Appendix 1: list of example sentences

(some of the following example sentences have spelling errors - it's a part of the experiment)

Appendix 1.a:

Example sentences used in the analysis of phrasal nouns:

1. Socialism was an article of faith with his parents.
2. The child was just a bag of bones when we found her.
3. Both countries have a vested interest in maintaining the balance of power.
4. Mix together 250g plain flour and a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda and then add to the cake mixture.
5. The county Board of Education has decided to cancel high school gymnastics and golf programs.
6. In a speech to captains of industry, she predicated economic growth of 3.5% next year.
7. The queen is the head of the Church of England.
8. The tobacco companies may be guilty of contempt of court for refusing to produce the documents.
9. The increase in interest rates will raise the cost of living.
10. Parents are holding a council of war to decide what to do about the threatened closure of the school.
11. Society is challenging the traditional sexual division of labour.
12. She skated a perfect figure of eight.
13. They always register their ships under a flag of convenience.
14. There has been much gnashing of teeth about the proposal to close the hospital.
15. The Prime Minister was guest of honour at the dinner.
16. You really know you've made it when they enshrine you in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.
17. My father is quite old now and he's increasingly hard of hearing.
18. The mood was sombre as the Commons sat down on Wednesday to debate the crisis.
19. The mood was sombre as the House of Commons sat down on Wednesday to debate the crisis.
20. Fire fighters used the Jaws of Life to free the trapped victims.
21. He was accused by his opponents of being a man of straw and lacking in decisiveness.
22. The government estimates that its borrowing requirement this year could reach $150 billion, subject to a wide margin of error.
23. He spoke in a very matter-of-fact way about the accident.
24. They adopted a sensible, middle-of-the-road policy on defence spending.
25. Many people oppose the death penalty because of the possibility of miscarriages of justice.
26. We cannot release the names of the soldiers who were killed until we having informed their next of kin.
27. The country's debt this year will be of the same order of magnitude as it was last year.
28. I would like to raise a point of order.
29. From a medical point of view, there was no need for the operation.
30. Throughout the play, Macbeth struggles with the powers of darkness.
31. When the gunmen came into the bank, she had the presence of mind to press the alarm.
32. Pedestrians have right of way at this turning.
33. Everyone is subject to the rule of law.
34. Half the vote has been counted, and our candidate is still in the running.
35. He have a fairly run-of-the-mill speech.
36. There are several schools of thought about how the universe began.
37. She has a seat-of-the-pants ability to find the best way out of a crisis.
38. She became Secretary of State for Education after spending three years as Environment Secretary.
39. Was the conference a success, Foreign Secretary?
40. Her re-election to the committee was defeated on a show of hands.
41. What sign of the Zodiac are you?
42. What sign are you?
43. Most of these conjuring tricks depend on sleight of hand.
44. What low-down son of a bitch took my clothes?
45. I'm going to beat the sonofabitch if it kills me!
46. The standard of living in many developing countries is low.
47. After the floods the government declared a state of emergency.
48. The control panel uses all the newest technology and is considered state-of-the-art.
49. The soldiers have just completed a six-month tour in the Philippines.
50. His natural supporters are the urban poor, and educated people of a liberal turn of mind.
51. 'Significant other' meaning 'partner' - now that's an interesting turn of phrase.
52. The government held a vote of confidence and lost/won it.
53. The new Chairperson stood up and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chair for all her hard work.
54. He was efficient at his job and well-thought-of by everyone.
55. It's a well-thought-of school.
56. The thieves stole several valuable works of art.
57. The Queen is the head of the Church of England.
58. The Prime Minister was guest of honour at the dinner.
59. You really know you've made it when they enshrine you in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.
60. He finished it inside of two hours.
61. Most women go through the menopause between the ages of 40 and 50.
62. The fraud depended on hundreds of bank accounts being opened on behalf of straw men.
63. The idea that national identity will be lost as a result of European integration is just a man of straw which he is wasting his time fighting.
64. Make a file for these documents and write 'finance' on the tab.
65. Insert Tab A into Slot A and glue, before standing the model upright.
Appendix 1.b:

Example sentences used in the analysis of idioms and phrases:

1. She came of her own accord. No one asked her to come.
2. I hope my teacher will take into account the fact that I was ill just before the exams when she marks my paper.
3. A good architect takes into account the building’s surroundings.
4. Britain's tax system takes no account of children.
5. I think you have to take into account that he's a good deal younger than the rest of us.
6. The government stands accused of eroding freedom of speech.
7. She came within an ace of winning the match.
8. I'm afraid the TV's out of action.
9. Jackson's torn ligaments will keep him out of action for the rest of the season.
10. Now research has proved that the drug is effective everyone wants a slice of the action.
11. She arrived in advance of everyone else.
12. What's all this shouting in aid of?
13. In the last two years the book has sold all of 200 copies.
14. We had any amount of people applying for the job.
15. He was, in this matter at least, firmly on the side of the angels.
16. His youngest daughter was the apple of his eye.
17. The repair work will cost in the area of $200.
18. Her hat was straight out of the ark.
19. As of next month, all the airline's fares will be going up.
20. Simon always makes a complete ass of himself when he's had too much to drink.
21. They live in some village in the back of beyond.
22. It's been at the back of my mind to call Jose for several days now, but I haven't got round to it yet.
23. The advertising agency secured the contract on the back of their previous successful campaigns.
24. They have carried on their business operations by riding on the back of established firms.
25. For Tony, owning a big car was a badge of success.
26. Come and stay with us - we've got bags of room.
27. Don't panic, there's bags of time yet.
28. When the election is over, this will be the party holding the balance of power.
29. I was given a million-dollar project to manage in my first month - it was a real baptism of fire.
30. "He's a bit serious isn't he?" "Yeah, not exactly a barrel of laughs."
31. It was the beginning of the end for their marriage when he started drinking.
32. He told me she was just a friend, but I don't believe a word of it!
33. She wore a dress of crimson silk to the dinner and was the belle of the ball.
34. I didn't know whether his story was true or not, but I decided to give him the benefit of the doubt.
35. Our car is slow even at the best of times.
36. There was wonderful food, good company and, best of all, a jazz band.
37. Best of luck with your exams!
38. We would like to wish you the best of luck with your move to the States.
39. She works in the city and lives in the country, so she gets the best of both worlds.
40. Shall we play the best of five?
41. I think we've already had the best of the hot weather this summer.
42. We'll have to spend the night here, so we might as well make the best of it.
43. Just do the job to the best of your ability.
44. To the best of my knowledge, the chemicals which were found are not dangerous.
45. He can dance with the best of them.
46. He fought fiercely, but his opponent easily got the better of him.
47. He is responsible beyond a shadow of a doubt.
48. You can spare me an hour next week? That's really big of you!
49. He'll get on well with Anthony - they're birds of a feather.
50. Have you seen his latest bit of skirt?
51. I thought he would be sorry, but not a bit of it.
52. He missed a medal in the 100m, but will get a second bite of the cherry in the 400m.
53. The unemployed are tasting the bitter fruits of the market economy.
54. The ground was covered by a thick blanket of snow.
55. The garden is a blaze of colour in autumn.
56. His book was launched in a blaze of publicity.
57. He didn't take a blind bit of notice of what I said.
58. In the blink of an eye, he was gone.
59. Persuading Chris to buy a round of drinks is like getting blood out of a stone.
60. One day, out of the blue, she announced that she was leaving.
61. However did Mina manage to bluff her way into that job?
62. He's one of those people who is very good at bluffing their way out of trouble.
63. The news of his marriage was a bolt from the blue.
64. With a courage born of necessity, she seized the gun and ran at him.
65. The desire for money is at the bottom of much of the world's violence.
66. When I said I loved you, I meant it from the bottom of my heart.
67. I'm not sure what is causing the problem, but I'm determined to get to the bottom of it.
68. The fire started deep in the bowels of the ship.
69. He plays football, drinks a lot of beer and generally acts like one of the boys.
70. Suddenly we heard a screech of brakes and saw the car swerve to miss the cyclist.
71. The cinema was in breach of the Health and Safety Act for having no fire doors.
72. We've broken the back of it now and we should be finished by Friday.
73. There wasn't a breath of air in the room.
74. I need a breath of fresh air.
75. Angela's so cheerful and lively - she's like a breath of fresh air when she visits.
76. Send in your poems and we'll publish the pick of the bunch.
77. Three days after the birth, Paul and Sandra took their precious bundle of joy home.
78. He's not exactly a bundle of laughs, is he?
79. Sorry for shouting - I'm a bundle of nerves these days.
80. The intelligence service is not in the business of routinely monitoring the activities of law-abiding citizens.
81. Stop pestering me, it's none of your business!
82. You can't expect to get everything you need at the push of a button.
83. Everyone should have a fair slice of the cake.
84. Corruption is a serious problem, but nobody has yet been willing to open up that can of worms.
85. The Opposition is making a lot of political capital out of the Government's failure to invest in education.
86. Take good care of that girl of yours, Patrick she's very special.
87. Don't worry about me, I can take care of myself.
88. If you can sort out the drink for the party, I'll take care of the food.
89. All the travel arrangements have been taken care of.
90. No, you paid for dinner last time, let me take care of it.
91. "Bye, Melissa." "Goodbye Rozzie, take care."
92. You look as if you have all the cares of the world on your shoulders.
93. The law will apply equally to men and women except in the case of maternity leave.
94. She doesn't want to work full-time, it's a case of having to.
95. I was trying to keep the party a secret, but Mel went and let the cat out of the bag.
96. She's the centre of attention everywhere she goes.
97. Queen Victoria died at the turn of the century.
98. She'd been with the same company for too many years and felt she needed a change of scene, so she applied for a job as a stage manager.
99. She was going to sell her house but had a change of heart at the last minute.
100. She's going through the change.
101. The whole trip was a chapter of accidents.
102. Many more businesses are feeling the chill wind of the recession.
103. As a long-distance runner, she's in a class of her own.
104. I can't play chess with him. He's completely out of my class!
105. He's been given a clean bill of health by the doctor.
106. Julia finally made a clean breast of it and admitted that she had stolen the money.
107. Do that once more and I'll come down on you like a ton of bricks!
Suntanned and relaxed, looking calmly about the room, he appeared completely in command.

I don't think you have any concept of the pain you have caused her.

The results of the election are of concern to us all.

The money was of little consequence to Tony.

The papers took my remarks completely out of context.

She had invited relatives from the four corners of the world to her 80th birthday party.

I saw something move out of the corner of my eye.

I could count the number of times he's paid for a round of drinks on the ingers one hand.

On the count of three, I'd like you all to stand up.

Although many of his policies were unpopular, he had the courage of his convictions to see them through.

I expect they plan to have children in the course of time.

With the course of time, I've learned to live with my disability.

"Can you help me?" "Of course."

May I have a look at your newspaper?" "Of course you can."

"Have you written your English essay yet?" "Of course, I finished it last week."

The Second World War ended, of course, in 1945.

We arrived at the restaurant 30 minutes late so, of course, our reservation had been cancelled.

"Where did you get the money? Did you steal it?" "Of course not. I borrowed it from Carol."

Phil Collins appears on the album courtesy of Virgin Records.

We'll have to leave at the crack of dawn.

Fossil records indicate that Africa was the cradle of early human evolution.

The cream of this year's graduates have gone abroad for jobs.

He had become the creature of the secret police.
131. My father's such a creature of habit - he always has to have a biscuit and a cup of tea at bedtime.

132. Mrs Singh is still riding the crest of a wave of popularity.

133. His presentation was a crock of shit.

134. Thanks for inviting me, but ballet isn't really my cup of tea.

135. "Bye - don't work too hard!" "There's no danger of that!"

136. Adults are fond of telling children that their years at school are the best days of their life.

137. You're going to get into serious trouble one of these days.

138. It's just been one of those days.

139. Don't jump out on me like that! You scared the living daylights out of me!

140. The fire broke out in the dead of night.

141. The failure of the family business was the death of him.

142. That child will be the death of me!

143. We're just discovering the delights of being retired.

144. Where have you been? We've been deprived of your company for far too long!

145. I was out of my depth in the advanced class, so I moved to the intermediate class.

146. I'm not a strong swimmer so I prefer not to go out of my depth.

147. He was in the depths of despair/depression about losing his job.

148. The company was started in the depth of the recession of the 1930s.

149. Boats of every description were entering the harbour.

150. His efforts are certainly deserving of praise.

151. He's the despair of his parents because he shows no interest in getting a job.

152. We had the devil of a job/time trying to find this place!

153. Did you hear what happened to Anna yesterday - oh, speak of the devil, here she is.

154. I almost/could have died of embarrassment.

155. They had a difference of opinion about/over their child's education.

156. I take a dim view of this kind of behaviour.

157. Which way is it? - I have no/a lousy sense of direction!
158. Do you think Tess will reach the dizzy heights of Senior Editor before she's 30?
159. She's all of a doodah about the wedding arrangements.
160. The medicine went through me like a dose of salts.
161. My father is very generous, but I wouldn't dream of actually asking him for money!
162. Win the house of your dreams in our fantastic competition!
163. People tend to regard drug addicts as the dregs of society.
164. People will file lawsuits at the drop of a hat these days.
165. Within two minutes of walking into the classroom, she had the kids eating out of her hand.
166. We eventually found the answer by a process of elimination.
167. If you don't want the job, there's no end of people willing to take your place.
168. Of course I'll listen to what she has to say but at the end of the day, it's my decision.
169. We've struggled on for as long as we could, but now we're at the end of the line.
170. When the bank refused to lend us any more money we realised we'd reached the end of the road.
171. This woman is innocent - end of story.
172. I'm really hoping to win, but it won't be the end of the world if I don't.
173. The prices were very roughly calculated - it looked as though he'd done them on the back of an envelope.
174. Her hair is the envy of the office.
175. Twenty-five people hav replied to the invitation, but I've erred on the side of caution and put out 30 chairs.
176. Not telling the staff before they read the news in the papers was an error of judgment.
177. In any of these discussions, of course, honesty is of essence.
178. Time is of the essence.
179. In the event of a strike, the army will take over responsibility for firefighting.
180. I hope I didn't make an exhibition of myself last night.
Would you stop making jokes at my expense?

Parents of young children need to have eyes in the back of their heads.

She left home in the face of strong opposition from her parents.

I said no! Now get out of my face!

Poor quality is the unacceptable face of increased productivity.

The whole tribe seem to have disappeared off the face of the earth.

On the face of it, it seems like a bargain, but I bet there are hidden costs.

Going bald is just a fact of life.

No I don't work. In fact, I've never had a job.

"Have you always lived here?" "As a matter of fact I've only lived here for the last three years".

Cases of leukaemia in the area near the nuclear reactor have risen by a factor of four.

We always used to go on holiday at the fag end of the holiday season.

It's only right that all the candidates should be given a fair crack of the whip.

Manufacturers may fall foul of the new government guidelines.

Things were going well for her till she fell of the director.

Freud was the father of psychiatry.

Laksha sat inside, in fear of her life, until the police came.

Malcolm knows the city well, so there's no fear of us getting lost.

They wouldn't let their cat outside for fear it would get run over.

I didn't want to move for fear of waking her up.

Once you get the feel of it, using a mouse is easy.

My father was a man of few words, but when he spoke it was worth listening to.

She wanted to win the race with every fibre of her being.

Before this course I'd always fought shy of technology.

He's no longer in the first flush of youth.

His stories had them in fits of laughter.

He hit me with the flat of his hand.

Andy is certainly flavour of the month with the boss.
209. He was talking about cycling across the US or was that just another fight of fancy?
210. I found her in floods of tears in the toilets.
211. He died in the very flower of his youth.
212. The flower of the nation's youth were killed in the war.
213. Peter was coming round for dinner and I was all of a flutter.
214. This is an argument that seems to fly in the face of common sense.
215. I got a bit drunk and made a fool of myself.
216. Some of the greatest geniuses in history had feet of clay.
217. I was so tired that I could hardly put one foot in front of the other.
218. Poverty and ignorance, the bishop said, were the forces of evil in our society today.
219. The two leaders have laid the foundations of a new era in cooperation between their countries.
220. He helped to lay the foundations of English drama.
221. The most important thing is to go into the exam in a positive frame of mind.
222. How can Christians and atheists ever come to understand each other when their frames of reference are so different?
223. There's parking space in front of the hotel.
224. Please don't swear in front of the children.
225. I've nver known anyone be so full of beans before breakfast.
226. "Did the kids enjoy their trip to the zoo?" "Oh, yes, they were full of it when they got back this afternoon."
227. Since he got his new job, he's been very full of his own importance.
228. I can't stand her - she's so full of herself.
229. He bounced into the office, full of the joys of spring.
230. Everything will become clear in the fullness of time.
231. I ran but just for fun.
232. The other children were always making fun of him because he was fat and wore grasses.
233. She has a fund of knowledge on the subject.
234. She doesn't see her grandchildren very often so she makes a real fuss of them when she does.
235. I could hear gales of laughter coming from downstairs.
236. Jonson has run the gamut of hotel work, from porter to owner of a large chain of hotels.
237. The party leadership contest has let the genie of change out of the bottle.
238. They haven't got a ghost of a chance of winning.
239. She's got the gift of the gab - she should work in sales and marketing.
240. The actor's wedding took place in the full glare of publicity/the media.
241. She's really making a go of her new antique shop.
242. I can't see him ever making a go of accountancy.
243. What good is sitting alone in your room?
244. The new law met with a good deal of opposition at local level.
245. By the grace of god, the pilot managed to land the damaged plane safely.
246. He's been called the grand old man of cricket.
247. 'Modern Times' is a classic comedy starring Charlie Chaplin, the grandaddy of comic film actors.
248. I sometimes think I'd be happier teaching in Spain. Oh well, the grass is always greener on the other side!
249. The country is currently in the grip of the worst recession for twenty years.
250. The tables were positively groaning with food.
251. It's yet another novel set in the groves of academe.
252. "I hear things aren't going too well at work." "You don't know the hal of it!"
253. How many people have died at the hands of terrorist organizations since the voilence began?
254. Moving to London is certainly a possibility - I wouldn't dismiss it out of hand.
255. "I'v never used a word processor before." "Don't worry - you'll soon get the hang of it."
256. The children will be here soon - you'd better put that plate out of harm's way.
257. I asked him to help out, but he wasn't having any of it.
258. Even as a tiny baby, she had a thick head of hair.
259. I can't make head nor tail of these instructions on the packet.
260. I've got a whole heap of work to do.
261. If Linda gets that promotion, we'll never hear the end of it.
262. She has a heart of gold.
263. I didn't want to believe it, but in my heart of hearts I knew that it was true.
264. We both heaved a sigh of relief when she left.
265. She's making such heavy weather of that report she's writing.
266. It's a heck of a long way to the nearest shop from here.
267. This country would never submit to living under the heel of a foreign power.
268. For Walter, disaster followed hard on the heels of his initial success.
269. August is the height of the tourist season.
270. At the height of the violence/crisis we were left without any help.
271. I didn't know what I wanted to do, so I drove my van round Europe, just for the fell of it.
272. The house was in a one hell of a mess.
273. Let's get the hell out of here, before any shooting starts.
274. He jumped out from behind a wall and scared the hell out of her.
275. The whole house was a hive of activity on the day before the wedding.
276. Where can I get hold of some stamps?
277. How can I get ahold of Chris?
278. Would you do me the honour of accompanying me to the New Year Ball?
279. It may be childish but I have a horror of worms.
280. Then I went to the toilets and, horror of horrors, discovered that my zip had been undone.
281. The police are trying to stop out-of-hours drinking.
282. They keep ringing me up at all hours.
283. She helped me in my hour of need.
284. Is this your idea of a joke?

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I can't turn up at a funeral in a pink jacket. What an idea!
She's the spitting image of her mother.
She's been in and out of hospitals ever since the accident.
I came within an inch of losing my life on the rocks below.
Every inch of her bedroom wall is covered with photos of pop stars.
Of course I'll help you, there's no need to make an issue of it.
I'm not going to let him repair my bike again because he made a really bad job of it last time.
The dry cleaner's did a good job of removing that oil stain from my shirt.
I put my shoulder out of joint last weekend lifting heavy boxes.
Our whole schedule was put out of joint by the designs arriving a week late.
He tried to make a joke of the fact that he hadn't passed the exam.
The news about Sam's illness jolted her into action.
In keeping with tradition, they always have turkey on Christmas Day.
The modern furniture was out of keeping with the old house.
Having knowledge is one thing but being able to communicate it to others is another kettle of fish.
We can't release his name until we have informed his next of kin.
"You said I was fat." "I didn't say anything of the kind!"
It was kind of strange to see him again.
The school had a swimming pool of a kind, but it was too small for most classes to use.
Rain is the kiss of death for a barbecue.
The rise in mortgage rates really knocked the bottom out of the housing market.
I know this area like the back of my hand.
He's always working on his car - It's a labour of love.
She was partying till the early hours, so I don't imagine she'll be in the land of the living before lunchtime.
Jamie's in the land of nod at last.
Many Mexicans regard the United States as a land of milk and honey.
311. The doctors have done everything possible for him, so his recovery now is in the lap of the gods.

312. I paid them $100 for the damage and I hope that's the last I'll hear of it.

313. You haven't heard the last of this! - I'll see you in court.

314. He's horrible - I really hope we've seen the last of him.

315. We'll never hear the last of it if they win that competition.

316. We haven't spoken of late.

317. She's pleased with her promotion but she'll be laughing on the other side of her face when she sees the extra work.

318. The proposal will be laughed out of court.

319. We hope for a world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, governs the conduct of nations.

320. With one stunning performance, Chelsea have laid to rest the ghost of their humiliating defeat at Old Trafford last season.

321. Maybe I should take a leaf out of Rick's book and start coming in at ten every morning.

322. He was so good-looking and so popular that I felt he was out of my league.

323. Leave go of my arm!

324. You can't take the children out sailing in this weather! Have you completely taken leave of your senses?

325. Her comments came out of left field.

326. She travelled the length and breadth of Ireland looking for her missing brother.

327. But allowing a criminal to go free is perhaps the lesser of two evils if the alternative is imprisoning an innocent person.

328. I took the liberty of booking theatre seats for us.

329. The whole report is a pack of lies.

330. I can't remember her name for the life of me.

331. The market for those dreadful compilation records you see advertised on TV is just another of life's great mysteries.
332. As the exams approached, she felt that at last she could see the light at the end of the tunnel.
333. In the light of recent incidents, we are asking our customers to take particular care of their personal belongings.
334. It is easy to make light of other people’s problems.
335. The cannon can be linked to the line of sight of the gunner so that it points in the same direction that he is looking in.
336. I was thinking of doing a meal along the lines of that dinner I did for Annie and Dave.
337. They're campaigning for the electoral system to be reformed along the lines of the one in Germany.
338. It was made quite clear to me that if I stepped out of line again I'd be out of a job.
339. Their predictions were hopelessly out of line with the actual results.
340. This year alone eight police officers have been killed in the line of duty.
341. He made little of his ordeal.
342. Who said they were cheaper - what a load of rubbish!
343. He liked the second series and I thought it was a load of crap.
344. Get a load of that, lads! Very nice.
345. You can't escape the long arm of the law.
346. The long and the short of it is that they are willing to start the work in January.
347. By the look of things, we won't be able to take our holiday till the autumn.
348. I'm worried that we're losing sight of our original objectives.
349. The plane crashed with serious loss of life.
350. "Do you have any tuna sandwiches?" "You're in luck - there's one left."
351. You can't choose who you play against - it's just the luck of the draw.
Appendix 1.c:

Example sentences used in the analysis of other phrasal structures:

1. the end-of-season play-offs
2. The train was delayed because of bad weather.
3. He spoke in a very matter-of-fact way about the accident.
4. They adopted a sensible, middle-of-the-road policy on defence spending.
5. An apple rolled out of the bag.
6. Professor Aitchison is out of town this week.
7. The patient is now out of danger.
8. The coffee machine is out of order.
9. Both she and her husband are out of work.
10. The dress was made out of velvet.
11. She dresses like a character out of a 19th century novel.
12. I paid for the computer out of my savings.
13. I took the job out of necessity because we had no money left.
14. You might like to come and see what we're doing out of interest.
15. Nine out of ten people said they liked the product.
16. No one got 20 out of 20 in the test.
17. He missed two practice sessions so he's out of the team.
18. I'm out of the habit of cycling to work.
19. My lawyer wants to settle out of court.
20. That radio looks so out of date.
21. an out-of-date phone directory
22. I have a map but I'm afraid it's out-of-date.
23. All out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed by the company.
24. an out-of-town shopping centre
25. Half the vote has been counted, and our candidate is still in the running.
26. She has a seat-of-the-pants ability to find the best way out of a crisis.
27. We in the West enjoy a standard of living undreamed of by the majority of people in the world.

28. These two lads from a remote village in Norway have enjoyed undreamed-of success with their first album.

29. It was not all that long ago that it was almost unheard-of for an unmarried couple live together.

30. Upwards of fifty thousand people assembled in the main square.

31. He was efficient at his job and well-thought-of by everyone.

32. It's a well-thought-of school.

33. The control panel uses all the newest technology and is considered state-of-the-art.

34. It's a helluva nice place.

35. We're going to have a helluva problem.

36. The new faster trains can do the journey inside two hours.

37. He finished it inside of two hours.
Appendix 1.d:

Example sentences used in the analysis of phrasal verbs:

1. The present schedule does not admit of modification.
2. The latest events admit of several interpretations.
3. The rule allows of no exceptions.
4. The evidence allows of only one interpretation - he was murdered by his wife.
5. Employees should avail themselves of the opportunity to buy cheap shares in the company.
6. The men claimed that the police had beaten the confession out of them.
7. Whatever became of that parcel you sent?
9. She claimed that her cousin had cheated her out of her inheritance.
10. Did anything come of all those job applications?
11. I hope something good can come out of this mess.
12. She's been complaining of a bad back recently.
13. The team consists of four Europeans and two Americans.
14. It's a simple dish to prepare, consisting mainly of rice and vegetables.
15. I ate so much of it one day I was sick and that cured me of my addiction.
16. How did they dispose of the body?
17. It took a mere five minutes for the world champion to dispose of his opponent.
18. There is a growing movement to divest the monarchy of its remaining constitutional power.
19. She divested herself of her cumbersome attire.
20. Thousands of pensioners have been done out of millions of pounds as a result of the changes.
21. You never tell me how you feel - I always have to drag it out of you.
22. I dream of one day working for myself and not having a boss.
23. The minister was drummed out of office when it was discovered that he had been taking bribes.
24. You can't duck out of your responsibilities.
25. He dedicated his life to freeing the world from famine and disease.
26. I'd like to free myself of some of the responsibilities of this job.
27. I reckon her backache was just a way of getting out of the housework.
28. If I can get out of going to the meeting tonight I will.
29. I must get out of the habit of finishing off people's sentences for them.
30. If you get out of a routine, it's very hard to get back into it.
31. It was a really boring course and I don't think I got much out of it.
32. He was determined to get the truth out of her.
33. He wants to join the army when he leaves school, but I hope he'll grow out of the idea.
34. The idea for the story grew out of a strange experience I had last year.
35. I wanted to pay but she wouldn't hear of it.
36. I'd never heard of him before he won the prize.
37. It's a tiny country that most people have never heard of.
38. We haven't heard anything of Jan for months.
39. I prefer to keep out of arguments about money.
40. Keep me out of this!
41. Any creativity I had was soon knocked out of me at school.
42. Do you know of a god doctor?
43. Can you make anything of this information?
44. What do you make of the new boss?
45. I don't know what to make of it. Even the police seem baffled.
46. I think we make too much of the benefits of Western society.
47. He's so secretive - you'll have a hard time prizing any information out of him.
48. His promotion reeks of favouritism.
49. May I relieve you of that heavy bag?
50. The pickpocket delicately relieved him of his wallet.
51. Following the scandal, he was relieved of his post as deputy finance minister.
52. The committee's chairperson is to be relieved of her duties.
53. The general was relieved of his command in 1941.
Your hair and eyes remind me of your mother.
Our aim is to rid this government of corruption.
His behaviour does rather savour of hypocrisy.
We'll screw every last penny out of him.
Slip your shirt off and I'll listen to your heart.
The whole affair smacks of mismanagement and incompetence.
He just can't snap out of the depression he's had since his wife died.
Now come on, snap out of it. Losing that money isn't the end of the world.
During the negotiations, the union managed to squeeze several concessions from the management.
It's better to stay out of their arguments.
You don't know anything about this, so just stay out of it!
He was stripped of his knighthood after he was convicted of stealing from the company.
With some difficulty, he was able to talk his way out of paying the fine.
We'll have to think of a pretty good excuse for being late.
I think of him as someone who will always help me.
What do you think of my new dress?
I thought of you immediately when they said they wanted someone who could speak English.
He was thinking about the time he spent in the army.
This is the kind of toy that children will soon tire of.
He never tires of playing games on his computer.
Although they had signed the contract they tried to weasel out of the deal later.
He wasn't going to tell me, but I managed to worm it out of him.
He promised he'd help me decorate, but now he's trying to wriggle out of it.
Appendix 2: list of phrases

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List of phrasal nouns:

1. affairs of state
2. article of faith
3. bag of bones
4. balance of payments
5. balance of power
6. the Bank of England
7. bicarbonate of soda
8. bill of fare
9. bill of rights
10. bird of paradise
11. bird of passage
12. bird of prey
13. the Black Hole of Calcutta
14. block of flats
15. board of education
16. captain of industry
17. centre of gravity
18. chamber of commerce
19. chamber of horrors
20. Chancellor of the Exchequer
21. chest of drawers
22. chief of staff
23. the Church of England
24. coat of arms
25. cock-of-the-walk
26. code of practice
27. C of E
28. comity of nations
29. the Commonwealth (of Nations)
30. communion of saints
31. contempt (of court) (DISOBEYING)
32. cost of living
33. cost of living index
34. council of war
35. court of inquiry
36. cream of tartar
37. crime of passion
38. the Day of Atonement
39. the Day of Judgment
40. day of reckoning
41. the Democratic Republic of Congo
42. Director of Public Prosecutions
43. division of labour
44. the Fall (of Man)
45. figure of eight
46. figure of fun
47. figure of speech
48. flag of convenience
49. the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
50. the Fourth of July
51. Friends of the Earth
52. front-of-house
53. the garden of Eden
54. gnashing of teeth, at gnash
55. Group of Eight
56. guard of honour
57. guest of honour
58. hall of fame
59. hall of residence
60. head of state
61. High Court of Australia
62. the holy of holies (RELIGIOUS PLACE)
63. the House of Commons
64. house of correction
65. house of God
66. the House of Lords
67. the House of Representatives
68. the Houses of Parliament
69. index of leading economic indicators
70. the Inns of Court
71. jack-of-all-trades
72. Jaws of Life
73. the Joint Chiefs of Staff
74. Justice of the Peace
75. letter of credit
76. lily of the valley
77. line of scrimmage
78. maid of honour
79. man of God
80. man of letters
81. man of straw (WEAK)
82. man of straw (IMAGINARY)
83. margin of error
84. Marshal of the Royal Air Force
85. Master of Arts
86. master of ceremonies
87. Master of Philosophy
88. Master of Science
89. atter-of-factness, at matter-of-fact
90. Member of Parliament
91. milk of magnesia
92. miscarriage of justice
93. mother-of-pearl
94. next of kin
95. order of magnitude
96. part of speech
97. peer of the realm
98. pieces of eight
99. the Pied Piper (of Hamelin)
100. place of worship
101. plaster of Paris
102. point of no return
103. point of order
104. point of view
105. port of call
106. power of attorney
107. the powers of darkness
108. presence of mind
109. the Prince of Darkness
110. Prince of Wales
111. prisoner of conscience
112. prisoner of war
113. rate of exchange
114. the Republic of Congo
115. right of way (DRIVING)
116. right of way (WALKING)
117. rite of passage
118. roll of honour
119. the rule of law
120. in/out of the running, at run
121. run-of-the-mill
122. school of thought
123. Secretary of State
124. show of hands
125. sign of the Zodiac
126. sleight of hand
127. soldier of fortune
128. son of a bitch
129. son of a gun
130. standard of living
131. Star of David
132. state of emergency
133. Stations of the Cross
134. stick of rock
135. stream of consciousness
136. survival of the fittest
137. tour (of duty)
138. the Tropic of Cancer
139. the Tropic of Capricorn
140. tug-of-love
141. tug-of-war
142. turn of events
143. turn of mind
144. turn of phrase
145. the United States of America
146. Vicar of Christ
147. vote of confidence
148. vote of no confidence
149. vote of thanks
150. work of art
151. block of flats, at apartment
152. balance of trade, at balance of payments
153. C of E, at the Church of England
154. the Garden of Eden, at Eden
155. rate of exchange, at exchange rate
156. guest of honor, at guest of honour
157. Hall of Fame, at hall of fame
158. the Day of Judgment, at Judgment Day
159. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at Macedonia
160. man of the cloth, at man of God
161. the change (of life), at menopause
162. man of straw, at straw man (CRIME)
163. man of straw, at straw man (ARGUMENT)
164. tab of acid, at tab
165. undreamt of, at undreamed of
166. the Day of Atonement, at Yom Kippur
Appendix 2.b:

List of Idioms and phrases.

1. of your own accord
2. take account of
3. stand accused of sth
4. come within an ace of sth
5. be out of action
6. out of action
7. a man of action
8. a piece/slice of the action
9. in advance of sth/sb
10. come of age
11. the age of consent
12. in aid of sb/sth
13. What's sth in aid of?
14. all of sth
15. any amount of
16. be on the side of the angels
17. apple of sb's eye
18. in the area/region of
19. be/come out of the ark
20. the Ark of the Covenant
21. be the armpit of sth
22. as of/from
23. make an ass of yourself
24. the back of beyond
25. at/in the back of your mind
26. on the back of sth
27. on the back of sb/sth
28. be a badge of sth
29. bags of sth
30. hold the balance of power
31. a baptism of/by fire
32. be a barrel of laughs/fun
33. bed of nails
34. bed of roses
35. the beginning of the end
36. not believe a word of it
37. be the belle of the ball
38. give sb the benefit of the doubt
39. the best of a bad bunch/lot
40. at the best of times
41. best of all
42. best of luck
43. the best of both worlds
44. the best of (five)
45. have had the best of
46. make the best of
47. to the best of your ability
48. to the best of my knowledge/belief
49. with the best of them
50. get the better of sb
51. beyond a shadow of a doubt
52. be big of sb
53. birds of a feather
54. Birds of a feather flock together.
55. be a bit of all right
56. bit of fluff/stuff/skirt
57. not a bit of it
58. another/a second bite of the cherry
59. the bitter fruits of sth
60. paint a black picture of sth/sb
61. a blanket of sth
62. a blaze of sth
63. In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.
64. not take a blind bit of notice
65. in the blink of an eye
66. get blood out of/from a stone
67. out of the blue
68. bluff your way into/out of sth
69. a bolt from/out of the blue
70. a bone of contention
71. born of sth
72. in the bosom of sth
73. be at the bottom of sth
74. the bottom drops/falls out of the market
75. from the bottom of your heart
76. get to the bottom of sth
77. be out of bounds
78. the bowels of sth
79. life is just a bowl of cherries.
80. one of the boys
81. screech/squeal of brakes
82. breach of the peace
83. be in breach of sth
84. break the back of sth
85. a breath of air
86. a breath of (fresh) air
87. a breath of fresh air
88. the best/pick of the bunch
89. a bunch of fives
90. a bundle (of joy)
91. a bundle of laughs
92. a bundle of nerves
93. burden of proof
94. not be in the business of
95. be none of sb's business
96. at the push of a button
97. the slice/share of the cake
98. call of nature
99. can of worms
100. make capital out of sth
101. take care of sb/sth
102. take care of sth
103. take care (of yourself)
104. have all the cares of the world on your shoulders
105. in the case of
106. a case of
107. let the cat out of the bag
108. centre of attention
109. the turn of the century
110. change of scene
111. change of heart
112. the change (of life)
113. be a chapter of accidents
114. be of good cheer
115. the chill wind of sth
116. a/the gathering of the clans
117. be in a class of your own
118. be in a class by itself/of its own
119. be out of your class
120. clean bill of health
121. make a clean breast of it
122. come out of the closet
123. come down on sb like a ton of bricks
124. comedy of manners
125. be in command (of yourself)
126. out of commission
127. not have any concept/have no concept of sth
128. be of concern
129. out of condition
130. of little/no consequence
131. not of any/much consequence
132. conspiracy of silence
133. out of context
134. all/the four corners of the world/earth
135. out of/from the corner of your eye
136. the corridors of power
137. could count on (the fingers of) one hand
138. on the count of 3/4/5
139. have the courage of your convictions
140. in the course of time
141. in/with the course of time
142. of course
143. of course not
144. (by) courtesy of
145. at the crack of dawn
146. the cradle of sth
147. the cream of sth
148. be the creature of sb/sth
149. creature of habit
150. be riding/on the crest of a wave
151. a crock (of shit)
152. not be sb's cup of tea
153. cut sb out of your will
154. There's no danger of that!
155. the best/happiest days of your life
156. one of these days
157. one of those days
158. frighten/scare the (living) daylights out of sb
daylight(s) out of sb
159. in the dead of night/winter
160. the death of sth
161. catch your death of cold
162. the delights of sth
delusions of grandeur
163. delusions of grandeur
164. deprive sb of your company
165. out of your depth
166. in the depth(s) of somewhere
167. in the depth(s) of winter
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168. in the depth(s) of sth
169. of every description
170. be deserving of sth
171. be the despair of sb
172. the/a devil of a
173. speak/talk of the devil
174. almost/nearly die of sth
175. could have died of sth
176. have a difference of opinion
177. take a dim view of sth
178. sense of direction
179. Discretion is the better part of valour.
180. the dizzy heights of sth
181. all of a doodah
182. out of doors
183. like a dose of salts
184. wouldn't dream of sth/doing sth
185. of your dreams
186. the dregs of society/humanity
187. at the drop of a hat
188. have the ear of sb
189. eat sb out of house and home
190. have sb eating out of your hand
191. be out of your element
192. by a process of elimination
193. an embarrassment of riches
194. no end of sth
195. at the end of the day
196. the end of the line/road
197. end of story
198. not be the end of the world
199. on the back of an envelope
200. be the envy of sb
201. err on the side of caution
202. errand of mercy
203. error of judgment
204. see the error of your ways
205. be of the essence
206. in the event of sth
207. to the exclusion of
208. make an exhibition of yourself
209. at the expense of sb
210. to the extent of
211. have eyes in the back of your head
212. in the face of sth
213. Get out of my face!
214. have a face like the back end of a bus
215. the face of sth
216. disappear off the face of the earth
217. be wiped off the face of the earth
218. on the face of it
219. a fact of life
220. as a matter of fact
221. the facts of life
222. by a factor of
223. the fag end of sth
224. a fair crack of the whip
225. fall foul of sth
226. fall foul of sb
227. live off the fat of the land
228. the father of sth
229. be in fear of your life
230. be no fear of sth
231. for fear that/of sth
232. put the fear of God into you
233. get the feel of sth
234. a man/woman of few words
235. with every fibre of your being
236. sb's field of vision
237. fight shy of
238. fine figure of a man/woman
239. be in the first flush of
240. be like a fish out of water
241. in fits (of laughter)
242. the flat of your hand
243. flavour of the month
244. put flesh on (the bones of) sth
245. flight of fancy
246. in floods of tears
247. in the flower of sb's youth
248. the flower of sth
249. all of a flutter
250. fly in the face of sth
251. make a fool of sb
252. make a fool of yourself
253. have feet of clay
254. put one foot in front of the other
255. the forces of evil
256. force of habit
257. lay the foundations of/for
258. frame of mind
259. frame of reference
260. give sb the freedom of
261. in front of
262. the frontiers of sth
263. fruits of the earth
264. Out of the frying pan into the fire.
265. be full of beans
266. be full of sth
267. be full of your own importance
268. be full of yourself
269. be full of the joys of spring
270. in the fullness of time
271. for the fun of it
272. make fun of sb/sth
273. a fund of sth
274. make a fuss of/over sb
275. gales of laughter
276. run the gamut of sth
277. let the genie out of the bottle
278. not have a/the ghost of a chance
279. the gift of the gab
280. the gift of gab
281. the/a glare of sth
282. the gnomes of Zurich
283. make a go of sth
284. what's the good of
285. a good deal of
286. by the grace of God
287. There but for the grace of God (go I).
288. the grand old man of sth
289. the grandaddy of sth
290. The grass is always greener on the other side (of the fence).

291. grind the faces of the poor
292. be in the grip of sth
293. groan with/under (the weight of) sth
294. the groves of academe
295. the changing of the guard
296. be within hailing distance of somewhere
297. the hair of the dog (that bit you)
298. not know the half of it
299. have not heard the half of it
300. at the hands of sb
301. out of hand
302. a safe pair of hands
303. get the hang of sth
304. out of harm's way
305. not have any of it
306. a full/good/thick head of hair
307. can't make head nor tail of sth
308. a (whole) heap of sth
309. the bottom of the heap
310. hear tell (of)
311. will never hear the end of it
312. have a heart of gold
313. have a heart of stone
314. in your heart of hearts
315. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.
316. heave a sigh of relief
317. make heavy weather of sth
318. a heck of a
319. under the heel of sth or sb
320. come/follow hard/hot on the heels of sth
321. the height of sth
322. for the hell of it
323. hell of a
324. get the hell out of somewhere
325. annoy/frighten/scare the hell out of sb
326. beat the hell out of sb
327. a hive of activity/industry
328. get hold of
329. get ahold of
make an honest woman (out) of sb
331. do sb the honour of doing sth
332. be on the horns of a dilemma
333. have a horror of sth
334. horror of horrors
335. out of hours
336. at all hours (of the day and night)
337. in sb's hour of need
338. house of cards
339. your idea of sth
340. The idea of it!
341. be the (living/spitting) image of sb
342. be in and out of somewhere
343. come within an inch of sth
344. every inch of sth/somewhere
345. make an issue of sth
347. do/make a good/bad job of sth
348. put sth out of joint
349. make a joke of sth
350. jolted sb into/out of sth
351. It's just one of those things.
352. in/out of keeping (with sth)
353. be another/a different kettle of fish
354. a pretty/fine kettle of fish
355. next of kin
356. of the kind
357. kind of
358. of a kind
359. kiss of death
360. the kiss of life
361. knock the bottom out of sth
362. know sth like the back of your hand
363. not that I know of
364. labour of love
365. a bit of a lad
366. Lamb of God
367. the land of the midnight sun
368. the Land of the Rising Sun
369. be in the land of the living
370. be in the land of nod
371. land of milk and honey
372. in the lap of luxury
373. in the lap of the gods
374. lap of honour
375. hear/see the last of sth
376. not hear the end/last of sth
377. of late
378. be laughing on the other side of your face
379. laugh out of the other side of your mouth
380. be laughed out of court
381. the law of the jungle
382. the law of averages
383. lay the ghost of sth (to rest)
384. take a leaf out of sb's book
385. be out of your league
386. leave go/hold of sth
387. leave of absence
388. take leave of your senses
389. come out of/in left field
390. the length and breadth of somewhere
391. the lesser of two evils
392. the letter of the law
393. take the liberty of doing sth
394. the lie of the land
395. the lay of the land
396. be a pack of lies
397. be a tissue of lies
398. for the life of you
399. life and soul of the party
400. be one/another of life's great mysteries
401. be (all) part of life's rich tapestry/pageant
402. lead/live the life of Riley
403. scare/frighten the life out of sb
404. light at the end of the tunnel
405. the light of your life
406. in the light of sth
407. in light of
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409. make light of sth
410. be of like mind
411. line of sight
412. along the lines of sth
413. step/be out of line
414. be out of line with sth
415. in the line of duty
416. make little of sth
417. a load of crap/nonsense/rubbish
418. Get a load of that!
419. the long arm of the law
420. the long and the short of it
421. by the look(s) of things
422. by the look of it
423. lose sight of sth
424. loss of life
425. there's a lot of it about
426. the lowest of the low
427. be in/out of luck
428. be the luck of the draw
429. with a bit of luck
430. have a good/healthy pair of lungs
431. make a day/night/evening/weekend of it
432. what sb is (really) made of
433. be made of money
434. of your own making
435. be the making of sb
436. have (all) the makings of sth
437. make much/a lot of sb
438. Do you want to make something/anything of it?
439. make a man (out) of sb
440. in the manner of sth
441. in a manner of speaking
442. not by any manner of means
443. all manner of sth
444. many happy returns (of the day)
445. on the margins of sth
446. marriage of convenience
447. the mass of sth
448. the man/woman of the match
449. be a matter of confidence/luck/waiting
450. as a matter of course
451. be a matter of life and/or death
452. be a matter of opinion
453. That's a matter of opinion.
454. be a matter of record
455. be (only) a matter of time
456. make a meal (out) of sth
457. a man/woman of means
458. have the measure of sb/sth
459. give sb a dose/taste of their own medicine
460. a meeting of minds
461. in memory of sb
462. merchant of doom/gloom
463. be at the mercy of sb/sth
464. make a mess of sth
465. be in the middle of sth
466. (in) the middle of nowhere
467. in the midst of sth
468. the milk of human kindness
469. make mincemeat of sb
470. get sth out of your mind
471. have a mind of its own
472. be of sound/unsound mind
473. be of the same mind
474. be of one mind
475. be bored/drunk out of your mind
476. out of your mind
477. put you in mind of sth
478. put sth out of your mind
479. sb's state/frame of mind
480. a mine of information
481. mine a rich seam of sth
482. be in a minority of one
483. put sth out of its misery
484. put sb out of their misery
485. the mists of time
486. make a mockery of sth
487. the moment of truth
488. of the moment
489. be made of money
490. make a monkey out of sb
491. not in a month of Sundays 532. the object of the exercise
492. be in one of your moods 533. oceans of sth
493. mortification of the flesh 534. of all people/things/places
494. make the most of sth 535. of old
495. the mother of all sth 536. of the old school
496. a mountain of sth 537. be one of a kind
497. make a mountain out of a 538. the order of the day
molehill 539. of the order of
498. Out of the mouths of babes 540. in the order of
and sucklings. 541. out of
499. make a muck of sth 542. out of it
500. cover/hide a multitude of sins 543. out of your mind/head
501. by the name of sth 544. outside of
502. go by the name of sth 545. page in/of history
503. in the name of sb 546. on/under pain of death
504. in the name of sth 547. paint a bleak/gloomy/rosy
505. in the name of sb/sth picture of sth
506. in the name of God/heaven 548. have sb in the palm of your
507. the name of the game hand
508. under the name of 549. have sb eating out of the
509. a nasty piece of work palm of your hand
510. be in the nature of things 550. sb couldn't act/argue/fight
their way out of a paper bag
511. be the nature of the beast 551. be part and parcel of sth
512. Necessity is the mother of 552. part of the furniture
invention. 553. the best/better part of
513. this/our neck of the woods 554. parting of the ways
514. in the neighbourhood of sth 555. pass the time of day
515. have nerves of steel 556. the patience of Job
516. a new lease of life 557. have the patience of a saint
517. in the nick of time 558. the patter(ing) of tiny feet
518. nine times out of ten 559. be in the pay of sb
519. ninety-nine times out of a 560. a pearl of great price
hundred 561. of all people
520. have none of sth 562. man/woman of the people
521. make (a) nonsense of sth 563. in the person of sb
522. north of sth 564. out of perspective
523. keep your nose out of sth 565. pervert the course of justice
524. put sb's nose out of joint 566. in phase/out of phase
525. take note of sth 567. the pick of sth
526. nothing of the sort/kind 568. the pick of the bunch
527. be nothing short of... 569. be the picture of
528. from/out of nowhere health/innocence
529. make a nuisance of yourself 570. out of the picture
530. any number of things 571. piece of cake
531. by (sheer) force/weight of 572. give sb a piece of your mind
numbers
<p>| 573. | piece of ass | 611. | ray of sunshine |
| 574. | make a pig’s ear of sth | 612. | a reach of the imagination |
| 575. | make a pig of yourself | 613. | within the realms of possibility |
| 576. | take the piss (out of) sb or sth | 614. | by reason of |
| 577. | pissed out of your brain/head/mind | 615. | to the best of my recollection |
| 578. | pit of your stomach | 616. | in the region of |
| 579. | in place of sb/sth | 617. | a reign of terror |
| 580. | out of place | 618. | in a good/bad state of repair |
| 581. | take the place of sb/sth | 619. | the path of least resistance |
| 582. | in/out of play | 620. | the line of least resistance |
| 583. | pluck sth out of the air | 621. | in respect of sth |
| 584. | out of plumb | 622. | as a result of sth |
| 585. | in/out of pocket | 623. | by return (of post) |
| 586. | point sb towards/in the direction of sth |
| 587. | make a point of doing sth | 624. | ride (on) a wave of sth |
| 588. | be on the point of (doing) sth | 625. | by right of |
| 589. | think poorly of sb/sth | 626. | ring of truth |
| 590. | your eyes pop out of your head | 627. | a riot of colour |
| 591. | pound of flesh | 628. | get a rise out of |
| 592. | do sb a power of good | 629. | take a rise out of |
| 593. | make a practice of sth | 630. | at the risk of doing sth |
| 594. | An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. | 631. | run the risk of doing sth |
| 595. | price yourself out of the market | 632. | rivers of sth |
| 596. | prick the bubble (of sth) | 633. | Get out of the road! |
| 597. | be the pride of somewhere/sth | 634. | come to the end of the road |
| 598. | have/take pride of place | 635. | not a bed of roses |
| 599. | in/out of print | 636. | round of applause |
| 600. | be in the process of doing sth | 637. | rule of thumb |
| 601. | The proof of the pudding (is in the eating). | 638. | the run of sth |
| 602. | prophet of doom | 639. | run sb out of town (on a rail) |
| 603. | blow sth out of proportion | 640. | run of |
| 604. | vanish/go up/disappear in a puff of smoke | 641. | run out of steam |
| 605. | pull sth out of the bag/hat | 642. | be on the lowest/bottom rung of the ladder |
| 606. | quality of life | 643. | be sacrificed on the altar of sth |
| 607. | be a question of doing sth | 644. | be the salt of the earth |
| 608. | be out of the question | 645. | take sth with a pinch of salt |
| 609. | be no question of (doing) sth | 646. | take sth with a grain of salt |
| 610. | at a rate of knots | 647. | the sands of time are running out |
|       |               | 648. | Sarcasm is the lowest form of wit/humour. |
|       |               | 649. | to say nothing of ... |
|       |               | 650. | ahead of schedule |
|       |               | 651. | the scheme of things |</p>
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<td>six of one and half a dozen of the other</td>
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728. make a spectacle of yourself
729. spin out of control
730. be the spitting image of
731. the spit (and image) of
732. spur-of-the-moment
733. the staff of life
734. stand in the way of sth/sb
735. stand the test of time
736. can't stand the sight of
737. steer clear of
738. a few/couple of steps
739. out of step
740. step out of line
741. made of sterner stuff
742. take the sting out of
743. stop short of sth
744. It's/That's the story of my life.
745. like a streak of lightning
746. on the strength of sth
747. by no stretch of the imagination
748. not by any stretch of the imagination
749. stretch the length of sth
750. strike at the heart of sth
751. of every stripe
752. at the stroke of a pen
753. at/on the stroke of sth
754. beat/kick/knock the stuffing out of sb
755. knock/take the stuffing out of sb/sth
756. as if it is going out of style
757. all of a sudden
758. think the sun shines out (of) sb's arse/backside
759. lord/master/mistress/king/queen of all you survey
760. get into the swing of it/things
761. sword of Damocles
762. in/out of sync
763. get sth out of your system
764. table of contents
765. take it out of sb
766. take a lot out of sb
767. tale of woe
768. talking of sb/sth
769. speaking of sb/sth
770. be the talk of somewhere
771. be the talk of the town
772. beat/knock/wallop the tar out of sb
773. teeter on the brink/edge of sth
774. terms of reference
775. in terror of your life
776. at the end of your tether
777. thin end of the wedge
778. out of thin air
779. a thin time (of it)
780. make a big thing (out) of sth
781. (just) one of those things
782. a thing of the past
783. think better of sth
784. think nothing of sth
785. to sb's way of thinking
786. think highly/well/a lot of sb
787. think the world of sb
788. not think much of sb/sth
789. be under threat of sth
790. on the threshold of sth
791. a matter/question of time
792. of all time
793. Time is of the essence.
794. be (all) out of time
795. have a lot of time for sb
796. run out of time
797. ahead of time
798. at your time of life
799. give sb the time of day
800. ahead of your time
801. the time of your life
802. be on the tip of your tongue
803. tip of the iceberg
804. the toast of
805. like a ton of bricks
806. too much of a good thing
807. tool of the trade
808. be on top of sth
809. on top of sth
810. on top of the world
811. off the top of your head
812. at the top of your voice
813. be in/out of touch
814. a tower of strength
815. be on the track of sb/sth
816. in the tradition of sb/sth
817. be on the trail of sb/sth
818. be a trick of the light
819. trick of the trade
820. the trooping of the colour
821. a turn of the screw
822. speak/talk out of turn
823. in the twinkling of an eye
824. be of two minds
825. be two of a kind
826. That makes two of us.
827. the unacceptable face of sth
828. be (of) no use
829. be (of) (any/some) use
830. make use of sth
831. the use of sth
832. What's the use of...?
833. this vale of tears
834. Variety is the spice of life.
835. on the verge (of)
836. to the verge of
837. in the vicinity of
838. be a victim of your own
   success
839. in view of sth
840. villain of the piece
841. make a virtue (out) of sth
842. in the wake of
843. walk of life
844. clouds of war
845. wash your hands of sth
846. waste of space
847. talk your way into/out of sth
848. go out of your way
849. be out of the way
850. way of life
851. by way of
852. weapons of mass destruction
853. of the week
854. well out of sth
855. have a whale of a time
856. whale of a
857. What of it?
858. come within a whisker of
   (doing) sth
859. be wide of the mark
860. in the wilds (of somewhere)
861. get wind of sth
862. take the wind out of sb's sails
863. go out (of) the window
864. not get a wink of sleep
865. wipe sth off the face of the
   earth/globe
866. with the wisdom of hindsight
867. not be beyond the wit of
   man/sb
868. frighten/scare sb out of their
   wits
869. frighten/scare the wits out of
   sb
870. be out of the woods
871. come/crawl out of the
   woodwork
872. by word of mouth
873. in words of one syllable
874. take the words out of sb's
   mouth
875. man/woman of your word
876. be in work/out of work
877. in a world of your own
878. a man/woman of the world
879. out of this world
880. the ways of the world
881. a world of difference
882. make a world of difference
883. worship at the shrine/altar of
   sth
884. get the wrong end of the stick
885. for a man/woman/person of
   his/her years
886. of the year
Appendix 2.c
List of other phrases
1. be
2. end-of-season
3. because of
4. end-of-terrace
5. hard of hearing
6. left of centre
7. matter-of-fact
8. matter-of-factly, at matter-of-fact
9. middle-of-the-road
10. out of (NO LONGER IN)
11. out of (MADE FROM)
12. out of, at out of (MADE FROM)
13. out of (BECAUSE OF)
14. out of (FROM AMONG)
15. out of (NOT INVOLVED)
16. out-of-court
17. out-of-date
18. out-of-pocket expenses
19. out-of-town
20. seat-of-the-pants, at seat (BOTTOM PART)
21. unheard-of
22. undreamed of
23. undreamt of
24. unheard-of
25. upward(s) of
26. well-thought-of
27. state-of-the-art
28. hell of a, at helluva
29. inside of, at inside (TIME)
30. left of center, at left of centre
31. of, at out of (MADE FROM)
Appendix

Appendix 2.d
List of phrasal verbs

1. admit of sth
2. allow of sth
3. avail yourself of sth
4. beat sth out of sb
5. become of sb/sth
6. cheat sb out of sth
7. come of sth
8. come out of sth
9. complain of sth
10. consist of sth
11. cure sb of sth
12. dispose of sb/sth
13. divest sb of sth
14. do sb out of sth (CHEAT)
15. drag sth out of sb
16. dream about/of sth
17. drum sb out of sth
18. duck out of sth
19. free sb from/of sth
20. get out of sth (AVOID)
21. get out of sth (STOP)
22. get sth out of sth (ENJOY)
23. get sth out of sb (PERSUADE)
24. grow out of sth (CLOTHES)
25. grow out of sth (INTEREST)
26. grow out of sth (IDEA)
27. hear of sth (NOT ALLOW)
28. hear of sb/sth (KNOW)
29. hear sth of sb (RECEIVE NEWS)
30. keep (sb/sth) out of sth
31. knock sth out of sb
32. know of sb/sth
33. make of sth/sb (OPINION)
34. make sth of sth (VALUE)
35. prize sth out of sb
36. reek of sth
37. relieve sb of sth (OBJECT)
38. relieve sb of sth (JOB)
39. remind you of sth/sb
40. rid sb/sth of sth/sb
41. savour of sth
42. screw sth out of sb
43. slip out of sth
44. smack of sth
45. snap out of sth
46. squeeze sth out of sb
47. stay out of sth
48. strip sb of sth
49. take sb out of themselves
50. talk sb out of sth
51. think of sth (IDEA)
52. think of sth/sb (OPINION)
53. think of/about sb/sth (IMAGINE)
54. tire of sth/sb
55. tire of sth
56. weasel out of sth
57. worm sth out of sb
58. wriggle out of sth
59. wring sth from/out of sb
60. write sb out of sth