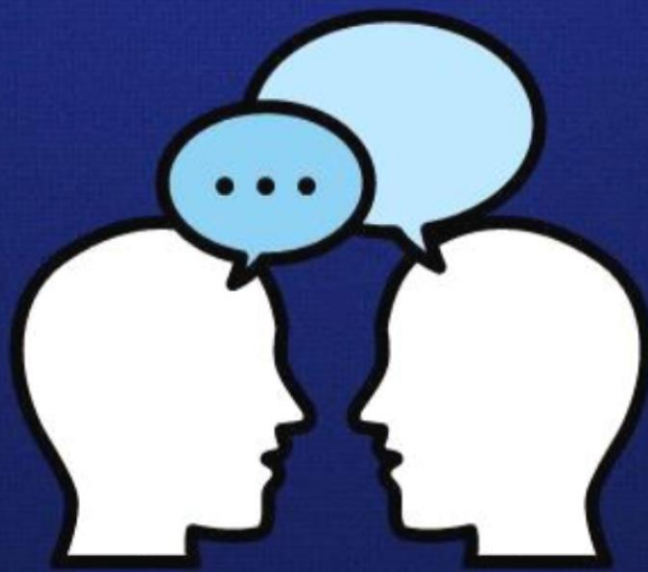


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## IDIOMS & PHRASES



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	<b>Idioms (A)</b>
	List of English idioms that start with A.
1	<b>A Bit Much:</b> More than is reasonable; a bit too much
2	<b>A Bite at The Cherry:</b> A good opportunity that isn't available to everyone
3	<b>A Busy Bee:</b> A busy, active person who moves quickly from task to task.
4	<b>A Cat Has Nine Lives:</b> Cats seem to get away with dangerous things
5	<b>A Cat in Gloves Catches No Mice:</b> You can't get what you need if you're too careful.
6	<b>A Cat Nap:</b> A short sleep during the day
7	<b>A Cold Day In July:</b> (Something that) will never happen
8	<b>A Cold Fish:</b> Someone who is not often moved by emotions, who is regarded as being hard and unfeeling.
9	<b>A Cut Above:</b> Slightly better than
10	<b>A Cut Below:</b> Inferior to; somewhat lower in quality than
11	<b>A Day Late And A Dollar Short:</b> Too delayed and insignificant to have much effect

12	<b>A Dog in The Manger:</b> A person who selfishly prevent others from using, enjoying or profiting from something even though he/ she cannot use or enjoy it himself.
13	<b>A Few Sandwiches Short Of A Picnic:</b> Abnormally stupid, not really sane
14	<b>A Good Deal:</b> To a large extent, a lot
15	<b>A Great Deal:</b> To a very large extent
16	<b>A Guinea Pig:</b> Someone who is part of an experiment or trial
17	<b>A Hair's Breadth:</b> A very small distance or amount
18	<b>A Home Bird:</b> Somebody who prefers to spend his social and free time at home.
19	<b>A Hundred And Ten Percent:</b> More than what seems to be the maximum
20	<b>A Lame Duck:</b> A person or enterprise (often a business) that is not a success and that has to be helped.
21	<b>Leg Up:</b> An advantage, a boost
22	<b>A Lemon:</b> A vehicle that does not work properly
23	<b>A Life Of Its Own:</b> An independent existence
24	<b>A Little Bird Told Me:</b> I don't wish to divulge where I got the information
25	<b>A Little Bird Told Me:</b> I got this information from a source I cannot reveal.
26	<b>A Little from Column A, a Little from Column B:</b> A course of action drawing on several different ideas or possibilities
27	<b>A Lone Wolf:</b> Someone who is not very social with other people

28	<b>A Lot on One's Plate: A lot to do</b>
29	<b>A Million and One: Very many</b>
30	<b>A Notch Above: Superior to; higher in quality</b>
31	<b>A Penny for Your Thoughts: What are you thinking?</b>
32	<b>A Penny Saved is A Penny Earned: Every small amount helps to build one's Savings</b>
33	<b>A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words: A visual presentation can communicate something very effectively</b>
34	<b>A Plum Job: An easy and pleasant job that also pays well</b>
35	<b>A Rare Bird: Somebody or something of a kind that one seldom sees</b>
36	<b>A Scaredy-Cat: Someone who is excessively scared or afraid</b>
37	<b>A Second Bite At The Cherry: A Second chance to do something</b>
38	<b>A Sight for Sore Eyes: Someone that you're pleased to see</b>
39	<b>A Sitting Duck: A person or object in a vulnerable position that is easy to attack or injure.</b>
40	<b>A Snowball's Chance in Hell: Little to no likelihood of occurrence or success</b>
41	<b>A Stitch in Time Saves Nine: Fix something quickly, because if you don't, it will just get more difficult to fix</b>
42	<b>A Stone's Throw: A very short distance</b>

43	<b>A Storm in a Teacup:</b> Unnecessary anger or worry about an unimportant or trivial matter
44	<b>A Tall Order:</b> A difficult task
45	<b>A Week Is A Long Time In ____ :</b> In the field mentioned, the situation may change rapidly
46	<b>About Time:</b> Far past the desired time
47	<b>About To:</b> On the point of, occurring imminently
48	<b>Above And Beyond:</b> More than is expected or required
49	<b>Above Board:</b> Openly, without deceit. Honestly, reputably.
50	<b>Above The Law:</b> Exempt from the laws that apply to everyone else.
51	<b>Above The Salt:</b> Of high standing or honor
52	<b>Above Water:</b> Not in extreme difficulty. Especially said of finances
53	<b>Accident Of Birth:</b> Luck in something due to family good fortune
54	<b>Accident Waiting To Happen:</b> A dangerous way of setting up or organizing something
55	<b>According To Hoyle:</b> Properly, in accordance with established procedures
56	<b>Ace In The Hole:</b> A hidden advantage
57	<b>Ace Up One's Sleeve:</b> A surprise advantage of which others are not aware.
58	<b>Acid Test:</b> A crucial event that determines the worth of something

59	<b>Acknowledge The Corn:</b> Admit to a mistake, especially a small one; point out one's own shortcomings, or another's
60	<b>Acquired Taste:</b> Something one learns to appreciate only after trying it repeatedly
61	<b>Across The Board:</b> In relation to all categories, for everyone
62	<b>Across The Pond:</b> On or to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.
63	<b>Act High and Mighty:</b> Be arrogant, presume that one is better than others
64	<b>Act Of Congress:</b> Hard to get, said of authorization
65	<b>Act One's Age:</b> To be mature, not childish
66	<b>Actions Speak Louder Than Words:</b> One's character and intentions are shown more accurately by one's actions than by one's words.
67	<b>Achilles' Heel:</b> The weak point of an otherwise powerful person or organization
68	<b>Add Fuel To The Fire:</b> Worsen already existing tension
69	<b>Add Insult To Injury:</b> Compound a defeat with humiliation or mockery
70	<b>Add Insult to Injury:</b> Humiliate someone in addition to doing damage to him or her
71	<b>After One's Own Heart:</b> Similar in a pleasing way
72	<b>After The Fact:</b> Too late; after something is completed or finalized

73	<b>After The Lord Mayor's Show (UK):</b> Anticlimactic; occurring after something impressive
74	<b>Against The Clock:</b> Forced to hurry to meet a deadline
75	<b>Against the Clock:</b> In a very limited amount of time; with a shortage of time being the main problem
76	<b>Against The Grain:</b> Contrary to one's natural inclinations
77	<b>Against The Run Of Play:</b> A typical of the way a game has been going
78	<b>Age Before Beauty:</b> Something said by a younger woman to an older one, for instance allowing her to pass through a doorway
79	<b>Agree To Disagree:</b> Accept or set aside a disagreement
80	<b>Agreement In Principle:</b> In a negotiation, an agreement in which not all details have been worked out
81	<b>Aha Moment:</b> Sudden realization, the point at which one suddenly understands something
82	<b>Ahead Of One's Time:</b> Offering ideas not yet in general circulation; highly creative
83	<b>Ahead Of The Curve:</b> Innovative, devising new ideas in advance of others
84	<b>Ahead Of The Curve:</b> Offering ideas not yet in general circulation; highly creative
85	<b>Ahead Of The Game:</b> Making faster progress than anticipated; ahead of schedule

86	<b>Air Rage: Angry behavior inside an airplane</b>
87	<b>Airy Fairy: whimsical, nonsensical, impractical</b>
88	<b>Albatross Around One's Neck: Something from one's past that acts as a hindrance</b>
89	<b>Alive and Kicking: In good health despite health problems</b>
90	<b>All Along: For the entire time something has been happening</b>
91	<b>All And Sundry: Everyone(separately) Each one.</b>
92	<b>All Bark And No Bite: Tending to make verbal threats but not deliver on them</b>
93	<b>All Bets Are Off: What seemed certain is now unclear</b>
94	<b>All Dressed Up And Nowhere To Go: Prepared (with clothing or otherwise) for an event that does not occur</b>
95	<b>All Ears: Listening willingly, waiting for an explanation</b>
96	<b>All Eyes And Ears: Attentive</b>
97	<b>All Eyes Are On: Watching alertly or attentively. Having prominent eyes. Everyone is paying attention to</b>
98	<b>All Fur Coat And No Knickers: Superficially attractive, physically or otherwise</b>
99	<b>All Hands on Deck: Everyone must help</b>
100	<b>All Hat And No Cattle: Pretentious, full of bluster</b>
101	<b>All Hell Breaks Loose: The situation becomes chaotic.</b>

102	<b>All In A Day's Work (Excl.): That's what I'm here for; although I have accomplished something, it is part of what I'm expected to do</b>
103	<b>All In Good Time: Eventually; at a more favorable time in the future. This phrase encourages one to be patient.</b>
104	<b>All in One Piece: Safely</b>
105	<b>All It's Cracked Up To Be: As good as claims or reputation would suggest</b>
106	<b>All Mouth And No Trousers: Superficial, engaging in empty, boastful talk, but not of real substance</b>
107	<b>All Over But The Shouting: Certain to end in a specific way</b>
108	<b>All Over Hell'S Half Acre: All over the place; everywhere.</b>
109	<b>All Over The Board: Everywhere, in many different locations</b>
110	<b>All Over The Map: Everywhere; in many different locations</b>
111	<b>All Over The Place: Everywhere; in many different locations</b>
112	<b>All Rights Reserved: Said of a published work; all reproduction rights are asserted by the copyright holder</b>
113	<b>All Roads Lead to Rome: There is more than one effective way to do something; many different methods will produce the same result</b>
114	<b>All Set: Ready, prepared, finished</b>
115	<b>All Sizzle And No Steak: Failing to live up to advance promotion or reputation</b>

116	<b>All Talk and No Trousers:</b> Prone to empty boasts
117	<b>All Told:</b> With everything taken into consideration
118	<b>All That Jazz:</b> Similar things, similar qualities, et cetera
119	<b>All The Marbles:</b> The entire prize or reward
120	<b>All The Rage:</b> Very fashionable
121	<b>All the Rage:</b> Very much in fashion
122	<b>All The Same:</b> Anyway; nevertheless; nonetheless.
123	<b>All The Tea In China:</b> Great wealth, a large payment
124	<b>All Things Being Equal:</b> In the event that all aspects of a situation remain the same
125	<b>All Things Considered:</b> Taking all factors into consideration
126	<b>All Thumbs:</b> Clumsy
127	<b>All Very Well:</b> True to a certain extent
128	<b>All Wet:</b> Completely mistaken
129	<b>Along The Lines Of:</b> In general accordance with, in the same general direction as
130	<b>Amateur Hour:</b> A display of incompetence
131	<b>Amber Gambler:</b> Someone who accelerates to try to cross an intersection before a traffic light turns red
132	<b>Amber Nectar:</b> Beer
133	<b>American Dream (The):</b> The belief among Americans that hard work leads to material success

134	<b>An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away:</b> Eating healthy foods will keep one from getting sick (and needing to see a doctor)
135	<b>An Axe: To Grind</b> A grievance, a disagreement with someone that justifies confrontation.
136	<b>An Early Bird:</b> A person who gets up early in the morning, or who starts work earlier than others.
137	<b>An Eye for an Eye:</b> Justice in which reparation or vengeance exactly matches the harm caused to the victim
138	<b>An Offer One Can't Refuse:</b> An extremely attractive offer
139	<b>Ancient History:</b> Something, such as a disagreement, that happened long ago and ought to be forgotten
140	<b>And All That:</b> Et cetera, and so on.
141	<b>And Counting:</b> And the number just mentioned is increasing (or decreasing)
142	<b>And Change:</b> And an additional amount of money that's less than the next round number
143	<b>And His Mother:</b> An intensifier for an inclusive noun or phrase such as everyone, everybody
144	<b>And So Forth:</b> Indicates that a list continues in a similar manner, etc.
145	<b>And So On:</b> Indicates that a list continues in a similar manner, etc.
146	<b>And The Like:</b> And other similar items, etc.
147	<b>And Then Some:</b> And even more than what has just been mentioned

148	<b>Another Nail In One's Coffin:</b> Something that leads to someone's death, literally or figuratively.
149	<b>Answer Back:</b> Respond impertinently; to talk back.
150	<b>Ants In Your Pants:</b> Restlessness
151	<b>Any Port in a Storm:</b> If you're in trouble, you'll turn to anything that improves the situation.
152	<b>Any Tom, Dick or Harry:</b> Any ordinary person
153	<b>Angel's Advocate:</b> Someone who takes a positive outlook on an idea or proposal
154	<b>Angle For:</b> Aim toward something, try to obtain something, often indirectly or secretly
155	<b>Apple of One's Eye:</b> A favorite person or thing, a person especially valued by someone
156	<b>Apple of Someone's Eye:</b> The person that someone loves most of all and is very proud of.
157	<b>Apples and Oranges:</b> Of two different classes, not comparable
158	<b>Apples and Oranges:</b> Of two different classes, not comparable
159	<b>Arm Candy:</b> An attractive woman accompanying a powerful or famous man at a social event
160	<b>Armed to the Teeth:</b> Carrying many weapons
161	<b>Around the Clock:</b> At all times
162	<b>As American as Apple Pie:</b> Very or typically American
163	<b>As Far as I Can Throw (someone):</b> Only slightly

164	<b>As Fit as A Fiddle: To be healthy and physically fit</b>
165	<b>As Pale as A Ghost: Extremely pale</b>
166	<b>As Pale as Death: Extremely pale</b>
167	<b>As Poor as a Church Mouse: Very poor</b>
168	<b>As Red as A Cherry: Very red</b>
169	<b>Asleep at the Wheel (Switch): not paying attention to one's work; not doing one's job diligently.</b>
170	<b>At Death's Door: Very near death</b>
171	<b>At Each Other's Throats: Constantly and strongly arguing</b>
172	<b>At Loggerheads: In a state of persistent disagreement</b>
173	<b>At Loggerheads: In a state of persistent disagreement.</b>
174	<b>At Sixes and Sevens: Someone is in a state of confusion or not very well organized.</b>
175	<b>At the Drop of a Hat: Spontaneously, suddenly</b>
176	<b>At the Eleventh Hour: It happens when it is almost too late.</b>
177	<b>At the End of One's Rope (Tether): Running out of endurance or patience</b>
178	<b>At the End of the Day: In the final analysis; when all is said and done</b>
179	<b>At Wit's End: Frustrated because all measures to deal with something have failed</b>
	<b>Idioms (B)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with B.</b>
180	<b>Babe In Arms: A baby being carried</b>

181	<b>Babe In The Woods: An innocent, naive person</b>
182	<b>Babe Magnet: A man to whom women are attracted</b>
183	<b>Baby Blues: Blue eyes.</b>
184	<b>Baby Boomer: A person born in the years following World War II, when there was a temporary marked increase in the birth rate</b>
185	<b>Babysitter Test: An evaluation of the ease of use of household appliances, especially remote control devices</b>
186	<b>Back And Forth: Dialogue, negotiations</b>
187	<b>Back At You: Same to you (used to return a greeting or insult)</b>
188	<b>Back Burner (On The): Not urgent; set aside until later</b>
189	<b>Back Forty: Remote, inaccessible land</b>
190	<b>Back in the Day: Formerly, when I was younger, in earlier times</b>
191	<b>Back Of Beyond: A remote location</b>
192	<b>Back Office: Support services for a business</b>
193	<b>Back on One's Feet: Physically healthy again</b>
194	<b>Back to Square One: Back to the start</b>
195	<b>Back to Square One: Forced to begin something again</b>
196	<b>Back to the Drawing Board: Forced to begin something again</b>
197	<b>Back to the Salt Mine(s): We have to go back to work.</b>

198	<b>Back to the Salt Mines:</b> It's time for me (us) to go back to work
199	<b>Back the Wrong Horse:</b> To support the losing side
200	<b>Backing and Filling:</b> Delaying a decision by making small changes or arguing about small details
201	<b>Backseat Driver:</b> A passenger in a car who gives unwanted advice to the driver is called a backseat driver.
202	<b>Backseat Driver:</b> Someone who likes to give (often annoying) advice to the driver of a car, or the leader of some other enterprise
203	<b>Bad Apple:</b> A discontented, trouble making, or dishonest person
204	<b>Bad Blood:</b> Enmity or hatred that stems from something in the past
205	<b>Bad Egg:</b> Someone who is not to be trusted
206	<b>Bad Taste In One's Mouth:</b> Unease, a feeling that something unspecified is wrong in a situation
207	<b>Bag of Tricks:</b> A set of methods or resources
208	<b>Bail Out:</b> To rescue someone from a bad situation, to shield someone from the consequences of his or her actions
209	<b>Ball and Chain:</b> 1. One's spouse (derogatory but often affectionate); 2. An ongoing burden
210	<b>Ballpark Figure:</b> A rough estimate
211	<b>Banner Year:</b> A year marked by strong successes
212	<b>Bang for Your Buck:</b> Value for money

213	<b>Bang for Your Buck: Value for your money</b>
214	<b>Bang One's Head Against the Wall (Against a Brick Wall): Try repeatedly to do something without making progress.</b>
215	<b>Baptism by Fire: A difficult task given right after one has assumed new responsibilities</b>
216	<b>Bar Fly (or Barfly): Someone who spends much of his or her time in bars</b>
217	<b>Bare One's Heart (Soul): To confess one's deepest secrets</b>
218	<b>Bark Up the Wrong Tree: Pursue a mistaken approach or belief; be wrong in a course of action</b>
219	<b>Basket Case: So upset or stunned that one is unable to function; in a hopeless condition</b>
220	<b>Bat/Play for Both Teams: To be bisexual.</b>
221	<b>Bat/Play for the Other Team: To be homosexual.</b>
222	<b>Batten Down the Hatches: Prepare for a storm</b>
223	<b>Be A Barrel of Laughs: To be fun, funny, and pleasant.</b>
224	<b>Be A Cold Day In Hell: (Something that) will never happen</b>
225	<b>Be An Item: Two people are an item when they are having a romantic relationship</b>
226	<b>Be Footloose and Fancy-Free: To be free of responsibilities, including romantic commitments</b>

<b>227</b>	<b>Be Head Over Heels (In love): Be in love with somebody very much</b>
<b>228</b>	<b>Be in Seventh Heaven: Extremely happy</b>
<b>229</b>	<b>Be in Two Minds (about something): To not be certain about something, or to have difficulty in making a decision</b>
<b>230</b>	<b>Be Like Chalk and Cheese: Things or people who are very different and have nothing in common</b>
<b>231</b>	<b>Be Lovey – Dovey: Expressing your love in public by constantly kissing and hugging</b>
<b>232</b>	<b>Be on the Mend: Be improving after an illness</b>
<b>233</b>	<b>Be Snowed Under: Be extremely busy with work or things to do</b>
<b>234</b>	<b>Bean Counters: Accountants, finance professionals in an organization</b>
<b>235</b>	<b>Beat Around the Bush: To speak in a roundabout way in order to avoid confronting an unpleasant topic</b>
<b>236</b>	<b>Beat Someone To The Draw: To accomplish or obtain something more quickly than someone else</b>
<b>237</b>	<b>Beat Someone to the Punch: Do something before or faster than someone else</b>
<b>238</b>	<b>Beat the Drum for (Something): Speak in favor of something to try to generate support</b>
<b>239</b>	<b>Beauty Is Only Skin Deep: External appearance is a superficial basis for judging someone</b>
<b>240</b>	<b>Bed of Roses: A comfortable situation</b>

241	<b>Bedroom Eyes:</b> An expression of the eyes that seems to invite sex
242	<b>Bee in One's Bonnet:</b> Someone who has a bee in their bonnet has an idea which constantly occupies their thoughts.
243	<b>Beggar Thy Neighbor:</b> To do something beneficial for oneself without worrying about how it affects others
244	<b>Behind the Eight (or 8) Ball:</b> At a serious disadvantage
245	<b>Behind the Scenes:</b> In a way not apparent to the public
246	<b>Behind the Times:</b> Old-fashioned
247	<b>Bell the Cat:</b> Take on a difficult or impossible task
248	<b>Bells And Whistles:</b> Attractive but unnecessary features of a product
249	<b>Belly Laugh:</b> Loud, hearty laughter
250	<b>Bend an Elbow:</b> Drink alcoholic beverages at a tavern
251	<b>Best (Greatest) Thing Since Sliced Bread:</b> An innovative development
252	<b>Best of Both Worlds:</b> Combining two qualities that are usually separate
253	<b>Bet One's Bottom Dollar (On Something):</b> Be certain that something will happen
254	<b>Bet the Farm:</b> Risk everything; spend all one's money on something in hopes of success
255	<b>Better late Than Never:</b> It implies that a belated achievement is better than not reaching a goal at all.

256	<b>Between a Rock and a Hard Place:</b> Caught between two undesirable options
257	<b>Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea:</b> In a difficult position
258	<b>Beyond the Pale:</b> Too morally or socially extreme to accept
259	<b>Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt:</b> Absolutely certain
260	<b>Big Apple:</b> An informal name for New York City
261	<b>Big Brother:</b> Government, viewed as an intrusive force in the lives of citizens; government spying
262	<b>Big Cheese:</b> An important person in a company or organization
263	<b>Big Deal:</b> An important event or accomplishment
264	<b>Big Fish:</b> An important person
265	<b>Big Picture:</b> A wide perspective; a broad view of something
266	<b>Big time:</b> If you do something big time, you do it to a great degree.
267	<b>Birds of a Feather:</b> People having similar characters, backgrounds, interests, or beliefs.
268	<b>Bird's-Eye View:</b> A view from above; a broad perspective on something
269	<b>Bite Off More Than You Can Chew:</b> Try to do more than one is capable of doing
270	<b>Bite the Bullet:</b> To do something even though it involves pain, discomfort, or difficulty
271	<b>Bite the Hand That Feeds You:</b> Act badly toward someone who has helped you

272	<b>Bitter Pill to Swallow:</b> An unpleasant fact that one must accept
273	<b>Black and White:</b> A clear distinction between good and bad, positive and negative
274	<b>Black Eye:</b> A mark of shame
275	<b>Black Sheep:</b> A person who does not fit into a group, especially a family
276	<b>Black-and-Blue:</b> Bruised, showing signs of having been physically harmed
277	<b>Blank Check:</b> Permission to spend or do whatever one wishes; carte blanche
278	<b>Blind Date:</b> When two people who have never seen each other before go on a date
279	<b>Blinded by Love:</b> When a person is so madly in love with somebody that they can't see the person's faults or negative characteristics
280	<b>Blood and Thunder:</b> A dramatic, spectacular performance
281	<b>Blow Away the Cobwebs:</b> If something blows away the cobwebs, it makes you feel more lively and refreshes your ideas.
282	<b>Blow Hot and Cold:</b> Shift one's level of enthusiasm repeatedly
283	<b>Blow Off Steam:</b> To express anger and frustration in a way that does no damage
284	<b>Blow One's Top:</b> Lose one's temper
285	<b>Blow One's Stack:</b> To lose one's temper and explode in anger

286	<b>Blow the Cobwebs Away (or Out of Something):</b> Make space for fresh ideas, encourage something new
287	<b>Blow the Whistle:</b> Reporting an illegal or unacceptable activity to the authorities
288	<b>Blow Up:</b> Explode
289	<b>Blow Your Own Trumpet:</b> Brag; emphasize one's own contributions
290	<b>Blue Blood (adj. blue-blooded):</b> Person of aristocratic background
291	<b>Blue Eyed Boy:</b> A person who is a favorite of those in authority; someone whose mistakes are forgiven
292	<b>Blue Light Special:</b> 1. a temporary sale at a discount store. 2. a traffic stop by the police.
293	<b>Bob's Your Uncle:</b> The rest is easy; you're almost finished
294	<b>Bolt From the Blue:</b> Something completely unexpected
295	<b>Bone Dry:</b> Completely dry, totally without moisture
296	<b>Born on The Wrong Side of the Blanket:</b> Born to parents who were not married
297	<b>Borrow Trouble:</b> Take needless risks, invite problems
298	<b>Bottom of the Barrel:</b> Low-quality choices
299	<b>Boy Toy:</b> A young man who is the lover of an older, often wealthier woman (see toyboy)

300	<b>Boys will be Boys:</b> A phrase of resignation used when boys get into trouble or are stereotypically reckless or rowdy
301	<b>Brainstorm:</b> To generate many ideas quickly
302	<b>Break a Leg:</b> Good luck! This is used for a stage performer-or for anyone else who is about to give some kind of a performance, such as an important speech
303	<b>Break Out in A Cold Sweat:</b> To perspire from fever or anxiety
304	<b>Break the Bank:</b> Exhaust one's financial resources
305	<b>Break The Ice:</b> To get something started, particularly by means of a social introduction or conversation
306	<b>Break up/ Split up (With Somebody):</b> End the relationship
307	<b>Bring Home the Bacon:</b> Earn money for one's family
308	<b>Bringing a Knife to a Gunfight:</b> Underequipped or unprepared
309	<b>Brush Under the Carpet:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
310	<b>Bucket List:</b> Things you want to see or do before you die
311	<b>Bull in a China Shop:</b> A clumsy or tactless person
312	<b>Bump in the Road:</b> A temporary problem, a small setback
313	<b>Bundle Up:</b> Put on lots of warm clothing

314	<b>Burn One's Bridges:</b> Leave a job or a relationship on such bad terms that one does not stay in contact
315	<b>Burn the Candle at Both Ends:</b> To work too hard, with possible bad consequences for one's health
316	<b>Burn the Candle at Both Ends:</b> Work very long hours
317	<b>Burn the Midnight Oil:</b> To work late into the night
318	<b>Burn the Midnight Oil:</b> Working late into the night
319	<b>Bury (Hide) One's Head In the Sand:</b> Ignoring something that's obviously wrong, not facing reality
320	<b>Bury the Hatchet:</b> Make peace, agree to end a dispute
321	<b>Business as Usual:</b> A normal situation (whether related to business or not), typically restored after some change
322	<b>Busman's Holiday (UK):</b> A working vacation
323	<b>Busman's Holiday:</b> A vacation where you do the same thing you do at work, a working vacation
324	<b>Busted Flush:</b> A failure, someone or something that seemed promising but did not develop well
325	<b>Butter Wouldn't Melt in (Someone's): Mouth</b> This person is cool in manner, prim and proper
326	<b>Buy a Pig in a Poke:</b> To buy something with no prior inspection
327	<b>Buy Time:</b> Cause a delay in something with the aim of improving one's position

328	<b>By a Whisker: By a very short distance</b>
329	<b>By All Means: Of course, certainly</b>
330	<b>By Hook or by Crook: By some possibly dishonest means</b>
331	<b>By the Skin of One's Teeth: Barely escaping disaster</b>
332	<b>By Word of Mouth: Via personal communications rather than written media</b>
	<b>Idioms (C)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with C.</b>
333	<b>Call a Spade a Spade: To speak frankly and directly about a problem</b>
334	<b>Call It a Day: Decide that one has worked enough on something for the day</b>
335	<b>Call It a Night: End an evening's activities and go home</b>
336	<b>Call the Shots: Make the important decisions in an organization</b>
337	<b>Call the Tune: Making important decisions and controlling a situation.</b>
338	<b>Can't See the Forest for the Trees: Is unable to maintain a wider perspective</b>
339	<b>Can't Swing A Dead Cat In (Place): Without Hitting A (Thing) There are many examples of [thing] in this [place].</b>
340	<b>Carrot-and-Stick (Approach): A tactic in which rewards are offered, but there is also the threat of punishment</b>

<b>341</b>	<b>Carry a Torch (for): To continue to be in love with someone even after a relationship has ended</b>
<b>342</b>	<b>Carry Coals To Newcastle: Supply something that is unneeded; engage in useless labor</b>
<b>343</b>	<b>Carry the Can: To take the blame for something one did not do</b>
<b>344</b>	<b>Cash In One's Chips: 1. To take advantage of a quick profit 2. To die</b>
<b>345</b>	<b>Cash-Strapped: In need of money</b>
<b>346</b>	<b>Cast the First Stone: To be the first to criticize or attack someone</b>
<b>347</b>	<b>Castle in the Air: An impractical plan</b>
<b>348</b>	<b>Cat Fight: A fight between two women</b>
<b>349</b>	<b>Cat Got Your Tongue?: Don't you have anything to say?</b>
<b>350</b>	<b>Cat on a hot tin roof: Be extremely nervous</b>
<b>351</b>	<b>Cat-and-Mouse (adj.): In a toying way; playful in an unpleasant way</b>
<b>352</b>	<b>Catch One's Death of Cold: To become very ill (with a cold/flu etc.)</b>
<b>353</b>	<b>Catch Some Rays: To sit or lie outside in the sun</b>
<b>354</b>	<b>Catch Someone's Eye: Attract someone's attention</b>
<b>355</b>	<b>Catch-22: A difficult situation from which there is no escape because options for avoiding it involve contradictions</b>
<b>356</b>	<b>Cat's Paw: A person being used by someone else, a tool</b>
<b>357</b>	<b>Caught Red-Handed: Apprehended while committing a crime</b>

358	<b>Circle the Wagons:</b> To prepare as a group to defend against attack, adopt a defensive posture
359	<b>Claim to Fame:</b> Unusual feature or offering
360	<b>Clean Up Nicely:</b> Look good when one is dressed up. Usually said of women
361	<b>Clear the Air:</b> Defuse tension, be honest about conflict so as to reduce it
362	<b>Clip Someone's Wings:</b> Reduce someone's privileges or freedom
363	<b>Close, But No Cigar:</b> You are very close but not quite correct.
364	<b>Cock and Bull Story:</b> A far-fetched story, probably untrue
365	<b>Cock-A-Hoop:</b> Elated, excited
366	<b>Cold Day in Hell:</b> A condition for something that would be extremely unlikely to occur
367	<b>Come By Something Honestly:</b> Acquire something honestly, or inherit it
368	<b>Come Clean:</b> To confess; to admit to wrongdoing
369	<b>Come Hell or High Water:</b> No matter what happens
370	<b>Come Out in the Wash:</b> To be resolved with no lasting negative effect
371	<b>Come Out of the Closet:</b> Reveal a secret about oneself, usually that one is gay (homosexual)
372	<b>Come Out Swinging:</b> Respond to something very aggressively

<b>373</b>	<b>Come Rain and Shine: Do regularly, whatever the circumstances</b>
<b>374</b>	<b>Come to Grips With: To acknowledge a problem as a prelude to dealing with it</b>
<b>375</b>	<b>Come to Terms With (Something): Feel acceptance toward something bad that has happened</b>
<b>376</b>	<b>Coming Down the Pike: Likely to occur in the near future</b>
<b>377</b>	<b>Cook Someone's Goose: To insure someone's defeat, to frustrate someone's plans</b>
<b>378</b>	<b>Cook Up a Storm: Cook a great deal of food</b>
<b>379</b>	<b>Cooking Up a Storm: Cooking a great deal of food</b>
<b>380</b>	<b>Cool as A Cucumber: Calm and composed even in difficult or frustrating situations; self-possessed</b>
<b>381</b>	<b>Cool Cat: Someone who has the respect of their peers in a young, casual way.</b>
<b>382</b>	<b>Cool Your Heels: Wait</b>
<b>383</b>	<b>Couch Potato: A lazy person who watches a great deal of television</b>
<b>384</b>	<b>Crash a Party: To attend a party without being invited</b>
<b>385</b>	<b>Crickets: Silence</b>
<b>386</b>	<b>Cross to Bear: A problem one must deal with over a long time, a heavy burden</b>
<b>387</b>	<b>Crunch Time: A period of high pressure when one has to work hard to finish something</b>

388	<b>Crunch the Numbers:</b> Do calculations before making a decision or prediction
389	<b>Cry Over Spilt (USA: Spilled): Milk</b> To waste energy moaning about something that has already happened
390	<b>Cry Wolf (verb):</b> To issue a false alarm, to ask for help when none is needed
391	<b>Cry Your Eyes Out:</b> Cry hard for a very long time
392	<b>Curiosity Killed The Cat:</b> Stop asking questions, don't be too curious
393	<b>Cut (Someone) To the Quick:</b> To deeply hurt someone emotionally
394	<b>Cut Corners:</b> Economize by reducing quality; take shortcuts
395	<b>Cut It Fine:</b> To do something at the last moment
396	<b>Cut Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face:</b> To act in a proud way that ultimately damages your own cause
397	<b>Cut Someone Some Slack:</b> Avoid treating someone strictly or severely
398	<b>Cut to the Chase:</b> Get to the point; explain the most important part of something quickly; skip the preliminaries
399	<b>Cut the Gordian Knot:</b> To solve a complex problem in a simple way
400	<b>Cut the Mustard:</b> Do something adequately
401	<b>Cut Your Teeth on Something:</b> To learn basic skills in a field
402	<b>Cutting-Edge:</b> Very novel, innovative

403	<b>Champagne taste on a beer budget:</b> Expensive or extravagant tastes or preferences that are beyond one's economic means.
404	<b>Change Horses in Midstream:</b> Change plans or leaders in the middle of a process
405	<b>Change of Heart:</b> A change in one's opinion or outlook
406	<b>Change One's Tune:</b> To alter one's opinion about something.
407	<b>Changing of the Guard:</b> A change in leadership at an organization
408	<b>Chase Rainbows:</b> To pursue unrealistic goals
409	<b>Cheap Shot:</b> An unfair attack; a statement that unfairly attacks someone's weakness
410	<b>Cherry-Pick:</b> To present evidence selectively to one's own advantage
411	<b>Cherry-Pick:</b> To select the best or most desirable
412	<b>Chew the Fat:</b> Chat for a considerable length of time
413	<b>Chickens Come Home To Roost:</b> The negative consequences of previous actions reveal themselves
414	<b>Child's Play:</b> A very easy task
415	<b>Chill Out:</b> Do something that helps them to calm down and relax for a while.
416	<b>Chin Music:</b> Meaningless talk
417	<b>Chin Up/ Keep Your Chin Up:</b> Cheer up; try to be cheerful and strong
418	<b>Chip off the Old Block:</b> Someone who resembles a direct ancestor, usually the father

419	<b>Chomp (Champ) at the Bit: Be eager to do something</b>
420	<b>Chomp at the Bit: To be eager to do something</b>
421	<b>Chop Chop: Quickly, without delay</b>
422	<b>Chop Shop: A shop where stolen cars are disassembled for parts</b>
423	<b>Chuck a Wobbly: To act in an emotional way</b>
	<b>Idioms (D)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with D.</b>
424	<b>Da Man (Slang): An accomplished or skillful person. Generally used in the compliment ""You da man!""</b>
425	<b>Dance to Someone's Tune: Consistently follow someone's directions or influence</b>
426	<b>Dance with the Devil: Knowingly do something immoral</b>
427	<b>Dark Horse: A surprise candidate or competitor, especially one who comes from behind to make a strong showing</b>
428	<b>Darken Someone's Door (Step): Make an unwanted visit to someone's home</b>
429	<b>Dead Ahead: Directly ahead, either in a literal or a figurative sense</b>
430	<b>Dead as the Dodo: Completely extinct; totally gone</b>
431	<b>Dead Eye: A good shooter, a good marksman</b>
432	<b>Dead Heat: An exact tie in a race or competition</b>

433	Dead of Winter: The coldest, darkest part of winter
434	Dead ringer: Very similar in appearance
435	Dead Run: Running as fast as possible
436	Dead Shot: A good shooter, a good marksman
437	Deep Pockets: The new owner has deep pockets, so fans are hoping the football team will improve next year with new players
438	Deliver the Goods: Provide what is expected
439	Devil's Advocate: Someone who argues a point not out of conviction, but in order to air various points of view
440	Dirty Look: A facial manner that signifies disapproval
441	Do 12-Ounce Curls: Drink beer
442	Dodge a Bullet: To narrowly escape disaster
443	Doesn't Amount to a Hill of Beans: Is unimportant, is negligible
444	Dog Days of the Summer: The hottest day of summer
445	Dog in the Manger: A person who prevents others from using something, even though the person himself or herself does not want it
446	Dog-and-Pony Show: A flashy presentation, often in a marketing context
447	Dog-Eat-Dog: Intensely competitive

448	<b>Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover:</b> Don't be deceived by looks; don't rely on looks when judging someone or something
449	<b>Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk:</b> Don't worry about minor things.
450	<b>Don't Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth:</b> Do not question the value of a gift. The expression comes from the practice of determining the age and health of a horse by looking at its teeth.
451	<b>Double-Dip:</b> Improperly get income from two different sources
452	<b>Drag Your Feet:</b> Do something very reluctantly; delay doing something
453	<b>Drain the Lizard:</b> Urinate
454	<b>Draw a Blank:</b> Be unable to remember something
455	<b>Draw a Line in the Sand:</b> Issue an ultimatum; specify an absolute limit in a conflict
456	<b>Draw a Line Under (Something):</b> To conclude something and move on to something else
457	<b>Draw a Long Bow:</b> Exaggerate, lie
458	<b>Draw the Line:</b> To set a limit to what one will accept
459	<b>Dressed Up to the Nines:</b> Someone is wearing very smart or glamorous clothes
460	<b>Drink the Kool-Aid:</b> Accept a set of ideas uncritically, often dangerous ones
461	<b>Drive a Hard Bargain:</b> To arrange a transaction so that it benefits oneself.

462	<b>Drive a Hard Bargain:</b> To negotiate effectively
463	<b>Drive a Wedge Between:</b> Try to split factions of a united group by introducing an issue on which they disagree
464	<b>Drive Someone Up the Wall:</b> Deeply irritate someone
465	<b>Drop a Line:</b> To write a letter or send an email
466	<b>Drop the Ball:</b> Fail to fulfill one's responsibilities; make a mistake
467	<b>Dry Run:</b> A practice execution of a procedure
468	<b>Dutch Courage:</b> Alcohol drunk with the intention of working up the nerve to do something
469	<b>Dutch Uncle:</b> A highly critical person
470	<b>Dyed-In-The-Wool (adj.):</b> Consistent in an affiliation or opinion over a long period; inveterate
	<b>Idioms (E)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with E.</b>
471	<b>Eager beaver:</b> The term eager beaver refers to a person who is hardworking and enthusiastic, sometimes considered overzealous.
472	<b>Eagle-Eyed:</b> Having sharp vision
473	<b>Early Bird [noun or adjective]:</b> Someone who does something prior to the usual time, or someone who gets up early.
474	<b>Eat Crow:</b> To admit one was wrong, and accept humiliation
475	<b>Eat Humble Pie:</b> To admit defeat or error, to accept humiliation

476	<b>Eat Someone's Lunch: Defeat someone thoroughly</b>
477	<b>Eat Your Heart Out!: (excl.) Go ahead, be jealous.</b>
478	<b>Eighty-Six (v.): 1) Discard, eliminate. 2) Throw someone out of a bar or store.</b>
479	<b>Elephant in the Room: A major problem that no one is talking about</b>
480	<b>Elevator Music: Pleasant but boring recorded music that is played in public places.</b>
481	<b>Elevator Pitch: A brief presentation of an idea, one short enough to be delivered in an elevator</b>
482	<b>Eleventh Hour: The last minute</b>
483	<b>Even Steven: Owing nothing; tied (in a game)</b>
484	<b>Every Dog Has His (Its): Day Everyone has a moment of fame, power, or influence</b>
485	<b>Every Man and His Dog: Many people</b>
486	<b>Every Man for Himself: Pursue your own interests; don't expect help from others.</b>
487	<b>Excused Boots: Allowed to avoid mandatory tasks</b>
	<b>Idioms (F)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with F.</b>
488	<b>Face the Music: Dealing with consequences of one's actions</b>
489	<b>Face the Music: To accept judgment or punishment</b>

490	<b>Fall for Something: Hook, Line, and Sinker To be completely deceived</b>
491	<b>Fall in Love with Somebody: Start feeling love towards somebody</b>
492	<b>Fall Off the Wagon: To begin using alcohol (or another problem substance) after quitting</b>
493	<b>Fall on One's Sword: To accept blame; to sacrifice oneself</b>
494	<b>Fall Prey to: Be victimized by; be harmed by; be vulnerable to</b>
495	<b>Fancy Someone (British English): To find someone very attractive</b>
496	<b>Farther (On) Down the Road: Later, at some unspecified time</b>
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498	<b>Fashion-Forward: Tending to adopt new styles quickly</b>
499	<b>Fat Cat: A highly placed, well-paid executive</b>
500	<b>Father Figure: A mentor, a person who offers guidance</b>
501	<b>Feast Your Eyes On: To take great pleasure in looking at someone or something</b>
502	<b>Feather in One's Cap: An achievement for which one is recognized; a noteworthy achievement</b>
503	<b>Feather One's (Own) Nest: Use one's influence or power improperly for financial gain</b>
504	<b>Feather One's Nest: To take advantage of one's position to benefit oneself</b>

505	<b>Fed Up With:</b> Refusing to tolerate something any further; out of patience
506	<b>Feel Like a Million Dollars:</b> To feel great, to feel well and healthy.
507	<b>Feel On Top of The World:</b> To feel very healthy
508	<b>Fell off a Truck:</b> Probably stolen or illicitly obtained; said of something offered for sale to avoid discussing its origins
509	<b>Fell off the Back of a Lorry:</b> Probably stolen or illicitly obtained; said of something offered for sale to avoid discussing its origins
510	<b>Fifteen Minutes of Fame:</b> Temporary renown
511	<b>Fifth Wheel:</b> A superfluous person
512	<b>Fight Fire with Fire:</b> Use the same measures that are being used against you, even if they're stronger than you would usually use
513	<b>Fight Like Cat and Dog:</b> Continually arguing with each other
514	<b>Find One's Voice:</b> Become more confident in expressing oneself
515	<b>Find Your Feet:</b> To adjust to a new place or situation
516	<b>Finger-Pointing:</b> Blame; a situation within a group where each member attempts to blame others
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518	<b>Fire in the Belly:</b> strong ambition

519	<b>First In, Best Dressed:</b> The first people to do something will have an advantage
520	<b>Fish for Compliments:</b> Try to manipulate people into praising you
521	<b>Fish or Cut Bait</b> (usually an exclamation): Make a decision or give someone else a chance
522	<b>Fish Out of Water:</b> A person who is in unfamiliar, confusing surroundings
523	<b>Five-Finger Discount:</b> Shoplifting
524	<b>Flash in the Pan:</b> A one-time occurrence, not a permanent phenomenon
525	<b>Flat Broke:</b> Having no money at all
526	<b>Flat Out Like a Lizard:</b> Drinking Very busy
527	<b>Flesh and Blood:</b> Blood relatives, close relatives
528	<b>Flew the Coop:</b> Left, escaped
529	<b>Flip-Flop</b> (v. or n.): To vacillate between two choices, to be indecisive
530	<b>Fly by the Seat of One's Pants:</b> To improvise, to make decisions without planning or preparation
531	<b>Fly High:</b> Be very successful, especially temporarily
532	<b>Fly Off The Handle:</b> Lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly
533	<b>Fly off the Handle:</b> To become suddenly enraged
534	<b>Follow In Someone's Footsteps (Tracks):</b> Follow the example laid down by someone else; supplant

535	<b>Follow Your Heart:</b> Rely on one's deeper feelings and instincts when making a decision
536	<b>Food for Thought:</b> Something that makes you think carefully
537	<b>For a Song:</b> At very low cost
538	<b>For a Song:</b> At very low cost
539	<b>For Crying Out Loud (excl.):</b> An expression of extreme annoyance
540	<b>For Xyz Reasons:</b> For multiple reasons, not worth specifying individually
541	<b>Foul Play:</b> Crime, typically murder
542	<b>Fourth Estate:</b> The media and newspapers
543	<b>Fox in the Henhouse (Chickenhouse):</b> Someone who causes trouble
544	<b>Freak Out:</b> A wildly irrational reaction or spell of behavior
545	<b>French Leave:</b> Absence without permission
546	<b>Freudian Slip:</b> Accidental use of an incorrect word; a revealing slip of the tongue
547	<b>From Pillar to Post:</b> From one place to another, in a forced, random way
548	<b>From Scratch:</b> From individual ingredients, not using a prepared mix
549	<b>From Soup to Nuts:</b> Everything; from beginning to end
550	<b>From the Bottom of One's Heart:</b> Sincerely and with deep feeling
551	<b>FUBAR:</b> Hopelessly ruined, not working, messed up.

552	<b>Fu** (Or Screw) The Dog (Pooch): To make an embarrassing error</b>
553	<b>Full Fathom Five: Lost deep in the sea</b>
554	<b>Full of the Joys of Spring: Very happy, enthusiastic and full of energy</b>
	<b>Idioms (G)</b>
	<b>List of English idioms that start with G.</b>
555	<b>Game of Chicken: A conflict situation in which neither side will back down for fear of seeming cowardly (chicken)</b>
556	<b>Get A Charley Horse: To develop a cramp in the arm or the leg</b>
557	<b>Get A Word In Edgewise: Be able to say something while someone else is talking a lot</b>
558	<b>Get Along (with Someone): To have a satisfactory relationship</b>
559	<b>Get Bent Out of Shape: Become angry, upset</b>
560	<b>Get Carried Away: Become overly enthusiastic</b>
561	<b>Get In on the Ground Floor: Invest in or join something while it is still small</b>
562	<b>Get in Shape: Undertake a program of physical conditioning; exercise regularly</b>
563	<b>Get Off Scot Free: Be accused of wrongdoing but pay no penalty at all</b>
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565	<b>Get One's Ducks in a Row:</b> Have everything organized; get oneself organized
566	<b>Get One's Hands Dirty:</b> To do the unpleasant parts of a job
567	<b>Get Someone's Goat:</b> To irritate someone deeply
568	<b>Get To Grips With:</b> To begin to understand and deal with something
569	<b>Get the Ball Rolling:</b> Do something to begin a process
570	<b>Get the Picture:</b> Understand what's happening
571	<b>Get the Runaround:</b> Be given an unclear or evasive answer to a question
572	<b>Get the Sack, Be Sacked:</b> To be fired
573	<b>Get the Third Degree:</b> To be questioned in great detail about something
574	<b>Get Wind of:</b> Hear about
575	<b>Get With the Program:</b> Figure out what everyone else already knows. Often used sarcastically, as a command
576	<b>Go Along (With):</b> Agree to something, often provisionally
577	<b>Go Ape:</b> Express wild excitement or anger
578	<b>Go Ballistic:</b> Fly into a rage
579	<b>Go Bananas:</b> To become irrational or crazy
580	<b>Go Bananas:</b> To become irrational or crazy
581	<b>Go Belly Up:</b> To go bankrupt
582	<b>Go Berserk:</b> To go crazy

583	<b>Go Bonkers:</b> To be or become wild, restless, irrational, or crazy; to act in such a way
584	<b>Go Cold Turkey:</b> Stop using an addictive substance suddenly, without tapering off
585	<b>Go Down in Flames:</b> Fail in a spectacular way
586	<b>Go Mental:</b> To suddenly become extremely angry
587	<b>Go Nuclear:</b> Use an extreme measure; because extremely angry
588	<b>Go Nuts:</b> To become crazy
589	<b>Go Off Half-Cocked:</b> To say or something prematurely, with a negative effect
590	<b>Go Off the Deep End:</b> To unexpectedly become very angry, especially without a good reason
591	<b>Go Off The Rails:</b> To go wrong, to begin acting strangely or badly
592	<b>Go Out on a Limb:</b> Assert something that may not be true; put oneself in a vulnerable position
593	<b>Go Pear-Shaped:</b> To fail; to go wrong
594	<b>Go See a Man About a Dog:</b> Go to the bathroom (said as a euphemism)
595	<b>Go to the Dogs:</b> To become disordered, to decay
596	<b>Go to the Mattresses:</b> To go to into battle
597	<b>Go the Extra Mile:</b> Put forth greater-than-expected effort
598	<b>Go Under the Knife:</b> Undergo surgery
599	<b>Go Viral:</b> Begin To spread rapidly on the Internet

600	<b>Go with the Flow:</b> To accept the way things naturally seem to be going
601	<b>Grab (Take) the Bull by the Horns:</b> To begin forthrightly to deal with a problem
602	<b>Grasp (Grab) at Straws:</b> To take desperate actions with little hope of success
603	<b>Grease Monkey:</b> A mechanic, especially an auto mechanic
604	<b>Grease the Wheels:</b> Do something to make an operation run smoothly
605	<b>Greasy Spoon:</b> An inexpensive restaurant that fries foods on a grill
606	<b>Green Around the Gills:</b> To look sick
607	<b>Green as Grass:</b> Lacking training, naive; often said of young people in new jobs
608	<b>Grind One's Teeth:</b> Be very annoyed or angry about something without being able to say anything about it.
609	<b>Guilty Pleasure:</b> Enjoying something which is not generally held in high regard, while at the same time feeling a bit guilty about it, is called a guilty pleasure.
610	<b>Guinea Pig:</b> A test subject, a person who is used as a test to see if something will work
611	<b>Give and Take:</b> Negotiations, the process of compromise
612	<b>Give 'em Hell (often excl.):</b> Express something passionately to a group
613	<b>Give Lip Service to:</b> Talk about supporting something without taking any concrete action

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615	<b>Give One's Two Cents (That's My Two Cents):</b> Offer an opinion, suggest something
616	<b>Give Someone a Holler:</b> Contact someone
617	<b>Give Someone a Piece of Your Mind:</b> Angrily tell someone what you think
618	<b>Give Someone a Run for Their Money:</b> Compete effectively with the leader in a particular field
619	<b>Give Someone an Earful:</b> angrily express an opinion to someone
620	<b>Give Someone the Cold Shoulder:</b> act hostile toward someone; to ignore, snub
621	<b>Give Someone The Old Heave-Ho:</b> Fire someone, remove someone from a group or team
622	<b>Give Something a Whirl:</b> Attempt something without being totally familiar with it
623	<b>Give the Green Light:</b> Approve something; allow something to proceed
	<b>Idioms (H)</b>
	List of English idioms that start with H.
624	<b>Hail Mary (n. or adj.):</b> A desperate, last-ditch attempt
625	<b>Hair of the Dog (That Bit You):</b> A small amount of the alcoholic beverage that caused your hangover

626	<b>Hands are Tied:</b> You are prevented from doing something. It is not within your power
627	<b>Hands Down:</b> Undoubtedly
628	<b>Hang It Up:</b> To retire, to end an activity one has pursued for a long time
629	<b>Hang Tough:</b> Maintain one's resolve
630	<b>Hanging by a Thread:</b> In great danger of elimination or failure
631	<b>Happy-Go-Lucky:</b> If you are a happy-go-lucky person, you are cheerful and carefree all the time.
632	<b>Hard Nut to Crack:</b> A difficult problem or a difficult person
633	<b>Has the Cat Got Your Tongue?:</b> Why are you not saying anything?
634	<b>Hat Trick:</b> Scoring three goals in hockey or soccer (football), or accomplishing three of anything.
635	<b>Hatchet Job:</b> A strong attack on someone's reputation; intentionally destructive criticism; calumny
636	<b>Haul Over the Coals:</b> To scold someone severely
637	<b>Have (one's) head in the clouds:</b> Not know what is happening around you or out of touch with reality
638	<b>Have A Ball:</b> To have a very enjoyable time
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641	<b>Have a Chip on One's Shoulder: To harbor resentment; to have an angry attitude</b>
642	<b>Have a Dog in the Hunt (Fight, Race): To support a certain person in a competition</b>
643	<b>Have a Lead Foot: A tendency to drive very fast</b>
644	<b>Have a Lot on One's Plate: Be busy, be in the middle of many ongoing tasks</b>
645	<b>Have a Lot Riding On (Something): Be depending on the successful outcome or development of something</b>
646	<b>Have a Nose for (Something): To have natural ability at something, a talent for finding something</b>
647	<b>Have a Screw Loose: Be slightly unbalanced or crazy</b>
648	<b>Have a Tough Row to Hoe: Be faced with a task that is difficult because of unfavorable conditions</b>
649	<b>Have A Whale of A Time: To enjoy yourself very much</b>
650	<b>Have an Ace Up One's Sleeve: To have a hidden advantage</b>
651	<b>Have Bigger Fish to Fry: Have more important things to do</b>
652	<b>Have Egg on Your Face: They are made to look foolish or embarrassed</b>

653	<b>Have Foot-in-Mouth Disease:</b> To embarrass oneself through a silly mistake
654	<b>Have Hand of Aces/Hold All the Aces:</b> To be in a very strong position in a competition
655	<b>Have It Out with Someone:</b> To have an argument with someone in order to settle a dispute
656	<b>Have One Foot in The Grave:</b> To be near death (usually because of old age or illness)
657	<b>Have One Over the Eight:</b> A person is slightly drunk.
658	<b>Have One Too Many:</b> Drink too much alcohol
659	<b>Have One's Cake and Eat It, Too:</b> To want two incompatible things (usually used in the negative)
660	<b>Have Skin in the Game:</b> Be risking something in an undertaking
661	<b>Have Something in the Bag:</b> Be certain to win
662	<b>Have the Hots for (Somebody):</b> To be (sexually) attracted to somebody
663	<b>Have the Hots for Somebody:</b> Finding somebody extremely attractive
664	<b>Have The Time of Your Life:</b> If you have the time of our life, you enjoy yourself very much.
665	<b>Have the Time of Your Life:</b> To have a very fun, exciting, or enjoyable time
666	<b>Have Your Nose in the Air:</b> Have a snobbish or disdainful attitude
667	<b>Have Your Say:</b> Express your opinion on something

668	<b>Have Your Thumb Up Your Ass: Have nothing to do</b>
669	<b>He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best: Being victorious is often a matter of simply surviving a conflict</b>
670	<b>He Would Put Legs Under A Chicken: He will talk your head off; he is very talkative</b>
671	<b>Head (Go) South: Decline, get worse</b>
672	<b>Head and Shoulders Above: Far superior to</b>
673	<b>Head and Shoulders: Above Far superior to</b>
674	<b>Head Start: An advantage over everyone else</b>
675	<b>Heads Up (excl.): Get ready! Be prepared</b>
676	<b>Heads Up!: Be careful!</b>
677	<b>Heads Will Roll (Are Going to Roll): People will be fired</b>
678	<b>Heads Will Roll (Are Going to Roll): People will be fired</b>
679	<b>Hear (Something) Through the Grapevine: To learn something via gossip</b>
680	<b>Heart and Soul: With all one's energy or affection</b>
681	<b>Heavens Open: Start to rain heavily</b>
682	<b>Heavy Hitter: A powerful, influential person</b>
683	<b>Helicopter Parenting: Overattentive child-raising</b>
684	<b>Hell for Leather: Very fast, as fast as possible</b>
685	<b>High as a Kite: Strongly under the influence of drugs or intoxicants</b>

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688	<b>Hightail It (Out of There): Flee</b>
689	<b>Highways and Byways: You take large and small roads to visit every part of the country.</b>
690	<b>Hit a Wall: suddenly stop making forward progress</b>
691	<b>Hit It Out of the Park: Succeed brilliantly</b>
692	<b>Hit the Books: To study (generally said of students)</b>
693	<b>Hit the Ground Running: To begin a job or project with no learning or training period needed</b>
694	<b>Hit the Hay: To go to bed</b>
695	<b>Hit the Jackpot: Do something that brings great success</b>
696	<b>Hit the Nail on the Head: To be absolutely correct (said of an utterance)</b>
697	<b>Hit the Road: To leave</b>
698	<b>Hit the Roof: Explode in rage; become extremely angry</b>
699	<b>Hit the Roof: To become very angry</b>
700	<b>Hit the Sack: To go to bed</b>
701	<b>Hit the Spot: Be very satisfying (said of something eaten)</b>
702	<b>Hive Mind: The knowledge of humans as a group</b>
703	<b>Hobson's Choice: A choice among bad options</b>
704	<b>Hold One's Liquor: Be able to drink a large amount without being affected</b>

705	Hold One's Peace: Be silent
706	Hold the Phone: Wait a moment (whether you're on the phone or not)
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708	Hold Your Horses (generally excl.): Stop; restrain yourself; don't be so excited
709	Home Away from Home: A habitual hangout; a place one frequents often and where one feels welcome
710	Home Truths: Honest, often painful criticism
711	Honor System: A system of payments that relies on the honesty of those paying
712	Hot Mess: Something or someone in a state of extreme disorder
713	Hot on the Heels (of): In close pursuit
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715	Hot Potato: A controversial subject or difficult project that is best avoided
	<b>Idioms (I)</b>
716	I Wouldn't Put It Past (Someone): I think it's quite possible that [this person] would do this.
717	If It Had Been a Snake, It Would Have Bitten Me: It was very obvious, but I missed it.
718	If the Shoe Fits, Wear It: If this description of you is accurate, accept it.

719	<b>I'm All Ears:</b> You have my attention, so you should talk
720	<b>In a Fog:</b> Confused, not mentally alert
721	<b>In a Heartbeat:</b> Immediately. This is especially used in hypothetical situations
722	<b>In a Jam:</b> In need of help, in a difficult spot
723	<b>In a New York Minute:</b> Very quickly
724	<b>In a Nutshell:</b> Expressed in a few words
725	<b>In a Pickle:</b> In need of help, in a difficult spot
726	<b>In a Rut:</b> Confined by routine, bored and seeking new experiences
727	<b>In Broad Daylight:</b> When something occurs in broad daylight, it means the event is clearly visible
728	<b>In Clover:</b> Benefiting from a positive financial situation
729	<b>In For a Penny, In for a Pound:</b> Committed to something even though the risks are increasing
730	<b>In Full Swing:</b> When something, such as an event, gets into full swing, it is at its busiest or liveliest time.
731	<b>In His Cups:</b> Drunk
732	<b>In Hot Water:</b> In need of help; in trouble
733	<b>In One Fell Swoop:</b> All at once, in a single action
734	<b>In One's Element:</b> In a situation which is entirely suitable, familiar, or enjoyable.

735	<b>In Someone's Wheelhouse:</b> In someone's strongest area of competence or enthusiasm
736	<b>In Touch:</b> In contact
737	<b>In the Blink of an Eye:</b> Quickly, seemingly instantaneously
738	<b>In the Cards:</b> Likely; likely to occur
739	<b>In the Crosshairs (Cross Hairs):</b> Targeted for blame or criticism
740	<b>In the Dark:</b> Not informed
741	<b>In the Dark:</b> Unaware of something
742	<b>In the Driver's Seat:</b> In a dominant position, in control
743	<b>In the Hot Seat:</b> Undergoing criticism or scrutiny; under pressure publicly
744	<b>In the Interim:</b> It denotes a period of time between something that ended and something that happened afterwards
745	<b>In the Limelight, In the Spotlight:</b> Receiving large amounts of publicity or attention
746	<b>In the Long Run:</b> Over an extended period of time
747	<b>In the Nick of Time:</b> Just in time; with no time to spare
748	<b>In the opinion of the speaker,</b> a person has just spent money unnecessarily and is, therefore, a fool.
749	<b>In the Pipeline:</b> Being prepared for the marketplace, being worked on
750	<b>In the Red:</b> Losing money; (of a market index) below a specified starting point

751	<b>In the Same Boat:</b> In a similar situation; similarly vulnerable
752	<b>In the Toilet:</b> In disastrous condition
753	<b>In the Works:</b> Under development; coming soon
754	<b>Iron Out (Problems, Difficulties):</b> To resolve
755	<b>Is the Pope Catholic?:</b> Isn't the answer obvious?
756	<b>It Never Rains but It Pours:</b> Bad luck and bad things tend to happen at the same time
757	<b>It Takes Two to Tango:</b> When something goes wrong involving two people,
758	it's likely that they share the blame; cooperation is necessary
759	<b>It Takes Two to Tango:</b> You say this when you think that a difficult situation or argument cannot be the fault of one person alone.
760	<b>It Won't Fly:</b> It won't work; it won't be approved.
761	<b>Itchy Feet:</b> A person who has itchy feet is someone who finds it difficult to stay in one place and likes to travel and discover new places.
762	<b>It's a Wash:</b> A positive and a negative development cancel each other out, so the situation has neither improved nor gotten worse
763	<b>It's All Greek to Me:</b> It is unintelligible, impossible to understand
764	<b>It's No Skin off My (Your) Nose (Back):</b> The outcome will not affect me personally

765	<b>It's Not Over Till the Fat Lady Sings: Do not give up too soon; things may improve.</b>
766	<b>It's Not Rocket Science: It's not difficult to understand.</b>
767	<b>I've Had It Up to Here: My patience is almost exhausted.</b>
	<b>Idioms (J)</b>
	<b>List of common English idioms that start with J.</b>
768	<b>Jack of All Trades: A person with a wide variety of skills</b>
769	<b>Jam Session: Playing improvised music in an informal setting</b>
770	<b>Jim Crow: The system of racial segregation in the American South prior to the American civil rights movement.</b>
771	<b>Join the Club (excl.): I feel sympathy for you because I have experienced something similar.</b>
772	<b>Jump in with Both Feet: Begin a new experience wholeheartedly</b>
773	<b>Jump on the Bandwagon: To follow a trend or craze</b>
774	<b>Jump on the Bandwagon: To follow a trend; follow the crowd</b>
775	<b>Jump the Gun: Start doing something too soon</b>
776	<b>Jump the Shark: To pass peak quality and begin to decline. Often used to describe television programs or movie series.</b>
777	<b>Jump the Track: To shift suddenly from one activity or line of thought to another</b>

778	<b>Jump Through Hoops:</b> Complete a series of tasks in order to satisfy someone
779	<b>Just Around the Corner:</b> Occurring soon
780	<b>Just for the Record:</b> I would like to make it clear that ...
781	<b>Just What the Doctor Ordered:</b> Exactly the thing that is or was needed to help improve something or make one feel better
	<b>Idioms (K)</b>
	List of common English idioms that start with K.
782	<b>Kangaroo Court:</b> A court of law where proper procedures are not followed at all; a sham judicial proceeding
783	<b>Keep (Something) at Bay:</b> Maintain a distance from something or someone
784	<b>Keep a Stiff Upper Lip:</b> Control one's emotions; not give in to fear or grief
785	<b>Keep an Eye On:</b> To keep an eye on something or someone is to watch it periodically, to keep it under surveillance.
786	<b>Keep an Eye Peeled:</b> Be observant; watch out for something
787	<b>Keep It Under Your Hat:</b> Don't tell anyone; don't reveal this secret
788	<b>Keep Someone at Arm's Length:</b> Avoid close interaction or cooperation
789	<b>Keep Your Nose Clean:</b> Avoid trouble or situations that compromise one's honesty

790	<b>Keep Your Powder Dry:</b> Do not attack until you are ready.
791	<b>Keeping One's Nose to the Grindstone:</b> Working hard on something repetitive or tedious
792	<b>Kick Ass, Kick Butt:</b> 1) Defeat badly; 2) be excellent or highly effective (only kick ass would be used for 2)
793	<b>Kick the Bucket:</b> To die
794	<b>Kick the Can Down the Road:</b> Postpone an important decision
795	<b>Kill a Fly With an Elephant Gun:</b> Approach a problem with excessive measures
796	<b>Kill Two Birds with One Stone:</b> Act in such a way as to produce two desirable effects
797	<b>Kill Two Birds with One Stone:</b> Solve two problems with one move
798	<b>Kill the Goose That Laid the Golden Egg:</b> To destroy a source of ongoing profits or benefits
799	<b>Kink in One's Neck:</b> A cramp in one's neck that causes pain
800	<b>King of the Hill:</b> At the top of one's field; the most influential person in a given field or area
801	<b>Kiss and Make Up:</b> Make peace after an argument
802	<b>Kith and Kin:</b> Family (collectively)
803	<b>Knock on Wood; Touch Wood:</b> Let's hope I have good luck or continue to have good luck.
804	<b>Knock Some Sense Into:</b> To beat someone in order to teach him/her a lesson. May be used figuratively.

805	Knock Someone's Socks Off: Amaze someone
806	Knock Up: To impregnate a woman. Often used in the form knocked up.
807	Knockout: An extremely beautiful woman
808	Know (Something) Like the Back of One's Hand: To be very familiar with something, especially an area
	<b>Idioms (L)</b>
	List of common English idioms that start with L.
809	Larger Than Life: Conveying a sense of greatness, imposing
810	Last But Not Least: What I have just said does not reflect a ranking in importance.
811	Laughter is the Best Medicine: Laughing a lot is a very effective means of recovering from physical or mental injury
812	Learn the Ropes: Become more familiar with a job or field of endeavor; be trained
813	Leave Someone in the Lurch: Abandon someone in a difficult situation
814	Lend an Ear: Listen
815	Let Bygones Be Bygones: Agree to forget about a past conflict
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817	Let Off Steam: To express anger and frustration in a way that does no damage
818	Let One's Hair Down: To relax and enjoy themselves.

819	<b>Let Sleeping Dogs Lie:</b> To avoid stirring up a problem; to leave things alone
820	<b>Let the Cat Out of the Bag:</b> Reveal a secret, usually a secret you or others are trying to keep
821	<b>Let the Genie Out of the Bottle:</b> Reveal something hitherto suppressed
822	<b>Letter of the Law:</b> The explicit meaning of a law, as opposed to the spirit of the law, the law's general intention
823	<b>Lick One's Wounds:</b> Rest after a bad defeat
824	<b>Life is A Bowl of Cherries:</b> Life is wonderful or very pleasant
825	<b>Light a Fire Under Someone:</b> Inspire someone to work very hard
826	<b>Light at the End of the Tunnel:</b> A sign of hope after a long period of difficulties
827	<b>Like a Kid in a Candy Store:</b> To be so excited about one's surroundings that one acts in a childlike or silly way
828	<b>Like a Moth to a Flame:</b> Drawn to something or someone despite the dangers
829	<b>Like Father, Like Son:</b> Sons inherit their fathers' traits and preferences, often even without realizing it.
830	<b>Like Shooting: Fish in a Barrel</b> Very easy
831	<b>Like Taking Candy from a Baby:</b> Very easy

832	<b>Like Two Peas in a Pod: Bearing a strong resemblance</b>
833	<b>Like The Cat That Got The Cream: Looking particularly self-satisfied, often to the annoyance of others</b>
834	<b>Lion's Den: Any dangerous or frightening place.</b>
835	<b>Lion's Share: The largest part of something</b>
836	<b>Live Large: Have a luxurious lifestyle</b>
837	<b>Living in Cloud Cuckooland: Having unrealistic or foolish beliefs or plans.</b>
838	<b>Living on Borrowed Time: Following an illness or near-death experience, may people believe they have cheated death</b>
839	<b>Living Under a Rock: Ignorant of important events. Usually used as a question: Have you been living under a rock?</b>
840	<b>Loaded for Bear: Prepared for problems, well prepared for a challenge</b>
841	<b>Loan Shark: A predatory lender; one who makes high-interest loans to desperate people</b>
842	<b>Lock Horns: To lock horns is to argue, to come into conflict.</b>
843	<b>Long Shot: Something with little chance of success</b>
844	<b>Look the Other Way: Take no notice of violations of laws or rules, unofficially condone something</b>
845	<b>Look What the Cat Dragged In: Someone unwelcome has arrived.</b>

846	Loose Cannon: Someone out of control; someone who speaks or acts recklessly
847	Lose It: To suddenly become unable to behave or think in a sensible way
848	Lose One's Touch: Suffer a decline in one's skill at doing something
849	Lose Touch: To fall out of contact
850	Lose the Thread: Be unable to follow someone's reasoning
851	Love at First Sight: Falling in love with somebody the first time you see them
852	Love Rat: Somebody who cheats on his/her partner
853	Love Someone With All of One's Heart And Soul: To love someone completely
854	Lower the Boom: Implement a punishment; reprimand severely
855	Low-Hanging Fruit: Easy parts of a task; solutions easy to obtain
	<b>Idioms (M)</b>
	List of common English idioms that start with M.
856	Mad As A Box Of (Soapy) Frogs: extremely mentally unstable; psychotic; detached from reality.
857	Mad as A Hatter: Mentally ill, psychotic
858	Main Squeeze: Committed romantic partner
859	Make a Break for It: Try to escape, run off

860	<b>Make a Mountain out of a Molehill:</b> To take something too seriously; to make too much of something
861	<b>Make a Silk Purse out of a Sow's Ear:</b> Turn something ordinary or inferior into something refined and beautiful
862	<b>Make Ends Meet:</b> Have enough money to cover basic expenses
863	<b>Make Hay (While the Sun Shines):</b> To take advantage of an opportunity at the right time.
864	<b>Make Love:</b> To have sexual intercourse
865	<b>Make Nice:</b> Act cordial despite conflict
866	<b>Make One's Mark:</b> Attain influence or recognition
867	<b>Make Someone's Day:</b> Do something pleasing that puts someone in a good mood
868	<b>Make Waves:</b> Cause controversy, disturb a calm group dynamic
869	<b>Man Cave:</b> A part of the house, often the basement, that is left to the man of the household, perhaps with a workshop, a television for watching sports, etc.
870	<b>March to the Beat of Your Own Drum:</b> When someone does things the way they want to, without taking anybody else or anything else into consideration.
871	<b>Match Made in Heaven:</b> A relationship in which the two people are great together, because they complement each other so well

872	<b>May-December (adj.):</b> Significantly different in age. Said of couples where one member is much older. The most common usage is May-December romance.
873	<b>May-December Marriage:</b> A marriage between a younger and an older partner, typically a young woman and an old man.
874	<b>Me Time:</b> Activities undertaken for one's own enjoyment, free from responsibilities to others.
875	<b>Meeting of the Minds:</b> Strong instinctive agreement on something
876	<b>Mend Fences:</b> Improve relations after a dispute
877	<b>Mind One's P's and Q's:</b> Be attentive to details; be on one's best behavior
878	<b>Miss the Boat:</b> Be too late for something; miss an opportunity
879	<b>Monday Morning Quarterback:</b> Someone who offers criticisms or comments after already knowing the outcome of something
880	<b>Month of Sundays:</b> A long time, many months
881	<b>More Fun Than A Barrel of Monkeys:</b> A very good time; a pleasant occasion
882	<b>Mother Nature:</b> The natural world
883	<b>Move Heaven and Earth:</b> Take all possible steps in trying to accomplish something
884	<b>Move the Needle:</b> Have a measurable effect on something
885	<b>Move Up in the World:</b> Become more successful

886	<b>Movers and Shakers:</b> Influential people, especially in a particular field
887	<b>Much Of A Muchness:</b> Essentially equal, not significantly different (said of a choice)
888	<b>Mum's the Word:</b> This is secret; don't talk about this. Often used as an answer to a request not to talk about something.
889	<b>Music to My Ears:</b> Good to hear; welcome news
890	<b>Mutton Dressed Up as Lamb:</b> A woman who dresses in a style appropriate to someone of a younger age
891	<b>My Dogs Are Barking:</b> My feet hurt.
892	<b>My Old Man, My Old Lady:</b> My spouse
893	<b>My Way or the Highway:</b> If you do not do things the way I want or require, then you can just leave or not participate.
	<b>Idioms (N)</b>
	<b>List of common English idioms that start with N.</b>
894	<b>Nail-Biter:</b> A suspenseful event
895	<b>Nailing Jelly/Jello/Pudding To A Wall/Tree:</b> An impossible task
896	<b>Neck and Neck:</b> Very close in a competition, with neither of two entities clearly in the lead
897	<b>Neck of the Woods:</b> A region, especially one's home region
898	<b>Nest Egg:</b> Retirement savings; wealth saved for a future purpose

899	<b>Never in A Million Years: Absolutely never</b>
900	<b>Never Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth: It's rude to examine a gift closely; accept gifts politely.</b>
901	<b>New Wrinkle: A novel aspect to a situation, a new development</b>
902	<b>Nice Chunk of Change: A large amount of money</b>
903	<b>Nickel and Dime: To negotiate over very small sums; to try to get a better financial deal, in a negative way</b>
904	<b>Nine Times Out of Ten: Almost always</b>
905	<b>Nine-to-Five Job: A routine job in an office that involves standard office hours</b>
906	<b>Nip (Something) In The Bud: Deal with a problem before it becomes large</b>
907	<b>No Holds Barred (usually adj., often hyphenated): Unrestricted, without rules</b>
908	<b>No Love Lost Between: There is a mutual animosity between two people</b>
909	<b>No Names, No Pack Drill: By not accusing anyone specifically, I may avoid trouble.</b>
910	<b>No Names, No Pack Drill: If no one can be identified, no one will be punished.</b>
911	<b>No Rhyme or Reason (to): Without logic or pattern</b>
912	<b>No Room to Swing A Cat: Very small, not big enough</b>

913	No Shit, Sherlock: That's very obvious!
914	No Tree Grows to the Sky: Growth cannot continue indefinitely.
915	Not Cut Out for (Something): Not naturally skillful enough to do something well
916	Not Enough Room to Swing a Cat: A very small space
917	Not Give A Fig: To not care at all about something
918	Not Have A Cat In Hell's Chance: Have no possibility of succeeding, coming to pass, or achieving something
919	Not Have a Prayer: Have no chance of success
920	Not Know Jack: Not know anything
921	Not Lift a Finger: Do nothing to help
922	Not Mince Words: Moderate or weaken a statement
923	Not One's Cup of Tea: Not something one is interested in
924	Not Playing with A Full Deck: Stupid, mentally deficient or impaired
925	Not Ready for Prime Time: Not yet perfected; inexperienced
926	Not Sit Well with (Someone): Be difficult to accept; make someone uncomfortable
927	Nothing to Write Home About: Unspectacular, ordinary
928	Nuts and Bolts: Everyday details of something
929	Nutty as a Fruitcake: Crazy; idiotic; wacky.

	<b>Idioms (P)</b>
	List of common English idioms that start with P.
<b>930</b>	<b>Pack Heat: Carry a gun</b>
<b>931</b>	<b>Paddle One's Own Canoe: To be able to act independently.</b>
<b>932</b>	<b>Page-Turner: A page-turner is an exciting book that's easy to read, a book that's difficult to put down.</b>
<b>933</b>	<b>Pain in the Ass; Pain in the Butt;</b>
<b>934</b>	<b>Pain in the Neck: Someone or something making your life difficult</b>
<b>935</b>	<b>Paint the Town Red: Go out drinking and partying</b>
<b>936</b>	<b>Par for the Course: What would normally be expected. This has a negative connotation.</b>
<b>937</b>	<b>Pass the Buck: Transfer a problem to someone else</b>
<b>938</b>	<b>Pass With Flying Colors: To succeed brilliantly, as on an exam or other test</b>
<b>939</b>	<b>Passing Fancy: A temporary interest or attraction</b>
<b>940</b>	<b>Pay Through the Nose (For Something): Pay a large amount of money</b>
<b>941</b>	<b>Peaches and Cream: A situation, process, etc., that has no trouble or problems</b>
<b>942</b>	<b>Pecking Order: Hierarchy, rank of importance</b>
<b>943</b>	<b>Pencil Something In: Make tentative arrangements</b>
<b>944</b>	<b>Penny-Pinching: Frugal, avoiding expenses whenever possible</b>

945	<b>Pep Talk:</b> An encouraging speech given to a person or group
946	<b>Perfect Storm:</b> A rare combination of disastrous occurrences
947	<b>Pet Peeve:</b> A small thing that you find particularly annoying
948	<b>Pick a Fight:</b> Intentionally provoke a conflict or fight with someone
949	<b>Pick Up the Slack:</b> Do something that someone else is not doing; assume someone else's responsibilities
950	<b>Pick Up the Tab:</b> To pay a bill presented to a group, especially in a restaurant or bar
951	<b>Pie in the Sky:</b> Something that is unrealistic or that cannot be achieved
952	<b>Piece of Cake:</b> Very easily done
953	<b>Pin Someone Down:</b> Demand a decision or clear answer
954	<b>Pinch Pennies:</b> To be careful with money, to be thrifty
955	<b>Pink Slip:</b> A layoff notice; loss of a job, typically because of layoffs
956	<b>Pipe Dream:</b> An unrealistic hope, a fantasy
957	<b>Piping Hot:</b> Very hot (generally said of food)
958	<b>Pipped to the Post:</b> Defeated by a narrow margin
959	<b>Pissing Contest:</b> A meaningless argument or competition, typically between males
960	<b>Play Ball:</b> Cooperate, agree to participate

961	<b>Play Cat And Mouse:</b> Trying to trick someone into making a mistake so you can defeat them.
962	<b>Play Hardball:</b> Adopt a tough negotiating position; act aggressively
963	<b>Play it by Ear:</b> To play a piece of music without referencing sheet music or a recording
964	<b>Play It by Ear:</b> To respond to circumstances instead of having a fixed plan
965	<b>Play the Percentages:</b> Bet on or rely on what is most likely to happen
966	<b>Play the Ponies:</b> Bet on horse racing.
967	<b>Play With Fire:</b> Do something very risky
968	<b>Play Your Cards Right:</b> Exploit a situation to your best advantage
969	<b>Point of No Return:</b> A place from which it is impossible to go back to the starting point
970	<b>Point the Finger At:</b> Blame (someone)
971	<b>Point the Finger:</b> At Blame (someone)
972	<b>Poison Pill (n):</b> A provision or feature added to a measure or an entity to make it less attractive, an undesirable add-on
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974	<b>Pop One's Clogs:</b> To die
975	<b>Pop One's Cork:</b> To release one's anger; to blow one's top

976	<b>Pop the Question: Propose marriage</b>
977	<b>Pot Calling the Kettle Black: Accusing someone of something of which you are also guilty; being hypocritical</b>
978	<b>Pour (Rub) Salt into (on) the Wound (an open wound): Worsen an insult or injury; make a bad situation worse for someone</b>
979	<b>Powder Keg: An explosive situation, a situation in which people are angry and ready to be violent</b>
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981	<b>Powder One's Nose: To use the restroom (lavatory). This is used by women</b>
982	<b>Preach to the Choir, Preach to the Converted: To make an argument with which your listeners already agree</b>
983	<b>Preaching to the Choir: Making arguments to those who already agree with you</b>
984	<b>Pretty Penny: A lot of money; too much money (when referring to the cost of something)</b>
985	<b>Price Yourself Out of the Market: Try to sell goods or services at such a high price that nobody buys them.</b>
986	<b>Puddle Jumper: A small airplane, used on short trips</b>
987	<b>Pull Out All the Stops: Do everything possible to accomplish something</b>
988	<b>Pull Strings: Use influence that's based on personal connections</b>

989	<b>Pull the Plug On: Terminate (something)</b>
990	<b>Pull Yourself Together: Control your emotions; recover from a strong emotional upset</b>
991	<b>Puppies And Rainbows: Perfect, ideal (usually used slightly sarcastically, in contrast with a less ideal situation)</b>
992	<b>Puppy Dog Eyes: A begging look</b>
993	<b>Puppy Love: Adolescent love or infatuation, especially one that is not expected to last</b>
994	<b>Pure as the Driven Snow: To be innocent and chaste (frequently used ironically)</b>
995	<b>Push the Envelope: Go beyond common ways of doing something, be innovative</b>
996	<b>Pushing Up Daisies: Dead</b>
997	<b>Pushing Up Daisies: Dead and buried</b>
998	<b>Put a Thumb on the Scale: Try to influence a discussion in an unfair way, cheat</b>
999	<b>Put Down Roots: Establish oneself in a place; settle</b>
1000	<b>Put in One's Two Cents: Say your opinion</b>
1001	<b>Put Lipstick on a Pig: Make cosmetic changes to something bad</b>
1002	<b>Put one's Face On: Apply cosmetics</b>
1003	<b>Put Out Feelers: Make discreet, informal suggestions, ask around</b>
1004	<b>Put Someone on the Spot: Force someone to answer a question or make a decision immediately</b>

1005	Put That in Your Pipe and Smoke It: Accept and consider what I'm saying, even if you don't like it!
1006	Put the Best Face On (Something): Emphasize the positive aspects of a bad situation
1007	Put the Brakes On: Slow something down
1008	Put the Cart Before The Horse: To do things in the wrong order
1009	Put the Cart Before the Horse: To do things out of the proper order.
1010	Put the Cat Among The Pigeons: Say or do something that causes trouble or controversy
1011	Put the Genie Back in the Bottle: Try to suppress something that has already been revealed or done
1012	Put the Pedal to the Metal: Drive as fast as possible
1013	Put Up with (Something): Tolerate, accept
1014	Put Words Into Someone's Mouth: Attributing an opinion to someone who has never stated that opinion
1015	Put Your Foot Down: Use your authority to stop negative behavior
1016	Put Your Foot In Your Mouth: Say something that you immediately regret
1017	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Back up your opinions with a financial commitment
	<b>Idioms (Q)</b>
	List of common English idioms that start with Q.

1018	Quake In One's Boots: To be very frightened
1019	Quarter Past: Fifteen minutes after the hour
1020	Quarter To/Of: Fifteen minutes before the hour
1021	Queer the Pitch: Interfere with someone's plans; make something more difficult
1022	Quick as a Flash: Very fast
1023	Quick-and-Dirty: Approximate, hastily done
1024	Quote Unquote: Ironically speaking; suggesting that if a phrase were written out, it would be in quotation marks to convey sarcasm
	<b>Idioms (R)</b>
	List of commonly used English idioms that start with R.
1025	Race Against Time: To rush to meet a deadline, to be forced to do something very quickly
1026	Rain Cats And Dogs: Rain heavily
1027	Rain Cats and Dogs: Rain very heavily
1028	Rain on Someone's Parade: Spoil someone's plans
1029	Raise (Someone's) Hackles: Make someone angry and defensive
1030	Raise One's Voice: Talk loudly
1031	Raise Red Flags: Warn of trouble ahead
1032	Raise the Bar: Increase standards in a certain competition or area of endeavor
1033	Raise the Roof: Make a great deal of noise (said of a crowd)

1034	<b>Rake (Someone) Over the Coals: To scold someone severely</b>
1035	<b>Rake Over the Ashes: Restart a settled argument; examine a failure</b>
1036	<b>Rake Someone Over the Coals: Scold severely</b>
1037	<b>Rank and File: The ordinary members of an organization</b>
1038	<b>Read Between the Lines: Perceive what is not explicitly stated</b>
1039	<b>Read the Tea Leaves: Predict the future from small signs</b>
1040	<b>Rear Its Ugly Head (said of a problem or something unpleasant): Appear, be revealed</b>
1041	<b>Rearrange the Deck Chairs on the Titanic: Taking superficial actions while ignoring a much larger and perhaps fatal problem</b>
1042	<b>Red Flag: A warning; a sign of trouble ahead</b>
1043	<b>Red Herring: A misleading clue; something intended to mislead</b>
1044	<b>Red Meat: Political appeals designed to excite one's core supporters; demagoguery</b>
1045	<b>Red Tape: Bureaucracy; difficult bureaucratic or governmental requirements</b>
1046	<b>Red-Light District: A neighborhood with many houses of prostitution</b>
1047	<b>Reinvent the Wheel: Devise a solution to a problem for which a solution already exists</b>
1048	<b>Riding High: Enjoying success</b>
1049	<b>Right as Rain: Absolutely correct</b>

1050	<b>Right Under (One's) Nose:</b> In an obvious location, yet overlooked
1051	<b>Right-Hand Man:</b> Chief assistant
1052	<b>Right-Hand Man:</b> Chief assistant
1053	<b>Ring a Bell:</b> Sound familiar
1054	<b>Ring a Bell:</b> When something seems familiar
1055	<b>Rob Peter to Pay Paul:</b> Pay off a debt with another loan; solve a problem in such a way that it leads to a new problem
1056	<b>Rob the Cradle:</b> To be sexually or romantically involved with someone who is very young
1057	<b>Rob the Cradle:</b> To be sexually or romantically involved with someone who is very young
1058	<b>Rock Bottom:</b> An absolute low point
1059	<b>Rock the Boat:</b> Cause a disruption in a group. Often used in the negative: don't rock the boat.
1060	<b>Roll the Dice On:</b> Take a risk
1061	<b>Roll With the Punches:</b> Deal with problems by being flexible
1062	<b>Rome Wasn't Built in a Day:</b> Complex projects take time
1063	<b>Rookie Mistake:</b> An error made by an inexperienced person
1064	<b>Rotten to the Core:</b> Entirely evil
1065	<b>Rub (Something) in Someone's Face:</b> Humiliate someone by repeating and criticizing his or her mistake
1066	<b>Rub It In:</b> Say something that makes someone feel even worse about a mistake

1067	<b>Rub Someone's Nose in (Something):</b> Humiliate someone by repeating and criticizing his or her mistake
1068	<b>Rubber-Stamp (v.):</b> Approve something without consideration, as a formality
1069	<b>Rule of Thumb:</b> A general principle or guideline, not a specific formula
1070	<b>Run a Tight Ship:</b> Manage an organization in a strict, well-regulated way
1071	<b>Run in the Family:</b> Be inherited (as a trait) by multiple members of a family
1072	<b>Run in the Family:</b> To be a common family characteristic
1073	<b>Run into a Buzz:</b> Saw Encounter severe and unexpected problems
1074	<b>Run into a Buzz:</b> Saw Encounter severe and unexpected problems
1075	<b>Run off at the Mouth:</b> Talk a lot about unimportant things, talk incoherently
1076	<b>Run on Fumes:</b> To be in a situation where one's energy or resources is almost exhausted
1077	<b>Run Out of Steam:</b> Lose momentum, become tired
1078	<b>Run the Table:</b> Win every game or contest
	<b>Idioms (S)</b>
	List of commonly used English idioms that start with S.
1079	<b>Sacred Cow:</b> An individual or organization that one cannot criticize

1080	<b>Saving Grace: Something that redeems a bad situation</b>
1081	<b>Scare the Living Daylights Out of Someone: Frighten someone severely</b>
1082	<b>Scorched Earth (Tactics, Policy, etc.): Ruthless, extremely destructive</b>
1083	<b>Screw The Pooch: To make a serious error</b>
1084	<b>School Of Hard Knocks: Difficult real-life experiences from which one has learned</b>
1085	<b>Second Banana: A person in a subservient position</b>
1086	<b>Second Stringer: A substitute player in a sport; a substitute for a job who is not the most talented person</b>
1087	<b>Second Wind: Renewed energy</b>
1088	<b>See Eye to Eye: To concur, agree</b>
1089	<b>See Something Out of the Corner of Your Eye: Use peripheral vision</b>
1090	<b>Seize (Take) the Bull By the Horns: Attack a problem directly</b>
1091	<b>Seize the Day: Take an opportunity</b>
1092	<b>Sell (Someone) a Bill of Goods: Trick someone; be deceptive</b>
1093	<b>Sell Like Hotcakes: Be sold very quickly</b>
1094	<b>Selling Point: An attractive feature of something for sale</b>
1095	<b>Set in Stone: Fixed; unchangeable</b>
1096	<b>Set something to Music: To write a piece of music to accompany a set of words</b>
1097	<b>Set the Bar (Too) High: To set a high standard for something</b>

1098	Set the Thames on Fire: Do something amazing. Usually used in the negative.
1099	Set the World on Fire: Do something amazing; have a brilliant stretch in
1100	one's career
1101	Shake the Dust off Your Shoes (Feet): Make a clean break with a relationship or situation
1102	Shape Up or Ship Out: Behave properly or leave the organization
1103	Sharp as A Tack: Mentally agile
1104	Shell Game: A method of deception in which you conceal your actions by moving something frequently
1105	Shift Gears: Change the subject, or change what one is doing
1106	Shipshape And Bristol Fashion: Tidy, clean
1107	Shit a Brick: Be extremely fearful.
1108	Shoot from the Hip: Talk or act without consideration
1109	Shoot Off One's Mouth: Talk without considering one's words
1110	Shoot Oneself In The Foot: Do something that damages oneself or one's own cause
1111	Short Fuse: A quick temper; a tendency to anger quickly
1112	Shot Across the Bow: A warning of more serious actions to come
1113	Shoulder A Weight Off Your Shoulders: You no longer worry about something or deal with something difficult

1114	Show Me an X And I'll Show You a Y: There is a consequence to X that you may not have thought of.
1115	Show One's True Colors: Reveal one's true nature
1116	Show Your Cards: Reveal your resources or plans
1117	Sick and Tired of: Extremely annoyed by something that occurs repeatedly
1118	Sick as a Dog: Extremely ill.
1119	Sick as a Parrot: Very disappointed
1120	Sight for Sore Eyes: A sight that makes you happy
1121	Silver Bullet: Something simple that resolves a difficult problem
1122	Simmer Down: Become less angry; regain one's composure
1123	Sink or Swim: Fail or succeed
1124	Sing a Different Tune: Change your opinion
1125	Sit On (Something): Delay revealing or acting on something
1126	Sit Tight: Wait and do not go anywhere
1127	Sitting Duck: Something or someone easily attacked or criticized
1128	Sitting Pretty: In a favorable situation
1129	Six Feet Under: Dead and buried
1130	Six Feet Under: Dead and buried
1131	Six of One, a Half Dozen of the Other: The two choices have no significant differences.
1132	Six Ways to (from) Sunday: In every possible way

1133	<b>Slam Dunk: An effort that is certain to succeed</b>
1134	<b>Sleep Like a Baby: To experience a very deep and restful sleep; to sleep soundly</b>
1135	<b>Sleep with the Fishes: Dead, often by murder</b>
1136	<b>Slip Someone a Mickey: Add a drug to an alcoholic drink in order to knock someone out</b>
1137	<b>Slippery Slope: A series of undesirable effects that, one warns, could result from a certain action</b>
1138	<b>Slower than Molasses: Exceptionally slow or sluggish; not fast at all.</b>
1139	<b>Small Beer: Unimportant, insignificant</b>
1140	<b>Small Fry: People or organizations with little influence; children</b>
1141	<b>Small Potatoes: Unimportant, insignificant</b>
1142	<b>Smell a Rat: Suspect deception</b>
1143	<b>Smoking Gun: indisputable evidence of a crime</b>
1144	<b>Snafu: A malfunction; a chaotic situation</b>
1145	<b>Snake Oil: A useless medicine; a quack remedy; a product or measure promoted as a solution that really does nothing to help</b>
1146	<b>Snake Oil: Medicine of unproven value; fraudulent medicine</b>
1147	<b>Sneak Peek: A sneak peek is an opportunity to view something in advance of its official opening or debut</b>
1148	<b>Soak Up the Sun: To enjoy the sun</b>

1149	<b>Sold On (Something):</b> Convinced of something
1150	<b>Some Eggs:</b> Achieving a major goal requires the ability to tolerate some problems
1151	<b>Someone's Fingerprints Are All Over (Something):</b> Someone's influence is evident
1152	<b>Something to Crow:</b> About Something to be proud of, an accomplishment about which one is justified in bragging
1153	<b>Son of a Gun:</b> 1) A rogue. 2) An exclamation of surprise.
1154	<b>Sore Point:</b> A sensitive topic for a particular person
1155	<b>Sour Grapes:</b> Disparagement of something that has proven unattainable
1156	<b>Sour Grapes:</b> Spiteful disparagement of a goal one has failed to achieve
1157	<b>Spare The Rod And Spoil The Child:</b> It is necessary to physically punish children in order to raise them right.
1158	<b>Speak of the Devil (and He Shall Appear):</b> The person we have just been talking about has entered.
1159	<b>Speak with A Plum in (one's) Mouth:</b> To speak in a manner that is indicative of a high social class.
1160	<b>Spick and Span:</b> Clean and neat
1161	<b>Spill the Beans:</b> Reveal a secret
1162	<b>Spin A Yarn:</b> Tell a story
1163	<b>Spin One's Wheels:</b> Engaging in activity that yields no progress; getting nowhere

1164	<b>Spit into The Wind: Wasting time on something futile</b>
1165	<b>Spoiling for a Fight: Combative, wanting conflict, eager to argue or fight</b>
1166	<b>Spoiling for a Fight: Combative, wanting conflict, eager to argue or fight</b>
1167	<b>Square the Circle: Attempt an impossible task</b>
1168	<b>Stab Someone in the Back: To betray (somebody)</b>
1169	<b>Stalking Horse: Someone who tests a concept in advance of its application; a candidate who enters a political race in order to test the strength of the incumbent</b>
1170	<b>Stand (Someone) In Good Stead: Be useful in the future</b>
1171	<b>Stand On One's Own Two Feet: To be independent and self-sufficient</b>
1172	<b>Stand One's Ground: Refuse to back down; insist on one's position</b>
1173	<b>Start with a Clean Slate: To start (something) again with a fresh beginning; to work on a problem without thinking about what has been done before</b>
1174	<b>Steal Someone's Thunder: Upstage someone</b>
1175	<b>Stem the Tide: To stop or control the growth of something, usually something unpleasant.</b>
1176	<b>Step Up One's Game: Work to advance to a higher level of a competition</b>

1177	<b>Step Up to the Plate:</b> Prepare to take action, be the person in a group who takes action
1178	<b>Stick It to the Man:</b> Do something that frustrates those in authority
1179	<b>Stick Your Nose into Something:</b> Intrude into something that is not your affair
1180	<b>Sticker Shock:</b> Surprise at the high price of something
1181	<b>Stick-in-the-Mud:</b> A person who dislikes or adapts slowly to new ideas
1182	<b>Sticky Wicket:</b> A difficult, tricky situation
1183	<b>Stiff-Necked:</b> Stubborn; excessively formal
1184	<b>Storm in a Teacup:</b> A commotion that dies down quickly, about something unimportant
1185	<b>Stormy Relationship:</b> Relationship that has a lot arguments and disagreement
1186	<b>Stumbling Block:</b> An obstacle, physical or abstract
1187	<b>Straight Arrow:</b> An honest, trustworthy person
1188	<b>Strain at a Gnat and Swallow a Camel:</b> To make a fuss over something unimportant while ignoring larger issues
1189	<b>Strike A Chord:</b> Used to describe something that is familiar to you, reminds you of something or is connected to you somehow.

1190	<b>Sugar Daddy:</b> A rich man who is generous with younger women in return for sexual favors
1191	<b>Sure-Fire:</b> Certain to occur
1192	<b>Swan Song:</b> A final appearance
1193	<b>Swan Song:</b> This expression is used to describe a final act before dying or ending something.
1194	<b>Sweep Under the Carpet:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
1195	<b>Sweep Under the Rug:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
1196	<b>Sweet Dreams!:</b> Sleep well!
1197	<b>Sweeten the Deal:</b> Add something to an offer during a negotiation
1198	<b>Sweeten the Pot:</b> Increase the amount of winnings potentially available in a game of chance, especially poker
1199	<b>Swim Against the Tide:</b> Do something contrary to a trend or usual opinion
1200	<b>Swim with Sharks:</b> To take a major risk
1201	<b>Swim with the Fishes:</b> Have been killed, especially with involvement of organized crime
1202	<b>Swing for the Fences:</b> Attempt to achieve the largest accomplishment possible
1203	<b>Swing for the Fences:</b> Attempt to achieve the largest accomplishment possible
1204	<b>Sword of Damocles:</b> Something that causes a feeling of constant threat.

	<b>Idioms (T)</b>
	List of useful English idioms that start with T.
1205	Take (Someone) to the Cleaners: 1) Swindle; 2) defeat badly
1206	Take a Deep Dive (Into): Explore something extensively
1207	Take a Flyer: To take a rise; especially to make a speculative investment
1208	Take a Gander: Go to take a look at something
1209	Take a Hike: Go away
1210	Take A Powder: To leave, especially in order to avoid a difficult situation
1211	Take a Rain Check: Decline an invitation but suggest that you'll accept it at a later time.
1212	Take Five (Ten): Take a short break of five (ten) minutes
1213	Take Five: To take one brief (about five minutes) rest period
1214	Take It Easy: 1) Relax, rest; 2) (as a command) Calm down!
1215	Take It Easy: Don't hurry; relax; don't get angry
1216	Take It Easy: When you relax, or do things at a comfortable pace, you take it easy.
1217	Take It on The Chin: Be attacked; suffer an attack
1218	Take It or Leave It (command): You must decide now whether you will accept this proposal
1219	Take Someone to Task: Reprimand someone strongly

1220	<b>Take Something with a Pinch (grain) of Salt:</b> If you take what someone says with a pinch of salt, you do not completely believe it.
1221	<b>Take the Cake:</b> Be the most extreme instance
1222	<b>Take the Edge Off (of Something):</b> To slightly improve something negative
1223	<b>Take the Fifth:</b> Refuse to answer because answering might incriminate or cause problems for you
1224	<b>Take the Gloves Off:</b> Negotiate in a more aggressive way
1225	<b>Take the High Road:</b> Refuse to descend to immoral activities or personal attacks
1226	<b>Take The Mickey (Piss) (Out Of Someone):</b> Make fun of or ridicule someone
1227	<b>Take the Shine Off (Something):</b> To do something that diminishes a positive event
1228	<b>Take the Starch out of (Someone):</b> Make someone less confident or less arrogant
1229	<b>Take The Wind Out of Someone's Sails:</b> To reduce someone's confidence, ofte by doing something unexpected
1230	<b>Take Your Life in Your Hands:</b> Undergo extreme risk
1231	<b>Take Your Medicine:</b> Accept something unpleasant, for example, punishment, without protesting or complaining

1232	Take Your Time: Don't hurry, work at a relaxed pace
1233	Taste of Your Own Medicine: The same unpleasant experience or treatment that one has given to others
1234	Teach an Old Dog New Tricks: To change someone's long-established habits. Usually used in the negative: You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
1235	Tear One's Hair out: Be extremely worried or frustrated
1236	Tear-Jerker: A film or book that makes you cry
1237	Tee Many Martoonies: Too many martinis, scrambled to suggest drunkenness
1238	Tell It to the Marines: I don't believe you; you must think I'm gullible.
1239	Tempest in a Teapot: A commotion about something unimportant
1240	Ten a Penny: Ordinary, inexpensive
1241	Ten to One: Something very likely
1242	Test the Waters: Experiment with something cautiously
1243	Test the Waters: Try something out in a preliminary way
1244	Tie the Knot: Get married
1245	Tighten the Screws: Increase pressure on someone
1246	Tight-Lipped: secretive, unwilling to explain something
1247	Til the Cows Come Home: For a very long time

1248	<b>Time is Money:</b> time is valuable, so don't waste it.
1249	<b>Tip of the Iceberg:</b> A small, visible part of a much larger problem
1250	<b>Tip One's Hand:</b> Reveal one's advantages; reveal useful information that one possesses
1251	<b>TLC:</b> Tender Loving Care
1252	<b>To be A Peach:</b> Someone or something that is extremely good, impressive, or attractive
1253	<b>To be Smitten With Someone:</b> To be completely captivated by someone and feel immense joy
1254	<b>To be someone's One and Only:</b> To be unique to the other person
1255	<b>To be the Apple of Someone's Eye:</b> To be loved and treasured by someone
1256	<b>To Bear Fruit:</b> To develop in a profitable or positive way
1257	<b>To Bear Fruit:</b> To develop in a profitable or positive way
1258	<b>To Carpool:</b> To travel to the same place with a group of people in one car. e.g. work/school
1259	<b>To Each His Own:</b> People have different tastes.
1260	<b>To Get Cold Feet:</b> To experience reluctance or fear
1261	<b>To Have a Chip on One's Shoulder:</b> To be combative, to be consistently argumentative
1262	<b>To Have Butterflies In Your Stomach:</b> To be nervous

1263	<b>To Have One For the Road:</b> To have one last (alcoholic) drink before you go home
1264	<b>To Pay an Arm and a Leg:</b> A very high cost
1265	<b>To Pop (one's) Cherry:</b> To do something for the first time
1266	<b>To Pull Someone's Leg:</b> Lie playfully
1267	<b>To Run Hot and Cold:</b> To be unable to make up one's mind
1268	<b>To the Letter:</b> Exactly (said of instructions or procedures)
1269	<b>Toe the Line:</b> Accept authority, follow the rules
1270	<b>Tone-Deaf:</b> Not good at perceiving the impact of one's words, insensitive
1271	<b>Tongue-in-Cheek:</b> Said ironically; not meant to be taken seriously
1272	<b>Too Busy Fighting Alligators to Drain the Swamp:</b> So occupied with multiple challenges that one can't keep the big picture in mind
1273	<b>Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth:</b> A project works best if there is input from a limited number of people
1274	<b>Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians:</b> Everyone wants to be a leader, and no one wants to do the actual work
1275	<b>Too Many To Shake A Stick At:</b> A large number
1276	<b>Toot Your Own Horn:</b> Brag; emphasize one's own contributions
1277	<b>Top Banana:</b> The boss, the leader
1278	<b>Toss a Wrench (Spanner) Into:</b> Sabotage; cause a process to stop

1279	<b>Touch Base: Meet briefly with someone</b>
1280	<b>Touch One's Heart: Affect someone emotionally, be touching</b>
1281	<b>Touch Water: Be launched. Said of a boat.</b>
1282	<b>Tough Cookie: A very determined person</b>
1283	<b>Tough Cookie: Someone who can endure hardship; especially: a strong negotiator</b>
1284	<b>Tough Sledding: Difficult progress</b>
1285	<b>Turn a Blind Eye: (to) Choose not to notice something</b>
1286	<b>Turn on a Dime: Quickly reverse direction or position</b>
1287	<b>Turn Someone Inside Out: To cause strong emotional turmoil; to completely change someone</b>
1288	<b>Turn Something on Its Head: Reverse something, cause something to be done in a new way</b>
1289	<b>Turn Turtle: Capsize, turn over</b>
1290	<b>Turn the Corner: To begin to improve after a problem</b>
1291	<b>Turn the Tables: Reverse a situation</b>
1292	<b>Turnabout Is Fair Play: If you suffer from the same suffering you have inflicted on others, that's only fair</b>
1293	<b>Twenty-Four Seven: At any time</b>
1294	<b>Twist the Knife (in Deeper): Make someone's suffering worse</b>
1295	<b>Twist the Knife (in Deeper): Make someone's suffering worse</b>
1296	<b>Two a Penny: Ordinary, inexpensive</b>

1297	<b>Two Peas in A Pod:</b> Two people who are very similar in appearance
1298	<b>Thank God It's Friday (TGIF):</b> Let's be happy that the workweek is over!
1299	<b>That Ship Has Sailed:</b> That opportunity has passed.
1300	<b>That's Music to My Ears:</b> I am very happy to hear this.
1301	<b>That's a Stretch:</b> What you are suggesting is very difficult to believe; I am very skeptical
1302	<b>That's All She Wrote:</b> That was the end of the story.
1303	<b>The Apple Never Falls Far From the Tree:</b> Family characteristics are usually inherited
1304	<b>The Birds and the Bees:</b> Human sexuality and reproduction
1305	<b>The Cat Is Out of the Bag:</b> The secret has been revealed.
1306	<b>The Coast Is Clear:</b> We are unobserved; it is safe to proceed.
1307	<b>The Cherry On the Cake:</b> The final thing that makes something perfect
1308	<b>The Deck Is (The Cards Are):</b> Stacked Against You Unfavorable conditions exist.
1309	<b>The Jig Is Up:</b> A secret illicit activity has been exposed; your trickery is finished
1310	<b>The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same:</b> Although something may seem superficially new, it has not altered the basic situation.
1311	<b>The Only Game in Town:</b> The sole option for a particular service.

1312	<b>The Powers That Be:</b> People in charge, often used when the speaker does not want to identify them.
1313	<b>The Real McCoy:</b> A genuine item
1314	<b>The Story Has Legs:</b> People are continuing to pay attention to the story.
1315	<b>The Time is Ripe:</b> If you say that the time is ripe, you mean that it is a suitable point for a particular activity
1316	<b>The Walls Have Ears We:</b> may be overheard; be careful what you say
1317	<b>The Walls Have Ears:</b> We may be overheard; be careful what you say
1318	<b>The Whole Enchilada:</b> All of something.
1319	<b>The Whole Shebang:</b> Everything, all the parts of something
1320	<b>The World Is Your Oyster:</b> You have many opportunities and choices.
1321	<b>There But For The Grace Of God Go I:</b> I could easily have done what that person did.
1322	<b>There's More Than One Way to Skin a Cat:</b> There's more than one way of achieving a certain goal.
1323	<b>There's No Such Thing as a Free Lunch:</b> Nothing is given to you without some expectation of something in return.
1324	<b>Thin On The Ground:</b> Rare, seldom encountered
1325	<b>Think Big:</b> Consider ambitious plans; avoid becoming overly concerned with details

1326	Think Outside the Box: Try to solve a problem in an original way; think creatively
1327	Think Tank: A group of experts engaged in ongoing studies of a particular subject; a policy study group
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1329	Third Rail: A topic so sensitive that it is dangerous to raise. This is especially used in political contexts
1330	Third Time's a Charm: Even if you fail at something twice, you may well succeed the third time.
1331	Thirty-Thousand-Foot View: A very broad or general perspective
1332	This Has (Person X) Written All Over It: [Person X] would really like or be well suited to this.
1333	This Is Not Your Father's : This item has been much updated from its earlier versions.
1334	Three Sheets to the Wind: Very drunk
1335	Through the Grapevine: Via gossip
1336	Through Thick and Thin: In good times and bad
1337	Throw a Wet Blanket on (Something): Discourage plans for something
1338	Throw a Wrench Into: To sabotage; to cause to fail
1339	Throw Caution to the Wind: To act in a daring way, without forethought

1340	<b>Throw Down the Gauntlet: To issue a challenge</b>
1341	<b>Throw Elbows: Be combative; be aggressive (physically or figuratively)</b>
1342	<b>Throw in the Towel: To give up, admit defeat</b>
1343	<b>Throw Someone for a Loop: Deeply surprise someone; catch someone off guard</b>
1344	<b>Throw Someone Under the Bus: Sacrifice someone else's interests for your own personal gain</b>
1345	<b>Throw the Baby Out with the Bath Water: Eliminate something good while discarding the bad parts of something</b>
1346	<b>Throw the Baby Out with the Bath Water: To discard something valuable or important while disposing of something worthless</b>
1347	<b>Throw The Book At: Prosecute legally as strongly as possible</b>
1348	<b>Throw the Fight: Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers</b>
1349	<b>Throw the Game: Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers</b>
1350	<b>Throw the Match: Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers</b>
1351	<b>Thumbs-Up: Approval</b>
1352	<b>Train Wreck: Anything that develops in a disastrous way</b>

1353	Trash Talk: Insults directed at one's opponent in a sporting event or contest
1354	Tread Water: Maintain a current situation without improvement or decline
1355	Trial Balloon: A test of someone's or the public's reaction
1356	Trip the Light Fantastic: Dance well; do ballroom dancing
	<b>Idioms (U)</b>
	List of useful English idioms that start with U.
1357	U Turn: A complete change of opinion, direction, etc.
1358	Ugly Duckling: An awkward child or young person who grows into a beautiful person
1359	Under (Below) the Radar: Not generally perceived, below popular consciousness
1360	Under Someone's Spell: Fascinated, entranced by someone
1361	Under the Impression: Believing something, perhaps mistakenly
1362	Under the Table: Without being officially recorded
1363	Under the Weather: Feeling ill
1364	Under the Weather: Not feeling well
1365	Under Wraps: Temporarily hidden, secret
1366	University of Life: Difficult real-life experience, as opposed to formal education
1367	Until the Cows Come Home: For a long time

1368	Until You're Blue in the Face: For a long time with no results
1369	Up a Creek: In a very bad situation
1370	Up for Grabs: Available
1371	Up for Grabs: Available for anyone
1372	Up in Arms: Angry, protesting (usually said of a group)
1373	Up in the Air: Not yet decided
1374	Up to One's Neck: Nearly overwhelmed
1375	Up to Scratch: Meeting a basic standard of competence or quality
1376	Up to Snuff: Meeting a basic standard
1377	Up the Ante: Raise the stakes; increase the importance of something under discussion
1378	Up the Duff: Pregnant
1379	Upset the Apple Cart: To disorganize or spoil something, especially an established arrangement or plan
1380	Use One's Head: To think, to have common sense
	<b>Idioms (V)</b>
	List of useful English idioms that start with V.
1381	Vale of Tears: The world in general, envisioned as a sad place; the tribulations of life
1382	Vicious Circle: A situation in which an attempt to solve a problem makes the original problem worse.
1383	Victory Lap: Visible public appearances after a victory or accomplishment

1384	Virgin Territory: Something that has never been explored, physically or intellectually
1385	Vote with One's Feet: To physically depart from something as a way of showing disapproval
	<b>Idioms (W)</b>
	List of useful English idioms that start with W.
1386	Waiting in the Wings: Ready to assume responsibilities but not yet active, ready to become a successor
1387	Waka-Jumping: Change political parties (said of politicians themselves)
1388	Wake Up and Smell the Coffee: Stop deluding yourself
1389	Wake Up on the Wrong Side of the Bed: Be grumpy or ill-humored. Generally used in past tense
1390	Walk on Eggshells: To have to act very sensitively in order to avoid offending someone
1391	Walk the Plank: Be forced to resign a position
1392	Wandering Eye: A tendency to look at and desire women or men other than one's committed romantic partner
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1394	Wash Your Hands of (Something): Decline to take further responsibility; refuse to be involved with something anymore

1395	<b>Water Under the Bridge:</b> Something in the past that's no longer worth worrying about
1396	<b>Watering Hole:</b> A place where alcoholic beverages are served, a bar
1397	<b>Weekend Warrior:</b> Someone who has an office job but enjoys contact sports on weekends; a member of a military reserve force (whose exercises are typically on weekends)
1398	<b>We'll Cross That Bridge:</b> When We Come to It We'll deal with that problem if and when it comes up
1399	<b>Welsh (Welch) on a Deal:</b> Not observe the terms of an agreement
1400	<b>Wet Behind the Ears:</b> inexperienced, immature, new to something
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1402	<b>Wet Blanket:</b> Someone who dampens a festive occasion
1403	<b>Wet Your Whistle:</b> Drink something
1404	<b>What Do You Make of (Him)?:</b> What is your evaluation of this person?
1405	<b>What Goes Around Comes Around:</b> The kind of treatment you give to others will eventually return to you; things go in cycles
1406	<b>What's Good for the Goose Is Good for the Gander:</b> What's OK for a man is OK for a woman, too
1407	<b>When Hell Freezes Over:</b> Never
1408	<b>When In Doubt, Leave It Out:</b> When unsure about something, omit it.

1409	<b>When in Rome, Do as the Romans Do:</b> When you visit a new place, follow the customs of the people there
1410	<b>When It Rains, It Pours:</b> Problems tend to come in groups.
1411	<b>When Pigs Fly:</b> Never
1412	<b>When the Chips Are Down:</b> When a situation becomes urgent or difficult
1413	<b>Where (When) the Rubber Meets the Road:</b> In reality; where an idea meets a real-world test
1414	<b>Where There's a Will, There's a Way:</b> If you have a strong desire to accomplish something, you will achieve it even in the face of considerable odds.
1415	<b>Where There's Smoke, There's Fire:</b> If there is typical evidence of something, the most likely explanation is that it is actually occurring.
1416	<b>Whisper Sweet Nothings (in Someone's Ear):</b> Speak meaningless romantic utterances
1417	<b>Whistle in the Dark:</b> To be unrealistically confident or brave; to talk about something of which one has little knowledge
1418	<b>Whistle Past the Graveyard:</b> Remain optimistic despite dangers; be clueless
1419	<b>Whistling Dixie:</b> Being unrealistically optimistic
1420	<b>White Elephant:</b> An unwanted item that is difficult to sell or dispose of

1421	<b>Who's She, the Cat's Mother?:</b> Why does she have such a high opinion of herself?
1422	<b>Wild Goose Chase:</b> An impossible or futile search or task
1423	<b>Window Dressing:</b> A misleading disguise intended to present a favorable impression
1424	<b>Window Shop:</b> To look at merchandise in a store without intending to buy it
1425	<b>Witch Hunt:</b> An organized attempt to persecute an unpopular group of people and blame them for a problem.
1426	<b>With Bells On:</b> Eagerly, willingly, and on time.
1427	<b>Work One's Fingers to the Bone:</b> Work very hard over an extended period
1428	<b>Worn to a Frazzle:</b> Exhausted, completely worn out
1429	<b>Wouldn't Be Caught Dead:</b> Would absolutely not allow myself to do this
1430	<b>Writing (Handwriting) on the Wall:</b> Hints of coming disaster
	<b>Idioms (Y)</b>
	List of useful English idioms that start with Y.
1431	<b>Year In, Year Out:</b> Annually without change
1432	<b>You Can Lead a Horse to Water, but You Can't Make It Drink:</b> It's very hard to force someone to do something against his or her will.

1433	<b>You Can Say That Again!: I agree totally!</b>
1434	<b>You Can Take It to the Bank: I absolutely guarantee this</b>
1435	<b>You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover: You can't know people (or things) well by their external appearances.</b>
1436	<b>You Can't Make an Omelet (Omelette): Without Breaking</b>
1437	<b>You Can't Make Fish of One and Fowl of the Other: People must be treated equally.</b>
1438	<b>You Know the Drill: You are already familiar with the procedure.</b>
1439	<b>You Snooze, You Lose: If you delay or are not alert, you will miss opportunities</b>
1440	<b>Young at Heart: Having a youthful outlook, regardless of age</b>
1441	<b>Your Guess Is as Good as Mine: I don't know; I have no idea</b>
1442	<b>Your Mileage May Vary: You may get different results. This does not necessarily refer to a car, although it may.</b>
1443	<b>Your Number Is Up: You are going to die (or suffer some bad misfortune or setback)</b>
1444	<b>You're Driving Me Nuts: To make someone giddy or crazy</b>
1445	<b>Yours Truly: Me</b>
	<b>Idioms (Z)</b>
	<b>List of useful English idioms that start with Z.</b>
1446	<b>Zero In On: Focus closely on something; take aim at something</b>

1447	Zig When One Should Be Zagging: To make an error; to choose an incorrect course
1448	Zip One's Lip: Be quiet

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