

Idioms and Phrases

1) Bad patches - professional difficulties.

E.g. A friend of mine is going through bad patches presently.

2) Skate on thin ice - to take risk deliberately.

3) Shades of grey - not clear if right or wrong

4) line in the sand - a limit or boundary on something

5) Keep your nose clean - to stay away from unnecessary fights

6) bun in the oven - to be pregnant / to be expecting

7) Of the first water - of the best quality

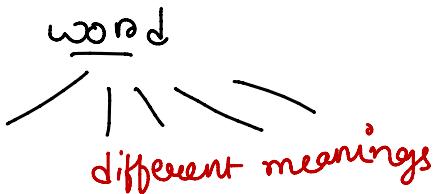
8) Give it a whirl - to try out something

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9) At sea - totally confused / you are at a loss.

10) A house of cards - an insecure scheme

Homonyms



Homophones

different spellings
same sound

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1) air

- ↳ oxygen
- ↳ a little voice/tune

Homophones

⇒ die / dye -

If you accidentally drank a bottle of dye, you might die.

2) band

- ↳ wrist band
- ↳ musical group

⇒ idle / idol -

Being idle makes me unhappy, but listening to my idol Taylor Swift makes me happy.

3) express

- ↳ force out / extract
- ↳ to analyze thoughts by

⇒ tail / tale -

My cat was crazily chasing his tail while I read a fairy tale

↳ to analyze thoughts by using some kind of words.

Chasing one's tail - wrote
I read a fairy tale to my children.

4) well

→ good health

→ source of water

4) accept /
except

accept - to agree to receive or to do something

5) tender

↳ soft; delicate ; gentle

↳ supply of money

except - not including

5) accede - to give one's consent

exceed - to surpass or go beyond the limit.

6) spring

↳ coiled metal



↳ season

7) right

↳ correct

↳ direction

6) access - the means or the right to enter a place

excess - a quantity much larger than is needed.

8) mean

↳ average

7) adverse - harmful

averse - strongly disliking /

↳ average

↳ not nice

9) fair

↳ good

↳ equitable

10) jag

↳ bundle

↳ stab ; pierce ; prick

averse - strongly disliking /
opposed

8) advice ^(noun) - guidance /
recommendations about what to do.

advise - to recommend
^(verb) something

9) affect ^(verb) - to change /
make a difference to

effect ^(noun) - a result

10) aisle - a passage
between rows of seats.

isle - an island

11) altar - a sacred table
in a church

alter - change

12) assent - agreement ;
approval

13) assent - agreement ;
approval

ascent - the action of
rising or climbing up

13) aural - ears ; or hearing

oral - mouth ; or spoken

14) bated - in an excited way ;
in a great suspense

baited - with a bait attached
or inserted

15) born - starting life

borne - carrying

16) climactic - forming a climax

climatic - climate

17) complement - to add to so as to
improve something ;

21) improve - improve something ;

compliment - praise

18) cue - a signal for action /
a wooden rod

queue - line of people

19) cweb - control / put a
limit to

Kerab - the stone edge of a
pavement

20) desert - hot / cold desert

dessert - sweet dish

21) discreet - careful not to
attract attention.

discrete - separate and
distinct

22) dual / duel

dual - 2 parts

duel - fight / contest

23) elicit - to draw out a reply or reaction

illicit - illegal

24) ensure - to make certain that something will happen

insure - to provide compensation

25) envelop - to cover or surround

envelope - a paper container for a letter

26) fawn - a young deer

fawn - partly man ; part ¹⁴ goat

27) forbear - to refrain

forebear - an ancestor

28) foreword - an introduction
to a book

forward - onwards ; ahead

29) freeze - to turn to ice

frieze - a decoration along
a wall.

30) loath - unwilling ; reluctant

loathe - to hate

31) pedal - a foot operated lever

peddle - to sell goods

32) practice - using idea and methods to work or run a business

practise - doing something repeatedly to gain skill ; to do something regularly

33) principal - most important ; the head of a school.

principle - a fundamental rule or belief .