

Common Idiomatic Expressions

The following is a fairly comprehensive list of the most common idiomatic expressions tested on the GMAT. As idiomatic errors are extremely common in Sentence Correction problems, you should review this list carefully before you take the exam.

a lot of X	believe in X	convict X of Y
account to X for Y	blame X for Y	convince X of Y
accuse X of Y	blind to X	copy from X
acquaintance with X	by means of X	correspond with X
adapt to X	call to X from Y	count on X for Y
affection for X	capable of X	cure for X
afraid of X	certain of X	deal with X
agree to X	challenge X to Y	decide on X
agree with X about Y	characteristic of X	dedicate X to Y
alarmed at X	cheat X of Y	defend X against Y
amazed at X	close to X	defend X from Y
amused at X	comment on X	delight in X
amused by X	communicate with X	delighted with X
angry at X	communicate X to Y	demand X of Y
angry with X	comparable to X	depend on X for Y
apologize to X for Y	compare to X	deprive X of Y
apparent to X	compare with X	designed for X
appeal to X	competition with X for Y	desire for X
apply to X for Y	complain to X about Y	different from X
appropriate to X	composed of X	disagree with X about Y
approve of X	concerned about X	disappointed in X
argue about X	concerned with X	disappointed with X
argue with X for Y	confess to X	disgusted with X
ashamed of X	confidence in X	displeased with X
ask X for Y	confident of X	distrust of X
ask X of Y	congratulate X on Y	do X about Y
assure X of Y	conscious of X	doubt about X
at the top of X	consideration for X	dream about X
attraction to X	consult with X about Y	dream of X

aware of X	consult with X on Y	due to X
a lot of X	contempt for X	duty to X
account to X for Y	contented with X	engaged to X
accuse X of Y	contrast with X	escape from X
acquaintance with X	contribute to X	excel in X
bargain with X for Y	control over X	exception to X
because of X	converse with X about Y	excuse for X
excuse X from Y	lecture on X	research in X
explain X to Y	listen to X	responsible to X
failure of X in Y	look at X	result from X
faithful to X	look for X	result in X
fascinated with X	made of X	result of X
fearful of X	make X for Y	rob X of Y
for the sake of X	mistaken for X	satisfactory to X
full of X	need for X	search for X
grateful to X for Y	obligation to X	send for X
guard against X	on account of X	shocked at X
guess at X	opportunity for X	shocking to X
hear about X	opposition to X	similar to X
hear of X	pay X for Y	smile at X
hint at X	pay X to Y	stare at X
horrified at X	pity for X	start with X
in case of X	point at X	supply X with Y
in common with X	prefer X to Y	sure of X
in favor of X	prejudice against X	take advantage of X
in place of X	protect X from Y	take care of X
in search of X	provide X for Y	talk over X with Y
independent of X	punish X for Y	talk to X about Y
influence over X	qualified to do X	tell X about Y
inform X of Y	quarrel with X over Y	thankful for X
inquire into X	quote X from Y	think about X
insist on X	reason for X	think of X
intent on X	reason with X about Y	think over X
interested in X	recover from X	threaten X with Y
interfere with X	related to X	tired of X

introduce X to Y	rely on X	trust in X
invite X to Y	remind X of Y	trust X with Y
irrelevant to X	reply to X about Y	wait for X
laugh at X	require X of Y	weary of X