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Words

南辕北辙 南轅北轍
nányuánběizhé to act in a way that defeats one's purpose (idiom)

> 你要南辕北辙了。
> Nǐ yào nányuánběizhé le.
> You're not going in the right direction.

忌妒
jìdu to be jealous of / to envy

> 你别忌妒她，她每天都很努力。
> Nǐ bié jìdu tā, tā měitiān dōu hěn nǔlì.
> Don't be jealous of her. She works hard every day.

沾光
zhānguāng to bask in the light / fig. to benefit from association with sb or sth / reflected glory

> 你请客，我们沾光了！
> Nǐ qǐngkè, wǒmen zhānguāngle!
> You're treating us, so we're getting a free ride!

烘焙
hōngbèi to cure by drying over a fire (tea, meat etc) / to bake

> 茶叶烘焙太久会发苦。
> Cháyè hōngbèi tài jiǔ huì fā kǔ.
> If tea leaves are roasted too long, they turn bitter.

画龙点睛 畫龍點睛
huàlóngdiǎnjīng to paint a dragon and dot in the eyes (idiom) / fig. to add the vital finishing touch / the crucial point that brings the subject to life / a few words to clinch the point

> 我将增加画龙点睛的功能。
> Wǒ jiāng zēngjiā huàlóngdiǎnjīng de gōngnéng.
> I'll add the finishing touch.

絮叨
xùdao long-winded / garrulous / to talk endlessly without getting to the point

> 他年纪大了，有点絮叨。
> Tā niánjì dàle, yǒudiǎn xùdao.
> He has gotten on in years and is a bit garrulous.

跑龙套 跑龍套
pǎolóngtào to play a small role

> 她刚入行，只能先跑龙套。
> Tā gāng rù háng, zhǐnéng xiān pǎolóngtào.
> She's just started out, so she can only play small roles for now.

个头儿 個頭兒
gètóur size / height / stature

卸载 卸載
xièzài to unload cargo / to uninstall (software)

> 我把这个软件卸载了。
> Wǒ bǎ zhège ruǎnjiàn xièzàile.
> I uninstalled this software.

大有可为 大有可為
dàyǒukěwéi with great prospects for the future (idiom) / well worth doing

> 这项技术将来大有可为。
> Zhè xiàng jìshù jiānglái dàyǒukěwéi.
> This technology has great prospects for the future.

怡然自得
yíránzìdé happy and content (idiom)

> 她怡然自得地走在海边。
> Tā yíránzìdé de zǒu zài hǎibiān.
> She strolled along the seaside, completely at ease.

风吹雨打 風吹雨打
fēngchuīyǔdǎ lit. windswept and battered by rain / to undergo hardship (idiom)

> 门口的树经不起风吹雨打。
> Ménkǒu de shù jīngbùqǐ fēngchuīyǔdǎ.
> The tree by the door can't withstand the wind and rain.

东奔西走 東奔西走
dōngbēnxīzǒu to run this way and that (idiom) / to rush about busily / to bustle about / to hopscotch / also 東跑西顛|东跑西颠[dong1 pao3 xi1 dian1]

> 他为了筹钱东奔西走。
> Tā wèile chóuqián dōngbēnxīzǒu.
> He ran around everywhere to raise money.

峰回路转 峰回路轉
fēnghuílùzhuǎn the mountain road twists around each new peak (idiom) / twisting and turning / fig. an opportunity has come unexpectedly / things have taken a new turn

> 没想到，事情峰回路转了。
> Méixiǎngdào, shìqing fēnghuílùzhuǎn le.
> Unexpectedly, things took a new turn.

打下手
dǎxiàshǒu to act in a supporting role / fig. to play second fiddle

做饭时，我给爸爸打下手。
Zuòfàn shí, wǒ gěi bàba dǎxiàshǒu.
When we cook, I assist my dad.

深情厚谊 深情厚誼
shēnqínghòuyì deep friendship

我忘不了你们的深情厚谊。
Wǒ wàngbùliǎo nǐmen de shēnqínghòuyì.
I will never forget your deep friendship.

苦尽甘来 苦盡甘來
kǔjìngānlái bitterness finishes, sweetness begins (idiom) / the hard times are over, the good times just beginning

祝你早日苦尽甘来！
Zhù nǐ zǎorì kǔjìngānlái!
I hope your hard times end and good days come soon!

娇惯 嬌慣
jiāoguàn to pamper / to coddle / to spoil

别太娇惯孩子了。
Bié tài jiāoguàn háizi le.
Don't coddle the child too much.

泼冷水 潑冷水
pōlěngshuǐ to pour cold water on / to dampen sb's enthusiasm

他想创业，你别给他泼冷水。
Tā xiǎng chuàngyè, nǐ bié gěi tā pōlěngshuǐ.
He wants to start a business, so don't dampen his enthusiasm.

忽冷忽热 忽冷忽熱
hūlěnghūrè now hot, now cold / (of one's mood, affection etc) to alternate

天气忽冷忽热，别感冒了。
Tiānqì hūlěnghūrè, bié gǎnmàole.
The weather keeps swinging between hot and cold, so don't catch a cold.

环比 環比
huánbǐ period on period (i.e. "month on month" or "quarter on quarter" etc, depending on the context)

第三季度的利润环比下降了。
Dìsānjìdù de lìrùn huánbǐ xiàjiàngle.
Profit in the third quarter fell compared with the previous quarter.

对牛弹琴 對牛彈琴
duìniútánqín lit. to play the lute to a cow (idiom) / fig. offering a treat to an unappreciative audience / to cast pearls before swine / caviar to the general / to preach to deaf ears / to talk over sb's head

对牛弹琴的故事你听过吗？
Duìniútánqín de gùshi nǐ tīngguo ma?
Have you heard the story of playing the lute to a cow?

旷课 曠課
kuàngkè to play truant / to cut classes

你为什么昨天旷课了？
Nǐ wèishénme zuótiān kuàngkè le?
Why did you cut class yesterday?

次品
cìpǐn substandard products / defective / seconds

工厂把次品都挑出来了。
Gōngchǎng bǎ cìpǐn dōu tiāo chūláile.
The factory picked out all the substandard products.

蛀牙
zhùyá tooth decay / dental caries / decayed tooth / rotten tooth

我蛀牙很多。
Wǒ zhùyá hěn duō.
I have a lot of bad teeth.

颠倒黑白 顛倒黑白
diāndǎohēibái lit. to invert black and white (idiom) / to distort the truth deliberately / to misrepresent the facts / to invert right and wrong

他明明在撒谎，还想颠倒黑白。
Tā míngmíng zài sāhuǎng, hái xiǎng diāndǎohēibái.
He is clearly lying and still wants to distort the truth.

朝三暮四
zhāosānmùsì lit. say three in the morning but four in the evening (idiom) / to change sth that is already settled upon / indecisive / to blow hot and cold

别对定好的事朝三暮四。
Bié duì dìng hǎo de shì zhāosānmùsì.
Don't keep changing things that have already been settled.

萍水相逢
píngshuǐxiāngféng strangers coming together by chance (idiom)

我们萍水相逢，他却帮了我。
Wǒmen píngshuǐxiāngféng, tā què bāngle wǒ.
We were strangers who met by chance, yet he helped me.

心灵手巧 心靈手巧
xīnlíngshǒuqiǎo capable / clever / dexterous

她心灵手巧，什么都会做。
Tā xīnlíngshǒuqiǎo, shénme dōu huì zuò.
She is so capable that she can make anything.

愚公移山
yúgōngyíshān the old man moves mountains (idiom) / fig. where there's a will, there's a way

做事要有愚公移山的精神。
Zuòshì yào yǒu yúgōngyíshān de jīngshén.
You need the spirit of the Foolish Old Man who moved mountains.

掩耳盗铃 掩耳盜鈴
yǎn'ěrdàolíng lit. to cover one's ears whilst stealing a bell / to deceive oneself / to bury one's head in the sand (idiom)

不看成绩就是掩耳盗铃。
Bú kàn chéngjì jiùshì yǎn'ěrdàolíng.
Refusing to look at the grades is just fooling yourself.

滑梯

huátī sliding board / a slide

> 小心点，别从滑梯上摔下来！
> Xiǎoxīn diǎn, bié cóng huátī shàng shuāi xiàlai!
> Be careful not to fall off the slide!

碰钉子 碰釘子

pèngdīngzi to meet with a rebuff

> 他向邻居借车，却碰钉子了。
> Tā xiàng línjū jiè chē, què pèngdīngzi le.
> He tried to borrow a car from his neighbor but was turned away.

私家车 私家車

sījiāchē private car

> 私家车太多，路上经常堵车。
> Sījiāchē tài duō, lùshang jīngcháng dǔchē.
> There are so many private cars that the roads are often jammed.

美滋滋

měizīzī very happy / elated

> 穿上新鞋，她美滋滋的。
> Chuān shang xīn xié, tā měizīzī de.
> Wearing her new shoes, she was delighted.

节衣缩食 節衣縮食

jiéyīsuōshí to save on food and clothing (idiom) / to live frugally

> 那几年，全家都节衣缩食。
> Nà jǐnián, quánjiā dōu jiéyīsuōshí.
> In those years, the whole family lived on a tight budget.

顺延 順延

shùnyán to be postponed accordingly (e.g. due to weather or other stated factors)

> 报名时间顺延三天。
> Bàomíng shíjiān shùnyán sāntiān.
> The registration period has been extended by three days.

饱经沧桑 飽經滄桑

bǎojīngcāngsāng having lived through many changes

> 奶奶的眼神饱经沧桑。
> Nǎinai de yǎnshén bǎojīngcāngsāng.
> Grandma's eyes have seen many changes in life.

借条 借條

jiètiáo receipt for a loan / IOU

> 借条上写了还款日期吗？
> Jiètiáo shàng xiěle háikuǎn rìqī ma?
> Does the IOU have the repayment date on it?

励志 勵志

lìzhì to pursue a goal with determination / inspirational / motivational

> 他励志要当一名医生。
> Tā lìzhì yào dāng yì míng yīshēng.
> He is determined to become a doctor.

见仁见智 見仁見智

jiànrénjiànzhì opinions differ (idiom)

> 大家的看法见仁见智。
> Dàjiā de kànfǎ jiànrénjiànzhì.
> Everyone sees it differently.

喜洋洋

xǐyángyáng radiant with joy

> 过年了，家家户户都喜洋洋的。
> Guònián le, jiājiā-hùhù dōu xǐyángyáng de.
> It's the New Year, and every household is radiant with joy.

挂失 掛失

guàshī to report the loss of something

> 身份证丢了怎么挂失？
> Shēnfènzhèng diū le zěnme guàshī?
> How do I report a lost ID card?

礼尚往来 禮尚往來

lǐshàngwǎnglái lit. proper behavior is based on reciprocity (idiom) / fig. to return politeness for politeness

> 中国人讲究礼尚往来。
> Zhōngguórén jiǎngjiu lǐshàngwǎnglái.
> Chinese people place importance on reciprocity in courtesy.

禾苗

hémiáo seedling (of rice or other grain)

> 农民正在给禾苗浇水。
> Nóngmín zhèngzài gěi hémiáo jiāoshuǐ.
> The farmers are watering the seedlings.

忌口

jìkǒu abstain from certain food (as when ill) / avoid certain foods / be on a diet

> 我奶奶吃饭从来不忌口。
> Wǒ nǎinai chīfàn cóngláibú jìkǒu.
> My grandmother never avoids any foods when she eats.

搞鬼

gǎoguǐ to make mischief / to play tricks

> 他笑得那么怪，一定在搞鬼。
> Tā xiào de nàme guài, yídìng zài gǎoguǐ.
> He's smiling so strangely. He must be up to some trick.

欠条 欠條

qiàntiáo IOU / certificate of indebtedness

> 他给我写了一张欠条。
> Tā gěi wǒ xiěle yì zhāng qiàntiáo.
> He wrote me an IOU.

一毛不拔

yīmáobùbá unwilling to spare a single hair (idiom) / extremely stingy

> 别那么一毛不拔，请客吧！
> Bié nàme yìmáobùbá, qǐngkè ba!
> Don't be so tight-fisted, treat us!

主题曲 主題曲

zhǔtíqǔ theme song

> 请再放一遍主题曲。
> Qǐng zài fàng yíbiàn zhǔtíqǔ.
> Please play the theme song once more.