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<b>according to someone or something (3)</b> as said by someone or something		According to the weather report, it's going to rain today.	Do not use <i>me</i> after <i>according to</i> . Instead, say <i>in my opinion</i> .	in the words of someone by all accounts	
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<b>all day long (8)</b> during the entire day		Masaya works the night shift and then sleeps all day long.	The word <i>long</i> emphasizes the continuous nature of an activity. You can also say <i>all week long</i> , <i>all month long</i> , <i>all year long</i> .	around the clock twenty-four hours a day all the time	all night long
<b>all over the place (10, 14)</b> everywhere		His house is a mess. There are papers and clothes all over the place.		here, there, and everywhere (informal) all over creation (informal)	in one spot here and there (= in a few places)
<b>around the clock (3)</b> continuously; without a break		CNN broadcasts news around the clock.	This expression can also form an adjective, as in <i>CNN has around-the-clock news</i> (= continuous news). Note that the adjective form uses hyphens.	all the time at all times 24 hours a day non-stop	from time to time once in a while at intervals
<b>(as) hungry as a bear (2)</b> very hungry	informal	I haven't eaten in 24 hours and I'm as hungry as a bear.	The first <i>as</i> is optional. An expression similar to the example is <i>I'm so hungry I could eat a horse</i> .	eat like a horse/pig dying of hunger	be full be stuffed (informal)

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<b>as well as (2)</b> and also		I enjoy tennis as well as golf.	<i>As well as</i> is used in the middle of a sentence to connect two things. <i>As well</i> can also appear at the end of a sentence: <i>I enjoy tennis and golf as well.</i>	in addition to	
<b>ask for someone's hand (13)</b> ask for permission to marry someone	formal	Sandra was happy when Alex got down on his knees and asked for her hand.		ask for someone's hand in marriage (formal) pop the question (informal)	break up (with someone) split up (with someone)
<b>ask for trouble (8)</b> do something that will cause problems later	informal	If you keep a gun in the house with young children, you are asking for trouble.		play with fire (informal) skate on thin ice (informal) stretch one's luck (informal) tempt fate play Russian roulette	play it safe stay out of harm's reach be on the safe side look before you leap (informal)
<b>at all times (12)</b> constantly; continuously		Luis carries his cellular phone at all times so that he won't miss an important call.		all the time around the clock twenty-four hours a day	off and on once in a while every so often at intervals once in a blue moon (informal)
<b>at first glance (5)</b> at the first quick look		At first glance, I thought my hand was bleeding, but then I realized it was just red ink from my pen.		at first at first blush	in the end
<b>at present (1)</b> now		I'm busy at present; can I call you later?	This expression is short for <i>at the present time</i> .	right now at this point in time at the present time	in the future later on in a while

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<b>back off (from someone)(5)</b> move in reverse; stop threatening (someone)		I thought Igor and Pierre were going to fight, but Igor backed off.	<i>Back off</i> is intransitive. <i>Back off from</i> is transitive and inseparable. <i>Back off</i> also means <i>yield</i> in an argument. Don't confuse <i>back off</i> with <i>back up</i> , which means <i>go in reverse in your car</i> .	back away beat a retreat	come at someone
<b>be a good sport (7)</b> be able to laugh at jokes and pranks that involve you	informal	We laugh at Tom when he dances, but he's a good sport and just laughs with us.		have a good attitude take things in stride play along with someone or something have a good sense of humor	be a sore loser be a poor loser have no sense of humor be a sourpuss (informal)
<b>be back (7)</b> be again where you were before		I'm going to school now, but I'll be back at 5:00.		go back	be gone be away be on vacation
<b>be concerned about someone or something (14)</b> worry about someone or something		Mary just lost her job, and she's concerned about money.		be worried (about someone or something) lose sleep over something (informal)	be unconcerned about someone or something not give a darn/a damn about someone or something (slang)
<b>be disappointed by someone or something (13)</b> feel that your hopes were not met by someone or something		I was disappointed by my history class because the teacher was boring.	You can also be disappointed <i>in</i> someone or something.	be let down by someone or something have one's hopes dashed by someone or something	be satisfied with someone or something

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<p><b>be enthusiastic about something (1)</b> like something very much</p>		Jack is enthusiastic about fishing because he loves eating fish!	<i>Be enthusiastic about</i> can be followed by a noun or a gerund (verb + <i>ing</i> ).	<p>be pumped about something (informal)</p> <p>be fired up about something (informal)</p> <p>be (all) charged up about something (informal)</p> <p>be nuts/wild/crazy about something (informal)</p> <p>be gung-ho about something (slang)</p>	<p>be indifferent toward/about something</p> <p>be blasé about something (informal)</p> <p>be lukewarm about something (informal)</p> <p>not give a darn/a damn about something (slang)</p>
<p><b>be flying high (9)</b> be very happy</p>	informal	Naomi was flying high after she won the lottery; she kept dancing around the room and kissing everyone.		<p>be beside oneself (with joy)</p> <p>be in high spirits</p> <p>be on top of the world (informal)</p> <p>be in seventh heaven (informal)</p> <p>be on cloud nine (informal)</p>	<p>be in low spirits</p> <p>be down in the dumps (informal)</p> <p>be down at the mouth (informal)</p>
<p><b>be in charge (of someone or something) (5, 14)</b> be responsible (for someone or something)</p>		You should talk to my boss. He's in charge of the project.	You can also <i>be in charge of doing something</i> , as in <i>I'm in charge of paying the bills</i> .	<p>be in command (of someone or something)</p> <p>be at the helm (of something)</p> <p>be at the head (of something)</p> <p>be in the saddle (informal)</p> <p>be head honcho (slang)</p>	<p>work for someone</p> <p>play second fiddle to someone (informal)</p> <p>be an underling (informal)</p>

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<b>be in one's element (14)</b> be in a happy and comfortable situation		Ahmed, who loves books, is in his element at the library.		be/feel at home feel at ease	be out of one's element be a fish out of water be a square peg in a round hole
<b>be in the same boat (as someone) (13)</b> be in the same situation, with the same problem(s)	informal	The two strangers missed the last train. Realizing they were both in the same boat, they shared a taxi into town.		be in the same fix (informal) be in the same pickle (informal) be in the same tight spot (informal)	
<b>be nervous about something (13)</b> feel afraid and a little excited about something		Mehmet thinks he will do well at his new job, but he's nervous about meeting all the new people.		be concerned about something be in a stew about something (informal) have butterflies in one's stomach (informal)	be calm about something be (as) cool as a cucumber (informal) be laid-back about something (informal)
<b>be nuts (13)</b> be crazy; insane	informal	Many people think Leyla is nuts for leaving her important job at the university to live in a cabin in the woods.	You can also <i>go nuts</i> , which means <i>become crazy</i> .	be crazy; be bananas; be nutty as a fruitcake (informal) have a screw loose (informal) be stark raving mad (informal) be out of one's mind (informal)	be clear-headed be of sound mind
<b>be on edge (13)</b> be nervous		As a tourist in New York City, Mimi was on edge. She had heard so many stories of crime!		be jittery (informal) be in a tizzy (slang) be in a stew (slang)	be at ease be laid-back (informal) be (as) cool as a cucumber (informal) keep one's cool (informal)

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<b>be out of one's mind (9)</b> be crazy, irrational, silly	informal	You're out of your mind to try something as dangerous as sky-diving!	You can also <i>go out of your mind</i> , which means <i>become crazy or silly</i> .	be crazy/nuts/bananas (informal) have a screw loose (informal) be nutty as a fruitcake (informal) be off one's rocker (informal)	be of sound mind be in one's right mind (informal)
<b>be out of the woods (14)</b> be out of danger after an illness, injury, or very difficult situation	informal	After Brenda's heart attack, she was in the hospital on life support for weeks, but she gradually improved and is now out of the woods.		pull through (an illness) be out of harm's way be on the road to recovery be home free (informal)	be in danger be on thin ice (informal) be hanging by a thread (informal) have one foot in the grave (informal)
<b>be pregnant (6)</b> be going to have a baby		Seiko is pregnant with her first child and is trying to choose a name for the baby.	You can <i>be five months pregnant, be six months pregnant, etc.</i>	be expecting (informal) be 3 (4, 5, etc.) months along (informal) be in the family way (informal) have a cake/a loaf in the oven (slang)	



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<b>be scared of someone or something (5)</b> fear; be afraid of someone or something		I won't swim in the ocean because I'm scared of sharks.	You can also <i>be scared of doing something</i> .	be frightened of someone or something be afraid of someone or something be scared to death of someone or something (informal)	be fearless/ unafraid/ unintimidated
<b>be scared stiff (of someone or something) (8)</b> be very afraid (of someone or something)	informal	After I saw that horror film, I was scared stiff for three days!		be scared to death be out of one's wits be scared silly (informal) be petrified (informal) be white with fear be white as a sheet	be calm be (as) cool as a cucumber (informal)
<b>be sick and tired of something (9)</b> feel unable to tolerate something any longer	informal	Charles decided to move to sunny Florida because he's sick and tired of the long, cold winters in Chicago.	This expression is similar to, but stronger than, <i>be sick of something</i> or <i>be tired of something</i> . It can be followed by a gerund, as in <i>I'm sick and tired of studying</i> .	have all one can stand of someone or something be fed up with someone or something (informal)	be enthusiastic about something be interested in something be gung-ho about something (informal) be tickled pink about something (informal)
<b>be sick of something (7)</b> be tired of; be bored with something	informal	Ming was sick of the rainy weather in Seattle, so she took a trip to California.	This expression can be followed by a gerund (verb + <i>ing</i> ), as in <i>I'm sick of cooking</i> . <i>Let's go out to eat!</i>	be fed up with something (informal) be bored stiff with something (informal)	be interested in someone or something be enchanted by someone or something

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<b>be the real thing (13)</b> be genuine and authentic	informal	The jeweler examined Ludmilla's ring and said the diamond was the real thing.		be the genuine article (informal) be the real McCoy (informal)	be a fake be a phoney (informal) be a con artist (said of a person)
<b>before long (13)</b> in a short time; soon		Mother Earth will be destroyed before long if we don't take care of the environment.		in a while in the near future in a little while (informal)	
<b>belong to someone (1)</b> be the property of someone		I found this book in my car. Does it belong to you?	Phrasal verb (trans, inseparable) The example could also read <i>I found this book in my car. Is it yours?</i>		
<b>break new ground (4)</b> do something that has not been done before		Alexander Graham Bell broke new ground when he invented the telephone.	You can break new ground <i>in something</i> or <i>by doing something</i> . Don't confuse this expression with <i>break ground for something</i> , which means start digging the foundation for a new building.	be on the cutting edge (of something) be in the vanguard (of something) be avant-garde blaze a (new) trail	re-invent the wheel go over old ground be behind the times
<b>burn something down (6)</b> destroy something by fire		He fell asleep with a lighted cigarette and burned his house down.	Phrasal verb (trans, separable)	burn something to the ground set fire to something reduce something to ashes	put a fire out
<b>by mistake (2)</b> accidentally; in error		Hideaki got on the wrong train by mistake and went to Boston instead of Washington, D.C.		by accident by a fluke	on purpose by choice by design with one's eyes wide open

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<b>come up (4)</b> rise (referring to the sun, moon, etc.)		The sun will come up at 6:20 tomorrow morning.	Phrasal verb (intrans)	come over the horizon	go down
<b>do away with something (10)</b> put an end to something; destroy something		Lupe chose to study economics in college because her dream was to do away with poverty.	Phrasal verb (trans, inseparable)	get rid of something put an end to something dispose of something	bring something forth give birth (to something)
<b>dream of (doing) something (11)</b> think about (doing) something that you wish for the future		Arturo does not like working for other people and dreams of having his own business someday.	Phrasal verb (trans, inseparable)	harbor the idea of doing something	give up on one's dreams
<b>drive someone away (11)</b> force someone to leave		Paul is so loud and rude that he drives people away.	Phrasal verb (trans, separable)	force someone out (of a place)	draw someone toward you
<b>drive someone crazy (8)</b> annoy or irritate someone	informal	Children who scream and shout drive me crazy.		make someone crazy try someone's patience drive someone mad (informal) drive someone up the wall (informal) grate on someone's nerves (informal)	set someone at ease

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<b>drop someone a line (7)</b> write a short letter to someone	informal	I haven't heard from Yilmaz in a year; I should drop him a line.		drop someone a note get in touch with someone	
<b>dry off (12)</b> become dry		After the river rafting trip, I was completely wet; so I sat in the sun and dried off.	Phrasal verb (intrans) <i>Dry something off</i> is transitive and separable and means <i>make something dry</i> . <i>Dry up</i> also means <i>become dry</i> , but it is used in the sense of <i>evaporate</i> , as in <i>It was so hot that the lake dried up</i> .		get wet
<b>eat out (2)</b> eat in a restaurant		I don't like restaurant food, so I never eat out.	Phrasal verb (intrans)	go out to eat dine out go out for a bite to eat	eat in
<b>face-to-face (6)</b> in direct contact; in person		It was nice to meet Monika face-to-face after years of e-mailing.	The expression is often used with the verbs <i>meet</i> , <i>stand</i> , and <i>sit</i> .	in person nose to nose eyeball to eyeball	
<b>fall madly in love (with someone) (8, 13)</b> begin to love (someone) very much	informal	When Hans saw Maria at the dance, he thought she looked like an angel and fell madly in love with her.		fall head over heels in love (with someone) (informal) fall for someone (informal) be swept off one's feet by someone (informal)	fall out of love (with someone)

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<b>fight tooth and nail (5)</b> fight very hard	informal	The dogs were fighting tooth and nail and were completely bloody.	The expression can also be used when physical force is not involved: <i>The mayor fought the new law tooth and nail.</i>	fight it out slug it out go at it tooth and nail (informal) fight like devils (informal)	get along (with someone) kiss and make up
<b>find something out (6)</b> learn or discover something		When Elena did some research on her family tree, she found out that her grandfather had been in prison.  She found that out when she did research on her family tree.	Phrasal verb (trans, sep) <i>Find out</i> can be separable, but usually only the word <i>it</i> or <i>that</i> separates the two parts of the verb. More commonly, the object is placed after <i>find out</i> , e.g., <i>I found out the truth, I found out that he lied</i> , etc. Often the expression is followed by <i>who, how, when, that, and about</i> , as in <i>I found out who was responsible</i> or <i>I just found out about the test</i> .	come to know something get wind of something become aware of something	be blind to something be deaf to something not have the foggiest idea/notion about something (informal)
<b>follow the crowd (1)</b> do what everyone else does		Norbert wants a tattoo because his friends have them; he always follows the crowd.		jump/get on the bandwagon swim with the tide follow the fashion	stand apart swim against the tide/current march to the tune of a different drummer (informal)
<b>force someone back (4)</b> make someone go back		The lion tamer at the circus forced back the lions with his whip.  The lion tamer at the circus forced the lions back with his whip.	Phrasal verb (trans, sep)	drive someone back push someone back make someone retrace their steps	

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<b>get a kick out of something (7)</b> enjoy something a lot	informal	Tom's old photos of us were so funny. I really got a kick out of them!		get a charge out of something (informal) get a bang out of something (informal) delight in something	be bored (stiff) with something
<b>get away (7)</b> leave one's daily routine; go on vacation		I've had such a busy schedule at the office this year; I really need to get away!	Phrasal verb (intrans) This expression can be followed by <i>from</i> , as in <i>I'd like to get away from work for a week.</i> <i>Get away</i> also means <i>escape</i> .	take a break take a vacation	stay put
<b>get involved (with something) (8)</b> become active or interested (in something)		Hassan just started graduate school and is getting very involved with his studies.	<i>Get involved with someone</i> means <i>begin a romantic relationship with someone</i> . Note that <i>get involved in something</i> has a similar meaning, namely, <i>become very interested in what you are doing</i> .	be involved (with something) participate in something take part (in something)	distance oneself from something steer clear of something wash one's hands of something
<b>get married (to someone) (9)</b> marry (someone)		Perry and Alice plan to get married after they finish college.	After you <i>get married</i> , you <i>are married</i> .	tie the knot (with someone) get hitched (slang)	get a divorce (from someone) get divorced (from someone) split up (informal)

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<b>get off to a good start (11)</b> have a successful beginning		Terry's new restaurant got off to a good start when the local newspaper printed a very favorable review.		get off to a flying start (informal)	get off to a bad start start on the wrong foot (informal)
<b>get ready (for something) (9)</b> prepare (for something)		Greta is getting ready for her solo camping trip very carefully; if she forgets something, it could be dangerous.	You can also <i>get ready to do something</i> , as in <i>Greta is getting ready to take a trip</i> .	get set (for something)	wing it (informal, =do something with no preparation)
<b>get rid of something (10)</b> remove; throw something away		I cleaned my closet and got rid of my old clothes.	Sometimes <i>be</i> is used in this expression, as in <i>I'd like to be rid of that old car</i> .	throw something away throw something out toss something out do away with something dispose of something deep-six something (slang)	hang on to/hold on to something (=keep)
<b>get the shock of one's life (5)</b> be extremely surprised or scared	informal	Maria got the shock of her life when she heard the winning lottery number—it was hers!		be dumbfounded be bowled over (by something) (informal)	keep one's cool (informal) not blink an eye (informal)
<b>get the upper hand (10)</b> get the power or advantage		When Ricardo negotiates with his business competitors, he tries hard to get the upper hand.	You can <i>get the upper hand on someone</i> , as in <i>Ricardo tries to get the upper hand on his competitors</i> .	gain the upper hand get the edge on someone get the better of someone	lose out
<b>get together (with someone) (6)</b> meet and spend time (with someone)		George and Mary met on the Internet, and they hope to get together sometime in the future.	You can <i>get together with someone for something</i> , as in <i>I got together with Sam for dinner</i> .	rendez-vous	

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<b>give birth (to a baby) (6)</b> have a baby		Last night Ana gave birth to a healthy baby boy.	<i>Give birth to something</i> means <i>start something new</i> , as in <i>The artist gave birth to a new kind of sculpture.</i>	bring a baby into the world	
<b>give someone the red-carpet treatment (12)</b> welcome a guest with special attention		I'm a regular customer at the Peking Palace restaurant, so they always give me the red-carpet treatment.		roll out the red carpet (for someone) welcome someone with open arms wine and dine someone put out the welcome mat (informal)	turn one's back on someone have nothing to do with someone
<b>give something back (to someone)(2)</b> return something (to someone)		Can you give me back my dictionary? I need it.  Can you give my dictionary back to me? I need it.	Phrasal verb (trans, sep)	bring something back	get something back
<b>give up (doing) something (4)</b> stop or quit (doing) something		I'm going to give up studying dance; it's just too tiring.	Phrasal verb (trans, sep) <i>Give up</i> can also mean <i>stop trying</i> , in which case it is intransitive: <i>Don't give up! If you continue working hard, you'll succeed.</i>	cut out (doing) something put an end (stop) to (doing) something	keep on doing something go on doing something keep at it stick it out (informal)



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<b>globe-trotting</b> (7) traveling around the world		Gordana is a globe-trotting musician; she has played in six countries in the past six months.	In the example, the expression is an adjective. It can also be used as a noun, as in <i>Jim's wife doesn't like his constant globe-trotting.</i> A person who travels a lot is a <i>globe-trotter</i> .		stay-at-home
<b>go back (to a place)</b> (2, 13) return (to a place)		After 50 years, Pavel is going back to visit the house where he was born.	Phrasal verb <i>Go back</i> is intransitive. <i>Go back to</i> is transitive and inseparable.		
<b>go by (someone or something)</b> (12) pass; move past (someone or something)		When I go by the library, I always stop to get a few books.	Phrasal verb (intrans or trans, insep)	pass by	
<b>go from bad to worse</b> (8) go from a bad situation to a very bad situation	informal	My rash is going from bad to worse. First it covered my finger, but now it's all over my hand.		get worse	get better
<b>go head to head (with someone)</b> (3) argue or fight (with someone)		Paco and his wife are always going head to head about how to spend their money.		be at odds (with someone) be at loggerheads (with someone) lock horns (with someone)	keep the peace kiss and make up (informal) bury the hatchet (informal, = stop fighting)

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<b>go out (of a place) (8)</b> leave (a place)		The dog went out of the gate while we were not looking.	Phrasal verb <i>Go out</i> is intransitive. <i>Go out of</i> is transitive and inseparable. <i>Go out</i> can also mean <i>leave one's house for the purposes of entertainment</i> .	walk out (of a place)	go in (to a place) set foot in a place
<b>go out on a limb (3)</b> do something that could have dangerous consequences		My boss hates to spend money, but I went out on a limb anyway and asked for a raise.	A limb is a tree branch, so the expression indicates a dangerous position.	take a chance take a risk put oneself on the line risk one's neck (informal) stick one's neck out (informal) skate on thin ice (informal) play with fire (informal) rock the boat (informal) make waves (informal)	be careful play it safe (informal)
<b>go out with someone (9)</b> have a romance with someone; go somewhere with a friend		Bill went out with Carrie for two years before they got engaged.  Do you want to go out and see a movie tonight?	Phrasal verb (trans, insep) Note that this expression has two different usages, as in the examples.	have a date (with someone) take someone out go steady (with someone)	break up (with someone)
<b>go wrong (14)</b> fail; not happen as planned		I tried to cook a nice dinner for my boss, but everything went wrong. I burned the meat and undercooked the potatoes!	The subject used with <i>go wrong</i> is usually an indefinite pronoun, such as <i>everything</i> , <i>something</i> , <i>nothing</i> , <i>many things</i> , etc.	go amiss turn out badly not pan out (informal) go up in smoke (informal) come to grief (informal) be a washout (slang)	pan out (informal) turn out fine

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<b>hand something out (9)</b> distribute something		The teacher handed out the reading list on the first day of class.  The teacher handed the reading list out on the first day of class.	Phrasal verb (trans, sep) You can <i>hand something out to someone</i> , as in <i>The teacher handed out the reading list to us.</i>	give something out pass something out	take something in keep something for oneself
<b>have a ball (12)</b> have a wonderful time; really enjoy oneself		informal	Hayley's party had delicious food and great music; I think the guests had a ball!	have fun have a blast/have a scream (informal) have the time of one's life (informal)	have a horrible time (informal)
<b>have a clear conscience (2)</b> be free of guilt		When the bank put too much money in Tony's account, he returned it because he wanted to have a clear conscience.		have clean hands (informal)	have a guilty conscience
<b>have a lot in common (with someone) (13)</b> be similar in many ways (to someone)		Julio and Boris have a lot in common with each other; they both like biking, roller blading, and reading.	You can substitute many other phrases for <i>a lot</i> , such as <i>much, quite a lot, quite a bit, something, a few things</i> , and <i>nothing</i> .	be a lot alike be cast in the same mold be like two peas in a pod speak the same language be birds of a feather	have nothing in common (with someone) be cast in a different mold
<b>have got to do something (2, 14)</b> have to do something; must do something		If Tatjana wants to stay healthy, she has got to lose weight and begin exercising.	Note that <i>have got to, have to</i> , and <i>must</i> mean the same. <i>Had to</i> is the past of all three expressions, and <i>will have to</i> is the future.	need to do something be obliged to do something	don't have to do something