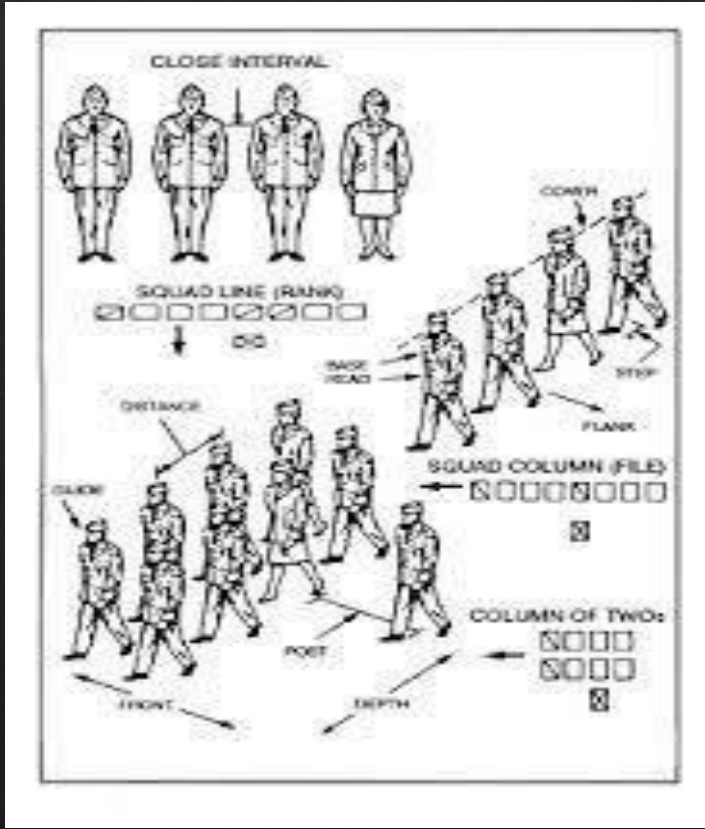


# 1. rank and file :- Ordinary people (साधारण कर्मचारी या सदस्य)



Aman Sir English

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 (क्षमता से अधिक काम लेना)

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 (किसी बात पर विचार करना)



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 (पैसों की बहुत तंगी होना)

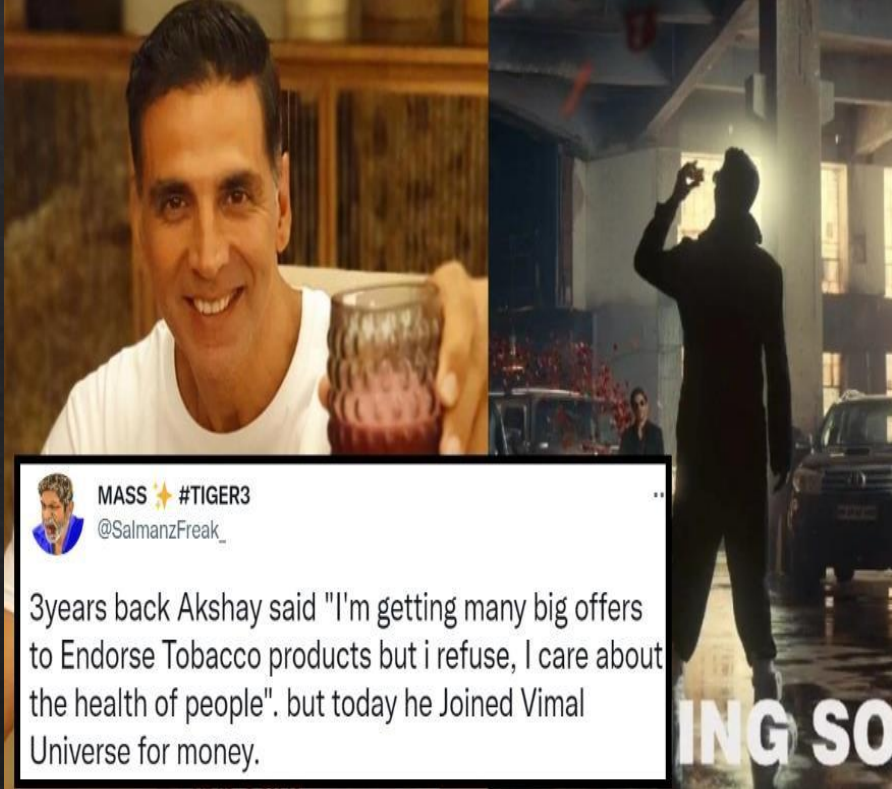


Aman Sir  
English

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. (एक ही समय दो विपरीत बातें)

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 (कम होना या पतन की ओर)



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.  
(सफलता की कम संभावना वाला प्रयास)



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

(पैसा कमाना आसान नहीं है)



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. (छिपे रहना या ध्यान आकर्षित न करना)

Aman Sir English



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

**10. Takes after :-** To resemble / similar to  
(शकल या आदत में मिलना)

Aman Sir English



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

## 11. **Fell foul of:-** got into trouble with (किसी से झगड़ा या विवाद होना)



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.  
(किसी चीज़ का मुख्य कारण होना)

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  
(कोई कसर न छोड़ना)

Aman Sir English



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

**14. In a tight corner :-**in a difficult situation. (मुश्किल परिस्थिति में फँसना)

Aman Sir English



Eg- Covid has put the company in tight corners.

**15. Nip in the bud :-** To destroy early (शुरुआत में ही नष्ट करना)

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. (अप्रत्याशित विजेता या छिपा रुस्तम)

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. (बिना मेहनत के कमाया पैसा)

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 (पुरानी दुश्मनी खत्म करना)

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  
(किसी चीज़ से बचने की कोशिश)

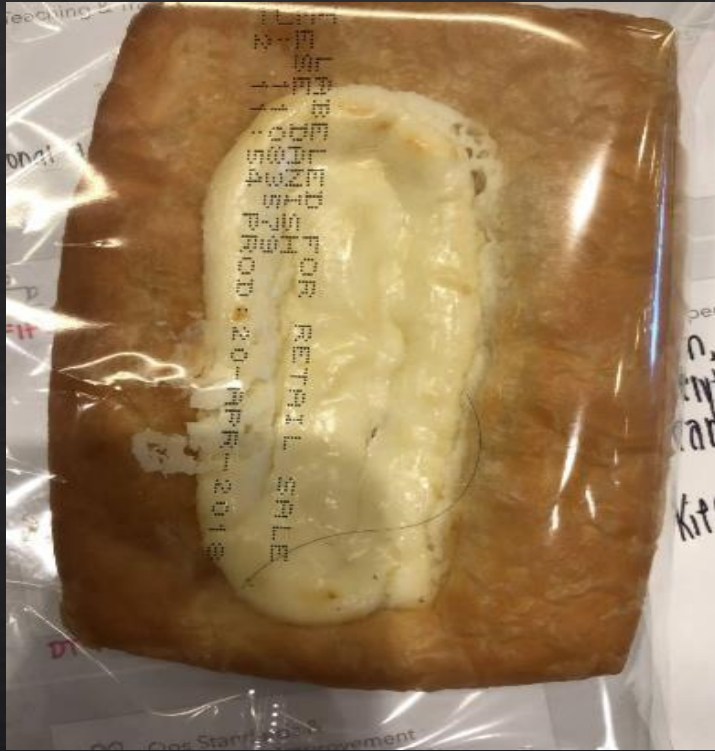


Aman Sir English

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. (छोटी लेकिन परेशान करने वाली समस्या)

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  
(विश्वास करने योग्य न होना)



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

## **22. Playing with fire:-** taking a grave risk (जोखिम भरा काम करना)

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 (अपनी तारीफ खुद करना)

Aman Sir English



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

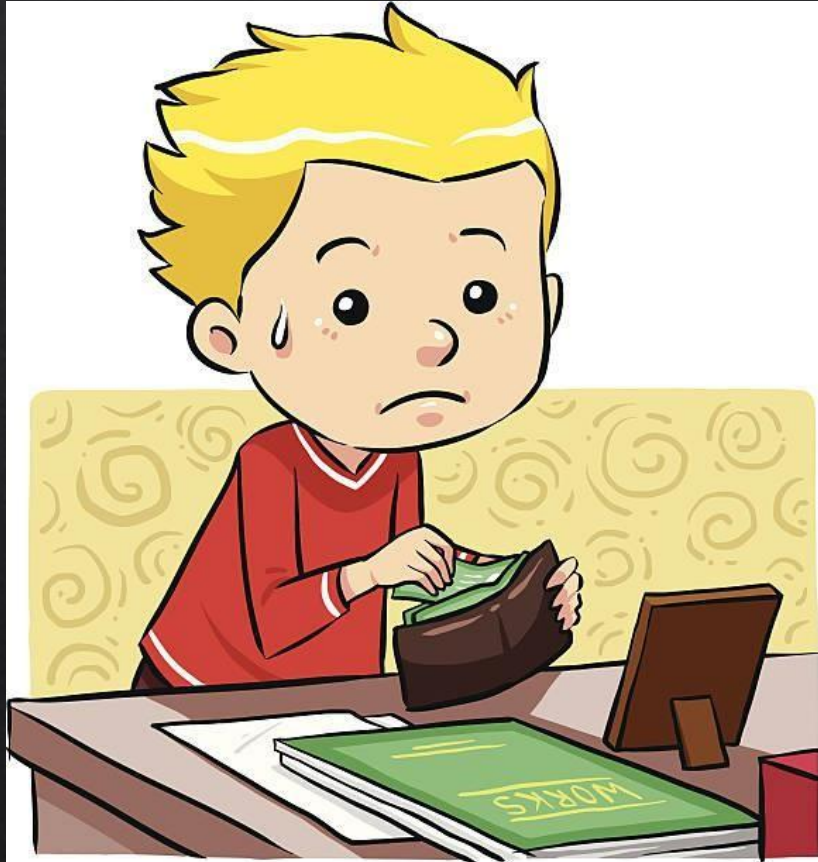
**24. Snake in the grass :-** A treacherous person  
(आस्तीन का सांप, धोखेबाज दोस्त)

Aman Sir English



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

**25. Sticky fingers:-** a propensity to steal  
(चोरी करने की आदत होना)



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  
(बहुत अधिक मात्रा में खाना)

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 (किसी बात पर ध्यान देना)



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 (वादे से मुकर जाना)

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 (राय या भावना बदल जाना)

Aman Sir English



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

## **30. Smooth sailing** :- Easy progress (आसान और बिना बाधा का काम)



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 (जानबूझकर किया गया काम)



Aman Sir English

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

**32. Feast one's eyes on:-** to look at (something or someone) with great pleasure (किसी सुंदर चीज़ को खुशी से देखना)



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

### **33. Cold comfort :-** Very little satisfaction (नाममात्र की सांत्वना)

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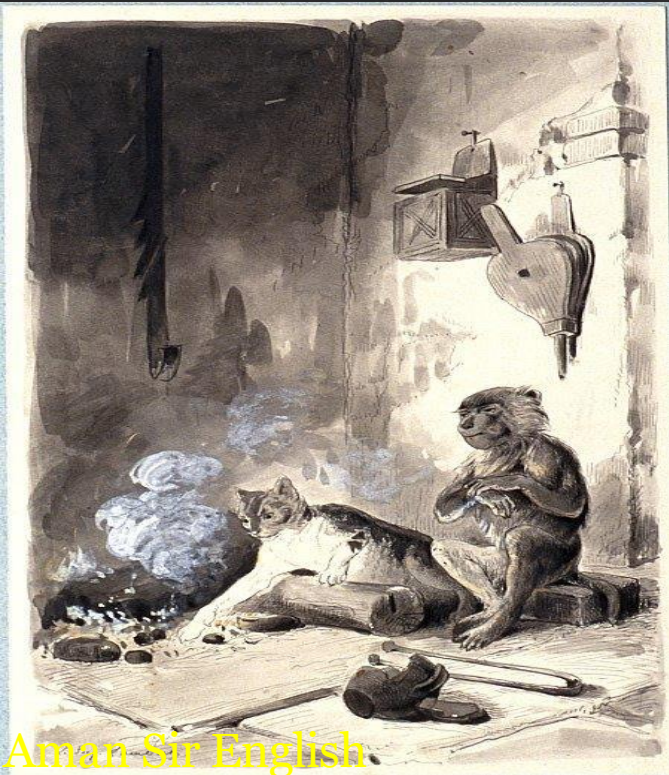


Eg:- A small drop in the inflation rate was cold comfort for the millions without a job.

### 34. To make a cat's paw or a tool of someone –

to use someone as a means of attaining your object  
(किसी का बेवकूफ बनाकर इस्तेमाल करना)

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. (चर्चा या ध्यान के केंद्र में)  
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 (प्रगति में बड़ी बाधा आना)

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 (बहुत ज्यादा गुस्सा दिलाना)



Aman Sir English

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

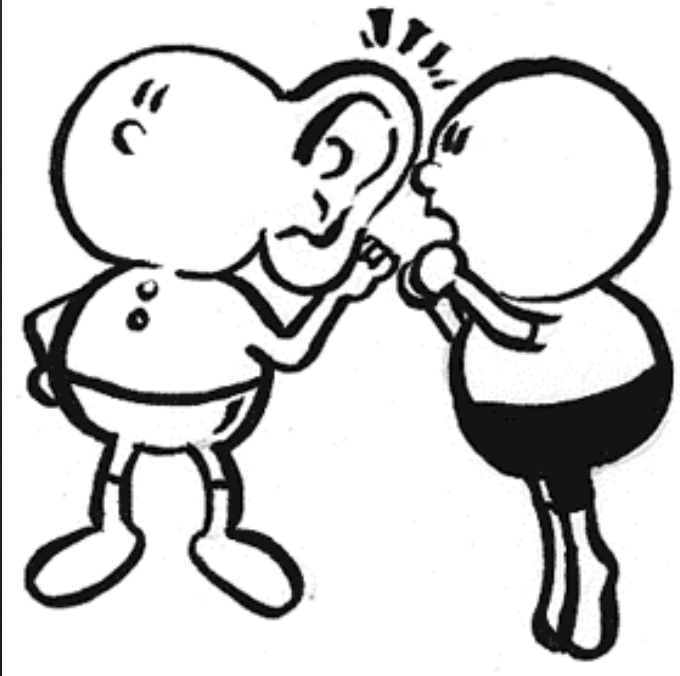
### 38. all in all :- Overall (कुल मिलाकर या सब मिलाकर)



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 (मेरी बात ध्यान से सुनो)



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 (उदास या दुखी दिखना)



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 (बच निकलना या भाग जाना)



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 (दो बड़ी मुसीबतों के बीच)

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  
(खाली बैठना, कोई काम न होना)

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 (किसी के लिए विशेष लगाव होना)

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 (किसी योजना या काम को रोकना)

Aman Sir English



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

**46. At loggerheads :-** Disagreeing with (आपस में सख्त असहमत या झगड़ना)



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 (प्रभावशाली और शक्तिशाली लोग)

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 (दो बेमेल चीज़ों की तुलना)

Aman Sir English



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

## 49. **Lion's share** :- Largest share (सबसे बड़ा और प्रमुख हिस्सा)



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 (नौकरी से निकाला जाना)



Aman Sir English

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