

## Everyday English Phrases

To achieve mastery in Spoken & Written English, one needs to have good knowledge of commonly used phrases in routine life.

Practice the below given phrases in your daily life to familiarize yourself with the language to the best capacity.

### Abbreviations:

**Noun** = N; **Preposition** = Prep. **Adj.** = Adjective; **Adv.** = Adverb;

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1.	<b>ABC</b>	Elementary principles/things	N	Do you know the ABCs of algebra?
2.	<b>Above all</b>	Beyond (Taking) everything, chiefly	Adv.	He was above all an engineer.
3.	<b>Above board</b>	Open, honest, legitimate.	Adj. Adv.	The accounts given by him were completely <b>above board</b> . He submitted all accounts of expenses completely <b>above board</b> .
4.	<b>Act of God</b>	An uncontrollable natural incidence	N	The flooding was surely <b>an act of God</b> .
5.	<b>After all</b>	In spite of expectations	Adv.	It didn't rain after all. I told him I couldn't do it <b>after all</b> .
6.	<b>Again and again</b>	Repeatedly	Adv.	The TV channel flashed the news <b>again and again</b> .
7.	<b>Go-between</b>	A mediator / negotiator	N	He was a <b>go-between</b> to find a suitable bride for my son.
8.	<b>All and sundry / One and all</b>	All people / everyone	Pronoun	He became a target from <b>all and sundry</b> .
9.	<b>All in all / On the whole</b>	Considering all	Adv.	<b>All in all</b> it's been a good year for us.

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10.	<b>All of a sudden</b> / <b>All at once</b>	Suddenly / unexpectedly	Adv.	<b>All of a sudden</b> she started crying.
11.	<b>All over</b>	In every place / everywhere	Adj. Adv. Prep.	The harvesting was <b>all over</b> . He harvested vegetables <b>all over</b> . Unemployment has been a problem <b>all over</b> the world.
12.	<b>Act of grace</b>	A privilege / concession (not a right)	N	The bonus marks given was an <b>act of grace</b> .
13.	<b>An article of faith</b>	Essential principle / a firm belief	N	She holds <b>an article of faith</b> that women should have equal rights.
14.	<b>Apple of discord</b>	Cause (subject) of quarrel, dispute, etc.	N	The undivided property is an <b>apple of discord</b> between the two brothers.
15.	<b>Apple pie order</b>	Neat & Perfect order	N	All class rooms have to be <b>in apple pie order</b> .
16.	<b>Arm in arm</b>	With arms linked/ In close cooperation	Adv.	They worked <b>arm in arm</b> .
17.	<b>Armed to the teeth</b>	Extremely well-armed	Adj.	The commandos were <b>armed to the teeth</b> .
18.	<b>As a matter of fact</b>	In reality / actuality	Adv.	<b>As a matter of fact</b> , he is richer than his friend.
19.	<b>As a rule</b>	Most of the time/ in most cases	Adv.	<b>As a rule</b> the climate here remains cool and pleasant.
20.	<b>At all costs</b> / <b>At any cost</b>	Regardless of the costs involved	Adv.	<b>At all costs</b> he was anxious to pass the exam.

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