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common phrases with

ONCE

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At once

- 1) immediately or without delay
 - When I saw him I recognized him at once.
- 2) at the same time:
 - I can't do two things at once!

All at once

- suddenly and unexpectedly.
- All at once there was a loud crashing sound.

once again/once more

- One more time / another time
- Once again the train was late.
 - The fair was once more a tremendous success.

Once-over

- give sth/sb the once-over
to look at and examine something or someone quickly:
- She gave the room a quick once-over before the guests arrived.

Once and for all

- 1) completely and in a way that will finally solve a problem.
 - We need to settle this once and for all.
- 2) UK 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!

The once

- UK Informal. On one single occasion.
- He only did it the once.

(every) once in a while

- sometimes but not often:
- We meet for lunch once in a while.
 - Make sure you take a break every once in a while.

do something once too often

- to cause trouble for yourself by repeating dangerous, stupid, or annoying behaviour
- He's insulted me once too often. He's going to regret this!
 - He tried that trick once too often and in the end they caught him.

(just) this once

- used for emphasizing that this is the only time that something will happen
- Go on, lend me the car, just this once.
 - I'll make an exception this once.

(just) for once

- used when something happens that does not usually happen:
- For once Colin was speechless.
 - Just for once he arrived on time.

Once bitten, twice shy

- used to say that if you have failed or been hurt once, you will be more careful next time.
- After Harry was sick on the rollercoaster, I don't think he'll go on one again – once bitten, twice shy!

Once a ..., always a ...

- spoken used to say that somebody cannot change
- Once a thief, always a thief.
 - Once an actor, always an actor