

# common phrases with **ALL**



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## All at once

suddenly and unexpectedly.

- All at once there was a loud crashing sound.

## All of a sudden

very suddenly.

- All of a sudden there was a knock at the door.

## All in all

used for showing that you are considering every aspect of something

- All in all, I think it has been a very successful conference.
- We both thought that all in all it might not be a bad idea

## All along

from the time that a situation starts to happen.

- I knew all along that it wasn't his real name.
- Do you think he's been cheating us all along?

## Above all

most importantly.

- Above all, I'd like to thank my family.
- Above all, I'd say I value kindness.

## Once and for all

1) completely and in a way that will finally solve a problem.

- Let's settle this matter once and for all.

2) British English spoken - used to emphasize your impatience when you ask or say sth that you have asked or said many times before

- Once and for all, will you be quiet!

## After all

1) used to add information that shows that what you have just said is true:

- I do like her - after all, she is my sister.

2) in spite of what you thought was true or expected to happen

- I'm sorry, but we've decided not to come after all.

## All but

Almost.

- The game was all but over by the time we arrived.
- Britain's coal industry has all but disappeared.

## Not at all

1) used for emphasizing a negative statement.

- I'm not at all happy about it. / My parents were not at all pleased with my exam results.

2) used as a polite reply after someone has thanked you:

- Thank you for all your help.' 'Not at all.'