

UNIT 16

IDIOMS

An idiom Latin *idioma*, "special property" is an expression, word, or phrase that has a figurative meaning that is comprehended in regard to a common use of that expression that is separate from the literal meaning or definition of the words of which it is made. Idioms usually do not translate well; in some cases, when an idiom is translated into another language, either its meaning is changed or it is meaningless.

For instance, in the English expression **to kick the bucket**, a listener knowing only the meanings of **kick** and **bucket** would be unable to deduce the expression's true meaning **to die**.

Sr.	Idiom	Meaning in English	Meaning in Urdu	Sentence
1.	A black sheep	A disgrace	بدکردار شخص	Uncle Sam was the black sheep of the family.
2.	A red letter day	Happy occasion	خوشی کا دن	The 14 th of August is a red letter day for me.
3.	A bed of thorns	Full of difficulties	کائنات کی سب	Life of an ill person is a bed of thorns.
4.	A bee in bonnet	Obsessed with	دھن سوار ہونا	I got a bee in my bonnet about swimming.
5.	A bird's eye view	An overview	سرسری جائزہ	We had a bird's eye view of the room.
6.	A blessing in disguise	A hidden favour	پوشیدہ رحمت	Heavy rains proved a blessing in disguise for the crops
7.	A blind alley	to be unproductive	بندگی	All the clues led the police into a blind alleys.
8.	A bolt from the blue	complete surprise, shock	ناگہانی آفت	The news of his failure was a bolt from the blue.
9.	A bone of contention	Disagreement	جھگڑے کی وجہ	The house is a bone of contention between them.
10.	A cat's paw	Agent	آلہ کار	A cat's paw works only for his boss.
11.	A child's play	easy task	آسان کام	Operating computer is a child's play.
12.	A close fist man	penny-pinching	کنجوس آدمی	The manager is very closefisted with expenditures.
13.	A dark horse	previously unknown	چھپا ہوا	The dull student proved himself a dark horse by winning the first position
14.	A dead letter	ineffective	مترک ہوا	This contract is a dead letter. Forget it!
15.	A dead end	a situation offers no progress	بندگی	Their relationship had reached a dead end.
16.	A dog in the manger	mean	کمیہ خود غرض	Stop being a dog in the manger and let me in the house.
17.	A drawn game	undecided	بلا نتیجہ کھیل	A drawn match produces no result.
18.	A fair play	upright conduct	سچا طریقہ	The coach insists on fair play.

19.	A fish out of water	in uncomfortable situation	بے چین	The villager was a fish out of water in the city.
20.	A fishy story	doubtful story	مشکوٰۃ معاملہ	No one believes her fishy story.
21.	A French leave	unannounced absence	بغیر اجازت کے پہل	Taking French leave, he evaded his creditors.
22.	A gala day	a day of happiness	خوشی کا دن	Success makes every day a gala day.
23.	A man of iron	determined person	پر عزم شخص	Tariq Bin zayad was a man of iron will.
24.	A man of letters	a male scholar or author	عالم شخص	He wants to make his identity as a man of letters.
25.	A man of parts	a talented man	خوبیوں والا شخص	Ali is a man of parts.
26.	A narrow escape	escape	بال بال بچتا	We had a narrow escape in the accident.
27.	A near miss	near success	اُمیدوار کے قریب ہوا	My success was a near miss but I lost confidence in the end.
28.	A rainy day	a troubled time	مشکل وقت	Wise men always put some money by for a rainy day.
29.	A rolling stone	wandering person	بار بار پڑنے والے شخص	She has lived in ten cities in ten years, so she is a rolling stone.
30.	A rotten egg	a stinker	بے کار شخص	She surely has turned out to be a rotten egg.
31.	A royal road	easy way	آسان راستہ	There is no royal road to success.
32.	A slip of tongue	misspeaking	زبان کا جھول	Pardon me, it was just a slip of tongue.
33.	A wet blanket	killjoy	مرحہ خراب کرنے والا	Do not be a wet blanket in the party.
34.	A white elephant	costly thing	لکڑی کی چیز جس پر خرچہ یا ہوا	Car is a white elephant for a poor man.
35.	A wild goose chase	a foolish search	بے مقصد کوشش	Finding true love is a wild goose chase
36.	Above board	undoubted	ملک سے بالاتر	Dog's loving loyalty is above board.
37.	Add fuel to fire	worsen	جلتی پر تیل ڈالنا	Her shouting added fuel to fire.
38.	Add insult to injury	worsen	زخموں پر تک ہمز کا	His abuse added insult to injury.
39.	All and sundry	one and all	خاص و عام	The salesman gave samples to all and sundry.
40.	All at sea	completely confused	بالکل پریشان	I am all at sea with this device.
41.	All in all	on the whole	مجموعی طور پر	All in all, it was a very good party.
42.	Alpha and omega	the first and the last	اول و آخر	In Islam, Allah is alpha and omega.
43.	An apple of discord	cause of dispute	جھگڑنے کی وجہ	This property is an apple of discord between them.
44.	An axe to grind	have a personal benefit	ذاتی مفاد	He has always an axe to grind.

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45.	An eyewash	nonsense	دھوکا	What you have said is just an eye wash.
46.	An oily tongue	flattering words	خوش آملی زبان	No body likes him because of his oily tongue.
47.	Apple pie order	perfect order	مکمل ترتیب میں	She keeps her house in apple-pie order.
48.	Apple of one's eyes	very dear	آنکھ کا تارا	His youngest son was the apple of his eye.
49.	As cool as a cucumber	calm	بہت ہی پرسکون منہ	Despite danger, she remained as cool as a cucumber.
50.	At a stone's throw	very close	بہت قریب	Come, visit. We live just a stone's throw away.
51.	At dagger's drawn	to be enemies	دشمنی پر اترتا	The two countries are at daggers drawn over Kashmir.
52.	At eleventh hour	in the nick of time	عین وقت پر	Negotiators reached an agreement at the eleventh hour.
53.	At home in	proficient	ماہر ہونا	Chris is really at home in French.
54.	At large	free	آزاد	There is a murderer at large in the city.
55.	At one's wits end	upset	حواس باختہ ہونا	He was at his wits end when he saw the snake.
56.	At a loss	filled with confusion	پریشان ہونا	The students works at loss to see the difficult paper.
57.	At a stretch	continuously or without any interruptions	مسل	The child wept at a stretch.
58.	At any cost	at any rate	کسی بھی قیمت پر	Mary decided to improve her progress in academics at any cost.
59.	At cross-purposes	to be at different ends	مختلف سستوں میں	Enemies are always at cross purposes.
60.	At hand	quite near	بہت قریب	With the winter holidays at hand, everyone is very excited.
61.	At length	for a long time	آخر کار	The opponents agreed at length
62.	At (someone's) beck and call	on one's demand / request / order	کسی کے علم سے ہونا	There were servants at our beck and call.
63.	At stake	at risk	خطرے میں	Don't put your life at stake.
64.	All ears	attentive	متوجہ	Please tell me about the party; I am all ears.
65.	All of a sudden	abruptly	اچانک	All of a sudden, it became cloudy and began to rain.
66.	Around the clock	all the time	ہر وقت	She worked around the clock to accomplish her first project.
67.	At sixes and sevens	disorderly	بے ترتیب	Everything is at sixes and sevens here.
68.	Bad blood	enmity	دشمنی	There has been bad blood between the two families for years.
69.	Bag and baggage	possessions	ساز و سامان	The landlady threw them with bag and baggage.

16. Bear away the palm	to be the winner	فاتح ہونا	He always bears the palm in school competition.
17. Bear fruit	to yield results	فائدہ مند ہونا	I hope your new plan bears fruit.
18. Beat about the bush	to dodge	اصرہ اصرہ کی بات کرنا	There is no point in beating about the bush.
19. Bed of roses	an easy life	پھولوں کی جگ	Who said life would be a bed of roses?
20. Bell the cat	to perform a difficult task	مشکل کام کرنا	Chief has the courage to bell the cat.
21. Better half	wife, husband, or partner	میاں بیوی	His better half doesn't care much for him.
22. Between the devil and the deep blue sea	between two troubles	دو مصائب کے درمیان	Love and wisdom put a man between the devil and the deep blue sea
23. Between two fires	in a problem	دو مصیبتوں کے جگ	He is between two fires and does not know what to do.
24. Blow hot and cold	unpredictable	اپنی آواز مڑانا	She blows hot and cold about working abroad.
25. Bread and butter	livelihood	روزی	The waiter's bread and butter depends on the tips.
26. Break the ice	start talking	بات شروع کرنا	We should break the ice and start talking.
27. Break the news	to tell	خبر دینا	It is hoped that the doctor break the news gently.
28. Bring to light	disclose, reveal	واضح کرنا	He brought to light new facts.
29. Broken reed	distrustful	غیر یقینی سہارا	Don't rely upon him, he is a broken reed.
30. Burn the midnight oil	work hard	سخت محنت کرنا	He burnt the midnight oil and succeeded.
31. Burning question	crucial issue	اہم مسئلہ	Oil prices are a burning question for public.
32. Bury the hatchet	to stop quarrelling	دشمنی ختم کرنا	They buried the hatchet and became friends again.
33. By and by	shortly	آہستہ آہستہ	You will get used to it by and by.
34. By and large	on the whole	مجموعی طور پر	By and large, the play was a success.
35. By dint of	because depressed	کی وجہ سے	This news cast down her.
36. By fits and starts	at irregular intervals	بے قاعدگی سے	He can't succeed because he works by fits and starts.
37. By hook or by crook	by all means	ہاں نہ ہاں زور دینے سے	She decided to get that job by hook or by crook.
38. To bank on (someone or something)	depend on something happening	کسی پر انحصار کرنا	I have no one to bank on.
39. To bear the brunt of (something)	to receive the main part of something bad	کسی کے لئے کڑی دھمکی	Yemen bore the brunt of the missile attacks.
40. Before long	in the near future	جلد ہی	She will be with us before long.

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95.	Beside oneself (with something)	to be with someone	آپ سے ہونا	On my success, I was beside myself with joy.
96.	Bitter pill to swallow	to accept bad situation	تلخ حقیقت	For them, it was a bitter pill to swallow.
97.	To blow one's own horn/trumpet	to say only one's own point of view	اپنے سواں ٹھونڈنا	Ali always blows his own trumpet.
98.	Blue blood	to come of a noble family	اشرافیہ	She has blue blood in her veins.
99.	Born with a silver spoon in one's mouth	born in good circumstances	نیکس پلنگی کا بچہ پیدا ہونا	He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.
100.	Bring (something) into question	to ask the credibility	سوال اٹھانا	Don't bring my honesty into question.
101.	To build castles in the air/in Spain	to make inapplicable plans	ہوائی قلعے تعمیر کرنا	The idles always build castles in the air.
102.	To burn the midnight oil	to spend resources extravagantly	سخت محنت کرنا	We burned the midnight oil for the exam.
103.	To burst into tears	to weep abruptly	زار و قطار رونا	On his failure, she burst into tears.
104.	To butter (someone) up	to show flattery	خوشامد کرنا	He always tries to butter up his boss.
105.	By all means	to all possible ways	یقیناً	By all means, he is a good teacher.
106.	By virtue of (something)	with respect to/through/with the help of	کی وجہ سے	She succeeded only by virtue of her hard work.
107.	To burn one's fingers	to harm one self	کادہ ہاتھ نقصان پہنچانا	I am sure he will soon burn his fingers.
108.	By leaps and bound	rapidly	دن و رات جتنی	His project is increasing by leaps and bounds.
109.	Call into question	to doubt	شک کرنا	His honesty cannot be called into question.
110.	Capital punishment	legally put to death	سزائے موت	Capital punishment was abolished last year.
111.	Carry the day	to be successful	جیت جانا	By winning the debate, she carried the day.
112.	Carry weight	to be influential	موثر ہونا	Your argument does not carry a lot of weight with me.
113.	Cheek by jowl	side by side	ساتھ ساتھ	The two families lived cheek by jowl in one house.
114.	Close shave	near accident	بال بال بچنا	I had a close shave this morning.
115.	Cold blood	with cruel intent	بے رحمی سے	The terrorists shot the children in cold blood.
116.	Come of age	to become an adult	بالغ ہونا	Your son's children have now come of age.
117.	Crocodile tears	superficial sympathy	مہونٹ سوٹ کے آنسو	Nadia shed crocodile tears on my loss.
118.	Cry for the moon	want the impossible	ناممکن چیز کی خواہش	Don't ask for the moon. Be reasonable!
119.	Cut a sorry figure	to be ashamed	شرمندہ ہونا	He cut a sorry figure at his maiden speech

120.	A casting vote	a decisive support	نتیجہ خیز روٹ	The matter was decided by the casting vote.
121.	To cast pearls before swine	to waste precious things	بیس کے آگے بھینا	It is useless to cast pearls before swine.
122.	To catch (someone) red-handed	to find someone in the act of doing something illegal	رکے ہاتھوں پکڑنا	The police arrested the killer red-handed.
123.	Cock-and-bull story	an unreasonable story	من گھڑت کہانی	You cannot cheat him with your cock and bull story.
124.	Cold comfort	discouraging	بے معنی یا حقیر تسلی	His remarks are only cold comfort.
125.	To come down hard on (someone)	to show strict behaviour	سخت سرزنش کرنا	The rangers have come down hard on M.Q.M.
126.	To come to blows	start fighting	لڑائی پر اترنا	The two men arguing came to blows.
127.	To come to grief	to feel sorry	مایوسی کا سامنا کرنا	You will come to grief because of your carelessness.
128.	To come to terms with (someone or something)	to come to the point	سمجھوتا کر لینا	We finally came to terms with the bank and bought the house.
129.	Crux of the matter	central point/idea	لب لباب	The crux of the matter lay in the lack of funds.
130.	To cry wolf	to give false impact	بھڑکھڑکھڑانا	India always cries wolf.
131.	Deliver the goods	provide which is promised	وعدہ پورا کرنا	It is difficult to deliver the goods everyone.
132.	Die in harness	at work	کام کر کے مرنا	Rashid Minhas died in harness.
133.	Dawn on (someone)	to realize	اچانک واضح ہو جانا	Truth finally dawned on me.
134.	Down and out	to be hard up	مالی طور پر محتاج	I am down and out nowadays.
135.	Down to earth	realistic	عاجز	Ali is a down-to-earth sort of man.
136.	To draw a line between two things	to mark a boundary	حد قائم کرنا	We should draw a line between the good and the bad.
137.	To eat one's cake and have it too	to enjoy all benefits	چٹ گی میرا بھٹ گی میرا	You cannot eat your cake and have it too.
138.	Ebb and flow	rise and fall	اتار چڑھاؤ	I have seen the ebb and flow of life.
139.	To egg (someone) on	to excite	کسی کام پر اکسانا	Don't egg her on divorce.
140.	To eke out (a living)	to earn	مشکل سے روزی کمانا	You can't eke out a living on this farm.
141.	Eat humble pie	abase, demean oneself	غلطی تسلیم کرنا	Faisal ate humble pie on his corruption.
142.	End in smoke	to come to nothing	بے کار جانا	India's evil plans will end in smoke.
143.	Every inch	completely	ختم ہونا	Mr. Ali is every inch a gentleman.
144.	Eye opening	amazing	حیران کن	The police conducted an eye opening investigation.
145.	Face the music	to accept criticism	حالات کا سامنا کرنا	The terrorists will have to face the music eventually.
146.	Fair play	upright conduct	جائزہ کام	The coach insists on fair play.

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147.	Fair sex	girls or women	عورت	Fair sex enjoys respect in Islam.
148.	Fair weather friend	dependable in good times only	مطلبی دوست	You cannot rely on a fair-weather friend.
149.	Fall a prey to	be hunted	شکار ہونا	Small rats fell a prey to hungry cats.
150.	Fall back on	to depend	سہارا لینا	The family has no savings to fall back on.
151.	Fall in with	agree with	متفق ہونا	We had to fall in with her wishes.
152.	Feather in one's cap	success	کامیابی ملنا	Winning the medal is a feather in his cap.
153.	Fed up with	bored	تک آ جانا	I got fed up with his constant complaining.
154.	Few and far between	few	چند	Good movies are few and far between.
155.	Find fault with	criticize	نکوتہ چینی کرنا	She finds faults with everything I do.
156.	Fly in the ointment	a drawback	کمزوری یا خالی	There must be a fly in the ointment somewhere.
157.	For good	for ever	ہیش کے لیے	I am moving to Europe for good.
158.	For the sake of	for the purpose	کی خاطر	Stop fighting for the sake of family unity.
159.	For want of	lack of	کی ہوتا	He fell ill for want of sleep and rest.
160.	French leave	leave without permission	غیر اطلاع کے چھٹی	The student took French leave yesterday.
161.	From hand to mouth	in poverty	مشکل سے	They were living hand to mouth.
162.	Face to face	one to one	سامنا کرنا	I had a face-to-face meeting with the C.E.
163.	To fall head over heels in love with (someone)	completely engrossed	مُل جل جھٹ میں گرفتار ہونا	Mr. Chips fell head over heels in love with Katherine.
164.	To fall short of (something)	to run short	کی واقع ہونا	I fell short of money.
165.	A far cry from (something)	to be completely different from the reality	بہت مختلف	The man's actions are a far cry from what he says.
166.	To feast one's eyes on (someone or something)	to enjoy looking over	نظارہ سے لطف اٹانا	We feasted our eyes on the beautiful beach.
167.	A feather in one's cap	a sign of prominence	سرخاب کا پر	Winning the contest was a feather in the boy's cap.
168.	Feather one's nest	to seek one's own benefit	اپنا کمر بربا (ناجائز طریقے سے)	Our rulers are only feathering their nest.
169.	To feel sorry for (someone)	to feel ashamed/regret	شرمندگی محسوس کرنا	I feel sorry for the poor who recently lost his job.
170.	Finger in the pie	to interrupt	غیر ضروری طور پر ملوث	He tries to have his fingers in the pie of others.
171.	First and foremost	very important	اولین	Serving the nation is our first and foremost duty.
172.	Fish in troubled waters	to seek benefit in difficult times	ہر کی مشکلات کا فائدہ اٹھانا	Every ruling party fishes in troubled water.
173.	Flesh and blood	to be every thing	رشتہ دار	Ahmad is my flesh and blood.

174.	Follow in (someone's) footsteps/tracks	to obey completely	نقش قدم پر چلنا	The boy followed in his father's footsteps and decided to work for a bank.
175.	Follow one's heart	to follow the taste	اپنی مرضی کرنا	I decided to follow my heart and study Arts.
176.	Follow suit	to follow some person	تقلید کرنا	Fathers should not smoke; the sons follow suit.
177.	From scratch	from beginning	بالکل آغاز سے	We should build our nation from scratch.
178.	Get rid of	get free of	کس سے ہاتھ مائل کرنا	Let's get rid of these old chairs.
179.	Get through	to succeeded	کامیاب ہونا	I need these idioms to get me through my exams.
180.	Get wind of	to hear about	اڑتی اڑتی خبر ملنا	The police got wind of the illegal drug deal.
181.	Give and take	compromise	بجھوتہ	There has to be give and take on both sides
182.	Go back on	fail to honor	وعدے سے ہٹنا	One should never go back on a promise.
183.	Go to the dogs	to become worse	تباہ ہونا	This once first-class hotel has gone to the dogs.
184.	To get along with (someone)	to be together	اکٹھے ہونا ساتھ رہنا	I cannot get along with you.
185.	To get the better of (someone)	to defeat someone	کسی سے آگے نکل جانا	Chips got the better of Ralston.
186.	Get-up-and-go	manners	چڑچڑ	John does not have get-up-and-go.
187.	Gift of the gab	the ability of speech	تربری کی خدا داد ملا جیت	My friend has the gift of the gab.
188.	To give the devil his due	to give due praise	نیکو سپیکٹ کا حق دینا	We should give the devil his due.
189.	To go to pieces	unable to think or control emotions	آپے سے بابر ہونا	Norma went to pieces on Arthur's death.
190.	To go without saying	understood/unmentioned	بے شبہ، عیاں ہونا	It goes without saying that they are a happy couple.
191.	Good-for-nothing	useless	فضول	Your advice is good for nothing.
192.	Hale and hearty	healthy	تندرست	My grandfather is hale and hearty.
193.	Hard and fast	definite	مختص، ناقابل تبدیل	There are hard and fast rules for every game.
194.	Hand in glove with	very close to someone	بہت قریب ہونا	His brother worked hand in glove with us.
195.	Heart and soul	most essential part	سب سے اہم حصہ	Ali is the heart and soul of Liberal Party.
196.	Here and there	hither and thither	ادھر ادھر	She turned her eyes here and there, looking for him.
197.	Hold water	to be sound	منہبوط ہونا، محسوس ہونا	Nothing you have said so far holds water.
198.	Hope against hope	little hope	تھوڑی سی امید	They are just hoping against hope that she is still alive.
199.	Hue and cry	a public protest	شوروغل	They raised a hue and cry about political corruption.
200.	To live (from) hand to mouth	to live in a bad condition	شکل سے گزر بسر کرنا	The poor live from hand to mouth.
201.	Hang around	to wait	انتظار کرنا	You should not hang around the bars.

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202.	A hard nut to crack	unyielding	مشکل کا نام	The Rock proved a hard nut to crack in the contest.
203.	To be hard up	difficult	کڑکال ہونا	I am hard up at the moment.
204.	To harp on (something)	monotonous	ایک ہی راگ الاپنا	He harps on the same story.
205.	To have clean hands	blameless	بے قصور ہونا	He is not guilty; he has clean hands.
206.	To have nothing to do with (someone or something)	unconcerned	کسی سے کوئی سروکار نہ ہونا	We have nothing to do with the crime.
207.	To hide/bury one's head in the sand	to neglect the trouble	مصیبت سے چرچانا	The brave people never hide their head in the sand in difficulties.
208.	High time	right time/time of great importance	مناسب وقت	It was high time for the preparation of exams.
209.	To hit (someone) below the belt	an illegal strike	ناجائز وار کرنا	The lawyers should not hit below the belts.
210.	Hobson's choice	to have no option	مشکل انتخاب	Hobson's choice does not offer any choice at all.
211.	To hold one's head up	to maintain one's integrity	اپنا دھار برقرار رکھنا	He has to work hard to hold his head up.
212.	In hot water	in trouble	مصیبت میں ہونا	M.Q.M. is in hot water nowadays.
213.	A house of cards	fragile	نہایت کمزور	This life is a house of cards.
214.	In a fix	confused	الجھن میں	She is in a fix whether to marry him or not.
215.	In a nutshell	briefly	مختصر	She put the matter in a nutshell.
216.	In black and white	in written	تحریری شکل میں	I want you to put your request in black and white.
217.	In full swing	at the peak of activity	پورے جوش میں	After the harvest, business is in full swing.
218.	In short	briefly	مختصر	In short, we have to decide whether to continue it or not.
219.	In the air	to be happening	وقع پذیر ہونا	After the attack, panic was in the air.
220.	In the same boat	in the same difficult situation	ایک ہی مشکل میں یا کئے جیسے ہونا	We all are in the same boat.
221.	In the teeth of	in opposition to	مخالف کے باوجود	She stuck to her position in the teeth of criticism.
222.	Ill at ease	disturbed	پریشان	He appeared to be ill at ease during the interview.
223.	In cold blood	mercilessly	سفاکی سے	The family was murdered in cold blood.
224.	In keeping with (something)	to be matched	کسی شے کے مطابق	His words are not in keeping with his actions.
225.	In the nick of time	to be on right time	عین وقت پر	I reached there in the nick of time.
226.	In the pink	in good health	تندرست	My grandmother is in the pink.

227.	Ins and outs of (something)	all important areas	کمل تفصیلات	I know all the ins and outs of it.
228.	A jack of all trades	man skilled in various jobs	ہر فن مولہ	He is a jack of all trades but master of none.
229.	Keep abreast of	up to date	جدید، تاحال	We should keep abreast of the latest developments.
230.	Keep pace with	corresponding	ساتھ ساتھ چلنا	His salary is not keeping pace with inflation.
231.	Kick the bucket	die	فوت ہونا	The old man kicked the bucket last night.
232.	Kith and kin	relatives	رشتہ دار	I am proud to serve my kith and kin.
233.	To keep body and soul together	to survive	مشکل سے زندہ رہنا	It is difficult for the poor to keep body and soul together.
234.	To keep one's word	to fulfill one's promise	وہ سے کی پاسداری کرتا	Good people always keep their word.
235.	To keep the wolf from the door	to keep someone safe from trouble	بیشکل ناقوس سے بچنا	He earns enough money to keep the wolf from the door.
236.	To keep up appearances	to maintain the get-up	ظاہر داری قائم رکھنا	He is trying to keep up appearances.
237.	To keep up with (someone or something)	to be persistent	ساتھ ساتھ چلنا	The great men keep up with time.
238.	To kill time	to waste one's time	وقت ضائع کرنا	He is killing time since he lost his job.
239.	Knit one's brow	to show displeasure by frowning	باگواری کا اظہار کرنا	The teacher knitted his brow on cheating.
240.	Lame excuse	excuse of poor quality	جھوٹا بہانہ	A lazy person has many lame excuses.
241.	Laughing stock	fool	بیوقوف	She was the laughing stock of her class.
242.	Lead by nose	to control	کنٹرول کرنا، قابو کرنا	Clinton's wife led him by nose in all the matters.
243.	Let the cat out of the bag	to disclose	راز ظاہر ہونا	To let the cat out of the bag, she is engaged.
244.	Lion's share	the biggest part	بڑا حصہ	The lion's share of the country's budget goes to defence.
245.	Long and short	in short	مختصر	The long and the short of it is that she died.
246.	Look down upon	to hate	نفرت کرنا	We should not look down upon the poor.
247.	Look forward to	await eagerly	منتظر ہونا	We were looking forward to seeing Ali.
248.	Look sharp	be quick	تیز ہونا	You must look sharp for getting ahead.
249.	The last straw	the last hope for help	مدد کی آخری امید	Making me work on Sundays was the last straw.
250.	To lead a dog's life	to lead a petty life	ذلت آمیز زندگی گزارنا	Nowadays, the poor are leading a dog's life.
251.	To let bygones be bygones	forget the past	ماضی کو بھلا دینا	Let bygones be bygones and turn over a new leaf.
252.	To let (someone) down	to cause an insult	توقعات پر پورا نہ آنا	He let his parents down when he failed.
253.	Lip service	flattery	خوشامد	He always pays lip service to his officers.

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254.	To lose heart	to be disappointed	We should not lose heart.
255.	To lose one's temper	to be angry	The angry person loses his temper very soon.
256.	A loudmouth	outspoken	He is a loudmouth and nobody likes him.
257.	Maiden speech	first speech	Seema cut a fine figure in her maiden speech.
258.	Make both ends meet	to survive	The poor find it hard to make both ends meet.
259.	Make good	to succeed	My friend made good in film industry.
260.	Move heaven and earth	utmost effort	I would move heaven and earth to achieve my goal.
261.	Maiden voyage	first journey	The Titanic sank during its maiden voyage.
262.	To make a clean breast of (something)	to confess one's mistakes	The woman made a clean breast of her mistakes.
263.	To make a face (at someone)	to ridicule	The little girl made a face at the boy in her class.
264.	To make amends for (something)	to compensate for errors	I worked to make amends for my mistakes.
265.	To make away with (something)	to carry away something	The cat made away with the piece of meat.
266.	To make up one's mind	to decide something	I have made up my mind to get on the new job.
267.	To mend one's ways	to improve one's habits	You should mend your ways.
268.	To mind one's own business	to be self-concerned	One should mind one's own business.
269.	To miss the boat /bus	to lose an opportunity	It is high time you applied for this job.
270.	To muster up courage	to build up courage	Muster up courage to do this difficult task.
271.	Nip in the bud	to end	The whole idea was nipped in the bud.
272.	Now and then	occasionally	He visits us now and then.
273.	Null and void	ineffective	The court declared the law to be null and void.
274.	A nail in (someone's) coffin	something that will harm someone	Fighting with his boss was the nail in the worker's coffin..
275.	Off and on	intermittently	I read his column off and on
276.	Off hand	unprepared	I cannot think of a better answer off hand.
277.	On the eve of	the period immediately before something	He arrived on the eve of my departure.
278.	On the whole	generally	On the whole, the party was good.

279.	Once in a blue moon	rarely	کبھی کبھار	Once in a blue moon I have a little wine with dinner.
280.	Out and out	complete	مکمل طور پر	Her statement is an out-and-out lie.
281.	Over head and ears	wholly	پوری طرح، مکمل	They are over head and ears in love with each other.
282.	Of one's own accord/free will	by one's own choice	اپنی مرضی سے	I am doing it of my own accord.
283.	On the horns of a dilemma	to be confused to decide something	مضائقہ میں ہونا	We were on the horns of a dilemma about going there.
284.	On the verge of (doing something)	to be just about to do something	میں کال ہو کر نہ دے رہا تھا	Nowadays, he is on the verge of resignation.
285.	Once and for all	permanently	ہیش کے لیے	Let us settle the matter once for all.
286.	An open secret	an unspoken thing that everyone knows	کھلا راز	Hard work is an open secret of success.
287.	Part and parcel	inseparable	لازم و ملزم	Men and women are part and parcel of each other.
288.	Pay lip service	to agree	خوشامد کرنا	He usually pays lip service in his office.
289.	Play truant	to stay away	بھڑا ہوا نہ آنے کا فیصلہ کرنا	The school boys playing truant will be punished.
290.	Play with fire	to take risks	خطرہ مول لینا	He likes to play with fire.
291.	Prose and cons	merits and demits	خوبیاں، خامیاں	Internet has many prose and cons.
292.	Put the cart before the horse	in wrong order	الٹا کام کرنا	In everything, he puts the cart before the horse.
293.	To play one's trump card	to use one's most powerful strategy	اپنی بہترین سبکدلی ہونا	Ali played his trump card and ended the game as the winner.
294.	To play second fiddle to (someone)	to be second in importance in someone	کسی سے کم تر ہونا	I am tired of playing second fiddle to my boss.
295.	To poke one's nose into something	to interfere with something	مداخلت کرنا	Don't poke your nose into my affairs.
296.	To pull (someone's) leg	to trick or fool someone in a playful way	بیوقوف بنانا	Students used to pull Mr. Chips' legs.
297.	Rank and file	ordinary people	عام لوگ	Rank and file attended the party.
298.	Red tape	official delay	سرکاری تاخیر	Because of red tape, I got my visa late.
299.	Rest on one's laurels	to be contented	مطمئن ہونا	He didn't rest on his laurels after receiving the Nobel Prize.
300.	Run short of	be short	کمی ہو جانا	Food supplies were running short.
301.	Read between the lines	to find a hidden meaning in something	کچھ سمجھنا جو لفظوں کے درمیان	He is wise enough to read between the lines.
302.	Scot free	free from penalty	سزا سے بچ لگانا	After the trial, he went scot-free.
303.	Set in motion	start something moving	چلانا، چلنا	A press conference set the new project in motion.
304.	Smell a rat	to suspect	شک کرنا	Husbands do not want their wives to smell a rat.
305.	Snake in the grass	mistrusted person	چھپا ہوا دشمن	Beware of him, he is a snake in the grass.

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306.	Spick and span	neat	صاف	The students should always look spick and span.
307.	Stand by	support	مدد کرنا، ہمدردی کرنا	A boat stood by in case of emergency.
308.	Storm in a tea cup	tension	بات کا ہنگامہ بنانا	His untimely departure from the office became a storm in a tea cup
309.	Sum and the substance	main idea	مرکزی خیال	He explained the sum and substance of the essay.
310.	To save (something) for a rainy day	to reserve something/money for the future	مستقبل کے لیے بچھڑانا	We should say something for a rainy day.
311.	To say (something) to (someone's) face	to say something (often unpleasant) directly to someone	کسی سے کھری کر کے کہنا	He could not muster up courage to say this to his face.
312.	To see eye to eye (with someone)	to agree with someone	کسی سے متفق ہونا	I see eye to eye with Ali in this matter.
313.	To shed crocodile tears	to pretend that one is crime	بہت رونا کے آئینہ	Women usually shed crocodile tears.
314.	Snail's pace	a very slow movement forward	ست رفتاری	The train was moving at a snail's pace.
315.	Split hairs	to make unnecessary distinctions about something	بیر ضروری امتیازات	His habit to split hairs always wastes much time.
316.	Spread like wildfire	to spread rapidly and without control	بگل میں آگ کی طرح پھیلنا	The panic over dengue fever spread like wildfire.
317.	A square meal	a nourishing/filling meal	ایک اچھا کھانا	The poor can hardly have their square meal.
318.	A square peg in a round hole	a person who does not fit into a job or position	مٹی ٹھیک سے جگہ میں نہ آنا	He is always a bit of a square peg in a round hole.
319.	To stand one's ground	to maintain and defend one's position	اپنی صلاحیت برقرار رکھنا	He stood his ground and did not resign.
320.	To hit/strike while the iron is hot	to take advantage of an opportunity	موقع کا فائدہ اٹھانا	The opportunists hit while the iron is hot.
321.	Take down	to write down	لکھنا	Take down the main points of this meeting.
322.	Take into account	keep in mind	ذہن میں رکھنا	Teachers should take a child's age into account.
323.	Talk shop	talk one's business	کاروبار کی گفتگو کرنا	Whenever John and his dad get together, they talk shop.
324.	Through thick and thin	through all problems	اوجھ بڑے حالات	For years, true lovers went through thick and thin.
325.	To abide by	to adhere	پابندی کرنا	A trustworthy man abides by his word.
326.	To back out	to withdraw	وعدہ سے پھرنا	They backed out of the deal at the eleventh hour.
327.	To be hard up	to reserve	تنگ دست ہونا	He is hard up after losing his job.
328.	To be taken aback	to be astonished	شدردہ جانا	I was taken aback by her strange behaviour.
329.	To beat about the bush	to dodge	ادھر ادھر کی بات کرنا	There is no point in beating about the bush.
330.	To be at one's	ready to obey	کسی کے اشارے پر ہونا	He has three servants at his beck and call

331.	beck and call			
332.	To bring to book	to punish	سزا دینا	Criminals must be brought to book.
333.	To burn one's finger	suffer unpleasant result	نقصان اٹھانا	Ali burnt his fingers in the stock market.
334.	To call a spade a spade	speak plainly	کری کر ہی بات کرنا	We should call a spade a spade.
335.	To call names	to insult	گالیاں دینا	Sam cried when the other kids called him names.
336.	To come to light	to be discovered	منظر عام پر آنا	Many surprises have come to light since then.
337.	To catch red handed	caught in the act	رنگے ہاتھوں پکڑنا	I caught him red handed, stealing the wallet.
338.	To cast a spell	delight someone	جادو کرنا	With her beauty, she cast a spell on every man.
339.	To come to blows	start fighting	لڑائی پر اتر آنا	First they abused and then came to blows.
340.	To cut at	to thrust a knife	چاقو کھوپ دینا	I cut at the dog, but it dodged the blade.
341.	To cut to the quick	to injure emotionally	دلی صدمہ پہنچنا	Her insulting remarks cut me Jawad to the quick.
342.	To eat one's word	to go back	اپنے الفاظ واپس لینا	Ali was wrong and had to eat his words.
343.	To fall flat	be unsuccessful	بے اثر ہونا	His jokes fell flat.
344.	To fight with one's back to the wall	in a serious situation	مشکل میں ہونا	Due to load shedding, many industries are fighting with their back to the wall.
345.	To flog a dead horse	useless activity	بیکار کام، بے فائدہ کام کرنا	we begged him to stop flogging a dead horse.
346.	To get in	enter	داخل ہونا	She got in wrong crowd.
347.	To get into hot water	trouble	مشکل میں ہونا	We got into hot water over the car deal.
348.	To gird up one's loins	to prepare	حوصلہ بکھڑا، تیاری کرنا	We should gird up our loins for war with India.
349.	To get wind of	to hear about	پتہ چلنا	The police got wind of the illegal drug deal.
350.	To give vent to	to express emotions	اظہار کرنا	Rabiya could not give vent to her anger.
351.	To go off	to explode	آگ، دھماکا، ٹھکڑا ہونا	The fireworks all will go off as scheduled.
352.	To grease the palm	to bribe someone	رشوت دینا	I would never grease a police man's palm.
353.	To leave in lurch	to leave in difficulty	مشکل میں رہنا، تھوڑا ہونا	A fair weather friend leaves in lurch.
354.	To leave no stone unturned	do everything possible	پوری کوشش کرنا	He left no stone unturned for peace.
355.	To lick the dust	to be servile	غلامی کرنا	He will resign rather than lick the dust.
356.	To take a fancy to	become fond of	پسند کرنا، شوقین ہونا	She took a fancy to this book.
357.	To make both ends meet	low living	مشکل سے وقت بسر کرنا	He has to work at two jobs to make ends meet.
358.	To make fun of	to ridicule	مذاق اڑانا	The girls made fun of Amir's shoes.
359.	To make	advance	آگے بڑھنا	The ship was making headway against the

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	headway			storm.
359.	To make off with	to steal	چرائے	The thief broke into the house made off with gold.
360.	To pay through nose	pay dearly	ہماری قیمت چکانا	We paid through the nose for that vacation.
361.	To round up	to make whole number	جمع کرنا	The statistician rounded 4.612 up to 5.
362.	To see eye to eye	to agree	متفق ہونا	We see eye to eye with each other about co-education.
363.	To sit on the fence	not to take side	کسی کی حمایت نہ کرنا	In a fight between two women, it is best to sit on the fence.
364.	To stand on ceremony	to be formal	تکلف نہ کرنا	Please help yourself to more. Don't stand on ceremony.
365.	Turn a deaf ear	refuse to listen	نہ سننا	He turned a deaf ear to all appeals.
366.	To turn down	to reject	مسترد کر دینا	She will turn down your proposal.
367.	To work out	to be effective	موثر ہونا	The new strategy may not work out.
368.	Turn turtle	change	الٹ جانا	Kreton has totally turned the turtles in the play.
369.	Turn up	to arrive	آنا	We shall send out invitations and see who turns up.
370.	To take (something) to heart	to feel seriously upset by something	کچھ چیزیں بہت پریشان ہونا	He took his insult to his heart.
371.	To take heart	to feel confident or courageous	پُر اعتماد ہونا	I took heart from my previous failure.
372.	To take (someone) by surprise	to startle someone, to surprise someone	کسی کو حیران کرنا	His resignation took everyone by surprise.
373.	To take (someone) for granted	to except without gratitude or as a matter of course	غیر اہمیت دینے کے لئے کرنا	We should not take life for granted.
374.	To take (someone) to task	to scold someone for a fault or error	سرزنش کرنا	The teacher took me to task for coming late.
375.	To take the bull by the horns	to take some kind of action	مشکل کا بہادری سے سامنا کرنا	The brave people always take the bull by the horns.
376.	To take to one's heels	to run away	بھاگ جانا	The cowardly people always take to their heels.
377.	Then and there	right at that time and place	مناسب موقع پر	All the people died then and there in the air crash.
378.	True to one's word	keeping one's promise	وعدہ پورا کرنا	My friend is true to his word.
379.	Turn one's back on (someone or something)	something, to reject someone or something	مسترد کر دینا	He is so caring that he never turns his back on his friends.
380.	Turn over a new leaf	to make a fresh start	نئے کام کا آغاز کرنا	After the marriage, they will turn a new leaf.
381.	Turn the tables on (someone)	to reverse the situation for someone	مورد حال کو بدل دینا	She turned the tables on her rival with strong argument.
382.	Under a cloud	suspected	مشکل ہونا	Even the manager is under a cloud.
383.	Ups and downs	changeability	نشیب و فراز	A man has to face many ups and downs.

384.	Up to the mark	satisfactory	معیار کے مطابق	Your performance is up to the mark.
385.	Wear and tear	damage as a result of ordinary use	استعمال کر کے پڑا، کر دیا	All the wear and tear shall be claimed.
386.	White lie	a harmless lie often told to be polite	بے ضرر جھوٹ	I told the woman a white lie.
387.	With a heavy heart	sadly	اُداس	The two lovers departed with a heavy heart.
388.	With all one's heart and soul	very sincerely	بہت مخلصانہ	I am with you with all my heart and soul.
389.	With flying colors	with great or total success	عمل کا سہارا کے ساتھ	I was able to pass my final exams with flying colours.
390.	With a grain of salt	doubtfully	شکی نگاہ سے	He took my advice with a grain of salt.
391.	With an iron hand	strict	تختی سے	The general governed the country with an iron hand.
392.	With open arms	warmly	گرم بخوشی سے	I always receive my guests with open arms.
393.	Without fail	constantly	مسل	She writes every week without fail.
394.	Wolf in sheep clothing	imposter	بہر دیا	America is a wolf in sheep clothing.
395.	Work wonders	have good effect	معجزے رونما کرنا	The Kipsians do wonders in the final exams.
396.	Wait for a raindrop in the drought	to wait for the unlikely	بے سود انتظار	Ending poverty is a wait for a raindrop in the drought.
397.	Zero hour	vital moment	کڑا وقت	The army took an important decisions at zero hour.
398.	Zero tolerance	non acceptance of antisocial behaviour	عدم برداشت	Violence against women is declared zero tolerance
399.	Zip your lip	to stop talking	خاموش ہو جانا	He zipped his lip during the meeting.
400.	Zeal and zest	with spirit	جوش	She won the race with zeal and zest.