Binomials

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There are many phrases in English that use two words connected with 'and'. For example, **peace and quiet, fish and chips**. These expressions are known as binomials. In these phrases the word order is usually **fixed**; we say 'peace and quiet', we don't say 'quiet and peace'.



- neat and tidy
- definition: clean, organised, tidy not messy or untidy (also clean and tidy)
- example: Her house is always very neat and tidy: there's never anything out of place.

 THINK TIDY

HELP TO KEEP THIS ROOM NEAT AND TIDY

sick and tired

 definition: annoyed or frustrated with something / someone and at the point of getting angry or losing your patience

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 example: I'm sick and tired of our neighbours making such a noise – I'm gonna call the police.

- short and sweet
- definition: when something is very quick and to-the-point; of minimum length and no longer than it needs to be
- example: His speech was short and sweet
 he just said what he needed to say and he was very quick about it.

- wine and dine
- definition: wine and dine someone entertain someone with a good quality meal
- example: The bosses of the advertising agency always wine and dine their top clients.

- up and down
- definition: moving between the same two points repeatedly
- example: We drove up and down the same street ten times looking for the restaurant.

- odds and ends
- definition: various items of different types, usually small, often of little value and importance
- example: There's nothing important in those cupboards, just a few odds and ends.

- skin and bone
- definition: to be very thin; to look underfed
- example: That dog's all skin and bone. I don't think anyone every feeds it.



- loud and clear
- definition: very clear and very easy to understand
- examples: You don't have to shout I can hear you loud and clear.
- The two pilots could hear each other loud and clear.

- make or break
- definition: the result will be either success or failure, nothing between
- example: The next match is make or break for us. If we lose we'll have no chance of winning the league.

take it or leave it

- definition: (of a negotiation) your last offer: you are not going to negotiation further or allow the other person to negotiate
- example: Eight hundred dollars is my final offer for your car – take it or leave it!

- more or less
- definition: approximately; almost
- examples: The repairs to the car will take a week, more or less.
- Just give me another minute I've more or less finished.

Rhyming binomial pairs

- hustle and bustle
- definition: a lot of noisy activity caused by people, usually in cities
- example: There's always lots of hustle and bustle at the market on Wednesdays.

Hustle&bustle

Rhyming binomial pairs

wear and tear

- definition: the decrease in value and/or quality of something because of its age and a lot of use
- example: The wear and tear on his knees means he can no longer play football at the top level.
- I paid 3000 euros for my car but because of wear and tear I sold it for just 1500 a year later.



Rhyming binomial pairs

- willy-nilly
- definition: haphazardly, randomly, and without much planning and organisation; without order
- example: The product sold badly because the salesmen travelled to customers will-nilly without any strategy or pl

Binomial pairs joined by other words

- back to front
- definition: when the back of something faces the front, and vice-versa
- example: You've got your t-shirt on back to front! Take it off and turn it around.



Binomial pairs joined by other words

- step by step
- definition: to do something methodically, one step at a time
- example: Follow the course and step by step you will learn how to create modern and attractive web pages.

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