

The PHRASE List

Phrasal expressions divided to match 1K frequency bands of the most common word families in the BNC. The 'Integrated List Rank' represents where each item falls when both lists (individual and phrase lists) are merged together.

There are three categories of genre with frequency information to help the list user discern the appropriateness/usefulness of each phrase. The frequency information breaks down as follows:

- *** = phrase most common in this genre (or as common)
- ** = phrase less common in this genre
- * = phrase infrequent in this genre
- X = phrase rare or non-existent in this genre

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107	have to	83092	***	**	*	I exercise because I have to .
165	there is/are	59833	***	***	**	There are some problems.
415	such as	30857	*	***	***	We have questions, such as how it happened.
463	going to (future)	28259	***	**	X	I'm going to think about it.
483	of course	26966	***	**	*	He said he'd come of course .
489	a few	26451	***	**	*	After a few drinks, she started to dance.
518	at least	25034	***	**	**	Well, you could email me at least .
551	such a(n)	23894	***	**	*	She had such a strange sense of humor.
556	i mean	23616	***	X	X	It's fine, but, I mean , is it worth the price?

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598	a lot	22332	***	*	X	They go camping a lot in the summer.
631	rather than	21085	***	***	***	Children, rather than adults, tend to learn quickly.
635	so that	20966	***	**	*	Park it so that the wheels are curbed.
655	a little	20296	***	**	*	I like to work out a little before dinner.
674	a bit (of)	19618	***	**	X	There was a bit of drama today at the office.
717	as well as	18041	***	***	***	She jogs as well as swims.
803	in fact	15983	***	***	**	The researchers tried several approaches, in fact .
807	(be) likely to	15854	***	***	***	To be honest, I'm likely to forget.
825	go on	15610	***	***	*	He went on for a while before stopping for lunch.
845	is to	15232	X	***	X	Obama is to address the media this afternoon.
854	a number of	15090	**	***	***	A number of concerns were raised.
879	at all	14650	***	***	**	Do you have any kids at all ?
888	as if	14470	**	***	X	They walked together as if no time had passed.
892	used to (past)	14411	***	*	X	It used to snow much more often.
894	was to	14366	X	***	**	The message was to be transmitted worldwide.
908	not only	14110	***	***	***	Not only was it cheap, it was delicious.
913	those who	13951	X	***	***	He would defend those who had no voice.
934	deal with	13634	***	***	**	The police had several issues to deal with .
939	lead to ('cause')	13555	*	***	**	Excessive smoking can lead to heart disease.
951	sort of	13361	***	X	X	It's sort of why I'm here.
974	the following	12963	X	*	***	He made the following remarks.
984	in order to	12762	**	***	***	We shared a room in order to reduce costs
988	have got (+np)	12734	***	*	X	I don't know what he has got planned.

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1033	have got to	12270	***	**	X	You have got to try this salad.
1079	set up	11560	**	***	**	The whole thing was set up beforehand.
1082	as to	11535	*	***	***	There was some confusion as to its whereabouts.
1083	as well	11519	***	***	***	I like it as well .
1088	based on	11440	**	***	***	Based on the reports, it seems it was an accident.
1146	carry out	10753	*	**	***	It was not as easy to carry out without funding.
1169	take place	10556	***	***	**	No one was sure exactly why it took place there.
1175	tend to	10504	***	***	***	I tend to think it's actually a political matter.
1183	due to	10454	***	***	***	Many people believe it is due to global warming.
1204	fail to	10263	***	***	***	I fail to see the humor in all this.
1209	each other	10160	***	**	*	The good thing is that they still have each other .
1234	in terms of	9881	***	***	***	What is your limit, in terms of price?
1262	no one	9597	***	**	*	I will speak to no one about this.
1299	pick up	9252	***	**	X	She dropped by to pick up her friend.
1352	up to (maximum)	8733	***	***	***	Up to twenty people may be interviewed for the job.
1356	a single ('any')	8710	***	**	*	Not a single idea emerged from the meeting.
1371	no longer	8556	**	***	**	Fortunately, it is no longer a concern now.
1387	look for	8377	***	**	*	Bargains can be found if you know what to look for .
1427	last night	7992	***	*	X	What did he say last night ?
1438	as a result	7939	*	**	***	He was tired and as a result not very aware.
1453	in addition (to)	7822	**	***	***	The house was well located in addition .
1487	work on	7600	***	**	*	That kid needs to work on his attitude.
1517	think about	7243	***	**	X	I'm thinking about changing careers.
1529	for instance	7138	*	***	***	That holds true for even the governor for

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						instance.
1530	too much	7123	* * *	* *	*	I don't worry about it too much .
1532	you see	7102	* * *	X	X	And the problem you see is with awareness-raising.
1533	in particular	7092	* *	* * *	* * *	There's nothing in particular wrong with it.
1542	a couple of	7007	* * *	* *	X	They need a couple of minutes still.
1556	instead of	6907	* * *	* * *	* *	He can go instead of me.
1573	come back	6772	* * *	* * *	* * *	But we can come back to that later.
1591	look like	6595	* * *	* *	X	It's not what it looks like .
1605	find out	6499	* * *	* * *	* *	How did you find out ?
1638	point out	6325	* * *	* * *	* * *	She pointed out that it was getting late.
1647	apart from	6287	* * *	* * *	* * *	Are there any others, apart from him?
1657	call for	6243	*	* * *	* *	Hard times call for tough measures.
1661	manage to	6234	* * *	* * *	* *	Did you manage to get in touch at all?
1667	or two	6192	* * *	* *	*	He had a thing or two to drink, then left.
1681	a further (‘another’)	6121	*	* *	* * *	It's a further reason to reconsider the project.
1696	come out	6031	* * *	* * *	* * *	It's supposed to come out on Friday.
1713	be expected to	5964	* * *	* * *	* *	They can't be expected to just sit there and wait.
1716	seek to	5937	*	* * *	* * *	The new board sought to find alternative solutions.
1733	go through	5857	* * *	* * *	* *	You can't imagine what I'm going through .
1740	long term	5831	* * *	* * *	* * *	It seems to work, but what of the long term effects?
1759	result in	5763	*	* *	* * *	Excessive criticism resulted in feelings of animosity.
1764	that is	5737	* * *	* * *	* * *	It's yours, as long as you pay that is .

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	(rephrasing)					
1778	even though	5664	* * *	* * *	* * *	I can't even though it looks easy enough.
1779	a range of	5651	* * *	* * *	* * *	Eventually, a range of events changed that.
1815	the latter (anaphor)	5519	X	* *	* * *	The latter may still be a challenge.
1818	make sure	5510	* * *	* * *	* *	I had to make sure before I opened the door.
1843	take over	5394	* * *	* * *	* *	You can't just let the kids take over .
1850	consist of	5362	*	* * *	* * *	What does it consist of ?
1861	as soon as	5323	* * *	* * *	* *	As soon as he can he will call you back.
1873	at the time ('when this happened')	5282	* * *	* * *	* *	I was busy at the time .
1877	on the other hand	5267	* * *	* * *	* *	On the other hand , the business did make a profit.
1886	on one's own	5240	* * *	* * *	*	You did this on your own ?
1894	all right	5230	* * *	* *	X	If it's all right I think I'll head off to bed.
1900	subject to	5218	X	*	* * *	All baggage is subject to inspection.
1904	after all (adv.)	5197	* * *	* * *	*	He is only six years old, after all .
1908	in front of ('before')	5190	* * *	* * *	* *	She did not want to say anything in front of the kids.
1910	to do with	5184	* * *	*	*	I think it has something to do with physics.
1912	go out	5173	* * *	* * *	*	Brochures went out to prospective buyers.
1920	a good/great deal ('much')	5126	* * *	* * *	*	She means a great deal to me.
1929	on the way	5085	* * *	* *	*	We can stop for lunch on the way .
1931	as long as	5084	* * *	* * *	*	It makes no difference as long as it's done.
1951	so far ('until now')	5018	* * *	* * *	* * *	Any questions so far ?
1958	ought to	5002	* * *	*	X	She hasn't but she ought to .

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1959	at the moment	5001	***	***	**	They have a lot going on at the moment .
1967	as though	4988	*	***	**	He smiled then, as though remembering a joke.
1970	come to ('evolve to')	4970	**	***	*	We came to see it for what it was.
1974	along with	4948	**	***	**	Along with his dog, the cat slowly stopped eating.
1982	may well ('could')	4931	***	***	***	He hasn't yet but may well try before long.
2001	get out	4858	***	**	X	There was no way to get out of work that Friday.
2013	followed by	4816	*	***	***	The workshop will be followed by time for questions.
2018	in (the sense) that	4805	***	***	***	It's great in that there are so many restaurants.
2022	the case ('true')	4794	**	***	***	It's not the case that I don't love him.
2038	take up	4717	***	**	*	I don't wish to take up more time than is necessary.
2060	account for	4642	*	***	***	They'll need to account for their actions.
2064	set out	4624	*	***	**	She accomplished what she set out to do.
2067	as far as	4619	***	***	**	What are you thinking, as far as feasibility on this?
2068	concerned with	4619	*	***	***	They spoke on issues concerned with culture.
2075	about to	4600	***	***	*	Things were about to change.
2086	supposed to	4586	***	**	**	I didn't go, but I was supposed to .
2087	and so on	4584	***	***	***	My parents arrived, then John, his wife, and so on .
2105	come on	4519	***	*	X	Come on , think about it!
2124	take on	4451	**	***	*	You'd better think twice before taking on more work.
2131	work out	4432	***	**	**	I'm trying to work out what it stands for.
2135	all over	4420	***	***	*	The news was all over the web.

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	('everywhere')					
2149	other than	4380	**	***	***	No one other than you could have come up with it.
2156	out of ('in'/'from')	4361	*	***	***	In terms of colour, three out of five were silver.
2157	turn out	4354	***	***	**	How did it turn out ?
2164	look after	4332	***	**	X	She did more than just look after the finances.
2173	at last	4306	**	***	*	At last we met over coffee last week.
2179	a variety of	4283	**	***	***	And a variety of issues seemed to stall the process.
2180	at first	4275	***	***	***	Not at first , but just the other day there was one.
2216	or so	4164	***	***	***	A day or so later he called me back on my mobile.
2231	in favour	4073	***	***	***	I don't know about you but I'm in favour .
2258	give up	3997	***	***	*	You can't just give up .
2263	get to ('arrive at')	3979	***	**	*	When he got to the end he started to weep.
2280	find oneself	3917	**	***	*	I found myself driving home.
2298	get up	3857	***	**	X	It was easy getting up but the commute was awful.
2345	carry on	3759	***	***	**	He could simply not carry on .
2361	go back	3722	***	***	***	If I could I'd go back and do it all over again.
2371	focus on	3703	**	***	***	But today I'd like to focus on something different.
2379	at once	3684	**	***	**	I did it at once .
2384	it takes	3670	***	***	***	No matter what it takes .
2388	get on/off (trans)	3656	***	**	X	We waited for hours in the queue to get on .
2404	as a whole	3615	**	***	***	As a whole it's OK.
2407	in practice	3609	*	***	***	There was nothing she could do in practice .
2408	by the time	3607	***	***	*	By the time dinner started there were none left.
2409	lots of	3605	***	**	X	Lots of them do travel during the winter months.

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2417	said to be	3586	x	***	*	The priest was said to be missing.
2425	in time	3566	**	***	**	You will in time .
2429	in turn	3558	*	**	***	The supermarket in turn will donate seven thousand.
2437	once again	3532	***	***	***	Once again , this was completely unforeseen.
2439	all the time	3527	***	**	*	I go there all the time .
2442	on the basis (of)	3515	*	***	***	She came on the basis that it would help her.
2445	kind of	3510	***	*	x	The windows are kind of fogged up.
2446	get into	3508	***	**	*	I really got into what he was talking about.
2454	rely on	3488	***	***	***	He has no one else to rely on .
2483	go for	3421	***	*	x	I could really go for a hamburger right now.
2484	aim to	3415	*	***	***	They aim to complete the project by the spring.
2498	make up ('comprise')	3394	*	***	***	Hispanics make up a large part of the population.
2531	appeal to	3299	**	***	**	It appeals to younger learners.
2536	end up	3285	***	***	**	We ended up going anyway.
2548	shake one's head	3250	*	***	x	He just shook his head and laughed.
2557	no more than ('only')	3226	*	**	***	No more than five of them had auto insurance.
2575	get back	3178	***	**	*	What time will we get back ?
2584	what about	3160	***	**	x	But what about tomorrow?
2586	in other words	3159	***	***	***	The groups are in other words conservative.
2588	as for	3157	**	***	**	As for the promotion, there may be other options.
2599	not even	3128	***	***	***	No one cared, not even when they saw the photos.
2606	entitled to	3113	*	***	***	You're entitled to your opinion.
2608	prior to	3110	*	***	***	Prior to the event, the organizers called the band.
2616	choose to	3099	**	***	***	You may choose to believe what the papers say.

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2622	something like ('around')	3092	***	*	X	She makes something like five grand a month.
2624	known to	3091	X	***	***	He's known to be like that.
2636	in touch (with)	3060	***	***	*	Are you two at all in touch ?
2637	in the end	3050	***	***	**	In the end it's like what they say about horses.
2654	in the way	3013	***	**	X	I won't stand in the way .
2657	care for	3004	***	**	*	He doesn't care for it very much in his tea.
2658	in the event (of)	2998	X	***	***	In the event you change your mind, let me know.
2675	they say	2962	***	*	X	They say it tastes like chicken.
2688	so called	2944	**	***	***	Any so called rumors are as easily their fault.
2702	take into account	2921	*	***	***	You must also take into account the rush hour.
2709	in respect of	2909	X	***	***	There was nothing in respect of drink.
2711	out of ('using')	2907	***	***	**	The walls are made out of wood.
2719	at the same time ('conversely')	2892	**	***	***	At the same time it may be worth it.
2724	next to	2882	***	***	*	Next to his sister, he was the best looking of them.
2734	turn up	2865	***	*	X	The money turned up later.
2735	point of view	2864	**	***	***	They all had a different point of view .
2744	at present	2847	*	***	***	There's nothing to do at present .
2752	used to (accustomed)	2831	***	***	*	It may take a while to get used to .
2759	whether or not	2824	*	***	***	It depends on whether or not he comes on time.
2767	in place	2805	*	***	***	There are systems in place to handle that.
2776	no doubt ('surely')	2791	**	***	*	She can and will no doubt improve over time.
2785	full time	2761	***	***	*	I'm a full time fan of his music.
2817	sort out	2696	***	**	**	They managed to sort out everything on their

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2823	in a way	2684	* * *	* * *	*	It's funny in a way .
2826	or something ('perhaps')	2683	* * *	*	X	The sales clerk seemed distracted or something .
2827	on behalf of	2679	X	*	* * *	I'd like to apologize on behalf of the committee.
2828	over there	2678	* * *	*	X	He put it way over there .
2829	in spite of	2676	*	* * *	* * *	In spite of all the work there were few alterations.
2831	that's it	2674	* * *	*	X	That's it for today, I'm afraid.
2848	in part	2652	X	* * *	* * *	It is in part the reason people come here.
2857	oh no	2642	* * *	X	X	Oh no not again.
2859	in mind	2638	* * *	* * *	* *	Do you have anything special in mind ?
2863	(with) regard to	2630	*	* * *	* * *	There was some confusion with regard to payment.
2868	one another	2623	*	* * *	*	They looked at one another for a few minutes.
2871	as follows	2620	X	**	* * *	The plan is as follows .
2879	the above	2608	X	* * *	* * *	The above only underscores strength of the data.
2888	to date	2600	*	* * *	* * *	To date there have been over nine instances.
2892	go into	2595	* * *	**	*	I won't go into what he said.
2898	too many	2587	* * *	* * *	* * *	You don't see too many like that one, I'll tell you.
2899	in the course of	2585	*	* * *	* * *	In the course of the discussion the manager left.
2903	more or less	2579	* * *	* * *	* * *	It's more or less what we imagined I suppose.
2906	short term	2574	* * *	* * *	* * *	There are many short term gains to be had.
2907	aimed at	2573	*	* * *	* * *	The study is aimed at exploring how people use it.
2919	go off	2551	*	* * *	X	She went off without even saying goodbye.
2926	in case	2536	* * *	* * *	* * *	In case you're wondering, this isn't my natural color.
2941	out there	2513	* * *	**	X	There are simply no jobs out there right now.

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2942	led by	2511	x	* * *	* *	He was led by his competitive drive above all.
2967	more and more	2468	* * *	* * *	* *	More and more it's about the customer.
2970	have a look	2464	* * *	*	x	Why don't you have a look ?
2981	believe in	2450	* * *	* * *	x	I don't believe in corporal punishment.
2983	put it ('say')	2449	* * *	* *	*	There's no better way to put it , I think.
2992	these days	2440	* * *	* * *	*	It's what these days the media call 'viral'.
2999	in charge	2432	* * *	* * *	* * *	He was able to stay in charge while she was away.
3000	feel like	2431	* * *	*	x	I feel like eating out.
3016	up to (until)	2409	* * *	* * *	* *	I walked up to the window and paused.
3022	heard of	2403	* * *	* * *	*	Haven't you ever heard of manners?
3044	take part in	2374	*	* * *	* * *	It's something we all wanted to take part in .
3059	in so far as	2344	*	* *	* * *	The plan was fine in so far as time and transport.
3061	part time	2343	* * *	* * *	*	She can take it on part time .
3067	look forward to	2331	* *	* * *	x	It's something we can all look forward to .
3094	as such	2290	*	* * *	* * *	The film was not a horror as such .
3104	bound to	2278	* * *	* * *	* * *	It's bound to be better next time.
3113	turn on	2266	* * *	* * *	*	It won't turn on .
3121	set to	2258	* * *	* * *	*	He's set to arrive today.
3134	move on	2245	* * *	* * *	*	I'd like to move on if I may.
3149	in contrast (to)	2229	*	* * *	* * *	The inside was amazing in contrast .
3152	this stage	2223	* * *	* * *	* * *	We can't at this stage .
3157	all but	2214	* * *	* *	*	She all but sent him chocolates and flowers.
3160	above all	2212	* *	* * *	* * *	It is above all what people care most about.
3162	rid of	2212	* * *	* * *	*	She was happy to be rid of it.
3197	in any case	2159	* * *	* * *	* * *	It's not due till tomorrow in any case .

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3199	thanks to	2159	***	***	***	And it's thanks to her research that we know that.
3205	go away	2150	***	**	*	The problem won't just go away .
3207	once more	2146	**	***	**	I call on you once more my fellow citizens.
3220	oh well	2129	***	X	X	It was due yesterday? Oh well .
3222	follow up	2128	*	**	***	I'd like to follow up on what that gentleman said.
3224	would say	2128	***	***	***	I don't know, but I would say at least twenty.
3235	found to	2104	X	**	***	It was found to be of little use in battle.
3240	meant to	2098	***	***	**	I haven't seen it but it's meant to be his best so far.
3263	hang on	2074	***	**	X	If you can hang on for just a second.
3265	turn into	2072	***	***	*	The idea turned into something amazing.
3268	something about	2071	***	**	X	There's something about her I find interesting.
3295	by now	2044	***	***	*	I thought they'd be here by now .
3308	think so	2033	***	*	*	Do you think so ?
3320	go ahead	2023	***	**	*	Why don't you go ahead and call him again?
3322	bring about	2022	X	***	**	It was expected that he would bring about change.
3323	had better	2022	***	***	*	They had better listen.
3327	in accordance with	2017	X	**	***	The plan was execute in accordance with municipal guidelines.
3328	call on	2016	*	***	*	He called on his members of staff for advice.
3331	at times	2014	***	***	***	It can be slightly frustrating at times .
3340	all the way	2007	***	***	***	I'm with you all the way .
3349	in effect	1995	**	***	***	In effect it was like being in space.
3355	afford to	1989	***	***	*	It's something you can't afford to miss.

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3357	sight of	1988	***	***	**	I can't stand the sight of it, to tell you the truth.
3362	in advance	1983	***	***	***	It's something you should do in advance .
3379	on the part of	1965	*	***	***	There are no barriers on the part of the government.
3387	bring up	1958	***	**	**	Did you manage to bring up the holiday pay?
3388	take off	1957	***	***	*	I was hungry by the time we took off .
3390	so as to	1954	**	***	***	He cluttered his desk so as to appear busy.
3396	take advantage	1949	***	***	***	Some people just want to take advantage .
3399	short of	1944	*	***	***	Short of calling the doctor, I don't know what to do.
3402	over the years	1942	***	***	***	She has over the years visited many cities.
3406	switch on	1935	***	**	*	It's plugged in but it won't switch on .
3417	by no means	1925	**	***	***	We have by no means concluded the matter.
3431	could hardly	1911	***	***	*	I could hardly wait for the weekend.
3446	come up with	1898	***	**	*	Is that the best you could come up with ?
3448	in question	1898	X	*	***	The book in question was published last year.
3450	in the first place	1897	***	**	**	He couldn't see how it got there in the first place .
3456	prove to be	1893	*	***	***	The bicycle proved to be of immense value.
3457	in common	1890	***	***	***	What they have in common is their stamina.
3461	no matter	1888	***	***	*	No matter what they say, it's down to you now.
3465	at this point	1884	**	***	***	At this point there's no telling who might win.
3491	in itself	1855	**	***	***	The car in itself wasn't enough incentive.
3502	the former	1842	X	***	***	The former can actually require much more money.
3511	if only	1830	**	***	*	If only I'd known sooner.
3525	yet to	1818	**	***	***	The package is yet to arrive.
3534	up to (decisions)	1807	***	***	**	I'll leave it up to you if that's all right.

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3536	or whatever	1806	* * *	X	X	The challenge or whatever is doing it under budget.
3548	hand over	1798	* * *	**	*	The responsibility was expected to be handed over .
3554	in the light of	1789	*	* * *	* * *	In the light of the results, we delayed the study.
3560	in the same way	1784	**	* * *	* * *	In the same way , Apple appeals to the young.
3567	that much	1781	* * *	*	X	I don't go out that much .
3601	the extent to which	1751	X	*	* * *	The extent to which the preceding can be asserted is largely dependent on what emerges in the study.
3632	for some time	1725	**	* * *	**	He's actually been studying for some time now.
3640	in return (for)	1720	* * *	* * *	* * *	In return I'd like to present you with this gift.
3650	to death	1714	* * *	**	X	The children were bored to death .
3652	on the grounds	1713	**	* * *	* * *	The decision was made on the grounds of safety.
3670	oh dear	1700	* * *	X	X	He didn't? Oh dear .
3672	in full	1698	X	**	* * *	She paid in full .
3673	on board	1698	* * *	* * *	*	Are you on board with the decision?
3686	to some extent	1688	* * *	* * *	* * *	It is to some extent what is considered standard.
3695	some kind of	1678	* * *	**	X	What are you, some kind of genius?
3700	keep up	1674	* * *	* * *	*	Keep up if you can.
3709	no idea	1670	* * *	*	X	You have no idea .
3712	greater than	1666	*	**	* * *	Anything greater than five is fine.
3715	happen to (be)	1664	* * *	**	X	This happens to be my first conference.
3718	held that ('believed')	1661	X	**	* * *	The congress held that it was acceptable.
3722	faced with	1658	*	* * *	*	Faced with defeat, he changed tactics.
3733	do(ing) so	1647	*	* * *	* * *	Unfortunately, doing so also meant facing traffic.
3738	set off	1644	**	* * *	X	We set off at noon.

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3740	put forward	1640	*	**	***	The group put forward several other proposals.
3760	from time to time	1627	***	**	*	He does come round from time to time .
3791	the means	1626	*	***	***	He hasn't the means to get there.
3762	ever since	1622	***	***	*	And they haven't been the same ever since .
3763	just about	1622	***	*	X	Am I finished? Just about .
3771	as opposed to	1615	**	***	***	Better now, as opposed to what?
3774	give rise to	1613	*	***	***	The protests gave rise to new violence.
3780	large scale	1610	*	***	***	They were thinking on a large scale .
3782	make sense	1608	***	**	*	Doesn't it make sense to do it that way?
3789	by means of	1602	*	***	***	It was possible to achieve by means of coercion.
3790	in short	1602	X	**	***	The employees were in short tired of it.
3791	a bit of a	1599	***	*	X	He's a bit of a film fanatic.
3796	break up	1595	***	**	X	They did keep in touch after they broke up .
3803	but then (again)	1589	***	**	X	I went over budget, but then I expected I would.
3830	all too	1571	***	***	X	Why is this all too familiar?
3831	put up	1571	***	***	X	The authorities put up a sign to notify the public.
3847	good at	1562	***	*	X	You need to find something you're good at .
3851	a long way	1557	***	***	*	A little bit of compassion can go a long way .
3854	amount to	1556	**	***	***	Unfortunately, the player never amounted to much.
3861	for long	1553	***	***	*	He did attend university, but not for long .
3883	(be) run by	1540	**	***	**	The operation is run by two college students.
3887	some more	1539	***	*	*	I'll have to think some more before deciding.
3888	in the absence of	1538	X	**	***	In the absence of truth, there is only conjecture.
3895	all sorts of	1535	***	***	*	We have all sorts of time left.
3896	get on with	1535	***	***	X	I need to get on with my work.

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3902	no good	1528	***	**	X	It's no good sitting there – you have to type.
3939	yet another	1500	**	***	***	That's yet another day gone by with nothing done.
3940	key to	1499	**	***	***	Her input was key to the project's success.
3947	i'm afraid	1495	***	*	X	It hasn't arrived, I'm afraid .
3955	that which	1491	X	***	***	You cannot undo that which has already been done.
3960	if so	1488	**	***	***	If so , you may want to consider Greece.
3973	right now	1482	***	**	X	The best time is right now .
3979	in view of	1477	X	**	***	She reconsidered in view of her children.
3984	in detail	1473	**	***	***	I can explain in detail .
3989	reflected in	1471	**	***	***	The artist's angst is reflected in her painting.
3992	no such	1470	**	***	***	He said no such thing.
4004	nothing but	1466	***	***	*	I have nothing but respect for her.
4020	in the face of	1457	*	***	***	They quit in the face of the media scrutiny.
4023	such that	1454	*	***	***	It can be developed such that it does not interfere.
4025	out of ('due to')	1453	***	***	*	Most commuters drive out of pure necessity.
4029	next door	1449	***	***	X	The people next door didn't seem to mind.
4032	to the point	1447	***	***	***	It got to the point I couldn't breathe.
4035	make its/one's way	1446	*	***	X	The mouse made its way across the field.
4037	in hand	1443	**	***	X	It was well in hand by then.
4052	get to ('opportunity')	1437	***	***	X	Did you get to try the cheese?
4058	by the way	1433	***	**	X	By the way , what day is the wedding?
4061	by contrast	1430	**	***	***	The weather was by contrast a pleasant surprise.
4062	run out (of)	1430	***	**	X	You need to get milk before you run out .
4063	in principle	1429	*	***	***	You can in principle .

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4071	add to	1424	**	***	***	It does nothing to add to the scenery.
4072	as yet	1423	*	***	***	I'm not convinced as yet .
4077	at risk	1419	*	***	***	There's no reason to put passers by at risk .
4092	a mere	1410	*	***	***	She made a mere penny per shirt.
4093	shown to	1409	X	**	***	Dogs have been shown to help.
4095	on the one hand	1406	***	**	*	On the one hand , it's cheap.
4099	by way of	1404	*	***	**	It was only by way of bribery that they managed.
4107	on the road	1400	**	***	X	I can't wait to get on the road again.
4109	bear in mind	1398	***	***	***	It was designed bearing in mind environmental impact.
4113	old fashioned	1393	***	***	X	He's just a bit old fashioned sometimes.
4136	for sale	1379	*	***	X	The house is for sale .
4138	or anything	1379	***	*	X	I don't want any trouble or anything .
4143	most likely	1376	***	***	***	It is most likely the reason for the warming.
4153	provide for	1370	X	**	***	The other variables have been provided for .
4165	even so	1363	***	***	**	Even so , it's no way to treat a guest.
4167	come across	1362	**	***	*	They happened to come across a map.
4182	first of all	1352	***	*	*	It is first of all what most people prefer.
4195	might as well	1348	***	**	X	We're here now so we might as well .
4199	limited to	1346	X	**	***	The dinner was limited to seniors.
4201	to me ('in my opinion')	1345	***	*	*	To me what matters is that it gets done.
4207	mind you	1342	***	*	X	Mind you , that's one reason why I go there.
4210	at a time ('simultaneously')	1340	**	***	***	They went in two at a time .
4232	half past	1325	**	***	X	I make it half past .
4233	with respect to	1325	*	***	***	She had nothing to add with respect to the

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						report.
4242	consistent with	1315	X	*	***	The results are consistent with our hypothesis.
4248	way out	1309	***	***	X	He lives way out in the country.
4250	third party	1307	X	X	***	They work with third party software too.
4253	contrary to	1303	*	**	***	The city is clean, contrary to popular belief.
4257	worth of	1299	***	**	X	Two dollars worth of wood was all he needed.
4259	a good ('at least')	1298	***	**	*	It took him a good six or seven years.
4261	act on	1296	***	***	**	She never acted on that rage.
4262	except that	1296	***	***	*	It seemed fine except that it was pink.
4278	day to day	1289	***	***	*	They carried on with their day to day tasks.
4282	as usual	1287	***	***	*	As usual he left it until the last minute.
4290	long before	1282	***	***	***	Long before I could quit I was offered a promotion.
4307	long ago	1273	***	***	***	I gave up on that idea long ago .
4314	in conjunction with	1270	X	***	***	The police, in conjunction with the fire department, managed to keep the crowd under control.
4319	up to date	1268	***	***	***	I try to keep up to date .
4333	let alone	1261	***	***	***	I can't run let alone walk.
4337	quite a lot	1260	***	**	X	I do swim quite a lot .
4342	if you like	1256	***	*	X	It was her 'chutzpah' if you like that impressed.
4349	to the extent	1253	X	**	***	He's interesting to the extent that he knows a lot.
4356	so far as	1251	**	***	*	So far as I know it's not the first time either.
4362	given that	1247	**	***	***	It was no surprise given that it was her job.
4372	in line with	1240	**	***	***	The decision is in line with the department's wishes.
4374	on the whole	1238	***	***	***	It was acceptable on the whole .

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4396	care to	1223	***	***	x	Do you care to comment at all?
4408	take account of	1217	*	**	***	We did not take account of the paperwork.

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4461	something like that	1192	***	x	x	He said he had a meeting to go to or something like that .
4462	make use of	1191	***	***	***	We made use of the stopover.
4465	when it comes to	1188	***	***	***	I'm hopeless when it comes to goodbyes.
4466	fill in	1187	***	***	***	The victim filled in what was stolen.
4471	for all ('considering')	1182	***	***	*	For all his money, he does not seem very happy.
4482	a question of	1174	***	***	***	It's a question of trust.
4484	for life	1172	***	***	**	And he stayed there for life .
4497	get away	1165	***	***	x	They managed to get away .
4501	in the meantime	1161	***	***	**	I'll keep working on it in the meantime .
4522	something of a	1154	***	**	x	She's something of a mathematics wiz.
4523	the odd	1154	***	***	*	I do play the odd jazz tune.
4556	little more than	1133	*	***	***	It's little more than pageantry if you ask me.
4558	would you like	1133	***	*	x	Would you like tea?
4584	in need	1122	*	***	***	We want to help children in need .
4587	take for granted	1120	***	***	*	It's just something I've always taken for granted .
4605	in this respect	1110	x	***	***	In this respect , our study refutes earlier research.
4606	provided that	1110	*	***	***	It's OK provided that he come up with the goods.
4614	allow for ('calculate	1105	*	***	***	Even if you allow for inflation, the price increase

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	in')					still seems exorbitant.
4634	catch up	1095	***	***	X	I took extra classes just to catch up .
4639	a go ('attempt')	1093	***	**	X	Why don't you have a go ?
4649	for the moment	1092	***	***	*	For the moment things seem stable.
4656	at the expense of	1086	*	***	***	They were laughing at the expense of the photo.
4670	put together	1082	***	***	*	He put together the proposal in a matter of days.
4671	things like that	1082	***	*	X	He does karate and things like that , you see.
4682	of little	1079	**	***	**	It was of little relevance, really.
4683	shut up	1079	***	**	X	I just couldn't shut up .
4703	as of	1069	***	***	***	It was completed as of June.
4704	over time	1069	**	***	***	It might change over time .
4710	would appear	1068	***	***	**	They people have spoken, it would appear .
4711	the other day	1066	***	*	X	I thought of you the other day .
4712	in theory	1065	***	***	***	In theory that is why he went there.
4713	thought of (as)	1065	***	***	***	Beaches are thought of as vacation spots.
4721	for good	1061	***	*	X	It's gone for good .
4726	opposed to	1059	*	***	**	He's strangely opposed to gun control.
4749	common sense	1049	***	***	***	To me it's common sense .
4754	bother to	1046	***	**	X	He never bothered to reply.
4759	as good as ('like')	1043	***	***	*	It's as good as gone.
4761	back up	1042	***	***	*	I have proof to back up my story.
4791	take care of	1034	***	***	*	I'll take care of this customer.
4816	the sight of	1024	*	***	X	I can't stand the sight of it.
4819	go round	1022	***	***	X	I'll go round asking if anyone wants any more.
4834	the whole thing	1015	***	*	X	Why don't we just forget the whole thing ?
4837	at one time	1014	**	***	**	At one time I thought that too.

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4839	head to	1014	***	***	X	Meanwhile, he decided to head to the hospital.
4840	in a sense	1014	***	**	**	The food was in a sense only part of the experience.
4841	on average	1014	**	***	*	How much does he make on average ?
4846	way round	1013	***	***	X	Do you know your way round ?
4850	can tell	1011	***	*	X	You can tell from the markings.
4896	free from	991	X	***	***	I dream of a life free from stress.
4901	and all that	989	***	X	X	I like art and all that .
4909	as it were	985	***	**	*	The party was a smash as it were .
4915	what if	984	***	*	*	What if we could fly?
4917	touch of	982	***	***	X	There was a touch of sadness in her voice.
4919	better off	980	***	**	*	You're better off without him.
4932	stand for	977	*	***	*	That symbol used to stand for something.
4944	to blame	973	***	***	***	I think the government's to blame , really.
4950	the bulk of	968	***	***	***	The bulk of it was done by noon.
4955	a handful of	965	***	***	***	Only a handful of them were actually awake.
4959	(at) the outset	963	***	***	***	It went well, but not at the outset .
4991	by virtue of	954	**	***	***	She won by virtue of her superior intellect.
5001	turn down	951	***	***	X	I won't turn down such a great offer.
5010	get on ('relate')	944	***	*	X	My parent don't really get on very well.
5022	under way	939	X	***	***	Changes are already under way .
5025	in the interest of	938	*	**	***	They stopped in the interest of time.
5051	on the market	928	*	***	**	How long has it been on the market ?
5060	by far	925	***	***	**	The rise in unemployment was by far the highest.
5072	a degree of	921	*	***	***	There is a degree of irony in the story.
5082	never mind	915	***	*	X	Never mind that it's my birthday today.

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5134	up and down	898	**	***	X	He was up and down the hall worrying about it.
5156	in one's own right	891	***	***	***	Gesture is a form of expression in its own right .
5169	a case of	888	***	***	***	Now it's just a case of getting them to subscribe.
5171	more so	887	***	***	***	Boston is walkable, and San Francisco more so .
5193	come up to	881	***	***	X	Men always come up to me first.
5216	in which case	872	**	***	***	That means it's midnight, in which case it's closed.
5222	no sign of	871	***	***	X	Still no sign of him?
5231	just as ('when')	869	***	***	X	I saw him just as he left.
5244	for the sake of	865	***	***	*	He exaggerated his points for the sake of effect.
5247	in a position to	864	***	***	***	I'm not in a position to comment right now.
5255	to come (future)	862	***	***	***	We'll see how things go in the weeks to come .
5285	backed by	850	X	***	X	The group is backed by the drug trade.
5303	at best	844	***	***	*	He's at best average.
5306	wealth of	844	*	***	***	The library holds a wealth of knowledge.
5309	that sort of thing	843	***	X	X	He drinks a lot and that sort of thing .
5311	make out	842	*	***	X	He could barely make out her signature.
5323	come to terms with	839	*	***	*	They were finally able to come to terms with the change in weather.
5348	fond of	831	***	***	X	I'm not very fond of it, to be honest.
5354	with a view to	829	**	***	***	It was written with a view to inspiring hope.
5361	turn back	827	*	***	*	There was no turning back now.
5366	get away with	824	***	***	X	Somehow they managed to get away with it.
5384	no wonder	820	***	**	X	No wonder he's ranked first.
5438	well being	809	***	***	*	It was good for their overall well being .
5447	how about	805	***	*	X	How about tomorrow?

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5463	to go ('remaining')	801	***	**	X	Two more to go .
5479	straight away	794	***	***	*	They'll get to it straight away .
5485	owing to	793	**	***	***	Owing to his honesty, he was held in high esteem.
5491	hold up	791	***	***	X	Sorry – we got held up on the M25.
5492	look to	790	**	***	***	He constantly looked to us for advice and support.
5496	lay out	789	***	***	***	The countries laid out plans for a peace agreement.
5497	the lot	789	***	*	X	They took the jewellery, the laptops, the lot .
5501	keep on	788	***	**	X	Freeways kept on being built.
5502	make up one's mind	788	***	**	X	You'd better make up your mind .
5503	at work	787	X	***	***	There were strange forces at work .
5504	come about	787	**	***	*	It all came about through a meeting back in April.