

Idioms & Phrases

1. Sweeping Statement –
Thoughtless statement
2. All at sea – Puzzled
3. Enough rope
Enough freedom for action
4. By fits and start - Irregularly
5. Fell foul of
Got into trouble with
6. Token strike
Short strike held as warning
7. Face the music
Face the consequences of what one did.
8. Look down upon
Hate intensely
9. Flogging a dead horse
Wasting time in useless effort

10. Under a cloud

Under suspicion

11. Green thumb

To have a natural interest

12. Play havoc

Destroy

13. No love lost between

Not on good terms

14. Fair and square

Honest

15. A white elephant

Costly or troublesome possession

16. Out and out – Totally

17. On the cuff - On credit

18. Does not hold water

Cannot be believed

19. A wild goose chase

Futile search

20. In a tight corner

In a difficult situation

21. Going places

Talented and successful

22. In cold blood

A murder done without intention

23. Off and on

Occasionally

24. Hard and fast – Strict

25. Took to heels

Run away in fear

26. To keep up

To keep in touch

27. Make a clean breast

Confess without reserve

28. Heads will roll

Transfers will take place

29. Make no bones about

Do not have any hesitation in anything

30. Take after

Resembles

31. To starve off – Postpone

32. To give a piece of mind

criticize someone very angrily.

33. Rest on laurels

to be satisfied with one's past accomplishments
and not put forth any further efforts.

34. Pay through nose

Pay an extremely high price

35. Draw on fancy

Use imagination

36. Turn an honest living

Make a legitimate living

37. Give the game away

Give out the secret

38. Cheek by jowl – Very near

39. Give in – Yield

40. Run riot

to behave in a noisy and uncontrolled way

41. Go through fire and water

Undergo any risk

42. Talking through hat

Talking nonsense

43. Put up with – Tolerate

44. By fits and starts

Irregularly

45. Reading between the lines

Understanding the hidden meaning

46. Get the sack

dismissed from

47. Pros and cons

Considering all the facts

48. By leaps and bounds

Very Quickly

49. In the good books

In favour with boss

50. In the long run – Ultimately