Point out (someone or something): to explain or call attention to someone or something

Example: My teacher was very kind when she pointed out the mistakes that I had made.
1. **as easy as pie**: “very easy” (same as “a piece of cake”)
   **Example**: He said it is a difficult problem, but I don’t agree. It seems as easy as pie!

2. **be sick and tired of**: “I hate” (also “can’t stand”)
   **Example**: I’m sick and tired of doing nothing but work. Let’s go out tonight and have fun.

3. **bend over backward**: “try very hard” (maybe too much!)
   **Example**: He bent over backward to please his new wife, but she never seemed satisfied.

4. **bite off more than one can chew**: “take responsibility for more than one can manage"
   **Example**: John is so far behind in his studies. Besides classes, he plays sports and works at a part-time job. It seems he has bitten off more than he can chew.

5. **broke**: “to have no money"
   **Example**: I have to borrow some money from my Dad. Right now, I’m broke.

6. **change one’s mind**: “decide to do something different from what had been decided earlier”
   **Example**: I was planning to work late tonight, but I changed my mind. I’ll do extra work on the weekend instead.

7. **Cut it out!**: “stop doing something bad"
   **Example**: That noise is really annoying. Cut it out!

8. **drop someone a line**: “send a letter or email to someone"
   **Example**: It was good to meet you and I hope we can see each other again. Drop me a line when you have time.

9. **figure something out**: “come to understand a problem"
   **Example**: I don’t understand how to do this problem. Take a look at it. Maybe you can figure it out.

10. **fill in for someone**: “do their work while they are away"
    **Example**: While I was away from the store, my brother filled in for me.

11. **in ages**: “for a very long time"
    **Example**: Have you seen Joe recently? I haven’t seen him in ages.

12. **give someone a hand**: “help"
    **Example**: I want to move this desk to the next room. Can you give me a hand?
13. **hit the hay:** “go to bed” (also “hit the sack”)
Example: It’s after 12 o’clock. I think it’s time to hit the hay.

14. **in the black:** “the business is making money, it is profitable”
Example: Our business is really improving. We’ve been in the black all year.

15. **in the red:** “the business is losing money, it is unprofitable”
Example: Business is really going poorly these days. We’ve been in the red for the past three months.

16. **in the nick of time:** “not too late, but very close!”
Example: I got to the drugstore just in the nick of time. It’s a good thing because I really need this medicine!

17. **keep one’s chin up:** “remain brave and keep on trying”
Example: I know things have been difficult for you recently, but keep your chin up. It will get better soon.

18. **know something like the back of your hand:** “know something very, very well”
Example: If you get lost, just ask me for directions. I know this part of town like the back of my hand.

19. **once in a while:** “sometimes, not very often”
Example: Have you been to the new movie theater? No, only see movies once in a while. I usually stay at home and watch TV.

20. **sharp:** “exactly at that time”
Example: I’ll meet you at 9 o’clock sharp. If you’re late, we’ll be in trouble!

21. **sleep on it:** “think about something before making a decision”
Example: That sounds like a good deal, but I’d like to sleep on it before I give you my final decision.

22. **take it easy:** “relax”
Example: I don’t have any special plans for the summer. I think I’ll just take it easy.

23. **to get the ball rolling:** “start something, especially something big”
Example: We need to get this project started as soon as possible. I’m hoping you will help me get the ball rolling.

24. **up to the minute:** “the most recent information”
Example: I wish I knew more about what is happening in the capital city. We need more up to the minute news.

25. **twenty-four/seven:** “every minute of every day, all the time”
Example: You can access our web site 24/7. It’s very convenient!
25. about to (do something): to be on the point of doing something
Example: I was about to leave when the phone rang.

26. according to (someone or something): as said or told by someone, in agreement with something, in the order of something, in proportion to something
Example: According to our teacher, there will be no class next week. We did everything according to the terms of our agreement.

27. account for (something): to provide an explanation or answer for something
Example: The bad weather accounts for the fact that few people came to the meeting.

28. after all: considering the fact that something happened, something that is usually assumed “You don’t need to phone him. After all, he never phones you.”

29. all of a sudden: suddenly, without advance warning
Example: All of a sudden it became cloudy and began to rain.

30. as a matter of fact: actually
Example: “As a matter of fact, we have been to the history museum many times.”

31. as far as: to the extent or degree of something
Example: As far as I know the movie will start in a few minutes.

32. as for: with regard to, concerning
Example: “As for me, I think that I will return home now.”

33. as if: in the same way that something would be, that
Example: The drink tastes as if it were made with orange juice. It seemed as if the whole town came to the concert.

34. as long as: provided that, on condition that
Example: As long as you promise to be careful you can borrow my car.

35. as soon as: just after something
Example: when I phoned my friend as soon as I finished dinner.

36. as to: with regard to, according to
Example: “As to your question, I will answer it tomorrow.” The players were put into groups as to their ability.

37. as well: in addition, also, too
Example: I plan to take a computer course this summer as well.
38. as well as: in addition to
Example: “Please bring your swimming suit as well as your towel.”

39. back and forth: backwards and forwards, first one way and then the other way
Example: The argument went back and forth before the judge made a decision.

40. better off: to be in a better situation than before
Example: My friend would be better off if he sold his old car and bought a new one.

41. break down (something): to divide something into parts, to separate something into simpler substances
Example: We tried to break down the problem for further study. The sugar began to break down soon after it was swallowed.

42. break up: to separate, to divide into groups or pieces, to put an end to something
Example: Nobody wanted to break up their groups. We usually break up into small groups during our class.

43. by the way: incidentally
Example: By the way, could you please bring your laptop computer tomorrow

44. carry out (something): to put something into action, to accomplish something, to do something
Example: The scientist wanted to carry out several experiments before discussing the new medicine.

45. come on: please, hurry, go faster
Example: “Come on, I only have a few minutes before I must go.” “Come on, stop doing that.”

46. come up: to happen unexpectedly
Example: I will not be able to go to the party if something else comes up.

47. come up with (something): to produce or find a thought/idea/answer
Example: I tried to come up with a name for the new magazine.

48. deal with (something): to be concerned with something, to take action about something
Example: We will deal with the boxes tomorrow.

49. end up (doing something or going somewhere): to do something that one had not planned to do, to go somewhere one had not planned to go
Example: We ended up going to a restaurant after the movie last night.

50. figure out (someone or something): to try to understand someone or something, to solve something
Example: I finally figured out how to use the new DVD player.
51. **about to (do something):** to be on the point of doing something  
   **Example:** I was about to leave when the phone rang.

52. **fill in (something):** to write words in blank spaces  
   **Example:** Please fill in this form and give it to the receptionist.

53. **find out (something):** to learn or discover something  
   **Example:** My mother is angry at me because she found out that I had quit my French class.

54. **first of all:** the very first thing  
   **Example:** First of all we prepared the garden and then we planted the seeds.

55. **for good:** permanently  
   **Example:** The city will close the public swimming pool for good next week.

56. **for sure:** without a doubt, certainly, surely  
   **Example:** I will go to the movie with you for sure next week.

57. **get back to (something):** to return to something  
   **Example:** I was happy to get back to work after my holiday.

58. **get into (something):** to become interested or involved in something  
   **Example:** I do not want to get into an argument with my friend. We will get into the details of the plan tomorrow.

59. **get into (somewhere):** to enter somewhere  
   **Example:** My friend wants to get into a good university. I bumped my head as I was getting into the car.

60. **get out of (somewhere):** to leave somewhere, to escape from somewhere  
   **Example:** I want to hurry and get out of my house.

61. **get rid of (something):** to give or throw something away, to sell or destroy something, to make a cold or fever disappear  
   **Example:** I bought a new television set so I want to get rid of the old one.

62. **get through (something):** to complete something, to finish something  
   **Example:** My friend is having trouble getting through her final exams. I have much reading that I must get through before tomorrow.

63. **go ahead:** to begin to do something  
   **Example:** Let`s go ahead and start now. We can`t wait any longer.

64. **go on:** to continue  
   **Example:** The game will probably go on for an hour after we leave.
65. **go over (something)**: to examine or review something  
Example: The accountant will go over the books tomorrow. We plan to go over that question tomorrow.

66. **go through (something)**: to discuss something, to look at something, to do something  
Example: The teacher decided to go through the exercise before the test.

67. **go with (something)**: to choose one thing rather than another  
Example: We decided to go with the small rental car rather than the large one.

68. **hang out (somewhere/with someone)**: to spend one's time with no great purpose, to spend leisure time with friends  
Example: Recently my friend has been hanging out with a group of people who are not a good influence on him.

69. **have (something) to do with (something)**: to be about something, to be on the subject of something, to be related to something  
Example: The book has something to do with cooking but I am not sure if you will like it. That problem has nothing to do with me.

70. **hold on**: to wait a minute, to stop, to wait and not hang up the phone  
Example: Please hold on for a minute while I lock the window.

71. **in a way**: to a certain extent, a little, somewhat  
Example: In a way, I want to go to the new restaurant but in a way, I don't really care.

72. **in the case**: if, if something should happen  
Example: I will take my umbrella in case it rains.

73. **in common**: shared together or equally, in use or ownership by all  
Example: I had nothing in common with the other members of the class.

74. **in detail**: giving all the details, item by item  
Example: The saleswoman explained about the new product in detail.

75. **in effect**: for practical purposes, basically  
Example: The man's silence was in effect a way of disagreeing with the other people in the meeting.

76. **in fact**: actually, the truth is  
Example: The man has been to China before. In fact, he has been there three times.

77. **in favor of (someone or something)**: to approve or support someone or something  
Example: Everybody is in favor of the new police chief. My company is not in favor of changing our holiday schedule.
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<th>in most situations or circumstances</th>
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<td>In general, most of the people in our apartment are happy with the new manager.</td>
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<td>In other words, if you do not finish the assignment by Wednesday you will not pass the course.</td>
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<td>Everything in the room was in place when we arrived for the meeting.</td>
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<td>In some ways, I know what my friend means but in some ways I do not.</td>
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<th>to remember and think about someone or something</th>
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<td>I told my co-workers to keep the new starting time for work in mind.</td>
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<td>I was kind of tired when I arrived home last night.</td>
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<th>to try to find something, to hunt/search for something</th>
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<td>My friend has been looking for her credit card all morning but she can`t find it.</td>
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<td>It does not make a difference whether our boss comes to the meeting or not.</td>
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   Example: I more or less have decided to study business next year.

93. **no matter**: regardless  
   Example: No matter how hard I try, my piano teacher is never satisfied.

94. **not at all**: certainly not  
   Example: I am not at all happy with my new computer.

95. **of course**: certainly, definitely, naturally  
   Example: Of course you can use my car if you want to.

96. **on the other hand**: however, in contrast, looking at the opposite side of a matter  
   Example: He is very intelligent but on the other hand he is very lazy and always gets low marks at school.

97. **on time**: at the scheduled time, exactly at the correct time, punctually  
   Example: Our train arrived exactly on time.

98. **once again**: again, one more time, once more  
   Example: I tried once again to phone my boss at his home.

99. **open to (something)**: to be agreeable to learn or hear about new ideas or suggestions  
   Example: Most members of the class were open to the teacher's ideas.

100. **pick up (something)**: to get or receive something  
    Example: I will pick up my dry cleaning tomorrow. I picked up a copy of the newspaper at the station.

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    Example: My brother has been able to stick with his trumpet lessons since he was a child.

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Example: My teacher was very kind when she pointed out the mistakes that I had made.

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Example: The company puts out a newsletter every month for the employees.

103. regardless of (something): without considering or thinking about something, without regard to something
Example: Regardless of the weather we are going to go fishing tomorrow morning.

104. right away: immediately
Example: forgot to bring my book but I will go home and get it right away.

105. rule out (someone or something): to decide against or eliminate someone or something
Example: The police ruled out the man as a possible bank robber. We decided to rule out Monday as the day to have our meeting.

106. run into (something – a fact/trouble/problems/difficulty): to experience something, to encounter something
Example: The mechanic ran into trouble when he was fixing my car. I ran into some interesting facts when I was researching my essay.

107. set up (something): to establish something, to provide the money for something
Example: The newspaper company provided the money to set up the new travel magazine. The company set up a unique situation to test the new product.
108. **show up**: to appear, to arrive, to be present
Example: What time did your friend show up for the party?

109. **so far**: until now So far
Example: no one has entered the speech contest at the television station.

110. **so to speak**: as one might or could say, this is one way to say something
Example: We had a good time at the restaurant, so to speak, although the service was not very good.

111. **sort of (something)**: to be almost something, to be similar to something, to be not quite something
Example: Did you finish cleaning the kitchen?” “Sort of, but not really.

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