**Useful Phrases / Idioms**

1. It is believed that…
2. It was demonstrated that…
3. It is felt that…
4. It is assumed that…
5. It is understood that
6. Recent research has shown that…
7. Exams were failed by over…
8. Bury your head in the sand
9. A drop in the bucket - “*I’d like to do something to change the world but whatever I do seems like a drop in the bucket*.”
10. Add fuel to the fire - “*I’d like to do something to help, but I don’t want to add fuel to the fire*.”
11. At wit’s end- “*We have been at wit’s end trying to figure out how we are going to pay our taxes*.”
12. Drastic times call for drastic measures- “*Sales have been slow and we had to let three of our employees go; drastic times call for drastic measures*.”
13. Rome was not built in one day – “*It is taking me a long time to write this computer program*.” Answer – “*Rome wasn’t built in one day*.”
14. The Pros and Cons – “I’ve considered the pros and cons and I’ve decided: it is going to be expensive, but I still want to go to college.”
15. Back to the drawing board – When an attempt fails and it’s time to start all over.
16. Piece of cake – A job, task or other activity that is easy or simple.
17. Drastic time call for drastic measures – When you are extremely desperate you need to take drastic actions.
18. Inflamed your/our/my temper
19. Under no circumstances
20. Little did they/you/I imagine
21. Cut corners
22. Last straw
23. A penny saved is a penny earned
24. Fixed in his/her/their way

**Metaphors / Simile**

1. This job/law/drinking is the cancer of my dreams and aspirations
2. Fit as a fiddle
3. Time is money
4. They/student/citizens will be boiling mad
5. They will fight until the bitter end
6. You are what you eat
7. Every cloud has a silver lining
8. All that glitters is not gold
9. Knowledge is power

**Phrases of Connection**

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| **To Present an Argument For**   * The major advantages of = היתרונות המרכזיים הם * A further advantage of = יתרון נוסף של * One major advantage of = יתרון אחד בולט * An additional advantage of = יתרון נוסף * The main advantage of = היתרון העיקרי |
| **To Present an Argument Against**   * One disadvantage of = חיסרון אחד * A further disadvantage of = חסרון נוסף * An additional negative effect for/of = השפעה שלילית נוספת * One major drawback is = חסרון אחד מרכזי |
| **To Conclude**   * All things considered, = בסך הכל/ בהתחשב בכל הנסיבות * In light of the arguments presented above, =לאור הטיעונים המוצגים לעיל * Taking everything into account, = ,בשקלול כל הגורמים * For the above-mentioned reasons, =,לאור הסיבות שהוזכרו לעיל * As was previously stated, =,כפי שכבר צוין * Taking all this into consideration, = בהתחשב בכל הנ”ל |