

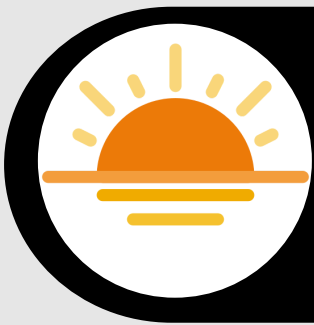


ACADEMIC IDIOMS

10 Idioms for Academic English

SPEAKING

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AT THE END OF THE DAY

Taking everything into consideration. *I think, at the end of the day, the benefits outweigh the risks.*

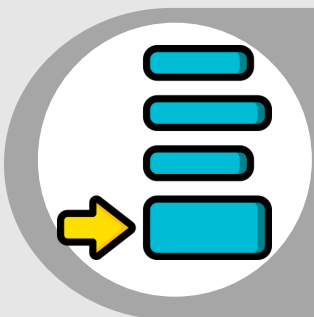
THE BALANCE OF POWER

Equality of power between nations. *The difference in the balance of power between these countries is vast.*



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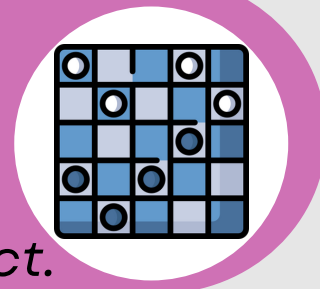


THE BOTTOM LINE

The main or essential point. E.g. *The bottom line is that all nations need to act to tackle climate change.*

TAKE ON BOARD

Understand or deal with an idea. E.g. *They took on board the criticisms from consumers when redesigning the product.*



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BY AND LARGE

Usually, as a rule. E.g. *I've graded the reports and by and large they were well written, so well done.*

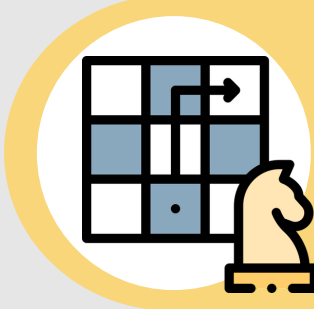
TAKE FOR GRANTED

Accept without proof, value too lightly. *The convenience of mobile phones is something we all take for granted.*



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ACROSS THE BOARD

Including or applying to all. E.g. *These changes will apply right across the board, not just to a few.*

AT/IN THE BACK OF ONE'S MIND

Thought of, but not actively considered. *In the back of my mind I knew something was wrong, so I wasn't surprised when he left.*



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SIT ON THE FENCE

Be unwilling to make a decision. E.g. *Stop sitting on the fence and make up your mind what you want to do.*

BAD NEWS

Someone/sth undesirable or dangerous. *The stock market crash is bad news for the economy.*



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