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IDIOMS/PHRASES

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Idioms/phrases are expressions that demonstrate human behaviors, reactions on certain things, social traits, habits, and traditions. The candidates who are aspiring for any of the competitive exam i.e. SSC or IBPS Exams must have an ample knowledge idioms and Phrases to obtain high scores in English Section of any exam. Well, learning idioms and Phrases for Competitive Exams is not a tough task. Any student who has enough know English can understand their meanings easily. Below we have listed a complete list of Idioms and Phrases to help you out in preparing well for the competitive exams.

S. No.	Idioms / Phrases	English Meaning
1.	A hard nut to crack	A difficult problem
2.	A thorn in the flesh	A constant source of annoyance
3.	At one's beck and call	Under one's control
4.	An acid test	A critical test
5.	All eye for an eye	Tit for tat
6.	At once	At the same time, promptly, instant
7.	At home	Comfortable
8.	All in all	Most important
9.	Achilles' heels	A small but fatal weakness
10.	Add fuel to fire	
11.	An arm chair job	Good income job with high comfort
12.	An axe to grind	Something done for selfish reasons
13.	An iron will	Strong will power
14.	An old flame	A person, one had a romantic relationship with, in the past.
15.	An old head on young shoulders	A child or young person who thinks and talks like an older experienced person An olive branch
16.	An olive branch	Peace request/ peace treaty
17.	Apple of discord	Matter of dispute
18.	Apple of one's eye	Very loveable
19.	Apple pie order	In good condition
20.	Argued eyes	Careful, observant
21.	At lose	unable to decide
22.	At a pinch	In trouble
23.	At arm's length	Avoid becoming too friendly
24.	At daggers drawn	To have bitter enmity
25.	At ease	Free from pain and anxiety
26.	At one's finger ends	To have complete knowledge, to be expert in
27.	At one's wits ends	Puzzled/ confused/ perplexed
28.	At sixes and sevens	In disorder
29.	At stake	At risk or insecure
30.	At the eleventh hour	At last moment
31.	A man of straw	A man with no voice or will of his own/ a man of no substance
32.	A black sheep	An unlucky person, Bad characters
33.	At a snail's pace	Very slowly
34.	At logger	In dispute, to fight

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35.	All at sea	Completely confused
36.	A white elephant	An expensive but useless possession
37.	Axe out	To turn out
38.	Bring to light	Disclose
39.	Bread and butter	Material welfare
40.	By and by	Slowly
41.	By the virtue of	By the power of
42.	Back stair gossip	Talk among servants / unfair talk
43.	Back and forth	Backward and forward
44.	Bad blood	Enmity/ bitter relation, Ill feelings
45.	Bad eggs	Who behaves in a bad or dishonest way
46.	Bag and baggage	With all belongings
47.	Back stair influence	By unfair means
48.	Baker's dozen	Thirteen in number
49.	Bandy words	To argue
50.	Barefaced liars	Shameless liars
51.	Be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth	To be born in a rich family
52.	Be in the driving seat	Bearing all responsibilities
53.	Be in the tune with	In agreement or mood
54.	Bear the brunt	To bear the main part of something unpleasant
55.	Beat about the bush	To talk in a roundabout manner / circumlocution
56..	Beat black and blue	Beat mercilessly
57	Beat the record	To do better than ever before
58.	Beat hollow	To beat thoroughly and convincingly
59.	Bed of roses	Pleasant situation of comfort
60.	Bed of thorns	A situation of extremely difficulty
61.	Beggar description	A person with no source
62.	Bell the cat	Taking first step at personal risk
63.	Bend the truth	Not to speak the entire truth
64.	Between the devil and the deep sea	Between two difficult situation
65.	Between Scylla and charybdis	Between two difficult situation
66.	Big gun	An influential person
67.	Bird of passage	One who comes occasionally
68.	Bird's eye view	Overview
69.	Bird's of feather	People with the time idea, characteristics interests
70.	Bite the dust	To be defeated
71.	Black sheep	A person who is regarded as disgrace of his family/team etc…

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72.	Blind alley	A situation in which no further progress
73.	Blind date	A meeting between a girl and a boy, who have not met before
74.	Blow one's own trumpet	praise oneself
75.	Blue blood	Royal or aristocratic descent
76.	Blue book	Government report
77.	Blue stocking	Educated but pedantic lady
78.	Body and soul	Entirely
79.	Bolt from the blue	Unexpected problem
80.	Bone of contention	Subject of a dispute
81.	Boon/blessing in disguise	Hidden blessing
82.	Bosom friend	Fast friend
83.	Brain fed	Taught
84.	Break the ice	Break the silence /to start a conversation
85.	Breathe one's last	To pass way/ to die
86.	Bring to back	To punish
87.	Broad day light	In day light (when crime cannot be hidden)
88.	Broken reed	A weak, unreliable person
89.	Brown study	A state of deep thought
90.	Bull in the china shop	One who is out of place in a dedicated situation
91.	Burn a hole in the pocket	Money spend quickly
92.	Burn one’s finger	To get oneself into trouble
93.	Burn the candle at both ends	To work very hard and stay very late at night and get up early in the morning
94.	Burn one's boats	Go back on a decision
95.	Burn the midnight oil	Laboring/ studying late night
96.	Burning question	An important topic, hot issue
97.	Bury the hatchet	To end enmity/hostility
98.	By fits and starts	Irregularly/ sporadic
99.	By hook or by crook	By any means, right or wrong
100.	By leaps and bounds	At a rapid pace
101.	By the skins of one's teeth/ by a whisker	Narrowly/ by a hair breadth
102.	By long adds	By a great difference
103.	By the rule of thumb	According to practical experience
104.	Bricks and mortar	Buildings
105.	Blow hot and cold	Support and oppose
106.	Bring home	To convince
107.	Bite one’s lips	Control one's anger
108.	Beat black and blue	To punish severely

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109.	Bee in one's bonnet	To be crazy about something
110.	Be nipped in the bud	To destroy a thing in the very beginning
111.	Buy a lemony	To buy something than is worthless
112.	By and large	On the whole, speaking generally
113.	Blow hot and cold	To be irresolute
114.	Bear the hunt	Suffer the most
115.	By the strong hand	By force
116.	Carry the coal to new castle	Spending time and energy in doing something that is useless and wastage of
117.	Cast pearls before the swine	A right thing in a wrong hand
118.	Castles in the air	Day dream/ a hope or desire unlikely to be realized
119.	Cat and dog life	Troublesome life
120.	Catch the tarter	To grapple with an unexpectedly/ to catch a dangerous person
121.	Cat's paw	A person used by another as a dupe or tool
122.	Chew the cud	To ponder over/ meditate
123.	Chest-thumping	The act or practice of boasting
124.	Chicken hearted	Lacking courage / cowardly
125.	Chip of the old block	Resembling in one's parents in habits
126.	Clean sweep	A complete victory
127.	Clip the wings	To weakent the power
128.	Cloven hoof	Evil desire
129.	Cock and bull story	A concocted story
130.	Come off with flying colours	Be highly successful
131.	Crocodile tears	An false display of grief
132.	Cross swords	To quarrel or fight
133.	Cry for the moon	To desire the unattainable
134.	Cry over spilled milk	Regret in vain for what cannot be undone
135.	Cut a sorry figure	To give a poor show
136.	Cut both ways	Argue in favour of both sides
137.	Cut no ice	To fail to make an impression
138.	Creature comforts	Luxuries
139.	Curry favour	To seek to win favour by gifts or flattery
140.	Cheek by jowl	Very close- intimate
141.	Catch a straw	To accept help and support even from the insignificant
142.	Cry wolf	Go give false alarm
143.	Call a spade a spade	Resist from making controversial statement, be out spoken in language
144.	Cut both end	Behave dishonestly
145.	Cut the Gordian knot	To short out the problem

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146.	Clear the decks	To remove obstructions
147.	Crust fallen	To be dejected
148.	Cock a snook	To show impudent contempt
149.	Cook the books	To record false information in order to steal money or show wrong entry to hide stolen money
150.	Cool head	To have a nature of not easily being excited
151.	Come a cropper	To fail completely
152.	Come back to earth	Return to reality
153.	Come home to	To understand
154.	Call in question	To doubt, find fault with
155.	Cut a sorry figure	Not to leave a good impression
156.	Cut one's coat according to one's cloth	To live within one's means
157.	Dance to one's tune	Obeying one's order
158.	Dark horse	One who wins unexpectedly
159.	Daydream	To think of pleasant thoughts
160.	Day in day out	For indefinite number
161.	Daylight robbery	Blatantly overcharging or removing someone’s money by foul play to deceive someone
162.	Dead letter	A law or ordinance that is no longer enforced
163.	Damocles' sword	Constant threat
164.	Die in cast	One cannot retreat or change one's plans
165.	Die a dog's death	To die a shameful death
166.	Die in harness	Die while
167.	Doctorate the account	To manipulate the account
168.	Dog in the manger	A person who prevents others from enjoying what he can not
169.	Donkey's years	A long time
170.	Draw a line	Set a limit
171.	Duck in a thunder storm	In a painful condition
172.	Do a good turn	Act of kindness
173.	Do away with	Finish
174.	Dutch courage	False, sense of bravery brought about by drinking alcohol
175.	Damp squib	Complete failure
176.	Eagle eyed	keen eye sight
177.	Eat humble pie	To apologize
178.	Eat one's words	Take the statement back
179.	Eat one's heart out	Suffer silently
180.	Elbow room	Sufficient scope to move or function
181.	End in smoke	Come to nothing
182.	Escape one's lips	Speak unintentionally or unexpectedly

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183.	Edge out	To push out slowly
184.	Egg-on	To instigate to proceed further
185.	Eke out	Supplement income
186.	Ever and anon	Now and then
187.	Fabian policy	Deliberate slow policy/ policy of delaying decisions
188.	Face the music	To accept punishment for something you have done
189.	Fair and square	In an honest way
190.	Fair sex	Women
191.	Fair weather friend	Selfish friend who are with us only in comfortable situations
192.	Fancy price	At any cost/at demanded prices
193.	Feather in	Additional success
194.	Feather one's nest	To enrich oneself by taking advantage of one's position
195.	Fight shy of	To attempt to avoid a thing or person
196.	Fighting fit	In good health
197.	Field day	A successful or a great day
198.	Fish in trouble waters	To take advantages of the problems of others
199.	Fish out of water	Out of one's usual and uncomfortable place
200.	Feet of clay	Hidden faults
201.	Fly in the ointment	A light unpleasant thing that obstruct the enjoyment of something
202.	Fool's paradise	A state of being happy for foolish or unfounded reasons
203.	For a song	A very low price
204.	Forty winks	A nap
205.	French leave	A leave without information or permission
206.	Fringe benefits	An additional benefit apart from salary
207.	From hand to mouth	Providing only bare essential
208.	Flesh and blood	A human being with his natural limitation
209.	Full blown	Fully developed
210.	Gala day	Celebration day
211.	Get away with	To escape
212.	Get down to	To attend to work seriously
213.	Get into a soup	Get into a trouble
214.	Get into hot water	Get into a trouble
215.	Get off scot free	To escape without punishment
216.	Get on one's nerves	To irritate or annoy
217.	Get the wind of	To know the secrets
218.	Go the whole hog	Do something fully, completely
219.	Give up the ghost	To die, stop working, stop doing something
220.	Go down well with	Applauded by

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221.	Get the wind up	To be scared
222.	Give me a hand	To take help
223.	Gain ground	Become popular
224.	Gribble- gabble	Foolish talk
224.	Gift of the gab	Give a piece of mind/to talk speaking
225.	Go scot free	To escape from punishment
226.	Go through fire and water	To brave any danger
227.	Go the whole hog	To do something thoroughly
228.	Go to dogs	To deteriorate/degenerate
229.	Go to rack and ruin	To decay or get destroyed
230.	Good Samaritan	A person who helps and pays sympathy to those in distress
231.	Grass widow	A woman who is separated, divorced or lives apart from her husband
232.	Grease the palm	To bribe
233.	Green room	A lounge in a theatre or studio for the performers to get ready
234.	Grist to one's	Something that can be used for one's advantages
235.	Gung ho	Extremely excited
236.	Halcyons days	Peaceful days
237.	Hammer and sickle	A symbolic representation of communism in general madman
238.	Hammer and tongs	To do something with great energy
239.	Hand and glove with	In close co-operation
240.	Hang by a thread	Be in a risky situation
241.	Hard nut to crack m	A difficult problem to solve / a person difficult to understand
242.	Hard and fast rules	Strict rules
243.	Haul over the coals	To take to task, to reprimand
244.	Have a big mouth	To gossips more or tells secret
245.	Have finger	To be involved in something
246.	Have one's hand full	To be completely occupied
247.	Have one's way	The way one wants
248.	Have several iron in the fire	To be involved in many project or activities at the same time
249.	Hem and haw around	To be evasive
250.	Head on	In a very direct manner
251.	Heart bleed	Feel genuine sympathy for someone
252.	Hen-pecked husband	Admirer of one's own wife in a servile manner
253.	Herculean task	Task requiring tremendous effort
254.	Heart in the right place	Good natured

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256.	High and dry	In a deprived situation (alone)
257.	High hand	Overbearing
258.	High living	Living with comfort and ease
259.	Hit below the belt	To strike unfairly
260.	Hit the jackpot	Gaining a big/ great success (specially by luck)
261.	Hit the nail on the head	To do the right thing at the right time
262.	Hobson's choice	No alternatives
263.	Hole and corner policy	Secret policy
264.	Hold no water	Not correct or true
265.	Hold someone to leash	To restrain
266.	Hoping against hope	Without hope
267.	Hue and cry	Any loud public outcry
268.	Hush money	Money given to someone to keep something secret
269.	Hush - hush	Very secret
270.	In a fix	In difficulty
271.	In a flutter	Excited
272.	In a way	Hopeful
273.	In cahoots	To conspiracy with someone
274.	In no time	Very quickly indeed
275.	In a fog	Confused, not able to understand
276.	In a nutshell	In very brief form
277.	In black and white	In printed or written form
278.	In full swing	At the height of activity
279.	In the blues	In dumps depressed
280.	In the long run	Ultimately
281.	In the nick of the time	At the last possible moment
282.	In the same boat	Sharing the same problems
283.	In vogue	In the current fashions
284.	Ins and outs	Intricacies or complications / full detail
285.	Iron hand/ iron fist	Rigorous control
286.	Itching palm	Craving forbribe
287.	Itsy bitsy	Very small or tiny
288.	Jack of all trades and master of none	A person knows many different kinds of work but is a master of none
289.	Jail word	A person who is or has been confined in jail
290.	Jaundice eye	To look at a conclusion prematurely
291.	Kangaroo's court	Illegal court
292.	Keep one's cards close to one's chest	Hiding something
293.	Keep ones eye on the ball	Be ready for something

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294.	Keep one's finger crosses	To wait expectantly
295.	Keep one's word	To keep one's promises
296.	Keep the ball rolling	To maintain the progress of a project or plan
297.	Keep one's pot boiling	Earn hardly enough for living
298.	Keep someone under thumb	To keep someone under one’s control
299.	Keep the wolf from the door	To avert poverty/ starvation
300.	Kill two birds with one stone	Doing two things at the same time whileeffort is made for one
301.	Kith and kin	Blood relation/Nepotism
302.	Knit one’s brow	To frown
303.	Lady's man	A man who is fond of the company of women
304.	Lame excuse	False excuse/baseless excuse
305.	Latin and greek	Unable to understand
306.	Left-handed complement	An insult disguise as a compliment
307.	Lion's share	Large part
308.	Live in an ivory tower	Living in comfort and being unaware of realities of other's miseries
309.	Live wire	Energetic
310.	Loaves and fishes	Material benefit
311.	Look of colours	Look ill or unhealthy
312.	Look through coloured glasses	To see with different
313.	Lady killer	Man who is very attractive to women
314.	Laying off	Dismissal from jobs of
315.	Laugh one’s head off	Laugh heartily
316.	Laughing stock	One who is ridiculed
317.	Lump in the throat	A tight or uncomfortable feeling in throat due to emotions
318.	Mad as a march hare	Crazy and insane
319.	Make a clean breast of	To tell the truth about something especially something bad or illegal you have done or you do not
320.	Make up one's mind	Decide
321.	Maiden name	A woman's surname before marriage
322.	Maiden speech	First speech
323.	Make a hash	To mess up
324.	Make a mountain out of a mole hill	To exaggerate a minor difficulty
325.	Make both ends meet	To live within one's means
326.	Make hay while the sun	To take the benefit of an opportunity

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	shines	
327.	Make or mar	To make or destroy
328.	Make the best of both the worlds	Getting benefited from both the sides
329.	Make a dry face	To show disappointment
330.	Make a bee line for	To go directly towards something
331.	Make a clean breast of	To confess without resource
332.	Make up one's mind	To decide
333.	Man of means	A wealthy man
334.	Man of iron	Man with strong will-power
335.	Man of letter	Learned person
336.	Man of parts	A man of qualities
337.	Man of spirit	A man full of enthusiasm
338.	Man of straw	A weak person or idea that is easy to defeat
339.	Man of the world	An experienced person
340.	Man of word	True to one's word or promises
341.	Man of God	A male priest
342.	Match made in heaven	A happy and harmonious marriage or partnership
343.	Mare's nest	A false invention/rumour
344.	Mealy mouthed	Soft-spoken
345.	Midas touch	A man with extraordinary powers
346.	Mince matters	To moderate or restrain one’s language
347.	Mind one's P's and Q's	Taking care of behaviour properly
348.	Miss the beat	To lose an opportunity
349.	Monkey around	To waste time here and there
350.	Mother wit	Common sense
351.	Move heaven and earth	Try one's best
352.	Make one's mark	Become famous, well known
353.	Milk of human kindness	Good feelings towards others
354.	Made of money	Very wealthy
355.	Man of/in the street	Ordinary, average person
356.	Make head or tail	Understand
357.	Meet one's waterloo	Make one feel terrified, horrified
358.	Much cry and little wool	Lots of fanfare for something which have very little importance
359.	Muddle-head	Stupid
360.	Narrow escape / close shave	To escape by a little margin
361.	Neck and crop	Completely
362.	Nig-nag	A noun used to address someone (with jock and furnace)

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363.	Nine day's wonder	Something that arouses great interest but for a very short period
364.	Not bat an eyelid	Not to show any shock, worry or surprise
365.	Null and void	Ineffective
366.	Nurse and grudge	Bear resentment for long period
367.	Oily tongue	Flattering words
368.	Old flames die hard	Difficult to forget old things
369.	On one's guard	Vigilant, careful
370.	On one's last legs	Close to collapsing
371.	Once for all	For the last time / conclusively
372.	Out of sorts	Unwell, slightly ill
373.	Out of the question	Impossible
374.	Out of the way	Strange
375.	Out of the wood	Free from difficulties and danger
376.	Once in a blue moon	Very seldom
377.	Once and for all	With finality
378.	Open question	A question which may have more than one answer
379.	Open secret	That many people know about but that is supposed to be a secret
380.	Palmy days	Prosperous / affluent days
381.	Pandora's box	A source of extensive but unforeseen troubles
382.	Part and parcel	Inseparable part
383.	Past master	An expert
384.	Pay off old scores	Take revenge
385.	Pay the piper	To bear the cost of something/some service rendered
386.	Pay through his nose	To pay dearly
387.	Penny wise pound foolish	Careful about trifles but wasteful in large venture
388.	Pin one's ears	back Listen carefully
389.	Pick someone's brains	To ask someone for advice, suggestions and information about, something they know about
390.	Pick up the gauntlet	To accept the challenge
391.	Pied Piper	A leader who makes irresponsible promises
392.	Play duck and drakes	To waste money
393.	Play second fiddle	To be at a subordinate position
394.	Play truant	To be absent from duty without permission
395.	Poison someone ears	To speak against one to another
396.	Poke one's nose	To interfere
397.	Past master	Adept/ skilled
398.	Pour oil on troubled water	To pacify the matters
399.	Pros and cons	To evaluate the advantages and disadvantages

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400.	Pull one's legs	To make fun of or to tease
401.	Pull the wool over somebody's eyes	To mislead/Cheat
402.	Pull a long face	Look gloomy
403.	Put a spoke in one's wheel	To obstruct the execution of the
404.	Put in cold storage	To keep a work pending
405.	Put one’s foot down	To act fiemly
406.	Put one's shoulders to the wheel	To work or exert oneself heavily
407.	Put the cart before the horse	To do things wrongly
408.	Put the cat among pigeons	To say/do something that causes trouble or make many angry
409.	Quarrel with one's bread and butter	To fight with the executive or employer, who is providing one's means of living
410.	Queer fish	Strange person
411.	Quite the thing	Fashinable, in fashion
412.	Quits with	Even with, revenged on
413.	Rain cats and dogs	Rain very heavily
414.	Rank and file	Ordinary persons
415.	Rainy day	Future time of need, especially financial need
416.	Read between the lines	To understand the hidden meaning
417.	Red carpet	To give special welcome to someone
418.	Red handed	Exactly while committing a crime or doing something wrong
419.	Red herring	Someone to distract attention
420.	Red letter day	A memorably important or happy occasion
421.	Red tapism	Strict adherence to excessive paper work and official formalities
422.	Rest on one's laurels	Depending on the achievement made in the past
423.	Rhyme or reason	Sense, logic or meaning
424.	Right hand man	One's most supporter person
425.	Rock the boat	To disturb a situation which was otherwise stable
426.	Rolling stone	A restless person
427.	Royal road	An easy or direct way of achieving a desired result
428.	Rule the roost	To dominate
429.	Run amuck	Made with murderous frenzy
430.	Run into the sand	To fail to achieve a result
431.	Run of the mill	Average / common
432.	Run the gauntlet	To go through an unpleasant experience

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433.	Root and branch	Completely
434.	Sail under false colours	To pretend to be something that you are not
435.	Save one's skin	To save oneself
436.	See eye to eye	Showing agreement/to agree
437.	See pink elephant	Any visual hallucination arising due to intoxication
438.	See red	Be very angry
439.	See through	Comprehend
440.	Seem side of life	Immoral side of society
441.	Send shivers down the spine	To make someone feel very frightened
442.	Set at naught	To disregard or treat as of no importance
443.	Set one's face against	To oppose with determination
444.	Set one's heart on	To have as one's ambition to obtain something
445.	Set one's teeth on edge	To irritate or annoy someone
446.	Set someone by ears	To incite people
447.	Set the Thames on fire	To achieve something amazing
448.	Shoulder to shoulder	With united effort
449.	Show white feather	To show cowardice
450.	Sine die	Indefinitely
451.	Sitting ducks	Defenceless and easy prey
452.	Sit on the fence	Refuse to take side in a dispute
453.	Slip of the tongue	Spoken unintentionally
454.	Slow coach	A person with lazy approach of working
455.	Small fry	Insignificant person
456.	Smell a rat	To suspect something wrong done
457.	Smooth sailing	Easy progress
458.	Snake in the grass	A secret enemy
459.	Shake in the shoes	A tremble with fear or apprehension
460.	Show the dragon's teeth	To create future trouble for yourself or others
461.	Show a clean pair of heals	Run away
462.	Speak one's mind	Speak what one really thinks
463.	Spick and span	In order/neat and clean
464.	Stand by	Support
465.	Stand on one's legs	To be self dependent
466.	Stand/stick to one's guns	To be strict and determined
467.	State somebody in good stead	To be of great use and benefit to someone
468.	Steal a march	To obtain an advantage by secret means
469.	Steal the march	To go ahead secretly
470.	Step into another's shoes	To take over a job/responsibility of some other person

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471.	Stiff-necked person	Stubborn or arrogant
472.	Stir a finger	Making effort
473.	Stone's throw	Very near
474.	Street Arabs	A homeless person (especially who survive by begging)
475.	Sum and substance	Main idea or gist
476.	Swan song	The last ceremony or farewell
477.	Sweat of one's brow	Hard labour
478.	Swelled head	Grand opinion of oneself/conceited
479.	Sworn enemy	People enemies
480.	Sang froid	Composer
481.	Spilling the beans	Reveal the information indiscreetly
482.	Set the record light	Give the correct account
483.	Safe and sound	Quite well
484.	Salad days	Adolescence
485.	Shake a leg	To go fast, hurry
486.	Spread like wild fire	Spread quickly
487.	Sweet of the brow	Hard labour
488.	Take away one's breath	Take by storm
489.	Take by storm	To surprise unexpectedly
490.	Take into account	To consider
491	Take one at one's word	To be convinced of one's sincerity and act in accordance with his /her statement
492.	Take the bull by the horns	To adopt the most direct but the most dangerous way of facing a difficulty
493.	Take to one's heels	To run away
494.	Take up arms	To fight
495.	Take lying	down Accept insult
496.	Talk big	To boast or brag
497.	Talk of the town	To be the person or subject everyone is taling about it
498.	The printer's devils	Error in printing
499.	Think twice	To consider carefully before deciding
500.	Tight corner	In a difficult situation
501.	The forth estate	The press
502.	Thick-skinned person	Not easily offended, insensitive
503.	Through thick and thin	In good and bad times
504.	Throw cold water	To criticise or stop someone from doing something that he is enthusiastic about
505.	Throw down the gauntlet	To challenge
506.	Tooth and nail	To violently
507.	Toil and moil	Hard lbour

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508.	True to one's salt	Loyal person
509.	Turn a deaf ear to	Not to pay attention to
510.	Turn his head	To make person to feel too proud in a way that other people find annoying
511.	Turn one’s coat	To change one’s party
512.	Turn out to	To be found to be
513.	Turn over a new leaf	To be entirely changed (for good)
514.	Turn the corner	To pass through a critical point in a process
515.	Turn turtle	To overturn
516.	Turn the table	Turn the situation completely
517.	Turn up her nose at	To reject, dismiss scornfully
518.	Throw out of gear	Disturb the work
519.	Take to one's heels	Run away
520.	To go the whole hog	To do complete
521.	Time and tide	Course of time
522.	The long and short of	In brief
523.	Throw a spanner	To sabotage a plan
524.	Through down the gauntlet	To challenge
525.	To allow the grass to grow under one's feet	To be lazy
526.	To crow over	Triumph over someone
527.	To be above board	To be honest in any business deal
528.	To blow a fuse	To turn someone angry
529.	To be on apex	To be at highest point
530.	To be on one’s mind	To worry about something
531.	To beat a hasty retreat	Go away hurriedly
532.	To blow one’s stack up/below a fuse/gasket	To lose one’s temper, become extremely angry
533.	Take your medicine	To the consequences of something you have done wrong
534.	To curry favour	To win favour of
535.	To make head or tail of	Be able to understand at all
536.	To leave someone in the lurch	To desert someone in his difficulties
537.	To join forces	Join together, become united
538.	To kick off a row	Raise dispute
539.	To move heaven and earth	To do all possible effort
540.	To many irons in the fire	To be involved in several activites
541.	To play a second fiddle	To be in a subordinate position
542.	To sow the wind and reap the whirlwind	To start some kind of trouble that grows much larger that one has planned
543.	Turn a blind eye	To ignore intentionally

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544.	To laugh in or up one's sleeves	To Be secretly amused
545.	Take one to task	Rebuke, scold, castigate
546.	Turn a deaf ear	Disregard / ignore what one says
547.	Turn up one's nose at	To take lightly with contempt
548.	Under a cloud	Under suspicious
549.	Under the nose of	To Right in front of someone
550.	Under the rose	Secretly
551.	Under the thumb of	Under the power influence of
552.	Up and doing	Active in work
553.	Up one's sleeves	An item kept hidden and used whenever required
554.	Uphill task	Difficult task
555.	Upon one's sweet will	Oneself desire or wish
556.	Ups and downs	God and bad times
556.	Upset the apple cart	To create difficulty
557.	Up and doing	Active
558.	Utopian scheme	A visionary scheme though impractical
560.	Vexed question	Much debated and discussed
561.	Wake up call	Alarm of danger
562.	Wash dirty linen in public	To expose private affair in public
563.	Wash hand of	To have nothing to do
564.	Weal and woe	Joy and sorrow, prosperity and adversity
565.	Wear a long face	To look gloomy
566.	Weather the storm	Survive by coming out of difficulties
567.	Well-to-do	Affluent
568.	Wet behind the ears	Inexperienced
569.	Wet blanket	One who spoil the enjoyment
570.	Wheels within wheels	A series of intricately connected events
571.	White elephant	Expensive but no use
572.	White lie	A minor lie
573.	When the crunch come	The moment of decision
574.	Will the wisp	Elusive / unreal
575.	Wild goose chase	Useless effort
576.	Windfall	Sudden gain received unexpectedly
577.	Winning spree	Outburst of an activity
578.	Win laurels	To win honours
579.	With a grain of salt	To accept with misgiving
580.	With a high hand	Oppressively
581.	With one accord\in on voice	Unanimously

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582.	With open arms	With happiness
583.	With one accord/in one voice	Unanimously
584.	Without rhyme or reason	Without any justification
585.	Wolf in sheep's cloth	A malicious person in harmless or benevolent disguise
586.	Word for word	In exactly the same word
587.	Word of mouth	Informal oral communication
588.	Wry face	Disappointed look
589.	Yeoman's service	Excellent work
590.	Zip your lips	To shut up or keep quiet about something

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