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nail القشة التي قصمت ظهر البعير

another/the final nail in the coffin

يدق مسامراً في نعش شخص أو أمر على وشك الفشل

e.g. I think that argument was the final nail in the coffin of our friendship.

hit the nail on the head يصيب كبد الحقيقة

أو الأمر أو الموضوع ، وصل إلى خلاصة الأمر

e.g. I think Mick hit the nail on the head when he said that what's lacking in this company is a feeling of confidence.

on the nail تدفع النقود كلها فوراً

e.g. He always paid cash, on the nail.

nail - biting حدث أو فترة زمنية تجعلك قلقاً

لأنك تنتظر شيئاً مهماً - فترة حرجة

e.g. The teams were very evenly matched and played a close game right up to the nail-biting finish.

name

sb's name is mud

اسمه وحل - الناس غاضبون عليه لذنب اقترفه

e.g. Well he'd better turn up tonight or his name will be mud.

(one's) name is dirt/mud إنسان سيئ السمعة

e.g. Ever since you wrote that letter criticizing the village, your name has been mud there.

you name it أى شيء تريده - تحت أمرك

e.g. What would you like? Gin, vodka, lager, wine? You name it, we've got it.

a name to conjure with

١. اسم مهم ومشهور - شخص اسمه يعنى النفوذ

e.g. There are some names to conjure with

on the programme. Poland's Polanski and India Satyajit Ray to name but two.

٢. اسم مهم أو غريب

e.g. Arnold Spunkmeyer. Now that's a name to conjure with!

the name of the game

المطلوب - أهم ما في الفكرة - الفكرة الرابعة

e.g. It is useless to try to make motor-racing a safe sport: in motor-racing danger is the name of the game i.e. it is supposed to be dangerous.

clear sb's name يبرئ ساحته ، ينقذ سمعته

e.g. He was convicted of drug smuggling four years ago and has been trying to clear his name ever since.

drag sb's name through the mire/ mud

يلوث سمعة شخص ما

e.g. Her name was dragged through the mud after she admitted offering money in return for votes.

have sb's name on it

الشيء المناسب لهذا الشخص

e.g. Come on Paul, there's one piece of chocolate cake left and it's got your name on it.

have sb's name written all over it

وظيفة مناسبة لشخص بعينه عنده كل المؤهلات لها

e.g. You've got to apply for this job. It's got your name written all over it.

have/see your name in lights تكون

مشهوراً لعملك في فيلم أو مسرحية أو موسيقى .. الخ

e.g. She accepted the few badly - paid roles she was offered and continued to dream of seeing her name in lights.

I can't put a name to her/ him

لا أتذكر الاسم ولكني أعرف الشخص

e.g. I can picture his face exactly, but I

can't put a name to him.

in all but name به كل المقومات ما عدا الاسم

e.g. They've been living together for over ten years. It was a marriage in all but name.

in name only بالاسم فقط وليس بالفعل

e.g. Two-thirds of the population are Catholic, though many are so in name only.

in the name of sth

أشياء فظيعة ترتكب تحت اسم فاضل (الدين مثلاً)

e.g. When you think of the atrocities that have been committed in the name of religion, you start to wonder what it's all about.

make a name for yourself

تجعل اسمك مشهوراً

make your name

e.g. It was with his third novel, 'The Darkest Hours' that he made a name for himself.

take sb's name in vain

تذكر اسم شخص من وراء ظهره عندما تنتقده

e.g. Did I hear someone taking my name in vain?

what's in a name? ليست العبرة بالاسم

e.g. Some people call this flower 'old-man's-beard, others call it traveller's joy.

But what is in a name? It's pretty whatever you call it.

names

call sb. names يشتم - طريقة غير مهذبة

يشتم بها شخص شخصاً آخر

e.g. It's a good thing he didn't hear me earlier. I was calling him all the names under the sun (= using a lot of impolite words to describe him)

name calling

e.g. If you think about all that name-calling that goes on in school playgrounds, kids can

be very cruel.

name names

يدلى بأسماء المتورطين في أمور سرية

e.g. He wouldn't name names but has promised that the accusations will be fully investigated.

narrow

a narrow escape

نجاة بأعجوبة

e.g. He only just got out of the vehicle before the whole thing blew up. It was a narrow escape.

nasty

be a nasty piece of work

شخص تجمعت فيه الرذائل - شخص سيئ

e.g. He's a nasty piece of work, is Carl. I'd avoid him if I were you.

native

go native

تخلي عن صفات بلده وتقمص شخصية أهل المهجر

e.g. After a month in Egypt he went native, swapping his linen suit for a pair of wide trousers and a loose tunic.

natural born

عنده المواهب والمواصفات الملائمة لوظيفة ما

e.g. Carl was a natural-born salesman, and quickly expanded the company's world wide sales.

nature

be (in) the nature of the beast

صفة سيئة من طبيعة شخص لا يستطيع التخلص منها

e.g. Relationships always involve some degree of dependence. It's in the nature of the beast.

let nature take its course

لندع الطبيعة تقوم بدورها

e.g. We plant the seeds in springtime and then just let nature take its course.

navel

gaze at/contemplate your navel

يضيع الوقت يفكر في نفسه فقط (تهكمي)

e.g. I read his novel and thought, the man's obviously spent far too long contemplating his own navel.

navel - gazing

e.g. He's a man of action and navel-gazing has never been his style.

near

a near miss

إفلات أو نجاة بأعجوبة - فرق شعرة فقط

e.g. I managed to brake just in time but it was a near miss..

be near the knuckle

نكتة أو ملحوظة عن الجنس قد تضايق بعض الناس

e.g. Some of his jokes were a bit near the knuckle and unfortunately I was watching the show with my parents.

so near and yet so far القريب البعيد - تقرب

من الانتهاء من شيء ولكن الباقي أكثر أي يبدو بعيداً

e.g. I've only got the last chapter to write but it's taking forever. So near, yet so agonizingly far.

nearest

your nearest and dearest عائلتك (تهكمي)

e.g. When people are stressed at work, they tend to go home and work it out on their nearest and dearest.

nearly

nearly fall off your chair

كناية عن شدة الدهشة (تقع من على كرسيك)

e.g. When my mother told me she was getting married I nearly fell off my chair.

necessary

a necessary evil

شر لابد منه

e.g. He considers taxes a necessary evil.

necessity

necessity is the mother of invention

الحاجة أم الاختراع

e.g. We can't afford expensive paper to paint on so we use old envelopes and newspapers. They do say necessity is the mother of invention.

neck

neck and neck

متعادل - كنفًا لكتف - متحاذيين

e.g. As they came up to the finishing post, the two horses were neck and neck (equal).

neck of the woods

منطقة من البلد

e.g. There's no scenery like this in your neck of woods, is there?

be up to your neck in sth

١. تكون مشغولاً جداً أو تكون في موقف حرج وصعب

e.g. Right now I'm up to my neck in work.

2. e.g. He's paid practically nothing and he's up to his neck in debt.

breathe down sb's neck

يلاحقه ، يراقب حركاته وسكناته بطريقة تضايقه

e.g. It's awful having to work with a boss who's breathing down your neck the whole time.

get it in the neck

يتعرض للوم أو توبيخ

e.g. It always seems to be the chairman of these football clubs who gets it in the neck when the team does badly.

I'll wring your neck! يعاقب أشد العقاب كما

لو كان سيكسر رقبته من شدة الغضب

e.g. I could wring his neck, I feel so annoyed with him.

put your neck on the line

تعرض نفسك وسمعتك للخطر

e.g. There's a lot of money at stake here and none of the directors wants to put his

neck on the line.

risk your neck تخاطر بحياتك

e.g. I'm not going to risk my neck climbing over a twenty-foot wall.

save sb's neck ينقذ شخصا من أذى أو خطر

e.g. You really saved my neck. I'd have been in so much trouble if you'd told him the truth.

stick your neck out

يخاطر ، يجازف بالقول أو الفعل (دفاعا عن قضية)

e.g. He's never been afraid of sticking his neck out .

need

I don't need this ولم أكن بحاجة لهذا

(شيء مزعج) أيضاً ، إضافة للمشاكل

e.g. And the next thing that happens is the printer stops working and I'm thinking, I don't need this.

that's all you need

مشكلة تضاف إلى ما عندك من مشاكل

e.g. Her son was arrested yesterday? Poor Brenda, that's all she needs at the moment. **needle**

be looking for a needle in a haystack

شيء صعب أو مستحيل كمن يبحث عن إبرة في كومة من القش

e.g. I don't know how you find anything in your desk, Polly. It's like looking for a needle in a haystack.

needs

needs must عمل لابد أن تودبه

بالرغم من عدم رغبتك في ذلك ، لابد من هذا

e.g. I really don't feel like cooking for all these people tonight but needs must.

who needs it/them?

ومن الذي يرغب في مثل تلك المتاعب؟

e.g. Stress, who needs it?

neither

neither here nor there

شيء لا يهم (المتكلم) في شيء

e.g. Whether they go or not is neither here nor there as far as I'm concerned.

be neither one thing nor the other

شيء سعي لأنه خليط من عناصر مختلفة

e.g. I prefer a book to be either fact or fiction. This one's neither one thing nor the other.

nelly

not on your nelly لن أعمل ما تطلبه مني

e.g. Perhaps you could take Phil with you to the party. 'not on your nelly!'

nerve

hit/touch a (raw) nerve

يشير الأشجان ، يلمس الجرح الذي لم يلتئم

e.g. I think I hit a nerve with my comments about divorce. She suddenly looked distressed and I knew I'd touched a raw nerve.

strain every nerve تجهد أعصابك

e.g. I was straining every nerve to catch what they were saying but they were sitting just a bit too far away from me.

nerves

nerves of steel شجاع - ذو أعصاب من حديد

e.g. You'd have to have nerves of steel to play in front of a crowd this size.

a battle/war of nerves

حرب أعصاب - حرب باردة فيها تخويف ووعيد فقط

e.g. This has become a battle of nerves with neither side seeming willing to back down.

be a bundle of nerves

كتلة من الأعصاب - عصبي جدا

be a bag of nerves

e.g. You should have seen me before the interview. I was a bundle of nerves.

get/grate on sb's nerves يشير الأعصاب،

يزعج وخاصة بتكرار عمل مستفز ، يضايق

e.g. If we spend too much time together we end up getting on each other's nerves.

e.g. The telephone hadn't stopped ringing all morning and it was starting to grate on my nerves.

live on your nerves

دائم التوتر - يعيش على أعصابه

e.g. She doesn't sleep or eat well. I get the feeling she's really living on her nerves.

nest

a nest egg نواة استثمار أو توفير

e.g. Regular investment of small amounts of money is an excellent way of building a nest egg.

fly/leave the nest

عندما يترك الأولاد منزل الأبوين ويستقلون بحياتهم

e.g. Once the kids have all flown the nest we might sell this house and move somewhere smaller.

net

cast your net wider إذا أردت البحث عن

شيء أو شخص فابحث في محيط واسع

e.g. If we don't get many interesting candidates this time round, we may have to cast our net a little wider.

slip through the net يفلت من نظام ما

e.g. Innocent people have been falsely convicted while the guilty ones may be slipping through the net.

nettle

grasp the nettle يواجه الأزمة بإصرار وجرأة

e.g. I've been putting off tackling the problem for too long and I think it's time to grasp the nettle.

never

never say die لا تنفد الأمل طالما هناك فرصة

e.g. There are still a couple of job agencies that you haven't tried-never say die.

never-never

a never-never land أرض الأحلام

e.g. The film is set in a pre-war English never-never land of roses and sunny days.

on the never-never

تشتري بالتقسيط المريح على مدى فترة طويلة

e.g. Buy something on the never- never and you end up paying twice as much.

new

new blood دم جديد - موظفون جدد بأفكار

جديدة وروح جديدة

e.g. it's time we injected some new blood into this organization.

a new broom رئيس جديد لمؤسسة يقوم

بتغييرات وتحسينات ، أى شيء جديد

e.g. There was a feeling that White had been in charge long enough and that what was needed was a new broom.

a New Man رجل يؤمن بالمساواة بين الرجل

والمرأة ويساعد شريكه في أعمالها المنزلية ورعاية الأطفال ، رجل متحضر (مودرن)

e.g. I bet you Chris does at least half of the cooking and the housework. He's very much a new man.

the new kid on the block

موظف جديد في مؤسسة وعليه أن يتعلم الكثير

e.g. Realizing I was the new kid on the block in this job, I was determined to prove myself.

be new to the game تعوزه الخبرة أو تنقصه

الخبرة في مجال جديد عليه

e.g. I'd never interviewed anyone on television before. I was new to the game and needed all the advice I could get.

break new ground ١. تفتح مجالاً جديداً مختلفاً
 e.g. We're breaking new ground in television comedy. You'll never have seen anything like this before.

٢. تكتشف معلومات جديدة عن موضوع
 e.g. So are scientists breaking new ground in their quest to discover what causes the disease?

give sb a new lease of life

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تعطى شخصاً فرصة جديدة للحياة

e.g. The operation was such a success. It really has given her a new lease of life.

that's a new one on me!

شيء جديد عليّ لم أسمع عنه إطلاقاً

e.g. And you eat cheese and peanut butter together? That's a new one on me!

turn over a new leaf

تبدأ صفحة جديدة، تغير من سلوكك إلى الأفضل

e.g. Apparently, he's turned over a new leaf and he's not drinking any more.

news

no news is good news عندما تنقطع أخبار شخص عنك تقول لعل المانع يكون خيراً

e.g. I haven't heard from Johnny for over a week now but I suppose no news is good news.

that's news to me هذا خبر جديد بالنسبة لي

e.g. And he told you he did a lot of cooking, did he? Well, that's news to me.

nice

nice one شيء جميل أو عمل جميل (ع)

e.g. 'Grahams' brought some champagne along to mark the occasion.? 'Oh, nice one Graham!'

Nice work if you can get it

عمل لو حصلت عليه يجلب لك المال الوفير

e.g. Top soap opera stars are paid L. 2000 an episode. Nice work if you can get it!

a nice little earner عمل بسيط ولكنه مريح

e.g. That waitressing job's a nice little earner.

be as nice as pie إنسان يعاملك بلطف

يعكس ما كنت تتوقع، هادئ، مريح

e.g. I came in this morning expecting him to be furious with me and he was as nice as pie.
nick

in the nick of time. في آخر لحظة، قبل

فوات الأوان، في الوقت المناسب

e.g. We got there just in the nick of time.

A minute later and she'd have left.

(nick) علامة على عصبان كان يقاس بها الوقت في

الماضي.

nickel

nickel-and-dime

شيء عادي جداً ولا يستحق الاهتمام

e.g. We drove along past deserted gas stations and nickel-and-dime diners.

nickel and dime sb تتقاضى مبالغ صغيرة إضافية

e.g. I hate being nicked and dimed by hotels for local telephone calls—they already charge you so much for the room.

night

a night owl

ساهر الليل، من يفضل العمل بالليل عن النهار

e.g. A night owl from his youth, he is rarely in bed before 4 o'clock

nine

nine times out of ten

دائماً تقريباً، في كل مرة تقريباً

e.g. Nine times out of ten when you're dreading an occasion it turns out to be perfectly all right.

go the whole nine yards

تستمر في عمل شيء إلى النهاية مهما كانت صعوبته

e.g. The weather was terrible but I wanted to go the whole nine yards and get to the top of the mountain.

ninepins

go down/fall like ninepins

يصابون بأعداد كبيرة

e.g. I've never seen so many players injured. They were going down like ninepins.

nip

a nip in the air

الجو بارد أو قارس - لفحة برد بسيطة

e.g. There's quite a nip in the air. I think you'll need your jacket on.

a nip and (a tuck)

١. عملية جراحية لتجميل الوجه

e.g. I don't think you could look like that at her age without a little nip and tuck.

٢. بعض التعبيرات تُجرى لتحسين الأمور

e.g. A nip and a tuck in their household budget would give them the extra money they need.

be nip and tuck

متنافسان متعادلان تماما في النقاط وربما يفوز أحدهما

e.g. There's no saying who's going to win this game. It's been nip and tuck all the way.

nitty - gritty

the nitty-gritty

أهم نقاط الموضوع - لب الموضوع

e.g. We didn't actually get down to the nitty-gritty until half way through the meeting.

no

no dice

no soap

مستحيل

e.g. 'Can you lend me ten dollars?' Sorry, no dice. I don't have any money with me.

e.g. We were looking for a house to rent

on the island but it was no soap.

no end كثيراً جداً - بلا نهاية

e.g. Jack's visit cheered me up no end.

no end of شيء بلا نهاية

e.g. We've had no end of problems with the washing machine.

no fear! أبداً ، مستحيل

e.g. So are you coming camping with us this weekend? 'No fear! I hate camping.'

no go لا ذهاب

e.g. We were supposed to be going to Ann's for the weekend but it's no go because of the weather.

no matter

ولا حاجة (ع) شيء لا يهم - لا داع

e.g. It's raining but no matter, I'll take the dog for a walk anyway.

no messing

قمت بعمل على خير وجه وبدون مشاكل

e.g. I ordered a glass of white wine but I see Ian's brought a whole bottle. "Yeah, no messing."

No sweat تقوم بالعمل بمنتهى السهولة واليسر

e.g. Do you think you'll be able to manage all those boxes yourself? "Yeah, no sweat."

no way! ١. أبداً لن أفعل (ع)

e.g. Have you paid for the repair yet? No way! Not until we know for sure that the computer is actually working.

٢. مش معقول (ع) عندما تسمع خبراً تدهش له

e.g. Hey, I saw Ellie out with Andrew last night. 'No way!'

and no messing دون أية صعوبات ولا مشاكل

e.g. She did the entire job under an hour and no messing

be no joke موقف جاد وصعب

e.g. There are two of us here trying to do

the work of four people. It's no joke.

be no panic عمل شاق وغير سار ، مزعج

e.g. Bringing up four children on your own is no panic, I can tell you.

in next to no time بسرعة جدا

in no time (at all)

e.g. It's only another mile or so. We'll be there in next to no time.

not take no for an answer

يلح في السؤال ولا يقبل الرفض

e.g. I've told her again and again that you're too busy to see her, but she won't take no for an answer.

nobody

like nobody's business بسرعة ومهارة

e.g. She cooks like nobody's business (= she cooks very well)

nod

a nod's as good as a wink

اللييب بالإشارة يفهم (ع)

e.g. I know when I'm not wanted, so don't try to say anything more. A nod's as good as a wink.

give sb the nod تعطي شخصا الإذن بإيماة

e.g. We're just waiting for the council to give us the nod then we'll start building.

get the nod. (بمعناها المجازي موافقة = nod)

e.g. It remains to be seen which scheme will get the nod.

on the nod حصلت الفكرة على الموافقة

e.g. The stock exchange clearly hopes these proposals will go through on the nod.

noise

make a noise about something

تضج بالشكوى من شيء

e.g. If you don't make a noise about things, nothing gets changed.

noises

make noises

تتكلم عما تنوى عمله دون ذكر تفاصيل محددة

e.g. She'd been making noises about going

back to college

no - no

be a no-no من الممنوعات أو المحرمات

e.g. Spanking children is a no-no these days.

non sequitur

a non sequitur خارج عن الموضوع

e.g. Have you arranged for us to visit Eileen? I asked. 'But I thought you were coming by train,' said Gwen, in what seemed a complete non sequitur.

nook

every nook and cranny

كل جزء وزاوية ، كل مكان

e.g. This house is where I grew up. I know every nook and cranny of it.

nooks and crannies كل الأجزاء ، كل ركن

e.g. I dusted the living room really thoroughly, making sure I got into all the nooks and crannies.

nose

nose to tail متلاصق الواحد تلو الآخر مباشرة

e.g. Traffic is nose to tail on the east-bound section of the M63.

by a nose

يفوز بفارق صغير

e.g. My horse won but only by a nose. In fact it was a very exciting finish.

cut off your nose to spite your face

تحاول معاقبة شخص فتضر نفسك

e.g. The next time he treats me like that, I'm just going to quit my job. Isn't that a bit like cutting off your nose to spite your face?

follow your nose اتخذ قرارا بناء على ما تشعر به نحو الأشخاص أو الأشياء بدلا من أن تحاول جمع المعلومات عنهم ، اتبع حواسك

e.g. As for as recruitment is concerned I follow my nose. I meet someone for an informal interview and see if I like them.

e.g. Take the first on your right and follow your nose. لو أردت معرفة الطريق عليك أن تستمر في نفس الاتجاه (عامية)

get up sb's nose يضايق

e.g. To be honest, I prefer not to have to deal with her. She gets up my nose.

have your nose in a book تقرأ لمدد طويلة

e.g. My daughter reads all the time. She's always got her nose in a book.

have a nose (round) تتفقد المكان

e.g. He left the room for a few minutes so I thought I'd have a nose round.

have a nose for له موهبة في الحصول على شيء

e.g. Like any good newspaper journalist, she has a nose for a good story.

keep your nose clean

ابعد عن المشاكل وبخاصة المشاكل القانونية

e.g. I'd only been out of prison three months so I was trying to keep my nose clean.

keep your nose out of sth لا تتدخل في أنشطة أو علاقات خاصة أو فيما لا يعينك

e.g. What goes on between me and Pete is none of her business so she can keep her big nose out of it.

keep your nose to the grindstone

تنكب على العمل دون الراحة

e.g. I've only got six weeks before my exams start so I'm trying to keep my nose to the grindstone.

lead sb by the nose

يجعله رهن إشارته ، يتحكم فيه

e.g. They simply didn't know what they were doing and they were led by the nose by a manipulative government.

look down your nose at sth

تحتقر ، تنظر إلى الأشياء بتعال وكبرياء

e.g. I always felt that she looked down her nose at us because we spoke with strong accents and hadn't been to college.

on the nose

بالضبط ، الوقت المحدد أو المبلغ المحدد

e.g. We arrived at three o'clock on the nose.

pay through the nose

تدفع مبلغًا مبالغًا فيه ويزيد عن مقدورك

e.g. If you want a decent meal in a restaurant, you have to pay through the nose for it.

poke/stick your nose into sth

تتدخل فيما لا يعينك (ع)

e.g. That'll teach him to go poking his nose into other people's business!

powder your nose (تهكمي)

سيدة تذهب إلى دورة المياه لإصلاح شئونها

put sb's nose out of joint

يظفي عليه - يضايقه

e.g. Martin refused to let her chair the meeting which rather put her nose out of joint.

rub sb's nose in it

يعاود تذكير (شخص) بخطأ ارتكبه ، يعيره دائما بخطئه ، أو يجعله شريكًا في مصيبة

e.g. I didn't tell him I'd started another relationship, I didn't want to rub his nose in it.

thumb your nose at sth/sb تظهر عدم

احترامك للقواعد أو الناس المهمين أو المؤسسات

e.g. The actor, in a further attempt to

thumb his nose at Hollywood, declined to accept the award.

turn your nose up

يأنف ، يرفض شيئاً لأنه لا يليق به

e.g. He turned his nose up at my offer of soup and said he wanted a proper meal.

under sb's nose

أمام سمعه وبصره ولكن لا يلاحظه

e.g. I'm amazed that it was going on right under his nose all that while and he didn't realize.

with your nose in the air متعال وكبرياء

e.g. I quite often see him in the street and he always walks past with his nose in the air.

have your nose in the air

متكبر ، متعال على الناس

e.g. Every inch the aristocrat, he always has his nose in the air.

no-show

a now-show

١. من يتغيب عن الحضور في الوقت والمكان المعين

e.g. The disgraced Senator was a no-show at both events.

٢. عدم الحضور في الموعد والمكان المحددين

e.g. The concert was called off because of a no-show by the band.

nosy

a nosy/nosy parker من يدس أنفه في شئون

الآخرين، فضولي، متطفل على أسرار الغير، حشوي (ع)

e.g. Tell him to mind his own business, the nosy parker!

not

be not on سلوك معيب ، سلوك غير معتاد

e.g. It's not on to expect other people to clear up your mess.

notes

compare notes شخصان يصارحان بعضهما

بأفكارهما ، يتبادلان الآراء.

e.g. We'd had the same boyfriend at different times in our life so it was quite interesting to compare notes.

nothing

nothing daunted

شيء لا يشبط الهمة، متواصل ، مستمر العزيمة

e.g. I've had three letters of refusal but, nothing daunted, I'm writing a fourth application.

nothing doing كناية عن الرفض

e.g. Will you take us, then? I've told you, nothing doing.

nothing ventured, nothing gained

لا ربح دون المخاطرة

e.g. We tried to make television programmes that were new and different, and we weren't always successful, but nothing ventured nothing gained.

be nothing short of (astonishing)

miraculous etc) إنها للمعجزة تدعش العقل

e.g. His achievements as a political reformer have been nothing short of miraculous.

here goes nothing لا يبالي بالنتائج

e.g. Well, here goes nothing. Let's see if I can pass the driving test

like nothing on earth شيء غريب ليس له مثيل

e.g. I don't know what instruments they play but it sounds like nothing on earth.

stop at nothing لا يوقفه شيء عن نيل

مراده حتى لو كان فيه خطر (على حياته)

e.g. She's one of those people who sets herself a goal and then she'll stop at nothing to achieve it.

there's nothing to it

سهل ، لا صعوبة منه ولا خوف منه

e.g. I heard roller blading was really difficult. Nah, there's nothing to it.

think nothing of doing sth

لا يجد صعوبة فيما يظنه الناس صعبا

e.g. He's so fit. He'd think nothing of running ten miles before breakfast.

notice

make sb sit up and take notice

ينتبه إلى ، يفتح عينيه فجأة على حقيقة ما مندهشا

e.g. That was the record that made me sit up and take notice of Neil Hannon.

nouveau riche

ناس أصبحوا أغنياء

فجأة ويبالغون في التعبير عن ثرائهم

e.g. He is one of the country's nouveau riche who have made fortunes in shipping hotels, and real estate.

nouveau riche صفة

e.g. She refused to live in Beverly Hills which she considered too nouveau far riche.

now

It's now or never الآن وإلا فلا ، الفرصة الأخيرة

e.g. As she was leaving I thought, it's now or never. So I just went up to her and asked her out.

nth

to the nth degree

بكل حدافيره ، بكل دقة ، إلى أبعد الحدود

e.g. What I find is that you can follow instructions to the nth degree and still get it wrong.

number

sb's number is up انتهت أيامه، مات،

يجيء دوره (ليكتشف أمره وينال عقابه)

e.g. This car came hurtling towards me and I thought my number was up .

number one أهم شخص ، نفسه ، ذاته

e.g. Half of me thinks I should just look out for number one and not give a damn about anyone else.

a number cruncher

من يعمل بالأرقام والحسابات

e.g. She may not look like a number cruncher, but she's with a big firm of accountants.

e.g. The television broadcasters will use their number crunchers on election night to try and forecast the result.

٢. كمبيوتر يحل المسائل الحسابة المعقدة

do a number on sb

يظلمه ويقسو عليه ، يدبر له مكيدة أو مقلبا (ع)

e.g. I'm not surprised Caroline doesn't like him. He really did a number on her at work.

have sb's number تعرف كيف تتعامل معه ،

تفهم حقيقة الشخص (ولا سيما سيئاته)

e.g. I'm not worried about Taylor. I've got his number and I know what to expect.

number

a numbers game تستعمل الأرقام في

إثبات وجهة نظرك (مع أنها خاطئة)

e.g. It's just a numbers game and everyone does it. You manipulate the statistics till they suit your argument.

nut

be off your nut يصاب بالجنون

e.g. You can't do that ! Are you off your nut or what?

do your nut تكون في حالة منتهى الغضب

e.g. If she has to walk from the station again she'll do her nut.

a hard/tough nut

شخص يصعب التعامل معه ، عنيد

e.g. People don't tend to mess with Sue. She's a tough nut.

a hard/tough nut to crack

مشكلة صعبة الحل

e.g. A company whose product has sold well in the States may find the European market a tougher nut to crack.

nuts

the nuts and bolts التفاصيل العملية لوظيفة

e.g. Law school teaches wonderful theory but it doesn't teach the nuts and bolts of actually practicing law.

can't do sth for nuts

لا يستطيع عمل الشيء إطلاقاً - فاشل تماماً

e.g. Roger had prepared a beautiful meal? I thought you said he couldn't cook for nuts.

nutshell

in a nutshell باختصار، المختصر المفيد

e.g. Well, to put it in a nutshell, we're going to have to start again.

nutty

be as nutty as a fruitcake مجنون - معتوه

e.g. Isn't she slightly strange, your aunt?

'Oh, she's as nutty as a fruitcake'