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(1) A mixed blessing : 忧喜参半的事 “ Working in a big city is a mixed blessing. It is so convenient and comfortable there, but noise pollution and traffic congestion are two big headaches. ”

(2) A narrow escape : 九死一生 “ The residents ran out of the burning building in time, but it was a narrow escape. ”

(3) A nasty piece of work : 讨厌的家伙 “ Beware of Tom! He looks nice at first sight, but finally you will find him a nasty piece of work. ”

(4) A necessary evil : 讨厌但不得不做的事 “ David is tired of administrative work, but, as the chief administrator of the department, he has to regard it as a necessary evil. ”

(5) An odd man out : 难以和他人相处者 “ At school, Bob was an odd man out. he seldom mingled with his peers. ”

(6) An open book : 尽人皆知的事 “ Davids daily life is an open book. he is a nice person to work with. ”

(7) Plain sailing : 一帆风顺 “ With the major obstacles removed, all should experience plain sailing from now on. ”

(8) A plum job : 薪酬优厚的好差使 “ Teaching can be considered a plum job here, but fewer and fewer young people regard it as a good career. ”

(9) A put-up job : 预先布置的勾当；骗局 “ There is much publicity on foreign investment, but it may be a put-up job. ”

(10) A safe bet : 必胜

的事 “ For many housewives, putting money in a good bank is a safe bet. ” (11) Second nature : 第二天性 “ Wearing a seat belt is second nature to every motorist here. ” (12) Ones sixth sense : 一个人的第六感 “ When the policeman saw a parcel near a building, his sixth sense told him that it could be a time bomb. ” (13) Small talk : 不重要的闲谈 “ As is often the case with staff meeting, it started off with small talk and then got down to business. ” (14) A snap decision : 急速的决定 “ The radical change of ruling or public housing came as a snap decision from the public housing authorities. ” (15) A soft option : 比较容易或有利的选择 “ Helen considered staying with her mother a soft option because she did not have to worry about house-keeping. ” (16) A stepping stone : 踏脚石 “ A good degree from a good university serves as a stepping stone towards a persons career. ” (17) A sure-fire method/solution : 绝对可靠的方法/解决办法 “ To link good performance with better remuneration is a sure-fire method to increase productivity. ” (18) Teething troubles : 暂时的困难 “ Shortage of experienced staff and inefficient use of office equipment are teething troubles of any new company. ” (19) A wet blanket : 扫兴者 “ Dont be a wet blanket by prohibiting people from doing this or that. ” (20) Wishful thinking : 如意算盘 “ Buying a big car? No, it is only wishful thinking, since I dont have the means to do so. ”

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