

NYS & CSEA Partnership

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
jot down
keep in mind
keep in touch
keep track of
know the ropes
lean toward
look over
make do
out of the question
pick up
point out
put back
put off
red tape
right away
run across
set up
sleep on it
straighten out
talk shop
through grapevine
wipe out
work out
wrestle with

Meaning

to be responsible for
write quickly
remember
stay in communication with
be aware of
experienced
to prefer
to inspect
use whatever means possible
not possible
to get, obtain
to show or direct
to return to its proper place
to delay
excessive regulations
now
meet
to create, arrange
to take time for deciding
to fix, to correct
discuss business or job issues
to learn by way of rumor
to destroy
to agree or to settle
to have difficulty

