

Idioms and Phrases

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Phrases starting with 'A'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	ABC	साधारण ज्ञान
2.	Above board	स्पष्ट
3.	Above all	सबसे अधिक
4.	After all	अन्त में, चाहे जो हो
5.	All in all	सर्वेसर्वा
6.	All the same	एक ही महत्त्व का
7.	All over	सभी जगह
8.	Along with	साथ-साथ
9.	All along	शुरू से अन्त तक; पूरी दूरी तक
10.	All day long	दिन भर
11.	At once	तुरंत
12.	At home in	निपुण
13.	Again and again	बार-बार
14.	At random	बिना लक्ष्य के
15.	As usual	सदा की भाँति
16.	At the latest	अन्तिम समय
17.	At heart	हृदय से
18.	At the top of	उच्चतम स्तर में
19.	At all hazards	हर तरह के कष्ट के बावजूद
20.	At length	अन्त में
21.	At enmity with	शत्रुता रखना
22.	At a stretch	लगातार
23.	Apple of one's eye	दुलारा, प्यारा
24.	Apple of discord	झगड़े की वस्तु
25.	At the eleventh hour	अन्तिम समय में
26.	At bottom	भीतर से
27.	At daggers drawn	कट्टर दुश्मनी होना
28.	At a loss	घबरा जाना
29.	At sixes and sevens	तितर-बितर
30.	As if	मानो
31.	At hand	नजदीक
32.	As a matter of fact	सचमुच
33.	At the point of	करीब
34.	At all costs	किसी भी कीमत पर
35.	At stake	खतरे में
36.	At variance with	विपरीत
37.	At all	तनिक भी
38.	At all events	चाहे जो कुछ हो।
39.	As a rule	सदा
40.	Apple-pie order	बिल्कुल ठीक हालत में

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41.	At a time	एक बार में
42.	At times	कभी-कभी
43.	As long as	जब तक
44.	As soon as	ज्योंही
45.	At large	स्वतंत्र
46.	At the same time	उसी समय
47.	As a result of	के फलस्वरूप
48.	At the instance of	के उकसाने या कहने पर
49.	At last	अन्त में
50.	At any cost	किसी भी कीमत पर
51.	As a whole	पूरे रूप में
52.	All at once	एकाएक
53.	At no time	कभी नहीं
54.	At least	कम से कम
55.	At fault	गलती में
56.	After a fashion	किसी भाँति, संतोषप्रद ढंग से नहीं।
57.	All told	सब मिलाकर
58.	A bird's eye view	विहंगम दृष्टि
59.	A lame excuse	असंतोषजनक बहाना
60.	A man of letters	विद्वान आदमी
61.	A man of parts	सुयोग्य व्यक्ति
62.	A man of spirit	उत्साही आदमी
63.	A man of straw	वह आदमी जिसका कोई मत न हो।
64.	A slip of the pen	लिखने में गलती
65.	A slip of the tongue	बोलने में गलती
66.	A snake in the grass	आस्तीन का सोंप; वह आदमी जो देखने में मैत्री भाव रखता है पर हृदय में कपट।
67.	At one's wit's end	चकित
68.	As yet	अभी तक
69.	At any rate	किसी भी तरह
70.	At one's best	सबसे अच्छी हालत में
71.	As such	अतः
72.	A good for nothing fellow	बेकार आदमी
73.	An iron-will	दृढ़विचार
74.	A jail bird	कुख्यात अपराधी
75.	A promising youth	होनहार युवक
76.	A utopian scheme	आदर्श किन्तु कार्यान्वित न होने वाला योजना
77.	At one's finger's ends	पूर्ण ज्ञात
78.	At arm's length	दूर
79.	At a blow	एक ही प्रहार में

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80.	At sight	देखते ही	42.	By force of	की सहायता से
81.	At ease	चिन्तारहित	43.	Broad day light	दिन-दहाड़े
82.	All the while	इस अवधि में	44.	Bid farewell to	विदाई देना
83.	Add fuel to the fire	आग में घी डालना	45.	Breathe one's last	मर जाना

Phrases starting with 'B'

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1.	Bed of roses	फूलों की सेज
2.	Bag and baggage	बोरिया-बिस्तर समेत
3.	By far	बहुत
4.	Beck and call	आज्ञा में रहना
5.	By dint of	के द्वारा
6.	By means of	के द्वारा
7.	Beat black and blue	अत्यधिक
8.	Below the mark	उचित स्तर से नीचे
9.	By hook or by crook	गलत या सही किसी ढंग से करना
10.	By fits and starts	रुक-रुककर करना
11.	Big gun	बड़ा या प्रभावशाली व्यक्ति
12.	Bosom friend	जिगरी दोस्त
13.	Burning question	ज्वलन्त प्रश्न
14.	By all means	हर तरह से
15.	By no means	किसी प्रकार नहीं
16.	By and by	कुछ समय के बाद, धीरे-धीरे
17.	By the by	बातों ही बातों में
18.	Before long	शीघ्र
19.	Body and soul	पूर्णतया
20.	By leaps and bounds	दिन दूनी और रात चौगुनी
21.	By chance	संयोगवश
22.	By fair means or foul	उचित या अनुचित ढंग से।
23.	By return of post	लौटती डाक से।
24.	By and large	मोटा-मोटी तौर से।
25.	Because of	कारण से
26.	Beside the point	असंगत
27.	Bid fair	आशा दिलाना
28.	Bird's eye view	सरसरी निगाह
29.	Bring to book	दण्ड देना
30.	Break the ice	चुप्पी तोड़ना
31.	By the way	बातचीत के क्रम में।
32.	By nature	स्वभावतः
33.	By fair means	उचित तरीके से
34.	Break the record	नया कीर्तिमान स्थापित करना
35.	Bad blood	शत्रुता
36.	Black sheep	नीच व्यक्ति
37.	Bone of contention	झगड़े की वस्तु
38.	Beat about the bush	धुमा-फिरा कर बातें करना
39.	Better half	पत्नी
40.	Birds of a feather	एक ही प्रकृति का मनुष्य
41.	Bolt from the blue	आकस्मिक विपत्ति

Phrases starting with 'C'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Cat and dog life	कलहपूर्ण जीवन
2.	Come to light	विदित होना
3.	Castles in the air	हवाई किला बनाना
4.	Cut a sorry figure	बुरी हालत में होना
5.	Come true	सच्चा सिद्ध होना
6.	Cry in the wilderness	अरण्यरोदन, व्यर्थ वस्तु
7.	Crocodile tears	दिखावटी आँसू
8.	Cut and dried	बिल्कुल तैयार
9.	Child's play	आसान काम
10.	Come to blow	हाथापाई करना
11.	Come into force	लागू होना
12.	Capital punishment	मृत्यु दण्ड
13.	Chicken hearted	कायर
14.	Cold war	अमैत्रीपूर्ण संबंध
15.	Cold blooded	निर्दयतापूर्ण
16.	Close shave	बाल-बाल बचना
17.	Cock-and-bull story	झूठी कहानी

Phrases starting with 'D'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Dead against	एकदम विरुद्ध
2.	Dead line	निर्दिष्ट सीमा
3.	Day in, day out	दिन-रात
4.	Die in harness	अपने पद पर ही मृत्यु होना
5.	Dead letter	जो कभी लागू था लेकिन अब लागू नहीं है।
6.	Dark horse	छिपा रुस्तम व्यक्ति
7.	Drop in the ocean	सागर में बूँद के समान
8.	Dry facts	नीरस तथ्य
9.	Do away with	छुटकारा पाना
10.	Do one's utmost	जितना हो सके करना
11.	Do-in-the-managerpolicy	जिस सिद्धांत से न अपना लाभ हो और न दूसरे का।
12.	Due to	कारण से
13.	Double minded	अस्थिर बुद्धिवाला
14.	Dead loss	कतई पूरा न होने वाला नुकसान
15.	Do well	प्रगति करना, यश पाना
16.	Down and out	हतोत्साह
17.	Drop a subject	किसी विषय पर विवाद बंद करना
18.	Drop in on	मिलने जाना
19.	Drop out of	छोड़ देना
20.	Draw a line	मर्यादा तय करना

Phrases starting with 'E'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Every now and then	अक्सर
2.	Escape one's lips	बोल जाना
3.	Escape notice	ध्यान न जाना
4.	Elbow room	काम करने की स्वतंत्रता
5.	Eat out	होटल में भोजन करना
6.	Eat one's words	शब्द वापस लेना
7.	Eat humble pie	गर्व त्यागना, विनम्र हो जाना
8.	Ease someone out	शिष्टतापूर्वक नौकरी से निकालना

Phrases starting with 'F'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	For want of	कमी से
2.	Far and wide	बहुत दूर तक
3.	Far and near	चारों ओर
4.	For good	हमेशा के लिए
5.	For fear of	भय से
6.	Fair and square	निष्पक्ष
7.	Fair play	ईमानदारी
8.	For the sake of	के लिए
9.	From head to foot	ऊपर से नीचे तक
10.	From time to time	कभी-कभी
11.	For the time being	तब तक के लिए
12.	Fast living	विलासपूर्ण जीवन
13.	Fish out of water	कष्टप्रद अवस्था में
14.	First and foremost	सर्वप्रथम
15.	Fancy price	मुँहमाँगी कीमत
16.	Fool's paradise	मन के लड्डू
17.	For nothing	व्यर्थ में
18.	Far and away	बहुत अधिक
19.	Few and far between	बहुत कम
20.	From bad to worse	बदतर
21.	From door to door	द्वार-द्वार जाकर
22.	Fair hand	साफ लिखावट
23.	Free lance	स्वतंत्र
24.	French leave	बिना सूचना के अनुपस्थित होना
25.	Face to face	आमने-सामने
26.	Fish in troubled waters	दलबली से लाभ उठाना
27.	From the bottom of one's heart	तहे दिल से।
28.	Fair sex	नारी जाति
29.	For good and all	सदा के लिए
30.	For long	अधिक दिनों तक
31.	Fall into a rage	क्रुद्ध होना
32.	Fall short of	कम होना
33.	Fall flat on	प्रभाव नहीं डालना
34.	For the purpose of	के लिए, के प्रयोजन से
35.	Fast living	ऐश आराम की जिन्दगी

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36.	Feather one's nest	अवैध तरीके से कमाई करके रखना
37.	Fed up with	तंग आ जाना
38.	Fellow feeling	भाईचारा, अपनापन
39.	Few and far between	बहुत कम
40.	Fight shy of	टालना
41.	Force one's hand	मन की बात प्रकट करने के लिए मजबूर करना
42.	Forty winks	बहुत थोड़ी देर के लिए झपकी लेना
43.	Fringe benefits	वेतन के अलावा मिलने वाला लाभ
44.	Fair play	न्यायसंगत बर्ताव
45.	Fair weather friend	मुसीबत में साथ न देने वाला मित्र
46.	Fall in with	सहमत होना
47.	Fall out with	झगड़ा करना
48.	Fall to one's lot	नसीब में होना
49.	Fall behind in	पिछड़ जाना
50.	Fall a prey to	ठग जाना

Phrases starting with 'G'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Get rid of	छुटकारा पाना
2.	Gala day	आनंदोत्सव का दिन
3.	Good for nothing	बेकार
4.	Gift of the gab	चतुराईपूर्वक धारा प्रवाह बोलने की शक्ति
5.	Golden mean	मध्यम मार्ग
6.	Good samaritan	दयालु व्यक्ति
7.	Get the better of	किसी को हराना
8.	Get by heart	जवानी याद करना
9.	Go a long way	बहुत हद तक
10.	Golden opportunity	सुनहला अवसर
11.	Get ahead of	आगे निकल जाना
12.	Get along with	मित्रवत् रहना
13.	Get away with	बुरा काम करके सजा से मुक्त रहना
14.	Get down to	काम गंभीरतापूर्वक आरंभ करना
15.	Get even with	बदला लेना
16.	Get hold of	मतलब समझ पाना
17.	Get into a soup	झंझट में पड़ना
18.	Get into the swing of things	नई परिस्थिति में घुलमिल जाना
19.	Get on one's nerves	तंग करना
20.	Get on with	काय चालू करना, साथ होना
21.	Get out of	बाहर निकल जाना
22.	Get out of line	अनुशासन भंग करना
23.	Get the sack	नौकरी से हटाया जाना
24.	Get the upper hand	मात करना, प्रमुखता प्राप्त करना
25.	Get through with	काम पूरा करना
26.	Get wind of	रहस्य का पता लगाना
27.	Get word	संदेश मिलना
28.	Give a break	अवसर देना
29.	Give a piece of mind	कोसना

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30.	Give a ring	टेलीफोन करना
31.	Go through fire and water	कोई भी खतरा मोल लेना
32.	Go to rack and ruin	विनाश होना
33.	Green room	अभिनेता का भेष-भूषा का कमरा, नेपथ्य
34.	Get off scot free	अदण्डित भाग जाना
35.	Go a long way	बहुत कुछ करना

Phrases starting with 'H'

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✓ 1.	Hard and fast	कठोर, निश्चित
2.	Hue and cry	हल्ला गुल्ला
3.	Hand in hand	हाथ में हाथ दिये हुए
4.	Hole and corner policy	गुप्त नीति
5.	Heart and soul	मन से
6.	Here and there	जहाँ-तहाँ
7.	Hand to hand	हाथों-हाथ, हाथ से
8.	Hard cash	रोकड़
9.	How and why	क्यों और कैसे
10.	Hard up	तंगी में होना
11.	Heart to heart	स्पष्ट ढंग से
12.	High time	उत्तम या सही समय
13.	Hard nut to crack	टेढ़ी खेर
14.	Hammer and tongs	बड़े जोर-जोर से
15.	Hang by a thread	बहुत नाजुक स्थिति में होना
16.	Hard up	रुपयों की तंगी होना
17.	Haul over the coals	कोसना, भर्त्सना करना
18.	Have a brush with	थोड़ी सी अनबन होना
19.	Have a mind	राजी होना, दिल करना
20.	Have a thing at one's fingers tips	पूर्णतः ज्ञात होना
21.	Have clean hands	निर्दोष पाना
22.	Have in hand	कोई काम हाथ में होना
23.	Have an eye on a thing	किसी वस्तु पर दृष्टि रखना
24.	Have one's hands full	किसी काम में व्यस्त होना
25.	Have too many irons in the fire	एक ही साथ अनेक काम करने की कोशिश करना
26.	Hen-pecked husband	जोरू का गुलाम
✓ 27.	Herculean task	बहुत कठिन कार्य
28.	High and low	सर्वत्र
29.	High living	ऐश आराम की जिन्दगी
30.	Hit the nail on the head	सही बात कहना
31.	Hold one's tongue	खामोश रहना
32.	Hush money	रिश्वत
33.	Hand in glove	अत्यन्त घनिष्ठ
34.	High handed	निरंकुश
35.	Hard times	बुरे दिन
36.	Have one's way	अपनी इच्छा के अनुसार काम करना

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1.	Iron hand	कड़ाई से
2.	In the long run	अन्ततोगत्वा
3.	In favour of	के पक्ष में
4.	In front of	के सामने
5.	In lieu of	के बदले में
6.	In order to	के लिए
7.	In quest of	खोज में
8.	In the hope of	आशा में
9.	In case	अगर
10.	In course of	के क्रम में
11.	In detail	विस्तार में
12.	In no time	शीघ्र
13.	In spite of	के बावजूद
14.	In the teeth of	के मुकाबले में
15.	In time	ठीक समय पर
16.	In connection with	के संबंध में।
17.	In defence of	की प्रतिरक्षा में, बचाव में
18.	In consideration of	दृष्टिगत करते हुए, के विचार से
19.	Ins and outs	विस्तृत विवरण
20.	In view of	ध्यान रखते हुए
21.	In proportion to	अनुपात में
22.	In respect of	दृष्टिकोण से
23.	In the face of	के सामने
24.	In point of	दृष्टि से
25.	In a fix	घबड़ाहट में
26.	In a nutshell	संक्षेप में
27.	In full swing	पूरे जोर में
28.	In regard to	के संबंध में
29.	In the dark	अज्ञात रहना
30.	In the nick of time	ठीक समय पर
31.	Instead of	बदले में
32.	Ill at ease	परेशानी में होना
33.	In vogue	प्रचलित
34.	Irony of fate	विधि की विडम्बना
35.	In all respects	सभी प्रकार से
36.	In full	पूरा
37.	In fact	वस्तुतः
38.	In the meantime	इस बीच में
39.	In any case	किसी भी हालत में
40.	In force	लागू
41.	In good faith	बिना किसी बुरी नीयत के।
42.	In hot haste	बड़ी जल्दीबाजी में
43.	In a hurry	जल्दी में
44.	In an instant	पल भर में
45.	In name only	नाममात्र का।
46.	In office	सत्तारुढ़

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
47.	In season and out of season	हर समय, वक्त-कुवक्त
48.	In case of	की स्थिति में
49.	In defiance of	की अवज्ञा करके
50.	In honour of	के सम्मान में
51.	In keeping with	से मेल खाते हुए।
52.	In the eye of	की नजर में
53.	In place of	के बदले
54.	In the interests of	के हित में
55.	In the name of	के नाम पर
56.	In order that	ताकि
57.	In the end	अंत में
58.	In one's mind's eye	अन्तश्चक्षु में
59.	In fault	दोषी
60.	In black and white	लिखित
61.	In due course	कालक्रम में
62.	In the same beal	समान परिस्थिति में होना
63.	In a temper	गुस्से में होना
64.	In an instant	एक ही क्षण में
65.	In course of time	समय बीतने पर

Phrases starting with 'J'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Jack of all trades	जो आदमी किसी भी काम में निपुण न हो, किन्तु सबमें हाथ डाले
2.	Jaundiced eye	पक्षपातपूर्ण दृष्टिकोण
3.	Jail bird	बार-बार जेल जानेवाला अपराधी
4.	Join in with	हिस्सा लेना
5.	Jump to a conclusion	पूरा विचार न करते हुए।

Phrases starting with 'K'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Keep an eye on	निगरानी रखना
2.	Keep abreast of	पीछे नहीं पड़ना
3.	Kith and kin	बन्धु-बान्धव
4.	Keep in view	नजर में रखना
5.	Keep company	साथ देना
6.	Keep body and soul together	जीवित रहना
7.	Keep good time	ठीक समय बताना
8.	Keep in mind	न भूलना
9.	Keep in touch with	सम्पर्क बनाए रखना
10.	Keep late hours	देर तक जगे रहना
11.	Keep the wolf from the door	दरिद्रता से संघर्ष करना
12.	Kick a habit	आदत छोड़ देना
13.	Kill two birds with one stone	एक ही समय में दो काम करना
14.	Know by sight	शकल से पहचानना
15.	Keep one's word	प्रतीक्षा पूरी करना

Phrases starting with 'L'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Lose sight of	उपेक्षा करना
2.	Lame excuse	फालतू बहाना
3.	Look blank	चकित रह जाना
4.	Lie in wait	घात में रहना
5.	Life and soul	जान, प्राण
6.	Long and short	सारांश
7.	Loaves and fishes	व्यक्तिगत लाभ
8.	Learn by rote	बिना अर्थ समझे हुए रटकर याद करना
9.	Lion's share	सबसे बड़ा हिस्सा
10.	Long face	मुँह लटकाए हुए।
11.	Left handed compliment	प्रशंसा के रूप में शिकायत
12.	Loose tongue	गैर जयाबदेह बातें।
13.	Lump sum	एकमुश्त
14.	Lose heart	निराश होना
15.	Laugh in one's sleeves	मन में हँसना
16.	Lend one's ear	ध्यान से सुनना
17.	Little by little	धीरे-धीरे
18.	Lose heart	धीरज खोना
19.	Lose one's cool	उत्तेजित होना
20.	Lose one's head	संयम खो बैठना
21.	Lose one's way	रास्ता भूलना

Phrases starting with 'M'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Make a name	नाम कमाना
2.	Maiden speech	जीवन में प्रथम सार्वजनिक भाषण
3.	Make good	क्षतिपूर्ति करना
4.	Make up one's mind	निश्चय करना
5.	Miss the bus	सुअवसर खो देना
6.	Man of parts	गुणवान व्यक्ति
7.	Man in the street	साधारण आदमी
8.	Man of action	कर्मठ व्यक्ति
9.	Make an ass of oneself	बेवकूफ बनाना, गदहपनी करना
10.	Make the best of both the worlds	दोनों हाथ लड़ू
11.	Make a fortune	धनी हो जाना
12.	Make friends	दोस्ती करना
13.	Make or mar	बनाना या बिगाड़ना
14.	Man of the world	दुनियादारी समझने वाला व्यक्ति
15.	Mind one's own business	दूसरे के काम में दखल न देना
16.	More or less	कम या अधिक, करीब-करीब
17.	Move heaven and earth	आकाश-पाताल एक करना
18.	Make a fool of oneself	बेवकूफ बनाना
19.	Make a mess of	गोल माल करना
20.	Maiden name	विवाहित स्त्री का विवाह पूर्व नाम
21.	Make a hash	गड़बड़ घोटाला कर देना
22.	Miss the beat	अवसर खोना

Phrases starting with 'N'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Null and void	बेकार
2.	Now and again	कभी-कभी
3.	Nip in the bud	आरंभ में ही नष्ट कर देना
4.	No end	अनन्त
5.	Narrow escape	बाल-बाल बचना।
6.	Neck and neck	बराबरी में।
7.	Night and day	दिन-रात
8.	Nine day's wonder	जो काम कुछ दिन के लिए तहलका मचा दे और फिर समाप्त हो जाए।
9.	Now and then	कभी-कभी
10.	Now or never	अभी या कभी नहीं
11.	Never mind	कोई बात नहीं।

Phrases starting with 'O'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Off and on	कभी-कभी
2.	Of no avail	व्यर्थ
3.	On account of	कारण से
4.	Owing to	कारण से
5.	On the contrary	वरन
6.	Of late	हाल ही में
7.	Out of question	असंभव
8.	Out and out	पूर्णतः
9.	Over head and ears	बहुत ज्यादा
10.	On the alert	सतर्क होना
11.	On the brink of	किनारे पर
12.	Open and aboveboard	स्पष्ट, निश्चल
13.	Once again	फिर एक बार
14.	Once for all	अन्तिम बार
15.	On the eve of	अवसर पर
16.	Of course	अवश्य
17.	Out of pocket	बिना पैसे के
18.	Over and above	के अलावा
19.	Of the opinion	मत का
20.	On credit	उधार
21.	On an average	औसतन
22.	On good terms	मैत्रीभाव
23.	On time	ठीक निर्धारित समय पर
24.	On and on	निरन्तर
25.	Once upon a time	एक बार
26.	On the verge of	के सन्निकट
27.	On the whole	सब कुछ ध्यान में रखते हुए।
28.	On an account	किसी हालत में नहीं
29.	Out of form	अच्छे form में नहीं होना
30.	Open secret	वह रहस्य जो सबको मालूम हो।
31.	Over and over again	बार-बार
32.	Out of the way	गलत ढंग से

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33.	Off one's head	बुद्धि भ्रष्ट होना
34.	Oily tongue	खुशामद की भाषा
35.	On one's guard	सावधान/सचेत रहना
36.	On one's last legs	खत्म होने की तैयारी में होना
37.	On the spot	तत्काल, उसी क्षण
38.	On the whole	साधारणतया
39.	Once and for all	आखरी बार निश्चित रूप से
40.	Once in a while	कभी-कभी, एकाध बार
41.	One and all	सबके सब
42.	Open fire	गोली चलाना प्रारंभ करना
43.	Open handed man	रुपया उदारता से खर्च करने वाला व्यक्ति।
44.	Open hearted man	खुले दिल का आदमी
45.	Open one's mind	अपने गुप्त विचार देना
46.	Out at elbows	गरीब, निर्धन
47.	Out of date	पुराना
48.	Out of doors	घर से बाहर
49.	Out of hand	बिना विलम्ब, तत्काल
50.	Out of one's mind	पागल हो जाना
51.	Out of temper	गुस्से में होना
52.	Overnight	रात में
53.	Over one's head	समझ में न आना
54.	Other than	अतिरिक्त
55.	On the spur of the moment	पहले से बिना निश्चित किये, तत्काल
56.	On a large scale	बड़े पैमाने पर
57.	One one's account	किसी की खातिर
58.	On the strength of	के बल पर
59.	On all hands	सभी के द्वारा
60.	Out of favour	खफा होना

Phrases starting with 'P'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Part and parcel	आवश्यक अंग
2.	Pros and cons	पक्ष और विपक्ष
3.	Put on end to	समाप्त करना
4.	Pandora's box	दुःख का भंडार
5.	Put on flesh	मोटा होना
6.	Play the fool	बेवकूफ की तरह हरकत करना
7.	Put someone to death	जान से मार देना
8.	Play a double game	धोखेबाजी करना
9.	Play hide and seek	लुका-छिपी खेलना
10.	Pick and choose	छाँटकर चुनना
11.	Poison someone's ears	किसी के विरुद्ध कान भरना
12.	Play false	धोखा देना
13.	Put into action	कार्यान्वित करना
14.	Pick a quarrel with	किसी के साथ उलझना
16.	Pick up the late	दूसरे का बिल चुकाना
17.	Pink of condition	उत्तम स्वास्थ्य होना

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
18.	Play a trick on	किसी के साथ मजाक करना
19.	Play second fiddle	निचला स्थान स्वीकारना
20.	Play truant	भाग जाना
21.	Plum oneself on	डिंग मारना
22.	Provide against a rainy day	बुरे दिन के लिए बचत करना
23.	Pull one's punches	नर्म आलोचना करना
24.	Pull one's weight	जिम्मेदारी निभाना
25.	Pull well with	मिलजुल कर काम करना
26.	Put a spoke in one's wheel	प्रगति में रुकावट
27.	Put down in black and white	लिखकर रखना
28.	Put on trial	केस करना
29.	Put one's foot down	सख्त मनाही करना
30.	Put one's shoulder to the wheel	स्वयं खूब प्रयास करना
31.	Put the sword	कत्त करना
32.	Put to shame	लज्जित करना
33.	Put to bed	सुलाना
34.	Put the cart before the horse	कोई काम उल्टे सिरे से प्रारंभ करना
35.	Put one out of countenance	लज्जित करना

Phrases starting with 'Q'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Queer fish	अस्थिर व्यक्ति
2.	Quite a few	बहुत सारे
3.	Quick of understanding	तेज बुद्धि वाला
4.	Quarrel with one's bread and butter	जहाँ से रोटी मिलती है वहाँ के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी से झगड़ा करना

Phrase starting with 'R'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Red letter day	शुभ-सौभाग्य का अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण दिन
2.	Rhyme or Reason	कारण
3.	Rainy day	तकलीफ के दिन
4.	Run short	घट जाना
5.	Run a muck	सनक जाना
6.	Right hand man	मुख्य सहायक व्यक्ति
7.	Run the risk of	खतरा मोल लेना
8.	Red handed	अपराध करते समय
9.	Root and branch	समूल (totally)
10.	Read between the lines	अतिरिक्त मतलब समझ जाना
11.	Ready money	नकद रुपया
12.	Red tape	official कार्यवाही में देर होना
13.	Rest on one's laurels	और यश प्राप्ति हेतु कोशिश न करना
14.	Right here	इसी जगह
15.	Right now	तत्काल, इसी समय
16.	Rise like a phoenix from its ashes	नष्ट की हुई वस्तु का फिर से जीवित होना
17.	Rise to the occasion	किसी विशेष अवसर का मुकाबला करना

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
18.	Rough guess	मोटा अन्दाजा
19.	Rule the roost	दूसरे पर रोब डालना, अधिकार जमाना

Phrases starting with 'S'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Small fry	साधारण आदमी
2.	Sine die	अनिश्चित काल के लिए
3.	Sooner or later	कभी न कभी
4.	Set free	आजाद कर देना
5.	Sleeping partner	निष्क्रिय हिस्सेदार
6.	Stuff and nonsense	बेकार
7.	Sum and substance	सारांश
8.	Stand somebody in good stead	लाभ होना
9.	Snake in the grass	छिपा हुआ दुश्मन
10.	Safe and sound	सुरक्षित
11.	Slip of the tongue	गलती से जो बात जबान से निकल जाए
12.	Slip of the pen	असावधानी के कारण लिखने में सामान्य भूल
13.	So long as	जब तक
14.	Short cut	छोटा रास्ता
15.	See eye-to-eye	पूर्णतः सहमत होना, एक ही विचार से देखना
16.	Send word	संवाद भेजना
17.	Show of hand	हाथ उठाकर
18.	Scot free	बचकर निकलना
19.	Seasoned food	मसालेदार भोजन
20.	See the light	प्रकाशित होना
21.	Set a scheme on foot	योजना आरंभ करना
22.	Set at liberty	रिहा करना
23.	Set one's face against	कड़ा विरोध करना
24.	Set one's heart on	बहुत चाहना
25.	Set one's teeth on edge	घृणा पैदा करना
26.	Shut one's mouth	किसी को चुप कराना
27.	Slip through one's fingers	हाथ से निकल जाना
28.	Snake in the grass	आस्तीन का साँप
29.	Spare time	आराम का समय
30.	Stand one's ground	अपनी बात पर डटे रहना
31.	Stone's throw	बहुत थोड़ा फासला होना
32.	Strike a bargain	सौदा पटाना
33.	Sum and substance	कुल मिलाकर मतलब
34.	Sworn enemies	कट्टर दुश्मन

Phrases starting with 'T'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Tooth and nail	पूरी ताकत से
2.	Talk big	डिंग मारना
3.	Time and again	बार-बार
4.	To and fro	आगे-पीछे

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
5.	Take to one's heels	भाग जाना
6.	Tall talk	घमंड भरी लम्बी-घीड़ी बात
7.	To the letter	अक्षरशः
8.	Turn over a new leaf	बुरे आचरण को अच्छी दिशा में पूर्ण रूप से बदलना
9.	Through thick and thin	सभी परिस्थितियों में
10.	Throw cold water	उत्साह भंग करना
11.	Through and through	पूर्णतः
12.	To the last far thing	पैसा-पैसा कर
13.	To his face	मुँह पर ही।
14.	To the utmost	यथासाध्य
15.	To the point	उपयुक्त
16.	Take advantage of	लाभ उठाना
17.	Take effect	असर करना
18.	Take something in one's hand	अपने हाथ में ले लेना
19.	Take heart	हिम्मत बाँधना
20.	Testing time	परीक्षा की घड़ी
21.	This and that	इधर-उधर, यह-वह
22.	Think twice	सावधानीपूर्वक निर्णय लेना
23.	Take stock of	परिस्थिति पर सावधानीपूर्वक विचार करना
24.	Take someone into confidence	विश्वास में लेना या प्राप्त करना
25.	Three R's	पढ़ना, लिखना और गणित
26.	Take notice	ध्यान देना
27.	Take the chair	सभापति होना
28.	Take to one's heels	भाग जाना
29.	Take care of	देखभाल करना, सावधान होना
30.	Take hold of	पकड़ना
31.	Take place	होना
32.	Take part in	भाग लेना
33.	Throw dust in one's eyes	आँखों में धूल झाँकना, धोखा देना
34.	Take a fancy	बहुत पसन्द आना
35.	Take a leap in the dark	परिणाम की परवाह किए बिना कोई खतरा का काम करना
36.	Take by storm	अचानक प्रभावित करना
37.	Take into account	विचार में लेना
38.	Take one at his word	किरी के कहने पर विश्वास करना
39.	Take one's time	जल्दी न करना
40.	Take oneself off	चले जाना
41.	Take sides	दो के झगड़े में किरी पक्ष का पक्ष लेना
42.	Take the air	हवा में घूमना
43.	Take the bull by the horns	संकट का डटकर मुकाबला करना
44.	Take the law into one's hands	किरी को अपने ही हाथों सजा देना
45.	Take time off	छुट्टी लेना
46.	Take to heart	हृदय से अनुभव करना

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47.	Take to task	काँसना, मर्तना करना
48.	Through and through	पूर्णतः
49.	Through thick and thin	प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति में
50.	Throw away money	अंधाधुंध खर्च करना
51.	Throw cold water upon	हतोत्साहित करना
52.	Time after time	बार-बार
53.	To and fro	आगे-पीछे
54.	Turn over a new leaf	नया जीवन प्रारंभ करना
55.	Turn up one's nose at	नीचा समझना

Phrases starting with 'U'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	Up to the mark	संतोषप्रद
2.	Ups and downs	उतार-चढ़ाव
3.	Uphill task	बहुत कठिन कार्य
4.	Up and doing	काम में सक्रिय रूप से लगना
5.	Under consideration	विचाराधीन
6.	Under lock and key	ताला चाबी से बंद करके।
7.	Unless and until	जब तक नहीं तब तक नहीं
8.	Under the nose of	आँखों के सामने
9.	Up-to-date	आधुनिक
10.	Up in arms	लड़ने को तैयार होना
11.	Under a cloud	संशयास्पद होना।
12.	Upon one's sweet will	अपनी इच्छा पर

Phrases starting with 'W'

S.N.	Phrases	Hindi Meaning
1.	With regard to	के संबंध में
2.	With a view to	लक्ष्य से
3.	Without fail	निःसंदेह
4.	With reference to	के संबंध में
5.	With an eye to	ध्यान रखते हुए
6.	Ways and means	साधन
7.	Why and wherefore	मुख्य कारण
8.	Worship the rising sun	नये प्रभावशाली व्यक्ति का सम्मान करना
9.	With respect to	के संबंध में
10.	With might and main	सारी शक्ति के संबंध में
11.	With a vengeance	सुद-भूल के साथ
12.	Wide of the mark	विशेष से दूर
13.	White elephant	जिस सम्पत्ति से लाभ के बदले हानि हो।
14.	Well and good	ठीक है।
15.	What's what	किस परिस्थिति में क्या उचित है।
16.	Wheels within wheels	जटिल कार्य का और जटिल होना
17.	Within an ace	करीब करीब
18.	Wolf in sheep's clothing	भिन्नता जताने वाला खतरनाक आदमी
19.	Worn out	राज पता लगा लेना
20.	Will and pleasure	मर्जी
21.	With one voice	सर्वसम्मति से

S.N. Phrases

22. Warm reception
23. Without reserve
24. Well-to-do
25. Well-off

Hindi Meaning

- सत्कार
 बिना किसी बात को छिपाये हुए
 धनी-सम्पन्न
 सम्पन्न और सुखी

S.N. Phrases

38. A boon in disguise
39. A big shot
40. To play ducks and drakes
41. To break the duck
42. To die a dog's death
43. Rise from ashes
44. My hands are full

English Meaning

- A benefit in loss
 Important person
 To squander money
 To begin
 Unheroic death
 To rise from low
 I am busy

Type II : Idioms and Phrases**S.N. Phrases**

1. At random
2. At first sight
3. Above all
4. At a discount
5. Above board
6. Apple of one's eye
7. Apple of discord
8. Apple pie order
9. At daggers drawn with
10. An axe to grind
11. At one's wit's end
12. At an arm's length
13. To add fuel to the fire
14. At a stone's throw
15. At a loss
16. As a matter of fact
17. At all hazards
18. At hand
19. At all events
20. At sea
21. A feather in the cap
22. At home in
23. As a rule
24. All in all
25. At sixes and sevens
26. Man of Iron
27. To show white feather
28. At the eleventh hour
29. To rise like a phoenix
30. To meet one's Waterloo
31. A man of letters
32. High and dry
33. To bury the hatchet
34. To set the Thames on fire
35. To put the cat among pigeons
36. To sound a red alert
37. To beat about the bush

English Meaning

- Aimlessly
 At the first meeting
 More than anything else
 Declining
 Openly
 An object of love
 Cause of quarrel
 In perfect order
 To be enemies
 Selfish motive
 To be in a confusion
 To keep at a distance
 To increase anger
 Very near
 To be puzzled
 Really
 In spite of risks
 Near
 Positively
 Weak
 A very good achievement
 To be strong
 Usually
 The most important and powerful person
 In disorder
 A man of strong will power
 To show fear
 At the last moment
 To start afresh from a low position
 To meet one's defeat
 Scholar
 Isolated
 To make peace
 Surprising things
 To be placed in a wrong situation
 To make alert
 To talk about unimportant things

45. To give someone a piece of mind
 46. A bull in the china shop
 47. To get away with
 48. To kick one's heels
 49. Make hay while the sun shines
 50. To put a spoke in one's wheel
 51. Fancy price
 52. Far-and away
 53. Fair-weather friends
 54. Far and wide
 55. Hole and corner policy
 56. Cut no ice
 57. Once and for all
 58. Oily tongue
 59. Hand in glove
 60. To work like a dog
 61. To keep one's fingers crossed
 62. To keep the wolf away from the door
 63. A red letter day.
 64. To have several irons in the fire
 65. Pull the wool over somebody's eyes
 66. A blue book
 67. To feather one's nest
 68. Odds and ends
 69. A hot line
 70. To read between the lines
 71. Feet of clay
 72. A mare's nest
 73. To stand one's guns
 74. To throw up one's nose at a thing
- An awkward person
 To escape
 To waste time
 To make best use of favourable opportunities
 To disturb
 High price
 Certainly
 Friends only in good days
 All around
 Improper policy
 To make no effect
 For ever
 One who flatters
 Close friendship
 To work very hard
 Wishing good for somebody
 To keep off poverty from oneself
 An important day
 To have many pieces of work
 To deceive
 A government report
 To provide money even dishonestly
 Various articles
 Direct telephone line between Heads of states
 To understand more than the actual
 To be weak
 A discovery which looks valuable
 To preserve when hardships press
 Disgust

S.N. Phrases	English Meaning
75. A lady's man	A lover of woman's company
76. A baker's dozen	Thirteen
77. To clinch the issue	Decide
78. To turn the corner	Pass the crisis
79. To rock the boat	Upset the balance
80. To chew the cud	To muse on
81. A duck in a thunder storm	Distressed
82. Fair and square	In a fairway
83. All the same	Yet
84. A man of the world	An experienced man, often with a cosmopolitan background
85. Midas touch	Ability to succeed in all projects
86. To come down in the world	To lose one's social and financial position
87. To cut both ends	To argue in support of both sides of the issue
88. A sleeping partner	An inactive business partner
89. French leave	Absence without permission
90. An arm chair job	An easy and well paid regular job
91. Run-of-the mill	Ordinary
92. Hole and corner	Secret
93. Hammer and sickle	Emblem of socialism
94. Null and void	Invalid
95. Meek and mild	Gentle and kind
96. Back stairs gossip	Gossip among servants
97. To bell the cat	To take great personal risk
98. To bite the dust	To suffer defeat
99. To be in the driving seat	In control
100. To cross swords	To enter into a dispute
101. To cut a sorry figure	To create poor impression
102. To die in harness	To die while actively engaged in one's regular work
103. To get into hot water	To get into difficulties
104. To egg on	To urge on
105. To drive at	To employ
106. To go through fire and water	To pass through difficulties
107. To go to dogs	To be ruined
108. To hang fire	To hesitate
109. To keep one's card close to one's chest	To be secretive
110. To hit below the belt	Give an unfair blow
111. To hit the jackpot	To have a big success
112. To pump to a conclusion	To arrive on a conclusion without justification
113. To keep the ball rolling	To maintain progress

S.N. Phrases	English Meaning
114. To let oneself go	To allow emotionally
115. To lead a cat and dog life	To quarrel constantly
116. To knock the bottom out of	To make a scheme
117. To make good	To repair
118. To miss the bus/boat	To lose an opportunity
119. To make one's blood cold	To frighten
120. To make both ends meet	To live within one's income
121. To make a mountain out of a mole hill	To exaggerate a small matter
122. To look through coloured glasses	To see things not as they are
123. To look off colours	Seem unwell
124. To look black at somebody	Look at him angrily
125. To kick up a row	To create a disturbance
126. By far	Beyond all comparison
127. To bear a grudge	To have better feeling
128. By dint of	By means of
129. By no means	In no way
130. By virtue of	On account of
131. By all means	Certainly
132. By and by	After some time
133. Bag and baggage	Completely
134. To blow one's own trumpet	To speak proudly of oneself
135. Back out	To break a promise
136. Bad blood	Enmity
137. Blue blood	Noble blood
138. To bury the hatchet	To make peace
139. To break the ice	To break the silence
140. By leaps and bounds	Rapidly
141. To burn the candle at both ends	To waste one's energy, time and money uselessly
142. By hook or by crook	By all means
143. To burn the midnight oil	To work very hard till late at night.
144. Below one's dignity	Below one's position
145. Beside the mark	Not to the point
146. A brown study	Dreaming
147. A burning question	An important question
148. A bolt from the blue	A sudden shock
149. A black sheep	A disgraceful person
150. A big gun	An important figure
151. A broken reed	An independent person/thing
152. A bird's eye view	A general study/view
153. To carry the day	To succeed
154. To beggar description	Beyond description
155. Birds of a feather	Persons having the same professions

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156. To beat hollow	To defeat completely
157. To bear the brunt of	To bear the consequences
158. A bed of thorns	Full of sufferings and sorrows
159. A bed of roses	Full of joy and pleasures
160. Between the devil and the deep sea	Between two great difficulties
161. To the backbone	Thoroughly
162. A bird of passage	A migratory person
163. To build castles in the air	To form imaginary schemes
164. Bread and butter	Livelihood
165. To come to hand	Receive
166. A cat's paw	To make somebody a tool
167. A cock and bull story	An imaginary story
168. To burn one's fingers	To get into trouble
169. To burn one's boats	To decide
170. A cool head	A calm judgement
171. To cry for the moon	To wish for something impossible
172. To catch red-handed	To catch in the act of doing
173. To come to grief	To be ruined / to fail
174. To cut a sorry figure	To produce a poor result
175. Crocodile tears	False tears
176. A child's play	Something very easy
177. To come of age	To be major
178. To carry fire and sword	To cause destruction
179. To cry over spilt milk	To reach a crisis
180. To change hands	To pass from one person to another
181. To come to a head	To reach a crisis
182. To cross swords	To fight
183. To clinch the issue	To decide the matter
184. To chew the cud	To think deeply
185. A cry in the wilderness	A useless cry
186. Cast down	Depressed
187. To feather one's nest	To care for one's selfish interest
188. By fits and starts	irregularly
189. A dead letter	No longer in use
190. A dark horse	A competition of unknown capabilities
191. To dance to one's tune	To carry out orders
192. Democle's sword	An impending danger
193. A drug in the market	An unsaleable thing due to lack of demand
194. Every inch	Completely
195. A fair weather friend	A selfish friend
196. Eye for eye	Tit for tat
197. A drawn game	In which no team wins

English Meaning**S.N. Phrases**

198. From hand to mouth	A miserable existence
199. Fed up	To be tired of
200. A fish out of water	To be in an uncomfortable position
201. A fool's paradise	Joy based on false hopes
202. Face to face	Personally
203. To face the music	To face trouble
204. To fish in troubled waters	To take advantage of the troubles of others
205. To give a slip	To escape
206. First and foremost	Important
207. A fly visit	Hasty and brief visit
208. Foul play	Bad intention
209. A fatal disease	A disease that causes death
210. A gala day	A day of rejoicings
211. To get the sack	To be dismissed
212. To go without saying	To be clear
213. To go a long way	A great help
214. Give and take	Mutual co-operation
215. To go through fire and water	To make sacrifice
216. To get into hot water	To get into trouble
217. To grease the palm	To bribe
218. To go hand to hand	To go together
219. To gain ground	To progress
220. To be a good hand at	To be expert
221. Hand to hand	A close fight
222. Hide and seek	To deceive
223. Heart to heart	Free and frank
224. High spirits	To be very happy
225. Half hearted	Lacking enthusiasm
226. The high and the low	Of all ranks
227. Hammer and tongs	With all one's might
228. To hit below the belt	To fight unfairly
229. Hale and hearty	Very healthy and sound
230. Hue and cry	To raise alarm
231. A hard nut to crack	A problem difficult to solve
232. Heart and soul	With full energy
233. To hammer out	To plan
234. To have a hand in	To take part
235. To have clean hands	To be innocent
236. To hit the nail on the head	To do what is proper at a proper time
237. Hen-pecked	A husband under the control of his wife
238. To have a windfall	An unexpected good fortune
239. Hush money	A bribe
240. Head and shoulders	Very superior
241. To have finger in the pie	To interfere

English Meaning

S.N. Phrases	English Meaning	S.N. Phrases	English Meaning
242. Head and ears	Completely	283. To make neither head nor tail of	Not to understand
243. Hand and glove with	Very friendly	284. Maiden speech	A speech delivered the first time
244. Hard and fast	Rigid	285. To make up one's mind	To resolve
245. To hold one's own	To maintain one's position boldly	286. A man of means	A rich man
246. To have one's way	To do one's own will	287. To mince matters	Not to talk plainly
✓ 247. Hobson's choice	No choice at all	288. To make a clean sweep of	To remove
248. To hold one's tongue	To keep silence	289. A man of moment	An important person
249. In the long run	In the end	290. A man of word	A reliable person
✓ 250. In a nutshell	Briefly	291. To make headway	To progress slowly and steadily
251. An iron hand	Severe hand	292. A nine day's wonder	Pleasure for a short period
252. In the nick of time	Just in time	293. A necessary evil	An unavoidable evil
253. To be in vogue	To be in fashion	294. Once for all	Finally
254. In the air	Widespread	295. Out of gear	Out of order
255. In black and white	In writing	296. Odds and ends	Different things
256. In cold blood	Cruelty	297. Off and on	Now and then
✓ 257. Ins and outs	Full details	298. Or no avail	Of no use
258. In the course of	During	299. Out of pocket	Without money
259. In hot water	In difficulty	300. Out of question	Impossible
✓ 260. Jack of all trades	A person supposed to know everything but master of none	301. Over and above	Besides
261. A jail bird	A person who has been to jail many times	302. Out of place	Not proper to the occasion
✓ 262. Kith and kin	Relatives	303. Out of date	Out of fashion
263. To keep body and soul together	To remain alive	304. On the eve of	Just before
264. To keep the wolf from the door	To keep away hunger and starvation	305. Off hand	Without previous preparation
265. Knit one's brow	To get angry	306. Out and out	Completely
266. To keep one's head above water	To escape debt	307. Nook and corner	Everywhere
267. To knock down	Bad defeat	308. To nurse a grudge	To revenge
268. Lion's share	A major share.	309. Neck to neck	Side by side
269. Let down	To fail to keep promise	310. Now and again	Occasionally
✓ 270. To laugh in one's sleeves	To laugh in secret, but not openly	311. Neck or Nothing	With the use of everything
271. Loaves and fishes	Material comforts	312. The printer's devils	Misprints
272. Let off	Released	313. To play the games	To observe the rules
273. The long and short	In brief	314. To pick a quarrel	Intentionally begin a quarrel
274. To have no stone unturned	To make all possible efforts	✓ 315. Pros and cons	Arguments for and against
275. To look blue	Depressed	316. Palmy days	Prosperous and peaceful days
276. To lead astray	To misguide	317. To put one's shoulders to the wheel	To help oneself
277. To leap in the dark	A careless action	318. To put the cart before the horse	Reverse order
278. A left-handed compliment	A false praise	319. To pull one's legs	To make a fool of
279. To lend a hand	To help	320. A past master	Thorough master
280. A man in the street	An ordinary person	321. To poke one's nose	To interfere with
281. A mare's nest	A rumour	322. To play with fire	To do something dangerous
282. To mind one's own business	To leave other people alone	323. Pass through	Undergo
		324. To pay the piper	To bear the cost
		325. To put in cold storage	To neglect

S.N. Phrases**English Meaning**

326. A queer fish	A strange person
327. To pour oil on troubled waters	To pacify matters
328. A rainy day	A time of difficulty
329. A red letter day	Lucky and important day
330. Root and branch	Entirely
331. To run down	Weak in health
332. A red rag to a bull	A cause for anger
333. Rough and ready	Unpolished manners
334. Red tapism	Official formality
335. Round the corner	Near
336. Run through	Waste
337. A rolling stone	One who is never constant to one's work
338. A royal road	An easy way to achieve an end
339. To smell a rat	To suspect something
340. Sweat of one's brow	Hard labour
341. To save one's skin	To accept without loss
342. Snake in the shoes	To be in a state of fear
343. Shoulder to shoulder	In co-operation
344. See through	Understand
345. Safe and sound	Safely
346. To stand on one's own legs	To be independent
347. To stick to one's guns	To stand firm
348. Swelled head	Pride
349. Snake in the grass	A hidden enemy
350. To see eye to eye with	To agree
351. A sheet anchor	The chief support
352. To sail under false colours	To try to deceive
353. To see a thing through coloured glasses	To see a thing with a prejudiced mind
354. Snuff and nonsense	Foolish
355. Smooth sailing	No difficulty
356. Spick and span	Very neat and tidy
357. Swan song	Last great achievement of work
358. To sink fast	To grow worse and worse
359. To steal a march	To get the advantage secretly
360. To stare in the face	To threaten
361. A stiff-necked person	An obstinate person
362. A short cut	An easy way
363. To set one's face against	To oppose
364. To shut one's eye to	To ignore
365. To step into another's shoes	To take another's place
366. A stone's throw	Very near
367. To stir a finger	To make the best effort
368. To see red	To see with angry eyes

S.N. Phrases**English Meaning**

369. By the skin of one's teeth	Very narrowly
370. To sow the dragon's teeth	To do something
371. To sit on the fence	To remain neutral
372. Street Arabs	Homeless and parentless children
373. To speak one's mind	To speak frankly
374. A slow coach	A lazy person
375. To set at naught	To disregard
376. To turn a deaf ear to	To refuse to listen to
377. Tooth and nail	Violently
378. Through thick and thin	Under all circumstances
379. To toe the line	To follow another's opinion
380. To turn one's head	To be proud
381. To turn turtle	To upset
382. To tremble in the balance	Uncertain
383. To turn over a new leaf	A change for the better
384. To turn the corner	To pass the critical stage
385. To throw cold water on	To discourage
386. Talk of the town	A widespread topic
387. To throw dust in the eyes of	To deceive
388. To and fro	Backwards and forwards
389. Through and through	Completely
390. Time and tide	Courses of time
391. Time and again	Repeatedly
392. To my cost	Through suffering
393. The three R's	Reading, writing and (A) Arithmetic
394. Twinkling of an eye	Very quickly
395. To take away one's breath	To surprise
396. True to one's salt	To be loyal to someone
397. A turning point	Anything that brings change
398. A thorn in the flesh	To be a source of anger
399. Time hangs heavy on one's hands	Difficult to pass time
400. To throw down the gauntlet	To give an open challenge
401. Under the thumb of	Under the control of
402. Up one's sleeves	In reserve
403. Utopian scheme	A visionary scheme
404. A vexed question	A controversial question
405. Ups and downs	Good and bad times
406. Up to the mark	Up to a certain standard
407. Up and doing	Active
408. An uphill task	A difficult work
409. To while away	To pass in amusement
410. With open arms	Warmly and cordially
411. With a grain of salt	With some reservation
412. To win the palm	To win a prize
413. To worship the rising sun	To respect the man who is rising in power

S.N. Phrases	English Meaning	S.N. Phrases	English Meaning
414. To weather the storm	To come out safely through a difficulty	452. Grist to one's mill	Useful for one's purpose
415. To wild up	To bring to an end.	453. Open question	A question without any agreed answer
416. With one accord	With one voice	454. Lump in the throat	A highly emotional state
417. To win laurels	To achieve success	455. All the go	In fashion
418. to be worth its weight in gold	To be very precious	456. All moonshine	Far from reality
419. Wait upon	To serve	457. Fabian policy	Policy of cautious persistence
420. Wide awake	Watchful	458. A fly in the ointment	A problem in a situation
421. A white lie	A harmless lie	459. A blind date	Meeting with someone you do not know
422. A white elephant	An expensive burdensome but useless thing	460. Mother wit	Common sense
423. Wear and tear	Decrease in value due to constant use	461. Halcyon days	Happy and peaceful days
424. Well-to-do	Rich	462. Mad as a March hare	As mad as hare in spring
425. A wet blanket	A dull fellow who spoils our joy	463. A grass widow	A woman whose husband is temporarily away from her
426. Ways and means	Resources	464. An olive branch	An offer of peace
427. Why and wherefore	Reason	465. To make a pile	To make a fortune
428. A word of mouth	A solemn promise	466. An old head on young shoulders	To be wise beyond one's years
429. Windfall	Unexpected good fortune	467. Elbow room	To give enough space to move or work in
430. Wheels within wheels	Complication.	468. To burn a hole in the pocket	Money that is spent quickly
431. Yeoman's service	Excellent	469. A lady's habit	Riding dress of a lady
432. A warm reception	To receive cordially	470. To run in the same groove	To advance in harmony
433. A cold-blooded murder	Pitiless murder	471. Until and unless	Under condition
434. To move heaven and earth	To go up to the extreme	472. Slow and steady	Slow but at continuous pace
435. To kill two birds with one stone	To accomplish two tasks in one attempt	473. To mind one's P's and Q's	To be very careful about one's behaviour
436. Judas kiss	False love	474. ifs and buts	Doubtful
437. Black ox	Misfortune	475. Ins and outs	Full description
438. To be at the zenith of	To be at the highest point of fame	476. To rain cats and dogs	To rain heavily
439. At death's door	About to die	477. Do's and don'ts	Rule for action especially in certain circumstances
440. Donkey's years	After a long time	478. Bag and baggage	With all belongings
441. Eagle eyed	Keen sighted	479. Pick holes in one's coat	To find the fault
442. Penny wise pound foolish	To bother about small coins and To throw bundles of rupees carelessly	480. Pin drop silence	Unexpected peace
443. An old flame	Sweat heart	481. Paradise on earth	A heaven on land
444. Pen and ink	In writing	482. Old as hills	Very old
445. Lame excuse	False excuse	483. Nine day's wonder	A short lived glory
446. An iron will	Strong determination	484. Needle woman	A lady tailor
447. A herculean task	A work which needs tremendous efforts	485. A nig-nog	A fool
448. To see pink elephants	To show courage	486. Much cry and little wool	Disappointing outcomes
449. Blind alley	Unprofitable action	487. Miss the mark	To fail
450. The heels of achilles	The weak point in a person	488. Many men, many minds	As many persons, so many opinions
451. Kangaroo court	Unofficial court	489. Leave for	To depart
		490. Kiss the dust	To be humiliated
		491. Kiss the rod	Accept the punishment
		492. Kick the bucket	To die

S.N. Phrases

English Meaning

493. Itching palm	Habit of taking bribe
494. Itsy bitsy	Very small
495. In the same boat	In the same condition
496. In the nick of time	Just in time
497. In spite of	Notwithstanding
498. In search of	In quest of
499. In short	In brief
500. In lieu of	In place of
501. In embryo	In under-developing stage
502. In deep waters	In great difficulties
503. In consideration of	Due to
504. In addition to	Alongwith
505. Himalayan blunder	A serious mistake
506. A green hand	An inexperienced person
507. A good egg	An excellent person
508. A golden opportunity	A very favourable chance
509. Grass roots	Initial stage
510. Gobble-gabble	A senseless chatter
511. Get rid of	To become free from
512. From time to time	Sometimes
513. From sun to sun	Between sunrise and sunset
514. for want of	Short of
515. From A to Z	From beginning to end
516. For the sake of	For one's sake
517. A fairy tale	An incredible story
518. Evergreen	Be fresh always
519. Even if	Though
520. Drop in the ocean	Very insignificant amount
521. Drop on one's knees	To bow
522. Do or die	To make a final effort
523. To die in one's bed	To die during sickness
524. To die with one's boots on	To die during war
525. To dig one's grave	To bring one's rain
526. A dead silence	Immense quietness
527. A damsel in distress	A helpless woman
528. Cut one's coat according to one's cloth	To accommodate within the available means
529. Commit suicide	To do self murder
530. Cold reception	A dry welcome
531. Close fist	Miser
532. By degrees	Gradually
533. Burst into tears	To weep heavily, suddenly
534. A beauty sleep	To sleep before midnight
535. Avail of	To make use of
536. At stake	In danger
537. At ease	Easily
538. As soon as	No sooner
539. Acquainted with	To meet someone

Practice Set

Q. 1. Choose the option that describes the meaning of each of the following idioms and phrases :

- To catch a Tartar :**
 - To live carefully and cautiously
 - To catch a dangerous person
 - To trap a wanted criminal with great difficulty
 - To deal with a person who is more than one's match

[Bank P.O. 2002]
- End in smoke :**
 - bear no fruit
 - produce good results
 - benefit the poor and downtrodden
 - motivate to produce

[Bank P.O. 2002]
- In the blues :**
 - behave like a fool
 - being colourful
 - melancholic and low spirited
 - having many blue things

[SBI P.O. 1999]
- To turn over a new leaf :**
 - to disclose a secret
 - to divert from the path
 - to destroy a leaf
 - to commence a new course of life

[R.R.B. 1995]
- To smell a rat :**
 - To suspect foul dealings
 - to be in a bad mood
 - bad smell
 - sings of plague epidemic

[MAT 2001]
- A man of straw :**
 - an unreasonable person
 - a man of no substance
 - a very active person
 - a worthy fellow

[SBI (P.O) 2001]
- To fall flat :**
 - to retreat
 - to meet accidentally
 - to be met with a cold reception
 - to quarrel

[MAT 2001]
- To cast pearls before swine :**
 - to offer a person, a thing which he can't appreciate
 - to waste money over trifles
 - to spend a lot of money on the upkeep of domestic dogs
 - to spend recklessly

[Hotel Management 1999]
- A wet blanket :**
 - a man who is always drunk
 - a wife who is cold to her husband
 - to wear black and white clothes
 - none of these

[Bank (P.O) 2002]
- To carry the coal to New castle :**
 - to finish a difficult job
 - to do the mental jobs
 - to work very hard
 - to do an unnecessary job

[B.Ed 2000]
- To lose one's bearings :**
 - to become sick and tired
 - to lose one's strength
 - to be uncertain of one's position
 - to become hopeless

[RRB (Kolkata) 2001]
- To keep one's temper :**
 - to become angry
 - to be in a good mood
 - to preserve one's energy
 - to be a loof from

[NABARD 1997]
- To draw the line :**
 - to decide one's occupation
 - to prepare for a battle
 - to set limits
 - to withdraw from activity

[SBI (P.O) 2001]
- Right hand man :**
 - most efficient assistant
 - a foolish person
 - an honest person
 - one who cannot use his hand

[MAT 2001]
- A pipe dream :**
 - a bad dream
 - a pleasant dream
 - an impracticable plan
 - a foolish idea

[RRB (ASM Muzaffarpur 2003)]

18. The green eyed monster :
(a) the creature of the sea (b) animal with green eyes
(c) personal jealousy (d) to get into trouble
[Bank (P.O.) 2002]
19. Dog in the manger :
(a) a person who has no home
(b) a person who is not liked by others
(c) a person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to him
(d) a person who puts himself in difficulty on account of other people
[Hotel Management 1999]
20. Will O' the wisp :
(a) to act in a childish way (b) to act in a foolish way
(c) anything which eludes or deceives
(d) to have desires unbacked by efforts
[GIC (AAO) 1993]
21. To bite the dust :
(a) to be defeated in a battle (b) to learn a lesson
(c) to be ashamed of (d) to work very hard
[RRB (Kolkata) 2001]
22. To get into hot waters :
(a) to suffer a financial loss (b) to be impatient
(c) to get into trouble
(d) to be in a confused state of mind
[RRB (ASM) Muzaffarpur 2003]
23. To cool one's heels :
(a) to be kept waiting for some time
(b) to rest for sometime
(c) to remain in a comfortable position
(d) to give no importance to someone
[MBA 1990]
24. The pros and cons :
(a) good and evil (b) former and latter
(c) foul and fair (d) for and against a thing
[Bank (P.O.) 1992]
25. Above board :
(a) friendly (b) able to face difficulties
(c) honestly (d) hard working
[RRB (ASM) Bhopal 2000]
26. Ad hoc :
(a) for the special purpose (b) arranged systematically
(c) arranged in order (d) none of these
[RRB (ASM) Bangalore 2004]
27. Ante meridiem :
(a) an old mother (b) a greater mother
(c) between midnight and noon
(d) none of these
[RRB (ASM) Bangalore 2004]
- Q. 2. What do the following idioms and phrases mean ?
- At sixes and sevens. [IAS (Mains) 1998]
 - A queer fish. [CBI Sub Inspector 1998]
 - A fish out of water. [Indian economic service 1998]
 - At a pinch. [CSIR 2004]
 - To read between the lines. [CBI (sub Inspector) 1998]
 - A hue and cry. [Indian economic service 1998]
 - To hang fire. [IAS (Mains) 1997]
 - To bury the hatchet. [Indian Economic Service 1998]
 - To put one's feet down. [IAS (Mains) 1998]
 - To live in an ivory tower. [IAS (Mains) 1990]
- Q. 3. Choose the suitable option that describes the meaning of the words or phrases printed in italics in each of the following sentences
- Please *look into* this matter personally as it is very important
(a) see secretly (b) examine
(c) take care of (d) overlook
[Indian Bank P.O. 2003]
 - Everybody is worried about his *bread and butter* these days
(a) promotional avenues (b) comfortable living
(c) recovery thinking (d) means of livelihood
[Stenographer's Exam 2001]
 - The old man is *hard of hearing* :
(a) felt bad hearing the news (b) somewhat deaf
(c) does not play (d) unmindful
[Hotel Management (Kolkata) 2003]
4. Napoleon won his laurels in the Battle of Waterloo :
(a) acquired distinction (b) defeated the enemies
(c) adopted aggressive attitude
(d) surrendered to his opponents
[RRB (Bhopal) 2001]
5. Sumit had to look *high and low* before he could find his scooter key :
(a) nowhere (b) always
(c) everywhere (d) somewhere
[CBI 1993]
6. My neighbour had to *pay through his nose* for a brand new car :
(a) pay huge loans (b) pay a reasonable price
(c) pay an extremely high price
(d) make a quick buck
[SSC (Audit) 2003]
7. The expression *to be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth* means :
(a) to be born in a rich family (b) to be born as the first child
(c) to be born in a jeweller's family
(d) to be spoon fed, not breast fed
[RRB (Kolkata) 2002]
8. In life we have to *take the rough with the smooth* :
(a) be tough in order to be successful
(b) say pleasant words to make things smooth
(c) accept unpleasant as well as pleasant things
(d) make unpleasant things better
[Income Tax 1994]
9. She was in a *brown study* and did not notice my entrance
(a) reverie (b) fear (c) dream (d) sleep
[Central Excise 1995]
10. They sold his house because it was a *real white elephant* :
(a) an expensive one (b) a big one
(c) a useless one (d) a rare thing
[CBI. 1994]
11. His rough behaviour would make him *bite the dust* :
(a) make a plan (b) eat the dust
(c) get humiliated (d) get killed
[RRB (Bhopal) 2001]
12. In the fight he was beaten *neck and crop* :
(a) softly (b) profoundly
(c) completely (d) swiftly
[RRB (Bhopal) 2001]
13. If one aids and abets a criminal, he is also considered *guilty of crime* :
(a) suspicious (b) daring
(c) culpable (d) ruthless
[ITC (AAO) 2003]
14. During the last moments of his life, the criminal made a *clean breast* of everything he had done :
(a) showed his breast (b) fought like a hero
(c) confessed without reserve (d) faced bravely
15. I saw him *make a dry face* :
(a) abuse (b) feel sick
(c) cry with pain (d) show disappointment
[RRB (Mahendra) Patna 2001]

Answers With Explanation

- Q. 1.
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| 1. (d) | 2. (a) | 3. (c) | 4. (d) | 5. (a) | 6. (b) |
| 7. (c) | 8. (a) | 9. (d) | 10. (d) | 11. (c) | 12. (e) |
| 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (c) | 17. (c) | 18. (c) |
| 19. (a) | 20. (c) | 21. (a) | 22. (d) | 23. (c) | 24. (a) |
| 25. (c) | | | | | |
- Q. 2.
- In disorder
 - A strange fellow
 - In an uncomfortable position
 - If absolutely necessary, if circumstances make it essential
 - To understand the hidden meaning
 - A great stir
 - Linger on
 - Forget a quarrel
 - To reject with determination
 - To be unaware of the realities
- Q. 3.
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| 1. (b) | 2. (d) | 3. (b) | 4. (a) | 5. (c) | 6. (c) |
| 7. (a) | 8. (c) | 9. (a) | 10. (c) | 11. (d) | 12. (c) |
| 13. (c) | 14. (c) | 15. (d) | | | |