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Word Choice (Idioms)

Idiom

about to
above all
account for
all along
bottom line
bring up
brush up
by and large
by the way
call on
catch up with
check over
come across
come up with
count on
figure on
figure out
fill in
fill out
follow up on
for good
go over
hand in
have a word with
hold off
in a nutshell

Meaning

ready
most important
explain
from the beginning
main or most important idea
introduce a topic, rear a child
improve knowledge of a topic
in general
also
visit
meet or contact
examine
to find
create, invent
depend on
to plan or expect
to solve
to add, to substitute
to complete
to make sure, look at again
always
look over, examine, review
to submit, to give
speak to
to delay
in brief

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in charge of	to be responsible for
jot down	write quickly
keep in mind	remember
keep in touch	stay in communication with
keep track of	be aware of
know the ropes	experienced
lean toward	to prefer
look over	to inspect
make do	use whatever means possible
out of the question	not possible
pick up	to get, obtain
point out	to show or direct
put back	to return to its proper place
put off	to delay
red tape	excessive regulations
right away	now
run across	meet
set up	to create, arrange
sleep on it	to take time for deciding
straighten out	to fix, to correct
talk shop	discuss business or job issues
through grapevine	to learn by way of rumor
wipe out	to destroy
work out	to agree or to settle
wrestle with	to have difficulty