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## TOP 100 Idiom and phrase

### 1) Swelled head -

- a) Tired
- b) Timid
- c) Dreamer
- d) Pride

Answer: d)

### 2) To sow the dragon's teeth -

- a) To disturb the work
- b) To suspect something foul
- c) To take some action
- d) To act foolishly

Answer: c)

### 3) Get around -

- a) Persuade
- b) Recall
- c) Exclude
- d) Avoid

Answer: d)

### 4) To cudgel one's brain -

- a) To think hard
- b) To kill by shooting in the head
- c) To manipulate
- d) To oppose

Answer: a)

### 5) Broken priscian's head -

- a) To used bad grammar
- b) To quarrel
- c) To hut with grief
- d) To put an end to

Answer: a)

### 6) A rift in the lute

- a) Not open to the public
- b) Die while still working
- c) Took a turn for the better
- d) Brought about disharmony

Answer: d)

### 7) Cushy job -

- a) Financially Comfortable job
- b) Hectic Job
- c) Unimportant job
- d) Impossible Job

Answer: a)

### 8) Sum and Substance -

- a) Proof
- b) Summary
- c) Theory
- d) Aftermaths

Answer: b)

### 9) Weigh anchor -

- a) A talent for acting
- b) Harsh spoken
- c) Difficult situation
- d) Prepare to sail again

Answer: d)

### 10) Seize the nettle -

- a) Dealt Firmly
- b) Accept Gladly
- c) In complete failure
- d) Unusually confident

Answer: a)

### 11) At variance with -

- a) In one time



- b) In opposite
- c) In any way
- d) Sometimes

Answer: b)

**12) A snake in the grass -**

- a) A coward
- b) A treacherous person
- c) A friendly person
- d) An honest person

Answer: b)

**13) Bolt from the blue -**

- a) A Source of quarrel
- b) Narrow escape
- c) A sudden Calamity
- d) To take revenge

Answer: c)

**14) Cry in the wilderness -**

- a) Rebuke
- b) Confused and lost
- c) Aggravate the situation
- d) Unpopular opinion

Answer: d)

**15) On the brink of -**

- a) To be alert
- b) To be near to
- c) Not at all
- d) Occasionally

Answer: b)

**16) In deep Water -**

- a) To die
- b) In great difficulty
- c) To fall completely
- d) To surrender

Answer: b)

**17) In the egg -**

- a) In an untidy state

- b) In a Dilemma
- c) In an early stage
- d) In bodily form

Answer: c)

**18) Cut in on -**

- a) Acknowledge
- b) Interrupt
- c) Evade
- d) Produce

Answer: b)

**19) Draw a blank -**

- a) Absent minded
- b) To be unsuccessful
- c) Come to an end
- d) To Fall a Victim

Answer: b)

**20) Give up ghost -**

- a) To feel superior
- b) To overcome one's fear
- c) To give encouragement
- d) To die

Answer: d)

**21) A dark house -**

- a) No longer use
- b) Self - possessed
- c) A competitor of unknown capabilities
- d) An unfortunate person

Answer: c)

**22) All at sea -**

- a) Completely confused
- b) In great trouble
- c) Rise and fall
- d) In spite of

Answer: a)

**23) Bear up with -**

- a) Endure



- b) Deceit
- c) Uncertain
- d) Avoid

Answer: a)

**24) Creature comforts -**

- a) Hint
- b) Luxuries
- c) Support
- d) Colloquial

Answer: b)

**25) To clear the decks -**

- a) Throw the challenge
- b) Talk boastfully
- c) To remove Obstructions
- d) Control one's anger

Answer: c)

**26) To cut the crackle -**

- a) To stop talking and start
- b) To be under one's subjugation
- c) To foment trouble
- d) To ridicule

Answer: a)

**27) Pin - money -**

- a) A person unsuited to the position files
- b) To trouble others
- c) Bribery
- d) Allowance made to a lady for her expenses

Answer: a)

**28) In the offing -**

- a) In danger
- b) Appear soon
- c) Side by side
- d) Worrisome

Answer: b)

**29) Wolf's in sheep clothing -**

- a) Hypocrite

- b) Wise person
- c) Foolish
- d) Quarrelsome person

Answer: d)

**30) Heads will roll -**

- a) Unconditionally surrendered
- b) Dismissed or forced to resign
- c) Born in a wealthy family
- d) Resorted to illegitimate practices

Answer: b)

**31) A green horn -**

- a) An inexperienced man
- b) A dangerous man
- c) Suspicious man
- d) Wise man

Answer: a)

**32) To piffle one's own canoe -**

- a) Thoughtful
- b) Manage independently
- c) To praise oneself
- d) Working vigorously

Answer: b)

**33) To keep the pot -**

- a) To sharpen my wits
- b) To be cautious
- c) To keep Controversy alive
- d) To repent

Answer: c)

**34) To beat the air -**

- a) To settle a dispute
- b) To gamble
- c) To make efforts those are useless
- d) To try to do the impossible

Answer: c)

**35) Threw a spanner -**

- a) Reverie



b) Disinterested

c) Sabotage

d) Boasting

Answer: c)

**36) By fair means or foul -**

a) By any means

b) To make sense

c) Undecided controversial

d) To get puzzled

Answer: a)

**37) Sword of Damocles -**

a) Life full of Quarrels

b) Imminent danger

c) In a state of suspense and anxiety

d) Remain faith to the cause

Answer: b)

**38) Out of elbows -**

a) By all means

b) Old

c) Poor

d) Forever

Answer: c)

**39) Pandora's box -**

a) Arguments for and against

b) To act Dubiously

c) Popular

d) A profile source of trouble

Answer: d)

**40) A nig - nog -**

a) Watchful

b) Very old

c) A fool

d) Rich

Answer: c)

**41) Faint Hearted -**

a) Calm

b) Timid

c) Lovable

d) Courageous

Answer: b)

**42) To lead astray -**

a) To take back what you have said

b) To misguide

c) To achieve two results with one effort

d) To apologize

Answer: b)

**43) To make a pile -**

a) To keep at a distance

b) To make a lot a money

c) To aggravate the situation

d) To face the risk

Answer: b)

**44) Back out of -**

a) Decimate

b) Record

c) Withdraw

d) Pertain

Answer: c)

**45) Throw over -**

a) Enumerate

b) Invent

c) Reprimand

d) Reject

Answer: d)

**46) Chicken hearted -**

a) Scholar

b) A useless man

c) Timid

d) Shocked

Answer: c)

**47) Down and out -**

a) Mad



- b) Jealousy and envy
- c) Futility
- d) Without money

Answer: d)

**48) High and low -**

- a) Everywhere
- b) Optimism
- c) Hypocrisy
- d) Experience

Answer: a)

**49) A damsel in distress -**

- a) A helpless woman
- b) An ugly women
- c) A women whose husband is temporarily away from her
- d) A strong lady who can cope with all difficult situation

Answer: a)

**50) God's ape -**

- a) As strong as god
- b) A born Fool
- c) A knowledge person
- d) Kind hearted person

Answer: b)

**51) Lions' Mouth -**

- a) Strict rules
- b) Harsh spoken
- c) Brave
- d) A dangerous Situation

Answer: d)

**52) A Stiff necked person -**

- a) Honest and Open
- b) An obstinate person
- c) A source of quarrel
- d) Ordinary Person

Answer: b)

**53) Cross out -**

- a) Interrupt
- b) Summon up
- c) Eliminate
- d) Inflate

Answer: c)

**54) Make away with -**

- a) To compensate
- b) To remove
- c) To find out
- d) To understand

Answer: b)

**55) To put one out of counter stand -**

- a) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
- b) To provoke quarrel
- c) To make one feel ashamed
- d) To deceive someone

Answer: c)

**56) In vogue -**

- a) Danger
- b) Boastful
- c) Ambitious
- d) Popular

Answer: d)

**57) In a fix -**

- a) Witching
- b) Making imaginary schemes
- c) In puzzling state
- d) Talk irrelevantly

Answer: c)

**58) To hammer out -**

- a) To raise alarm
- b) To plan
- c) To take part
- d) To be tired of

Answer: b)

**59) A mare's nest -**



- a) A rumour
- b) A false praise
- b) A difficult situation
- d) A constant source of annoyance

Answer: a)

**60) Stand for -**

- a) Represent
- b) Block
- c) Resist
- d) Discuss

Answer: a)

**61) An iron will -**

- a) A widely debated issue
- b) A fair bargain
- c) An impracticable
- d) A firm opinion

Answer: d)

**62) Get into a soup -**

- a) To make things difficult
- b) To be worrisome
- c) To be familiar of
- d) To get an advantage

Answer: a)

**63) Haul over the coals -**

- a) Talk irrelevantly
- b) Laugh heartily
- c) To scold
- d) Without hope

Answer: c)

**64) To carry the day -**

- a) To run away
- b) To die while in service
- c) To take an unimportant task
- d) To succeed

Answer: d)

**65) Go over -**

- a) Continue
- b) Review
- c) Harmonize
- d) Terminate

Answer: b)

**66) Make a fortune -**

- a) To become rich
- b) Boasting
- c) Unavoidable
- d) Reviewing Leisurely

Answer: a)

**67) Cry Down -**

- a) To depreciate
- b) Jealously
- c) Spending diligently
- d) Think Creatively

Answer: a)

**68) Ill at ease -**

- a) To be uncomfortable
- b) To be in fashion
- c) To be in a puzzling state
- d) To be in danger

Answer: a)

**69) Get the upper hand -**

- a) To revenge
- b) To start to go
- c) To take risk
- d) To get an advantage

Answer: d)

**70) At a Stone's throw -**

- a) Very near
- b) Cause of quarrel
- c) Increase anger
- d) Easy task

Answer: a)

**71) An uphill task -**



- a) Unfair blow
- b) Close fight
- c) Task to no use
- d) Difficult task

Answer: d)

**72) Break the ice -**

- a) Bad intention
- b) To escape
- c) To break the silence
- d) To fail

Answer: c)

**73) Rest on one's laurels -**

- a) To retire from active life
- b) To remember thing clearly
- c) Not to come to point
- d) Defend from enemies

Answer: a)

**74) Fallout -**

- a) To admire
- b) Declared dead
- c) To love someone
- d) To quarrel

Answer: d)

**75) With open arms -**

- a) Cordially
- b) Often
- c) Seldom
- d) Frequently

Answer: a)

**76) A bone of contention -**

- a) Strong and healthy bones
- b) Tough man
- c) Cause of dispute
- d) Peaceful thing

Answer: c)

**77) Put into action -**

- a) Systematically
- b) To execute
- c) Irregularly
- d) Rapidly

Answer: b)

**78) Do away with -**

- a) Impossible
- b) Invalid
- c) To abolish
- d) Empty

Answer: c)

**79) On all hands -**

- a) Rarely
- b) Occasionally
- c) Everywhere
- d) Frequently

Answer: c)

**80) Hold on -**

- a) To wait for a short time
- b) Still breathing
- c) Speak less
- d) Frequently

Answer: a)

**81) Out at the elbows -**

- a) Stubborn
- b) Poor
- c) To be blunt
- d) Rigid

Answer: b)

**82) Come off -**

- a) Launch oneself
- b) Be separated
- c) Have deposited
- d) Taking leave

Answer: b)

**83) Be out of order -**



- a) Some goods which are out of stock
- b) Do something against the court's ruling
- c) A device not working properly or at all
- d) Things kept in an organized manne

Answer: c)

**84) A sight for sore eyes -**

- a) An ugly sight unpleasant to the eyes.
- b) When one becomes tired of watching too much TV or reading
- c) A person or thing that one is extremely pleased or relieved to see
- d) A beautiful sight that you can visualize even with closed eyes

Answer: c)

**85) Keep at bay -**

- a) Keep your loved ones protected even when they are faced with problems.
- b) To control something and prevent it from causing you problems.
- c) Hide your precious stuff.
- d) Be alert at all times.

Answer: b)

**86) Let your hair down -**

- a) Behave uninhibitedly.
- b) Accept your deeds.
- c) Remove the mask.
- d) Feel fresh and rejuvenated.

Answer: a)

**87) Back to the drawing board -**

- a) A creative person will always find a solution to any problem.
- b) An artist will express his feelings by drawing.
- c) It is better to work on a fanciful idea bound to fail than have no ideas at all.
- d) Used to indicate that an idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

Answer: d)

**88) In cahoots with -**

- a) A marriage made in heaven.
- b) A group of criminals.
- c) With lot of determination.
- d) In an alliance or partnership with.

Answer: d) -

**89) Back seat driver**

- a) A passenger who gives unwanted and/or unneeded directions to the driver.
- b) A person who gives unwanted advice is sometimes right.
- c) When too many people are controlling a project it is bound to fail.
- d) A person who acts as a remote control taking orders from others.

Answer: a)

**90) Causing annoyance or resentment -**

- a) Congenial
- b) Galling
- c) Amiable
- d) Mellow

Answer: b)

**91) No dice -**

- a) A great gamble.
- b) Used to refuse a request or indicate that there is no chance of success.
- c) Be confident of the outcome.
- d) Make false assurances.

Answer: b)

**92) Far cry from -**

- a) It is sad when loved ones are far away.
- b) A very sad situation.
- c) Very different from.
- d) A person at a distance such that even shouting cannot be heard.





Answer: c)

**93) Nose around -**

- a) If you poke your nose in others' affairs it is bound to get bloody.
- b) Try to find out information about someone or something.
- c) A sharp sense of smell used to its fullest.
- d) A sniff of trouble is warning enough.

Answer: b)

**94) A bad patch -**

- a) A potholed road.
- b) A medical bandage.
- c) A period of difficulty.
- d) Shoddy repair work.

Answer: c)

**95) A dime a dozen -**

- a) A very expensive proposition.
- b) Something which appears cheap but which will prove expensive in the long run.
- c) Something which appears attractive but has zero value.
- d) Very common and of no particular value.

Answer: d)

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**98) Can't judge a book by its cover -**

- a) If you love something dearly then you have to protect it.
- b) You shouldn't prejudge the value of something, by its outward appearance alone.
- c) To make a false opinion without even seeing that person is prejudice.
- d) A bad book needs a good cover to make it saleable.

Answer: b)

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Answer: a)

**100) Excuse my French -**

- a) Used to apologize for swearing.
- b) Said when one cannot speak the language of the other person correctly.
- c) Used to make a flimsy excuse.
- d) Used when you give up easily.

Answer: a)

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