

## Intermediate 1

**As well (as sb/sth):** in addition to sb/sth else: *I need to go to the bookstore as well as the bank.*

**Burst into flames:** suddenly start burning with large flames: *The car burst into flames after accident.*

**By no means:** not at all: *You are by no means disable, in fact you are powerful.*

**Change sb's mind:** change sb's decision or opinion: *I changed my mind. I don't want to go out.*

**Do one's bit:** (infml) do what you can help or, do your part of what has to be done.

**Due to sb/sth:** because of sb/sth: *My lateness was due to the heavy traffic.*

**Every inch (of sth):** the whole of an area or place: *Every inch of class is clean and shiny.*

**Every now and then:** sometimes but not often: *Every now and then he would write a new article.*

**Feel like hell:** feel very sick or tired.

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**How come? :** used when you want to know why sth has happened or why a particular situation exist: *How come you are not at work today?*

**In a row:** one after the other without a break: *He won the game three times in a row.*

**In vain:** fruitless or useless: *All the police researches were in vain. Finally the robber escaped.*

**Kind of:** used when you are talking about sb/sth in general way, without being exact or definite: *It was kinda (informal way of saying kind of) strange to see him there at midnight.*

**Let us say:** for example: *If the price is \$500, let us say, is that too much?*

**Lose touch:** no longer have recent knowledge or information about sth: *He lost touch with his sister who is abroad for one year.*

**Made of money:** very rich: *Jimmy can easily buy an iPhone5- His father is made of money.*

**Make the most of sth:** use a good situation to get the best possible result: *Language learners must make the most of their class time.*

**No way:** used for saying that you will not agree or be able to do sth: *no way we will be finished by Today.*

**On hand:** available: *I don't have any cash on hand.*

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**On one's own:** alone, without help: *Although his father is made of money, he bought the house on his own.*

**On sb's side:** support sb in an argument or fight: *Don't get annoyed with me- I'm on your side!*

**On top of:** in addition to sth else: *On top of all his achievements, he won the Nobel Prize.*

**Out of sight:** in a place that you cannot see from where you are: *Sara waved until the car was out of sight.*

**Pull faces/a face (at sb):** change your expression to make people laugh, or to show that you are angry, etc.

**Read sb's palm:** claim to be able to tell what will happen to sb in the future by examining the palm of their hand.

**Right, left and the center:** in large number or amount: *They are buying up companies right, left and center.*

**Shift gears:** change the way you think about or do sth: *If this idea doesn't work, we're going to have to shift gears.*

**Stand on one's own feet:** be independent and able to take care of oneself: *You must stand on your own feet boy!*

**To some extent:** partly, but not completely: *What you say is true to some extent, but it's not the whole story.*

**Turn out to be sb/sth:** prove to be sb/sth: *The students turned out to be more hardworking than teacher expected.*

**Up to sth:** used for stating the most an amount can be, or what level it can reach: *Dinosaurs were up to 27 meter long*

## Intermediate 2

**And so on:** and other things of that kind: *There are many search engines on the internet like Google, MSN and so on.*

**At the time:** at a certain moment or period in the past: *I agreed at the time but later changed my mind.*

**(Be) a matter of sth:** situation, question or issue that depends on sth else: *Singing is all a matter of good voice.*

**Be a/the question of:** used for saying what the most important issue is in a situation: *There would definitely be some job losses; it was just a question of how many.*

**Be really something:** be very good and impressive: *Running your own company at 21 is really something.*

**Be under arrest:** be made a prisoner: *Don't move (Police shouted)! You are under arrest.*

**Behind sb's back:** unknown to the person concerned: *You shouldn't make fun of him behind his back.*

**Better late than never:** used to say that being late is better than not happening or not arriving at all.

**(but) then/there again:** used to introduce an idea or fact that is different from something you have just said, or makes it seem less likely to be true : *She says she's thirty-five. But then again she might be lying.*

**Go Dutch:** to agree to share the cost of sth, especially a meal.

**Go out of one's way to do sth:** to do sth with more effort than is usual or expected: *The nurse went out of her way to make me feel happy and satisfied.*

**Go wrong:** if a situation or event goes wrong, it becomes unpleasant and is not a success: *Our marriage began to go wrong after we had our first child.*

**Hold one's horses:** (infml) wait a moment; also it used to tell someone to do sth more slowly or more carefully.

**Hustle and bustle:** all the busy and noisy activity: *She loves the hustle and bustle of the market-places.*

**Jump to conclusion:** to guess the facts about a situation too quickly and without having enough information.

**Let go of sb/sth:** 1-to not punish someone. 2-release (one's hold of) sb/sth: *1-Let him go, he didn't lift (steal) your bag. 2-Don't let go of the rope!*

**Lose track of sb/sth:** fail to keep informed about sb/sth: *I lose all track of time when I listen to this music.*

**Make head or tail of sth:** understand sth: *I can't make head or tail of car's engines.*

**Not much of a:** to not be a good example of sth or not be very good at sth: *I'm not much of a dancer, I'm afraid.*

**On the market:** available to buy: *Apple iPhone5 is now on the market.*

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**Or something:** used when you cannot remember, or do not think it is necessary to give, another example of sth you are mentioning: *Her name was Judith, or Julie, or something. Here's some money. Get yourself a sandwich or sth.*

**Out of whack:** if a system, machine etc. is out of whack, the parts are not working together correctly: *1-The printer's out of whack again. 2-The gears of my old bike is out of whack, but it still goes.*

**Pick up the bill/tab:** (infml) pay for sth: *Her father picks up the tab for her expensive lifestyle.*

**Pull the plug (on sth):** stop an activity, esp. by no longer providing the money needed to allow it to continue: *The government pulled the plug on the project when it becomes too expensive and seemed not to going to finish on time.*

**Take heart:** be encouraged: *Emily took heart from her teacher's praise and wrote another story.*

**Trace sth (back) to sth:** find the origin or cause of sth: *He could trace his family tree back to 16<sup>th</sup> century.*

**Within (one's) reach:** close enough to touch: *Keep a glass of water within reach of your hand.*

### Intermediate 3

**After all:** in spite of what has been said, done or expected: *After all, what does it matter?*

**At a time:** in sequence; separately: *We usually talk to four or five candidates at a time.*

**Be at odds (with sb):** be disagreeing or quarreling (with sb): *He is always at odds with his father over politics.*

**By/in contrast:** used when you are comparing two things or people and saying that the second one is very different from the first: *She had almost failed the exam, but her sister, by contrast, had done very well.*

**For life:** for the whole of a person's life: *I believe marriage is for life. The accident left her scarred for life.*

**Get sth straight:** understand sth clearly: *Let's get this straight once and for all.*

**In company:** with other people: *Darling, I'd rather you didn't mention my little problem when we're in company.*

**In the red:** to owe more money than you have. *I'm \$500 in the red at the moment.*

**In turn:** One after the other; in sequence: *His father gave him the sword; and in turn he gave it to his son.*

**Invasion of privacy:** find or use of information about your private life, esp. illegally: *Opening my letter was an inexcusable invasion of privacy.*

**Make a name for oneself:** become famous: *He first made a name for himself as a singer.*

**Make ends meet:** have enough money for your needs: *When Tom lost his job, he could barely make ends meet.*

**One's fellow man/men:** other people in general: *We all have obligations to our fellow men.*

**On the part of sb:** done or experienced by sb: *It was a mistake on the part of Jones to sign it without reading it.*

**On the point of doing sth:** about to do sth. [www.iliqom.blogfa.com](http://www.iliqom.blogfa.com)

**Put sb to death:** kill sb, esp. after an official decision: *Caesar ordered the prisoners to be put to death.*

**Seek one's fortune:** go to live in a new place in order to try to become rich and successful there.

**Take a dislike to sb/sth:** start disliking sb/sth: *I took a strong dislike to him as soon as he said that word.*

**Take an interest in:** show your interest in: *I wish you'd take a bit more interest in your work.*

**Take it for granted (that):** believe that sth is true or normal without thinking about it: *I just took it for granted that he'd always be around.*

**(there's) nothing to it:** used for saying that sth is very easy to do: *Here, just press this button. There's nothing to it.*

**The right/wrong way (around/round/up):** the position in which an object is placed or held, esp. in relation to the correct position: *Perhaps you should try turning the map the right way up.*

**Think for oneself:** consider facts and make decisions, without depending on others: *It's time to think for yourself.*

**To the touch:** used for describing the way sth feels when it touched: *The cake is firm to the touch.*