

SSC CGL Tier II

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Idioms & Phrases: Part I (Letter A to M)

1. Achilles heel- दुखती रग

Meaning: vulnerable spot, a small fault or weakness in a person or system that can result in its failure.

Example: The corrupt minister is regarded as the government's Achilles heel and is expected to resign.

2. A bone of contention- झगड़े की जड़

Meaning: if there is an issue that always causes tension and arguments

Example: A bone of contention between the husband and wife is that the husband always spends too much money.

3. A dead letter-

Meaning: An argument or law not followed by anyone.

Example: The blue laws here are a dead letter; all the stores open on Sundays and holidays

4. At the eleventh hour-आखिरी वक्त में

Meaning: be too late.

Example: She always turned her term papers in at the eleventh hour.

5. A queer fish-सनकी व्यक्ति

Meaning: a strange person

Example: I knew his father and he was a queer fish too.

6. A worm's eye view-

Meaning: having very little knowledge about something

Example: The novel provides us with a worm's eye view of society.

7. At (on) the heels of

Meaning: close behind or soon after something

Example: As in Mom's birthday comes on the heels of Mother's Day

8. Apple of someone's eyes-आँखों का तारा

Meaning: someone loved very much.

Example: His youngest son was the apple of his eye.

9. Ask for the Moon-

Meaning: to ask for too much.

Example: There's no point hoping for a permanent peace in the area. It's like asking for the moon.

10. Asleep at the switch

Meaning: not to be alert on opportunity

Example: Health experts were asleep at the switch when the disease began to spread rapidly again.

11. At sixes and sevens



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Meaning: to be lost and bewildered

Example: Riya is at sixes and sevens since the death of her husband.

12. At someone's beck and call

Meaning: to be always ready to serve

Example: Imagine what it's like to have a cook and a maid at your beck and call.

13. At an arm's length

Meaning: to keep at a distance

Example: Ram always keeps his friends at arm's length, so that no one gets close enough to hurt his feelings.

14. A red letter day

Meaning: an important day

Example: A special occasion, as in When Ram comes home from his tour of duty, that'll be a red-letter day

15. A nine days wonder

Meaning: pleasure for a short time

Example: His music was derided by an older generation convinced that he was a nine-day wonder.

16. Alma Mater

Meaning: Institution where i got my education

Example: She has been offered the position of professor of international economic policy in Delhi , her alma mater.

17. At the drop of a hat

Meaning-Willingness to do something instantly

Example: She expects me to make dinner at the drop of a hat even if I am very busy with office work

18. A cold Fish

Meaning: A person devoid of emotions

Example: Ram isn't very demonstrative, but his mother was a cold fish so he probably gets it from her.

19. A cock and bull story

Meaning: An improbable excuse

Example: She told me some cock-and-bull story.

20. Above board

Meaning: straight; without concealment, legitimate; open.

Example: No tricks, please. We want the deal to be above board completely.

21. A Bad Egg

Meaning - A dishonest or an ill-behaved person



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Meaning (Hindi) - एक बेईमान या खराब व्यवहार वाला व्यक्ति

Example-He's been in a prison several times for all sorts of crimes; he's **a bad egg**.

22. A Bee in one's bonnet

Meaning - An obsession, often with something that is strange or a source of agitation/ to keep talking about something again and again in a way that other people may find annoying because you think it is very important

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी चीज़ के बारे में लगातार बात करते रहना

Example - She never stops talking about dieting - she's got a real **bee in her bonnet about it**.

23. A bolt from the blue

Meaning - a sudden and an unexpected event/something important or unusual that happens suddenly or unexpectedly

Meaning (Hindi) - अचानक और अप्रत्याशित घटना

Example - The resignation of the chairman came like **a bolt from the blue**.

24. A close shave

Meaning - A narrow escape from something or avoidance of a situation, often an unfavourable or a dangerous one

Meaning (Hindi) - बाल - बाल बचना

Example - I had **a close shave** this morning when a speeding car passed by, only a few inches from me.

25. A Cat and Dog life

Meaning - A life in which partners are constantly frequently quarrelling/Of spouses or romantic partners, a life together typified by arguments, fights, and disagreements.

Meaning (Hindi) - हमेशा झगड़ते रहने वाला जीवन

Example - My uncle and aunt lead **a cat and dog life**, I do not know why they are staying together.

26. A chicken-hearted Person

Meaning - A Coward.

Meaning (Hindi) - कायर व्यक्ति

Example - He is a chicken-hearted man; he cannot go with you in the dark room.

27. A chink in someone's armour

Meaning - A weak point in someone's character or arguments which makes them vulnerable to attacks.

Meaning (Hindi)- किसी की कमजोरी

Example - Yeah, he's brilliant, but his violent temper has destroyed many business relationships—it's really **the chink in his armour**.

28. A chip on your shoulder



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Meaning - to seem angry all the time because you think you have been treated unfairly or feel you are not as good as other people

Meaning (Hindi) - हर समय गुस्सा आना क्योंकि आपको लगता है कि आपके साथ गलत तरीके से व्यवहार किया गया है या आपको लगता है कि आप अन्य लोगों के समान उतना ही अच्छे नहीं हैं

Example - She won't admit it, but Kate has a **chip on her shoulder** when it comes to discussing her career.

29. A close-fisted man

Meaning - to be very reluctant to give or spend money, miser

Meaning (Hindi) - पैसे देने या खर्च करने के लिए बहुत ही अनिच्छुक रहना

Example - There's no point in asking Harry for a donation; you know how **close-fisted** he is.

30. A cog in the Machine

Meaning - Someone or something that is functionally necessary but of small significance or importance within a larger operation or organization.

Meaning (Hindi) - कार्य के लिए आवश्यक लेकिन कम महत्व का

Example - I'm tired of working in this thankless IT support job. I don't want to be just a **cog in the machine anymore!**

31. A cold shoulder

Meaning - A display or appearance of disinterest

Meaning (Hindi) - उदासीनता का प्रदर्शन

Example - I tried to be pleasant to her but she gave me **the cold shoulder.**

32. A Dark Horse

Meaning - Unexpected winner, a candidate or competitor about whom little is known but who unexpectedly wins or succeeds.

Meaning (Hindi) - अप्रत्याशित विजेता

Example - Nobody thought Cheryl could win the race after breaking her leg last year, but she turned out to be a dark horse and took the first place.

33. A dime a dozen

Meaning - very common and of no particular value, Ubiquitous

Meaning (Hindi) - बहुत आम

Example - There is nothing new in this book. Books like this are a **dime a dozen.**

34. A feather in one's cap

Meaning - an achievement to be proud of.

Meaning (Hindi) - गर्व करने लायक उपलब्धि

Example - Getting a nomination for the Padma Shri award is really a **feather in her cap.**

35. A fool's paradise



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Meaning - a state of happiness based on a person's not knowing about or denying the existence of potential trouble.

Meaning (Hindi) -हवाई महल

Example - Raman is confident that he'll get a big raise this year, but I think he's living in a **fool'sparadise**.

36. A go-getter

Meaning - A highly motivated and ambitious person.

Meaning (Hindi) - एक बेहद प्रेरित और महत्वाकांक्षी व्यक्ति

Example - We want interns who are **go-getters**, not timid kids who need to be told what to do.

37. A going concern

Meaning - a business that is making a profit

Meaning (Hindi) - लाभ कमाता हुआ व्यवसाय

Example - They had a difficult start, but they've turned the restaurant into a **going concern**.

38. A good turn

Meaning - An action that is beneficial to another person in some way, help

Meaning (Hindi) - एक ऐसा कार्य जो किसी अन्य व्यक्ति से किसी तरह से लाभकारी है

Example - Angela did me a **good turn** by sharing her notes with me while I was out sick from school.

39. A hot potato

Meaning - a controversial issue or situation that is difficult to deal with and causes a lot of disagreement

Meaning (Hindi) - एक विवादास्पद मुद्दा या स्थिति जो निपटने में कठिन है और बहुत ही असहमतियों से युक्त है।

Example - The abortion issue is a **political hot potato** in the United States.

40. A jack of all trades

Meaning - A person who is skilled in many different areas

Meaning (Hindi) - कई अलग अलग क्षेत्रों में कुशल व्यक्ति

Example - My father can fix cars, build furniture, and program computers—he is a **jack of all trades**.

41. A leap in the dark

Meaning - a daring step or enterprise whose consequences are unpredictable/A chance that one takes despite being uncertain of the consequences or outcome.

Meaning (Hindi) - साहसिक कार्य

Example - I had very little information about the company, so writing to them was a **leap in the dark**.

42. A left-handed compliment

Meaning - An insult in the guise of an expression of praise



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Meaning (Hindi) - प्रशंसा की आड़ में एक अपमान

Example - She said she liked my hair, but it turned out to be a **left-handed compliment** when she asked how long I'd been dyeing it.

43. A queer fish

Meaning - a person whose behaviour seems strange or unusual.

Meaning (Hindi) - सनकी व्यक्ति

Example - Everyone could tell he was a **queer fish** as soon as he walked into the party with his mismatched clothing.

44. A red rag to a bull

Meaning - an object, utterance, or act which is certain to provoke someone.

Meaning (Hindi) - साँड़ को लाल कपड़ा दिकाने के समान

Example - It was like a **red rag to a bull** when Samantha heard John say that men should be paid more than women.

45. A sight for sore eyes

Meaning - a person or thing that one is extremely pleased or relieved to see.

Meaning (Hindi) - आँख की ठण्डक

Example - After being away from home for so long, my friends and family were a **sight for my sore eyes**.

46. A stone's throw of

Meaning - a very short distance

Meaning (Hindi) - बहुत पास में

Example - The apartment is just a **stone's throw from** the sea.

47. A storm in a tea-cup

Meaning - A disproportionate reaction of anger, concern, or displeasure over some minor or trivial matter.

Meaning (Hindi) - बात का बतंगड़

Example - If you ask me, these protests are nothing **but a storm in a teacup** that's been stoked by a media campaign of misinformation.

48. A taste of your own medicine

Meaning - The same unpleasant experience or treatment that one has given to others.

Meaning (Hindi) - जैसे को तैसा

Example - Don't be rude to others. You won't like it when you get a **taste of your own medicine**.

49. A wild goose chase

Meaning - a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable.



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Meaning (Hindi) - निरर्थक खोज

Example - Physicists searching for the hypothetical particle may be on a **wild goose chase**.

50. At the end of one's tether

Meaning - having no strength or patience left

Meaning (Hindi) - और ज्यादा कष्ट सहने में असमर्थ

Example - By six o'clock after a busy day, I'm **at the end of my tether**.

51. Back to square one

Meaning: To be back at the starting point of something.

Example: I picked up all the leaves and branches from my lawn yesterday but there was a storm last night and now I'm *back to square one*.

52. Back on one's feet:

Meaning: to be healthy again after sickness.

Example: I couldn't do anything for two weeks while I had the flu but now I'm *back on my feet*.

53. By hook or by Crook

Meaning: At any cost /by fair or unfair mean.

Example: I decided that I was going to get that job by hook or by crook.

54. Blow one's trump

Meaning- self praise

Example: Anyone will tell you she's one of the best journalists we've got, although she'd never blow her own horn.

55. Beat the air

Meaning- do useless effort

Examples: The candidates for office were so much alike that we thought our vote amounted to beating the air .

56. Bed of thorns

Meaning: Full of difficulties

Examples: Life of an ill person always remains a bed of thorns.

57. Beat about the bush

Meaning: To discuss a topic without being specific about anything

Examples: Don't beat around the bush. Just tell me where my brother is

58. Bag and baggage

Meaning: (with) all one's belongings.

Example: Tired of their tantrums, the landlady asked her tenants to vacate the house, **bag and baggage**, in a week's times.



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59. Blue eyed boy

Meaning: a man who is liked and admired by somebody in authority.

Example: She gets the charge of all the assignment except the finance, which is kept for **the blue-eyed boy**.

60. Bread and Butter

Meaning: someone's livelihood.

Example: Teaching classic music to young boys and girls is her **bread and butter**.

61. Bear the brunt of

Meaning: take the main force, often of a criticism or unpleasant event.

Example: When the teachers and other government employees went on a strike, they did not realize they'd have to **bear the brunt of** public anger when they go back to work.

62. Burn the candle at both the ends

Meaning: exhaust someone's energies or resources by leading a hectic life.

Example: She has been **burning the candle at both ends** by doing a full-time job and preparing for her International English Language Test exams.

63. Bury the hatchet

Meaning: make peace; end a quarrel, settle one's differences to become friends again.

Example 1: The two neighboring countries India and Pakistan have often been advised by the world bodies to bury the hatchet for their own progress.

64. Bury head in the sand

Meaning: refuse to think about an unpleasant situation, hoping that it will improve so that you will not have to deal with it.

Example: Parents and Principal said ragging was being ignored and accused the girls hostel's warden of **burying her head in the sand**, in Perth city of Australia.

65. Blue blood

Meaning: descent from nobility, aristocrat.

Example: She often tell her friends that she has **blue blood** flowing through her veins.

66. By dint of

Meaning: as result of something.

Example: Mark got what he wanted by dint of requesting and threatening

67. Break a leg

Meaning: good luck, best wishes

Example:

to wish someone luck especially before a performance

"Break a leg!" I shouted out to him before he rushed in for his auditions.



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68. Born with a silver spoon in mouth

Meaning: To be born to parents who are rich and have a good social rank.

Example: He does not need this job as much as I do, he is **born with a silver spoon in his mouth**.

69. Beyond the pale

Meaning

An unacceptable way to express something.

Something that is not considered decent.

70. Back Seat Drivers

Meaning - People who criticize from the sidelines, much like someone giving unwanted advice from the backseat of a vehicle to the driver; any person who gives unwanted advice instead of helping or understanding

Meaning (Hindi) - कोई भी व्यक्ति जो मदद या समझने के बजाय अवांछित सलाह देता है

Example - Nobody likes a **backseat driver** constantly nagging them when they want to work peacefully.

71. Back to Square one

Meaning - Having to start all over again; start working on a plan from the beginning because your previous attempt failed completely

Meaning (Hindi) - जहाँ के तहाँ

Example - We'll have to **go back to square one** if the government pulls our funding on this project.

72. Bring home the bacon

Meaning - To earn money, particularly for one's family; to be successful, especially financially successful.

Meaning (Hindi) - सफलता हासिल करना, कमाना

Example - Women nowadays not only take care of the household but also **bring home the bacon**.

73. Back Room Boys

Meaning - People who do important work but have no contact with the public/Someone who advises a public figure or maintains a professional role that does not garner public attention.

Meaning (Hindi) - अप्रसिद्ध महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्ति

Example - **Backroom boys** don't always receive the credit they deserve.

74. Bad Blood

Meaning - feelings of hate between people because of arguments in the past

Meaning (Hindi) - आपसी दुश्मनी

Example - There has been **bad blood between** the two families for years.

75. Badger someone into doing something



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Meaning - to put pressure on somebody by repeatedly asking them questions or asking them to do something/to persistently nag or pester someone until you obtain what you want

Meaning (Hindi) - दबाव डालना

Example - Children keep **badgering** me to take them to the magic show.

76. Bait and Switch

Meaning - a deceptive commercial practice of advertising a low-priced item to attract customers, then telling them that the product is out of stock and persuading them to buy a more expensive article.

Meaning (Hindi)- ग्राहकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए एक कम कीमत वाला आइटम विज्ञापित करने का एक भ्रामक व्यावसायिक अभ्यास, फिर उन्हें यह बताते हुए कि उत्पाद स्टॉक से बाहर है और उन्हें अधिक महंगा उत्पाद खरीदने के लिए राजी करना

Example - This store is famous for its **bait and switch** tactics.

77. Bang for the buck

Meaning - Value for the money spent

Meaning (Hindi) - लगाये गये धन की पूरी कीमत वसूलना

Example - We were able to get a **big bang for our buck** when we advertised on the Internet.

78. Banker's hours

Meaning - Short work hours/a work day that is shorter than that of most businesses, typically between 10 am and 3 pm on Monday through Friday, the hours when banks used to be open

Meaning (Hindi) - कम कार्य के घंटे

Example - My sister's husband owns his own company and is able to work **banker's hours** with his large staff.

79. Bark up the wrong tree

Meaning -To attempt or pursue a futile course of action, often by making some kind of suggestion or request/to make the wrong choice; to ask the wrong person; to follow the wrong course

Meaning (Hindi) - गलतफ़हमी में होना

Example - If you think you will solve the problem by following those steps, you are **barking up the wrong tree**.

80. Be all ears

Meaning - To be ready and eager to hear what one has to say.

Meaning (Hindi) - ध्यान लगाकर सुनना

Example - She had expected him to **be all ears** when she told him about her wedding plans.

81. Brush something/someone Aside



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Meaning - dismiss someone or something curtly and confidently

Meaning (Hindi) - उपेक्षा करना

Example - I am so down with math, it's my favourite subject in school.

82. Be off one's head

Meaning - To be mad

Meaning (Hindi) - पागल होना

Example - He must be **off his head** to think that he will win the elections.

83. Be on to someone/something

Meaning - To have the knowledge, be suspicious, or be aware of someone's actions, behaviour, or intention.

Meaning (Hindi) - अवगत रहना

Example - My supervisor is **onto the new saleswoman** who is taking money from her sales register.

84. Bear down on someone/something

Meaning - To put forth one's maximum effort toward something

Meaning (Hindi) - अधिकतम प्रयास करना

Example - If you want to get a passing grade this semester, you'll really need to **bear down on your studies**.

85. Bear the brunt (of something)

Meaning - To suffer the worst part of an unpleasant or problematic situation.

Meaning (Hindi) - एक अप्रिय या समस्याग्रस्त स्थिति के सबसे बुरे हिस्से से पीड़ित होना

Example- When our system crashed, the call centre employees **bore the brunt of our customers' anger**.

86. Bear the palm

Meaning - To win. Palm leaves were formerly used as symbols of victory.

Meaning (Hindi) - जीतना

Example - I heard that you might bear the palm at the science fair! Congratulations—it would be a well-deserved victory.

87. Beat about the bush

Meaning - Irrelevant talking

Meaning (Hindi) - इधर उधर की बातें करना

Example - Stop **beating about the bush** and tell us only the truth.

88. Before Long

Meaning - soon

Meaning (Hindi) - जल्द ही

Example - If we keep spending so much, **before long** we'll be without any money.

89. Beyond the shadow of a doubt



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Meaning - If you know or believe something beyond a shadow of a doubt, you are certain that it is true

Meaning (Hindi) - संदेह से परे

Example - He is a responsible person **beyond a shadow of a doubt**.

90. Bids fair

Meaning - To appear likely.

Meaning (Hindi) - संभावना दिखाई देना

Example - Being so interested in medical, this girl **bids fair** to be a doctor one day.

91. Black and Blue

Meaning - Bruised, either physically or emotionally/To beat mercilessly

Meaning (Hindi) - चमड़ी उधेड़ना, शारीरिक रूप से या भावनात्मक रूप से गहरी चोट पहुंचाना

Example - The father beat him **black and blue** for his coming late to home.

92. Blood is thicker than water

Meaning - The family bond is closer than anything else

Meaning (Hindi) - पराया पराया होता है, अपना अपना होता है

Example - Some people in this world do great deeds for someone they barely know and prove this saying wrong that '**Blood Is Thicker Than Water**'

93. Blow up

Meaning - Suddenly became angry

Meaning (Hindi) - अचानक क्रोधित हो जाना

Example - The passenger who was waiting in the line **blew up** at the ticket agent.

94. Blue in the face

Meaning - extremely angry, frustrated, annoyed, embarrassed or upset

Meaning (Hindi) - बेहद क्रोधित

Example - I was **blue in the face** after accidentally seeing the boys harassing a new student.

95. Bought the farm

Meaning - To die, particularly in an accident or military action.

Meaning (Hindi) - अंत हो जाना

Example - He **bought the farm** on that last patrol with the terrorist.

96. Boil down to something

Meaning - Be summarised

Meaning (Hindi) - संक्षेप में

Example - The reason that we could not go on a holiday **boiled down to the fact** that we did not have enough money.

97. Bury the hatchet

Meaning - Cease fighting, make peace



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Meaning (Hindi) - झगड़ा खत्म करना

Example - Let us now **bury the hatchet**, and work for the advancement of the country.

98. By long odds

Meaning - Most decidedly

Meaning (Hindi) - निःसन्देह

Example - She is by long odds the greatest of living mathematicians.

99. By fair or foul means/By hook and by crook

Meaning - By all means/In any way

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी भी विधि से, चाहे गलत या सही

Example - The minister wants to win the seat **by fair or foul means**.

100. Call a spade a spade

Meaning: Speak frankly and directly

Example: Well, I believe it's time to call a spade a spade.

101. Come through with flying colours

Meaning: Be highly successful

Example: The officer training was grueling, but he came through with flying colours.

102. Cock and bull story

Meaning: Made up story that one should not believe

Example: Don't give me that cock-and-bull story

103. Cross one's t's and dot

Meaning: Be precise, careful and one's i's exact

Example: The negotiations are nearly finished, but we still have to dot the i's and cross the t's.

104. Chew the cud

Meaning: Ponder over something

Example: He sat for a moment chewing the cud before he spoke.

105. Close But No Cigar

Meaning: Coming close to a successful outcome only to fall short at the end.

Example: It was close but no cigar for Johnny as he came second once again

106. Cry Over Spilt Milk

Meaning: One shouldn't worry over things that have already happened and that cannot be changed.

Example: Yes, we made a mistake, but there's no point in crying over spilled milk.

107. Cry Wolf

Meaning: someone is calling for help when it's not really needed.

Example: If you cry wolf too often, people will stop believing you.



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108. Curiosity Killed The Cat

Meaning: mind your own business, as too much poking and prodding could lead to harm.

Example: 'Why are you going away so suddenly?' 'Curiosity killed the cat.'

109. Cut To The Chase

Meaning: To get to the point, leaving out all of the unnecessary details. Similar to popular sayings such as "beating around the bush."

Example: I didn't have long to talk so I cut to the chase and asked whether he was still married.

110. Call out

Meaning: to shout

Example: I called out to him but he disappeared in the dark.

111. Call upon

Meaning: to order;

Example: to require: I was unfortunately called upon to give evidence against him.

112. Carry on

Meaning: to continue

Example: If you carry on working hard, your business will soon flourish.

113. Cast away

Meaning: to throw aside

Example: You must cast away all your apprehensions and accept the offer.

114. Catch up with

Meaning: to overtake

115. Cannot stomach someone or something

Meaning - not to be able to put up with someone or something/ not to be able to tolerate or endure someone or something.

Meaning (Hindi) - सहन करने में सक्षम नहीं होना

Example - My sister **cannot stomach** violent movies.

116. Can of worms

Meaning - A situation that, once started, is likely to become problematic or have a negative outcome.

Meaning (Hindi) - जटिल समस्याओं का पिटारा

Example - Getting involved in the minor border conflict has become a **can of worms** for the country, with no end to the military engagement in sight.

117. Can't cut the mustard

Meaning - Someone who isn't adequate enough to compete or participate



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Meaning (Hindi) - प्रतिस्पर्धा करने या भाग लेने के लिए अयोग्य

Example - The new servant keeps mixing up orders and just **can't cut the mustard**.

118. Can't see the woods for the trees

Meaning - Cannot see, understand, or focus on a situation in its entirety due to being preoccupied with minor details

Meaning (Hindi) - छोटे छोटे विवरणों के कारण पूरी स्थिति ना समझ पाना

Example - The new manager found the situation so complicated that he **couldn't see the wood for the trees**.

119. Carried all before one's

Meaning - to overcome all obstacles; to have uninterrupted success.

Meaning (Hindi) - सभी बाधाओं से पार पाना

Example - Meaning (Hindi) - Wherever she addressed public meetings she **carried all before** her.

120. Carried off his feet

Meaning - to fill with enthusiasm

Meaning (Hindi) - उत्साह से भरना

Example - He was **carried off** his feet when he was declared to have won the first prize.

121. Carrot and Stick

Meaning - A motivational tactic that uses a reward and punishment system to encourage improved performance or behaviour.

Meaning (Hindi) - बेहतर प्रदर्शन को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए इनाम और सजा प्रणाली

Example - Companies are slowly learning that the **carrot and stick approach** to management is ineffective, employees are much more motivated to do a better job when they are recognized for their hard work.

122. Carry someone away

Meaning - Fill with emotion

Meaning (Hindi) - भावनाओं के साथ भरना

Example - The fervour of the speech **carried away** the whole crowd.

123. Carve out a niche

Meaning - If you carve a niche or carve out a niche for yourself, you create a role or opportunity for yourself,.

Meaning (Hindi) - खुद के लिए अवसर बनाना

Example - In today's competitive market it's better **to carve out a niche** and try to become the best in that area.

124. Cash Cow

Meaning - A good way to make money / A business or investment that generates a large or consistent profit.



Meaning (Hindi) - पैसा बनाने के लिए एक अच्छा तरीका/अति लाभकारी व्यवसाय

Example - When Bob purchased stock in that software company 10 years ago, he never expected it to become such a **cash cow**.

125. Cast Iron Stomach

Meaning - The ability to eat foods that others may find unusual, unpalatable, or too spicy

Meaning (Hindi) - बीमार हुए बिना सभी प्रकार की चीजों को खा सकने वाला

Example - Some people have certain likes and dislikes when it comes to food but Sukhdarshan had no problem in any kind of food as he had a **Cast Iron Stomach**.

126. Cause a stir

Meaning - to create an atmosphere of excitement or great interest.

Meaning (Hindi) - हलचल का माहौल बनाना

Example - The arrival of the actress **caused quite a stir** in the village.

127. Chapter and Verse

Meaning - In thorough and exact detail/The precise authority backing up a statement or view

Meaning (Hindi) - पूरा और सटीक विस्तार

Example - The author claims that he has given **chapter and verse** for every statement made in his book.

128. Chase Rainbows

Meaning-To constantly pursue things that are unrealistic or unlikely to happen.

Meaning (Hindi) - अवास्तविक या ना होने की संभावना वाली चीजों के पीछे भागना

Example - She's trying to get into Harvard University but as I know her very closely, I think she's chasing rainbows.

129. Chew someone out

Meaning - Verbally Scold Someone

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी को ज़ोर से बोलना या डांटना

Example - It is not an easy task to **Chew Someone Out** when that person happens to be elder than you.

130. Chicken out of something

Meaning - To refuse to do something due to fear (real or perceived).

Meaning (Hindi) - डर की वजह से कुछ करने के लिए मना करना

Example - He decided to join a karate class, but **chickened out of it** at the last minute!

131. Chime in

Meaning - To join in a discussion about something; to offer one's thoughts

Meaning (Hindi) - अपने विचारों की पेशकश करने के लिए चर्चा में शामिल होना

Example - As I explained to the bus driver what had happened, the other passengers **chimed in** and gave their version.



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132. Chop and Change

Meaning - If you chop and change, you constantly change your opinion, plans or methods and often cause confusion.

Meaning (Hindi) - लगातार अपनी राय बदलना

Example - Don't chop and change all the time - just make up your mind!

133. Chow Down

Meaning - To eat, often quickly or enthusiastically.

Meaning (Hindi) - लालचीर्यों की तरह खाना

Example - Gita commented 'That's the way to **Chow Down**' when she beat all the contestants in a burger eating competition.

134. Close but no cigar

Meaning - an effort to do something which was a good attempt but not quite good enough to succeed/Fall just short of a successful outcome and get nothing for your efforts.

Meaning (Hindi) - अच्छा प्रयास लेकिन सफल होने के लिए अपर्याप्त प्रयास

Example - The ball touched the goal post - **close but no cigar!**

135. Come into one's own

Meaning - When you come into your own, you receive the credit or recognition you deserve/To reach a new level of maturity, independence, or success

Meaning (Hindi) - अपना प्रभाव दिखाना

Example - She has really come into her own this year. A full-time job, a new apartment—she's doing great!

137. Cook something up

Meaning - To plan to do something with someone/To devise something/To invent something/Forced, artificial, or contrived.

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी के साथ कुछ करने की योजना / किसी चीज का आविष्कार करना / कुछ जबरदस्ती, कृत्रिम, या अनुचित।

Example - Sunny **cooked up** a great story so that Jane wouldn't know she was on her way to a surprise party for her birthday.

138. Crackdown on something

Meaning - To address or control something more strictly than in the past

Meaning (Hindi) - अतीत की तुलना में अधिक कड़ाई से कुछ नियंत्रित करना

Example -: To reduce road accidents, it was decided to **crack down** on speeding.

139. Crack someone up

Meaning - To make someone laugh

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी को हसाना

Example - The lecturer would talk along sort of boring like, and then all of a sudden he would **crackup** everybody with a joke.



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140. Cry Off

Meaning - Withdraw/to decide not to do something that you had promised or agreed to do

Meaning (Hindi) - पीछे हटना

Example - Raman invited her to the races and she agreed, but she caught flu and had to **cry off** at the last minute.

141. Cut to the chase

Meaning - Leave out all the unnecessary details and just get to the point

Meaning (Hindi) - सभी अनावश्यक विवरण छोड़कर सिर्फ बिंदु पर जाना

Example - Instead of saying all these introductory comments, **cut to the chase already** and tell what exactly are you trying to ask me?

142. Carry Out

Meaning - to perform or complete a job or activity; to fulfill

Meaning (Hindi) - अंजाम देना

Example - I was elected to **carry out** a program, the governor said, and I have every intention of carrying it out.

143. Chip In

Meaning - contribute something as one's share of a joint activity, cost/ To join in a discussion about something; to offer one's thoughts.

Meaning (Hindi) - योगदान करना

Example - When I heard them discussing my department, I just had to chip in with my own suggestions.

144. Clam up

Meaning - To suddenly stop talking or refuse to speak, typically due to a particular reason/to say nothing.

Meaning (Hindi) - शांत रहना

Example - The minute they got him in for questioning, he **clammed up**.

145. Clamp down on

Meaning - Literally, to press down on something firmly/To limit, reduce, bring under tighter control.

Meaning (Hindi) - नीचे की तरफ दबाना

Example - We really need to **clamp down on spending** before our department loses funding altogether.

146. Come Apart

Meaning - if an object comes apart, it separates into pieces, either because it has been made that way or because it is very old or in very bad condition

Meaning (Hindi) - टूट जाना

Example - I picked up the book and it just **came apart** in my hands.



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147. Come By

Meaning - to get something, especially something that is hard to get

Meaning (Hindi) - कुछ मुश्किल पा लेना

Example - Some times ago, teaching jobs abroad were hard **to come by**.

148. Conk Out

Meaning - to suddenly stop working/ To fall asleep/To Faint

Meaning (Hindi) - आराम करना, बंद होना

Example - Judging by all that noise coming from her car, I'm pretty sure it's about to conk out.

149. Cut Across/through

Meaning - To move across an area, often as a shortcut/To break through a particular barrier/to reach beyond something; to embrace a wide variety

Meaning (Hindi) - विस्तृत रूप से फैलना

Example-The problem **cuts across** all socioeconomic lines & affects all age groups.

150. Come Through

Meaning - to be still alive, working, or making progress after a difficult or dangerous experience

Meaning (Hindi) - निपटने में सफल (एक बीमारी या त्रासदी)

Example - It's been a very upsetting time but we've come through it together.

151. Cut Out

Meaning - to stop something/ to remove something

Meaning (Hindi) - रोकना/हटाना

Example - With her speed and agility, Cage **cut out** all her competitors in the hurdle race.

152. Donkey's year

Meaning: a very long time (बहुत लम्बा समय)

Example: Nowadays one has to wait donkey's years to get justice.

153. Dog days

Meaning: hottest days of summer

Example: The **dog days** of summer are a difficult period for those who have to work out in the open.

154. Dead ringer

Meaning: A duplicate of the exact things.

Example: The car that is parked in that garage is a dead ringer of the car that my dad used to own a couple of years back.

155. Dark horse

Meaning: One who was previously unknown but is now prominent

Example: You never can tell, some **dark horse** many come along and win a House of Lords seat.



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156. Dog's life

Meaning: a miserable, unhappy existence.

Example: I have to work everyday from dawn to sunset and come back home to take care of the children. It's really a dog's life.

157. Down to earth

Meaning: simple, decent, realistic; practical and straightforward.

Example: She is very **down to earth** person, not at all attracted by the glamour world.

158. Down at heel

Meaning: Out of luck, shabbily dressed

Example: Since Ashok lost his job, he is always down at heel.

159. Doom and Gloom

Meaning: A feeling of pessimism and despondency, often with regard to business or political prospects.

160. Drive up the wall

Meaning: to make someone angry or irritated

Example: The loud music played by my neighbours is driving me up the wall.

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

Meaning: don't put all your resources into one thing

Example: It would be better if you applied to several companies instead of just one; don't put all your eggs in one basket.

162. Dead and buried

If something is dead and buried, it has all long been settled and is not going to be reconsidered.

163. Dead in the water

If something is dead in the water, it isn't going anywhere or making any progress

164. Dip your toe in the water

Meaning: (also dip a toe in the water) said when you start something carefully because you are not sure whether it will work or not.

Example: I am doing some volunteer work at the new school to try and dip my toe in the water of working in the education field

165. Devil of a time

Meaning: If you have a devil of a time, you have a very difficult time.

Example: Before she divorced, Ann had had a devil of a time with my her husband.

166. Devil's Advocate



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Meaning: To present a counter argument Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched

Example: He offered to play devil's advocate and argue against our case so that we could find out any flaws in it.

167. Don't give up the day job

Meaning: You are not very good at something. You could definitely not do it professionally.

Example: I watched your performance at the theater today. My advice is don't give up your day job.

168. Down in the dumps

Meaning: a gloomy, unhappy

Examples: Little Jon is down in the dumps because all her friends are gone away with their parents

169. Do for

Meaning: Fulfil the purpose

Example: This book will do for the IAS Examination.

170. Draw up

Meaning: To draft

Example: I was engaged in drawing up plans for new business.

171. Drop a line

Meaning: Send a brief letter

Examples: If you've got a few minutes to spare you could always drop her a line.

172. Dot the i's and cross the t's

Meaning: To do something very carefully and in a lot of detail

Examples: She writes highly accurate reports – she always **dots her I's and crosses her t's**.

173. Dig own grave

Meaning: do something stupid that will seriously harm oneself, cause one's own ruin or downfall.

Example: If she continues to behave like this to her senior officer, she'll be **digging her own grave**.

174. Every Dog has his day

Meaning: Sooner or later, everyone has his share of good fortune

Example: You may become successful in your business someday. Every dog has his day.

175. Early bird

Meaning: A person who gets up early or arrives early for something.

Example: My brother is an early bird and gets up very early every morning.

176. Egg on

Meaning: to urge or push someone to do something.



Example: The boy is always egging his friend on to do stupid things.

177. Eye of the storm

Meaning: The center of a problem

Example: The politician was in the eye of the storm because of the accounting scandal.

178. Excuse (someone)

Meaning: to forgive someone

Example: We excused the man for his rude comments because he did not know any better.

179. Eagle eye

Meaning: Quick to discover (Unusually keen sight)

Example: A good student has an eagle eye for his errors.

180. Empty vessels make the most noise

Meaning: Those who know or have little knowledge often shout the loudest

Example: Ram tells as if he's an expert on everything, but empty vessels make the most noise.

181. Earn one's keep

Meaning: To perform satisfactory physical labour or to provide other worthy services in return for remuneration, lodging, or other benefits; to support oneself financially.

182. Eager beaver

Meaning - A keen and enthusiastic person who works very hard.

Meaning (Hindi) - इच्छुक, उत्साही

Example - Raman is a real **eager beaver** and I am sure he will do very well in this organization.

183. Enough to cobble dogs with

Meaning - A large surplus of anything

Meaning (Hindi) - अधिकता

Example - We've got enough investment **to cobble dogs with.**

184. Easy as pie

Meaning - Extremely easy, simple, or intuitive; requiring very little skill or effort

Meaning (Hindi) - बहुत आसान

Example - After so many years as an accountant, doing taxes is as **easy as pie** for me.

185. Easy does it

Meaning -used to advise someone to approach a task carefully and slowly.

Meaning (Hindi) - सावधानी से और धीरे धीरे कार्य करने के लिए सलाह देना

Example - **Easy does it**, guys— you are moving a priceless piece of art which is worth of 3 crores.



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186. Eat crow/Eat humble pie

Meaning - To admit that one is wrong, usually when doing so triggers great embarrassment or shame.

Meaning (Hindi) - अनिच्छ से स्वीकार करने को बाध्य करना

Example - He had no option but to **eat crow** and admit that his analysis was wrong.

187. Economical with the truth

Meaning - the one who omits important facts or gives incomplete information, Deceitful

Meaning (Hindi) - धोखेबाज, कपटी

Example - I wouldn't trust him—everyone says **he's economical with the truth**.

188. Egg on your face

Meaning - If someone has egg on their face, they are made to look foolish or embarrassed, To suffer embarrassment as a result of some public failure or faux pas.

Meaning (Hindi) - सार्वजनिक विफलता या अशुद्धता के परिणामस्वरूप शर्मिंदा होना

Example - The CEO really had **egg on his face** after he went on stage to demonstrate the new product and couldn't get it to work right.

189. Elbow grease

Meaning - hard physical work, especially vigorous polishing or cleaning/Energetic labour.

Meaning (Hindi) - ऊर्जावान श्रम

Example - It requires to put in a lot of **elbow grease** to shift from one place to another.

190. Elbow room

Meaning - Enough space to move around an area easily/ The freedom and ability to act as one wants.

Meaning (Hindi) - पर्याप्त जगह, / स्वतंत्रता से कार्य करना

Example - We shared a small office where neither of us had enough **elbow room**.

191. Engaging manners

Meaning - Good behaviour

Meaning (Hindi) - अच्छा व्यवहार

Example - The Prime Minister became popular because of his **engaging manners**.

192. Ended in smoke

Meaning - No concrete or positive result/Came to nothing

Meaning (Hindi) - कोई परिणाम न निकलना



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Example - All her plans for the trip to the hill station **ended in smoke** as she got ill at that time.

193. Even at the turning of the tide

Meaning - to denote some change from a previously stable course of events.

Meaning (Hindi) - स्थिर घटनाओं से कुछ बदलाव को निरूपित करना

Example - The lifestyle of the rich hasn't changed much **even at the turning of the tide**.

194. Every nook and cranny

Meaning - Any part or section of a given place, especially those that are hard to see or reach/ every small, out-of-the-way place or places where something can be hidden

Meaning (Hindi) - कोना. कोना छान मारना

Example - We looked for our tickets in **every nook and cranny** but could not find it.

195. Eye to eye (with someone)

Meaning - to agree with someone, or to have the same opinion as them

Meaning (Hindi) - किसी के साथ सहमत होना

Example -: I don't see **eye to eye with** my father on many things.

196. Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning - there is always something good even in an unpleasant, difficult or even painful situation.

Meaning (Hindi) - दुर्भाग्य के काले बादलों में आशा की सुनहरी दामिनी भी छिपी रहती है

Example -: You should never feel hopeless. **Every cloud has a silver lining**, you know.

197. Every Man Jack

Meaning - every person without exception/each and every person (used for emphasis).

Meaning (Hindi) - हर एक आदमी

Example -: I don't know how many people live in this society, but **every man jack** of them is required to contribute their time towards cleaning up the society on this occasion.

198. Every Tom, Dick and Harry

Meaning - Every kind of common, undistinguished person; anyone at all, indiscriminately/to talk about many different people, especially people they do not think are special or important.

Meaning (Hindi) - कोई भी ऐरा-गैरा नत्थू खैरा

Example -: You don't want **every Tom, Dick, and Harry** coming to your performance, but then you don't want to limit the amount of audience you might bring in.



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199. Eyewash

Meaning - nonsense, deception, insincere talk

Meaning (Hindi) - बकवास

Example -: All that stuff about blood being thicker than water was nothing more than **eyewash**.

200. Ease off/Ease up

Meaning - to give something less effort or energy, especially when you have been working very hard

Meaning (Hindi) - कम होना, सुविधा देना

Example - If she doesn't **ease off** at work, she'll make herself ill.

201. Eke Out

Meaning - to make (a living) or support (existence) laboriously/To supplement; to add to something.

Meaning (Hindi) - निर्वाह करना/कमी पूरी करना

Example-The old man **eked out** his pension by selling vegetables from his garden.

202. Egg Someone On

Meaning - to urge or strongly encourage them to do something especially something not wise enough

Meaning (Hindi) - उकसाना, जोर देना

Example - She didn't really want to learn to drive but her children kept **egging her on**.

203. For Good: भविष्य के लिए कुछ छोड़ देना

Meaning: Forever or permanently

Example: I am leaving for good this time.

204. Few and Far between कभी - कभार

Meaning: Not very many or not appearing very frequently

Example: He grew up at a time when jobs were few and far between.

205. Fancy Price: बहुत ऊँची कीमत

Meaning: Very high price

Example: I have paid a fancy price for this ordinary pen.

206. Flogging a dead horse- व्यर्थ का प्रयास करना

Meaning: to waste time trying to do something that will not succeed

207. Fish out of water- बेचैन

Meaning: In bad condition

Example: In the company old men I felt like a fish out of water.

208. Fool 's paradise: मुर्खतापूर्ण अभिलाषाएं



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Meaning: in false wish

Example: If you hope to pass, you are in a fool's paradise

209. Forty winks: झपकी

Meaning: little sleep in day

Example: one likes to enjoy forty winks in summer.

210. Flesh and blood: निकट सम्बन्धी

Meaning: Human nature, a normal human being

Example: we're going to need some fresh blood if we want to remain a viable company in today's market.

211. Fight tooth and nail: पूरे दम से मुकाबला करना

Meaning: to use a lot of effort to oppose someone or achieve something

Example: we try tooth and nail to clear SSC Exam.

212. Friend at court: समय पर मदद

Meaning: Help on time

Example: At the time of my brother's appointment, I found in Ram a friend at court.

213. Face the music: किसी बुरे अनुभव से गुजरना

Meaning: Go through an unpleasant experience

Example: He was part of an illegal racing gang, and had to face the music when they were busted

214. Feather in one's cap: कोई उपलब्धि

Meaning: It means to have an achievement in one's name.

Example: One does not get chances to add a feather in their cap too often. So the opportunity to do so should be utilized well.

215. Feel under the weather: बीमार महसूस करना

Meaning: to be ill or feel ill

Example: She has just returned from her vacation, but is feeling under the weather and has a sore throat and running nose.

216. Fit as a fiddle: बहुत स्वस्थ आदमी

Meaning: A very healthy person

Example: The team had partied late into the night, but on match day, each of them was as fit as a fiddle.

217. Freudian Slip: बिना सोचे विचारे बोली हुई गलत बात

Meaning: A speaker's unintentional mistake revealing his true thoughts



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Example: The reporter made a Freudian Slip and said "camden" instead of "condemn".

218. Get away Scot free - बिना सजा पाए बच निकलना

Meaning: To avoid the punishment that you deserve

Example: If you don't take out a complaint against him he'll get off Scot-free!

219. Good Samaritan-दूसरों की मदद करने वाला

Meaning: person who unselfishly helps others,

Example: He's such a good Samaritan. He used to take after my grandmother when she was ill.

220. Green eyed monster- ईर्ष्यालु

Meaning: jealousy

Example: I 'd no idea you were so susceptible to the green-eyed monster.

221. Green Horn-अनुभवहीन

Meaning: an untrained or inexperienced person.

222. Go the extra mile- किसी की मदद के लिए कुछ भी कर जाना

Meaning: Going above and beyond whatever is required for the task at hand.

Example: Vipin is a nice guy, always ready to go the extra mile for his friends

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223. Go out on a limb- खुद मुसीबत में रहके दोसरो की मदद करना

Meaning: Put yourself in a tough position in order to support someone/something.

Example: You can't find your dog? I'm going to go out on a limb and say he jumped over the fence and got loose.

224. Have an axe to grind- किसी से मन मुटाव होना

Meaning: To have a dispute with someone.

Example: As a novelist, he has no political axe to grind.

225. Hell in a hand basket- आने वाली समस्या के लिए नेतृत्व करना

Meaning: Deteriorating headed for complete disaster.

226. Hale and hearty- पूरी तरह स्वस्थ

Meaning: very healthy and strong

Example: At 80 Nitish is hale and hearty, getting up at six every morning to walk five miles.

227. Hold your horse- संयम रखो

Meaning: Be patient.

Example: You must hold your horse to clear any exam.

228. Hit the bull's eye- सटीक

Meaning: get something exactly right, or be on target.

Example: The finance minister's speech on attracting new investments hit the bull's eye.

229. head over heels- अचानक प्यार में पड़ना

Meaning: fall deeply and completely in love, especially suddenly

Example: She and her husband make an amazing couple. They are head over heels in love and are very supportive of each other.

230. Hit the sack or hit the hay- सो जाना

Meaning: to go to bed, to go to sleep

Example: After I hit the sack, I read for sometime before turning off the lights and going to sleep.

231. Hit the nail on the head- किसी चीज़ के बारे में एकदम सही होना

Meaning: be accurately right about something

Example: He is a smart debugger. Every time you take a broken code to him, he will hit the nail on the head and tell you the exact problem.

232. High on the hog- आलिशान रहन सहन

Meaning: Living in luxury.



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233. In a trice- बिना रुकावट के

Meaning: Without causing any delays.

Example: I will be there **in a trice**, stop calling me so often.

234. In a tight corner- कठिन स्थिति में होना

Meaning: to be in a difficult situation

Example: She had been in tight corners before and had always managed to get out of them.

235. In deep water- मुसीबत में होना

Meaning: in difficulty, in a problem.

Example: I'm going to be in deep water if my boss refuses to approve the project done by me after the hard work of a week.

236. In a nutshell- बहुत संक्षेप में बताना

Meaning: to state something very concisely

Example: The explanation is long and involved, but let me put it in a nutshell for you. To put it in a nutshell: you are fired!

237. In the dark- धोखे में रखना

Meaning: uninformed, a state of ignorance.

Example: We're still **in the dark** about the company's layoff policy.

238. In cold blood- योजनाबद्ध तरीके से

Meaning: in a planned way and without pity or other emotion.

Example: One young lady was shot dead **in cold blood** inside the premises of shopping complex.

239. In the blink of an eye- एक क्षण में

Meaning: in an instant.

Example: **In the blink of an eye** the robber disappeared from the bank with the bag of Gold jewellery.

240. In black and white- कागज़ पर लिखित में

Meaning: formally, on paper and in writing.

Example: He asked his old mother not to worry as the terms of the hand agreement was spelt out **in black and white**.

241. In the good books- किसी की सहमति में

Meaning: be in somebody's favour or good opinion.

Example: The fact that he always managed to be **in the good books** of the bosses surprised one and all.

242. In high spirits- खुशी में



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Meaning: With joy

243. In apple pie order- साफ़ सुथरा और व्यवस्थित

Meaning: Clean and Arranged.

244. Jump the gun- बिना सोचे समझे जल्दी से एक्शन लेना

Meaning: Do something too early, especially without thinking

Use: The media jumped the gun and gave out their verdict of the scandal even before the investigation was complete.

245. Jack of all trades- हर फील्ड में निपुण

Meaning: somebody who has many skills or who is versatile in ever field.

Use: Sandeep is the jack of all trades as he can teach, sung and do many different job at a time.

246. Jump to conclusion- निष्कर्ष पर पहुँच जाना

Meaning: form an opinion or judgement hastily.

Use: Wait till we get the report; don't **jump to a conclusion**.

247. Jam on the brakes- अचानक और जोर से ब्रेक दबा देना

Meaning: to press the brakes suddenly and in a hard way.

Use: I had to jam on the brakes because a kid suddenly appeared from nowhere and crossed the road.

248. John Hancock- किसी आदमी के हस्ताक्षर

Meaning: A person's signature.

Use: Put your John Hancock at the bottom of the will.

249. Jump on the bandwagon- नयी प्रवृत्ति अपनाना

Meaning: To profit from a craze; to join a trend.

Use: After the incredible success of the new product, the company has jumped on the bandwagon, and released a new version of it.

250. Jump the lights- सिगनल तोड़ना

Meaning: Pass traffic lights, when they are red.

Use: Don't jump the lights as it may be fatal for you.

251. Justice is blind- अँधा कानून

Meaning: This expression means that justice is impartial and objective.

Use: No matter who you are, you must respect the law. Justice is blind!

252. Jangle someone's nerves- किसी को नर्वस कर देना

Meaning: Annoy someone or make them nervous.



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Use: The noise of the dog jangled my nerves.

253. Jump for joy- बहुत जादा खुश होना

Meaning: To be extremely happy:

Use: The blood tests so far show my mother doesn't have cancer, but it's still too early to jump for joy because she has to have more tests.

254. Just deserts- जिसके लायक हो वो मिल जाना

Meaning: Get what one deserves.

Use: After a lot of hard work he got his just deserts.

255. Keep the wolf from the door-भुखमरी से दूर रहना

Meaning: To have enough money to be able to ward off poverty or hunger.

Example: They were really very poor, but they had enough to keep the wolf from the door.

256. Kill two birds with one stone-एक तीर से दो निशाने

Meaning: accomplish two different things at the same time

Example: I have to go to the bank, and on the way back, I'll pick up the groceries also, killing two birds with one stone.

257. Keep your chin up-मुसीबत में भी मजबूत रहना

Meaning: be stalwart and courageous in a tough situation

Example: Don't let the difficulties intimidate you; **keep your chin up.**

258. Keep fingers crossed-अपने मुताबिक चीज़ें होजाना

Meaning: hope that things will happen in the way you want them to.

Example: I'm keep my fingers crossed that my husband clears the written interview this Monday to join British Intelligence Bureau.

259. Keep at arm's length- दूरी बनाए रखना

Meaning: keep a distance, avoiding intimacy or familiarity.

Example: He always had the feeling that she was keeping him at arm's length.

260. Keep an eyes on him- किसी पर नज़र रखना

Meaning: You should carefully watch him.

Example: Carol asked me if I would mind keeping an eye on her houseplants while she was in Cuba.

261. Keep body and soul together- जीवित रहने के लिए पैसा कमाना

Meaning: To earn a sufficient amount of money in order to keep yourself alive.

Example: *He earns barely enough to keep body and soul together.*

262. Knee Jerk reaction-अचानक से प्रतिक्रिया करना



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Meaning: A quick reaction that doesn't allow you time to consider something carefully (It is always disapproving)

263. Knock on wood- कुछ बुरी किस्मत से बचने के लिए लकड़ी पर लंगर डालना

Meaning: Knuckle tapping on wood in order to avoid some bad luck.

264. Kick the bucket- मरना

Meaning: to die.

Example: Sad news! He kicked the bucket.

265. Lend me your ear- ध्यान से सुनना

Meaning: To politely ask for someone's full attention

Example: Lend an ear to me and I will tell you a story. Lend your ear to what I am saying.

266. Let bygones be bygones- लड़ाई को भूल जाना

Meaning: To forget about a disagreement or argument.

Example: There is a feeling here that we should let bygones be bygones and move on to more important things.

267. Let the cat out of the bag- एक रहस्य बताना जो साझा बताने के लिए नहीं था।

Meaning: To share a secret that wasn't suppose to be shared.

Example: Amazingly, not one of the people who knew about the surprise let the cat out of the bag.

268. Level Playing field- एक निष्पक्ष प्रतियोगिता जहां किसी भी पक्ष का कोई फायदा नहीं है

Meaning: A fair competition where no side has an advantage

Example: If we started off with a level playing field, everyone would have an equal chance.

269. Long in the tooth- पुराने जैसे

Meaning: Rather Old

Example: Don't you think she's a bit long in the tooth to be a romantic heroine?

270. Make a clean breast of- कबूल करना

Meaning: To confess

Use: He made a clean breast of his crime.

271. Make one's way- खुदकी मेहनत से आगे बढ़ना

Meaning: Advance in life by one's own efforts.

Use: He had to make his own way in the world as his family was very poor.

272. Man in the street- एक साधारण व्यक्ति

Meaning: An ordinary person



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Use: Ram is a man in the street.

273. Man of his word-जो अपने वादों को रखता है

Meaning: One who keeps his promises.

Use: Sandeep by helping me, proves that he is a man of his word.

274. Man of straw- एक कमजोर आदमी

Meaning: A weak person.

Use: When his wife needed his support, he run away and left her facing all the problems all alone. That is why; she called him a man of straw after all.

275. Mark my words- मेरी बात सुनो

Meaning: Listen to me

Use: Mark my words; this boy is going to become a great ruler.

276. Marry money- अमीर से शादी करना

Meaning: To marry a rich person

Use: She married to Sandeep Ambani and got rich.

277. Meet one's death- मर जाना

Meaning: To die.

Use: A friend of mine met his death when he got hit by a train.

278. Minting it- जल्दी से बहुत सारा पैसा कमा लेना

Meaning: Earning a lot of money quickly.

Use: The company is minting it is only due to new manager.

279. Miss the boat- किसी अवसर का लाभ उठाने में विफल

Meaning: To fail to take advantage of an opportunity.

Use: A good business opportunity comes in ram's life but ram miss the boat.

280. Maiden voyage-जहाज या नाव की पहली यात्रा

Meaning: The first voyage of a ship or boat

Use: The maiden voyage of the Titanic ship was very popular.

281. Make a beeline for- किसी की तरफ जाने की जल्दी

Meaning: To hurry directly toward someone or something

Use: When ram enters a party, he always make a beeline for the dessert section.

282. Make a comeback- वापस से पहले की तरह सफलता पाना

Meaning: To return to one's former (successful) career or situation



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Use: Yuvraj Singh makes a comeback in world cup tournament after a lot of hard work.

283. Make a difference- किसी स्थिति में बदलाव

Meaning: To cause a change in a situation

Use: It does not make a difference whether our boss comes to the meeting or not.

284. Make a fool out of- किसी को मुर्ख की तरह दिखा देना

Meaning: To make someone look foolish

Use: The secretary made a fool out of her boss when she criticized him at the meeting.

285. Make a fuss- किसी की चिंता

Meaning: To worry about

Use: My grandmother always makes a fuss over me when I visit her.

286. Make eyes at- किसी के साथ इश्क करने के लिए

Meaning: To flirt with someone, to look at someone to try and attract him or her

Use: The boy was making eyes at the girl in math class.



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