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ugly البطة السوداء (م.ع)

an ugly duckling القبيح الذي يصير مليحاً
عندما ينضج، شخص أو مشروع يبدو غير مبشر أول
الأمر فيتضح بمرور الأيام أنه ناجح

e.g. Some famous film stars were ugly ducklings when they were young.

be as ugly as sin شديد القبح

e.g. That dog of his is as ugly as sin.

um

um and ah كناية عن صعوبة أخذ القرار

e.g. She's still umming and ahing about telling her mother.

umbrage

take umbrage يساوره الغضب، استياء، امتعاض

e.g. There is a public umbrage from the government.

e.g. He took great umbrage at newspaper reviews of his book.

uncertain

in no uncertain terms بشدة، بقوة

e.g. We were told in no uncertain terms that dishonesty would not be tolerated.

uncle Sam

الولايات الأمريكية، أو حكومة الولايات الأمريكية

e.g. The smaller countries resent being so dependent on Uncle Sam for protection.

an Uncle Tom

الرجل الأسود الذي يتعلق الرجل الأبيض (هذه

العبارة مأخوذة من رواية Uncle Tom's Cabin

e.g. She was seen by other blacks in the neighborhood as an Uncle Tom for not complaining about police harassment.

say uncle تعترف بهزيمتك

e.g. I'm determined to show them I can be a star. I'm not going to say uncle.

unglued

come unglued ١. يفقد السيطرة على مشاعره

e.g. After Dan's death, she just came unglued.

٢. تبدو على الشيء علامات الفشل

e.g. The negotiations are showing signs of coming unglued, with new questions coming up every day.

unknown

an unknown quantity

شخص أو شيء لا يُعرف كنهه

e.g. The new computer system is still an unknown quantity for our department.

unstuck

come unstuck يواجه مشاكل تؤدي إلى الفشل

e.g. Athletes who don't prepare properly for the humid conditions will certainly

come unstuck.

up

up yours ! تعبير يدل على أنك لا

تهتم برأى شخص (تعبير غير مهذب)

e.g. You're not supposed to be smoking in here. 'Up yours, mate!'

be (right) up there with sb/sth

يمائل شخصاً آخر في الشهرة

e.g. He's up there with the foremost sculptors of our age.

be on the up

في تقدم ونجاح مستمر - في أو إلى تحسن

e.g. It's been a difficult year for our family, but things are on the up again now.

be on the up and up

١. في تقدم ونجاح - نجمه صاعد

e.g. Since the recession ended, our business has been on the up and up.

٢. مخلص وأمين

e.g. You can trust Mick. he's on the up and up.

be up

عندما يتملكه الغرور فيعتقد أنه خير من غيره

e.g. She's so up herself ever since she landed this new job, it's unbearable.

be up against sth./sb موقف أو شخص أو مجموعة تقف ضدك في حصولك على ما تريد

e.g. When I saw how deeply the racist views were held I began to understand what we were up against.

be up and about/around

تتحسن صحته ويخرج ويتجول كما يريد - عوفى وأصبح قادراً على الحركة

e.g. Trevor's up and about again, but he won't be able to drive for a few weeks.

be up and down ١. في مزاج متقلب بين سعادة ثم حزن بعد حدث خطير

e.g. She's been very up and down since her husband's death.

٢. موقف متذبذب ما بين نجاح وفشل

e.g. Things are up and down for dairy farmers at the moment.

be up and running يعمل بنجاح

e.g. Until the new computer system is up and running we will have to work on paper.

be up for sth. يكون على استعداد للقيام بعمل ما - عنده نية لعمل شيء ما

e.g. After a long day at work, I wasn't really up for a party.

be up to sth

يتأهب لعمل شيء ما (عادة ما يكون سرياً)

e.g. We think those boys are up to something, or they wouldn't be behaving so suspiciously.

be up to your ears/eyeballs/eyes in sth

be up to your chin in يكون مشغولاً للغاية

e.g. We're up to our eyeballs in decorating

at the moment.

not be up to much

لا يقوم بالعمل المتوقع منه بكفاءة

e.g. This hairdryer's not up to much. It only blows out cold air.

be up with the lark تصحو مبكراً

be up with the crows

e.g. We were up with the lark this morning!

up-and-coming متوقع له النجاح والازدهار

e.g. She founded a summer school for up-and-coming musicians.

uphill

an uphill battle/fight/struggle

an uphill job/task عمل يستلزم مجهوداً ضخماً لما يسببه أشخاص آخرون من مصاعب

e.g. Environmentalists face an uphill struggle convincing people to use their cars less.

upper

the upper crust الطبقة الاجتماعية العليا

e.g. Many treasures were brought back to Britain because its upper crust was wealthy and liked travelling abroad.

upper crust.

e.g. He spoke with an upper crust accent.

have the upper hand

له اليد العليا، في موقف من القوة والسيطرة

e.g. At half time, the Italian team seem to have the upper hand.

gain/get the upper hand

e.g. Government troops are gradually gaining the upper hand over the rebel forces.

uppers

be (down) on your uppers

تكون في موقف مالي متدهور

e.g. Hungary's once successful film industry is on its uppers.

ups

ups and downs تقلبات الحياة، في صعود ونزول أو في نزول وصعود ، يوم فوق ويوم تحت (ع)

e.g. Like most married couples, we've had our ups and downs.

upstairs

kick sb upstairs تعطى شخصاً وظيفة تبدو أكثر نفوذا ولكنها ليست كذلك في الحقيقة

e.g. Brown is being kicked upstairs to become chairman of the new company.

uptake

be slow on the uptake

بطيء في فهم الأفكار الجديدة

e.g. I tried to explain the new database but they were remarkably slow on the uptake.

opposite be quick on the uptake

سرعة في فهم الأفكار الجديدة

e.g. Some of the games were quite complex, but the children were very quick on the uptake.

up-to-the-minute

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يحتوى على أكثر

المعلومات تقدماً - يجارى النظام الحديث

e.g. For top designer names and up-to-the-minute fashion, shop at Taylors.