

1. once in a blue moon	very rarely	People like newton are born once in a blue moon.
2. A brainwave	a sudden good idea	I had a brainwave and found a solution to the problem I was facing.
3. A close shave / call	a situation in which you only Just manage to avoid an accident	He had a close shave when a tree fell just where he was standing.
4. A close-fisted man	a miserly man	He does not spend any money as he is a close-fisted man.
5. A cock and bull story	a silly story or excuse	He told me a rock and bull story about her failure in the exams.
6. A dead letter	a law or idea which is no longer effective	An arts education is a dead letter for many students.
7. A dog in the manger	selfish	He is a real dog in the manger, even though he does not have a car, he would not let anyone else use his garage.
8. A dog's life	disgraceful life	Death is better than a dog's life.
9. A fairy tale	a story for children	She looks like a princess in a fairy tale.
10. A feather in one's cap	an achievement that makes you feel pleased and satisfied	This success is a feather in your cap.
11. A fish out of water	feeling uncomfortable	I felt like a fish out of water in new school.
12. A Gala Day	A celebration day	Christmas is a gala day for the Christians.
13. A gaolbird	someone who has spent a lot of time in prison	He is an escaped gaolbird.
14. A green room	a room where actors relax	There no green room in this studio.
15. A hard/bitter pill to swallow	something very unpleasant that you have to accept	His failure was a bitter pill to swallow.
16. A house of cards	something that is likely to fall down	cheat me will prove a house of cards.

17. A Jack of all trades	someone who can do many types of work, but who often is not often skilled at any of them	John is a Jack of all trades but master of none.
18. A jailbird	a prisoner	A Jailbird escaped last night.
19. A leap / shot in the dark	to do something without knowing its results	To start such a big business without experience is like taking a leap in the dark.
20. A man of his word	someone who keeps his promises	You can trust him as he is a man of his word.

21. A man of iron will	strong will person	A man of iron will can tackle the present crises of India.
22. A man of letters	a learned man	Our teacher is a man of letters.
23. A man of parts	a man who can do many things	Abraham is a man of parts-an able teacher, a terrific writer, a sincere friend, to name a few.
24. A man of straw	a mere puppet, an unimportant man	In our society, no one respects a man of straw.
25. A man/woman after one's own heart	a man with similar taste to mine	I like books, so does Jolly
26. A mare's nest	a discovery of no value	Later the cure for AIDS proved to be a mare's nest.
27. A narrow escape	just to be safe from danger	Jacky fell into the river but had a narrow escape from being drowned.
28. A near miss	a situation in which an accident is barely avoided	He applied brakes just in time and had a near miss.
29. A necessary evil	something bad that you have to accept to get what you want	War is a necessary evil.
30. A passing fancy	one that does not last long	His desire to become just a passing fancy.

31. A rolling stone	the person who keeps changing his views	A rolling stone gathers no moss.
32. A rope of sand	illusory or deceptive security	The American defense system, when came under attack, proved to be a rope of sand.
33. A Sight for sore eyes	a pleasant and refreshing sight / a most welcome sight	She is a sight for sore eyes.
34. A Snake in the grass	a person who cannot be trusted	Do not trust him, he is a real snake in the grass.
35. A split second	an extremely short period of time	In a split second, he solved the riddle.
36. A square meal	good satisfying meal	Children should have three square meals a day.
37. A square peg in a round hole	someone or something that does not suit the position or Situation they are in	A coward who joins the army is like a square peg in a round hole.
38. A stroke of luck	something lucky that happens to you by chance	It was a stroke of luck that no one was killed in such a major accident.
39. A white elephant	something costly to maintain	Telephone costs much, it is Just a white elephant for the common people.
40. A White lie	a harmless or small lie	Sometimes it is better to tell a white lie than to hurt someone's feelings.

41. A wild goose chase	an attempt to find something impossible	Your attempt to pass the examination without hard work would be a wild goose chase.
42. A wolf in sheep's clothing	a person who seems to be friendly or harmless but is really an enemy	You should not rely on this man as he is a wolf in sheep's clothing.
43. Again every day / week/ year	for a long time	Day after day it rained.
44. An open book	something clear	He is a good man as his life is an open book.

45. An order to	with the purpose of	She worked hard in order to pass the exams.
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47. An uphill task	a very difficult task	To write a good book in two months is really an uphill task.
48. As a matter of fact	actually	He will not help you, as a matter of fact, he is a selfish man.
49. As cool as a cucumber	very calm	Despite the mishap, all remained as cool as a cucumber
50. At a loss	to be confused	Jack is at a loss to decide whether he should marry or not.

