An apparently free choice where there is no real alternative | 29. Cut and dried
Ans. Already decided |
| 19. By and by
Ans. Gradually | 30. The people were scared because the burglar was at large.
Ans. Not caught |
| 20. Chicken-hearted
Ans. Cowardly | 31. Kill two birds with one stone
Ans. To achieve two results with a single effort |
| 21. Pull a fast one
Ans. Trick someone | 32. Make off with
Ans. To run away |
| 22. See eye to eye
Ans. Agree with someone | 33. The acid test
Ans. A fact, event or situation that proves something |
| 23. Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm
Ans. Dejected | 34. Blind alley
Ans. A situation in which no further progress can be made |
| 24. To paddle one's own canoe
Ans. Depend on oneself | 35. To take a back seat
Ans. To become less important or to give up control over things |
| 25. Look down upon
Ans. To consider someone inferior | 36. To bark up the wrong tree
Ans. To do something that will not get the result you want. |
| 26. Keep abreast of
Ans. Keep oneself updated | |
| 27. Come to the point | |

Set-E

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| 1. Actions speak louder than words
Ans. What you do is more important than what you say | Ans. To play a joke on someone |
| 2. Pull someone's leg joke with someone | 3. Give someone the cold shoulder
Ans. Ignore someone |

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4. Coming from an affluent family, she found herself a square peg in a round hole when she married a poor farmer and moved to a small village.

Ans. A misfit in the environment

5. When his envious competitor extended a hand of friendship, he smelt a rat.

Ans. Detected something wrong

6. The ambitious project to impart free books to all students ended in smoke.

Ans. Yielded no result

7. Raju was playing with fire when he made speeches against the management

. Ans. Taking a grave risk

8. The authorities have turned a deaf ear to all our requests.

Ans. Neglected

9. It is unfortunate that most people in the country are still living from hand to mouth.

Ans. Consuming daily what little is earned

10. The loyal watchman was cut to the quick when he was accused of theft

Ans. Hurt intensely

11. He kicked up a row when he was denied entry to the amusement park.

Ans. Created a fuss

12. Lend an ear

Ans. To pay attention to

13. On tenterhooks

Ans. Anxious

14. In the pink

Ans. In good health

15. Lock, stock and barrel

Ans. Completely

16. Butterflies in the stomach

Ans. Being nervous

17. Out of the woods

Ans. No longer in trouble

18. Pull yourself together

Ans. Calm down

19. The heavy losses in business came like a bolt from the blue.

Ans. An unexpected disaster

20. Couch potato

Ans. A person who watches too much television

21. Lead someone by the nose

Ans. To dominate someone

22. Extreme poverty made the poor woman wonder how long she could keep the wolf from the door.

Ans. Avoid starvation

Set-F

1. To keep the wolf from the door

Ans. Avoid starvation

2. Teething problems

Ans. Problems at the start of a new project

3. Mealy-mouthed

Ans. Soft-spoken

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4. By fits and starts

Ans. Irregularly

5. Rat race

Ans. A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power

6. Spin one's wheels

Ans. Expel much effort for little or no gain

7. Put one's foot down

Ans. Adopt a firm policy when faced with opposition or disobedience

8. Whistle in the dark

Ans. Pretend to be unafraid

9. The alpha and the omega

Ans. The beginning and the end

10. Throw up the sponge

Ans. To surrender

11. To put a spoke in one's wheel

Ans. To put a difficulty in the way of progress

12. At loggerheads

Ans. In conflict with someone

13. A wild goose chases

Ans. Useless search

14. A moot point

Ans. Disputed

15. Spick and Span

Ans. Neat and clean

16. To draw the longbow

Ans. To exaggerate

17. All agog

Ans. Amazed

18. Not to mince matters

Ans. To speak out politely

19. Kick the bucket

Ans. To die

20. An axe to grind

Ans. To have a selfish motive

21. Will-o-the-wisp

Ans. Something that is impossible to get or achieve.

22. To go through fire and water

Ans. To experience many dangers in order to achieve something

23. Chicken-hearted

Ans. Coward

24. Red letter day

Ans. Significant day

25. Ended in a fiasco

Ans. A complete failure

26. Sow wild oats

Ans. To waste time by doing foolish things

27. Live from hand to mouth

Ans. To have enough money to live on and nothing extra

28. Pillar to post

Ans. One place to another

29. Hobson's choice

Ans. No real choice at all

30. Adam's ale

Ans. Water

31. At one's wits end

Ans. To get puzzled

32. To steal a march

Ans. To outshine

33. In a jiffy

Ans. Something that is done very quickly

34. Herculean task

Ans. Very difficult task

35. On tenterhooks

Ans. In anxious suspense

36. The thin end of the wedge

Ans. Start of harmful development

37. To accept the gauntlet

Ans. To accept challenge

38. To wrangle over an ass's shadow

Ans. To quarrel over trifles

39. Make one's flesh creep

Ans. To frighten someone

40. Damp squib

Ans. Complete failure

41. Rise like a phoenix

Ans. To become successful again

42. Bear the palm

Ans. To win

43. To give the devil his due

Ans. To give credit to even a notorious person

44. To have a finger in every pie

Ans. To be involved in a large and varied number of activities or enterprises

45. To make up one's mind

Ans. To make a decision; decide

46. To Have bitten off more than you can chew

Ans. To have tried to do something which is too difficult

47. Out of print

Ans. A book no longer available from the publisher

48. To hit the nail on the head

Ans. To find exactly the right answer

49. On thin ice

Ans. In a precarious or risky situation

50. To heave a sigh of relief

Ans. To suddenly feel very happy because something unpleasant has not happened or has ended

51. To be on cloud nine

Ans. To extremely happy

52. To have something on the brain

Ans. To be obsessed with something

53. Not one's cup of tea

Ans. Not one's choice or preference

54. In bad taste

Ans. Not suitable or offensive

55. Once and for all

Ans. Now and for the last time; finally

56. To have at one's fingertips

Ans. Recall of factual information at one's command

57. Do not have a clue

Ans. To not know about somethin

58. In black and white

Ans. A very clear choice that causes no confusion

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59. Out of date

Ans. Old-fashioned

60. It goes without saying

Ans. Something which is implied to be obvious

61. To let someone off

Ans. To leave someone in his present state

62. Give somebody a ring

Ans. Call someone on the telephone

63. Leave no stone unturned

Ans. Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

64. Get the message

Ans. Understand what is implied by a remark or action

65. Keep at bay

Ans. To control something and prevent it from causing you problems

66. To go off the air

Ans. To stop broadcasting a radio or TV program

67. To make a fuss about

Ans. An excessive display of attention or activity

68. To go to somebody's head

Ans. To make someone dizzy or slightly drunk

69. To make amends

Ans. To compensate

70. Get on the nerves

Ans. To be an irritant

71. Keep under one's hat

Ans. To keep something a secret

72. Go for a song

Ans. Sold cheaply

73. Make an ass out of

Ans. Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid

74. Achilles' heel

Ans. A fatal weakness in spite of overall strength

75. Beat around the bush

Ans. To treat a topic, but omit its main points, often intentionally.

76. Gnash your teeth

Ans. Express rage

77. Let something slip through one's fingers

Ans. To waste an opportunity to achieve something

78. Get up on the wrong side of the bed

Ans. Start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long

79. Learn by heart

Ans. To memorise something

80. At the drop of a hat

Ans. Without any hesitation; instantly.

81. Beat a dead horse

Ans. To uselessly dwell on a subject far beyond its point of resolution.

82. Ball is in your court

Ans. It is up to you to make the next decision or step.

83. Best of both worlds

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Ans. A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.

Set-G

1. To give oneself airs
Ans. Behaving arrogantly

2. At a stone's throw
Ans. At a short distance

3. Bone of contention
Ans. Cause for quarrel

4. To give oneself airs
Ans. Behaving arrogantly

5. Behaving arrogantly
Ans. At a short distance

6. Bone of contention
Ans. Cause for quarrel

7. To eat humble pie
Ans. To yield under humiliating circumstances

8. To end in smoke
Ans. To fail

9. To spill the beans
Ans. To reveal a secret

10. Bark is worse than his bite
Ans. Threat is worse than the action taken

11. Throw caution to the winds
Ans. To behave recklessly

12. Ill at ease
Ans. Uneasy

13. Bad blood

Ans. Enmity

14. To beat about the bush
Ans. To talk about irrelevant things

15. Maiden speech
Ans. First speech

16. A cuckoo in the nest
Ans. An unwelcome intruder

17. A house of cards
Ans. An insecure scheme

18. To smell a rat
Ans. To suspect foul dealings

19. Old head on young shoulders
Ans. To be wise beyond his years

20. A wild goose chases
Ans. A pointless search

21. Hard of hearing
Ans. To be deaf

22. A dark horse
Ans. An unknown entry

23. Butt in
Ans. Interrupt

24. Couch potato
Ans. A person who prefers to watch television.

25. Carry the ball

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Ans. Be in charge	Ans. Briefly and concisely
26. Turned down Ans. Reject	41. Strain every nerve Ans. Work very hard
27. Cheek by jowl Ans. Very close together	42. Evening of life Ans. Old age
28. Beyond the pale Ans. Unreasonable or unacceptable	43. Button her lip Ans. Stop talking
29. Blow one's own trumpet Ans. Praise oneself	44. Invent cock and bull stories Ans. Absurd and unlikely stories
30. Straw in the wind Ans. An indication of what might happen	45. Wet behind the ears Ans. Young and without much experience
31. Face the music Ans. Be punished	46. Under a cloud Ans. Under suspicion
32. Curry favours Ans. Seek favourable attention	47. Get the sack Ans. Be dismissed
33. Weal and woe Ans. Good times and bad times	48. Feather in one's cap Ans. A new and additional distinction
34. Call in question Ans. Challenge	49. Donkey's years Ans. A long time
35. Make both ends meet Ans. Live within means	50. Leave no stone unturned Ans. Try every possible way
36. To keep in abeyance Ans. In a state of suspension	51. To nip in the bud Ans. To stop something at the start
37. To be in a fix Ans. In a difficult situation	52. To put a spoke in one's wheel Ans. To hinder
38. To break the ice Ans. Made people relaxed and comfortable	53. To clip one's wings Ans. To deprive one of power
39. As daft as a brush Ans. Extremely silly	54. Held up Ans. Delayed
40. In a nutshell	55. To play fast and loose

Ans. To act in an unreliable way

56. Feather one's own nest

Ans. Make money in an improper way

57. Pull a fast one

Ans. Play a trick

58. Grease the palm

Ans. Bribe

59. Turn turtle

Ans. Over-turn

60. Caught red-handed

Ans. Discovered in the act of doing

61. Gate crasher

Ans. Uninvited guest

62. To angle

Ans. To fish

63. Beat around the bush

Ans. Avoiding the main topic

64. Make room

Ans. Make space

65. Mend your ways

Ans. Improve one's behavior

66. Beggar description

Ans. Cannot be described

67. Drag one's feet

Ans. Be reluctant to act

68. Hope against hope

Ans. Nurture an impossible hope

69. Made light of

Ans. Treated it lightly

70. Every inch a gentleman

Ans. Entirely

71. Gall and wormwood

Ans. Hateful

72. All moonshine

Ans. Far from reality

73. At a snail's pace

Ans. Slowly

74. Call on

Ans. Pay a visit

75. Be down with

Ans. Suffering from

76. Fair - weather friend

Ans. Supports only when easy and convenient

77. Pull together

Ans. Work harmoniously

78. To bury the hatchet

Ans. To make peace

79. Selling like hot cakes

Ans. To have a very good sale

80. Scot free

Ans. Unpunished

81. Cut a sorry figure

Ans. Made a poor impression

82. To take to task

Ans. Reprimanded him

83. Bring to light

Ans. Revealed

84. Burn your boats

Ans. Do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation

85. Dressing-down

Ans. Give a scolding

86. Null and void

Ans. Invalid

87. Catch a tartar

Ans. To deal with a person who is more than one's match

88. Cap in hand

Ans. In a respectful manner

89. In the blues

Ans. Cheerless and depressed

90. Put up the shutters

Ans. Went out of business

91. A drop in a bucket

Ans. A very insignificant amount

92. Draw a blank

Ans. Find no favor

93. Cat-nap

Ans. Short sleep

94. To pull a long face

Ans. Looked sad

95. Fit her like a glove.

Ans. Perfectly

96. For all intents and purposes

Ans. Practically

97. Go out of one's way

Ans. Did everything possible

98. In the running

Ans. Has good prospects in the competition

99. Pros and Cons

Ans. Advantages and disadvantages

100. Once in a blue moon

Ans. Very rarely

101. Fish out of water

Ans. An uncomfortable position

102. For keeps

Ans. Forever

103. Pale into insignificance

Ans. Seemed less important

104. With one voice

Ans. Unanimously

105. From stem to stern

Ans. All the way from the front of a ship to the back

106. Over egg the pudding

Ans. Add unnecessary details to make something seem better or worse.

107. Turn over a new leaf

Ans. Change one's behaviour for the better.

108. Take up the hatchet

Ans. Prepare for or go to war

109. At loose ends

Ans. In an uncertain situation

110. Ruffle somebody's feather

Ans. Annoy somebody

111. Cut short

Ans. Interrupt

112. Bad blood

Ans. Ill feeling

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113. Make one's mark
Ans. Distinguish oneself

114. Throw in the towel
Ans. Acknowledge defeat

115. Mare's nest
Ans. Worthless thing

116. Will-o-the-wisp
Ans. Unreal imagining

117. Cloak- and - dagger
Ans. An activity that involves mystery and secrecy

118. Take the bull by the horns
Ans. Grapple the situation courageously

119. Palm off
Ans. To dispose of with the intent to deceive

120. Blue-blooded
Ans. Of noble birth

121. A gentleman at large
Ans. A man without a job

122. Do a roaring trade
Ans. Highly successful

123. A storm in a teacup
Ans. Big fuss over a small matter

124. Lose face
Ans. Become embarrassed

125. Build castles in the air
Ans. Dream

126. Keep body and soul together
Ans. To have just enough to sustain

127. Go to rack and ruin
Ans. Get into a bad condition

128. Fall back on
Ans. Resort to something

129. Bite the dust
Ans. Suffer a defeat

130. Have a chip on one's shoulder
Ans. Nurse a grudge

131. The seamy side
Ans. Unpleasant aspect

132. Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians.
Ans. An inefficient situation

Set-H

1. Rohit was _____ when he took important decisions without consulting the family.
Ans. Told to fight his own battles himself

2. The residents of my colony _____ in trying to find out about the increasing number of car thefts.
Ans. Pulled all the stops

3. Many old projects are _____ with a change in company policies.
Ans. Getting a new lease of life

4. When you _____ it is best to be patient and have faith in your inner strength.
Ans. Find yourself in troubled waters

5. Factory owners are protesting because they think that the government has _____ of plastic manufacturing companies by closing their factories in big cities.

Ans. Upset the applecart

6. The official found himself _____ when he could not explain his actions and all the members started attacking him with accusations of cheating.

Ans. In the eye of a storm

7. Radha is unable to continue working in this office. Hard work is _____ on her health.

Ans. Taking a toll on

8. He tries to perform well but good projects done by him are _____. He needs to put in extra effort.

Ans. Few and far between

9. The government has decided to _____ GST on some items in order to help small traders.

Ans. Roll back

10. In trying to solve the crime, the detective found himself _____. Yet the mystery kept deepening.

Ans. Beating his brains out

11. Pallavi worked really hard for the examination and _____ to gain success.

Ans. Left no stone unturned

12. Making the final paper was a really difficult task but by the end of the week, I was able to _____.

Ans. Wrap my head around it

13. They talked over the matter of his leaving the job and going for further studies

Ans. Discussed

14. When Anshul told everyone that he had resigned his job, all the members in the family were at their wits' end.

Ans. Quite perplexed

15. Sell like hot cakes

Ans. To sell quickly

16. Listen, you need to prioritise. You can't have your _____!

Ans. Finger in every pie

17. Full of beans

Ans. Lively and energetic

18. That student of yours has such sound values. She's indeed a _____

Ans. Rare bird

19. The trouble makers took to their heels when they saw the police coming.

Ans. Ran away

20. For a long time he kept his wife in the dark about the true nature of his job

Ans. In ignorance

21. This is strictly _____ but some changes are going to happen in the company in the near future.

Ans. Off the record

22. I could make out that the conversation was leading to a fight so I _____

Ans. Nipped it in the bud

23. In my parents' time, we mostly ate at home and family outings happened _____.

Ans. Once in a blue moon

24. During the staff meeting there was a lot of ruckus since many didn't _____ with the authorities.

Ans. See eye to eye

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25. In the same boat

Ans. In the same situation

26. Suman really has _____. She moved to a new house just a month back but already has a lovely garden.

Ans. Green fingers

27. Pie in the sky

Ans. Something not possible

28. Initially I thought I could participate in the international Scholars Contest but when I saw the preparatory material I _____.

Ans. Got cold feet

29. Now that Mr. Krishna Murthy has retired from the company, his daughter is _____.

Ans. In the driver's seat

30. Colleges cannot _____ to ragging because of the Anti-Ragging Act.

Ans. Turn a blind eye

31. Make one's mark

Ans. Distinguish oneself

32. Throw in the towel

Ans. Acknowledge defeat

33. Hornet's nest

Ans. A troublesome situation

34. In the teeth of

Ans. In spite of something

35. Mare's nest

Ans. Worthless thing

36. In the ascendant

Ans. Rising in power or influence

37. Jog someone's memory

Ans. To cause someone to remember something

38. In a flutter

Ans. In a nervous state

39. Bring home the bacon

Ans. Supply material support

40. Have the ball at your feet

Ans. To be in the best position to do something

41. A storm in a teacup

Ans. Big fuss over a small matter

42. All Greek to me

Ans. Incomprehensible

43. Be in the red

Ans. To be in debt

44. Mealy mouthed

Ans. Unwilling to state something

45. Blue-blooded

Ans. Of noble birth

46. Foot the bill

Ans. To pay for something

47. Banana Oil

Ans. Nonsensical talk

48. As fit as a fiddle

Ans. Strong and healthy

49. Cloak- and - dagger

Ans. An activity that involves mystery and secrecy

50. Argus eyed

Ans. Observant

51. Will-o-the-wisp

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Ans. Unreal imagining

52. To bid defiance

Ans. To disregard recklessly

53. With bated breath

Ans. In anxiety

54. Palm off

Ans. To dispose off with the intent to deceive

55. To clip one's wings

Ans. To restrict someone's freedom

56. Cloven hoof

Ans. The evil intention

57. Draconian law

Ans. Extremely severe law

58. To fall flat

Ans. To have no effect

59. To gird up the loins

Ans. To prepare for hard work

60. High and mighty

Ans. Arrogant

61. Whoop it up

Ans. Enjoying in a noisy way, usually in a group

62. Do a roaring trade

Ans. Highly successful

63. Catch 22

Ans. A Particular situation in which one cannot do anything

64. No love lost

Ans. Intense dislike

65. Carry the can

Ans. To take the responsibility of some misdemeanour

66. Keep body and soul together

Ans. To have just enough to sustain

67. Out of sorts

Ans. To be unwell

68. Get cracking

Ans. To start doing something

69. A hair's breadth

Ans. Telling about the smallest possible amount or degree of something

70. Paper over the cracks

Ans. To hide problems

71. Pay lip service

Ans. Pretend to regard

72. Be a dab hand at something

Ans. Skilled in a particular area

73. Rip up old sores

Ans. To revive forgotten quarrel

74. Rule to roost

Ans. To dominate

75. Come hell or high water

Ans. No matter what

76. Alarums and Excursions

Ans. Confused activity and uproar

77. With a vengeance

Ans. Used to emphasise the degree to which something occurs

78. Up against the wall

Ans. In an inextricable situation

79. Of the first water

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Ans. Of the best quality

80. Weather the storm

Ans. Survive a period of difficulty

81. Spin your wheels

Ans. Waste your time or efforts

82. Wear the green willow

Ans. Suffer unrequited love

83. Wild and woolly

Ans. Uncouth in appearance or behaviour

84. Give it a whirl

Ans. To try out something

85. Reap the whirlwind

Ans. Suffer negative consequences as a result of one's actions

86. Up in the air (about someone or something)

Ans. Still to be settled

87. Give oneself airs

Ans. Pretend to be good

88. Alphabet Soup

Ans. Incomprehensible or confusing mix

89. Be all one to

Ans. Make no difference

90. An article of faith

Ans. A firmly held belief

Set-I

1. The ball is in (one's) court

Ans. To be responsible for further action

2. Bend over backwards

Ans. To exert a lot of effort towards some end

3. To end in smoke

Ans. To come to nothing

4. Over my dead body

Ans. Opposing something fiercely

5. Fit as a fiddle

Ans. In a perfectly healthy condition

6. Nail-biting

Ans. Suspenseful

7. Birds of the same feather

Ans. People with similar character

8. Cat's whiskers

Ans. To be highly impressive

9. Above one's head

Ans. Beyond one's understanding

10. Come to light

Ans. To be known publicly

11. To feel at home

Ans. To feel comfortable

12. Go getter

Ans. A real achiever

13. Out of date

Ans. Something old fashioned

14. As a matter of fact

Ans. Actually as it happens

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15. Pull up your socks
Ans. To put in extra effort
16. Eye washes
Ans. A deception
17. Sail in the same boat
Ans. Be in the same situation as others
18. To pick up the threads
Ans. To restart from the previous closing point
19. Cut one short
Ans. To interrupt someone
20. To take one's hat off
Ans. To admire someone
21. Let bygones be bygones
Ans. To forgive and forget
22. To lead by the nose
Ans. To completely control someone
23. To pull someone's legs
Ans. To play a joke on someone
24. As clear as a bell
Ans. Readily understood
25. On the tip of my tongue
Ans. Readily available in my memory
26. Cup of tea
Ans. Something that pleases one
27. To run amok
Ans. To run about in a frenzy
28. To have a jaundiced eye
Ans. To be prejudiced
29. Apples and oranges.
Ans. Different things
30. At the drop of a hat.
Ans. Immediately
31. A wild-goose chase
Ans. Useless search
32. Be at your wits' end
Ans. Be overwhelmed with problems
33. All and sundry
Ans. All included
34. Chip off the old block
Ans. Resembling parents
35. To pour oil in troubled water To light a fire
36. Fair's fair
Ans. Just treatment
37. Cry over spilt milk
Ans. Regret about something that happened and cannot be changed
38. Far cry from 2. To be very different from
39. It's raining cats and dogs
Ans. To rain very heavily
40. Forty winks A short nap during the day
41. To be tight-lipped
Ans. To keep quiet
42. Hang one's head
Ans. To be ashamed
43. A needle in a haystack
Ans. Something that is very difficult to locate
44. Butterflies in one's stomach
Ans. A feeling of nervousness
45. Be on cloud nine

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Ans. To be in a state of extreme happiness

46. Give someone the cold shoulder

Ans. To ignore someone

47. Work like a charm

Ans. To work very well

48. Child's play

Ans. Something easy

49. Put the cart before the horse

Ans. To do last things first

50. In the nick of time

Ans. At the last possible moment

51. Know something inside out

Ans. To know everything about something

52. Throw in the towel

Ans. To admit defeat or failure

53. Get a foot in the door

Ans. To have a chance to do something

54. By and large Ans. In general

55. When pigs fly

Ans. A time that will never come

56. No strings attached

Ans. Without conditions or restrictions

57. Gets the ball rolling

Ans. To start doing something

58. A change of heart

Ans. A change in one's opinion

59. To spill the beans

Ans. To give away a secret

60. To lose one's head

Ans. To lose self-control

61. Hang up your boots

Ans. To take retirement

62. A bull in a China shop

Ans. An extremely awkward, clumsy person

63. Cut the mustard

Ans. To succeed

64. Last straw

Ans. Final problem in the series

65. Off the cuff

Ans. Without preparation

66. Jump on the bandwagon

Ans. To join a popular trend

67. Strike while the iron is hot

Ans. To act at the right time

68. Best thing since sliced bread

Ans.

69. Feel a bit under the weather

Ans. To feel sick or unhealthy

70. Miss the boat

Ans. To miss an opportunity

71. To take the bull by its horns

Ans. To deal with a difficult situation

Directly

72. A penny for your thoughts

Ans. Way of asking what someone is thinking

73. Once bitten, twice shy

Ans. An unpleasant experience induces caution

74. Come rain or shine

Ans. Under any circumstances

75. Shot in the dark

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Ans. To guess something

76. Get someone's goat

Ans. To irritate someone

77. Be glad to see the back of

Ans. To be happy when a person leaves

78. To close to call

Ans. A very narrow margin

Set-J

1. Off and on I take a break from my hectic schedule to refresh myself.

Ans. Periodically

2. Our PM is received with open arms wherever he goes.

Ans. Warmly

3. Trying to find my lost ring in college is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Ans. Doing something impossible

4. Mrs. Arora has got the green light from the principal to organise a science conference in the college.

Ans. Got permission to go ahead with something

5. In spite of her severe accident she took heart and moved forward.

Ans. Gathered courage

6. Work against the clock

Ans. Work in great hurry

7. Run around in circles

Ans. To keep doing something without achieving much

8. Handle with kid gloves

Ans. To treat someone with extreme care

9. Left out in cold

Ans. To be ignored

10. Up in arms

Ans. To be angry

11. Till the cows come home

Ans. For a long, long time

12. Touch and go

Ans. Uncertain

13. At the drop of a hat

Ans. Instantly

14. Make a beeline for

Ans. Go straight to

15. Bed of roses Ans. An enjoyable state

16. As the flood waters hit the coastal village, several families had a close shave.

Ans. A narrow escape

17. Unless you are above board in your dealings, you will not be able to win the trust of your clients.

Ans. Honest and frank

18. The abrogation of article 370 was achieved in the teeth of tough resistance.

Ans. In direct opposition to

19. The thieves made off with all the cash and jewellery in the house.

Ans. Ran away with

20. He is completely at sea about where to invest his hard-earned money.

Ans. Confused

21. Simran was under tremendous stress because she had too many irons in the fire.

Ans. She was involved in many activities

22. All those who carried the day in reality shows failed to make a mark later.

Ans. Won a victory

23. My brother has decided to settle in Mumbai for good.

Ans. Forever

24. In spite of the high sounding words, his speech fell flat on the audience.

Ans. Failed to make an impact

25. The aged man preferred to die in harness than lead a rusted life.

Ans. To continue occupation till death

26. "The situation is getting out of hand" the manager said to us.

Ans. Not in control anymore

27. To be thrown in at the deep end

Ans. Learn to do the difficult things too soon

28. The festival expenses are bound to _____ in my pocket.

Ans. Make a dent

29. Come rain or shine

Ans. Whatever happens

30. The suspect made a clean breast of it during the enquiry.

Ans. Confessed his crime

31. To read between the lines

Ans. To understand the implied meaning

32. To blaze a trail

Ans. To initiate something new

33. To make castles in the air

Ans. To create impossible dreams or hopes

34. Go down in flames

Ans. Fail completely

35. A dark horse

Ans. An unknown genius

36. Of the first water

Ans. Of the best quality

37. His family has supported him through thick and thin.

Ans. In times of good and bad fortune

38. It was the last straw; she decided to quit the job when she was blamed without reason.

Ans. Final irritant that made the situation unbearable

39. Be left in the lurch

Ans. Be deserted when one is in trouble

40. Go down in flames

Ans. Fail completely

41. Get out of hand

Ans. To become uncontrollable

42. Things or people of the same kind

Ans. Homogeneous

43. To drive someone up the wall

Ans. To irritate someone very much

44. A dog's life

Ans. A miserable existence

45. To give the slip

Ans. To escape

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46. Hit the nail on the head

Ans. To make the precisely correct point

47. The whole nine yards

Ans. The entirety of something

48. Can't cut the mustard

Ans. To be unable to do a job

49. In a nutshell

Ans. In short

50. A lot on your plate

Ans. Having many responsibilities

51. A hot potato

Ans. A controversial issue

52. To the Devil's advocate

Ans. To present a counter argument just for the sake of it

53. A fish out of water

Ans. In unfamiliar circumstances

54. Put one's cards on the table

Ans. To be honest

55. It's Greek to me

Ans. Incomprehensible

56. Bite the bullet

Ans. To force yourself to do something unpleasant

57. Get a taste of your own medicine

Ans. Be given the same treatment that you have given to others

58. Always a bridesmaid never a bride

Ans. Someone who always comes second

59. A sea change

Ans. A radical change

60. A safe pair of hands

Ans. A reliable person

61. Miss the boat

Ans. Lose an opportunity

62. A stone's throw

Ans. A short distance

63. Flash in the pan

Ans. An early promise that fails to materialise

64. A wolf in sheep's clothing

Ans. A dangerous person pretending to be harmless

65. Hit the nail on the head

Ans. Say or do something exactly right

66. Carry a chip on one's shoulder

Ans. Entertaining a grudge over a past event

67. Back seat driving

Ans. Interfering in affairs without having knowledge

68. To give someone the cold shoulder

Ans. Ignore or show indifference

69. Go against the grain

Ans. Something in conflict with one's value system

70. Caught red-handed

Ans. To catch someone doing something illegal

71. Take heart

Ans. To take courage

72. He has set up his business now as he knows the ins and outs of it

Ans. Details

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73. Don't take it seriously. He was simply pulling your leg

Ans. Playing a joke with someone

74. To be taken aback

Ans. To be surprised

75. Get a gold star

Ans. To earn a merit point for doing well

76. To beat a dead horse

Ans. A futile effort

77. I am fed up with his false promises

Ans. Disgusted

78. Many people in our country like to feather their own nest from the money they rise for social work

Ans. Enrich oneself by dishonest means

79. After getting the news of his promotion, he was in high spirits

Ans. Joyful

80. Donkey's years

Ans. A very long time

81. The icing on the cake

Ans. Something that makes a good situation even better

82. In vogue

Ans. Popular

83. In a fix

Ans. In puzzling state

84. To hammer out

Ans. To plan

85. A mare's nest

Ans. A rumour

86. Stand for

Ans. Represent

87. A rift in the lute

Ans. Brought about disharmony

88. Cushy job

Ans. Financially comfortable job

89. Sum and substance

Ans. Summary

90. Weigh anchor

Ans. Prepare to sail again

91. Seize the nettle

Ans. Dealt firmly

92. By fair means or foul

Ans. By any means

93. Sword of Damocles

Ans. Imminent danger

94. Out of elbows

Ans. Poor

95. Pandora's box

Ans. A prolific source of trouble

96. A nig-nog

Ans. A fool

97. Swelled head

Ans. Pride

98. To sow the dragon's teeth

Ans. To take some action

99. Get around

Ans. Avoid

100. To cudgel one's brains

Ans. To think hard

101. Broke Priscian's head

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Ans. To use bad grammar

102. In deep water

Ans. In great difficulty

103. In the egg

Ans. In an early stage

104. Cut in on

Ans. Interrupt

105. Draw a blank

Ans. To be unsuccessful

106. Give up ghost

Ans. To die

107. Faint hearted

Ans. Timid

108. To lead astray

Ans. To misguide

Set-K

1. To make a pile

Ans. To make a lot of money

2. Back out of

Ans. Withdraw

3. Throw over

Ans. Reject

4. Give oneself airs

Ans. To act better than one really is

5. In the same boat

Ans. Having the same problem as of others

6. Stand one's ground

Ans. To maintain one's position

7. Play havoc

Ans. To worsen the situation

8. Catch on

Ans. To become popular

9. Tall order

Ans. Difficult demand

10. Make ducks and drakes of

Ans. To waste

11. Make up one's mind

Ans. To decide something

12. Watch one's step

Ans. Warning to someone to walk or act carefully

13. Donkey's years

Ans. A long time

14. Break down

Ans. To fail

15. Be an open book

Ans. To be easy to understand

16. Long and short of it

Ans. The summary of the matter

17. Explore every avenue

Ans. To look for every possible means

18. Bank on something

Ans. To rely on something

19. Cut the Gordian knot

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Ans. Removed the difficulty

Ans. To refuse to do something due to fear

20. Gift of the gab

Ans. Ability to talk, convincingly and readily

22. To grease the palm

Ans. To bribe someone

21. Chicken out

23. Lend one's ear

Ans. To listen attentively

