

## Phrases

### 1. About to (do something)

**Meaning:** to be on the point of doing something

**Example:** I was **about to** leave when the phone rang.

### 2. According to (someone or something)

**Meaning:** as stated, attested by, depending on, in conformation with

**Example:** The rents are high here but they vary **according to** whether you want a garden.

### 3. Account for (something)

**Meaning:** to explain the reason for something

**Example:** The bad weather **accounts for** the fact that few people came to the meeting.

### 4. Ask for

**Meaning:** Request

**Example:** I'm here to **ask for** my money back.

### 5. as far as someone is concerned

**Meaning:** according to what someone thinks or feels

**Example:** **As far as I'm concerned**, I have no reason to wait for him.

### 6. As for

**Meaning:** with regard to, concerning

**Example:** **As for** the project, we have to attend a meeting tomorrow.

### 7. Act up

**Meaning:** behave badly, cause trouble

**Example:** Ravi got bored in class and started **acting up**.

**8. As long as**

**Meaning:** on a condition, if

**Example:** You can take this dog **as long as** you promise to take care of it.

**9. As soon as**

**Meaning:** at the same time or a very short time after

**Example:** I phoned my friend **as soon as** I finished my dinner.

**10. As to**

**Meaning:** about, relating to

**Example:** He was uncertain **as to** which road to take.

**11. As well**

**Meaning:** also, too

**Example:** I plan to take a computer course this summer **as well**.

**12. As well as**

**Meaning:** in addition to, also

**Example:** She owns a car **as well as** a motorbike.

**13. Back and forth**

**Meaning:** to and fro

**Example:** The argument went **back and forth** before the judge made a decision.

**14. Better off**

**Meaning:** to be in a better condition than before

**Example:** He'd be **better off** working for a bigger company.

**15. Break down**

**Meaning:** to cease to function, to become very upset, separate into smaller parts

**Example:** Our car suddenly **broke down** on the highway.

#### 16. Break up

**Meaning:** disintegrate or disperse, to put an end to something

**Example:** The school classes for this year **break up** in June.

#### 17. Came at

**Meaning:** attack

**Example:** As I backed away, he **came at** me with a knife.

#### 18. Carry out

**Meaning:** to do something, to accomplish something

**Example:** He has the ability to **carry out** big plans.

#### 19. Come on

**Meaning:** hurry or go faster

**Example:** **Come on!** if you don't hurry, we're going to be late.

#### 20. Came up

**Meaning:** to happen unexpectedly

**Example:** She just **came up** to me and slapped me.

#### 21. Come up with

**Meaning:** to suggest an idea or plan

**Example:** She's **come up with** some amazing scheme to double her income.

#### 22. Deal with

**Meaning:** Handle effectively, to take action about something, to concerned something

**Example:** She's used to **dealing with** difficult customers.

#### 23. End up

**Meaning:** to finally be in a particular place or situation

**Example:** We **ended up** going to a restaurant after the movie last night.

#### 24. Figure out

**Meaning:** to try to understand someone or something

**Idioms****257. be on the mend**

**Meaning:** recover from illness

**Example:** After having **been** in bed for a month, she is now **on the mend** now.

**258. in a stew**

**Meaning:** feel worried

**Example:** As the shopkeeper incurred loss, he was **in a stew**.

**259. be in the soup**

**Meaning:** to be in trouble

**Example:** He feels he is **in the soup** as he has borrowed money beyond his means.

**260. underway**

**Meaning:** in progress

**Example:** The bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco near school is **underway**.

**261. be no use**

**Meaning:** useless

**Example:** The old text books are of **no use**. So throw them away.

**262. be caught napping**

**Meaning:** Not ready to deal with something.

**Example:** Our team was **caught napping** when the opponent team scored the goal.

**263. Dirt Cheap**

**Meaning:** at a very low price.

**Example:** English Newspapers are sold **dirt cheap**.

**264. have a ear for something**

**Meaning:** showing interest.

**Example:** He **has** the **ear for** religious discourse.

**265. flotsam and jetsam**

**Meaning:** people or things which are no longer required

**Example:** The kitchen is full of **flotsam and jetsam** items.

**266. gain the upper hand**

**Meaning:** to win

**Example:** My friend always **gains the upper hand** in any argument.

**267. from hand to mouth**

**Meaning:** in poverty

**Example:** The poor children live **from hand to mouth** existence.

**268. cut no ice**

**Meaning:** no use or effort

**Example:** His explanation to his boss is **cut no ice**.

**269. the joker in the pack**

**Meaning:** an unpredictable person

**Example:** He is considered as **the joker in the pack** because his activities are sudden.

**270. kick back**

**Meaning:** be at leisure

**Example:** He has not been able to **kick back** and enjoy his success.

**271. a new lease of life**

**Meaning:** a new phase in one's life

**Example:** After the operation, he got **a new lease of life**.

**272. all brawn and no brains**

**Meaning:** physically strong but not very intelligent

**Example:** He is a good football player but he is **all brawn and no brains**.

**273. dry run**

**Meaning:** an attempt, a practice or rehearsal

**Example:** We had better **dry run** for the official ceremony tomorrow.

**274. fire and foremost**

**Meaning:** more than anything else

**Example:** In spite of her recent success as a novelist, she remains **first and foremost** a poet.

**275. free hand**

**Meaning:** the right or authority to do anything you consider necessary

**Example:** The police were given **free hand** in quelling the riot.

**276. lollipop man**

**Meaning:** someone who controls the traffic

**Example:** Children like the **lollipop man**.

**277. make a beeline for something**

**Meaning:** move directly towards a particular person or thing

**Example:** As soon as he came home he **made a beeline** to the kitchen.