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A from A to B	从一处到另一处	Anne doesn't care what a car's brand is as long as it gets her from A to B.	安妮倒不在乎汽车的牌子,只要能把她从一处载到另一处就行了。
A from A to Z	从头到尾,彻底地	know a subject from A to Z	精通一门学科
ABOUT be about to do sth	即将,正要	They're about to start.	他们即将动身。
ABOUT how/what about...?	(用以询问消息或征求意见)	What about your qualifications for the job?	你有资格做这件工作吗?
ABOVE above 'all	最重要的,尤其	Peter longs above all (else) to see his family again.	彼得尤其渴望再见到家里的人。
ABREAST be/keep abreast of sth	跟上某事物	You should read the newspapers to keep abreast of current affairs.	应该看报以便了解时事。
ABSTRACT in the 'abstract	抽象地,在理论上	Consider the problem in the abstract.	抽象地考虑一下这一问题。
ACCIDENT by accident	偶然,意外地	Emma only found it by accident.	埃玛只是碰巧找到的。
ACCORD in accord (with sth/sb)	与(某事物[某人])一致,融洽	Such an act would not be in accord with our policy.	这种做法不符合我们的政策。
ACCORD of one's own ac'cord	主动地,自愿地	Paul joined the army of his own accord.	保罗自愿地参了军。

ACCORD with , one ac'cord	全体一致；一致地；	With one accord we all stood up and cheered.	我们全体一致起立欢呼。
ACCORDANCE in accordance with sth	按照或依据某事物	in accordance with sb's wishes	按照某人的愿望
ACCOUNT by/from all accounts	据说 根据报道	I've never been there but it is, by all accounts, a lovely place.	我从来没去过那个地方，但是人家都说那地方很好。
ACCOUNT give a good, poor, etc ac'count of oneself	表现好、不好等 (尤指于竞赛中)	Our team gave a splendid account of themselves to win the match.	我们队表现出色，赢了那场比赛。
ACCOUNT of great, small, no, some, etc ac'count	很重要、不大重要等	a man of no account	一个无足轻重的人
ACCOUNT on account	作为先付的部分款项	Martin will give you £ 20 on account.	马丁先付你 20 英镑。
ACCOUNT on account	以后付款；赊账	buy sth on account	赊购某物
ACCOUNT on sb's account	为了某人的缘故	Don't change your plans on my account.	不要为了我而改变你的计划。
ACCOUNT on account of sth; on this/that account	因为、由于、为了某事物 为此	Mark delayed his departure on account of the bad weather	由于天气不好，马克将启程的时间推迟了。
ACCOUNT on no account; not on any account	决不可以 切莫	Don't on any account leave the prisoner unguarded	这个囚犯决不能没人看守。
ACCOUNT on one's own ac'count	自行负责	work on one's own account	自行负责地工作

ACCOUNT on one's own ac'count	为了自己的利益	Helen was worried on her own account, not yours.	海伦是为她自己担心 而不是为你。
ACCOUNT put/turn sth to good ac'count	善用(钱、才智等); 利用	John turned his artistic gifts to good account by becoming a sculptor.	约翰发挥艺术天才,成了雕刻家。
ACCOUNT take account of sth; take sth into account	计及;斟酌;体谅; 考虑	When judging his performance, don't take his age into account	评定他的表现时,不必考虑他的年龄。
ACE within an ace of sth/doing sth	差一点儿,几乎 (做)某事	Jim was within an ace of death/being killed.	吉姆险些丧了命。
ACHILLES an/one's Achilles' heel	致命弱点;(尤指某人个性中可导致一败涂地的缺陷)	Vanity is his Achilles' heel	虚荣自负是他的致命弱点。
ACQUAINTANCE make sb's acquaintance/make the acquaintance of sb	结识某人;与某人 相见	Karen made his acquaintance at a party.	卡伦是在一个聚会上认识他的。
ACQUAINTANCE on (further) ac'quaintance	认识了一段较长时间以后	Her manner seemed unpleasant at first, but she improved on further acquaintance.	她的举止起初让人很不愉快 但是经过进一步接触她改了许多。
ACQUIRE an acquired taste	逐渐培养的爱好	Abstract art is an acquired taste.	抽象派艺术要慢慢才会欣赏。
ACT be/get in on the act	(尤指为自己得到好处或利益而)参与某种活动	Linda has made a lot of money from her business and now her family want to get in on the act too.	琳达在生意上赚了大钱,现在她家里的人也要插手了。

ACTION in 'action	在运转；在操作； 在某项活动中	I've heard Mary is a marvellous player but I've never seen her in action.	我听说玛丽是位高手，但是我从未实地见过。
ACTION into 'action	实施 进行其活动	At daybreak the troops went into action.	拂晓时部队投入战斗。
ACTION out of 'action	不能再运转；失去 效用；不工作障。	This machine is out of action.	这台机器出了故障。
ACTION a piece/slice of the 'action	参与某事（尤指为 获得利益）	He is only putting money into this scheme if he gets a slice of the action.	只有分得一杯羹，他才会出钱参与这一计划。
ACTION where the 'action is	热闹、享乐、有利可 图等的地方	Life in the country can be dull — London is where all the action is.	乡下的生活有时是很枯燥的——伦敦才是最热闹的地方。
ADDITION in addition (to sb/sth)	加之；除...之外	In addition (to the names on the list) there are six other applicants.	除此（名单上的名字）之外，还有六个申请人。
ADVANCE in advance (of sth)	预先；事先；事前	The rent must be paid in advance.	租金须预付。
ADVANTAGE have the ad'vantage of sb	比某人强，占上风 （尤指知其所不 知）被陌生人直呼姓名	You have the advantage of me, I'm afraid.	您认识我，我还不认识您，失敬得很。（如时所说的话）
ADVANTAGE take ad'vantage of sth/sb	充分利用	Henry took full advantage of the hotel's facilities.	亨利充分利用旅馆的设备。
ADVANTAGE take ad'vantage of sth/sb	（为达到个人目的而 不正当地或不老实 地）利用某人或某事	Sally took advantage of my generosity.	沙莉利用了我的慷慨（取得比我想给的多）
ADVANTAGE to ad'vantage	用某种方法使优点 突出	The picture may be seen to (its best) advantage against a plain wall.	这幅画衬在素墙上就更加（格外）好看了。

AEGIS under the aegis of sb/sth	在某人或某事物 尤指公共机构的保护或支持下	Medical supplies are being flown in under the aegis of the Red Cross.	在红十字会的保护下,正在空运医药用品。
AFAR from a ¹ far	从远处	news from afar	远方来的消息
AFIELD far/farther/ further a ¹ field	远离(尤指家乡); 到远方 在远处	Some villagers have never been further afield than the neighbouring town.	有些村民从未远离过附近的市镇。
AFRAID I'm afraid (that)...	(通常不用 that 用以有礼貌地表达可能令人不快的信息)	I'm afraid we can't come.	很抱歉,我们不能来。
AFTER after ¹ all	毕竟 终究 归根结底	So you've come after all!	你到底还是来了
AFTER after ¹ all	应该记住	George should have offered to pay — he has plenty of money, after all.	乔治应该主动提出付款——他有的是钱 别忘了。
AGE (be) of an ¹ age	达到该做某事的年龄	David is of an age when he ought to settle down.	戴维已经到了应该安顿下来的年龄了。
AGE look one's ¹ age	容貌与年龄相称	Susan doesn't look her age at all.	苏珊一点儿也不像那么大年纪(显得年轻得多)
AGE under ¹ age	未到规定年龄; 未成年	Adam shouldn't sell cigarettes to teenagers who are under age/to under-age teenagers.	亚当不应该把香烟卖给没到规定年龄的青少年。
AGENCY by/through the agency of sth/ sb	由于或通过某人 [某事物]的作用	rocks worn smooth through the agency of water	被水冲得光滑的岩石
AGGREGATE in the aggregate	总计 合计 归结起来	The tax increases will in the aggregate cause much hardship.	增加税收归结起来将造成很多困难。

AGGREGATE on 'aggregate	整个来说 总体上	Their team scored the most goals on aggregate.	整个来说，他们队得分最多。
AGREE a, 'gree to 'differ	承认有分歧 保留不同意见 尤用于为避免进一步争论)	We must agree to differ on this.	我们得承认在这一问题上 有分歧。
AGREE be agreed (on/about sth) ; be agreed (that...)	达成协议 意见一致	Are you all agreed on the best course of action ?	你们是否都一致同意这一最佳措施？
AGREE 'couldn't agree (with sb) 'more	与某人意见完全一致	“ The plan's bound to fail.” “ I couldn't agree more !”	“ 这项计划注定要失败。” “ 你说得太对了！”
AID in aid of sth/sb	以支援或帮助某事物 某人]	collect money in aid of charity	为资助慈善事业募捐
AID what's(all) this , etc in aid of?	这个(等)有什么用(意)?	Now then, what's all this crying in aid of?	得啦，还有什么好哭的？
AIR in the 'air	在流传中 流行的	There's (a feeling of) unrest in the air.	四处充满了不安(的感觉)。
AIR in the 'air	未确定的；悬而未决的	Our plans are still (up) in the air.	我们的计划仍悬而未决。
AIR on/off the 'air	(无线电或电视) 广播 停播]	This channel comes on the air every morning at 7 am.	这个频道每天早晨7点钟开始播放
ALIVE a, live and 'kicking	生气勃勃；精神饱满 活泼 活跃	You'll be glad to hear that Peter is alive and kicking.	彼得现在精神饱满，你听了一定很高兴。
ALL and all 'that (jazz, rubbish, etc)	诸如此类的	I'm bored by history — dates and battles and all that stuff.	我让历史科给烦透了——那些日期、战争之类的事。

ALL not all that good, well, etc	不那么美好、完美 等	Paul doesn't sing all that well.	保罗唱得并不那么 好。
ALL not as bad(ly) etc as all 'that	不到那种程度；不 至于	Martin is not as rich as all that.	马丁并非那么富 有。
ALL all in 'all	从各方面考虑；从 各方面来说	All in all it had been a great success.	从各方面来说，那 都是极大的成功。
ALL all or 'nothing	(指行动过程)需 竭尽全力	It's all or nothing — if we don't score now we've lost the match.	一定要全力以赴—— 如果现在得不到分， 我们就输定了。
ALL and 'all	也,包括,而且	The wind blew everything off the table, tablecloth and all.	风把桌子上的所有东 西连桌布都吹掉了。
ALL (not) at all	根本,丝毫	Wendy didn't enjoy it at all.	温迪一点儿都不喜 欢它。
ALL in all	一共,总计	There were ten of us in all for dinner.	我们一共十个人吃 饭。
ALL one's 'all	自己所有的一切； 生命	The soldiers gave their all in the war.	战士们在战争中牺 牲了。
ALL all a'long	一直,始终,从开始 起就	Anne realized that she had had it in her pocket all along.	安妮发觉原来这一 直就在她口袋里。
ALL all the better, harder, etc	更好、更努力等	You'll have to work all the harder with two members of staff away ill.	有两个职员因病缺 勤，你们只好加把 劲儿了。
ALL all but	几乎；差不多	The party was all but over when Susan arrived.	苏珊到达时，聚会 已近尾声。
ALL all 'in	疲劳的；筋疲力尽 的	At the end of the race Mark felt all in.	马克在赛跑结束时 感到筋疲力尽。
ALL all of sth	(指体积、高度、距 离等)可能超过； 足足	It was all of two miles to the church.	离教堂足足有两英 里。

ALL all 'one	成一整体 合一	The John's don't have a separate dining-room — the living area is all one.	约翰家没有单独的饭厅——日常活动空间都在一处。
ALL all 'over	到处 各处	Jim looked all over for the ring.	吉姆到处找那只指环。
ALL all 'over	正像所说的人一样	That sounds like Emma all over.	听起来跟埃玛一模一样。
ALL all 'right	如愿 满意(的)	Is the green tea all right?	这绿茶行吗?
ALL all 'right	安全而健康	I hope the children are all right.	我希望孩子们平安而健康。
ALL all 'right	尚可	This homework is all right but you could do better.	这份家庭作业还算可以, 其实你可以做得更好。
ALL all 'right	表示同意做某人所要求的事	“Will you post this for me?” “Yes, all right.”	“你把这个给我寄去可以吗?” “好吧。”
ALL all 'right	表示绝对肯定	That's the man I saw in the truck all right.	那就是我看见的那个在卡车里的人, 错不了。
ALL all 'there	十分清醒的; 机敏的	Henry behaves very oddly at times — I don't think he's quite all there.	亨利有时很怪——我觉得他头脑不太正常。
ALL be all about sb/sth	把某人 [某事物] 当作议题或重点	The news is all about the latest summit meeting.	这条消息是关于最近的首脑级会议的。
ALL be all for sth/doing sth	坚信某事物是对的	Helen is all for more nursery schools being built.	海伦坚持主张多建托儿所。
ALL be all over...	在 某处 为 人人皆知	News of the holiday was all over the school within minutes.	放假的消息几分钟内全校就人人皆知了。

ALL be all 'over sb	巴结某人；讨好某人	You can see he's infatuated by Julie — he was all over her at the party.	你能看出来他被朱莉迷住了——在聚会上他一直向她献殷勤。
ALL be all up (with sb)	(对某人来说)全完	It looks as though it's all up with them now.	看来他们现在算全完了(他们垮了,没有希望了)
ALLOWANCE make allowances for sb	(因某原因需区别对待而)体谅、照顾某人	We must make allowances for him because he has been ill.	我们应该体谅他,因为他一直病着。
ALONE go it a' lone	(试图)独力执行一任务或开始一艰难工作 单干	George decided to go it alone and start his own business.	乔治决定单干创业。
ALONE let alone	更不用说	There isn't enough room for us, let alone six dogs and a cat.	连我们的地方都不够,更不必说六条狗和一只猫了。
ALONE leave/let sb/sth alone	不带走 不触摸、不干涉某人 [某事物] 不想左右或改变某人 [某事物]	Karen has asked to be left alone but the press keep pestering her.	卡伦要求不要打扰她,但报界总是缠着她不放。
ALONG along with sth	除某事物以外	Tobacco is taxed in most countries, along with alcohol.	除酒之外 烟草在多数国家都要征税。
ALOOF keep/hold/stand aloof from sb/sth	不参与某事物;对某人无友好表示	David stood aloof from the crowd.	戴维远离人群。
ALWAYS as 'always	料想与平时一样地	As always Adam was late and had to run to catch the bus.	亚当像平时一样又晚了 得跑着去赶公共汽车了。
AMENDS make amends (to sb/for sth)	(对所施加的侮辱或损害) 赔偿某人 赔得起呀?	How can I ever make amends for ruining her party?	我把她的聚会弄糟了,这个罪可怎么

AMISS (not) come/go a'miss	(并非)不称心或不 妥当	A new pair of shoes wouldn't come amiss.	新鞋不会不称心 的。
AMISS take sth a'miss	被某事物冒犯	Would Linda take it amiss if I offered to help?	如果我冒昧相助， 琳达会见怪吗？
AMOK run amok	横冲直撞 乱窜	The tiger escaped from the zoo and ran amok for hours.	老虎逃出了动物 园，张牙舞爪乱窜 了几小时。
AMOUNT any amount of sth	大量	Peter can get any amount of help.	彼得能得到大量的 帮助。
ANALYSIS in the 'last/ 'final a'nalysis	总之 归根结底	In the final analysis I think our sympathy lies with the heroine of the play.	总之，我认为我们 都同情剧中的女主 人公。
ANSWER have/know all the 'answers	对某事物所知甚详	Paul thinks he knows all the answers.	保罗自以为什么都 懂。
ANSWER answer to the description (of sb/ sth)	与描述的(人或事 物)相符合	The photograph answers to the description of the wanted man.	这张照片与被通缉 人相符。
ANSWER answer to the name of sth	(尤指宠爱的动 物)名叫,叫作	Her dog answers to the name of Spot.	她的狗的名字叫小 花。
ANY sb isn't 'having any	某人不感兴趣或不 同意	Martin tried to get her to talk about her divorce but she wasn't having any.	马丁想引她谈谈她 离婚的事，但她不 愿意说。
ANYTHING anything but	绝对不	The restaurant was anything but satisfactory.	这家饭店太不让人 满意了。
ANYTHING or anything	(与所提到的)相 似的另一事物	If you want to call a meeting or anything, put up a notice.	要想召集会议什么 的，就要出个通 知。

APPLE the 'apple of sb's eye	心爱的人或物；掌上明珠	Mary is the apple of her father's eye.	玛丽是父亲的掌上明珠。
ARGUE argue the 'toss	反对某项决定	Let's not argue the toss — we have to accept his choice.	我们不要争论已经决定的事——只能听他的。
ARMS (be) up in 'arms (about/ over sth)	强烈反对	The whole town is up in arms about the proposal to build an airport nearby.	全镇强烈反对在附近修建机场的计划。
AROUND be around	在某一领域或行业中活跃而突出	a new tennis champion who could be around for the next few years	以后几年能大显身手的新网球冠军
AROUND have been around	有见识；有阅历（尤指性事）	Mark pretends he's been around but he's really very immature.	马克装作老于世故，而实际上却很不成熟。
AS as against sth	与...对照；与...相比	Sally gets Saturdays off in her new job as against working alternate weekends in her last one.	沙莉新找的这份工作星期六放假，而原来的那份工作是隔周放假。
AS , as and 'when	（指将来的某一未定的事或行动）	We'll decide on our team as and when we qualify for the competition	我们等到有资格参加比赛时，再来决定本队参赛人员。
AS as and 'when	可能时；终于；最终	We'll tell you more as and when.	有可能时我们再多跟你说。
AS as for sb/sth	至于某人 [某事物]	As for the hotel, it was very uncomfortable and miles from the scenic spot.	至于旅馆呢，非常不舒服，而且离景点有好几里地。
AS as from; esp US as of	指某事物开始的时间或日期	As from next Monday you can use the dean's office.	从下星期一起，你可以使用院长的办公室。

AS as if; as though	好像 似乎 仿佛	John behaved as if nothing had happened.	约翰装作若无其事的样子。
AS as it 'is	照现状看 看样子	They were hoping to have a holiday next week — as it is, they may not be able to get away.	他们原来盼望着下星期放假——看样子走不了了。
AS as it 'were	在某种程度上 可以说	Susan seemed very relaxed — in her natural setting as it were.	苏珊似乎十分悠然自得——总是有她随遇而安的天地。
AS as to sth; as regards sth	至于某事物; 提到某事物	As to correcting our assignments, the teacher always makes us do it ourselves.	谈到改正我们的作业, 老师总是让我们自己改。
ASCENDANT in the ascendant	权势日益增强	Though Jim is still a young man his political career is already in the ascendant.	吉姆虽然年纪轻轻, 可是他在政坛上已青云直上了。
ASK 'ask for trouble/ it	自找麻烦 自讨苦吃	Driving after drinking alcohol is asking for trouble.	酒后开车是自讨苦吃。
ASK for the 'asking	只需开口; 只要索取	The job is yours for the asking.	你一开口就能得到那份工作。
ASK I 'ask you	(表示怀疑、惊奇、烦恼等)	They're thinking of taxing textbooks — I ask you, we'll have to pay to go to bed next!	教科书也快要上税了——好家伙, 眼看连睡觉都得付钱了!
ASK if you ask 'me	如果你想知道我的看法 恕我直言 不瞒你说	If you ask me, Henry hasn't got long to live.	恕我直言, 亨利活不长了。
ASKANCE look askance (at sb/sth)	(因怀疑或不满而) 斜着眼睛看某人[某事物]; 侧目而视 瞟	Wendy looked at me rather askance when I suggested a swim in the nude.	我提议裸体游泳, 温迪就瞟了我一眼。
ASTRAY go a'stray	误置 被放错地方	Have you seen the book I borrowed from library? It seems to have gone astray.	你看见我从图书馆借的书了吗? 不知道搁哪儿了。

AT where it's 'at	热闹的或时髦的 场所或活动	Judging by the crowds waiting to get in this seems to be where it's at.	从争先恐后等待进 去的人群来看 这似 乎是个热闹去处。
AUSPICES under the aus- pices of sb/sth	在某人[某事物]的 帮助或支持下 有某 人[某事物]赞助的	set up a business under the auspices of a government aid scheme	在政府援助计划资 助下创办公司
AVAIL of little/no a'vail	没有多大[一点儿] 帮助、用处或效果	The advice they gave was of no avail.	他们提出的建议完 全没用。
AVAIL to little/no a'vail; without a'vail	没有什么成果[没 有成果]	The doctors tried everything to keep John alive but to no avail.	医生们曾竭尽全力 抢救约翰,但却徒 劳无功。
AVOID avoid sb/sth like the 'plague	极力回避,尽量躲 开某人[某事物]	George has been avoiding me like the plague since our quarrel.	我们吵架以后,乔 治一直如避蛇蝎似 的躲着我。
AWAY away with sb/ sth	除掉某人[某事 物];使某人[某事 物]离开	Away with all these petty restrictions! 制 !	废除一切繁琐限 制 !
AXE have an 'axe to grind	有私心 有个人打 算 另有企图	Anne is only doing it out of kindness — she's got no particular axe to grind.	安妮只是出于好心 —— 倒不是别有用 心。

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BABY be one's baby	由某人造成的事物；归某人管的事物	It's your baby.	这是你的事（应由你来处理）。
BACK at the back of one's mind	在心中（但并非急事或要事）	At the back of my mind was the vague idea that I had met her before.	我隐隐约约地觉得以前曾经见过她。
BACK the 'back of bey'ond	与外界隔绝的地方；远离闹市的地方	We live somewhere at the back of beyond.	我们住的地方远离闹市。
BACK 'back to 'back	背靠背	Stand back to back and let's see who's taller.	背靠背站好，看看谁的个子高。
BACK 'back to 'front	前后颠倒	Your skirt is on back to front.	你的裙子前后穿反了。
BACK behind sb's 'back	不让某人知道或不经某人同意；背着某人	Emma says nasty things about him behind his back.	埃玛在背后说他的坏话。
BACK get/put sb's 'back up	使某人生气	David's offhand manner put my back up.	戴维那随随便便的样子让我看着很生气。
BACK turn one's back on sb/sth	避开或拒绝接受某人[某事物]	Adam turned his back on his family when he became famous.	亚当成名以后对自己家里的人连理都不理。
BACK by/through the back door	走后门（采取不正当不合法的手段）	Peter used his influential friends to help him get into the civil service by the back door.	彼得利用那些有权有势的朋友帮助他走后门，到政府行政部门任职。
BACK 'back and 'forth	来回地	ferries sailing back and forth between Dover and Calais	往返于多佛港和加来港之间的渡船

BACK (in) back of sth	在某物的后面	the houses back of the church	位于教堂后面的房屋
BACKWARD , backward(s) and 'forward(s)	来回地	travelling backwards and forwards between London and Paris	往返于伦敦和巴黎之间
BACKWARD bend/lean over 'backwards (to do sth)	努力 竭力	Although we bent over backwards to please her, our new manager was still very critical of our work.	尽管我们竭力讨好新经理,但她仍然对我们的工作百般挑剔。
BAD not 'bad	不错;比预料的要好	“How are you feeling?” “Not too bad!”	“你觉得怎么样?” “还可以!”
BAD too bad	遗憾的(用以表示同情)	It's too bad you can't come to the party.	你不能来参加宴会真遗憾。
BAD too bad	不幸的(用作轻蔑回绝)	“My share's too small.” “Too bad! It's all you're going to get.”	“我这份太少了。” “你将就点儿吧你能得到的就这么多。”
BAD badly 'off	潦倒(尤指)穷困	You shouldn't complain about being poor — many families are much worse off (than you are).	你们不应该因为穷而叫苦连天——许多人的家境(比起你们来)还要糟得多呢。
BAD be badly 'off for sth	需要(某物);供应(某物)不足	The refugees are badly off for blankets, and even worse off for food and medicines.	难民需要毯子,更需要食物和药品。
BAD to the 'bad	(用以形容财务状况)亏损 负债	I am £ 500 to the bad.	我负债 500 英镑。
BAG , bag and 'baggage	带着全部财物(常为突然地或秘密地)	The tenant left, bag and baggage, without paying the rent.	房客未付房租就带着全部财物离去了。
BAG a , bag of 'bones	骨瘦如柴的人或动物	The dog had not been fed for weeks and was just a bag of bones.	那只狗已有几个星期没喂食了,简直成了皮包骨。

BAG be in the 'bag	(指结果、结局等) 不成问题, 如探囊取物	Helen's re-election is in the bag.	海伦在改选中已稳操胜券。
BAG bags (I)...	我要求...	Bags I go first.	我要第一个去。
BAIL (out) on bail	交保释金后获释	The accused was released on bail (of £1000) pending trial.	那被告在交纳(1000英镑)保释金后, 在开庭前暂时获释。
BALANCE (be/hang) in the 'balance	(指决定、结果、某人的未来等) 不能确定的, 尚未决定的	The future of this project is (hanging) in the balance.	该项目的下一步仍然悬而未决。
BALANCE (catch/throw sb) off 'balance	(发现【使】某人) 摇摇欲坠	Julie was caught off balance by the sudden wind and nearly fell.	突然一阵风吹得朱莉东摇西晃险些摔倒。
BALANCE on 'balance	考虑周全 总的来看	Despite some failures, our restaurant has had quite a good year on balance.	我们这个餐馆尽管存在某些不足之处, 总的来看这一年还是相当不错的。
BALL (be) on the 'ball	对新的思想、动向等敏感而熟悉	The new publicity manager is really on the ball.	新的公关部主任确实很内行。
BALL play 'ball	合作	He's refusing to play ball (with us).	他拒绝(与我们)合作。
BANDY bandy 'words (with sb)	吵嘴 顶嘴	Don't bandy words with me, young man!	别跟我强嘴, 小伙子!
BANG bang goes sth	为某事物的(突然)的结尾	Bang went my hopes of promotion.	我获得晋升的希望突然破灭了。
BANG be bang 'on	恰到好处	Your criticisms were bang on every time.	你的批评每次都非常中肯。

BANK break the 'bank	花费不起	Come on! One evening at the theatre won't break the bank.	得啦！看一晚上戏不会倾家荡产的。
BANNER under the banner (of sth)	声称拥护（某套主张）	Karen fought the election under the banner of equal rights	卡伦打着平等的旗号参加了竞选。
BAR be, hind 'bars	被关押 坐牢	The murderer is now safely behind bars.	杀人犯现在已被关押 不能为害了。
BARE lay sth 'bare	揭露 揭发	lay bare the truth / sb's treachery / a plot	揭露真相 [某人的背叛行为、阴谋]
BARGAIN into the 'bargain; in the 'bargain	加之 此外	Linda was a distinguished scientist — and a gifted painter into the bargain.	琳达是一位杰出的科学家 —— 同时还是一位很有才华的画家呢。
BARK bark up the wrong tree	把某事物搞错了； 错怪了人	If you think that, you're barking up the wrong tree altogether.	你要是那样想，那就大错特错了。
BASE off base	毫无准备的	Her reply caught Paul off base.	她的答复使保罗不知所措。
BASH have a bash (at sth)	尝试做某事 通常为 以往不曾试过的)	I've never tried water-skiing before but I'd love to have a bash at it.	我以前从未做过滑水运动，但是我倒愿意试一试。
BAT off one's own 'bat	靠自己的力量；独 力的	Mary made the suggestions off her own bat.	玛丽提这些建议完全是她自己的意思。
BAT not bat an 'eyelid	不露声色；处之泰 然	The condemned man listened to his sentence without batting an eyelid.	那被定罪的人木无表情地听着对他的宣判。
BATED with bated 'breath	因焦急或兴奋而屏住 气息	I waited with bated breath for the winner to be announced.	我屏住呼吸等待宣布获胜者的姓名。