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| EXAM IDIOMS PERIOD 2 | |
| 1. rather (adv) | tamelijk | | This band is rather unknown. |
| 1. superficial (adj) | oppervlakkig | | He’s fun to be with, but he is rather superficial. |
| 1. valuable (adj) | waardevol | | He gave the police valuable information. |
| 1. rewarding (adj) | dankbaar | | Helping handicapped peopl can be very rewarding. |
| 1. extraordinary (adj) | uitzonderlijk | | He told us the story of his extraordinary excape. |
| 1. exceptional (adj) | uitzonderlijk | | An achievement like that is exceptional. |
| 1. thoroughly (adv) | grondig | | The police searched the house thoroughly. |
| 1. entire (adj) | geheel | | I was at home the entire morning. |
| 1. majority (n) | meerderheid | | In Great Britain women are in the majority. |
| 1. minority (n) | minderheid | | Fortunately, the people causing trouble here are in the minority. |
| 1. considerable (adj) | aanzienlijk | | The damage to the car was considerable. |
| 1. severe (adj) | streng | | We had a severe winter last year. |
| 1. numerous (adj) | talrijk | | Your report contains numerous mistakes. |
| 1. sufficient (adj) | voldoende | | I’m glad I’ve got sufficient time for this project. |
| 1. huge (adj) | enorm | | He lives in a huge house. |
| 1. vast (adj) | enorm | | The brain is a vast computer. |
| 1. narrow (adj) | smal | | The corridor is too narrow for two people. |
| 1. marvellous (adj) | prachtig | | The view from our hotel room was marvellous. |
| 1. gorgeous (adj) | heel mooi | | The bride looked gorgeous. |
| 1. remarkable (adj) | buitengewoon | | Winston Churchill was a remarkable man. |
| 1. ordinary (adj) | gewoon | | I like reading stories about ordinary people. |
| 1. tedious (adj) | saai, eentonig | | I wouldn’t like to have such a tedious job. |
| 1. fashionable (adj) | modieus, in de mode | | She usually wears fashionable clothes. |
| 1. accurate (adj) | nauwkeurig | | He gave the police an accurate description of the robber. |
| 1. hazardous (adj) | gevaarlijk | | He made a hazardous journey through the jungle. |
| 1. outrageous (adj) | schandalig | | Nowadays prices of houses are outrageous. |
| 1. inevitable (adj) | onvermijdelijk | | The fight between them was inevitable. |
| 1. virtually (adj) | vrijwel | | My grandfather is virtually deaf. |
| 1. appropriate (adj) | gepast, geschikt | | He wasn’t wearing appropriate clothes at the funeral. |
| 1. increasingly (adj) | steeds meer | | The minister got increasingly irritated by the reporter’s questions. |
| 1. similar (adj) | dezelfde | | My mother and I have similar political views. |
| 1. approximately   (adv) | ongeveer | | Approximately 800 people were killed in the earthquake. |
| 1. frequently (adv) | geregeld | | My friend and I frequently go to  The cinema. |
| 1. disastrous (adj) | rampzalig | | The plane accident had disastrous consequences. |
| 1. genuine (adj) | echt | | Is this diamond genuine or is it fake ? |
| 1. artificial (adj) | kunst, namaak | | Are those flowers real or artificial ? |
| 1. common (adj) | veelvoorkomend | | ‘Smith’ is a common name in England. |
| 1. generally (adv) | over het algemeen | | I generally get up at half past seven. |
| 1. seldom (adv) | zelden | | She seldom goes on holiday. |
| 1. prohibited (adj) | verboden | | Parking is strictly prohibited in front of this building. |
| 1. casualty (n) | slachtoffer | | There was a train accident, but there were no casualties. |
| 1. disaster (n) | ramp | | Let us pray for the victims of this terrible disaster. |
| 1. cautious (adj) | voorzichtig | | My grandfather is a cautious driver. |
| 1. to approach (v) | naderen | | We had just arrived at the station when the train approached. |
| 1. valid (adj) | geldig | | You must have a valid passport. |
| 1. to come across   (v) | toevallig tegenkomen | | I came across an old friend in the park. |
| 1. to rescue (v) | redden | | The passengers were rescued from the wreck. |
| 1. to abandon (v) | achterlaten | | We had to abandon our burning car. |
| 1. maintenance (n) | onderhoud | | I leave the maintenance of my car to a mechanic. |
| 1. existence (n) | bestaan | | There is evidence of the existence of dinosaurs. |
| 1. species (n) | soort | | A lot of animal species are found only in rainforests. |
| 1. gender (n) | geslacht | | The test shows the gender of an unborn baby. |
| 1. mortality (n) | sterftecijfer, sterfte | | Infant mortality is high in that country. |
| 1. to breed (v) | fokken | | My aunt breeds golden retrievers. |
| 1. fertile (adj) | vruchtbaar | | This is fertile ground in which everything grows well. |
| 1. endangered (adj) | met uitsterven bedreigd | | Mountain gorillas are an endangered species. |
| 1. conscious (adj) | bewust | | She was conscious of his interest in her. |
| 1. aware (adj) | bewust | | I’m very much aware of the problem. |
| 1. to grow (v) | verbouwen | | What crops do they grow there ? |
| 1. harmful (adj) | schadelijk | | Is alcohol harmful to your health ? |
| 1. harmless (adj) | onschadelijk | | These mushrooms are harmless and can be eaten. |
| 1. sincere (adj) | oprecht | | John made a sincere apology for his mistake. |
| 1. thoughtful (adj) | attent | | How thoughtful of you to keep the door open for her. |
| 1. determination (n) | vastberadenheid | | His determination to make it to the final deserves respect. |
| 1. self-confidence   (n) | zelfvertrouwen | | Without self-confidence it will be difficult to pass your exams. |
| 1. reliable (adj) | betrouwbaar | | He’s a reliable friend who’s there when he’s needed. |
| 1. indifferent (adj) | onverschillig | | The government can’t afford to be indifferent to public opinion. |
| 1. ruthless (adj) | meedogenloos | | They think they have to be ruthless to make the company successful. |
| 1. curious (adj) | nieuwsgierig | | Why are you so curious ? Do you always want to know everything ? |
| 1. to examine (v) | onderzoeken | | Scientists are examining the effects of alcohol on long-term memory. |
| 1. to predict (v) | voorspellen | | Can hurricanes be predicted ? |
| 1. to apply to (v) | toepassen op | | The new technology is applied to farming methods. |
| 1. breakthrough (n) | doorbraak | | Last week scientists made a medical breakthrough. |
| 1. invention (n) | uitvinding | | The invention of the steam engine took place in 1800. |
| 1. improvement (n) | verbetering | | That scientist is committed to the improvement of the environment. |
| 1. appliance (n) | apparaat | | A dishwasher is an appliance. |
| 1. to explore (v) | verkennen | | Scientists are exploring Mars. |
| 1. to detect (v) | ontdekken, waarnemen | | High levels of lead were detected in the atmosphere. |
| 1. to contain (v) | bevatten | | This bottle contains a chemical fluid. |
| 1. impact (n) | effect, invloed | | The impact of this medical breakthrough is enormous. |
| 1. to dilute (v) | verdunnen | | Dilute the juice with water before you drink it. |
| 1. advantage (n) | voordeel | | This method has several advantages. |
| 1. economical (adj) | zuinig | | Big cars are usually not economical. |
| 1. legislation (n) | wegeving | | This new legislation will help the poor. |
| 1. sanction (n) | strafmaatregel | | Many nations have imposed sanctions on that country. |
| 1. prohibition (n) | verbod | | Lots of people do not believe in drug prohibition. |
| 1. to ban (v) | verbieden | | Smoking is banned in public buildings. |
| 1. society (n) | samenleving | | We live in multi-cultural society. |
| 1. policy (n) | beleid | | What’s the policy with regard to asylum seekers. |
| 1. environment (n) | milieu | | What does this government do for the environment ? |
| 1. destruction (n) | vernietiging | | The destruction of the rain forests is a disaster. |
| 1. surroundings   (n.pl) | omgeving | | Visit Plymouth and its beautiful surroundings. |
| 1. damaging to (adj) | schadelijk voor | | Why are cars damaging to the environment ? |
| 1. favourable (adj) | gunstig | | The weather conditions were favourable. |
| 1. desert (n) | woestijn | | We had to cross the desert on camels. |
| 1. greenhouse   effect (n) | broeikaseffect | | What exactly is the greenhouse effect ? |
| 1. additional (adj) | extra | | Apart from this sum, are there additional costs ? |
| 1. shortage (n) | tekort aan, gebrek aan | | There is a shortage of food in the Third World. |
| 1. competitor (n) | concurrent | | We have to be better than our competitors. |
| 1. to afford (v) | veroorloven | | One day I’ll be able to afford a car like that. |
| 1. to apply for (v) | solliciteren naar | | After he had finished his studies he applied for a job. |
| 1. application (n) | sollicitatie | | He writes a letter of application. |
| 1. caretaker (n) | toezichthouder, conciërge | | I went to the caretaker for my lost keys. |
| 1. challenging (adj) | uitdagend | | Finding a cure for AIDS is challenging. |
| 1. confident (adj) | zelfverzekerd | | He isn’t shy at all; he’s very confident. |
| 1. conscientious   (adj) | plichtsgetrouw | | He always finishes his work in tiem; he’s a very conscientious worker. |
| 1. determined (adj) | vastbesloten | | He is determined to succeed. |
| 1. hard-working   (adj) | ijverig | | They are all hard-working students. |
| 1. in charge of (phr) | verantwoordelijk voor | | He is in charge of the sales department. |
| 1. to insist on (v) | erop staan (figuurlijk) | | They insisted on having the day off. |
| 1. reliable (adj) | betrouwbaar | | He is a reliable friend who is there when he is needed. |
| 1. thoughtful (adj) | attent | | He never forgets her birthday; het is very thoughtful. |
| 1. to increase (v) | stijgen, omhoog gaan | | The cost of the project has increased enormously. |
| 1. to decrease (v) | afnemen, verminderen | | The number of visitors has decreased. |
| 1. to accelerate (v) | versnellen | | Dad accelerated to overtake the truck. |
| 1. to reduce (v) | verminderen, laten afnemen | | Reduce speed when you approach a junction. |
| 1. limited (adj) | beperkt | | Only a limited number of people has access to the mini concert. |
| 1. to restrict (v) | beperken | | The government wants to restrict the sale of alcohol. |
| 1. to summarize (v) | samenvatten | | How can I best summarize this article ? |
| 1. to surrender (v) | overgeven | | Finally, they surrendered to the enemy. |
| 1. enterprise (n) | onderneming | | This organization is a private interprise. |
| 1. to manufacture   (v) | fabriceren | | His company manufactures car parts. |
| 1. occupation (n) | beroep | | What’s her occupation ? She is a police officer. |
| 1. profession (n) | beroep | | He is a doctor by profession. |
| 1. labourer (n) | arbeider | | The labourers left the factory at 5 pm |
| 1. unskilled (adj) | ongeschoold | | This firm employs lots of unskilled labourers. |
| 1. apprenticeship   (n) | stage | | I learned all sorts of skills during my apprenticeship. |
| 1. demanding (adj) | veeleisend | | She has a demanding job. |
| 1. requirement (n) | vereiste | | Is working experience a requirement ? |
| 1. to dismiss (v) | ontslaan | | She claims she was dismissed because of her gender. |
| 1. to lay off (v) | ontslaan | | He was laid off because of is misbehaviour. |
| 1. employer (n) | werkgever | | He was fired by his employer. |
| 1. employee (n) | werknemer | | Lisa is a hard-working employee. |
| 1. experienced (adj) | ervaren | | She is an experienced childcare worker. |
| 1. benefit (n) | uitkering | | 5,000 people lost their enemployment benefit because they refused a job. |
| 1. to recover (v) | herstellen | | It took years to recover from her heart operation. |
| 1. to cure (v) | genezen | | This medicine won’t cure her. |
| 1. to heal (v) | genezen | | The wound healed quickly, but the scar has remained. |
| 1. contagious (adj) | besmettelijk | | The doctor says this disease is not contagious. |
| 1. to neglect (v) | verwaarlozen | | It’s a pity she had neglected her studies. |
| 1. injury (n) | wond | | He left the pitch with a serious ankle injury. |
| 1. to suffocate (v) | stikken | | The victims had suffocated in the fumes. |
| 1. to choke (v) | stikken, zich verslikken | | Children can choke on peanuts. |
| 1. prescription (n) | recept | | These drugs are only available on prescription. |
| 1. consciousness   (n) | bewustzijn | | He lost consciousness after his accident |
| 1. to relieve (v) | verlichten | | This medicine will relieve the pain. |
| 1. treatment (n) | behandeling | | She is still under treatment. |
| 1. compaint (n) | klacht | | He has been having stomach complaints for a week now. |
| 1. to faint (v) | flauw vallen | | I nearly fainted in the heat. |
| 1. addicted to (adj) | verslaafd aan | | He is addicted to drugs. |