Common Binomials & Trinomials Expressions in English

BINOMIAL

A PAIR OF WORDS JOINED BY A WORD LIKE «AND», WHERE THE ORDER OF THE WORDS IS ALWAYS THE SAME.

TRINOMIAL

A THREE COMMONLY GROUP AS ONE SET PHRASE, WHERE THE ORDER OF THE WORDS IS ALWAYS THE SAME.

Pros and cons

Advantages and disadvantages

We discussed the pros and cons of going to university.





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Good or bad, the internet is growing too fast to be controlled, so best to view it as a constantly evolving resource.

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Christmas trees: The pros and cons of real and fake ones

LOUD AND CLEAR

In a way that is very easy to understand

The message is coming through loud and clear.

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Coronavirus stay at home message 'needs to be loud and clear'

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Adam Price said the priority should be to reduce the number of avoidable deaths to zero





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PART AND PARCEL (OF STH)

An essential part of sth

Keeping the accounts is a part and parcel of my job.

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Getting hit 'part and parcel' of rugby

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Wales and Scarlets back-row Josh Macleod says he expects to take blows, including to the head, but says rugby is "in a good place" with the current concussion protocols.





Brexit: Backstop is 'part and parcel' of the deal, says Michel Barnier

30 January 2019



Brexit



The EU's chief negotiator Michel Barnier says the Irish backstop is "part and parcel" of the UK's Brexit deal and will not be renegotiated.

UPS AND DOWNS

The mixture of good and bad things in life or in a particular situation or relationship.

Life is full of ups and downs!

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Labour leadership: A century of ups and downs in charts

By David Brown and Peter Barnes BBC News

() 10 February 2020



Labour Party leadership election





LIVE AND LEARN

Used to say that one has learned something from an experience that is surprising and usually unpleasant.

She arrives at Level Thirteen, where all the children live and learn.

SHORT AND SWEET (Informal)

Pleasant but not lasting a long time.

This morning's meeting was short and sweet.

HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

Busy noisy activity of a lot of people in one place.

We escaped from the hustle and bustle of the city for the weekend.

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Escaping Christmas hustle and bustle

Andy finds out the best places to go to escape the Christmas hustle and bustle.

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RISE AND SHINE (old-fashioned)

Usually used in orders to tell sb to get out of bed and be active.

C'mon, kids! Rise and shine!

YOUR (OWN) FLESH AND BLOOD

A person that you are related to; Relatives

It's hard to believe that he could treat his own flesh and blood so badly.

HIGH AND DRY

In a difficult situation, without help or money.

You can't pick me up? I'm in the middle of nowhere! there's no bus for 7 hours. Don't leave me high and dry like this!

DONE AND DUSTED (BrE) (informal)

Completely finished

That's my article for the magazine done and dusted.



Lance Armstrong case 'done and dusted' says Wada president

Lance Armstrong needs "something close to a miracle" for his lifetime ban for doping to be lifted, says Wada's president.

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BORN AND BRED

Born and grown up in a same place

He was born and bred in Boston.

ROUGH AND READY

Simple and prepared quickly but good enough for a particular situation

It's rough and ready guide to the education system.

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Russia's rough and ready justice

By James Rodgers BBC News, Moscow

The unpredictability and corruption of the Russian legal system can baffle investors, and lead others to offer bribes to try to get things to go their way.

COST/PAY AN ARM AND A LEG (INFORMAL)

To cost/pay a lot of money

The show was excellent, but the tickets cost an arm and a leg.

SOONER OR LATER

At some time in the future, even if you are not sure exactly when.

Sooner or later you will have to make a decision.

GIVE OR TAKE STH

More or less

There were about 200 people at the wedding, give or take.

NOW OR NEVER

This is the only opportunity sb will have to do sth.

It's now or never, so make up your mind.





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Warren Gatland says it is now or never for a global rugby calendar

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SINK OR SWIM

To be in a situation where you will either succeed by your own efforts or fail completely.

My employer gave me no help when I started my new job. I was just left to sink or swim.

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Teachers left to 'sink or swim'

By Alison Smith

BBC News education reporter at the NASUWT conference

Newly-qualified teachers are often left to "sink or swim" with the most poorlybehaved classes and do not receive the training they need to manage disruptive pupils, teachers say.



BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

using any method you can, even the dishonest one.

We'll get there by hook or by crook.

Trump intends to win by hook or by crook



ANY/EVERY TOM, DICK OR HARRY (disapproving)

Any ordinary person rather than the people you know or people who have special skills or qualities.

We don't want any Tom, Dick or Harry using the club bar.

CULTURE VULTURE (humorous)

A person who is very interested in art, music and literature.

So, for the culture vulture and the foodie, there is plenty to explore.

RAGS TO RICHES

From being extremely poor to being very rich.

It was a classic tale of rags to riches.

LET BYGONES BE BYGONES

To decide to forget about disagreements that happened in the past.

I know we've had our fights over the years, but I think it's time we let bygones be bygones.

CHALK AND CHEESE

If two people or things are like chalk and cheese or as different as chalk and cheese, they are completely different from each other.

The two families are as different as chalk and cheese!