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| EXAM IDIOMS PERIOD 3 | |
| 1. attitude (n) | houding | | His teachers complain about his bad attitude. |
| 1. gratitude (n) | dankbaarheid | | I’ll send her some flowers to show her my gratitude. |
| 1. polite (adj) | beleefd | | She sent me a polite letter thanking me for my invitation. |
| 1. to praise (v) | prijzen | | Mother praised me for my hard work at school. |
| 1. to adore (v) | aanbidden | | Grandmother adores her grandchildren. |
| 1. reassuring (adj) | geruststellend | | It was very reassuring to hear his voice on the phone. |
| 1. hostile (adj) | vijandig | | It’s a pity she’s still so hostile to her ex-husband. |
| 1. appalling (adj) | vreselijk | | These poor children live in appalling conditions. |
| 1. desperate (adj) | wanhopig | | When she saw her car had been stolen she was desperate. |
| 1. to appal (v) | verbijsteren | | People were appalled by his sudden death. |
| 1. indignant (adj) | verontwaardigd | | She wrote an indignant letter about the way she had been treated. |
| 1. disdain (n) | minachting | | She looked at him with undisguised disdain. |
| 1. outrage (n) | verontwaardiging | | The murders provoked outrage across the country. |
| 1. resentment (n) | haat, wrok | | He’s full of resentment towards his parents who had neglected him as a child. |
| 1. anxious (adj) | ongerust | | My mother always gets a bit anxious if we’re not home on time. |
| 1. concerned (adj) | bezorgd | | I’m a bit concerned about my sister’s health. |
| 1. anguish (n) | enorme bezorgdheid en angst | | Her anguish over her missing child speaks for itself. |
| 1. agonizing (adj) | zeer pijnlijk | | He has to make agonizing decision. |
| 1. commitment (n) | grote inzet | | Her boss appreciates her for her commitment. |
| 1. blunt (adj) | bot | | There’s no need for you to give such blunt answers. |
| 1. condescending   (adj) | neerbuigend | | Don’t talk to your staff in such a condescending , almost insulting way. |
| 1. patronising (adj) | neerbuigend | | ‘We only sell expensive sports cars here’, she said in a patronising way. |
| 1. to grieve over (v) | rouwen over, treuren over | | He’s still grieving over his wife. |
| 1. to mourn (v) | rouwen over, treuren over | | The whole nation mourned the death of Princess Diana. |
| 1. to dedicate to (v) | wijden aan | | He has dedicated his life to his country. |
| 1. reluctantly (adv) | met tegenzin | | She reluctantly cleaned her room. |
| 1. extraordinary   (adj) | uitzonderlijk | | He told us the story of his extraordinary escape. |
| 1. thoroughly (adv) | grondig | | The police searched the house thoroughly. |
| 1. appropriate (adj) | gepast, geschikt | | He wasn’t wearing appropriate clothes at the funeral. |
| 1. substantial (adj) | flink, aanzienlijk | | He wants to make substantial changes. |
| 1. Considerable (adj) | Aanzienlijk | | The damage to the car was considerable. |
| 1. harsh (adj) | streng | | She deserves harsh punishment. |
| 1. severe (adj) | streng | | We had a severe winter last year. |
| 1. smooth (adj) | glad | | The baby’s skin was as smooth as silk. |
| 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 like a vast computer. |
| 1. narrow (adj) | smal | | The corridor is too narrow for two people. |
| 1. bleak (adj) | troosteloos | | Now that he’s lost his job his future looks bleak. |
| 1. trivial (adj) | onbelangrijk | | Why does he get angry over such trivial matters ? |
| 1. superficial (adj) | Oppervlakkig | | He’s fun to be with, but he’s rather superficial. |
| 1. moderate (adj) | matig | | The wind will be light to moderate. |
| 1. tedious (adj) | saai, eentonig | | I wouldn’t like to have such a tedious job. |
| 1. incoherent (adj) | onsamenhangend | | His speech was incoherent. |
| 1. outrageous (adj) | schandalig | | Nowadays prices of houses are outrageous. |
| 1. inevitable (adj) | onvermijdelijk | | The fight between them was inevitable. |
| 1. virtually (adv) | vrijwel, praktisch | | My grandfather is virtually deaf. |
| 1. to surpass (v) | overtreffen | | The results surpassed our expectations. |
| 1. invariably (adv) | altijd | | My bus in invariably late. |
| 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. potential (adj) | mogelijk | | He is seen as the potential leader of the new party. |
| 1. consistently (adv) | steeds, consequent | | The Prime Minister has consistently denied the rumours. |
| 1. genuine (adj) | echt | | Is this diamond genuine or is it fake ? |
| 1. artificial (adj) | namaak, niet echt, kunst | | Are those flowers real or artificial ? |
| 1. distinct (adj) | verschillend | | These two ideas are quite distinct. |
| 1. merely (adv) | alleen, slechts | | I merely want to know what time it is. That’s all. |
| 1. rather (adv) | tamelijk | | This band is rather unknown. |
| 1. gossip (n) | roddel | | I don’t believe the gossip about the minister. |
| 1. rumour (n) | gerucht | | Never listen to rumours. |
| 1. subject (n) | onderwerp | | Don’t change the subject, please. |
| 1. topic (n) | onderwerp | | The topic of this article is the environment. |
| 1. to announce (v) | aankondigen | | His death was announced on the eight o’clock news. |
| 1. to convey (v) | meedelen | | The minister conveyed to me her desire to resolve the problem quickly. |
| 1. to endorse (v) | goedkeuren | | The plan was endorsed by all parents involved. |
| 1. gesture (n) | gebaar | | She made a rude gesture at the other driver. |
| 1. issue (n) | kwestie | | My dad likes reading about political issues. |
| 1. abbreviation (n) | afkorting | | Why is abbeviation such a long word ? |
| 1. to indicate (v) | te kennen geven | | I indicated that his help was not welcome. |
| 1. to refer to (v) | verwijzen naar | | I hope his accusations didn’t refer to me. |
| 1. to claim (v) | beweren | | He claims to be the owner of the car, but I don’t believe him. |
| 1. to evade (v) | ontwijken | | Answer honestly and stop evading my question. |
| 1. regardless of   (phr.) | ongeacht | | He decided to tell his parents regardless of the consequences. |
| 1. significance (n) | belang | | Some people fail to see the significance of the things they do every day. |
| 1. incomprehensible   (adj) | onbegrijpelijk | | I shrugged my shoulders as he whispered an incomprehensible message to me. |
| 1. to exaggerate (v) | overdrijven | | The tabloids have exaggerated the minister’s illness. |
| 1. to emphasize (v) | benadrukken | | I can’t emphasize the seriousness of this enough. |
| 1. to persuade (v) | overtuigen | | Advertisements try to persuade you to buy something. |
| 1. to assure (v) | verzekeren | | She assured her daughter that everything was going to be alright. |
| 1. to acknowledge   (v) | erkennen | | He was acknowledged as their leader. |
| 1. to admit (v) | toegeven | | I have to admit that I was wrong. |
| 1. to inform (v) | meedelen | | He informed us that he was going to leave. |
| 1. to convince (v) | overtuigen | | I couldn’t convince him he was wrong. |
| 1. to resolve (v) | oplossen | | There must be a way to resolve this conflict. |
| 1. to confirm (v) | bevestigen | | It has been confirmed that the lost child has been found. |
| 1. to tempt (v) | verleiden | | Can I tempt you into having another drink ? |
| 1. to regard as (v) | beschouwen als | | Computers are sometimes regarded as a necessary evil. |
| 1. to resent (v) | kwalijk nemen | | I resent your insulting remarks about me. |
| 1. virtue (n) | deugd | | Patience is a virtue. |
| 1. self-esteem (n) | eigenwaarde, zelfrespect | | Building self-esteem and self-confidence is the key to happiness and success. |
| 1. sincere (adj) | oprecht | | John made a sincere apology for his mistakes. |
| 1. sensible (adj) | verstandig | | Sally is a sensible young woman who knows what she wants. |
| 1. modest (adj) | bescheiden | | It’s OK to be modest about your talents. |
| 1. thoughtful (adj) | attent | | How thoughtful of you to keep the door open for her. |
| 1. benevolent (adj) | vriendelijk, behulpzaam | | He was a benevolent old man; he wouldn’t hurt a fly. |
| 1. squemish (adj) | overgevoelig, gauw bang | | She’s really squemish and can’t stand the sight of blood. |
| 1. shrewd (adj) | slim, sluw | | She’s a shrewd lawyer who knows all the tricks. |
| 1. meticulous (adj) | nauwkeurig | | He’s always meticulous in keeping the records up to date. |
| 1. inhibited (adj) | geremd | | Boys are often more inhibited about discussing their problems. |
| 1. to persevere (v) | doorzetten | | She persevered though all seemed lost. |
| 1. reliable (adj) | betrouwbaar | | He’s a reliable friend who’s there when he’s needed. |
| 1. mature (adj) | rijp, volwassen | | With all that make-up she looks very mature for a 12-year-old. |
| 1. obedient (adj) | gehoorzaam | | Tommy was punished for not being obedient to his father. |
| 1. bold (adj) | moedig | | It was bold of you to stand between the child and the fierce dog. |
| 1. prudent (adj) | wijs, verstandig | | She’s a prudent girl; she plans everything in advance. |
| 1. down-to-earth   (adj) | nuchter, praktisch | | His down-to-earth approach to the problem appeals to me. |
| 1. aspiring (adj) | ambitieus | | This aspiring girl wants to work hard to be a lawyer. |
| 1. pride (n) | trots | | Her son’s school merits filled her with pride. |
| 1. anxiety (n) | bezorgdheid | | She can’t sleep because of her anxiety for her son. |
| 1. to be inclined to   (v) | de neiging hebben om | | He’s inclined to help anybody who asks him. |
| 1. custom (n) | gewoonte (van een volk) | | They have the custom of giving presents at Christmas. |
| 1. sleazy (adj) | vies en goedkoop | | That part of town is full of sleazy bars and hotels with suspicious-looking people. |
| 1. to brag (v) | opscheppen | | He likes to brag about all the countries he has visited. |
| 1. smug (adj) | zelfgenoegzaam | | It’s a pity he’s so smug about his own skill and reputation |
| 1. perilous (adj) | zeer gevaarlijk | | The path to success can be perilous for there are several possible pitfalls. |
| 1. conceited (adj) | verwaand | | She became conceited when she won the first prize. |
| 1. insolence (n) | onbeschoftheid | | Her insolence cost her her job. |
| 1. offensive (adj) | beledigend | | He found her comments very offensive. |
| 1. prejudiced (adj) | bevooroordeeld | | It’s disgusting that he’s prejudiced against people with dark skin. |
| 1. vain (adj) | ijdel | | She’s too vain to wear glasses. |
| 1. stingy (adj) | gierig, vrekkig | | If he’s got so much money, why is he so stingy ? |
| 1. ruthless (adj) | meedogenloos | | They think they have to be ruthless to make the company successful. |
| 1. indifferent (adj) | onverschillig | | The government cannot afford to be indifferent to public opinion. |
| 1. greedy (adj) | hebzuchtig | | He looked at the diamonds with greedy eyes. |
| 1. gloomy (adj) | somber | | It was a gloomy day with many clouds and lots of rain. |
| 1. compulsive (adj) | dwangmatig | | Mr Jones is a compulsive gambler who needs therapy to be cured of his habit. |
| 1. odd (adj) | vreemd | | Nobody understands his odd habit. |
| 1. reckless (adj) | roekeloos | | He’s a dangerous, reckless driver. |
| 1. determined (adj) | vastberaden | | I’m determined to pass my exams. |
| 1. understanding   (adj) | begripvol | | Fortunately, she has very understanding parents. |
| 1. flexible (adj) | soepel | | The company wants you to be flexible with regard to working housrs |
| 1. tolerant (adj) | verdraagzaam | | Are they tolerant towards other religions ? |
| 1. independent (adj) | onafhankelijk | | I want to be financially independent. |
| 1. generous (adj) | gul | | He was very generous. He gave each of us ten Euros. |
| 1. choosy (adj) | kieskeurig | | He can’t find the right girl because he’s too choosy. |
| 1. ignorance (n) | onwetendheid | | His ignorance about computers and the Internet is annoying. |
| 1. to allocate (v) | toewijzen | | The local council has decided to allocate extra funds for the project. |
| 1. to estimate (v) | schatten | | The house is estimated to be worth 300,000 Euros. |
| 1. affluent (adj) | rijk | | In most affluent neighbourhoods people live longer. |
| 1. destitute (adj) | berooid, zonder bezittingen | | The earthquake left thousands of people destitute. |
| 1. to thrive (v) | bloeien | | His business, which built lots of new houses, thrived in the years after the war. |
| 1. collision (n) | botsing | | Two drivers were killed in a collision yesterday. |
| 1. to perform (v) | presteren | | Some sports people use dope to perform better. |
| 1. to relieve (v) | verlichten | | This medicine will relieve the pain. |
| 1. to restore (v) | herstellen | | The army was called upon to restore law and order. |
| 1. to vanish (v) | verdwijnen | | He seems to have vanished without a trace. |
| 1. to reveal (v) | onthullen | | The paper revealed the truth about his past. |
| 1. to proceed (v) | verder gaan | | We have to decide how to proceed from here. |