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***THE***  
***ENGLISH - AMHARIC***  
***IDIOMS***  
***DICTIONARY***

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## ምስጋና

ይህን ሥራ እንድሰራ ያበረታቱኝን፣ ያልተቆጠበ የሞያ ምክራቾችን የሰጡኝንና ለስራው የግረጌዳኝን መጻሕፍት በመስጠት የረዱኝን ዶ/ር አምላሉ አክሊሉን ከልብ አመሰግናለሁ።

ይህ ሥራ ከተጀመረበት ጊዜ ጀምሮ የዕለት ተዕለት ድጋፍና እርዳታው ላልተለየኝ ጓደኛዬ ለአቶ ጌታቸው ወርቁ የላቀ ምስጋና አቀርባለሁ።

የዚህን መፅሃፍ የመጀመሪያ ረቂቅ በታይፕ በመጻፍ የተባበሩኝን ሁሉ በጣም አመሰግናለሁ።

# INTRODUCTION

## 1. General Introduction

Idioms are peculiar uses of words and phrases. Long (1975) defines the term as "An idiom is a fixed group of words with a special different meaning from the meanings of the separate words." Idiomatic phrases are very difficult parts of a language for a foreigner to master.

In order to help Amharic speakers to be able to use the English idiomatic expressions appropriately, such kind of bilingual dictionary is very important.

This English-Amharic idioms dictionary is the only one of its kind by a native speaker of Amharic. It contains over 3500 carefully selected English idioms in current use.

While producing this work, the compiler consulted secondary school English text books and many dictionaries of English idioms to select the idioms, to compare and check the meanings.

## 2. How to use the Dictionary

### 2.1 The Alphabetical order

2.1.1 **The head word:** The alphabetical order is shown first by a single word, which we shall call the head word. The head word is printed in capital letters above all idioms that contain the word.

2.1.2 **The idiom phrases:** The idioms under each head word are listed in alphabetical order.

### 2.2 Variants and Optional words in the Idiom Phrases:

One-word variants are shown after the symbol (/). This means the word before the slash may be substituted by the word following, but only if they are both single words. For example, *a cog in the wheel/machine* means that one may say *my father is just a cog in the wheel* or *my father is a cog in the machine*.

In the case of optional words in the idiom phrases, words that are often but not always used in the idioms are shown in brackets. For example, *come away (from)* means that one may say *if the chicken is properly cooked, the meat will come away from the bones very easily* or *if the chicken is properly cooked, the meat will come away from the bones very easily*.

### 2.3 Definition

Whenever possible, an Amharic equivalent and as many of its synonyms as possible are provided for the benefit of the learners of English.

The main definition is, wherever possible under the first verb in the idiom phrase. For example, *clear one's mind* of is at *clear*. If the first word is not a verb, look under the first noun. If there is no noun look under the first adjective, adverb, and so on.

ii.

### 2.3.1. Numbered definitions

If one entry has multiple meanings, these meanings are separated and numbered.

#### Example:

a closed book

1. የጥያቄ ትዕይንት ለውር
2. ባህሪው አሙሉ የጥያቄ ትዕይንት ገጽ
3. ያበቃለት የተጠናቀቀ

### 2.3.2. Example sentences

After almost every definition, an example sentence is provided. Every effort has been made to make the example sentence as simple as possible.

### 2.3.3. Cross references

There are two types of cross references. The first one tells the reader under which word he will find the definition of the idiom that he is looking up. It is introduced by *see at*. If the reader looked up in a *cold sweat* under the head word *cold*, he will find the cross reference *see at sweat*.

The second type is the one found under the variant word in the idiom phrase. In this case, the cross reference is introduced by an arrow ( $\rightarrow$ ). For example, under the word *shut* the reader will find the idiom *shut one's eyes to* with the cross reference  $\rightarrow$  *close one's eyes to*.

መግቢያ

በዚህ መዝገበ ቃላት ውስጥ በእንግሊዘኛ ቋንቋ ጎልተው አገልግሎት ላይ የግድሉ ከ3500 በላይ የሆኑ ፈሊጦች በጥንቃቄ ተመርጠው የአግርኛ ፍቺ የተሰጣቸው ሲሆን መጻፉ ለሁለተኛ ደረጃና ከዚያም በላይ ለሆኑ ተግሪፎች የግጦትም ሲሆን በተጨማሪም በእንግሊዘኛ ቋንቋ የተጻፉ ጽሑፎችን ወደ አግርኛ ቋንቋ በመተርጎም ስራ ላይ ለተሰማሩት ሁሉ ይጠቅማል ተብሎ የተዘጋጀ ነው።

ስለ መዝገበ ቃላት አጠቃቀም

ፊደል ተራ

በመገኘት ያገለገሉት ቃላት በፊደል ተራቸው የተቀመጡ ሲሆን ከእያንዳንዱ መገኛ ቃል ስር የግረቡ ፈሊጦችም በፊደል ተራቸው ተደርድረው የአግርኛ ፍቻቸው ፊት ለፊታቸው ተቀምጧል።

ፍቺ አሰጣጥ

በተዘውታሪነታቸው ለተመረጡት የእንግሊዘኛ ፈሊጦች የአግርኛ አጽ ፍቺ የተሰጣቸው ሲሆን አንዳንድ ጊዜ በተመሳሳይ የአግርኛ ቃል ወይም ፈሊጥ ለመፍታት የግያስችግርበት ጊዜ አለ። ይህ ግይነት ሁኔታ ሲፈጠር በጎረግ ወይም በዐረፍተ ነገር መፍታት እንደአማራጭ ተውስዶ ፍቺ ተሰጥቶበታል።

ከአንድ በላይ ፍቺ ያላቸው ፈሊጦች ፍቺያቸው በተራ ቁጥር ተዘርዝረው ተቀምጠዋል።

**A**

**A**  
from A to Z

ከህ እስከ ፕ በጥልቀት

eg. The teacher knew the subject from A to Z.

**ABOUT**  
be about

1. አፍላ ስራ

eg. It was eight o'clock and most of the towns people were already about their business.

2. መገባት ማራጨት

eg. Be sure to wrap up well: there is a lot of flue about.

**ABOVE**  
above all

ከሁሉም በላይ በደብዳቤ

eg. He is trustworthy and practical but above all, very hard-working.

above and beyond

ከዚያም በላይ በተጨማሪ

eg. But... above and beyond financial security, what you should be striving for this month is personal stardom and recognition.

above one's station

See at station

above someone's head

See at head

**ABREAST**  
be abreast of

ዕውቀት ግንባር! አዳዲስ ትምህርት ግንኙንት

eg. He takes several learned journals to be abreast of developments in his field.

**ABSORBED**  
absorbed in

መሰጠ፣ በሙሉ ስጌት ግትኮር

eg. They are absorbed in their game.

**ACCIDENTALLY**  
accidentally on purpose

የወጤቱን መጥርነት እያወቁ መረፀም

eg. The boy told his father that he had dropped the radio when he fell on the stairs, but he later admitted to his mother that he had broken it accidentally on purpose because he wanted a new one.

**ACCOUNT**  
on no account

በምንም ምክንያት

eg. I must on no account go out alone after dark, not even in a taxi.

on one's own account

ለራስ፣ ለግል ሲባል

eg. He didn't work hard for his family's sake-he did it on his own account.

**ACE**  
(as) black as the ace of spades

በጣም ጥቁር! አስቀያሚ! ቆሻሻ

**ACROSS**  
across the board

ለሁሉም በእኩልነት

eg. They asked for a pay increase of ten pounds a week across the board.

**ACT**  
act/be one's age

እንደ ዕድሜ መሆን! ጭምት መሆን

eg. Sit down and act your age!

act/play the fool

እንደ ቲል መሆን

eg. The teacher told the boy to stop acting the fool and start studying seriously.

act the goat

ቲል ቲል መሆን

eg. Stop acting the goat! I want a serious answer to my question.

act up

1. በእግዛብ መሰለስ፣ ማግኘር

eg. You should know how to act up.

2. ግለከፋት! ግስቶም

eg. "You look a bit depressed. Boy - friend acting up?"

**ADD**

add fuel to the fire  
add fuel to the flames /fire

--> add fuel to the flames

ግባባስ (ችግርን! ፍርሃትን)

eg. Nothing would help her when she became worried: words of encouragement just added fuel to the flames.

add insult to injury

በእንትርት ላይ ጆር ገድፍ፣ ችግር ግባባስ

eg. He said when she arrived that he wished she had never come, and then added insult to injury by refusing to speak to her for the rest of her visit.

add on

መጨመር! ግዙል

eg. Please add on the service charge.

add up to

ግንገልገል! መጠን

eg. Her knowledge of how other people live doesn't add up to much.

**ADDRESS**

address oneself to

ግትኮር! ሥራዬ ላይ መሆን

eg. When his father died, Paul had to address himself to the business of earning his own living.

**ADVANCED**

advanced in life  
advanced in years/life

→ advanced in years  
ያረጀ

**AFFECT**

affect ignorance of

አላዋቂ መሆን  
eg. He affected ignorance of the law.

**AFRAID**

be afraid of one's (own) shadow

እይን እፋር መሆን  
eg. She stays at home all the time and never makes any new friends-she seems to be afraid of her own shadow.

**AFTER**

be after

1. መከተል፣ ግላደድ  
eg. We are still after the man who broke into your shop yesterday.
2. መረለገ፣ መሻት፣ ለግገኘት መጓጓት  
eg. There are too many men after the same job.

**AGAINST**

against the grain  
be up against it

see at grain.  
ችግር ላይ መውደቅ፣ ለችግር መጋለጥ  
eg. You will really be up against it if you try to park your car in that muddy field.

up against

ተወዳዳሪ፣ ተርካካሪ  
eg. Our local football team was up against a strong visiting team.

**AGE**

be one's age

---→ act one's age.

**AGREE**

agree to differ

መስግግት /ጭትጭት፣ ከChC ለግፋም ሊባል/  
eg. My father and my boyfriend had always disagreed about politics so my mother and I tried to make them agree to differ just to stop them arguing all the time.

**AHEAD**

ahead of one's time

ምጡት፣ ካለበት ሀብረተሰብ በእስተላሳብ የላቀ  
eg. Many scientists are so far ahead of their time that they do not receive the praise they deserve until after they are dead.

dead ahead

ፊት ለፊት፣ በተጥታ

**AIR**

in the air

ተዛግች ወረ

**AIRS**

airs and graces

ኩራት፣ ጠብራራት  
eg. She has lost many friends because of her airs and graces.

**ALERT**

be on the alert/watch/look out

በገታት፣ በተጠንቀቅ ላይ መሆን  
eg. The watchman was on the alert all night.

**ALICE**

alice-in-wonderland

ያልተለመደ እንግዳ ነገር

**ALL**

all and sundry

See at sundry

all down the line

See at line

all eyes

See at eyes

all in

መድከም፣ መዛል  
eg. She was all in after shopping for three hours.

all one

See at one

all set

See at set

all the day long

See at day

all told

See at told

and all

በተጨማሪ ሌሎችም  
eg. She had books and papers and all.

at all

ፈጽሞ በጥራሽ  
eg. I don't like him at all.

ALLEY

up someone's alley

---> up someone's street

ANIMAL

animal spirits

ፈገገታ፣ ደስታ  
eg. The children were full of animal spirits.

ANSWER

answer back

1. አፀፋ ሙልስ ሙስጠት (ለታላት ለአለቃ)  
eg. When your mother scolds you, you shouldn't answer (her) back.

2. ሙጽጽ፣ አቻ ሙልስ ሙስጠት  
eg. It is unfair to attack a person in the newspaper when he can't answer (you) back.

answer for

ኃላፊነትን ሙወሰድ፣ ሙተበላ  
eg. I won't answer for the consequence.

answer to the description (of)

ሙጥሰላ፣ አገድ ዓይነት ሙሆን  
eg. John was arrested because he seemed to answer to the description of the scaped prisoner.

ANYBODY

be anybody's guess

See at guess

APPLE

a/the bad/ rotten apple

ብልሹ፣ ሌላውን የግብኛ ሌላውን የግጥም  
eg. Most students are polite and hard-working but there are a few rotten apples.

an apple of someone's eye

ብርቅዶ  
eg. Peter is the apple of his mother's eye.

the bad apple

-> a bad apple

APPLY

apply oneself to

ሙሉ ኃይልን ጊዜንና ፍላጎትን በአገድ ገገር ላይ ግድረግ  
eg. If you apply yourself to the job in hand, you will soon finish it.

APPROPRIATE

appropriate to oneself /one's own use ለግል ለራስ ግድረገግ ሙወሰድ

eg. The relatives of the dead man were extremely angry when they discovered that his executor had appropriate the Rolls Royce to himself.

appropriate to one's own use

-> appropriate to oneself.

ARCH

arch over

ሙሽረን፣ ሙከላላ  
eg. The tree on both banks arch over the water.

ARK

out of the ark

በግጥም ያረጀ  
eg. That table is out of the ark.

ARM

arm (oneself) against

ሙቃዎን ሙጽጽን ከገጥሙ ግንሳት  
eg. It is up to every citizen to understand the motives of the anarchists in our midst and arm (himself) against their insidious propoganda.

at arm's length

ግራት፣ ግጥላላ  
eg. She kept him at arm's length during the first week.



with one arm behind one's back

---> with one hand behind one's back.

**ARMED**

armed to the hilt

---> armed to the teeth.

armed to the teeth/hilt

በበቂ ሁኔታ መታጠቅ /የጦር መሳሪያ/

eg. The young soldier was armed to the teeth and ready to fight.

**ARMS**

be/rise up in arms

መከፋት፤ መናደድ፤ መቆጣት

eg. The farmers rose up in arms over the reduction in the price of milk.

with open arms

በደስታ

eg. Any new ideas were received with open arms.

**AROUND**

be around

በአንድ ሙያ ታዋቂ መሆን

eg. Of course, he's been around the sports commenting scene for a good many years.

**ASCENDANT**

in the ascendant

ግደል፤ መገኘር

eg. After the election, our political party was once again in the ascendant.

**ASK**

ask after

መጠየቅ፤ /ጤንነት፤ ደህንነትን/

eg. Don't forget to ask after your uncle when you see Marry this afternoon.

ask for

መጠየቅ፤ መረለገ

eg. Don't hesitate to ask for advice.

ask for it

1. ግስተኛ፤ ግስከፋት

eg. You're really asking for it by coming late when your father has told you to be early.

2. የወንድን ስግት ግንሳሳት፤ ሙቀትስ /ለግብረሥጋግንነት/

eg. The young girl was asking for it when she wore such a short skirt.

ለችግር፤ ለትግት መጋለጥ ፤ ችግር፤ ትግት መጋበዝ

eg. If you touch the apples in that orchard, you are just asking for trouble.

ask for trouble

**ATTEND**

attend on/upon

መንከባከብ፤ መጠበቅ

eg. The two nurses attended night and day on the dying statesman.

attend to

መያዝ፤ መጠበቅ፤ መንከባከብ

eg. If you go out, who will attend to the baby?

attend upon

---> attend on

**ATTENTION**

be at attention

በተጠንቀቅ ሙቀት

eg. The men were at attention as the inspecting officer passed through the ranks.

**AUGUR**

augur ill/well for

መጠየቅ፤ ግሙላካት

eg. The arrival of our crack troops in the battle area augurs ill for the enemy.

augur well for

---> augur ill for

**AVAIL**

avail oneself of

መጠየቅ፤ መገልገል /በተገኘ አጋጣሚ፤ ዕድል/

eg. You should avail yourself of every opportunity to practice your English.

of little avail

---> of no avail

of no/little avail

ጥቅም አልባ፤ ጥጋቦሊ

eg. Their attempts to explain were of no avail.

**AVENGE**  
avenge oneself (on) (for)

ጠብቅልጠ ስድር ጠጠሰ  
eg. He swore to avenge himself (on his enemy) for the insult that had been offered to his name and reputation.

**AVOID**  
avoid like the plague

ጣራትጠ ጠብሰ  
eg. After he came out from prison many of his former friends avoided him like the plague.

## B

**BABES**  
babes in the wood

ላኛድ የሌላው

eg. You can't blame them for their mistakes: they are just babes in the wood in business matters.

**BACK**  
at the back of

ኃላፊጠ የኛ ተጠያቂ

eg. You are at the back of all our difficulties.

at the back of someone's mind

See at mind

back and forth

ወዲያ ወዲህ ጠጠጠጠ

eg. The wind moved the trees gently back and forth.

behind someone's back

በድብቅ፣ በግረጠጢር፣ በስውር

eg. A true friend will not say unpleasant things about you behind your back.

double back

ግጠፍ

eg. When making a bed you double the top edge of the sheet back over the blankets.

on one's back

ጠታጠጥ

eg. He was on his back for three days but is better now.

on someone's back

ቸግር ጠፍጠርጠ ግስቀየጥ

eg. My boss is always on my back.

the back of beyond

ፈገጠርጠ ወጣ ያለ ቦታ

eg. After living in London, this little town seems like the back of beyond.

**BACKBONE**  
to the backbone

በእርግጥጠ በትክክልጠ በእውነት

eg. He is honest to the backbone.

**BACKWARDS**

backwards and forwards

መላለስ

eg. He decided to change his job because traveling backwards and forwards everyday costs him too much money.

**BAD**a bad lot  
bad faithsee at lot  
see at faith**BAG**

a bag of bones

በጣም ተጭንጎ መገገና /ሰው/

eg. If you don't eat more you'll soon be a bag of bones.

a mixed bag

ጥርቅም፣ ከየአይነቱ የተሰበሰበ

eg. She invited a mixed bag of people to her party.

bag and baggage

ከነቅራቅንበው፣ ከነሙሉ ጓዙ

eg. They had a bad argument and next day she left, bag and baggage.

in the bag

ትክክል፣ እርግጥ

eg. The meeting went very well and we knew that the contract was in the bag.

with the bag

በጥሩ ሁኔታ

eg. The dinner, performance, etc. went with a bag.

**BALANCE**

on balance

በሁሉም አንገር ሲታይ፣ ሲመዘን፣ ሲገመገም

eg. There is strong opposition but (on balance) we have a good chance of winning the race.

**BALL**

be on the ball

ቀልጣፋ፣ ጎቁ

eg. He's not really on the ball-he lets so, many chances slip by.

on the ball

ቀልጣፋ፣ ጎቁ ባለጥያ

eg. We need someone on the ball for this job.

the ball is in someone's court

እድሉ፣ አትሙ የተረኛ ሙሆን

eg. Well, now you know everything. The ball is in your court-are you going to dismiss him or give him another chance?

**BARGAIN**

bargain for

መገመት፣ መጠርጠር

eg. We didn't exactly bargain for him turning up like that, out of the blue.

into the bargain

በተጨማሪ

eg. They bought the flat and the curtains and carpets into the bargain.

**BARK**

someone's bark is worse than his bite

መጥር፣ ከቶ ሳይሆን መጥር፣ ከቶ መስሎ የግታይ

eg. The boss looks really fierce, but I think his bark is worse than his bite because he has always been kind to me.

**BARS**

be behind bars

መሀኒ ቤት መግባት፣ ጅግመውረድ

eg. The last of the bank-robbers is now safely behind bars.

**BAT**

bat around

መዞር፣ መከናወን

eg. I have been batting around all morning.

not bat an eye

---&gt; not bat an eyelid

not bat an eyelid/eye

በፊት ላይ ምንም ነገር አለመታየት /የገዘን፣ የመደገገጥ/

eg. He didn't bat an eyelid when he was told his wife was very ill.

**BATTLE**

a running battle

የግያጻርጥ፣ የግያልት ጭቅጭት፣ ጥል

eg. They had a running battle with their neighbours about who owned the fence.

battle it out

ለመጨረስ! ለመረጃ ስታገልግል ማደግ  
 eg. This weekend, eight teams battle it out in the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

BE

be-all and all-end

see at end

be for it

see at it

be for the high jump

---&gt; be for it

be head and shoulders above

see at head

be one's age

---&gt; act one's age

BEAM

off (the) beam

መላካት ማወናዘድ  
 eg. The police are off beam in their search for the criminal.

on one's beam ends

መጥሮ ሁኔታ ላይ መሆን  
 eg. Many organizations are on their beam ends at the moment because of a lack of public support.

BEAR

bear a charmed life

--&gt; lead a charmed life.

bear a/one's cross

መቻል ስታገልግል ማደግ  
 eg. The poor woman has to bear a (terrible...) cross-her husband is too ill to work.

bear down

ገበያዎች ስለ ማግኘት  
 eg. After much dogged fighting, our troops bore down all resistance.

bear fruit

ወጪ ስራዎች ማግኘት  
 eg.... your actions now will bear fruit in November.

bear/keep in mind

ግስታወስዎ ማገንዘብ  
 eg. ...half one's life, perhaps is lived after forty....  
 Bear it in mind, young man, and it will save you from most of the worst mistakes.

bear one's cross

--&gt; bear a cross

bear the palm

መሻል ማግኘት  
 eg. Of all the cities of Europe I think that Paris bears the palm.

bear with

መታገስ ማቻል  
 eg. If you will all bear with me for just a few minutes, I will explain.

BEAT

beat a hasty retreat

መርገጥ ማሸገጥ  
 eg. The boys beat a hasty retreat after crashing the car that they had stolen.

beat about the bush

ዙሪያ ማዞር ጻር ጻር ግለት በተታ አለመናገር  
 eg. If you've got bad news, don't beat about the bush.

beat down

እንዲቀንስ እንዲወርድ ግድረግ /ጥጋ/ ማድረግ  
 eg. He wanted eight hundred pounds for his car, but I managed to beat him down to six hundred.

beat into a cocked hat

--&gt; knock into a cocked hat.

beat to his knees

ግላኩም  
 eg. The stresses of business had beaten him to his knees in middle life.

BED

a bed of nails

--&gt; a bed of thorns

a bed of roses

የደስታ የሰላም ጊዜ ጭትት  
 eg. Marriage is not always a bed of roses. Disagreements sometimes happen.

a bed of thorns/nails

አስቸጋሪ ጭትት  
 eg. At any period of history it is the unemployed who find life to be a bed of thorns.

the bed of water	ቦቶ
<b>BEGIN</b>	
to begin with	በመጀመሪያ፣ በመገኛ eg. To begin with, we had very little support.
<b>BEHIND</b>	
be behind the times	see at times
<b>BELIEVE</b>	
cannot believe one's ear/eyes	እኔ እላምንም ግለት /በእየው በሰገው ነገር በመደነት/ eg. I was so shocked by what he said, I couldn't believe my ears.
cannot believe one's eyes	→ cannot believe one's ears
<b>BELL</b>	
(as) clear as a bell	ገልጽ፣ ብሩህ eg. The whole thing was as clear as a bell to me: I had no doubts about what to do.
as sound as a bell	ጤነኛ፣ ምንም ችግር የሌለበት eg. Even at the age of 80 the old man's heart was as sound as a bell.
<b>BELOW</b>	
below par	see at par
<b>BEND</b>	
bend one's steps	መሄድ፣ መጓዝ eg. When it began to get dark they bent their steps towards home.
bend/lean over backwards	የግድለውን ያህል ግድረገ /ለተቸገረ/ eg. Whenever he was in difficulties his parents always bent over backwards to help him.
bend the knee	→ bow the knee
<b>BENDED</b>	
on bended knee	see at knee

**BENEATH**

beneath someone's dignity	see at dignity
beneath one's breath	→ under one's breath
<b>BESIDE</b>	
beside oneself	ከቀጥተኛ ውጭ መሆን /በሰግት/ eg. She was beside herself with joy when she heard the news. አጥብቅንት! ግንኙነት የለለው መሆን
beside the point	eg. Whether John or Patric lost the tape-recorder is beside the point.
<b>BEST</b>	
at the best of time	see at time
with the best (of them)	ችሉታው ካላቸው ጋር እኩል፣ ባላጠ ሁኔታ
<b>BETTER</b>	
for better or worse	ተደርጊያ ተጠላቻ eg. For better or worse, we depend on the miners for our coal; if they ask for higher wages we really have to listen to them.
someone's better half	see at half
<b>BETWEEN</b>	
be between ourselves/you and me	በሁንተ/በእንኛ እና በእኔ ይቅር፣ ሌላ ሰው እንዳይሰገው eg. "Now, this is strictly between ourselves, but did you know that David is being promoted next month?"
be between you and me	→ be between ourselves
betwixt and between	ከሁለቱም ያህን eg. The meal we had at the restaurant was (rather) betwixt and between = neither very good nor very bad.
<b>BEYOND</b>	
beyond a joke	see at joke

beyond one's ken  
beyond question  
**BIDE**  
bide one's time

see at ken  
see at question

መታየት ለመጠን

eg. Mary could not decide whether to walk to work  
or bide her time until the bus came.

**BIG**  
a big cheese  
a big noise  
a big shot  
be big of

see at cheese  
see at noise  
see at shot

ቸር ማን

eg. You can use my car this evening. Thank you,  
that's very big of you.  
see at guns

big guns

**BILL**  
a clean bill of health

ጤንነት ለሌላው ማህተም ለማረጋገጥ ታላ ወይም  
ጽሑፍ

eg. The doctor gave him a clean bill of health.

**BIRD**  
a bird's-eye view

1. መካካት ለጠቅላይ  
eg. In this book the author takes only a  
bird's-eye view of modern music.

2. ለርቀት ግጥም የራት እይታ  
eg. Flying over London, he got a good bird's-eye  
view of the city.

a little bird told me

የሰጥ ሃረግ ለፍ ሃረግ /ተናጋሪውን ለላማተን/  
eg. A little bird told me that they may be getting  
married soon.

an early bird

በጭት የሚጠጠር የሚታይ  
eg. He's quite an early bird; he gets up at six  
o'clock every day of the week.

a rare bird

በወትር የማይታይ የማይገኝ የሙሉ ልዩ  
eg. You're a rare bird in the village these days.

(as) free as bird

ነገሩ ለት ማን

eg. He felt as free as bird when he came out of  
prison after six years.

the bird has flown  
**BIT**

መጠን ለሙሉ የሚረጋገጥ ለውጥ

a bit of all right

1. ግራሲ አደላች /ተቃራኒ ጽታ/  
2. ተሰጥሎ የሚገኝ

eg. The meal was a bit of all right.

a bit on the side

መጠን

eg. I thought my husband might be having a bit  
on the side.

bit by bit

ቀስ በቀስ

eg. As the mist cleared, the house came into sight  
bit by bit.

**BITE**

bite off more than one can chew አላትም፤ ከችሎታ በላይ ግድረግ

eg. "You have bitten off more than you can chew,"  
said my brother, when he saw the trouble I was  
having with my new business.

bit one's lip

አግራትን ለቀጣጠር ማለት

eg. My father shouted at me for coming in late, but  
I bite my lip because I didn't want to worry my  
mother by having a big argument.

bite/snap someone's head off

በቀጣ ለማህተም ለላይ

eg. My mother bite my head off when I came home late  
last night.

**BITTER**

to the bitter end

እስከ ሙሉ ረገድ

eg. The two men fought bravely to the bitter end.

**BLACK**

a black look  
as black as pitch

see at look  
see at pitch

in black and white

በጥቃቃ

eg. I want your promise in black and white.

**BLANK**

a blank cheque

see at cheque

**BLESSING**

a mixed blessing

ደህና ሃገር መስሎ መጥሮ ውጤት ያለው የግዴታ መጣ  
 eg. These shoes are a mixed blessing. Although they look pretty, they hurt my feet.

**BLIND**

a blind alley

ለሰድገት የግጥሞች የግጥም  
 eg. His present job seemed to be a blind alley.

**BLOOD**

a/the blood bath

the blood bath

ብዙ ሰው የተገደለበት የተረሸነበት ወትት ሁኔታ  
 → a blood bath

**BLOT**

blot one's copybook

ታሪኩን ስሙን ግበላሸት  
 eg. He was the teacher's favorite pupil until he blotted his copybook by failing all his examinations.

**BLOW**

blow hot and cold

ገላብ መተኮ ለሰው ደድ ወደ መጥላት/  
 eg. My girlfriend blew hot and cold about going to the cinema. One minute she was keen to go, the next she wanted us to stay at home.

blow one's top

መቆጣት መናደድ  
 eg. My wife blew her top when she discovered that I had allowed the cake to burn.

blow (wide) open

ገንድ ግውጣት ግጋለጥ  
 eg. The discovery of these private letters has blown the politician's plans wide open.

blow the cobwebs away

አሰጥሮ ግደስ  
 eg. Let's go for a walk to blow the cobwebs away.

blow the gaff

ጥሰጢር ግውጣት  
 eg. I used somebody else's invitation card to get into the party, and nobody would have known if my brother had not blown the gaff.

**BLUE**

a blue funk

በጭንቀት በፍርሃት መጥጥ

eg. I was in a blue funk when my employer called me into his office.

be out of the blue

ሳይታሰብ ሳይታወቅ በድንገት ብቅ ግለት መውጣት

eg. His arrival was all the more pleasant for being completely out of the blue.

**BLUFF**

bluff one's way out of

ከጭንቀት ከስቃይ ለመውጣት መጥከር መፍጨርጨር

eg. The criminal is trying to bluff his way out of the whole thing.

**BOAT**

in the same boat

አንድ አይነት ሁኔታ ውስጥ መሆን

eg. When I told her how poor I was she said that she was in the same boat.

**BODY**

in a body

በአንድነት በጎብረት

eg. The workers went in a body to see their employer.

**BOIL**

boil over

በጣም መቆጣት መከፋት

eg. John was boiling over and it was soon clear why; nobody had told him of our plans to move house.

**BOLT**

a bolt from the blue

ድንገተኛ ያልታሰበ

eg. I had only recently seen my friend in a restaurant. The news of his death came as a bolt from the blue.

**BONE**

a bone of contention

አጨታጭቂ አከራካሪ ነጥብ

eg. Wages are always a bone of contention in our house.

(as) dry as a bone

በጣም ደረት

eg. The ground was very hard and as dry as a bone.

bone idle/lazy

ሰፍሰ ስራ የግደወድ

eg. Why don't you go out and get a job? You're bone idle, that's your trouble.

bone lazy

→ bone idle

bone up (on)

ጥልቅ ጥናት ግድርግዒ አትኩርት መስጠት

eg. I must bone up on my Italian if we are going abroad for a holiday.

**BONES**

the bare bones

ዋና አንኳር

eg. I just want to know the bare bones of the matter.

**BOOK**

a closed book

1. የግዴታወቅታ ሰውር

eg. Modern scientific methods are a closed book to me.

2. ባህሪው ለሙሉ የግዴታወቅታ ዝግ

eg. The rest of the family are very friendly but the youngest boy is a closed book.

3. የቢታለት የተጠናቀቀ

eg. As far as I am concerned the affair is a closed book.

in someone's book

በተመለከተ በኩል

eg. In my book, Johnson, you are a liar!

**BOOT**

the boot is on the other foot/leg

የተገባቢጦሽ መሆን

eg. Soon after I went to work for another company, my old boss came to me begging for a job. Now I am his boss, and the boot is on the other foot.

to boot

ከዚያም ሌላ፣ በተጨማሪ

eg. It was a long film and an uninteresting one to boot.

**BORE**

bore to death/tears

በጣም ግሰልቸት መቸክ

eg. This play's boring me to death.

bore to tears

→ bore to death

**BORN**

in all one's born days

በህይወት ዘመን

eg. I've never seen such a sight in all my born days!

**BOSOM**

bosom friend/pal

የቅርብ ጓደኛ፣ ምስጢረኛ

eg. Jimmy Carde was the bosom friend of Mor.

**BOTHER**

bother one's head

→ trouble one's head

**BOTTOM**

at/from the bottom of one's heart

አልብነት ከአንጀት

eg. I love you from the bottom of my heart.

from the bottom of one's heart

→ at the bottom of one's heart

**BOUND**

I'll be bound

እርግጠኛ ነኝ

eg. You won't see him after you have lent him the money he wants, I'll be bound!

**BOW**

bow/bend the knee

ትህትና ግላዮት

eg. You can't expect a prince to bow the knee to an ordinary man.

**BOY**

a nasty boy

ሴታ ሴት

the old boy/boys' network

በዘመድ አዝግድ

eg. I think the only way to get a good job is through the old boy network.

the old boys' network

→ the old boy network

**BRAND**

brand new

አዲስ

eg. This car is brand new. I bought it yesterday.

**BREAD**

the best thing since sliced bread

→ the greatest thing since sliced bread



**BREADTH**

a hair's breadth

በጣም ቅርብ

eg. After the car raced past us we realized that it had been only a hair's breadth away from us.

**BREAK**

break fresh ground

--> break new ground.

መረበሽሽ ግዳረተሰ ግወክ

eg. A sudden noise from outside broke in upon his day-dream.

break in upon

break new/fresh ground

አዲስ ነገር መፍጠር ስራ ግጥም

eg. The scientist broke new ground in his book about rare minerals.

break one's back

በትጋት ስራ

eg. I'm not going to break my back working for such low wages.

break out in

በድንገት ስሸረገገ መጠቃለል

eg. His face had now broken out in a rash of red and purple blotches.

break someone's /one's heart

ግዘገ / ግላዘገ

eg. The sailor had broken the hearts of many girls in different countries.

break someone's neck

መገደል

eg. I'll break your neck if you don't stop playing those drums!

break the back of

አብዛኛውን ሥራ መፈረስ ግዘናወገ

eg. We hoped to break the back of building the garden wall by the weekend.

break the bank

ግዘንፍ / ገንዘብ በግሥት ግድድር

eg. I heard that you broke the bank at Monte Carlo last week: Yes I won 100,000 pounds.

break the ice

ግብረድ ግጥም

eg. I was nervous when I was introduced to Sally, but she broke the ice by offering me a drink and soon we were dancing together.

to break the news to person

መገር / ያልታሰበ ነገር

eg. He broke the news to his wife as gently as he could that he had lost all his fortune through the failure of the bank.

**BREATH**

a breath of fresh air

በጣም አስደላች

eg. The young child was like a breath of fresh air to its parents.

below one's breath

--> under one's breath

under/below/beneath one's breath

በግሽግሽታ

eg. When I demanded an explanation for his bad behavior, he said something under his breath and quickly left the room.

**BREATHE**

be able to breathe

ከጭንቅ መገለገል ግረፍ

eg. We were in a small boat during the storm, but it stopped after an hour and we were able to breathe again.

to breathe one's last

መጥት

**BREED**

breed like rabbits

መቀፍቀፍ ስዙ መውለድ

eg. The people who are starving have the solution in their own hands-stop breeding like rabbits.

**BRIGHT**

a bright spark

see at spark

bright and breezy

ደስተኛ

eg. She was a bright and breezy sort of girl.

bright and early

ሳይነጋ በቧት

eg. He got up bright and early.

**BRING**

bring along

ግጠናከር፤ ግበረታታት

eg. We are trying to bring along one or two promising young swimmers.

bring back to life

ግላገ፤ ግሻ

eg. I couldn't bring him back to life.

bring/drive home

ግበራራት፤ ግገለጽ፤ ግላወት

eg. He did it in order to drive home the fact that inflation hurts every one.

bring home (to)

ግላወት፤ ግስገዝብ

eg. These programmes do much to bring home to people the serious risks of smoking.

bring home the bacon

ግድረገ፤ ጠጅል

eg. My boss told me that if I brought home the bacon on the new contract I would be given more wages.

bring in on

እንዲላተፍ ግድረገ

eg. People most likely to be affected must be brought in on our proposals from the beginning.

bring into being /existence

ጠጅቶ፤ ጠጠሰረት፤ ጠፈጠር

eg. An information bureau was brought into existence to deal with inquiries.

bring into the open

ገለጸ፤ ይፋ ግድረገ

eg. If you had not allowed him to make that speech, this matter need never have been brought into the open.

bring into the world

ልጅ ጠውለድ

eg. I'm bringing another child into the world.

bring out of his shell

እፍረት፤ አይናፋርነት እንዲለቀው፤ እንዲትተው ግድረገ

eg. It will take all of your patience and tact to bring John out of his shell.  
-> bring out one's big guns.

bring out the big guns

ከፍተኛ ጥረት፤ ትግል ግድረገ /ለግሸነፍ/

bring out/up the/one's big guns

eg. The card game had been going badly for him, so he decided to bring up his big guns and played his highest card.

bring the curtain down

-> ring the curtain down

bring the house down

አድግጥን፤ ተጠልካችን ግላት፤ ፈገገ እንዲሉ ግድረገ

eg. I used to bring the house down with this one.

bring to blows

አጋጩ፤ አግላ

eg. The question of who should sit next to the guest of honour practically brought the two of them to blows.

bring to himself

እንዲነቃ፤ እንዲያስተውል ግድረገ

eg. The mention of a name brought him to himself.

bring to his feet

በድንገት፤ በአስቸኳይ ጠፋም፤ ጠገተር

eg. It was finally a remark of Edith's that brought him to his feet in a rush of anger.

bring to his knees

-> bring to its knees

bring to its/his knees

ግላክም፤ ግደሀየት

eg. Our enemies will succeed in bringing our country to its knees unless we join together against them.

bring to light

ይፋ ግውጣት

eg. The people of Europe were shocked when some of the war crimes were brought to light.

to bring to mind  
bring up the big guns

ግስታወስ

→ bring out one's big guns

bring up the hard way

በስቃይ፣ በጥንቅ እንዲያድግ ግድረግ

eg. Father believed in bringing us up the hard way.

bring up the rear

መደረሻ መምጣት / መሆን

eg. Two women and a man came into the room-the man brought up rear.

**BROKEN**

broken sleep

**BRUSH**

brush aside

በመካከሉ መናጠብ፣ ግዳረጥ ያለበት እንቅልፍ

ግስገለል፣ ግስለቀቅ፣ ግባረር

eg. The enemy column brushed aside our defense and advanced south.

brush to one side

በታ አለመስጠት፣ አለመቀበል

eg. I tried to give him some advice, but he brushed all my suggestions to one side.

**BRUST**

brust a blood vessel

በጣም መናደድ፣ መቆጣት

eg. When I asked my boss for more wages, he almost brust a blood vessel.

brust out of

መተለቅ፣ መጠባደል፣ መወረር

eg. All the children were brusting out of their school uniforms and there was no money to buy them new ones.

**BUCK**

buck one's ideas up

ገዳ፣ ቀልጣፋ መሆን

eg. If he hopes to keep his job, he will have to buck his ideas up a bit.

**BUG**

as snug as a bug in a rug

ምቹ

eg. Our new house is wonderful. It's nice and warm and makes you feel as snug as a bug in a rug.

**BUILD**

build up

ግጠራቀም፣ ግክግቶት

eg. The banks have built up sufficient reserves to cope with the crisis.

**BUNCH**

a bunch of fives

ቡጢ፣ ቦክስ

eg. If you don't behave better I'll give you a bunch of fives.

**BURN**

burn oneself out

ራስን መጉዳት፣ መበደል፣ ችግር ላይ መጣል

eg. If you don't give up this evening work, you'll burn yourself out.

burn (itself) out

መጉፋት፣ መከላከል /አላት/

eg. When we got back from the theater we found that the fire had burned itself out.

burn the candle at both ends

መራወጥ፣ ውጥረት ውስጥ መሆን

eg. You look very tired today. Have you been burning the candle at both ends?

burn to a frazzle

ግቃጠል፣ ግላረር

eg. I cooked the meat for too long and when I took it out I found that it had been burnt to a frazzle.

burn to death

አቃጥሎ መገደል

eg. Three people were burned to death.

**BURNING**

a burning question

see at question

**BURY**

bury (oneself) in

መመስተ፣ በአንድ ነገር ላይ ግተኮር

eg. "Don't disturb your father; he's buried in the crossword."

bury one's face (head in)

አንገት መድፋት፣ መተኮዝ

eg. Guy sat down and buried his head in the bed clothes.

bury the hatchet

መስግግት፣ መታረቅ

eg. After their long argument my brothers have at last buried the hatchet.

**BUSINESS**

be none of someone's business

አለግግባት፣ አለመላከት

eg. May I ask how old you are, Miss? - My age is none of your business.

**BUST**

bust a gut

ገሰብ፣ ገወጣት ገወረድ

eg. He's been staying up at night, busting a gut over all the work he has to do.

**BUSY**

a busy bee

ትጉሀ

eg. She is, it seems, a very busy bee.

**BUTTER**

butter both sides of one's bread

በሁለት በኩል መጠቀም

eg. He's buttering both sides of his bread-he works for us during the day and has a job with another company during the evening.

**BUTTON**

(as) bright as a button

በጣም ጎበዝ

eg. My little daughter's as bright as a button.

button one's lip

ዝም ማድረግ

eg. I'm trying to listen to the radio-either button your lip or get out of the room!

button up

መደምደም፣ ግጠናቀቅ

eg. I haven't said a word about it yet and I shan't, not till it's all buttoned up.

**BUY**

buy a pig in a poke

በጥገታቱ ሳይመረምር፣ ሳያስተውሉ መግዛት

eg. Both his last two cars have broken down and the man from the garage says they're not worth repairing - he always seems to buy a pig in a poke and never learns from his mistakes.

buy off

በገንዘብ መደለል፣ ግታለል

eg. If you are trying to buy me off, I'm afraid you've come to the wrong person.

buy up

አጠቃሉ፣ በጅምላ መግዛት

eg. All the land for miles around has been bought up by one speculator.

BY

by and by

ቀስ በቀስ

eg. By and by, it got lighter as we came to the end of the tunnel.

by and large

see at large

by the by

በአጋጣሚ

# C

## CAKES

cakes and ale

አለደሳቸ

eg. A farmer's life is not all cakes and ale.

## CALL

call a spade a spade

በገላፅ መናገር

eg. The old man hates long fancy words - he has always called a spade a spade.

call it a day

መጨረስ

eg. I think I'll call it a day and go home.

call off

ግቆም መግታት

eg. As we were getting too far from our base, I decided to call my men off.

call on

መጎብኘት

eg. Our representative will call on you in the course of the next week.

call someone's bluff

እንዲያረጋግጥ እንዲያሳይ ግድረግ

eg. Mike had often said he could swim 3 miles, so, we decided to call his bluff and make him prove it.

call the shots

መቆጣጠር (ድርጊትን ሁኔታን)

eg. Who calls the shots in your home - you or your wife?

call to account

ግብራሪያ ግረጊያ መስጠት

eg. The manager was called to account over some missing cash.

call to mind

ግብታወሰነት ገዝ ግለት

eg. Do you know her telephone number? "I ought to, but I can't quite call it to mind."

call up

ስልክ መደወል

eg. I tried to call you up last night, but no one answered the phone.

CALM

a dead calm

ፀጥተኛ ሆኖ

CAN

in the can

መረጃ ላይ ማስገባት

eg. Our boss was very pleased because the new contract was in the can.

CAP

to cap/top/crown it all

በመጨረሻ

eg. To cap it all, I received in November a polite notice explaining the present crisis, from one of the largest firms in London area.

CAPITAL

a capital punishment

የጥንቅቅ

a capital sentence

የጥንቅቅ ፍርድ ትዕዛዝ

CAPTAIN

be the captain of one's soul

ራስን መቆጣጠር

eg. I am the captain of my soul.

CARBON

a carbon copy

አንድ ዓይነት

eg. The little girls are a carbon copy of their mother.

አራቱ ግዕዝናት (ሰጊን ደብብን ምሳሌትን ምሳሌት)

CARDINAL

the cardinal points

የጊዜ ገደብ

CARDS

on the cards

eg. It's on the cards that they will buy a house soon.

CARE

not care a damn

→ not give a damn

not care a darn

→ not give a damn

**CARPET**

the red carpet

የተለየ አቀባበል እንክብካቤ

eg. We will have to get out the red carpet when such an important person comes to visit us.

on the carpet

መስደብ ማገስ

eg. His boss had him on the carpet for arriving late at work.

**CARRY**

carry back (to)

ግስታወስ ጉዞ መተስቀስ

eg. The sound of seagulls carried me back to my childhood holidays at the seaside.

carry everything /the day

ድል ግድረግ

eg. In the struggle with superstition, education if linked with true religion should carry the day.

carry it off

ግረጋጋት ግብረድ

eg. My remark had obviously annoyed her. I tried freely to carry it off.

carry on

መተመል አለግዳረጥ

eg. Please carry on as usual.

carry on with

ብሉገና ያለተለመደ ነው ሥራ መሥራት

eg. Isn't it shocking! Everyone knows that Mary's husband is carrying on with the woman next door.

carry the banner for

መተካት

eg. There are very few restaurants left that still carry the banner for properly cooked English food.

carry the can

ሃላፊነት መውሰድ (በሌላው ሥራ)

eg. I always had to carry the can for my younger brother when he broke anything.

carry the day  
carry through

→ carry everything

መጠናቀቅ ስግግር መድረስ ማረጋገጥ

eg. These aims will be carried through to the end.

carry with one

ግስታወስ ጉዞ ግለት

eg. I shall always carry with me the memory of that child's tortured face.

to carry/gain one's point

ግብ መጥታት ችግርን መወጣት

eg. All reformers find it most difficult to get people to give up a long-standing custom. But they carry their point in the end.

**CASE**

a hard case

ባለገቢ ስድነት ስርዓት አለበት

eg. You shouldn't annoy him. He is a real hard case.

in any case

ያም ሆነ ይህ

**CASH**

cash in one's chips

መጥት

**CAST**

cast/throw in one's lot with

ዕድል መጥከር

eg. He left his first job and decided to throw in his lot with a new company.

cast in someone's face

→ throw in someone's teeth

cast in someone's teeth

→ throw in someone's teeth

cast/put/throw into the shade

ስግግር እንዳይሰብ እንዳይግርክ ግድረግ

eg. The two ladies threw my girls quite into the shade.

cast/run an/ one's eye over

ገረፍ ገረፍ ግድረግ ገለጥ ገለጥ አድርጎ በችኮላ ግንብብ

eg. Just run your eyes over these papers and give me your opinion.

cast one's eye over

→ cast an eye over

cast one's eyes/eye over

ገረፍ ገረፍ ግድረገፍ በጥንቃቄ እስግዥት  
አለመመርመር

eg. It isn't enough just to cast your eyes over a second-hand car that you are thinking of buying.

cast out

ግባረር፤ ግስወገድ፤ ግስወጣት

eg. The old animals were cast out from the herd.

cast round for

መረለገ፤ መሻት

eg. I cast round for a reasonable excuse to leave my guests.

cast up (on)

መሰበሰብ፤ ግክግኛት፤ መከመር፤ መቆለል

eg. The shipwrecked sailors were cast up on the shore of a desert island.

**CASTLES**

castles in the air

ተግባራዊ የግዴታን ምኞት፤ የህልም ሩጊ

eg. The government is making the public believe in castles in the air.

**CAT**

let the cat out of the bag

ይፋ ግውጣት

**CAT'S**

be the cat's whiskers

ምርጥ፤ ብቁ መሆን

eg. My new secretary thinks she is the cat's whiskers though she is no better than the last one.

**CATCH**

catch in the act

እጅ ከፍንጅ መያዝ

eg. The police caught the thieves in the act.

catch on (with)

ተወዳጅ መሆን፤ ተቀባይነት ግግኛት

eg. The president's idea of rapid fire legislation has not caught on the congress.

catch on the hop

ሳይዘጋጅ፤ ሳይጠረጥር መያዝ (ጥፋተኛን)

eg. He was caught on the hop when his wife came home before he had finished digging the garden.

catch on the raw

--> touch on the raw

catch on the wrong foot

ሳይታሰብ፤ ያለገግጅት

eg. I'd lend you as much as you wanted, but I am afraid you've caught me on the wrong foot - I've left all my money at home.

catch someone's fancy

--> tickle someone's fancy

catch someone's eye

ስጊትን መላብ

eg. He tried to catch her eye. She turned towards him....

catch up on

መለወጥ፤ ግስተካካል (በአስተሳሰብ በአመለካከት)

eg. I think his past is beginning to catch up on him.

**CAVE**

cave in

መደርመስ፤ መናድ

eg. The roof of the mine caved in as a result of the explosion.

**CAVIAR**

caviar to the general

ጥሩ፤ ጠቃሚ /ለተራው ህዝብ/

eg. The writer considered that many of his books were (just) caviar to the general.

**CERTAIN**

of a certain age

እኩል ፍረ /ለሴት/

eg. One sometimes sees women of a certain age who are still very beautiful.

**CERTAINTY**

a dead certainty

እርግጠኛ

eg. It is a dead certainty that this man will be adjudged guilty.

**CHAIR**

to be in a chair

ለተመንበር፤ ሰብሳቢ መሆን (ለሰብሳቢ)

**CHALK**

(as) different as chalk and cheese

በፍፁም የግይመሳሰል

eg. I was blue-eyed, with thick flaxen hair like my parents... as different from my half-brother, Ned, as chalk from cheese.

**CHANCE**

chance one's arm

የጠዋው ደምጣ ብሎ መወለን

eg. The doctor decided to chance his arm and try to write a book on medicine.

**CHANGE**

change into

መገንባር፤ መክር

eg. Could you change this fifty pence into five ten's for me please?

change hands

መቀያየር (ባለቤትነት ሃላፊ)

eg. That house has changed hands several times in the last few months.

change one's tune

ሃላብነት ውሳኔ መቀየር፤ መለወጥ

eg. Do you agree with my idea now? You've changed your tune since yesterday.

change out of

መለወጥ፤ መቀየር (ልብስ)

eg. Let's go for a walk. "All right, I'll just change out of these old things."

change place (with)

መለዋወጥ፤ መቀያየር (መቀመጫ ቦታ ስልጣን)

eg. Let me change places with you.

change round (from)(to)

መቀየር፤ መለወጥ (የጎረቤት አትጣጫ)

eg. The wind suddenly changed round from westerly to northerly, bringing with it the threat of snow.

**CHAPTER**

chapter and verse

ክርክር ዕድታት ጉዳይ

eg. You must give me chapter and verse for your charge that he has been stealing.

**CHARITY**

(as) cold as charity

በጣም ቀዝታዊ

eg. It was cold as charity in my room last night.

**CHEAP**

(as) cheap as dirt

ርካሽ

eg. These apples are as cheap as dirt during the summer.

**CHECK**

check through

መርመር፤ ግረግ፤ ማረጋገጥ

eg. Please check through the laundry and then put it away.

**CHEEK**

cheek by jowl

ትርብ ለትርብ

eg. People live cheek by jowl, but don't necessarily mix....

**CHEESE**

a big cheese  
cheese it!

→ the big cheese

1. ለምሳሌ ሸሽ

eg. Cheese it, boys, I can hear someone coming!

2. ያጥ በል! ለረፍ

eg. Cheese it, Robert! I want to listen to this record.

አለታይ ሃላፊ መሆን

eg. I took my first trip to the west driving the family car - I was the big cheese behind the wheel.

the/a big cheese

**CHEQUE**

a blank cheque

ፈቃድ

eg. The government were given a blank cheque to recognize education.

**CHEW**

chew the cud

ግድግት ግድረድ፤ ግብስ

eg. He sat for a long time chewing the cud before he made a decision.

**CHICKEN**

a chicken - hearted fellow

ትላለሽ ረሪ

chicken feed

በጣም ትንሽ ጥጋ የለለው

eg. Your rent is chicken feed in comparison with mine.

መድከም ማለት ጥንካሬ ግጥት

chicken out/out of

eg. They feared that their allies would chicken out at last moment.



chicken out of

--&gt; chicken out

**CHILLED**

chilled/frozen to the bone/ marrow

ለትክክቱ ለብርድ መጋለጥ

eg. They missed the bus and had to walk three miles through the snow. They arrived chilled to the bone and very tired.

chilled to the marrow

--&gt; chilled to the bone.

**CHIP**

chip on the shoulder

--&gt; chip on one's shoulder

chip on one's/ the shoulder

መቆጣት ግኩረፍ

eg. His own particular chip on the shoulder was his poor background.

someone's a chip of the old black

እንደ አባቱ ያለ አባቱን መሣይ

**CHIRPY**

as chirpy as cricket

see at cricket

**CHOICE**

Hobson's choice

አግራጭ ግጣት

eg. It was Hobson's choice in the election as there was only one man to vote for.

**CHOKE**

choke the life out of

ጎርር እንቆ መገደል

eg. He grasped her by the throat and started to choke the life out of her.

**CHOKED**

choked up (about)

መናደድ ሙብንን

eg. "What's wrong with old Carstairs this morning?" "Oh, he's all choked up about Gerald being promoted over him.

**CHOP**

chop and change

መቆያየር ማለግወጥ [አሰራር ፍላጎት]

eg. You never know what he is going to do next - he's always chopping and changing.

**CHUCK**

chuck oneself away on

መጋባት ማገዳት

eg. He was a fool to chuck himself away on such a frivolous woman.

chuck up

ማተው ማለቀቅ

eg. John just chuck up his job at the factory and said he intended never to work again.

**CHUMP**

off one's chump

ቴል ገክ

eg. He does such foolish things that he must be completely off his chump.

**CHURCH**

(as) poor as a church mouse

በጣም ድሐ

eg. She is going to marry a perfect hog of a millionaire for the sake of her father, who is as poor as a church mouse.

**CIRCUMSTANCE**

to be in easy circumstance

በድሉት በምቶ መኖር

**CIVVY**

in civvy street

ሲቪል

eg. I'm a soldier now but when I was in civvy street I worked in a factory.

**CLAP**

clap/set/lay eyes on

ግጥ

eg. I haven't clapped eyes on many of my friends for several years.

**CLAPPERS**

like the clappers

በጣም በፍጥነት

eg. He ran like the clappers to escape from the police.

**CLASS**

be in a class of one's/ its own

የተሻለ የላቀ መሆን

eg. The young runner who won the last race is in a class of his own.

be in a class of its own

--&gt; be in a class of one's own

class with

አንድ አድርጎ መደብ! መደሉ

eg. I object to being classed with unskilled labourers.

CLEAN

clean down

አንድ ነገር ላይ ተርጎሞ ገልጻል

eg. My mother always insists on cleaning the whole house down at least once a month.

clean out/out of

ገንዘብ ሙሉ ስለሆነ ባዶ ማድረግ

eg. I haven't a penny left; buying all those books has completely cleaned me out.  
--> clean out

clean out of  
clean (oneself) up

ሙሉ ስለሆነ

eg. Just give me five minutes to clean myself up.

CLEAR

clear off

መርጦ ለገራ አውጥኝ ግለት

eg. When the man saw the policeman, he cleared off as fast as his legs could carry him.

clear one's mind of

ከአልፎ ግድግዳ ማውጣት! መርጦት! ሙሉ

eg. The jury were told that in considering their verdict they must clear their minds of all feelings of repugnance for the behaviour of the accused during the trial.

clear one's/ someone's name

ወንጀልኛ አለመሆን ግራ ገጥ

eg. He offered his resignation. And it was accepted.... He feels he has nothing to hide. He is determined to clear his name.

clear out/ out of

በድገት ሙሉ ስለሆነ ሙሉ

eg. You would better clear out of here before you cause anymore trouble.

clear out of  
clear someone's name  
clear the deck (s)

--> clear out

--> clear one's name

ህገጁ ሙሉ

eg. Clear the decks! There is going to be a fight.

clear up

1. ገልጾ ግድረግግ ጥርጣራ ግጥሞች

eg. I decided to go and see him and get the point cleared up quickly, before trouble arose.

2. ውብ! የግራ ሙሉ

eg. The weather was bad early this morning but it cleared up before ten o'clock.

CLEFT

in a cleft stick

ለመወለን አንድን ለመጥረጥ ማጥፋት

eg. The poor man found himself in a cleft stick. He had to work late at the office, but he had also promised to meet his wife at a restaurant at 7 o'clock.

CLOSE

close/near at hand

መድረስ ማቅረብ

eg. The examinations are close at hand.

close/shut one's eyes to

የግንዛቤ ማደግ ያለውን ማሰል (የተሰራ ስህተትን)

eg. The director chose to close his eyes to the mistakes that were made in order to prevent trouble.

too close for comfort

ማቅረብ መድረስ (የግንዛቤ ገር)

eg. The examinations are getting too close for comfort. I really must do some work.

CLOSED

a closed book

see at book

CLOTHES

in long clothes

ላጅ

eg. I have known him since he was in long clothes.

CLOUD

under a cloud

በጥርጣራ

eg. Though the police could not prove the man's guilt, he remained under a cloud for several weeks.

on cloud nine

በጣም መደብ ሙሉ ስለሆነ

**CLOVER**

in clover

በምጽት ስድሉት

eg. After they won the competition they were in clover for the rest of their lives.

**CLUB**

in the club

ግዕረገዝ

eg. He has put several young girls in the club.

**COAST**

the coast is clear

አደጋው ችግሩ አልፏል ለብትፈል

eg. You can come out now, the coast is clear.

**COCK**

cock a snook at

ጥላቻ ስ ተቃውሞን ግላየት

eg. Now that he has left school he thinks he can cock a snook at all the teachers.

(the) cock of the walk

አለቃ ሰበላይ

eg. That boy was cock of the walk until my brother beat him in a fight.

**COG**

a cog in the wheel/machine

ተራ ሰንላረነት ቦታ ላይ ያልሆነ

eg. My father is just a cog in the wheel and has few responsibilities.

-> a cog in the wheel

a cog in the machine

**COIN**

coin it (in)

በአጭር ጊዜ ብዙ ገንዘብ ግጥንት

eg. He works for the most important firm company in America - he must be coining it (in).

**COLD**

(as) cold as charity

see at charity

(as) cold as marble

see at marble

in a cold sweat

see at sweat

out in the cold

መውጣት ማለፊያ

eg. Some workers were left out in the cold in the

**COLLAR**

hot under the collar

መናደድ ማለፊያ

eg. She got very hot under the collar during her last examination, but then become calm towards the end.

**COLOUR**

a dead colour

ደግሞ ያልሆነ የደበዘዘ ቀለም

colour up

የረት ፍም መምሰል (በድንጋጤ ስፍርሃት)

eg. She coloured up at the mention of the young man's name.

በውሃ የግድለት ቀለም

fast colour

1. መታመም

off colour

eg. He felt off colour so he didn't go to work.

2. ነውር የሆነ ነገር የግድለት (ቀልድ)

eg. The jokes he told were off colour.

ለ... በግለብ ለ... ሲባል

under colour of

eg. They dismissed him from his job under colour of saving the company's money.

**COME**

come a cropper

መጥሮ አወዳደት (ከረረሰ)

eg. One of his riders came cropper when his horse refused to jump the last fence.

come across

1. መተላለፍ ስለዎች ዘንድ ገንዘብ ግጥንት

eg. The preacher spoke for a long time but I am afraid his meaning did not come across.

2. መስጠት ማለፊያ

eg. He owes me five pounds, but I'm afraid he will never come across.

come along/on

ፍጠን ቀልጥፍ

eg. Come along Arthure; we can't wait all day!

ብት ብሎ መጥፋት

come and go

eg. Hair styles come and go but long hair is always popular.

come /fall/ break apart at the seams አለመላካት ተግባራዊ አለመሆን

eg. I had planned to go to the football match with my friends but when one of them became ill the whole arrangement began to fall apart at the seams.

come around/round (to) መስግግት መጣጣም (ከክርክር በኋላ)

eg. John's opposed to our ideas at present, but in time he'll come around.

come away (from) መለየት መላቀቅ

eg. If the chicken is properly cooked, the meat will come away from the bones very easily.

come by 1. መጠጋት መጋረብ

eg. I moved my car out of the way so that the heavy lorry could come by.

2. ግጥጥ መያዝ

eg. Jobs were not so easy to come by when I was a boy as they are now.

come clean ሁሉንም በክርክር መገኘር የደበቁትን ግድግት

eg. He had lost the money betting on a horse race, but had to come clean when his wife found out.

come down in buckets /sheets በገይል መገባብ ደፍ መውረድ

come down in sheets → come down in buckets

come down in the world መስታት መገንጠል አይቶ ግጣት

eg. Poor old George has come down in the world since his business failed.

come down on ገንዘብ መረለግ መጠየቅ

eg. He came down on the driver of the car for heavy damages.

come down to earth ወደዕውነት ገላጭ ዓለም መመለስ

eg. The lovers are living in a kind of dream world; but one day they'll come down to earth.

come full circle ወደዘበረታት መመለስ

eg. Modern society may have come full circle; if oil becomes scarce we may have to return to earlier forms of heating and travel.

come hell or high water የረላገው ቢሆን

eg. He is determined to finish the job come hell or high water.

come home መረዳት መግባት

eg. She didn't say a word while I was pointing out her mistakes, but I think it came home because as soon as I had finished she started to do the whole job again.

come in for ስጦት ለትኩርት መላብ

eg. The young artist's pictures came in for a great deal of attention.

come in handy መተዋዎት ግንባራ

eg. Don't throw those old jars away; they may come in handy one of these days.

come in on መጋራት አባል መሆን

eg. If you want to come in on the venture, you must decide quickly.

come in pat የለግመንታት በድፍረት መናገር

eg. "I wonder where Elleen lives?" said Mary; and her five-year-old sister came in pat with the answer: "At 23 Rose Gardens."

come in with አባል ተላታሪ መሆን

eg. You can come in with us if you can put up five hundred pounds.

come into መውረስ

eg. She came into a fortune when her uncle died.

come into line (with) መስግግት መጣጣም

eg. He is not the sort of man to come easily into line with the rest of his colleagues.

come into the open ገልጽ ደፋ መሆን እውነትን በገልጽ መናገር

eg. Why don't you come into the open and say exactly what's on your mind?

come into play በለንደነት መላት መተናገር ግብር

eg. All kinds of forces come into play when a nation's vital interests are threatened.

come into prominence

ታዋቂነትን ግጥሟት  
eg. He suddenly came into prominence as a result of his refusal to obey the party line on the nationalization of steel.

come into the world

መወለድ

come it with

--> come it over

come it over/with

ከሌላው የሚሻል የሚበልጥ መስሎ መታየት ማተብት  
eg. Just because he earns more than I do he tries to come it over me whenever we meet.

come of age

ለአትመ አዳም/ሌግን መድረስ ፣ ነፍስ ግወት

eg. When she comes of age, she will be able to do what she likes with the money her father left her.

come off it!

አታታለኝ

eg. Oh, come off it, Colonel. We have heard this many times before.

come on

--> come along

come out of

መላታት ማገገም /ከትግር/

eg. He has come out of all his difficulties.

come round

ግገም ማሻል

eg. This man has had a severe illness but is coming round again.

come rain or (come) shine

የረሊገው ቢሆን

eg. Come rain or shine, you'll always find him in the pub every Friday night.

come round(to)

--> come around (to)

come short

--> fall short

come the old soldier

--> play the old soldier

come through

1. ማሻል ማገገም ከጥት ማትረፍ
2. መገናኘት /በሰላክ.../

eg. I was just leaving the office when Robert came through on the phone from London.

come to a climax

መግዘብ ከፍተኛ ደረጃ ላይ መድረስ

eg. Their argument came to a climax when she threw a plate at him.

come to a head

እመሬሻው ደረጃ መድረስ

eg. He allows his spiteful feelings to come to a head.

come to an end

መሬረሻ ማጠቃለያ ላይ መድረስ

eg. We are all relieved that the month - old strike seems to be coming to an end.

come to grief

መከሰፍ

eg. The plans to kill the president came to grief when the secret organization was discovered by the police.

come to hand

መድረስ

eg. His letter came to hand yesterday.

come to heel

መታዘዝ እሺ ግለት

eg. He had only to speak one word and his dog would come to heel at once.

come to life

ራስን ግወት

eg. When he came to life he found himself in an unfamiliar bed in a strange white room.

come to light

ይፋ መውጣት ማታወቅ

eg. He was ashamed when his guilty secrets came to light.

come to nothing

ተግባራዊ የማይሆን ማወቅ አልባ

eg. His thoughts about buying a car came to nothing when he found out how much it would cost.

come to oneself

ማሻል እንደደረገው ማሆን

come to pass

ማሆን መደረግ

come to someone's rescue

--> come to the rescue

come /go to the/someone's /rescue መርዳት /ጥገር ውስጥ ያለን/

eg. Our car wouldn't start, but a friend came to our rescue and drove us home.

come to the something

አንድ ግደነት ለውጥ አለመኖር ዘወር አለ

eg. Whether you drink beer or whisky, it comes to the something; most of what you pay goes to the Government.

come to this

አንድ ደረጃ ሁኔታ ላይ መድረስ  
eg. I never thought things would come to this.

come to terms

ስምምነት ላይ መድረስ ማለት  
eg. When your parents start quarreling you should try to help them to come to terms.

come to terms with

ግላውንት ግስግግት ግዛውድ  
eg. As Chris Kingsley says, "Man will have to come to terms with his environment."

come up against

መታረግ ለሌላ ሰው ግግት  
eg. Not for the first time her will came up against her husband's.

come up for

በተወሳዳሪነት መመዘን ለተቀባይነት ግገገት  
eg. Members of the faculty come up for election to the Board of Studies every two years.

come up the hard way

መከራ ስቃይ ግገገት ግለፍ  
eg. I came up the hard way: my father died before I was born, and I had to leave school when I was twelve.

come up with

ግፍለት ማግኘት ግገገት  
eg. Scientists will have to come up with new methods of increasing the world's food supply.

how come...?

እንዴት? ለምን?  
eg. Can you tell me how come he won't speak to you?

**COMMON**

as common as muck  
common-or-garden

see at muck ተራ  
eg. She has no particular responsibilities, she is simply a common-or-garden shop assistant.

**COMPARE**

compare notes

የላብ መለዋወጥ  
eg. It would be interesting to compare notes with someone who has also been to New York.

**COMPOUND**

compound the felony

ሁኔታዎችን ግባባስ

eg. I was already late for work when I compounded the felony by leaving some important papers on the train.

**CONDITION**

out of condition

መታወክ ማለት

eg. He knew that he was out of condition from sitting for so long in the office without exercise.

**CONDUCT**

conduct away (from)

መገር ማለት

eg. The hecklers were conducted away from the hall at the request of the Chairman.

**COOKING**

what is cooking?

ምን ሆነ ምን ተፈጠረ

eg. What is cooking? Why is everyone suddenly so quiet?

**COOL**

as cool as a cucumber  
cool one's heels

see at cucumber  
→ kick one's heels

**CORNER**

out of the corner of one's eye

በድብት

eg. I'm assured by the waiter that it's Vermicelli but I keep glancing out of the corner of my eye to see if it moves.

**COST**

cost an arm and a leg

በጣም ዋጋ መውሰድ ለጣጋ ማለት

eg. That new car must have cost (him) an arm and a leg.

cost /pay/ the earth

በዙ ዋጋ ግወግት ወድ መሆን

eg. Artichokes, sweet corn, asparagus, little courgette marrows-the kind of thing that costs the earth in the shops.

to one's cost

ጉዳትን ግመዛዥ

eg. He found to his cost that being a director of the company meant a great deal of worry and responsibility.

**COSTS**  
at all costs

በምንም መንገድ ለጥገው ቢመጣ

eg. She wanted at all costs to avoid an argument with her father because he had been so ill.

**COUNT**  
can count on one's fingers

መቶ ስር መቻላ / ጥቂት በመሆኑ/

eg. A few weeks ago he could have counted his winners on his fingers. Now, he has passed the thirty mark.

**COUNTER**  
under the counter

በድብት በሽብግ

eg. During the war many of the goods we can now buy openly in the shops were only sold under the counter.

**COVER**  
cover up

መደበት ግድበበስ

eg. There are too many people in this office trying to cover up the mistakes of the past few years.

**COWS**  
until the cows come home  
till/until the cows come home

→ till the cows come home

ለዘላለሙ ለሰከመደረሻው

eg. She loves sewing and would quite happily make clothes till the cows come home.

**CRACK**  
(the) crack of dawn

በጣም በጣት

eg. ... I'd planned to have an early night, since Guy Jones was to collect me at crack of dawn the following day....

**CRADLE**  
from the cradle

ከልጅነት ጀምሮ

eg. We have known each other from the cradle.

from the cradle to the grave

ከልጅነት እስከ ሞት

eg. In this country the government looks after you from the cradle to the grave.

**CRAWL**  
crawl to

መትለለስ ግንብደድ ጥራ መቆየት

eg. The manager lost the respect of his staff when they saw him crawling to the chairman.

crawl with

በብዛት መቻቻ መወረስ

eg. The fields are crawling with mice and other pests.

**CREATE**  
create a (big) stick about  
**CREEK**  
up the creek

→ raise a (big) stink about

1. ችግር ውስጥ መግባት ለሆነ

eg. They are up the creek with their new machines because nobody knows how they work.

2. ስህተት

eg. The information in this book is right up the creek because it was written so long ago.

**CREST**  
on the crest of a wave

በጥሩ ሁኔታ

eg. They ended the year on the crest of a wave though it had started badly.

**CRICKET**  
(as) chirpy/lively/merry as a cricket

ደስተኛ

eg. Even when he was in hospital he stayed as lively as a cricket.

as lively as a cricket  
as merry as a cricket

→ as chirpy as a cricket

→ as chirpy as a cricket

**CROCODILE**  
crocodile tears

የአዎ ለገባ

eg. They were only crying crocodile tears at the old man's funeral because nobody had really liked him.

**CROP**  
crop up

1. መጠቀስ መገኘት

eg. The pills must be good because the name was always cropping up in the settle papers.

2. መደረግ ለረዎት ለሆነ

eg. Why don't you stay at home tomorrow? I can call you if anything crops up in the office.

**CROSS**

be/talk at cross- purposes

አለግግግት

eg. We seem to be at cross-purposes. I want to ask you to the party, not your sister.

cross one's mind

በገላብ መጥጣት

eg. Did you ask him for any money?- It did cross my mind, but I decided not to.

cross someone's path

በድንገት ግገገት

eg. He is a very bad-tempered person; I hope I never cross his path.

cross swords (with)

መጋጠት/ መጋጠት/ መከራከር

eg. When the prime Minister crossed swords with the Leader of the Opposition across the floor of the House, the former usually got the worst of it. see at sticks

(as) cross as two sticks

**CROW**

as the crow files

በቀጥታ ራት ለራት /ርቀት/

eg. It is 30 miles to London as the crow flies.

**CROWN**

to crown it all

--> to cap it all

**CRUSH**

crush to death

በመታረገ በመደናጠጥ መጥት ወይም በተሳሳይ ሁኔታ መገደል

eg. There is always the danger that someone will be crushed to death whenever great crowds of people panic.

**CRUST**

the upper crust

ባለ ሥልጣን የበላይ

eg. It is clear from the way he talks that he comes from the upper crust.

**CRY**

a far cry from

በጣም የተለየ! የራቀ

eg. Price today seem a far cry from those of ten years ago.

cry down

መናት/ ብዙም ጥጋት ቦታ አለመስጠት

eg. Don't cry down the very real progress these people have made.

cry for the moon

የግይሆን የግይገኝ ገንርን መመኘት! መረለግ

cry off

ግረገረግ! መውጣት! መሸሽ! /ቀድሞ ከነበረ ስምግንት/

cry out against

ተቃውሞ ግስግት

eg. The people cry out against the high taxes.

**CRYSTAL**

clear as crystal

በጣም ገልፅ

eg. I don't know why you can't understand the instructions - they're clear as crystal to me.

**CUCUMBER**

as cool as a cucumber

ዝም! ፀጥ ግለት

eg. He kept as cool as a cucumber as the newspaper reporters all shouted questions at him at once.

**CUP**

not be someone's cup of tea

አለግስደሰት! አለግዝናናት

eg. Travelling isn't my cup of tea though some people enjoy it very much.

**CURDLE**

crudle /chill/ freeze someone's blood

ግስፈራራት! ግስጨንት

eg. The news in her letter curdled my blood.

**CURL**

curl one's lip

ግሾና! ግረዝ /በራት ምልክት በግላየት/

eg. I tried to make him laugh by telling jokes, but he just stood there in silence, curling his lip and refusing to smile.

**CURRY**

curry favour

ትሁት በመምሰል ለመወደድ መጥከር

eg. He's trying to curry favour with the boss again.

**CUT**

a cut above

የተሻለ! የግሊበልጥ

eg. He seems to think he is a cut above the other pupils because he has been to an expensive private school.

be cut off in one's prime

ባጥፋ መቀጨት

eg. The idea for a new road round the city was cut off in its prime when the government decreased public spending on roads.



- be cut out for (to do) በቂ ችሎታ ያለው መሆን  
eg. But he admitted, "I wasn't really cut out to end up a consul. So I resigned."
- cut a dash መግረክ  
eg. He cut a dash in his new suit.
- cut across መታወጥ፣ መታረጎ  
eg. The voting on the laws of relating to Sunday recreation cut across the traditional political border-line.
- cut and run መሸሽ፣ ርቦ ግምለጥ  
eg. They often do that , just put down their tools...and cut and run.
- cut back መቀነስ፣ ግላነስ  
eg. The motorcar industry has cut back production by fifteen percent.
- cut corners በችኮላ መሥራት  
eg. If you cut corners your work will not be so good.
- cut down መቀነስ፣ በመጠኑ ግድረግ  
eg. The doctor told me to cut down my consumption of carbohydrates.
- cut into ግድረግ፣ ጣልቃ መገባት፣ መረበሽ  
eg. John's unwelcome voice cut gratefully into their quiet discussion.
- cut it out! አቋም፣ ተው /ትዕዛዝ/  
eg. When the teacher came into the room, he said; "cut it out! Stop the talking and get on with your work!"
- cut no ice (with) ፍራቢስ፣ ጥጋቢስ  
eg. All these statistics about increasing wages cut no ice with me.
- cut off in its prime ባጭር መቀጫት  
eg. Cholera cut him off in his prime.
- cut one's coat according to one's cloth እንደአቅም፣ እንደችሎታ መሆን  
eg. They have had another baby; they will have very little money and will have to cut their coat according to their cloth.

- cut one's teeth on መለግመድ፣ ለምድ ግግኘት  
eg. Let him cut his teeth on the smaller boats; he can move onto the sailing ship when he's shown that he knows how to handle the sails.
- cut the cackle ወረ ግፋጥ  
eg. They were told to cut the cackle and do some work.
- cut the claws of ግላክፍ  
eg. The smaller company was able to cut the claws of its opponents by reducing its prices.
- cut the ground from under ግክሸፍ፣ እንዳይላካ ግድረግ  
eg. I had planned to take my family on holiday to Italy, but my wife completely cut the ground from under me by arranging a visit to Spain.
- cut through መቋቋም፣ መውጣት  
eg. If you have the patience to cut through all the verbiage you will find that there is much sense in the committee's proposals.
- cut/sting/wound to the quick ግስቆጣት፣ ግስቀየፍ  
eg. His cruel words cut her to the quick.
- cut up መከፋት፣ ግዘን  
eg. She was cut up when she failed the examination.
- the cut of one's job የሰውነት ቅርፅ  
eg. "I don't like the cut of that young fellow's job" said the old gentleman.

# D

## DAB

a dab hand  
**DAGGERS**  
/at/ daggers drawn

see at hand

ጥላት ጉጉላ

eg. The two men were at daggers drawn because they both wanted the same girl.

## DAILY

someone's daily bread

የለላት ጉርሰ

eg. How can people earn their daily bread in times when there is no enough work?

## DANCE

dance attendance on

ከፍተኛ አትኩሮት መስጠት

eg. He always danced attendance on his rich aunt.

በሰጥላት መገደል

dance on/upon nothing

መሰቀል፣ መገጠልጠል /ወንጀለኛ/

--> dance on nothing

dance on the air  
dance upon nothing

## DASH

dash away a tear/ one's tears

እንግ መጥረግ

eg. Bright dashed away her tears.

--> dash away a tear

dash away one's tears

dash one's/ someone's brains out

ጥንጥላት በመረርከስ በመፍለጥ መገደል

eg. One of the bodyguard dashed his brains out with a single blow from his club.

dash someone's brains out

--> dash one's brains out

## DATE

out of date  
to date

ከሙኑ ያለረበት፣ ከሙኖጥ ያልሆነ

እስከ ላረ ድረስ

upto date

ከሙኖጥ

eg. Her parents are very upto date and do not mind how late she stays out at night.

## DAY

all the day long

ቀንን ሙሉ /ሙሉ ቀን

day after day

ከወትር፣ ሁለጊዜ

eg. If we do the same thing day after day, it isn't surprising we get bored.

day by day

በጥቅት

eg. My little daughter grows prettier day by day.

day in, day out

ሁለጊዜ

eg. Day in day out I have been purveying information...for nigh on forty years, and without any Computerised assistance.

in someone's/something's day/time

በ... ጊዜ፣ በሙን

eg. In my day, young man, said the old man, "a gentleman would always give a lady his seat on a bus."

--> in someone's day

in something's day  
in this day and age

በአሁኑ ጊዜ

ከዕለታት አንድ ቀን፣ ወደፊት

one day

eg. One day we'll be able to have a house of our own.

አሁንም አንኳ

eg. I don't to this day know whether my father is alive or dead.

## DAYS

all in the/a day's work

የተለመደ

eg. To any one working in a hotel, angry complaints from guests are all in a day's work.

all in a day's work

--> all in the day's work

**DEAD**

a dead calm

see at calm

a dead certainty

see at certainty

a dead colour

see at colour

a dead loss

see at loss

/as/ dead as a doornail

see at doornail

be dead against

ተቃዋሚ መሆን

eg. My father is dead against entering college.

dead and buried

ያበቃለት ተስፋ የለለው

eg. The whole matter is dead and buried and I don't want you to mention it again.

/as/ dead as a dodo

see at dodo

dead men

see at men

dead silence

see at silence

dead slow

ግንገንግ

for dead

ሙቷል ብሎ መገመት

eg. The thieves beat him and left him for dead.

the dead of night

see at night

**DEAL**

a good/great deal

ብዙ

eg. This cost me a good deal of time and labour.

**DEEP**

in deep water

see at water

**DEGREE**

one degree under

በመጠኑ መታመም፣ መታወክ

eg. I was one degree under with a sore throat so I had to miss going to the cinema.

**DEGREES**

by degrees

ተስ በተስ

eg. We grew to know our neighbours by degrees and became great friends.

**DEMAND**

in demand

ታዋቂ ተወዳጅ

eg. He was a good talker and always in demand at parties.

**DEPART**

to depart this life

መሞት

**DEPTH**

in depth

በጥልቀት

eg. We must discuss the new idea in depth before we decide whether we should accept it or not.

out of one's depth

ገራ መገባት ምንም አለግወት

eg. When John talks about music, I soon get out of my depth because he knows so much more about it than I do.

**DEPTHS**

in the depths

ደስተኛ አለመሆን

eg. The girl was in the depths because she was so fat but she could not stop eating sweets.

**DEVIL**

devil-may-care

ገድገልሽ መሆን ገድገልሽትን ግላየት

eg. He gave a devil-may-care laugh and drove off very fast.

(a/the) devil's advocate  
the devil's own job

እውነትን ሐሳን እያወቀ የጊከራከር ከላድ፣ ሙጥሮ ሥራ

eg. I had the devil's own job getting here this morning.

**DIE**

die for

መጓጓት ሙሉ

eg. Go and see to that coffee. I'm dying for a hot drink.

die hard

በቀላሉ የግደጠኑ የግደልት  
eg. Smoking is a habit that dies hard for most people.

die in the last ditch

እስከ መጨረሻው መታገል  
eg. We were prepared to die in the last ditch to save the beautiful old church.

die like a dog

ተሰቃይቶ መጥት  
eg. They were in prison for weeks without food and then died like dogs.

die the death

በግም መጠላት /ተዋናይ/  
eg. It is every actor's fear that he will die the death by telling a joke that nobody laughs at.

never say die!

ተስፋ እንዲረጥ  
eg. Gerald patted her shoulder. He could find nothing to say but "Never say die, Mrs Salad. It'll be all over soon."

(as) straight as a die

ታማኝ  
eg. He's an intellectual and as straight as a die...not at all frightened of defending an unpopular line.

the die is cast/thrown

እብትቶለታል የጥተ ነገር ሆኗል  
eg. We had last-minute doubts about the man we had chosen as our representative, but the die was cast.

the die is thrown

--> the die is cast

**DIFFERENT**

(as) different as chalk and cheese

see at chalk

**DIG**

dig in/into

መትከል

eg. You'll need to dig those young trees in a bit deeper.

dig in the ribs

መገሸም! መገንተል

eg. Throughout the play John kept digging me in the ribs whenever anyone said anything funny.

dig one's own grave

በራስ ላይ መጥር ሁኔታ መፍጠር  
eg. I feel so sorry for Mike; he's in trouble with the police for stealing a car. - Well, he has dug his own grave, hasn't he?

dig one's heels/toes in

እምቢ ድርቅ ግለት በሃላብ መፅናት  
eg. The little boy dug his heels in and refused to go to the doctor with his mother.

dig one's toes in  
dig out/out of

--> dig one's heels in  
መርምር ጥር ግገኝት

eg. Where did he get hold of that information? He managed to dig it out of some private library.

dig out of  
**DIGNITY**

beneath someone's dignity

--> dig out

ከብረክ

eg. She thought it was beneath her dignity to wash clothes by hand - she had to have a washing machine.

**DIP**

dig one's hand in one's pocket

--> Put one's hand in one's pocket

**DIRECT**

direct one's/someone's attention to

እንዲያስተውል! እንዲገነዘብ ግድረግ

eg. A policeman directed the driver's attention to a notice which read "No Entry"

direct someone's attention to

--> direct one's attention to

**DIRTY**

a dirty old man

see at man

**DISH**

dish out

ግከፋረል! ግሰራጫት

eg. New overalls and helmets were dished out.

**DITCH**

as dull as ditch water

የግሌጠላ! የግይጥም

eg. The book I've been reading is as dull as ditch water.

DO

be to do with  
do away with

--> have to do with  
መጥፋት፤ መትረት

eg. The death penalty has been done away with in many European countries.

do brown

ግታሌል

eg. Whoever sold you that car certainly did you brown!

do business (with)

መገደ

eg. One likes to do business with a British firm.

do duty for

መተካት

eg. Let's roll the log up to the fire; it can do duty for a seat.

do good

ግሻል

eg. Drink this hot drink; it will do your cold good.

do handsome  
do in the eye

--&gt; do proud

ግታሌል

eg. The people selling clothes on the market will do you in the eye if you are not very careful.

do me/us a favour!

ጅል አልግሏህ!

eg. Do you really expect me to believe that you speak ten languages? Do me a favour!

do one's bit

ድርሻን መወጣት፤ መሥራት

eg. We must all do our bit to keep industry working.

do one's level best

የግቻለውን ያህል መግባር ግድረግ

eg. He did his level best to reach the station before the train left.

do one's nut

መቆጣት፤ መናደድ

eg. When your father sees the damage you've done to his car, he'll do his nut.

do out

ግዕዳት፤ መላውል፤ ግጠብ

eg. She did out the bathroom with lots of soap and hot water.

do over

ግዕዳት፤ ግለጥብ

eg. The kitchen is always so messy after we've had guests. Give me a hand to do it over, will you?

do proud/handsome

ጥሩ አቀባበል ግድረግ

eg. Sally and Peter did us handsome when we visited them last week.

do/make/go the rounds

መገባኘት

eg. When ever we go back to the place my wife was born, we always have to do rounds of her relatives.

do/serve time

እሥር ቤት መገባት

eg. He has done time on several occasions, but it was usually for very small and unimportant crimes.

do to death

መግደል፤ መጨናጨፍ

eg. A few guards soon lost their nerve and simply did their charges to death in some wood or quarry.

do us a favour!

--&gt; do me a favour!

do well by

መንከባከብ፤ መርዳት

eg. A humane society always does well by its old people.

do well for oneself

መሻሻል፤ እድገት፤ ለውጥ ግላዩት

eg. Now's the time when accountants can do well for themselves.

do well out of something

ትርፍ ግገኘት

eg. The banker did well out of that investment.

do with

መረለግ፤ መሻት

eg. This car could do with a good polish.

do wonders

--&gt; work wonders

not do a hand's turn

ግንጭ ሥራ አለመስራት

eg. My daughter's the laziest girl I know. She doesn't do a hand's turn in the house.

**DO'S**  
do's and don't's

ወደረገ ያለበትና የለለበት  
eg. Here is a list of do's and don't's on wine-making.

**DOCK**  
in dock

ማለገጥ ለሌሎች  
eg. I can't come this week. My car's in dock.

**DODO**  
(as) dead as a/the dodo

ያበቃለት ዘመኑ ያለፈበት  
eg. Last year's fashions in clothes are dead as a dodo now.

(as) dead as the dodo  
**DOES**  
that does it

→ (as) dead as a dodo

**DOG**  
(as) sick as a dog

see at it

**DOG'S**  
a dog's chance

በጣም መታመም  
eg. I ate far too much and was sick as a dog when I got home.

a dog's life

በጣም ጠባብ ዕድል

eg. He doesn't stand a dog's chance of buying a house this year because the bank refuses to lend him money.

**DOING**  
up and doing

ጉግርግር ስቃይ ያለበት ኑርግ ሕይወት

eg. My uncle has married a girl much younger than he is and she is giving him a dog's life.

**DONE**  
be over and done with

በሥራ መወጠር

eg. I hate just sitting about. I'd much rather be up and doing.

ፈጠራ የተረገጠ የተተወጠ ያበቃለት

eg. Their quarrels and misunderstandings were all over and done with; nothing could disturb their friendship now.

**DONKEY**  
donkey's years

በዙ ጊዜ  
eg. I haven't seen some of my old school friends for donkey's years.

**DOOR**  
a death's door

በጥንት ለተና ላይ  
eg. We were very distressed to hear that our favourite aunt was at death's door.

in/out by the back/side door

በድብት በሽሽግ  
eg. But... for all repeated attempts by distributors to place Bond in Russian cinemas, our James is still allowed in only by the back door.

out by the back door  
out by the side door

→ in by the back door  
→ in by the back door

**DOORNAIL**  
(as) dead as a doornail

ፈጠራ የግደሠራ  
eg. There's no point in trying to use that telephone. It's as dead as a doornail.

**DOUBLE**  
at/on the double

በፍጥነት ለሁኑኑ  
eg. Get to my office at the double!

double Dutch  
on the double

see at Dutch  
→ at the double

**DOWN**  
be down in the mouth  
be down with

see at mouth

መታመም መታወክ  
eg. They are both down with a nasty bout of flu.

down in the dumps

ግዝገባ መተኮግ  
eg. I enjoy hearing other people laugh. It lifts me if I'm down in the dumps.

down to the ground

see at ground

down tools

ሥራ ግብዥ  
eg. The workers decided to down tools until their employer would agree to pay them more money.

- down with!  
**DOWNER**  
 an up-and-a-downer
- DOZEN**  
 a round dozen
- DRAG**  
 drag one's feet/heels
- drag one's heels
- drag through the mire/ mud
- drag through the mud  
 drag up
- DRAW**  
 draw a bead on
- draw a blank
- ደውደዎ**  
 eg. Down with the government!
- ጥል**  
 eg. I had an up-and-a-downer with my wife yesterday.
- ብዙ ቦርካታ**  
 eg. A man has a round dozen of children.
- ገዘገዥ ግንባታ /ባለመረገ/**  
 eg. Your firm is dragging its feet over signing this contract.  
 → drag one's feet
- ግድገድ ስም ግጥት**  
 eg. The wretched boy was solemnly accused of dragging the honoured name of the school through the mud; when what he needed was a good hiding.  
 → drag through the mire
1. በስነሰርዓት አለግላደገደ ልት ስድ ግድገግ  
 2. ግስታወሰ ጉዝ ግለት
- eg. What made you drag up that particular episode in my murky past?
- ግንጣጦር**  
 eg. The man with the gun drew a bead on the soldier just as he was crossing the street.
- ግጥንት አለመቻል**  
 eg. I lost my coat yesterday and have looked for it everywhere, but so far I have drawn a blank.

- draw to a close
- DRESSED**  
 dressed to kill
- dressed (up) to the nines
- DRIBS**  
 by dribs and drabs  
 in/by dribs and drabs
- DRINK**  
 drink oneself to death
- drink under the table
- drink up
- strong drink
- DRIVE**  
 drive a wedge between
- drive home  
 drive/force into a corner
- መጠናቀቅ ማረጋገጥ ግለት**  
 eg. My stay in Bafut eventually draw to a close.
- ግሽብረት ግጥር /በልብስ/**  
 eg. I don't know how she can afford to do it but every night she goes out, dressed to kill.
- የክት ልብስ መልበስ**  
 eg. The whole family were dressed (up) to the nines when they left for the wedding.
- > in dribs and drabs  
**ጥቂት ጥቂት ለንድ ለንድ ለያለ**  
 eg. People arrived at the party in dribs and drabs.
- በመጠጥ ብዛት መጥቅት**  
 eg. It would be very easy, cheap and pleasant to drink oneself to death in Portugal.
- እስከግረሰኩ መጠጣት /ከሌላ ሰው ጋር/**  
 eg. I went out with my boss las. night and succeeded in drinking him under the table.
- መጨረሻ ምንም ላያስቀሩ መጠጣት**  
 eg. Drink your milk up.
- አስከሪ የአልባል መጠጥ**  
**መክፋረል ማለያየት**  
 eg. Differences of outlook may drive a wedge between the various national groups which make up the team.  
 --> bring home  
**መጥሮ ሁኔታ ውስጥ ግስገሳ**  
 eg. His clever arguments quickly forced his opponent into a corner.

drive out of his mind/wits

መተወስነ ግበድ

eg. She was driven almost out of her mind with anxiety.

drive/send up the wall

ግናደድነ ግበላጫት

eg. You'll send me mad if I let you.... You're driving Mr. Druce up the wall.

**DRIVING**

driving force

see at force

**DROP**

at the drop of a hat

በረታደኝነት

eg. My friend loves playing the piano and will give you a tune at the drop of a hat.

drop a line

ደብዳቤ መጻፍ

eg. I'll drop you a line nextweek to tell you the latest details of our plans.

drop a brick/clanger

ስህተት መሥራት / መጥር በመናገር/

eg. I was dismissed from my job because I had dropped a few bricks in front of some important customers.

drop a clanger

--> drop a brick

drop dead

በድንገት መጥት

eg. I heard that old Jones had dropped dead in the street a month ago.

drop like a hot potato

መተው፣ ቦታ አለመስጠት

eg. When he found out she had no money after all he dropped her like a hot potato.

drop out of use

--> fall out of use

ready to drop

see at ready

drown one's sorrows

ከጭንቅትነ ከገላብ ለመውጣት ተብሎ መጠጣት

eg. If I fail my examinations, I'll go and drown my sorrows.

**DRUG**

a drug on the market

ረላጊ የሌለው፣ ርካሽ መሆን

eg. Since petrol costs so much, big cars may well become a drug on the market soon.

**DRUNK**

as drunk as a lord

በጣም የጠጣነ የሰከረ

eg. I couldn't understand what the man was saying; he was as drunk as a lord.

**DRY**

as dry as dust

see at dust

**DUDGEON**  
in high dudgeon

በቱጣ

eg. The film was so bad that we asked for our money back. When we didn't get it, we left the cinema in high dudgeon.

**DULL**

as dull as ditch water

see at ditch

**DUST**

after/when the dust settles

ጉዳዩ፣ ነገሩ ካበቃነ ካለፈ በኋላ

eg. There were several people at the party whom we had not invited, and after the dust had settled we found that the family silver had been stolen.

as dry as dust

የግደሰብ አለልኛ

eg. You won't find any exciting books on those shelves, they're all as dry as dust.

when the dust settles

--> after the dust settles

**DUSTY**

not/none so dusty

መልካም፣ ጥሩ ነው

eg. How are you, these days, Jack? - Oh, not so dusty, you know.

none so dusty

--> not so dusty

**DUTCH**

የግደገብ ግልፅ ያልሆነ

eg. The instructions on how to get to his house are double Dutch to me.

double Dutch

መበረታቻ፣ መድረሪያ / መጠጥ/

Dutch courage

eg. He needed some Dutch courage before he went in to see his employer about his pay increase.

**DYING**

be dying for

በጣም መረለግ

eg. I'm dying for a cigarette.



## E

## EACH

at each other's throats

መጋጋጃት ማለት

eg. I don't want you to be... at each other's throats, boy.

## EAR

out on one's ear

ከሥራ መሰረር

eg. If you continue to be so late, you'll find yourself out on your ear.

## EARLY

an early bird

see at bird

## EARN

earn money hand over fist

--> make money hand over fist

## EARS

all ears

በጉጉት ግዳመጥ

eg. When he said that he had exciting news, they were all ears.

## EARTH

earth up

በአረር መሸረገገ አረር ግስታቶቹ

eg. The earthing up should be done in the winter, to protect the asparagus from frost.

## EASY

(as) easy as pie

see at pie

easy on the eye

see at eye

## EAT

eat away

መሸርሸርገገ መሰርሰር

eg. You can see from here how the river bank is slowly being eaten away.

በብዛት መብላት

eat on's head off

eg. John ate his head off at the party and was very sick.

eat/tear one's heart out

ግላዘንገገ አንጅት መብላት

eg. Ever since her boyfriend walked out, the poor girl has been eating her heart out. She doesn't sleep, and she's lost interest in life.

eat out

አሆኑል መመገብ

eg. It is a good idea to eat out once in a while.

eat out of house and home

መጥጥገ ጥርስ አድርጎ መብላት

eg. There isn't a thing left in the larder. I was eaten out of house and home during the school holidays.

eat up

በበቂ ሁኔታ መብላት

eg. There is plenty for everyone, so eat up!

## EDGE

off the edge

--> over the edge

on edge

መጨነትገገ መርበትበት

eg. She was on edge because her guests arrived early and the meal was not ready.

on the edge of one's chair

መመስጥገ ከልብ ግዳመጥ

eg. He was an excellent story-teller and could keep us on the edge of our chairs for hours.

over/off the edge

ግበድገ መቀወስ

eg. He went over the edge after all of the family were killed in an accident.

## EEL

(as) slippery as an eel

መልጥልጥል ለመያዝ የሚያስቸግር

eg. Nobody could catch the wet ball-it was as slippery as an eel.

## EGG

egg on

ግበረታታትገገ መገፋፋት

eg. The older children were egging the younger ones on to steal money from their parents.

**EGGS**

as sure as eggs is eggs

ያላጥርጥር

eg. As sure as eggs is eggs, they will be married in less than a year.

**ELBOW**

elbow room

የረላገውን እንዲያደርግ እድል መስጠት

eg. Only give him elbow room and he'll succeed.

**ELEMENT**

to be in one's element

ተስግሚ እያችሁኔታ ላይ መሆን

eg. Would a craftsman be in his element in counting house?

**ELEVENTH**

at the eleventh hour

see at hour

**END**

no ends of

አያሌ ገዢ

eg. He reads a great deal and has no end of books on his shelves.

the be-all and end-all

የናው ገብ እላግ

eg. Money is not the be-all and end-all of life.

to end in smoke

ውጤት አልባ

eg. He made a great fuss about having an investigation, but it all ended in smoke.

**ENFOLD**

enfold in one's arms

ግብር

eg. When she found the abandoned child on her doorstep, she lifted it up and enfold it in her arms.

**ENTER**

enter the lists

ውድድር ውስጥ መገባት መወሳደር

eg. Once we were in the fortunate position of being the only business company in the country that supplied these articles, but since several other companies have entered the lists, our profits have been very much reduced.

enter up

መዘገብ

eg. It is very important that every sale of a dangerous poison should be entered up at the time of sale.

**ENVELOPED**

enveloped in

መከበብ መሸረገ

eg. The whole business of the director general's appointment has been enveloped in mystery from start to finish.

**EVE**

on the eve of

እስቀድሞ በራት

eg. On the eve of discussions about the future of Britain in Europe many politicians have still not made their opinions clear.

**EVENT**

in any event

በምንም ተአምር

eg. He may have been hiding or he may not have been there; in any event I didn't see him.

**EVER**

ever and anon

በተደጋጋሚ

eg. Ever and anon the tolling of a bell was heard.

ever so

በጣም በጋይል

eg. We were ever so sad to hear that your mother had died.

**EVERY**

at every turn  
every nook and canny  
on every hand

see at turn  
see at nook  
see at hand

**EVIDENCE**

in evidence

ያለ የሚታይ

eg. Though the police have tried to lower the rate of crime, there is still a great deal of criminal activity in evidence in the cities.

**EXCHANGE**

not exchange more than a  
few/half a dozen words (with)

አለመጋገር

eg. A lot of people in England don't know their neighbors. I am ashamed to say that I haven't exchanged more than half a dozen words with the chap who lives next door since last Christmas

exchange words with

መከራከር፣ መጨቃጨቅ

eg. Come on home, George! It is ridiculous to waste your time exchanging words with such an ignorant hypocrite!

**EYE**

easy on the eye

ሲያዩት ደስ የግሉ

eg. All the young men in the office thought the boss's daughter was very easy on the eye.

the naked eye

ባዶ አይን / መገፅር ሳይኖር/

eg. Many parts of a plant are too small to be seen with the naked eye.

**EYES**

all eyes

አተኩር መመልከት

eg. The children waited all eyes as their father carefully unwrapped the parcel.

someone's eyes are bigger than his belly መብላት ከግችላው በላይ መረለጥ

eg. You will be sick if you eat all that! Your eyes are bigger than your belly.

በቀላሉ፣ ያለችግር

with one's eyes closed

eg. She has no experience at all. I could do her work with my eyes closed.

**F****FACE**

face away (from)

ፈት ግዞር፣ ጀርባ መስጠት

eg. Sarah was overcome with embarrassment. She faced away to hide her blushes.

face up to

በፀጋ መቀበል፣ ግመን

eg. There's no running away from the facts; the truth just has to be faced up to.

one's face cloud over

መደገገጥ፣ ክውግላት

eg. When he heard the news of his friend's accident, his face clouded over.

**FAIR**

a fair hand

see at hand

fair weather

see at weather

a fair weather friend

see at weather

to be in fair way to do a thing

see at way

**FAITH**

bad faith

ኸር፣ ዽምቅ

eg. He had acted in bad faith when he sold them the car knowing it needed a lot of repairs.

**FALL**

fall a prey to

ወጥመድ ውስጥ መገባት፣ ለጥቃት መጋለጥ

eg. A traveler in Russia sometimes falls a prey to wolves.

fall about

በጣም መሳቅ

eg. People fall about when he told them he was doing "o" level woodwork and music.

fall behind with

መዘገየት፣ በወትኑ አለመከፈል

eg. Teenagers were more likely to fall behind with the rent.

fall between two stools

አንዱንም ሳይሆኑ መቅረት

eg. The display falls between the two stools of a historical exhibition and a survey of the visual arts of the period-it is not wholly satisfactory as either.