

Some common idiomatic expressions starting with letter A

Here are some common idiomatic expressions.

About to

When you are about to do something, you are on the point of doing it.

I was about to leave.

She was about to call the police.

According to

According to X means as said by X or in the opinion of X. Note that this expression cannot be used to give your own opinion.

According to the minister, the government is going to crack down on corrupt officials.

You have to do everything according to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

According to the preacher, there is only one God.

Account for (something)

To account for something is to provide an explanation for it.

You have to account for your absence from work.

After all

After all means 'we must not forget that...'

You don't have to invite him to your party. After all, he doesn't invite you.

All of a sudden

If something happens all of a sudden, it happens without advance warning.

All of a sudden, it started raining.

As a matter of fact

As a matter of fact means actually.

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As a matter of fact, I have never been to a concert.

As far as

As far as means to the extent or degree of something.

As far as I know, Peter has no interest in politics.