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Word List

#	Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms
1	Aberration	Deviation from what is normal or standard	Anomaly, irregularity	Conformity, norm
2	Acerbic	Harsh, biting, or sharp in tone or taste	Caustic, cutting	Mild, affable
3	Alacrity	Brisk and cheerful readiness	Eagerness, promptness	Apathy, lethargy
4	Altruism	Unselfish concern for the welfare of others	Benevolence, charity	Egoism, greed
5	Anachronism	Something placed in the wrong historical time	Misplacement, solecism	Synchrony, contemporary
6	Antipathy	A deep-seated feeling of dislike	Hostility, aversion	Affinity, attraction
7	Apathy	Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern	Indifference, torpor	Passion, zeal
8	Approbation	Approval or praise	Commendation, sanction	Censureship, criticism
9	Ascetic	Practicing strict self-denial; austere	Hermit-like, abstinent	Hedonistic, indulgent
10	Audacious	Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks	Daring, insolent	Timid, cautious
11	Banal	Lacking in originality; obvious and boring	Trite, mundane	Fresh, innovative
12	Belligerent	Hostile and aggressive	Pugnacious, combative	Peaceable, friendly
13	Benevolent	Well-meaning and kindly	Charitable, humane	Malevolent, spiteful
14	Cacophony	A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds	Dissonance, din	Harmony, euphony
15	Capricious	Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood	Fickle, volatile	Stable, consistent
16	Castigate	Reprimand or criticize someone severely	Chastise, upbraid	Praise, laud
17	Chicanery	The use of trickery to achieve a political or financial purpose	Duplicity, deceit	Honesty, openness
18	Cogent	Clear, logical, and convincing	Persuasive, compelling	Weak, unconvincing
19	Convolved	Extremely complex and difficult to follow	Tortuous, intricate	Simple, straightforward
20	Craven	Contemptibly lacking in courage	Cowardly, spineless	Bold, valiant
21	Deference	Polite submission and respect	Veneration, esteem	Disrespect, defiance

22	Delineate	Describe or portray something precisely	Depict, outline	Confuse, distort
23	Deride	Express contempt for; ridicule	Mock, scoff	Respect, praise
24	Desiccate	Remove the moisture from; dry out completely	Dehydrate, parch	Hydrate, moisten
25	Desultory	Lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm	Aimless, erratic	Systematic, methodical
26	Diatribes	A forceful and bitter verbal attack	Tirade, harangue	Tribute, eulogy
27	Diffident	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence	Timid, bashful	Confident, bold
28	Dilatory	Slow to act; intended to cause delay	Procrastinating, slack	Prompt, diligent
29	Disabuse	Persuade someone that an idea or belief is mistaken	Undeceive, correct	Mislead, deceive
30	Disparate	Essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison	Dissimilar, distinct	Identical, homogeneous
31	Dissemble	Disguise or conceal one's real motives or feelings	Feign, masquerade	Reveal, expose
32	Dogmatic	Laying down principles as incontrovertibly true	Rigid, opinionated	Flexible, open-minded
33	Duplicity	Deceitfulness; double-dealing	Guile, treachery	Sincerity, honesty
34	Ebullient	Cheerful and full of energy	Exuberant, vivacious	Depressed, lethargic
35	Eclectic	Deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad range	Diverse, varied	Uniform, narrow
36	Efficacy	The ability to produce a desired or intended result	Effectiveness, potency	Futility, uselessness
37	Egregious	Outstandingly bad; shocking	Flagrant, atrocious	Marvelous, minor
38	Enervate	Cause to feel drained of energy or vitality	Exhaust, weaken	Energize, invigorate
39	Engender	Cause or give rise to a feeling or situation	Produce, generate	Quell, suppress
40	Ephemeral	Lasting for a very short time	Transient, fleeting	Eternal, permanent
41	Equivocal	Open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous	Vague, evasive	Clear, direct
42	Erudite	Having or showing great knowledge or learning	Scholarly, learned	Ignorant, illiterate
43	Esoteric	Intended for or likely to be understood by only a few	Abstruse, arcane	Public, obvious
44	Eulogy	A speech or piece of writing that praises someone highly	Panegyric, tribute	Condemnation, tirade

45	Exculpate	Show or declare that someone is not guilty of wrongdoing	Exonerate, acquit	Accuse, convict
46	Exigent	Pressing; demanding; urgent	Critical, acute	Trivial, minor
47	Facetious	Treating serious issues with inappropriate humor	Flippant, glib	Serious, grave
48	Fawn	Display exaggerated flattery or affection	Grovel, sycophant	Snub, dominate
49	Fervid	Intensely enthusiastic or passionate	Ardent, vehement	Indifferent, cool
50	Florid	Excessively intricate or elaborate	Ornate, flowery	Plain, simple
51	Garrulous	Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters	Verbose, loquacious	Reticent, taciturn
52	Gregarious	Fond of company; sociable	Outgoing, convivial	Reclusive, unsocial
53	Guile	Sly or cunning intelligence	Duplicity, deceit	Honesty, candor
54	Harangue	A lengthy and aggressive speech	Tirade, diatribe	Eulogy, acclaim
55	Homogeneous	Of the same kind; alike	Uniform, consistent	Heterogeneous, diverse
56	Hyperbole	Exaggerated statements not to be taken literally	Overstatement, excess	Understatement, litotes
57	Iconoclast	A person who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions	Rebel, heretic	Conformist, believer
58	Implacable	Unable to be placated or appeased	Relentless, unyielding	Flexible, merciful
59	Inchoate	Just begun and so not fully formed or developed	Rudimentary, nascent	Mature, developed
60	Inimical	Tending to obstruct or harm; unfriendly	Hostile, harmful	Beneficial, friendly
61	Innocuous	Not harmful or offensive	Harmless, safe	Toxic, offensive
62	Inspid	Lacking vigor, interest, or flavor	Bland, dull	Exciting, flavorful
63	Intransigent	Unwilling or refusing to change one's views	Stubborn, obstinate	Compliant, flexible
64	Inundate	Overwhelm someone with things or people to deal with	Flood, overwhelm	Drain, deplete
65	Irascible	Having or showing a tendency to be easily angered	Irritable, testy	Placid, serene
66	Laconic	Using very few words	Concise, brief	Verbose, wordy
67	Laud	Praise highly, especially in a public context	Extol, applaud	Criticize, condemn
68	Lethargic	Sluggish, tired, and apathetic	Slothful, listless	Energetic, dynamic

69	Loquacious	Tending to talk a great deal	Talkative, chatty	Taciturn, silent
70	Lucid	Expressed clearly; easy to understand	Intelligible, clear	Obscure, vague
71	Magnanimous	Generous or forgiving, especially toward a rival	Noble, selfless	Mean-spirited, petty
72	Malleable	Easily influenced; pliable	Adaptable, impressionable	Rigid, stubborn
73	Misanthrope	A person who dislikes humankind and avoids society	Misanthropist, cynic	Philanthropist, humanitarian
74	Mitigate	Make less severe, serious, or painful	Alleviate, ease	Aggravate, intensify
75	Obdurate	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion	Obstinate, unyielding	Pliable, submissive
76	Obsequious	Obedient or attentive to an excessive degree	Servile, fawning	Assertive, rebellious
77	Obstinate	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course	Headstrong, rigid	Flexible, yielding
78	Obviate	Remove a need or difficulty	Preclude, prevent	Require, create
79	Occlude	Stop, close up, or obstruct an opening	Block, seal	Open, clear
80	Onerous	Involving an amount of effort that is oppressively burdensome	Taxing, heavy	Light, effortless
81	Opprobrium	Harsh criticism or public disgrace	Shame, infamy	Honor, acclaim
82	Ostentatious	Characterized by vulgar or pretentious display	Showy, gaudy	Modest, simple
83	Paragon	A person or thing viewed as a model of excellence	Archetype, ideal	Flaw, blemish
84	Pedantic	Excessively concerned with minor details or rules	Academic, formal	Informal, imprecise
85	Pejorative	Expressing contempt or disapproval	Derogatory, disparaging	Complimentary, positive
86	Perfidy	Deceitfulness; untrustworthiness	Treachery, betrayal	Loyalty, fidelity
87	Perfunctory	Carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection	Cursory, careless	Thorough, meticulous
88	Philanthropy	The desire to promote the welfare of others	Charity, altruism	Egoism, misanthropy
89	Placate	Make someone less angry or hostile	Appease, pacify	Enrage, provoke
90	Plastic	Easily shaped, molded, or influenced	Pliable, malleable	Rigid, inflexible
91	Plethora	A large or excessive amount of something	Surplus, overabundance	Scarcity, dearth

92	Pragmatic	Dealing with things sensibly and realistically	Practical, logical	Idealistic, impractical
93	Precipitate	Cause an event to happen suddenly or prematurely	Hasten, trigger	Delay, check
94	Prevaricate	Speak or act in an evasive way	Equivocate, dodge	Confront, clarify
95	Pristine	In its original condition; clean and fresh	Pure, untouched	Spoiled, contaminated
96	Prodigal	Spending money or resources freely and wastefully	Extravagant, wasteful	Thrifty, frugal
97	Proliferate	Increase rapidly in numbers; multiply	Mushroom, burgeon	Dwindle, decrease
98	Propitiate	Win or regain the favor of a god, spirit, or person	Appease, conciliate	Alienate, offend
99	Propriety	State of conforming to conventionally accepted standards	Decorum, respectability	Impropriety, indecency
100	Quiescent	In a state or period of inactivity or dormancy	Latent, quiet	Active, dynamic
101	Rarefy	Make or become thin, less dense, or refined	Attenuate, distill	Condense, solidify
102	Recalcitrant	Stubbornly uncooperative attitude toward authority	Defiant, rebellious	Compliant, cooperative
103	Recondite	Little known; abstruse	Obscure, esoteric	Plain, obvious
104	Refractory	Stubborn or unmanageable	Obstinate, headstrong	Obedient, tractable
105	Reprove	Reprimand or censure someone	Rebuke, scold	Praise, commend
106	Reticent	Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily	Reserved, quiet	Talkative, expressive
107	Salubrious	Health-giving; healthy	Beneficial, wholesome	Noxious, harmful
108	Sanction	Give official permission or approval for	Authorize, permit	Prohibit, ban
109	Satiate	Satisfy a desire or appetite to the full	Gorge, surfeit	Deprive, starve
110	Soporific	Tending to induce drowsiness or sleep	Somnolent, sedative	Stimulating, awake
111	Specious	Superficially plausible, but actually wrong	Misleading, deceptive	Genuine, valid
112	Stolid	Calm, dependable, and showing little emotion	Impassive, stoic	Volatile, emotional
113	Sublime	Of such excellence or beauty as to inspire great awe	Grand, majestic	Lowly, crude
114	Tacit	Understood or implied without being stated	Implicit, unspoken	Explicit, stated

115	Taciturn	Reserved or uncommunicative in speech	Reticent, quiet	Talkative, loquacious
116	Tenuous	Very weak or slight; flimsy	Thin, fragile	Strong, robust
117	Tirade	A long, angry speech of criticism or accusation	Diatribes, harangue	Compliment, acclaim
118	Torpor	A state of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy	Sluggishness, apathy	Vigor, animation
119	Transitory	Not permanent; fleeting	Transient, temporary	Permanent, lasting
120	Vacillate	Alternate or waver between different opinions	Waver, hesitate	Decide, persist
121	Venerate	Regard with great respect; revere	Honor, worship	Despise, dishonor
122	Veracity	Conformity to facts; accuracy	Truthfulness, honesty	Falsehood, deceit
123	Verbose	Using or expressed in more words than are needed	Wordy, talkative	Concise, succinct
124	Vexation	The state of being annoyed, frustrated, or worried	Annoyance, irritation	Delight, ease
125	Volatile	Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably	Unstable, explosive	Stable, calm
126	Absolve	Declare someone free from guilt, blame, or responsibility	Exonerate, acquit	Blame, convict
127	Abstemious	Not self-indulgent, especially when eating and drinking	Moderate, temperate	Gluttonous, greedy
128	Acumen	The ability to make good judgments and quick decisions	Shrewdness, sharp-wittedness	Ignorance, stupidity
129	Admonish	Warn or reprimand someone firmly	Advise, rebuke	Commend, praise
130	Adulterate	Render something poorer in quality by adding another substance	Contaminate, dilute	Purify, refine
131	Aesthetic	Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty	Artistic, visual	Hideous, plain
132	Aggrandize	Increase the power, status, or wealth of	Exalt, intensify	Degrade, diminish
133	Amalgamate	Combine or unite to form one organization or structure	Merge, blend	Separate, divide
134	Ameliorate	Make something bad better	Improve, upgrade	Worsen, deteriorate
135	Anachronistic	Chronologically misplaced	Outdated, archaic	Modern, current
136	Anomalous	Deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected	Abnormal, atypical	Normal, typical
137	Arduous	Involving or requiring strenuous effort	Laborious, taxing	Easy, effortless

138	Artless	Without effort or pretentiousness; natural and simple	Guileless, naive	Crafty, deceitful
139	Assuage	Make an unpleasant feeling less intense	Alleviate, soothe	Provoke, aggravate
140	Attenuate	Reduce the force, effect, or value of	Weaken, diminish	Strengthen, expand
141	Austere	Severe or strict in manner, attitude, or appearance	Strict, frugal	Luxurious, indulgent
142	Aver	State or assert to be the case	Affirm, declare	Deny, dispute
143	Bolster	Support or strengthen; prop up	Reinforce, boost	Undermine, weaken
144	Bombastic	High-sounding but with little meaning; inflated	Pompous, turgid	Understated, humble
145	Burgeon	Begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish	Thrive, expand	Wither, shrink
146	Burnish	Polish something by rubbing	Shine, buff	Dull, tarnish
147	Buttress	Provide support or strength to	Reinforce, prop	Weaken, undermine
148	Candid	Truthful and straightforward; frank	Honest, direct	Deceitful, evasive
149	Capricious	Unpredictable and volatile changes	Fickle, unstable	Consistent, reliable
150	Castigation	Severe punishment or criticism	Chastisement, rebuke	Commendation, praise
151	Chary	Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something	Wary, circumspect	Rash, bold
152	Coagulate	Change to a solid or semi-solid state	Clot, congeal	Liquefy, dissolve
153	Coda	A concluding event, remark, or section	Finale, epilogue	Prelude, introduction
154	Commensurate	Corresponding in size or degree; in proportion	Proportional, equal	Disproportionate, uneven
155	Compendium	A collection of concise but detailed information	Summary, abstract	Expansion, volume
156	Complaisant	Willing to please others; obliging	Agreeable, compliant	Defiant, stubborn
157	Confound	Prove a theory, expectation, or person wrong	Dumbfound, confuse	Clarify, explain
158	Connoisseur	An expert judge in matters of taste	Specialist, authority	Amateur, novice
159	Contentious	Causing or likely to cause an argument	Controversial, disputatious	Peaceful, cooperative
160	Contrite	Feeling or expressing remorse or penitence	Penitent, apologetic	Defiant, unrepentant

161	Conundrum	A confusing and difficult problem or question	Riddle, puzzle	Solution, resolution
162	Convergence	The process of coming together from different directions	Merging, unification	Divergence, split
163	Decorum	Behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety	Etiquette, protocol	Rudeness, impropriety
164	Default	Failure to fulfill an obligation, especially financial	Nonpayment, neglect	Payment, compliance
165	Demur	Raise doubts or objections or show reluctance	Protest, object	Consent, agree
166	Denigrate	Criticize unfairly; dismiss the significance of	Belittle, disparage	Acclaim, praise
167	Desultory	Lacking plan, order, or direction	Erratic, aimless	Systematic, orderly
168	Deterrent	A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage	Discouragement, barrier	Incentive, catalyst
169	Diatribes	Bitter criticism	Tirade, attack	Eulogy, praise
170	Dichotomy	A division or contrast between two things	Split, contrast	Unity, synthesis
171	Diffident	Lacking confidence	Shy, reserved	Assertive, bold
172	Digression	A temporary departure from the main subject	Tangent, deviation	Focus, directness
173	Dirge	A lament for the dead, especially as part of a funeral	Elegy, requiem	Anthem, celebration
174	Disabuse	Correct a false impression	Undeceive, enlighten	Misinform, deceive
175	Discerning	Having or showing good judgment	Astute, sharp	Obtuse, imperceptive
176	Discordant	Disagreeing or incongruous	Dissonant, clashing	Harmonious, consistent
177	Discrepancy	An illogical lack of compatibility or similarity	Inconsistency, gap	Consistency, agreement
178	Discrete	Individually separate and distinct	Detached, disconnected	Continuous, integrated
179	Dissonance	Tension or clash resulting from disharmonious elements	Conflict, friction	Accord, harmony
180	Distill	Extract the essential meaning or most important aspects	Refine, condense	Dilute, pollute
181	Divergent	Tending to develop in different directions	Conflicting, deviating	Convergent, parallel
182	Divest	Deprive someone of power, rights, or possessions	Strip, dispossess	Invest, endow
183	Dogmatic	Assumed principles as absolute truths	Uncompromising, rigid	Open-minded, flexible

184	Dormant	Inactive for a period of time	Latent, sleeping	Active, awake
185	Dupe	Trick or deceive	Hoodwink, swindle	Guide, enlighten
186	Ebullient	High-spirited and full of energy	Enthusiastic, bubbly	Gloomy, sluggish
187	Eclectic	Made up of components from diverse origins	Diverse, selective	Homogeneous, uniform
188	Efficacy	Power to produce a desired effect	Potency, strength	Futility, weakness
189	Effrontery	Insolent or impertinent behavior	Audacity, impudence	Politeness, modesty
190	Elegy	A poem of serious reflection, typically a lament	Dirge, lament	Celebration, paean
191	Elicit	Evoke or draw out a reaction	Extract, evoke	Suppress, stifle
192	Embellish	Make a story more interesting by adding extra details	Adorn, exaggerate	Simplify, strip
193	Empirical	Based on testing, observation, and raw data	Practical, verified	Theoretical, abstract
194	Emulate	Match or surpass, typically by imitation	Imitate, copy	Reject, abandon
195	Endemic	Regularly found among particular people or in a certain area	Native, local	Foreign, exotic
196	Enervate	Drain of energy	Exhaust, weaken	Revitalize, strengthen
197	Engender	Give rise to	Prompt, cause	Quash, destroy
198	Ephemeral	Transient; short-lived	Fleeting, brief	Permanent, eternal
199	Equivocate	Use ambiguous language to conceal the truth	Prevaricate, hedge	Clarify, verify
200	Erudite	Having deep academic knowledge	Learned, scholarly	Ignorant, uneducated
201	Esoteric	Understood by only a specialized inner circle	Arcane, obscure	Public, common
202	Eulogy	Speech of high praise	Commendation, tribute	Vilification, slander
203	Euphemism	A mild word substituted for one considered too harsh	Polite term, softening	Direct term, harshness
204	Exculpate	Free from blame	Exonerate, clear	Convict, accuse
205	Exigent	Requiring immediate action	Critical, urgent	Trivial, easy
206	Exonerate	Clear of charges or accusations	Acquit, exculpate	Condemn, convict

207	Extemporaneous	Spoken or done without preparation	Impromptu, ad-lib	Planned, rehearsed
208	Fallow	Left unplowed and unseeded	Uncultivated, inactive	Productive, fertile
209	Fatuous	Pointless and silly	Foolish, inane	Wise, sensible
210	Fawning	Exaggerating flattery to win favor	Sycophantic, groveling	Aloof, assertive
211	Felicitous	Well-suited to the circumstances; apt	Appropriate, suitable	Awkward, untoward
212	Fervid	Intensely emotional or passionate	Ardent, fiery	Unconcerned, cold
213	Filibuster	Obstructive tactics in a legislative assembly	Stalling, delay	Haste, progression
214	Flag	Become tired, weak, or less enthusiastic	Droop, decline	Revive, flourish
215	Fledgling	Inexperienced person or organization	Novice, beginner	Veteran, expert
216	Flout	Openly disregard a rule, law, or convention	Defy, mock	Obey, respect
217	Foment	Instigate or stir up an undesirable course of action	Agitate, provoke	Quell, suppress
218	Forestall	Prevent or obstruct an anticipated event	Preempt, block	Facilitate, permit
219	Frugality	The quality of being economical with resources	Thrift, economy	Extravagance, waste
220	Futile	Producing no useful result	Vain, pointless	Effective, fruitful
221	Garrulous	Excessively talkative on trivial matters	Loquacious, verbose	Silent, taciturn
222	Goad	Provoke or annoy someone to stimulate action	Prod, urge	Deter, soothe
223	Grandiloquent	Pompous or extravagant in language	Bombastic, pretentious	Simple, modest
224	Gregarious	Seeking and enjoying the company of others	Convivial, social	Reclusive, solitary
225	Guileless	Innocent and without deception	Naive, artless	Deceitful, scheming
226	Gullible	Easily persuaded to believe something	Credulous, naive	Skeptical, astute
227	Harangue	Aggressive, critical speech	Tirade, diatribe	Tribute, acclaim
228	Homogeneous	Uniform in composition	Unvarying, consistent	Heterogeneous, diverse
229	Hyperbole	Obvious and intentional exaggeration	Overstatement, excess	Understatement, literalism

230	Iconoclast	Challenger of established norms	Dissident, rebel	Conformist, traditionalist
231	Idolatry	Blind or excessive devotion to something	Veneration, worship	Contempt, disdain
232	Imminent	Impending; close at hand	Impending, looming	Distant, remote
233	Immutable	Unalterable; unable to be changed	Permanent, fixed	Variable, mutable
234	Impair	Weaken or damage something	Spoil, hinder	Improve, enhance
235	Impassive	Not showing pain, feeling, or emotion	Stoic, expressionless	Emotional, expressive
236	Impecunious	Having little or no money	Penniless, broke	Affluent, wealthy
237	Impede	Obstruct or delay the progress of	Hinder, block	Facilitate, assist
238	Impermeable	Preventing fluids or gases from passing through	Sealed, airtight	Porous, permeable
239	Implacable	Incapable of being appeased	Relentless, unyielding	Merciful, flexible
240	Implicit	Implied though not plainly expressed	Tacit, assumed	Explicit, plain
241	Implode	Collapse violently inward	Cave in, crumble	Explode, expand
242	Inadvertent	Unintentional or accidental	Unplanned, casual	Deliberate, intentional
243	Inane	Lacking sense, significance, or ideas	Silly, fatuous	Profound, intelligent
244	Inchoate	Not yet fully developed	Nascent, raw	Complete, finished
245	Incongruity	State of being out of keeping with surroundings	Incompatibility, clash	Harmony, consistency
246	Inconsequential	Lacking worth or importance	Trivial, minor	Crucial, significant
247	Incorporate	Include or integrate as part of a whole	Absorb, assimilate	Exclude, segregate
248	Indeterminate	Not precisely established or defined	Vague, uncertain	Definitive, clear
249	Indigence	A state of extreme poverty	Penury, destitution	Wealth, affluence
250	Indolent	Disinclined to exert oneself; lazy	Idle, slothful	Industrious, active

1. Phrasal Verbs: A – C (1–40)

#	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage (Example Sentence)
1	Act on	To take action because of something	The police decided to act on the anonymous tip.
2	Act up	To malfunction or misbehave	My old computer is starting to act up again.
3	Add up	To make sense / calculate a total	Her story just doesn't add up ; something is missing.
4	Aim at	To target or intend for a specific audience	The new advertising campaign is aimed at teenagers.
5	Ask around	To ask many people the same question	I don't know the way, but I will ask around .
6	Ask out	To invite someone on a date	He finally gathered the courage to ask her out .
7	Back down	To withdraw a claim, demand, or position	Neither side was willing to back down during the debate.
8	Back up	To support someone or make a digital copy	You should back up your files regularly.
9	Bank on	To rely or depend on confidently	Don't bank on the weather being good for the picnic.
10	Bear with	To be patient with someone	Please bear with me while I look for the document.
11	Blow up	To explode or get very angry suddenly	The building blew up due to a severe gas leak.
12	Blow over	To pass without serious consequences	The political scandal will eventually blow over .
13	Break down	To stop functioning / lose emotional control	The car broke down on the highway during rush hour.
14	Break in	To enter a building by force / interrupt	Burglars tried to break in through the back window.
15	Break off	To abruptly end a relationship or agreement	They decided to break off their engagement.
16	Break out	To start suddenly (war, disease, fire)	A massive fire broke out in the old warehouse.
17	Break up	To end a romantic relationship / split into pieces	They chose to break up after graduating college.
18	Bring about	To cause something to happen	The new policy brought about major changes in the company.
19	Bring down	To reduce power/costs or make someone sad	High interest rates can bring down economic growth.
20	Bring up	To raise a child / mention a topic	Don't bring up politics during family dinners.

21	Brush up on	To improve or refresh your knowledge of	I need to brush up on my French before my trip.
22	Bump into	To meet someone unexpectedly	I bumped into an old school friend at the mall.
23	Burn out	To become completely exhausted from overwork	If you work 80 hours a week, you will burn out .
24	Call back	To return a phone call	I will call you back as soon as I finish this meeting.
25	Call off	To cancel an event or plan	They had to call off the football match due to rain.
26	Call on	To visit someone / ask someone to speak	The teacher called on me to answer the question.
27	Call up	To telephone someone	I'll call up my mom to see how she is doing.
28	Calm down	To become quiet, relaxed, or peaceful	Take a deep breath and calm down before speaking.
29	Care for	To look after / like or enjoy someone/something	She tenderly cares for her elderly grandmother.
30	Carry on	To continue doing something	Please carry on with your work while I am gone.
31	Carry out	To perform or complete a task	The scientists carried out the experiment successfully.
32	Catch on	To become popular / understand a concept	It took him a while to catch on to the new system.
33	Catch up	To reach the same point as someone else	Walk ahead, and I will catch up with you later.
34	Check in	To register at a hotel or airport	We need to check in two hours before the flight.
35	Check out	To leave a hotel / investigate or look at	Let's check out that new Italian restaurant downtown.
36	Cheer up	To make someone happier	I bought her some flowers to cheer her up .
37	Chew out	To scold or reprimand harshly	The manager chewed out the team for missing the deadline.
38	Chip in	To contribute money, time, or help	Everyone chipped in ten dollars to buy a group gift.
39	Clean up	To make a place clean and tidy	We need to clean up the kitchen after cooking.
40	Clear out	To empty a place / leave a place quickly	You need to clear out your old clothes from the closet.

2. Phrasal Verbs: C – G (41–80)

#	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage (Example Sentence)
41	Clear up	To explain/solve / become bright (weather)	I hope the rainy weather clears up by this afternoon.
42	Close down	To stop operating permanently (business)	The local independent bookstore closed down last month.
43	Come across	To find unexpectedly / give a specific impression	I came across some beautiful old photos in the attic.
44	Come along	To progress / accompany someone	How is your new research project coming along ?
45	Come back	To return to a place	When do you plan to come back from your vacation?
46	Come down with	To become sick with a minor illness	I think I am coming down with a cold.
47	Come out	To be released, published, or revealed	Her debut novel comes out early next month.
48	Come up with	To produce or suggest an idea or plan	She came up with a brilliant solution to the problem.
49	Count on	To depend or rely on someone	You can always count on your best friend in a crisis.
50	Cross out	To draw a line through something written	If you make an error on the form, just cross it out .
51	Cut back	To reduce expenditure or consumption	The corporation is cutting back on travel expenses.
52	Cut down	To reduce the amount or intake of something	You should cut down on sugar for better health.
53	Cut in	To interrupt someone speaking / cut off a car	She cut in while he was explaining the project guidelines.
54	Cut off	To disconnect / isolate / stop supply	The company cut off our electricity because of an unpaid bill.
55	Cut out	To remove / stop doing an annoying habit	Cut out the junk food if you want to get in shape.
56	Deal with	To take action to handle a problem or person	I will deal with this customer complaint immediately.
57	Die down	To become less intense or loud gradually	The loud noise finally died down after midnight.
58	Do over	To do something again from the start	This essay is quite messy; you need to do it over .
59	Do without	To manage or survive without something	We don't have milk, so you'll have to do without .
60	Drag on	To last much longer than expected	The business meeting dragged on for three painful hours.

61	Draw up	To prepare a formal document or contract	The attorney will draw up the legal contract tomorrow.
62	Dress up	To wear formal, elegant, or fancy clothes	You don't need to dress up for a casual backyard barbecue.
63	Drop back	To move to a lower or rear position	He was leading the race but dropped back near the end.
64	Drop by	To visit someone informally without an appointment	Feel free to drop by my office anytime this afternoon.
65	Drop off	To deliver something/someone / fall asleep	Can you drop me off at the train station on your way?
66	Drop out	To quit a course, school, or competition	He dropped out of college to pursue his start-up.
67	Eat out	To eat a meal at a restaurant	We were too tired to cook, so we decided to eat out .
68	End up	To eventually reach a state, place, or action	We got lost and ended up in a completely different town.
69	Face up to	To accept and deal with a difficult reality	You have to face up to your mistakes and fix them.
70	Fall apart	To break into pieces / fail completely	Their marriage unfortunately fell apart after a single year.
71	Fall behind	To fail to keep pace or make slow progress	If you miss too many classes, you will fall behind .
72	Fall down	To drop or collapse to the ground	The toddler fell down on the carpet but didn't cry.
73	Fall out	To quarrel or argue with someone	They fell out over a silly financial misunderstanding.
74	Fall through	To fail to happen (used for plans or deals)	Our vacation plans fell through because of the storm.
75	Figure out	To understand, solve, or find an answer	I simply cannot figure out how to solve this puzzle.
76	Fill in	To provide missing information / substitute	Please fill in your full name and address on this line.
77	Fill out	To complete an official form or application	You need to fill out this application form entirely.
78	Fill up	To fill something completely	Let's fill up the gas tank before we hit the highway.
79	Find out	To discover or learn new information	I need to find out what time the last train leaves.
80	Fit in	To belong, blend in, or match a group	He changed his style of dress just to fit in with them.

3. Phrasal Verbs: F – L (81–120)

#	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage (Example Sentence)
81	Focus on	To concentrate attention or effort on	Let's focus on solving the most critical issue first.
82	Get across	To communicate an idea clearly	The professor tried to get the concept across to the class.
83	Get along	To have a friendly, harmonious relationship	Do you get along well with your new roommate?
84	Get around	To evade or avoid a rule / travel to places	He found a clever way to get around the strict rules.
85	Get away	To escape / go on a vacation	We hope to get away for a relaxing weekend trip soon.
86	Get back	To return / recover a lost possession	What time did you finally get back home last night?
87	Get by	To manage to survive or cope financially	It is tough to get by on a minimum-wage salary.
88	Get in	To enter a vehicle (car) or arrive at a place	Get in the car quickly; we are running late!
89	Get off	To leave a vehicle (bus, train) / escape punishment	We need to get off the subway at the next stop.
90	Get on	To board a vehicle / make progress in a task	Hurry up and get on the train before it departs.
91	Get out	To leave a room, building, or vehicle / escape	He opened the car door and told everyone to get out .
92	Get over	To recover from an illness, problem, or heartbreak	It took her months to get over the bad breakup.
93	Get through	To finish a difficult task / contact via phone	I couldn't get through to the customer support line.
94	Get up	To rise from bed or a sitting position	I usually get up at 6:00 AM every single morning.
95	Give away	To provide for free / accidentally reveal a secret	Please don't give away the twist ending of the movie!
96	Give in	To surrender, yield, or capitulate	The corporation finally gave in to the union's demands.
97	Give up	To stop trying / quit a habit or attempt	Never give up on your long-term career dreams.
98	Go ahead	To proceed or start doing something	Please go ahead and start eating without me.
99	Go back	To return to a specific place or origin	I never want to go back to that terrible hotel.
100	Go by	To pass (used for time or moving objects)	As the years go by , you realize what truly matters.

101	Go for	To choose / try hard to achieve something	If you really want that promotion, you should go for it!
102	Go off	To explode / ring (alarm) / sour (food)	My morning alarm went off at 5:30 AM today.
103	Go on	To continue happening or doing something	The show must go on despite the technical glitches.
104	Go out	To leave home for socializing / stop burning	Let's go out for a nice dinner together tonight.
105	Go over	To review, examine, or check details	Let us go over the budget details one more time.
106	Go through	To experience a difficult period / search thoroughly	She went through a lot of hardships during the recession.
107	Grow up	To mature / develop into an adult	What career do you want to pursue when you grow up ?
108	Hand in	To submit a document, assignment, or report	Don't forget to hand in your essays by Friday afternoon.
109	Hand out	To distribute items to a group of people	The volunteer handed out information flyers to passersby.
110	Hang in	To remain persistent and positive in difficulty	Hang in there; your hard work will pay off soon!
111	Hang on	To wait for a short duration / grip tightly	Hang on a minute, I need to check my calendar.
112	Hang out	To spend leisure time relaxing with friends	We love to hang out at the local coffee shop on weekends.
113	Hang up	To end a telephone conversation	Don't hang up on me while I am trying to explain!
114	Hold back	To restrain, prevent progress, or conceal emotions	He tried hard to hold back his tears during the film.
115	Hold on	To wait a moment / maintain a strong grip	Hold on tight; this dirt road is incredibly bumpy!
116	Hold up	To delay / rob using weapons / remain strong	The heavy traffic held us up for over an hour.
117	Hurry up	To do something much faster	Hurry up or we are going to miss the opening act!
118	Keep on	To continue doing something repeatedly	Keep on trying, and you will eventually succeed.
119	Keep up	To maintain the same pace as others / continue	You are doing an amazing job; keep up the good work!
120	Kick out	To forcefully expel or dismiss someone	He was kick out of the club for causing a disturbance.

4. Phrasal Verbs: L – R (121–160)

#	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage (Example Sentence)
121	Lay off	To dismiss workers due to economic reasons	The tech company laid off hundreds of employees.
122	Lead to	To result in a specific consequence	Poor lifestyle choices can lead to chronic illnesses.
123	Leave out	To exclude or omit someone/something	Make sure not to leave out anyone from the guest list.
124	Let down	To disappoint someone by failing them	I trust your judgment completely; please don't let me down .
125	Let in	To allow someone or something to enter	Please open the front door and let the dog in .
126	Log in	To connect to a secure computer database	You must enter your unique password to log in .
127	Log out	To safely disconnect from a computer system	Always remember to log out when using public computers.
128	Look after	To take care of someone or something	Can you look after my house plants while I am away?
129	Look down on	To think less of or view as inferior	It is wrong to look down on others based on their job.
130	Look for	To search for something lost or needed	I am currently looking for my car keys; have you seen them?
131	Look forward to	To anticipate something with pleasure	I look forward to meeting your family next week.
132	Look into	To investigate or research a situation	The store manager promised to look into the missing order.
133	Look out	To be careful, vigilant, or aware of danger	Look out! There is a patch of black ice right there.
134	Look over	To review, inspect, or examine quickly	Could you please look over my resume before I send it?
135	Look up	To search for information / get better	If you do not know the word, look it up in the dictionary.
136	Look up to	To highly respect and admire someone	Young athletes often look up to professional players.
137	Make up	To invent a story / reconcile after a fight	They had a massive argument but quickly made up .
138	Make out	To decipher/see clearly / understand	I cannot make out what that distant street sign says.
139	Mix up	To confuse two things with each other	I always mix up the names of those twin brothers.
140	Move on	To proceed to a new topic or stage in life	It is time to forget past regrets and move on .

141	Nod off	To fall asleep briefly or dose lightly	He accidentally nodded off during the boring lecture.
142	Own up	To confess to a mistake or wrongdoing	Nobody would own up to breaking the expensive vase.
143	Pass away	To die (a polite euphemism)	Her elderly grandfather passed away peacefully last night.
144	Pass out	To temporarily lose consciousness or faint	It was so hot and stuffy in the room that he passed out .
145	Pay back	To repay a borrowed sum of money	I will pay you back as soon as I receive my paycheck.
146	Pay off	To yield excellent results / settle a debt fully	All his late-night studying finally paid off during exams.
147	Pick out	To choose or select from a group	She carefully picked out a beautiful dress for the gala.
148	Pick up	To lift / collect someone from a location	Can you please pick me up from the airport tomorrow?
149	Point out	To draw attention to a specific fact	The tour guide pointed out the historical monuments.
150	Pull over	To drive a vehicle to the side of the road	The police officer signaled the driver to pull over .
151	Put away	To return an item to its proper storage place	Please put away your toys before heading to bed.
152	Put down	To insult someone / stop holding an object	Stop putting yourself down ; you are highly capable.
153	Put off	To postpone an event or action	Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
154	Put on	To dress oneself / stage a performance	Put on your thick winter coat; it is freezing outside.
155	Put out	To extinguish a fire or light	The emergency crews worked hard to put out the blaze.
156	Put up with	To tolerate a difficult person or situation	I cannot put up with his rude behavior any longer.
157	Rely on	To trust, depend, or count on someone	You can always rely on her to keep a secret safe.
158	Rip off	To cheat someone by overcharging them	That tourist trap shop completely ripped us off .
159	Rule out	To eliminate a possibility from consideration	The medical doctors have completely ruled out infection.
160	Run away	To escape from a place, person, or situation	The frightened dog ran away when the gate opened.

5. Phrasal Verbs: R – Z (161–200)

#	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Usage (Example Sentence)
161	Run into	To meet someone unexpectedly	I ran into my elementary school teacher at the grocery store.
162	Run out of	To deplete the available supply of something	We have completely run out of coffee beans this morning.
163	Run over	To hit or drive over with a vehicle	Look both ways so you don't get run over by a car.
164	Save up	To accumulate money for a specific purchase	She is diligently saving up to buy her first home.
165	See off	To go to a station/airport to say goodbye	The whole family went to the station to see him off .
166	Set up	To establish, arrange, or organize	They set up a successful software consulting business.
167	Settle down	To live a stable, quiet life / calm down	They want to buy a house in the suburbs and settle down .
168	Show off	To display something boastfully or proudly	He loves to show off his expensive new sports car.
169	Show up	To arrive at an event or appear somewhere	He failed to show up for the job interview this morning.
170	Shut down	To turn off a machine / close a business	Remember to shut down your computer before leaving.
171	Sign up	To register or enlist for a course or activity	I decided to sign up for an advanced cooking class.
172	Sit down	To take a seat	Please sit down and make yourself comfortable.
173	Slow down	To reduce speed or rate of activity	You are driving way too fast through this zone; slow down!
174	Sort out	To organize, resolve, or clarify a issue	We need to sit down and sort out this misunderstanding.
175	Speak up	To speak louder / express an opinion boldly	Could you please speak up ? The audio is very faint.
176	Stand by	To support someone / wait and be ready	I will stand by your side no matter what difficulties arise.
177	Stand out	To be highly noticeable or prominent	Her bright neon jacket made her stand out in the crowd.
178	Stand up	To rise to one's feet / fail to meet a date	The audience stood up to applaud the performance.
179	Stay up	To remain awake past regular sleeping hours	The teenagers stayed up late discussing music.
180	Switch off	To turn off an electrical appliance	Make sure to switch off the oven before you leave.

181	Switch on	To turn on an electrical appliance	Can you please switch on the living room lights?
182	Take after	To resemble a parent in appearance or character	He strongly takes after his grandfather in personality.
183	Take away	To remove from a place or person	The server gently took away our empty dinner plates.
184	Take back	To return an item / retract a statement	I take back what I said earlier; I was entirely mistaken.
185	Take off	To remove clothes / leave the ground (plane)	The commercial aircraft took off smoothly despite the fog.
186	Take on	To accept a responsibility / hire an employee	The agency is taking on several new clients this month.
187	Take out	To extract / invite someone out socially	Remember to take out the recycling bins tonight.
188	Take over	To assume control or leadership of something	The newly appointed CEO will take over next Monday.
189	Take up	To begin a new hobby, space, or activity	She decided to take up oil painting during her free time.
190	Talk over	To discuss a matter thoroughly before deciding	Let's talk over the issue before making a final choice.
191	Tear down	To intentionally demolish a structure	The city plans to tear down the old, abandoned stadium.
192	Think over	To consider a matter carefully	I need a few days to think over your job offer.
193	Throw away	To discard rubbish or unwanted items	Do not throw away those old receipts; I still need them.
194	Try on	To put on clothing to check the fit or look	You should always try on shoes before purchasing them.
195	Try out	To test something or audition for a role	I am going to try out this new fitness routine today.
196	Turn down	To refuse an offer / reduce volume or heat	She turned down the offer because the commute was too long.
197	Turn off	To stop a machine, device, or flow	Please turn off the running tap while brushing your teeth.
198	Turn on	To start a machine, device, or flow	Let's turn on the radio; this is my favorite station.
199	Turn out	To result, end up, or develop in a certain way	The outdoor festival turned out to be a massive success.
200	Turn up	To arrive unexpectedly / increase volume	Don't worry about the missing ring; it will turn up somewhere.

Idioms and Phrases

#	Idiom / Phrase	Meaning	Usage Example
1	A blessing in disguise	A good thing that seemed bad at first	Losing my job was a blessing in disguise; I found a better one.
2	A dime a dozen	Something very common and of little value	Travel apps are a dime a dozen these days.
3	Beat around the bush	Avoid saying what you mean directly	Stop beating around the bush and tell me what you want.
4	Better late than never	It is better to arrive or do something late than not at all	He finally paid me back. Well, better late than never.
5	Bite the bullet	Face a difficult situation with courage	I need to bite the bullet and go to the dentist.
6	Break a leg	Good luck (used in performing arts)	Break a leg tonight at your theater premiere!
7	Break the ice	Make people feel more comfortable in a social setting	He told a joke to break the ice at the meeting.
8	Call it a day	Stop working on something	We've been at this for hours; let's call it a day.
9	Cost an arm and a leg	Very expensive	That new smartphone costs an arm and a leg.
10	Cry over spilled milk	Complain about something that can't be undone	You failed the test, but don't cry over spilled milk; just study harder.
11	Cutting corners	Doing something poorly to save time or money	The builder cut corners, and now the roof is leaking.
12	Don't judge a book by its cover	Don't judge something primarily by its appearance	The restaurant looks run-down, but don't judge a book by its cover.
13	Get out of hand	Get out of control	The party got out of hand when the neighbors called the police.
14	Get something out of your system	Do something you've wanted to do so you can move on	Go ahead and yell if you need to get it out of your system.
15	Get your act together	Organize yourself and work better	You need to get your act together if you want to pass this class.
16	Give someone the benefit of the doubt	Trust someone's statements without absolute proof	She is late, but let's give her the benefit of the doubt.

17	Go back to the drawing board	Start over because a previous attempt failed	The client rejected our design, so it's back to the drawing board.
18	Hang in there	Don't give up	I know times are tough, but hang in there.
19	Hit the sack	Go to sleep	I'm exhausted, time to hit the sack.
20	It's not rocket science	It is not complicated to understand	Just plug it in and press start; it's not rocket science.
21	Let someone off the hook	Release someone from responsibility or punishment	The police let him off the hook with a warning.
22	Make a long story short	Come to the point without extra details	To make a long story short, we missed our flight.
23	Miss the boat	Miss a golden opportunity	If you don't buy the tickets now, you'll miss the boat.
24	No pain, no gain	You have to work hard for what you want	I'm sore from the gym, but no pain, no gain.
25	On the ball	Alert, competent, and quick to understand	Our new assistant is really on the ball.
26	Pull someone's leg	Joke or tease someone	Don't worry, I'm just pulling your leg.
27	Pull yourself together	Calm down and behave normally	Pull yourself together; crying won't solve the problem.
28	Speak of the devil	The person we were just talking about showed up	Speak of the devil! We were just discussing your promotion.
29	That's the last straw	The final irritation that stretches patience to the limit	My car broke down again; that's the last straw!
30	The best of both worlds	An ideal situation where you enjoy two different benefits	Working from home gives me the best of both worlds.
31	Time flies when you're having fun	Time passes surprisingly quickly when enjoying oneself	I can't believe it's midnight; time flies when you're having fun.
32	To get bent out of shape	To become deeply offended or angry	Don't get bent out of shape over a minor misunderstanding.
33	Under the weather	Feeling slightly sick	I won't make it to work today; I'm feeling under the weather.

34	We'll cross that bridge when we come to it	Deal with a problem only when it actually arises	Don't worry about next year's budget; we'll cross that bridge when we come to it.
35	Wrap your head around something	Understand something complicated	I can't wrap my head around this quantum physics theory.
36	You can say that again	I completely agree with you	"This weather is terrible." "You can say that again!"
37	Your guess is as good as mine	I have no idea	What time does the show start? Your guess is as good as mine.
38	A penny for your thoughts	Ask someone what they are thinking about	You've been quiet for a while; a penny for your thoughts?
39	Actions speak louder than words	What people do is more indicative than what they say	Don't just promise to change; actions speak louder than words.
40	Add insult to injury	To worsen an already bad situation	They fired him, and to add insult to injury, refused to pay his last week.
41	Barking up the wrong tree	Pursuing a mistaken line of thought or course of action	If you think I stole your wallet, you're barking up the wrong tree.
42	Birds of a feather flock together	People with similar interests or characters stick together	The gamers formed a close group; birds of a feather flock together.
43	Bite off more than you can chew	Take on a commitment that is too big	Taking three jobs at once is biting off more than you can chew.
44	By the skin of your teeth	Just barely manage to do something	I passed the driving exam by the skin of my teeth.
45	Do unto others as you would have them do unto you	Treat people with the same kindness you want to receive	Remember to be kind; do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
46	Don't put all your eggs in one basket	Don't risk everything on a single venture	Invest in multiple stocks; don't put all your eggs in one basket.
47	Every cloud has a silver lining	Every difficult situation has a comforting aspect	I lost my phone, but every cloud has a silver lining—I upgraded early.
48	Face the music	Accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions	It's time to face the music and admit we made a mistake.
49	Familiarity breeds contempt	Knowing someone too well leads to a loss of respect	Living together made them argue constantly; familiarity breeds contempt.
50	Fit as a fiddle	In very good health	My grandfather is 85 and still fit as a fiddle.

51	Get a taste of your own medicine	Experience the same bad treatment you gave to others	The bully finally got a taste of his own medicine today.
52	Have your cake and eat it too	Want more than your share, or want two incompatible things	You can't work less and expect a raise; you can't have your cake and eat it too.
53	Hear it straight from the horse's mouth	Hear information from the highest or most reliable authority	I know they are merging; I heard it straight from the horse's mouth.
54	Ignorance is bliss	It is better not to know bad news or troubling facts	I didn't know about the global crisis, and honestly, ignorance is bliss.
55	It takes two to tango	Both parties involved in a situation are responsible for it	She blames him for the argument, but it takes two to tango.
56	Jump on the bandwagon	Join a popular trend or activity	Every brand is jumping on the AI bandwagon this year.
57	Keep your chin up	Remain cheerful in a difficult situation	Keep your chin up; things will get better soon.
58	Kill two birds with one stone	Achieve two objectives with a single action	Cycling to work kills two birds with one stone: exercise and commute.
59	Leave no stone unturned	Try every possible course of action to achieve something	The detective left no stone unturned looking for clues.
60	Let sleeping dogs lie	Avoid interfering in a situation to prevent trouble	Don't bring up their old argument; let sleeping dogs lie.
61	Like riding a bicycle	A skill you never forget once you learn it	I haven't skated in years, but it's like riding a bicycle.
62	Live and learn	Learn from your mistakes	I didn't save my file and lost everything. Well, live and learn.
63	Look before you leap	Consider potential consequences before taking action	Think carefully before quitting your job; look before you leap.
64	On thin ice	In a risky or precarious situation	After missing three deadlines, John is on thin ice with his boss.
65	Once in a blue moon	Very rarely	My brother lives abroad, so I only see him once in a blue moon.
66	Play devil's advocate	Argue against an idea just to test its validity	I agree with you, but let me play devil's advocate for a second.
67	Put something on ice	Postpone a project or plan	Let's put this marketing campaign on ice until next quarter.

68	Rain on someone's parade	Spoil someone's pleasure or plans	I hate to rain on your parade, but the concert is canceled.
69	Saving for a rainy day	Saving money for an unexpected future emergency	I put 10% of my salary away, saving for a rainy day.
70	Slow and steady wins the race	Consistency is more important than speed	Don't rush your dissertation; slow and steady wins the race.
71	Spill the beans	Reveal a secret	Who spilled the beans about the surprise party?
72	Take it with a grain of salt	Don't completely believe something you hear	His stories are wild, so take them with a grain of salt.
73	The ball is in your court	It is up to you to make the next move	I sent you the proposal, so the ball is in your court now.
74	The elephant in the room	A major problem or controversial issue that is ignored	No one wanted to mention his bankruptcy, which was the elephant in the room.
75	The whole nine yards	Everything, all the way	He went the whole nine yards and cooked a five-course meal.
76	Through thick and thin	Through good times and bad times	They have been best friends through thick and thin.
77	Throw caution to the wind	Take a massive risk without worrying about consequences	She threw caution to the wind and bought a one-way ticket to Paris.
78	Throw under the bus	Sacrificing or betraying a colleague for personal gain	He threw his partner under the bus to take credit for the project.
79	Two peas in a pod	Two people who are practically identical or inseparable	Those twins are like two peas in a pod.
80	When it rains, it pours	Misfortunes or great events occur all at once	First my car broke down, then I lost my keys—when it rains, it pours.
81	Wild goose chase	A hopeless, frustrating search for something unattainable	Looking for a cheap apartment in this city is a wild goose chase.
82	You can't judge a book by its cover	External appearance is not a reliable indicator of value	(Duplicate variant of #12) He looks intimidating, but he's incredibly kind.
83	Burn the midnight oil	Work late into the night	Students often burn the midnight oil before finals.
84	A drop in the bucket	A tiny, insignificant amount compared to what is needed	Our donation is a drop in the bucket compared to the total cost.

85	A picture is worth a thousand words	Visual images convey messages more effectively than text	Show them the graph; a picture is worth a thousand words.
86	A piece of cake	Something incredibly easy to do	The driving test was a piece of cake.
87	Back to square one	Forced to start over from the very beginning	Our hypothesis was wrong, so we are back to square one.
88	Bite your tongue	Force yourself not to say something	I wanted to argue with the boss, but I bit my tongue.
89	Blood is thicker than water	Family relationships are stronger than all others	He hired his cousin instead of me; blood is thicker than water.
90	Blow off steam	Do something to get rid of stress or anger	I go running after a long workday to blow off steam.
91	Burn bridges	Destroy relationships or pathways back to a previous state	Don't insult your employer when quitting; you shouldn't burn bridges.
92	Buy a pig in a poke	Buy something sight unseen, risking a bad deal	Buying a used car online without checking it is buying a pig in a poke.
93	Can't make an omelet without breaking eggs	You must cause disruptions to accomplish a great goal	Renovation is messy, but you can't make an omelet without breaking eggs.
94	Catch someone red-handed	Catch someone in the act of doing something wrong	The security guard caught the shoplifter red-handed.
95	Clam up	Refuse to speak, typically out of fear or shyness	When the police started asking questions, the suspect clammed up.
96	Cold turkey	Suddenly and completely stopping a bad habit	He stopped smoking cold turkey three months ago.
97	Come clean	Confess to a wrongdoing	It's time to come clean and tell them you broke the vase.
98	Curiosity killed the cat	Being too inquisitive can lead to trouble	Don't look through those private files; curiosity killed the cat.
99	Cut to the chase	Leave out irrelevant details and get to the point	Cut to the chase and tell me how much this project will cost.
100	Dark horse	A candidate or competitor about whom little is known but who wins unexpectedly	The political newcomer turned out to be a dark horse in the election.
101	Dig your heels in	Refuse to alter one's actions or opinions	The union dug their heels in and refused the lower wage offer.

102	Drive someone up the wall	Extensively irritate or annoy someone	The sound of tapping fingers drives me up the wall.
103	Drop the ball	Make a mistake or fail in a responsibility	She dropped the ball by forgetting to book the venue.
104	Ears are burning	A feeling that someone is talking about you elsewhere	My ears were burning during the meeting; were you guys discussing me?
105	Eat humble pie	Admit failure or error and accept humiliation	He had to eat humble pie when his predictions turned out completely wrong.
106	Elbow grease	Hard physical effort or manual labor	Cleaning this rusty pan will take a lot of elbow grease.
107	Every dog has its day	Everyone will have a period of success or luck	Don't worry about losing; every dog has its day.
108	Far cry from	Very different from something	This hotel is a far cry from the luxury resort we saw in the brochure.
109	Feather your own nest	Make yourself rich by unfair or opportunistic means	The politician was accused of feathering his own nest with public funds.
110	Find your feet	Become familiar with and confident in a new situation	It took me a few months to find my feet at my new job.
111	Flash in the pan	A brief and intense success that is not repeated	That band's hit single was just a flash in the pan.
112	Fly off the handle	Lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly	He flies off the handle whenever someone disagrees with him.
113	Follow in someone's footsteps	Do the same thing or job as someone before you	She decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a doctor.
114	Food for thought	Something that warrants serious consideration	Her presentation on climate change provided much food for thought.
115	From scratch	From the very beginning using basic ingredients	We built this software application entirely from scratch.
116	Get wind of something	Hear a rumor or private information about something	The media got wind of the celebrity's secret wedding plans.
117	Give someone the cold shoulder	Intentionally ignore or treat someone coldly	Ever since our argument, Brenda has been giving me the cold shoulder.
118	Go the extra mile	Make a special effort to achieve something	Our real estate agent went the extra mile to find us the perfect house.

119	Green with envy	Extremely jealous	She was green with envy when she saw my new car.
120	Have a bone to pick	Have a grievance that needs to be discussed and settled	I have a bone to pick with you regarding your lack of contribution.
121	Head over heels	Deeply in love	They are head over heels in love and planning a winter wedding.
122	Hear a pin drop	Complete, utter silence	It was so quiet in the auditorium you could hear a pin drop.
123	Hit the nail on the head	Describe exactly what is causing a situation	Her analysis of our sales drop hit the nail on the head.
124	Hit the roof	Become furiously angry	My dad hit the roof when he saw the dent in his car.
125	Hold your horses	Wait a moment; slow down	Hold your horses! We need to double-check the figures before signing.
126	In the heat of the moment	Overwhelmed by temporary emotion or anger	I'm sorry for what I said; I just got caught up in the heat of the moment.
127	In the nick of time	Just at the last possible moment	The paramedics arrived in the nick of time to save him.
128	Keep an eye on	Watch someone or something carefully	Could you keep an eye on my bags while I buy a ticket?
129	Keep something at bay	Prevent something dangerous or unpleasant from approaching	Taking Vitamin C helped keep my winter colds at bay.
130	Leave someone in the lurch	Desert or abandon someone in a difficult situation	Our developer quit right before launch, leaving us in the lurch.
131	Let the cat out of the bag	Accidentally reveal a secret	Sarah let the cat out of the bag about my birthday surprise.
132	Loose cannon	An unpredictable person who could cause unintentional damage	Keep him away from the press; he's a total loose cannon.
133	Make heads or tails of	Understand or decipher something	I can't make heads or tails of these assembly instructions.
134	Method to my madness	A purpose or reason behind seemingly chaotic behavior	I know the garage looks messy, but there's a method to my madness.
135	Not playing with a full deck	Lacking mental fitness or intellectual capability	The way he talks to himself makes people think he's not playing with a full deck.

136	Off the cuff	Spontaneous; without prior preparation	She gave a brilliant acceptance speech completely off the cuff.
137	On Cloud Nine	Experiencing extreme happiness	She was on Cloud Nine after receiving her acceptance letter.
138	Once bitten, twice shy	Being cautious because you have been hurt before	I won't lend him money again; once bitten, twice shy.
139	Out of the blue	Completely unexpectedly	My old childhood friend called me out of the blue yesterday.
140	Penny wise, pound foolish	Prudent in small matters but wasteful in large ones	Cutting office fruit to save cash while wasting millions on bad tech is penny wise, pound foolish.
141	Play it by ear	Handle a situation instinctively without a fixed plan	We don't have a rigid travel itinerary; we'll just play it by ear.
142	Pull the wool over someone's eyes	Deceive or trick someone	You can't pull the wool over my eyes; I know you didn't do your homework.
143	Put all your cards on the table	Be completely honest and transparent about intentions	I decided to put all my cards on the table and tell them my salary demands.
144	Put your foot down	Assert one's authority firmly to stop something	You need to put your foot down and limit your kids' screen time.
145	Raining cats and dogs	Raining heavily	Don't forget your umbrella; it's raining cats and dogs outside.
146	Read between the lines	Look for a hidden meaning rather than literal words	Reading between the lines of his email, I think he is planning to quit.
147	Right up someone's alley	Perfectly suited to someone's tastes or abilities	This mystery novel is right up your alley.
148	Rule of thumb	A broadly accurate guide based on practice rather than theory	As a general rule of thumb, you should save 20% of your income.
149	Run out of steam	Lose momentum, energy, or enthusiasm	The project started strong but ran out of steam by the third month.
150	See eye to eye	Agree fully with someone	My manager and I don't always see eye to eye on design choices.
151	Shed light on	Help to explain a situation by providing extra information	These new metrics shed light on why our conversion rate plummeted.
152	Shot in the dark	A wild, speculative guess	I didn't know the answer, so my response was just a shot in the dark.

153	Skeleton in the closet	A shocking secret that someone keeps hidden	The wealthy family had quite a few skeletons in their closet.
154	Skating on thin ice	(Variant of #64) Taking massive risks	If you miss another class, you'll be skating on thin ice.
155	Sleep on it	Postpone making a decision until the next day	Don't sign the contract right now; sleep on it first.
156	Smell a rat	Suspect a trick or deception	When he offered me a free vacation, I immediately smelled a rat.
157	Snowed under	Overwhelmed with an excessive amount of work	I'd love to go to lunch, but I'm completely snowed under with reports.
158	Spill the tea	Share juicy gossip or secrets	Sit down and spill the tea about what happened at the office party!
159	Steal someone's thunder	Take attention or credit away from someone else's achievements	She stole my thunder by announcing her pregnancy during my wedding dinner.
160	Straight from the horse's mouth	(Duplicate variant of #53) Reliable authority	I got the news of the bonus straight from the horse's mouth.
161	Take the bull by the horns	Deal decisively with a difficult situation	Instead of worrying about debt, take the bull by the horns and create a budget.
162	The ball is in your court	(Duplicate variant of #73) Your move	I've done all I can; now the ball is in your court.
163	The last straw	(Duplicate variant of #29) Final irritation	That rude comment was the last straw; I am leaving.
164	The tip of the iceberg	A small, noticeable part of a much larger, hidden problem	The minor software bug was just the tip of the iceberg.
165	Through the grapevine	Via informal rumors or gossip	I heard through the grapevine that the manager is getting transferred.
166	Throw in the towel	Admit defeat and give up	After trying to fix the old engine for five hours, he threw in the towel.
167	To buy time	Delay actions to gain more time to prepare	He asked extra questions during the interview just to buy time.
168	To cost a bomb	Intensely expensive	Having a destination wedding can cost a bomb.
169	To cut a long story short	(Duplicate variant of #22) Summarize briefly	To cut a long story short, we got lost and missed dinner.

170	To face the music	(Duplicate variant of #48) Accept consequences	The politician had to face the music after the scandal broke.
171	To feel blue	Feel depressed, sad, or downhearted	I always feel a bit blue when the winter weather sets in.
172	To hit the books	Begin studying intensively	I have an anatomy exam tomorrow, so I need to hit the books tonight.
173	To lose your touch	Lose a talent or skill you once possessed	The chef's latest dish was bland; he might be losing his touch.
174	To run amok	Behave uncontrollably and disruptively	The toddlers ran amok in the department store.
175	To shake like a leaf	Tremble violently due to fear or nervousness	Before walking onto the stage, she was shaking like a leaf.
176	To touch base	Briefly make contact with someone to update them	Let's touch base next week to review the advertising metrics.
177	Turn a blind eye	Pretend not to notice something wrong or illegal	The border guards turned a blind eye to the smuggled goods.
178	Up in the air	Uncertain or undecided	Our holiday plans are still up in the air due to flight delays.
179	Walking on eggshells	Being extremely careful not to offend or upset someone	Everyone is walking on eggshells around the boss today.
180	Water under the bridge	Past events that are completely forgiven or forgotten	We had our disagreements, but that's all water under the bridge now.
181	Weather the storm	Successfully survive a difficult period or crisis	The company managed to weather the storm during the economic recession.
182	Wet behind the ears	Inexperienced or immature	Don't trust him with heavy machinery; he's still wet behind the ears.
183	Wolf in sheep's clothing	A dangerous person masquerading as a harmless friend	Beware of that investor; he is a wolf in sheep's clothing.
184	Wouldn't be caught dead	Dislike something so much you would never do it	I wouldn't be caught dead wearing that ridiculous neon outfit.
185	You reap what you sow	You face the future consequences of your present actions	He was mean to everyone, and now he has no friends—you reap what you sow.
186	A cash cow	A business venture that generates a steady, dependable profit	The classic version of their software remains the company's cash cow.

187	A sacred cow	Something immune from criticism or change due to tradition	In this tech company, the original code framework is a sacred cow.
188	Behind the eight ball	In a highly difficult or disadvantageous position	Missing that payment puts us way behind the eight ball.
189	Bite the dust	To fail, break down, or die	Another one of my old hard drives just bit the dust.
190	Blow your own trumpet	Praise your own achievements boastfully	You have to blow your own trumpet during an interview to get noticed.
191	Call the shots	Make the important decisions in an organization	While he manages day-to-day tasks, the director calls the shots.
192	Cherry-pick	Select only the best or most desirable items from a group	The researcher cherry-picked data that only supported his theory.
193	Down to the wire	Running out of time; right up to the very last second	The negotiation went down to the wire, finishing minutes before midnight.
194	In the red	Operating at a financial loss	Our division has been in the red for two consecutive quarters.
195	In the black	Operating at a financial profit	Thanks to the holiday rush, our business is finally back in the black.
196	Keep your fingers crossed	Hope for a positive outcome	I'm keeping my fingers crossed that they accept my mortgage application.
197	On the fence	Undecided between two opposing options	I'm still on the fence about whether to buy a house or keep renting.
198	Pass the buck	Shift blame or responsibility to someone else	Don't try to pass the buck; you were responsible for the event setup.
199	Put the cart before the horse	Do things in the wrong or reverse order	Buying a wedding dress before getting proposed to is putting the cart before the horse.
200	Spill the beans	(Duplicate variant of #71) Confess a secret	Come on, spill the beans! Where are you going on vacation?