

Binomials are two words joined by a conjunction that ALWAYS appear in the same order. EX: wash and wear, over and under. They are idioms. We studied a few of these last spring. Here are some more to learn. Read the binomial and the sentence then find the correct definition in the table below.

annoyed and frustrated	invalid	damage that happens over time with normal use	abandoned, unsupported
repeatedly	lined up next to each other with sides touching	increase by large amounts	entertain someone with a nice meal and alcohol
unharmd	various small items	on the whole	to bring success or ruin
advantages and disadvantages	get up out of bed and prepare for the day	unable to sleep because of worry	quick and to the point

sick and tired: I'm sick and tired of our neighbors parking their car in front of our house.

short and sweet: That was a really great speech, short and sweet.

wine and dine: The salesmen always wine and dine the clients.

odds and ends: We have moved all the furniture and big items. All we have left to move are a few odds and ends.

by and large : By and large, people obey the traffic laws here.

pros and cons: We discussed the pros and cons of staying in the U.S.

wear and tear: My cell phone is old, and is showing some wear and tear, but it still works perfectly.

high and dry: My old car broke down and left me high and dry ten miles from the nearest town.

null and void: The will was null and void because it had not been signed.

side by side: In my kitchen, the refrigerator and freezer are side by side.

leaps and bounds: Your son is growing by leaps and bounds.

safe and sound: Though people were rioting in the street, we arrived home safe and sound.

make or break: His time in the Army will either make or break him.

time after time: He has made the same mistakes time after time. He should know better by now.

toss and turn: I was so worried about our finances that I tossed and turned all night.

rise and shine: Mother turns on my light every morning and exclaims, "Rise and shine!"

Discussion Questions:

1. Who woke you up when you were a teenager? Are you a grumpy person when someone wakes you? What is your preferred way to be awakened?

2. Are you a morning person or a night person?
3. Do you and your spouse discuss the pros and cons before a big decision?
4. Finish this sentence: By and large, people in my country...
5. What odds and ends are in your desk at home?
6. Have you ever been wined and dined by someone trying to influence you? Is it common in your country to wine and dine people to try to convince them to do something?
7. What is one thing you are sick and tired of?
8. What do you think the meaning of "dollar for dollar" is in this sentence. *Dollar for dollar, you can't buy a better car.*
9. Do you enjoy peace and quiet or do you like to have people around you all the time.
10. If someone is your friend through thick and thin, what does that mean?
11. What is a life and death situation? Have you ever been in one?