

5. Cut both ways – 有利有弊

Example sentences:

- Compulsory sorting of household waste **cuts both ways** in Hong Kong.
- Watching TV **cuts both ways** – it makes people know what is going on; but it also makes them lazy and addicted.

6. Cut a ... figure – 給人...的形象

Example sentences:

- The tutor **cuts** a professional figure in his business suit.
- The government **cuts** a poor figure as it failed to solve social problems in the city and age.

Sample

7. By hook or by crook – 不擇手段

Example sentences:

- Many companies gains profits **by hook or by crook**.
- In Hong Kong, city dwellers are forced **by hook or by crook** to buy a house due to the ever-increasing inflation.

8. Have an edge over... – 比...佔優

Example sentences:

- Real sports certainly **has an edge over** virtual sports.
- It is blatantly obvious that online stores **have an edge over** traditional physical stores.

116. Stand much/little chance – 很大/很微機會

Example sentence:

- Those who constantly retool themselves **stand much chance** of staying employed in the years ahead.
- You **stand little chance** to pass the exams if you do not work hard.

117. Achieve phenomenal success – 取得非凡的成功

Example sentence:

- ... of Charles H. ... **achieved phenomenal success** in the development in ...
... ontic in ...

Sample

118. It is unprecedented that.../is without precedent in history – 史無前例

Example sentence

- Such a drastic rise in global temperature **is without precedent in history**.
- **It is unprecedented that** a basketball player scores more than 81 points in a basketball match in the NBA.

119. Hit/hammer home the message that – 使人謹記 ... 的信息

Example sentence:

- After all, I would like to **hit home the message that** adopting is better than buying a pet.
- He **hammered home the message that** his party would be tough on crime.