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Here are fifty idioms you can work on, easy once you catch onto the fact that each one is on about a phrase in which the word ON is featured. Go on, try it ...

1. honest 26. teetotaling
2. alternately 27. predatory
3. free 28. in suspense
4. improving 29. haughty
5. secretly 30. careful
6. promptly 31. friendly
7. freely going 32. decrepit
8. considering all 33. reprimanded
9. alone 34. likely
10. out for fun 35. patrolling
11. charged to credit 36. with it
12. intermittently 37. expecting
13. over ice 38. busy
14. crawling 39. recovering
15. quietly 40. evading pursuit
16. without hesitation 41. without a partner
17. in flight 42. decreasing
18. righteously 43. roaming around
19. nervous 44. found something profitable
20. punctually 45. prepared to act
21. broadcasting 46. exhibited
22. available for duty 47. tramping
23. watchful 48. exiting
24. failing 49. working
25. just about 50. not working

We offered fifty idioms which featured the word ON -- now we're off on a hunt for idioms featuring OFF. Ready? You're off -- but don't go off the subject ...

1. spoiled 9. angry
2. casually 10. crazy
3. ready-made 11. unreasonable
4. impromptu 12. started
5. misled 13. expressed
6. unprepared 14. wandering
7. unconsidered 15. lost
8. irrelevant 16. rejected
17. delirious
18. intermittently
19. killed
20. first stroke
21. very wrong
22. cancelled
23. cured of addiction
24. unusually bad (sports)
25. holiday
26. truncated
27. distant
28. very incorrect
29. mentally deranged
30. mistaken
31. vulgar or obscene
32. unofficial
33. auspiciously begun

34. curt
35. remote
36. obscure
37. commenced
38. abduct
39. take the loss
40. cease transmitting
41. unfavorable time
42. light shade
43. betting office activity
44. behind the scenes
45. slight likelihood
46. depart
47. displeasure
48. reward
49. aloof
50. improper

EVEN MORE REMARKABLE NAMES

This is the title of John Train's sequel to Remarkable Names of Real People, reviewed in the August 1978 Word Ways. Published by Clarkson N. Potter in 1979 for $4.95, this slender volume contains about 150 additional name oddities culled from newspapers, magazines and similar sources. Many were sent in by readers of the first book.

The names are alliterative (HERMAN SHERMAN BERMAN), suggestive (ROSY YASS, BUSTER HYMEN), grotesque (HOGJAW TWADDLE), occupationally apropos (silent movie organist C. SHARP MINOR, undertaker MR. BONES), or implausible (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FINKLESTEIN). Perhaps a typology of names could be developed; there must be more names waiting to be found. The interest (and credibility) of the book would have been enhanced, at least for the onomastician, if the author had interviewed these name oddities, finding out how they came into being (whimsical parents? a desire for notoriety?).

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