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Frequently asked Idioms and Phrases

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1. Idiom – Grease the palm

Meaning - (to bribe)

Sentence - Kabir had to grease the palm of the officer in order to get driving license.

1. Idiom – Nip in the bud

Meaning - to destroy in the very beginning)

Sentence - The bad habits of a child should be nipped in the bud.

1. Idiom – Turn a deaf ear

Meaning - (to not to pay attention)

Sentence - All the students turned a deaf ear to the teacher during moral science lecture.

1. Idiom – Knit the brow

Meaning - (to frown)

Sentence - Employer always knits his brow at everything the employees do.

1. Idiom – In a flutter

Meaning - (excited)

Sentence - Abhinav is in a flutter today because it is his first day at school

1. Idiom – Fabian policy

Meaning - (policy of delaying decisions)

Sentence - It gets harmful for the management to follow fabian policy in every matter

1. Idiom – By fits and starts

Meaning - (irregularly)

Sentence - Ram was penalised because he used to perform his job by fits and starts

1. Idiom - At a loose end

Meaning - (unoccupied)

Sentence - Now-a-days Rachel is at loose end because she has left her job

1. Idiom - Hang fire

Meaning - (remain unsolved)

Sentence - Most of the criminal cases remain hanging on fire for many years

1. Idiom - Wind fall

Meaning - (sudden gain)

Sentence - Reshma got a wind fall when her uncle died

1. Idiom -ABC

Meaning - (very common knowledge)

Sentence - Meera does not know ABC of law.

1. Idiom - Blow hot and cold

Meaning - (having no stand)

Sentence - Sunil cannot be relied upon because he blows hot and cold in every matter.

1. Idiom - Cock and bull story

Meaning - (untrue story)

Sentence - All the explanations given by Sita seem to be a cock and bull story.

1. Idiom - Gall and wormwood

Meaning - (source of irritation)

Sentence - The acts of the children were gall and wormwood for her.

1. Idiom - Herculean task

Meaning - (a tedious job)

Sentence - To clear judiciary examination is a herculean task for the aspirants.

1. Idiom - Kith and kin

Meaning - (blood relatives)

Sentence - In the gloomy days we all seek support of our kith and kins.

1. Idiom - Open and above board

Meaning - (very clear)

Sentence - He prefers to record open and above board point of view on every matter.

1. Idiom - Queer fish

Meaning - (strange person)

Sentence - Ramesh is a queer fish, he cannot be trusted in confidential issues.

1. Idiom - Rhyme or reason

Meaning - (rational cause)

Sentence - He was suspended from the job without any rhyme and reason

1. Idiom - Between Scylla and Charybdis

Meaning - (choice between two unpleasant alternatives)

Sentence - Make wise decision so that you don't fall between Scylla and Charybdis.

1. Idiom - At dagger's drawn

Meaning - (to have bitter enmity)

Sentence - Once who were best friends are now at dagger's drawn.

1. Idiom - Blue stocking

Meaning - (educated but pedantic lady)

Sentence - Her husband avoids her because she is a blue stocking

1. Idiom - Draconian Law

Meaning - (extremely severe law)

Sentence - In Kashmir Draconian Law was imposed in order to subdue terrorist attack.

1. Idiom - Eke out

Meaning - (supplement income)

Sentence - The students do part time jobs to eke out their income.

1. Idiom - Damp squib

Meaning - (complete failure)

Sentence - Our visit to London for the project was a damp squib.

1. Idiom - Hit below the belt

Meaning - (to strike unfairly)

Sentence - We should never hit the opponents below the belt.

1. Idiom - In the red

Meaning - (suffer a loss)

Sentence - Most of the businesses went in red after demonetization.

1. Idiom - Keep the pot boiling

Meaning - (earn hardly enough for living)

Sentence - One should earn at least to keep the pot boiling.

1. Idiom - One's Achilles heel

Meaning - (a weak point)

Sentence - Her children were her Achilles' heel.

1. Idiom - Pyrrhic victory

Meaning - (victory at a high cost)

Sentence - India's victory over POK will prove to be a pyrrhic victory.

1. Idiom - A scarlet woman

Meaning - (a woman with loose morals)

Sentence - A woman working late at night should not be considered as a scarlet woman.

1. Idiom - To set Thames on fire

Meaning - (to achieve something impossible)

Sentence - To trek on Himalaya's is like to set Thames on fire.

1. Idiom - Take somebody for a ride

Meaning - (to deceive a person)

Sentence - The shopkeeper took his customers for a ride by selling them fake goods.

1. Idiom - White elephant

Meaning - (anything with less utility and more expenditure)

Sentence - The new BMW car has become a white elephant for the employer.

1. Idiom - Wry face

Meaning - (disappointed look)

Sentence - Anil made a wry face when he learned that he has been disqualified from the match.

1. Idiom - Hush Money

Meaning - (a bribe)

Sentence - Simran managed to escape from the cops by paying hush money.

1. Idiom - Not born yesterday

Meaning - (worldly wise)

Sentence - I am not going to fall for your lies as I was not born yesterday.

1. Idiom - Speck and span

Meaning - (neat and smart)

Sentence - Students should always be speck and span in their dressing

1. Idiom - Milk and water

Meaning - (weak)

Sentence - The economy of India is milk and water in front of USA's economy.

1. Idiom - Uphill task

Meaning - (difficult task)

Sentence - Passing CLAT examination is an uphill task.

1. Idiom - To assume airs

Meaning - (to pretend superiority)

Sentence - She is in the habit of assuming airs in the presence of her cousins.

1. Idiom - To burn the midnight oil

Meaning - (to work up to late hours)

Sentence - Mahesh burnt the midnight oil for several days in order to complete the project before deadline.

1. Idiom - To bury the hatchet

Meaning - (to make peace forgetting the past enmity)

Sentence - Indians and Pakistanis should bury the hatchet for the development and prosperity of both the nations.

1. Idiom - To buy a pig in a poke

Meaning - (to purchase a thing without knowing its actual worth)

Sentence - One should always value money and never buy a pig in a poke.

1. Idiom - To curry favour

Meaning - (to win favour by gifts or flattery)

Sentence - By giving presents to the officer, Himanshu tried to curry his favour.

1. Idiom - To go on fool's errand

Meaning - (to go on an expedition where only a fool can go)

Sentence - The key was in his pocket and he sent me on a fool's errand to search the same in movie theatre.

1. Idiom - To have feet of clay

Meaning - (full of faults)

Sentence - The answer sheets of the students had feet of clay.

1. Idiom - To keep abreast of

Meaning - (not to fall behind)

Sentence - In this world of competition, it is very important to keep abreast of others.

1. Idiom - To pour oil on troubled water

Meaning - (to rectify the matter)

Sentence - In the quarrel between the brothers, their mother poured oil on troubled water.

1. Idiom - To show the white feather

Meaning - (to act as a cowardice)

Sentence - Anita showed white feather in the playground.

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