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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.  |