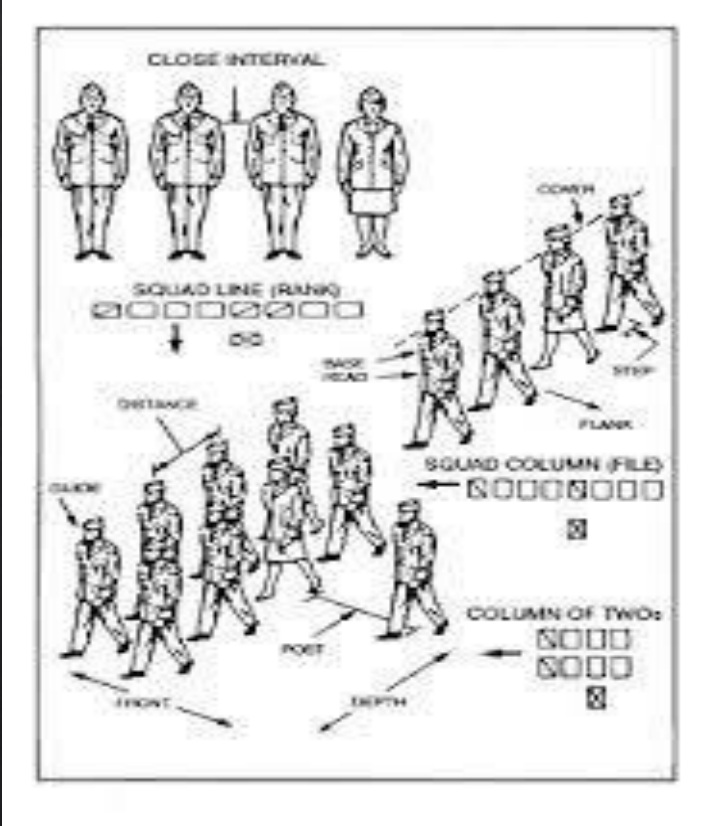


1. rank and file :- Ordinary people



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Eg:- There was widespread support for him among the rank and file.

2. **have bitten off more than I can chew** :-

To take on more than one can handle

Aman Sir English



Eg:- He bought the old hotel
but soon realized he had bitten
off more than he could chew.

3. take into account :- consider



Aman Sir English

Eg:- The calculations do not take into account any fluctuation in the share price.

4. **Be hard up:-** having very little money

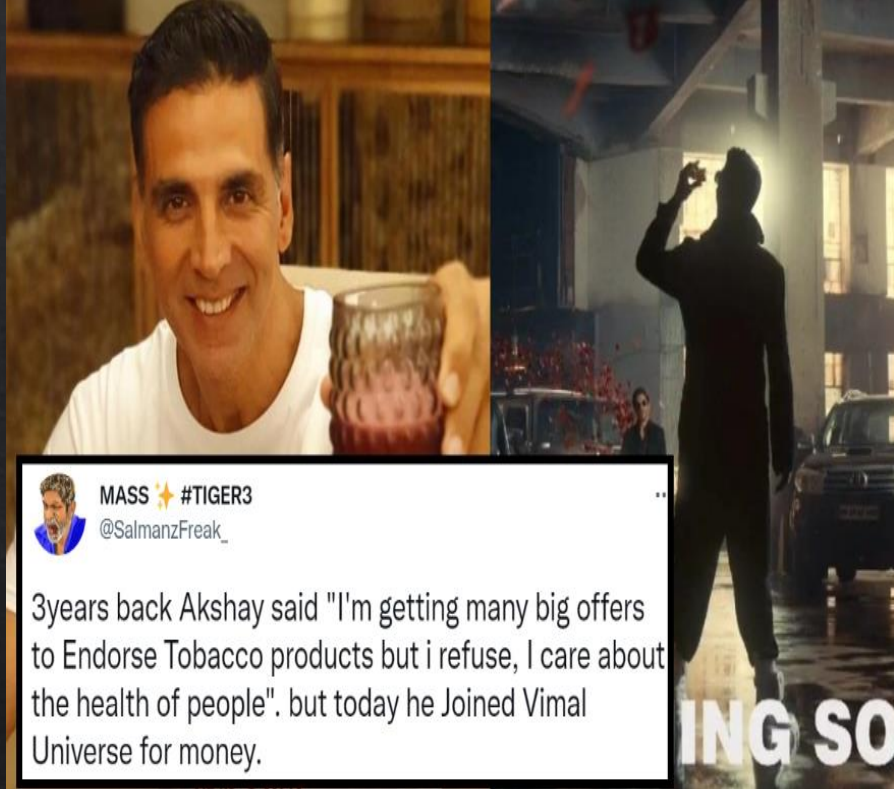


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Eg:- We're a bit hard up at the moment so we're not thinking about holidays.

5. In the same breath:- Say two contradictory things at the same time.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- You say he treats you badly but in the same breath you tell me how much you love him.

6. On the wane :- On the decline



Aman Sir English

Eg:- He was nominally Deputy Prime Minister, certainly, but his influence was clearly on the wane.

7. A long shot:- something you try although it is unlikely to be successful/ Little chance of success.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- It's a long shot, but you could try phoning him at home..

8. Money doesn't grow on trees:-

said to warn someone to be careful how much money they spend, because there is only a limited amount.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- "Mum, I'd like a new bike."
"I'll have to think about it – money doesn't grow on trees, you know!"

9. Lie low:- (especially of a criminal) keep out of sight; avoid detection or attention/ try not to be noticed.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- the murderer was lying low in a barn.

10. Takes after :- To resemble / similar to

Aman Sir English



Eg- She takes after her grandfather in her talent for design.

11. **Fell foul of:-** got into trouble with



Aman Sir English

Eg – Everything had been going well for her before she fell foul with the director.

12. Hold the key:- to have control over something.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Police are re-interviewing witnesses in the case, hoping that one of them holds the key to solving the mystery.

13. Leave no stone unturned:- to make all possible efforts

Aman Sir English



Eg - He left no stone unturned
in his search for the treasure .

14. In a tight corner :-in a difficult situation.



Aman Sir English

Eg- Covid has put the company in tight corners.

15. Nip in the bud :- To destroy early

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Many serious illnesses can be nipped in the bud if they are detected early enough.

16. A dark horse :- An unknown entry/ an unexpected winner.

Aman Sir English



Eg – Anna's such a dark horse –
I had no idea she'd published a
novel.

17. Easy money:- money that is easily and sometimes dishonestly earned.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Because Sonali is such a good writer, freelance work is easy money for her.

18. Bury the hatchet:- To make peace

Aman Sir English



Eg – By the fear of Police the gang of college requested to bury the hatchet to the guy who was beaten so badly just for not obeying gang's order.

19. To fight shy of :- To try to avoid something

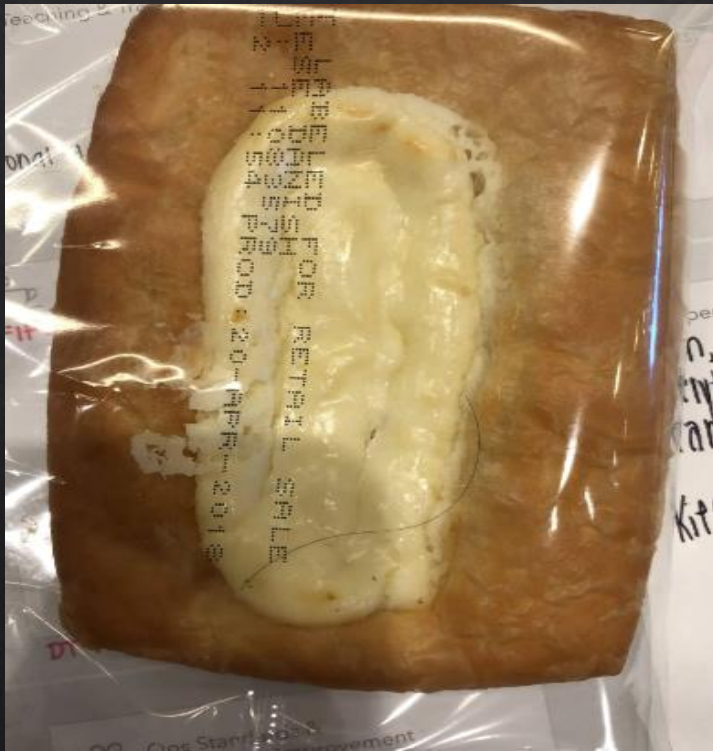


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Eg:- I have had to fight shy of invitations that would exhaust time and spirits.

20. A hair in the butter:- A problem or challenging situation.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Forgetting my textbook at school has proved to be a real hair in the butter for my study plans.

21. Does not hold water :- Cannot be believed

Aman Sir English



Eg :- Your explanation doesn't hold water. The best option is sound logical fact.

22. Playing with fire:- taking a grave risk

Aman Sir English



Eg- You're playing with fire if you try to cheat on the test.

23. Blow one's own trumpet:- Praise oneself

Aman Sir English



Eg –The crew tried to blow their own trumpet but the manager did not buy their story.

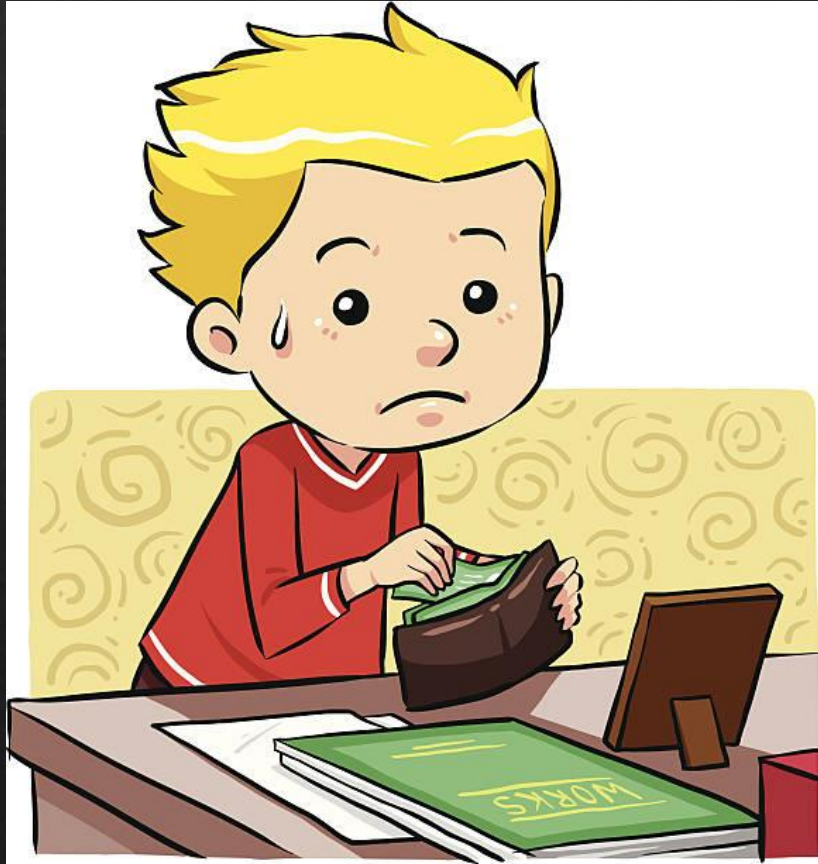
24. Snake in the grass :- A treacherous person

Aman Sir English



Eg- He is a snake in the grass
so beware of him.

25. Sticky fingers:- a propensity to steal



Aman Sir English

Eg:- The little boy had sticky fingers and was always taking his father's small change.

26. Eat like a horse :- Eats a lot of food

Aman Sir English



Eg - I eat like a horse after a good walk along the beach – the sea air really stimulates my appetite.

27. Pay heed to :- Listen carefully with attention



Aman Sir English

Eg:- A good leader should always pay heed to the voice of the masses.

28. Back out:- to withdraw especially from a commitment or contest

Aman Sir English



Eg:- she backed out on her offer to help with the wedding planning.

29. Have a change of heart :- Change one's opinion



Aman Sir English

Eg:- He said he's not coming,
but he might have a change
of heart.

30. Smooth sailing :- Easy progress



Aman Sir English

Eg:- We had a hard time setting up the new computer system but it'll be smooth sailing from here on.

31. On purpose :- Intentionally



Aman Sir English

Eg:- You hit him **on purpose**.

32. Feast one's eyes on:- to look at (something or someone) with great pleasure.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- We feasted our eyes on the colors of the autumn landscape.

33. Cold comfort :- Very little satisfaction

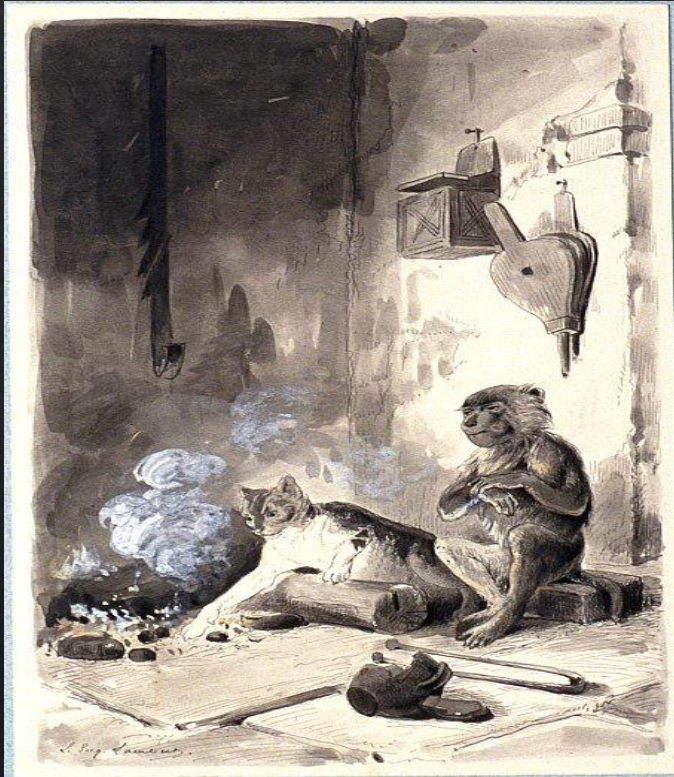
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Eg:- A small drop in the inflation rate was cold comfort for the millions without a job.

34. To make a cat's paw or a tool of someone – to use someone as a means of attaining your object

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Poor people easily become a cat's paw in the hands of the politicians.

35. In the limelight:- in public attention and interest/
The centre of attraction.

Aman Sir English



Eg:- Once news of this scandal breaks, our company will be in the limelight for months.

36. Hit a brick wall/Come up against a brick wall:-

Not able to make any progress

Aman Sir English



Eg:- After that my career just seemed to hit a brick wall.

37. Get one's dander up :- Lose one's temper



Aman Sir English

Eg:- The boxer finally got his dander up and went after his opponent with a vengeance.

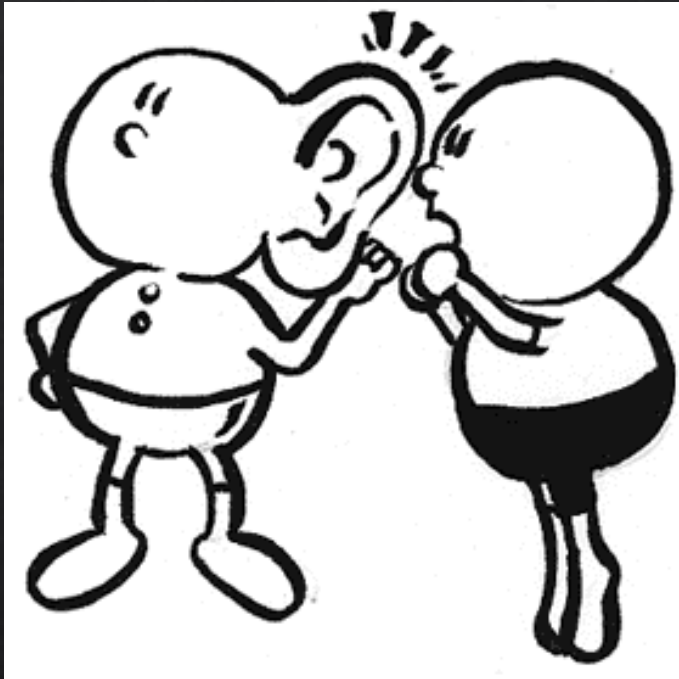
38. all in all :- Overall



Aman Sir English

Eg:- Sometimes she is grouchy,
but all in all she is an excellent
teacher.

39. Lend me your ear:- to pay attention to



Aman Sir English

Eg:- Tracey was a caring person and would always lend an ear to everyone's problems.

40. Pull a long face :- look dejected



Aman Sir English

Eg – I don't know what's the matter with her, but she's been pulling a long face for two days.

41. Get away :- To escape / run away



Aman Sir English

Eg:- You can't **get away** with anything in her class-she has eyes in the back of her head.

42. Between Scylla and Charybdis :-

Between two dangers

Aman Sir English



Eg:- He was between Scylla and Charybdis, for his company had betrayed him.

43. **Be at a loose end** :- To have nothing to do



Aman Sir English

Eg:- They'd be at a loose end when it was over, which would be the time to approach them.

44. Have a soft spot for someone :- To like someone a lot

Aman Sir English



Eg:- He obviously has a soft spot for people, although that is not apparent from his political image.

45. Pull the plug:- Prevent something from happening or continuing

Aman Sir English



Eg- The network pulled the plug on the show after three weeks.

46. At loggerheads :- Disagreeing with



Aman Sir English

Eg:- The brothers were always at loggerheads with each other. There was little love lost between them.

47. The movers and shakers :- People who have a lot of power and influence

Aman Sir English



Eg:- It is the movers and shakers of the record industry who will decide which bands make it.

48. Comparing apples with oranges :- Unequal comparisons

Aman Sir English



Eg:- The ratio of exports to GDP is very misleading. It compares apples and oranges.

49. Lion's share :- Largest share



Aman Sir English

Eg:- She didn't do much, but she got the lion's share of the attention from the teachers.

50. Get the axe :- Lose the job



Aman Sir English

Eg:- I'm going to get the axe
if the boss finds out that printing
error was my fault.