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LEARNING ENGLISH & IMPROVING VOCABULARY

IDIOMS & PHRASES (11-17JUL21)

1. **sing from the same songbook/sheet** (phrase) – say the same thing; to agree with; go along with, be of the same mind; concur.
2. **paint a picture of** (phrase) – tell, narrate, describe, depict.
3. **settle a score** (phrase) – take revenge, retaliate, hit back at someone.
4. **at someone's command** (phrase) – at one's disposal; to be available to help.
5. **take/run its course** (phrase) – to develop in the normal way and come to an end naturally; cease to exist, draw to a close; finish, end.
6. **seize the day** (phrase) – utilize/use the present time to the best advantage.
7. **be in one's element** (phrase) – be in a situation/condition in which one can perform well.
8. **strike a blow (for)** (phrase) – to act in support for something; to support something; help, back, speak up for, get behind, endorse.
9. **with flying colours** (phrase) – with distinction.
10. **chalk and cheese** (phrase) – when you say that two people are like 'chalk and cheese', you are suggesting that the two are very different from each other; they have nothing in common.
11. **in one's bones** (phrase) – believe or sense something (a specified quality) very strongly/deeply.
12. **the big/larger picture** (phrase) – broad/overall view of a situation/problem.
13. **be on the anvil** (phrase) – in a state/condition of discussion (not implemented); being discussed or prepared but it is not yet completed to be put into action.
14. **plumb the depths** (phrase) – reach the lowest possible level/point, experience the worst extremes, reach rock bottom.
15. **out of the woods** (phrase) – out of difficulty.
16. **a rap on the knuckles** (phrase) – criticism, castigation, rebuke, reprimand, reproach.
17. **fall/run afoul of** (phrase) – get into trouble, come into conflict with, go against (by not following rules/standards).
18. **put something behind one** (phrase) – forget about something, pay no heed to something, ignore.
19. **if at all** (phrase) – It indicates that something is unlikely to happen, if it does happen, but it happens in a restricted way.
20. **down the road** (phrase) – in the future.

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21. **that said** (phrase) – in spite of everything, in spite of that, nonetheless, even so, however.
22. **in one's own way** (phrase) – to do what one wants to do (despite objection from others).
23. **play a part/role** (phrase) – contribute to, be instrumental in, be a factor in.
24. **in the hands of** (phrase) – under the control of; in the possession of.
25. **in step** (phrase) – in agreement, in tune, in line, in accordance.
26. **take into account** (phrase) – consider, take into consideration, have regard to, reckon with.
27. **thanks to** (phrase) – as a result of, owing to, due to, because of.
28. **on a par with** (phrase) – comparable with, equivalent to, as equal to, on a level with.
29. **ahead of** (phrase) – superior to, surpassing.
30. **rather than** (phrase) – instead of.
31. **shot at glory** (phrase) – one chance, one opportunity (to do something).
32. **make worse** (phrase) – worsen, aggravate, exacerbate, compound.
33. **at any rate** (phrase) – in any case, anyhow, anyway, whatever happens.
34. **for instance** (phrase) – as an example.
35. **law and order** (phrase) – lawfulness peacefulness, harmony (of a society).
36. **not just that** (phrase) – besides, as well as, moreover, above and beyond, by extension.
37. **the very fact that** (phrase) – used to refer to a particular situation under deliberation/consideration.
38. **open the floodgates** (phrase) – to make something easier for a lot of things to happen (or) to make it possible for a lot of people to start doing something that was not permitted previously.
39. **with respect to** (phrase) – concerning, regarding, relating to, with reference to.
40. **set the stage for** (phrase) – prepare the circumstances for the beginning of something.
41. **pull level with** (phrase) – to catch up, to tie (the score).
42. **a long way to go** (phrase) – need to do more (before achieving success).

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43. **so much so that** (phrase) – to such an extent/degree/level that.
44. **more and more** (phrase) – progressively, to an increasing extent, continuously more.
45. **on the other hand** (phrase) – as an alternative, or, as another option, as a replacement, as a substitute.
46. **in comparison** (phrase) – when compared, comparatively, by comparison, proportionately.
47. **in favour of** (phrase) – in support of, to the advantage of, approve of.
48. **in the wake of** (phrase) – as a result of, in the aftermath of, as a consequence of.
49. **lose touch** (phrase) – lose contact/connection.
50. **on the face of it** (phrase) – apparently, seemingly, evidently/ostensibly; at first glance.
51. **in line with** (phrase) – in alignment with, in accordance with, conforming to.
52. **swim towards the light** (phrase) – (figuratively) to reach out for “everything we have” (body, mind, and spirit).
53. **make for** (phrase) – go towards, head towards, aim for, move towards, direct one’s steps towards.
54. **in contrast** (phrase) – when compared to another.
55. **far from** (phrase) – not, not at all.
56. **discordant note** (phrase) – strange thing; weird thing.
57. **in the long run** (phrase) – eventually, in the end, ultimately.
58. **on the contrary** (phrase) – conversely, just the opposite.
59. **in this regard** (phrase) – in connection with the aspect/consideration/point referred to earlier.
60. **to that end** (phrase) – for that reason.
61. **as far as** (phrase) – to the extent that.
62. **at all** (phrase) – under any circumstances, by any means, to any extent, in any way.
63. **look beyond** (phrase) – to look forward to a time in the future after some situation.
64. **among other things** (phrase) – used to indicate that there are several more things like the one mentioned, but that you do not intend to mention them all.
65. **no longer** (phrase) – not anymore.
66. **far more** (phrase) – a lot more, much more.

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67. **by all accounts** (phrase) – allegedly, apparently, seemingly, ostensibly.
68. **in the aftermath of** (phrase) – as a consequence of, as a result of.
69. **put in place** (phrase) – establish, set up, create/form.
70. **reel under** (phrase) – to suffer (due to a burden).
71. **at the very least** (phrase) – at the minimum.
72. **in respect of** (phrase) – with respect to; concerning, regarding.
73. **take into consideration** (phrase) – consider, give thought to, take into account.
74. **in accordance with** (phrase) – in agreement with, in conformity with, in line with, in compliance with.
75. **with regard to** (phrase) – regarding, concerning, with respect to, in respect of, with reference to.
76. **in particular** (phrase) – particularly, specifically, especially.
77. **at liberty** (phrase) – free, permitted, allowed, authorized, entitled.
78. **for now** (phrase) – for the time being, for the present, for the moment.
79. **in – terms** (phrase) – with regard to, regarding, concerning, as to, in respect of, with reference to.
80. **in the interests of** (phrase) – for the benefit/advantage of.
81. **in no hurry** (phrase) – doing something with out haste/urgency.
82. **stay the course** (idiom) – work hard till the end to accomplish the task.
83. **drag one's feet** (phrase) – delay, procrastinate, postpone action, put off doing something.
84. **set the tone** (phrase) – to establish the mood/feeling of something.
85. **better off** (phrase) – in a more advantageous position.
86. **pave the way for** (phrase) – clear the way for, make preparations for, put things in order for.
87. **join hands** (phrase) – work together with.
88. **call into question** (phrase) – doubt, distrust, mistrust, suspect.
89. **have one's work/task cut out** (phrase) – be faced with a tough task/work.
90. **in the mould of** (phrase) – resembling some important qualities/traits with someone or something.
91. **pale in comparison** (phrase) – to seem small/less important/less serious when compared to someone or something.
92. **at the outset** (phrase) – to begin with, at first, at the beginning.

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