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*foot the bill, heavy burden, run into trouble*

*deeply offensive, spotlessly clean, wildly inaccurate*

*make a contribution, make a habit of, turn a profit*

*generally speaking, talk business, get a message across*

*take up office, work up an appetite, see off an intruder*

*make a living, take up a post, move up the ladder*

*fit the job description, land a new job, menial tasks*

*bear in mind, widespread belief, jump to conclusions*

*fierce competition, stimulate growth, hike in prices*

*consumer demands, product development, market share*

*fit for purpose, kick up a fuss, grounds for complaint*

*gifted child, mature student, thirst for knowledge*

*working hypothesis, confront issues, critical analysis*

*call for a celebration, social whirl, play host to*

*juicy gossip, broach the subject, opening gambit*

*declare independence, reach agreement, bow to pressure*

*refuse point-blank, decline to comment, gauge reaction*

*date back to, movable feast, propose a toast*

*flawless complexion, set the trend, fashion victim*

*traffic gridlock, rail network, lengthy tailbacks*

*get itchy feet, off the beaten track, leg of the journey*

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*toy with an idea, tentative suggestion, deciding factor*

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back of beyond, rural idyll, urban regeneration  
clear one's debts, agreed credit limit, identity theft  
curb inflation, safeguard one's interests, plummeting profits  
antisocial behaviour, dysfunctional family, unfit for human  
habitation  
harness technology, cutting-edge design, Wi-Fi hotspots  
build up resistance, adverse reaction, shake off a cold  
custodial sentences, trumped-up charges, beyond  
reasonable doubt  
deploy troops, pre-emptive strike, collateral damage*

*lifelong friends, platonic relationship, moral support  
child prodigy, go through a midlife crisis, senior moment  
lavish lifestyle, meteoric rise to fame, heap praise on  
bone idle, poison the atmosphere, nasty piece of work  
act as a referee, accumulate experience, financial acumen  
stubborn streak, boundless energy, act one's age*

*cramped conditions, waste of space, go down in history  
husky voice, incessant noise, let out a cry  
viable options, simplicity itself, take the easy way out  
severe blow, hinder progress, encounter difficulties  
finite number, endless supply, unknown quantity  
sweeping changes, would make a change, sudden shift*

*bring a halt to, close off a street, dispel rumours  
root cause, provoke an outcry, dire consequences  
swarm of bees, flurry of activity, stroke of genius  
bear little resemblance to, polar opposites, draw a  
comparison between  
give it one's best shot, abortive attempt, hard slog  
not lose any sleep, to be brutally honest, be on the go  
make a commitment, give a straight answer, miss the point  
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