



Idioms

Null and void:

(of a legal agreement) no longer effective or valid

Sentence: The contract was declared null and void.

Root and branch :

Completely

We cannot root out corruption from Pakistan root and branch.

Odds and ends:

Pieces

Please try to pick up the odds and ends of this story.

Safe and sound:

Safe, not hurt or harmed

The missing child reached home safe and sound.

Spick and span:

Clean, tidy and fresh

The nurses look spick and span in their white dress in the hospital.

Through thick and thin:

In good and bad times, in spite of difficulties

He stood by me through thick and thin.

At a stretch:

(Of periods of time) without stopping

She works at the computer for hours at a stretch.



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Through and through

Completely

He is a gentleman through and through.

To all intents and purposes:

Almost exactly in all important ways

The two plans are the same to all intents and purposes.

Ups and downs:

Time of good and bad luck

I have seen many ups and downs of life.

Ways and means:

Sources, plans

The police have various ways and means to get information about people.

At home in:

Feeling comfortable and relaxed, as if you are in your own home
I am quite at home in new business.

Around or round the corner:

very near , soon to happen

The new drug for cancer is round or around the corner.

By dint of:

Through

He got through the examination by dint of hard work.



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By virtue of:

an account of

He passed the B.A examination by virtue of hard work.

Be a by word:

to be well known for a quality

Our political system has become a by word for fraud.

For God's sake:

In the name of God

For God's sake, give me a loaf of bread.

For the sake of

Devoted

He laid down his life for the sake of his country.

In accordance with:

According to

He refused to work in accordance with my orders.

In addition: Besides

Lee received a pencil in addition to a pen.

In consequence of:

As a result of

He will not take the examination in consequence of his illness.