**Easier said than done**

"That's easier said than done."

"It's a lot tougher than that. It's one of those things that are easier said than done."

"Michael thinks everything is so easy. He doesn't realize it's easier said than done."

A: "Do you do any stock trading?"

B: "No, but how hard could it be. Just buy when it goes down and sell when it goes up."

A: "It's easier said than done."

**Other Common Sentences**

"It's harder than you think."

"It's not as easy as you think."

"If you think it's that easy, why don't you do it?"

**It's about time**

"It's about time."

"It's about time. I waited two hours for you."

"It's about time I got a chance to play."

A: "I've been waiting for 3 weeks to try out the new laptop. Isn't it my turn yet?"

B: "Yes. It's your turn. I'll get it for you."

A: "It's about time."

**Jump to conclusions**

"I incorrectly blamed Jeff for breaking my phone. I shouldn't have jumped to conclusions."

"I thought you took my book. I shouldn't have accused you. I jumped to conclusions."

"Will you stop jumping to conclusions. You should get all the facts before you make any decisions."

A: "I'm so mad at Jake. I think he told my girlfriend that I was on a date."

B: "What makes you think Jake told her?"

A: "Because he's like that."

B: "He sometimes does stupid things, but you shouldn't jump to conclusions."

**Keep an eye on**

"Can you keep an eye on my daughter while I go get the car?"

"Don't worry about your luggage. I'll keep an eye on it."

"My mom will keep an eye on our equipment while we go get the truck."

A: "Excuse me sir."

B: "Yes."

A: "I have to go to the bathroom. Can you keep an eye on my suitcase for a minute?"

B: "No problem."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Can you watch my bag for me?"

"Can you watch my suitcase while I go to the bathroom."

**Out of the blue**

"He's pretty funny because he will crack a funny joke out of the blue."

"Grace started crying for no reason. It was totally out of the blue."

"I don't know why he started getting mad. It was out of the blue."

A: "Did you hear what happened with Tiffany?"

B: "She broke up with her boyfriend last night."

A: "What? I thought they had a great relationship."

B: "So did I. It was totally out of the blue."

**Know something inside out**

"Ask Mary to help you with your homework. She knows calculus inside out."

"If you got the answer from Matt, I would trust it. He knows that stuff inside out."

A: "I'm having trouble with my car. I can't seem to figure out what's wrong with it."

B: "You should ask James about it."

A: "Does he know a lot about cars?"

B: "He's a mechanic. He knows the car engine inside out."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I know that theory like the back of my hand."

"I can perform those steps with my eyes closed."

"I know each step by heart."

**Give someone a hand**

"Can you give me a hand setting up the dining table?"

"I'm going to need a hand changing the tire on the car."

"Are you going to have time to give me a hand tomorrow?"

"Let me know if you need help. I'll have time all day today to give you a hand."

A: "When are you going to move into your new apartment?"

B: "I want to, but I'm going to need some help."

A: "I have time this weekend. Do you want me to give you a hand?"

B: "That would be great."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Can I get your help on this?"

"Can you help me out?"

"Do you need any help?"

"Let me know if you need any help."

**Now and then**

"I go on a hike every now and then."

"My mother calls me every now and then to see if I'm doing well."

"It's not something I can do all the time, but I do it every now and then."

A: "Do you like skiing?"

B: "I really enjoy skiing. It's one of my favorite sports."

A: "You must go very frequently then."

B: "I wish I could, but it's too expensive, so I only go every now and then."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I like to go bowling once in a while."

"I can't go often, but I go golfing with my friends from time to time."

**Nuke - Microwave**

"Don't nuke an egg. It will explode in the microwave."

"If I can't finish my dinner at a restaurant, I just take it home and nuke it when I want to eat it."

"The best way to heat up food is to nuke it."

A: "What are you going to eat for lunch?"

B: "I have some pasta in the fridge. You want some?"

A: "Sure. How are you going to cook it."

B: "It's already cooked. I'm just going to nuke it."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Throw it in the microwave."

"The microwave will heat it up real fast."

"Do you like microwavable food?"

**On the dot**

"I don't want to be waiting for you, so you'd better be there at three o'clock on the dot."

"He's supposed to show up at four on the dot. If he is late even a minute, I'm taking off."

"You'd better be here by 1:30, because we're leaving at two o'clock on the dot."

A: "We have to go to Los Angeles tomorrow. What time should we meet?"

B: "We have to be at the airport at 4:00 o'clock, so let's meet at two o'clock on the dot."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Meet me at the bus station at six o'clock sharp."

"Let's meet at the book store exactly at 1:00."

**Keeping my fingers crossed**

"Their team is not favored to win. But I hope they do. I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

"I have a one in ten chance of winning the television. I better keep my fingers crossed."

"I hope it works. Let's cross our fingers."

A: "The championship game is tonight. Are you going to watch it?"

B: "Yeah. My favorite team lost their best player. I don't think they will win."

A: "You never know. They can get lucky."

B: "I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

**Out of this world**

"That's the coolest thing I've ever seen. It's really out of this world."

"It's totally out of this world. You're going to be impressed."

"The concert was out of this world. It was an awesome experience."

A: "Did you see the new 3D movie at the IMAX theatre?"

B: "No. Was it any good?"

A: "It was better than good. It was out of this world."

**Other Common Sentences**

"The movie totally blew me away. It was awesome."

"The essay was very creative and original. I was very impressed."

"I've never seen anything like that before."

**Over one's head**

"I don't know the answer to that problem. The subject is over my head."

"Don't bother explaining it to him. It's way over his head."

A: "I have to write a paper on the theory of relativity. Do you know anything about it?"

B: "I won't be able to help you. The theory of relativity is way over my head."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I don't understand the meaning. It might be too deep for me."

"It's beyond my comprehension, so don't bother trying to explain it."

**Pain in the ass**

"What a pain in the ass."

"I had a customer who kept asking easy questions. It was a total pain in the ass."

"I have a meeting at 7:00 in the morning. It's a pain in the ass waking up that early."

"Having to deal with traffic every day is a pain in the ass."

A: "I have to go to the post office."

B: "I thought you went yesterday?"

A: "They made a mistake on the postage so the package was returned."

B: "What a pain in the ass."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Going to get a health check up is a pain in the neck."

"I hate mowing the lawn. It's a real drag."

"I have to pick up my brother at the airport every week. It's a serious burden because I'm busy these days."

**Piece of cake**

"You won't have any problems with it. It's a piece of cake."

"It's not that difficult. Actually, it's a piece of cake."

"Learning to type is a piece of cake. It just takes persistence."

"Sociology 101 is a piece of cake. You should get an A in that class."

A: "I have an interview for citizenship tomorrow. Do you know what they ask?"

B: "The only questions they ask are in the manual they provide."

A: "Was it difficult?"

B: "Since all the questions and answers are already provided, it was a piece of cake."

**Other Common Sentences**

"My homework today was as easy as pie."

"The assignment was a breeze."

**Sooner or later**

"Don't keep waiting for him to confess. He'll tell you sooner or later."

"He'll come to his senses sooner or later."

"She'll realize that she's doing something wrong sooner or later."

A: "Why does Sarah date so many guys. Doesn't she know most of them are jerks?"

B: "I know. She needs to get hurt before she'll realize what's going on."

A: "I guess she'll figure it out sooner or later."

B: "Yeah... but I'm hoping it is sooner than later."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I'm not worried about it. He'll eventually return my CD."

"I'll graduate from school eventually."

**Pull someone's leg**

"You expect me to believe that? Stop pulling my leg."

"I'm just kidding. I was just pulling your leg."

"I didn't know you believed me. I was just pulling your leg."

A: "I was eating at a restaurant and this lady next to me started eating my food right in front of me."

B: "What? You can't be serious. Nobody would ever do that."

A: You're not gullible at all. I was trying to pull your leg."

**Put oneself in one's place**

"What was I suppose to do? Try to put yourself in my place."

"It's easy to be understanding if you always put yourself in the other person's place."

"If you put yourself in my place, you would understand why I did that."

A: "You know I didn't mean to hurt you, but I had no choice."

B: "That's no excuse for what you did to me."

A: "Try to put yourself in my place. What would you have done?"

B: "I see your point."

**Other Common Sentences**

"If I were in your shoes, I would have done the same thing."

"I can't blame you because I would have done the same thing if I were in your situation."

**I can eat a horse**

"I'm so hungry that I can eat a horse."

"I feel like I can eat a horse right now."

"If I didn't eat anything for two days, I would feel like I can eat a horse too."

A: "I didn't eat anything all day."

B: "You must be really hungry."

A: "I can eat a horse right now."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I'm starving. I think I can eat a whale."

"I'm famished. I could eat anything right now."

**Read between the lines**

"If you read between the lines, you would have understood what he was implying."

"Steve isn't very good at reading between the lines. You have to tell him exactly what you want."

"Martha can read between the lines very well. She picks up on everything."

A: "Did you read chapter three for our English class?"

B: "Yeah. I think the author was indicating that he was supporting the war."

A: "Even though he said one thing, he meant another. You have to read between the lines to fully understand his stance."

B: "That might be true. I should go read it again."

**Rings a bell**

"I can't put my finger on it, but it definitely rings a bell."

"It rings a bell, but I'm not one hundred percent sure."

"Oh, oh, oh... that rings a bell. Where did I see that from?"

A: "Did you go to Martha Lake High School?"

B: "Yeah. Why?"

A: "I met this girl. Her name is Jane Summerland. Do you know her?"

B: "That name rings a bell, but I don't remember for sure."

**Other Common Sentences**

"That reminds me of something."

"That sounds so familiar."

"I know what you're talking about but I can't pin point it."

**Bug**

"I need to concentrate on this, so stop bugging me."

"I need to get out of the house. My little brother has been bugging me all day."

"Let's go bug John."

"If you bug me one more time, I'm going to kick your butt."

A: "Johnny, will you play Star Craft with me?"

B: "I can't. I'm doing my homework."

A: "Come on. I need someone to play with."

B: "Stop bugging me. I said I'm busy."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Stop pestering me."

"Stop bothering me."

**Sleep on it**

"I've been thinking about this problem for two hours. I think I will sleep on it. It might come to me in the morning."

"I don't think I can decide now. Let me sleep on it and I'll tell you my answer tomorrow."

"I'm going to need to sleep on it. I don't want to rush my answer right now."

A: "Do you know if you are going to buy the leather set or the cashmere set?"

B: "I've been thinking about it for three hours. I really can't decide."

A: "Why don't you sleep on it.

**Play it by ear**

"I'll have to play it by ear because I don't know how long they want me to work."

"We'll have to play it by ear for next Friday because everything is uncertain."

"Should we plan something for this Saturday or should we play it by ear?"

A: "What are you doing next weekend?"

B: "Nothing. Did you want to do something?"

A: "Yeah, but I might have to give my dad a ride to the train station. I don't know the exact time yet."

B: "Let's play it by ear then. Just call me when you find out for sure."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I don't have any reservations tonight so let's just wing it."

"We'll just do things as they come along."

**Speak of the devil**

"I was at a party last night, and I saw Jake play the guitar in front of an audience... speak of the devil, there's Jake right now."

"Joanne did great on her presentation. Speak of the devil... Hi Joanne."

A: "Andy was walking down the street and he tripped over beggar."

B: "I was there too. It was so funny. He just got up and pretended nothing happened."

A: "Speak of the devil. There's Andy now."

**Grab a bite**

"When do you want to go grab a bite?"

"I don't have much time, so let's grab a quick bite."

"If you didn't have lunch yet, let's grab a bite to eat."

A: "Did you have lunch yet?"

B: "Not yet. I'm swamped with work."

A: "You have to eventually eat so let's just grab a bite somewhere close."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Let's go eat."

"Where should we have lunch today?"

"Let's have lunch together."

**Take it easy**

"You're pushing yourself too hard. Take it easy."

"Take it easy man. You're putting too much pressure on yourself."

"I don't want to take it easy so stop telling me to take it easy."

A: "Work has me working seventy hours a week."

B: "You should take it easy. You're going to get sick at this rate."

A: "I wish I could, but I have deadlines to meet."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Relax a little. You're overworked."

"Take a little break. You need it."

**Go with the flow**

"Why do you do everything differently? You should just go with the flow."

"If you don't know where the shuttle is, just go with the flow. Everyone is going in that direction."

"If you don't want to stand out, go with the flow."

A: "I got a speeding ticket. Do you think I should go to court to fight it?"

B: "What are you going to tell the judge?"

A: "That I was basically going with the flow."

B: "That's not going to work. I would just pay the fine."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Do it like everyone else does it."

"If you're unsure how to do it, see how everyone else is doing it."

"The best way not to stand out is to blend in with everyone."

**Twenty-four seven**

"7-11 is a great store because they are open twenty-four seven."

"If a business doesn't provide twenty-four seven customer support, they will not succeed."

"You better be careful because I'm going to be watching you twenty-four seven."

"They're available twenty four hours a day, 365 days a year."

A: "What web hosting place do you recommend?"

B: "Most of them are pretty good. Just make sure they have twenty-four hour technical support."

A: "All of them have twenty-four seven support. It's a necessity these days."

**Other Common Sentences**

"The cops are watching this area all-day every-day."

"There's no way to cross the border because they're constantly monitoring all the passage ways."

**Under the weather**

"I'm going to stay home because I'm feeling under the weather today."

"I told my boss that I was under the weather. She told me to stay home for the day."

"My wife is feeling under the weather, so I need to get home early today."

A: "Why didn't you come to school today?"

B: "I was under the weather this morning. I need to get some rest."

A: "Well, I hope you start feeling better."

**Other Common Sentences:**

"I'm feeling a little sick today."

"I don't feel too well."

"I'm not feeling that great. I think I should get some rest."

**Don't sweat it**

"You can't do anything about it, so don't sweat it."

"You tried your best, so stop sweating it."

A: "I'm worried about my final examination."

B: "You didn't take it yet?"

A: "I took it yesterday. I'm not sure how I did."

B: "If you tried your best, there's nothing you can do about the results, so don't sweat it."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Don't worry about it."

"Nothing you can do about it."

**You can say that again**

A: "Britney Spears is so hot!"

B: "You can say that again."

A: "It was a long year. We accomplished quite a bit."

B: "I'm just glad that we're almost done."

A: "You can say that again."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I hear ya."

"You got that right."

"Damn right."

**Broke**

"I'm flat broke."

"I can't afford to buy that television. I'm totally broke."

"I can't pay my bills. I'm broke."

A: "Let's go see a movie."

B: "I can't. I barely have enough money for food. I'm broke until my next paycheck."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I don't have any money."

"I don't even have a dime to spare."

**Beats Me**

"It beats me how they finished before us."

"Beats me why he was so mean to you."

"Beats me how she found out we did it."

A. "So how did you and Tim do in your race?"

B. "I finished in third and Tim finished in second."

A. "You got third? How did Tim beat you?"

B. "Beats me, I guess he has been training really hard."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I have no idea how to do this."

"I don't know what he's talking about."

**I don’t buy it**

"He said he didn't do it but I don't buy it."

"Their prices are supposed to be better but I don't buy it."

"She said she was sorry but I don't buy it."

A. "So what were you guys arguing about?"

B. "He said some mean things to me the other day."

A. "Did he apologize to you?"

B. "Yes, but I don't buy it."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I don't believe it."

**Keep Your Cool**

"I know you're upset but you have to keep your cool."

"Here she comes, keep your cool."

"Keep your cool. You don't want to mess this up."

A. "Are you ready for your job interview?"

B. "Yes, but I'm a bit nervous about it."

A. "Just keep your cool and you will do fine."

**Other Common Sentences**

"You need to stay calm."

"Don't let it bother you."

**Sort Of**

"Dinner was sort of expensive."

"I sort of like her."

"I sort of know how to cook."

A. "Do you know how to get to the airport?"

B. "Sort of. But it's hard for me to explain."

A. "Never mind then, I will just look the directions up."

B. "Sorry I couldn't be more help."

**Other Common Sentences**

"A little bit."

"I kind of know."

**Who Cares**

"Who cares if they win or lose?"

"Who cares whether or not it rains."

"Who cares about what they think."

A. "Did you happen to watch the game last night?"

B. "No I was not home."

A. "I was just wondering who won?"

B. "Who cares, I don't really like either teams."

**Other Common Sentences**

"It doesn't matter."

"I do not care."

**Big Deal**

"Passing my driver's test was no big deal."

"He thinks he is such a big deal."

"It's no big deal if we don't go tonight."

A. "I think I might have lost that screwdriver you let me borrow last week."

B. "It's no big deal, I have another one."

**Other Common Sentences**

"He thinks he is all that matters."

"It's not that important."

**What a Small World**

"I didn't know that you knew my uncle. What a small world."

"You have family in Florida too? What a small world."

"I went to high school with his mom, what a small world."

A. "Do you see that guy over there?"

B. "Yes, what about him."

A. "We used to play football together in high school."

B. "Wow, what a small world!"

**Other Common Sentences**

"What are the chances of that?"

**What's going on?**

"What's going on tonight?"

"I'm not sure why she is upset, what's going on?"

"What's going on with your job?"

A. "It seems like she is a bit upset."

B. "What's going on?"

A. "I think she got into an argument with her husband."

B. "That's too bad. Hopefully they can work things out."

**Other Common Sentences**

"What is happening?"

**Now You're Talking**

"A cold drink sounds great, now you're talking!"

"Now you're talking, the beach sounds relaxing."

"Now you're talking, I would love to go out to the club tonight."

A. "I say instead of staying home for vacation we go to Mexico."

B. "Now you're talking!"

**Other Common Sentences**

"I agree."

"I like what you're saying."

**Over My Dead Body**

"There is no way I will let you do that, not over my dead body."

"You want a tattoo? Over my dead body."

"You're moving in together? Over my dead body."

A. "So I hear your son wants to go on spring break with that girl Sally."

B. "I told him over my dead body."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I won't let that happen."

"I will not allow it."

**Coming Right Up**

"Your order is coming right up."

"It's coming right up!"

"Your food is coming right up."

A. "Did you order the cheeseburger with french fries?"

B. "I sure did."

A. "It's coming right up."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Your food will be right out."

"Your order is coming out quickly."

**Good Thinking**

"I am glad you brought an umbrella. That was good thinking."

"Good thinking to call ahead and reserve tickets."

"It was good thinking to send out invitations sooner than later."

A. "I hear the restaurant we are going to is really popular."

B. "It's pretty good... and I already reserved a table for us."

A. "Good thinking!"

**Other Common Sentences**

"You did well remembering that."

"I'm glad you thought of that."

**Shoot**

"Shoot, I forgot my grocery list at home."

"Oh shoot that was awkward."

"Shoot, he asked Jenny to the prom instead of me."

A. "Didn't you say we need to go to the grocery?"

B. "Yes I did, do you want to come with me?"

A. "Sure, but did you make a grocery list to take with us?"

B. "Shoot I forgot. Hold on a few minutes while I make one for us."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Oh no."

**Nothing Matters**

"Nothing matters more than being happy."

"Don't worry about what she said. Nothing matters but what you think."

"Nothing matters if we can't start getting along better."

A. "My husband told me I need to make a decision about getting a joB."

B. "Nothing matters but you being happy with what you are doing."

A. "You are right. I will need to find something I love to do."

B. "Good luck."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Nothing else is important at this time."

**Come On**

"Come on, you can tell me."

"Oh come on, you have to be kidding me."

"Come on man, be serious for once."

A. "I heard the movie is sold out for tonight."

B. "Oh come on! I've been waiting weeks to see it."

**Other Common Sentences**

There are not many other sentences that are similar to this. The meaning is basically to allure or attract.

**Never mind**

"Never mind what you were going to do, we need to leave now!"

"Never mind what I said before, I was wrong."

"Never mind cooking dinner for me, I will be home too late."

A. "So what would you like me to fix for dinner tonight?"

B. "Never mind cooking anything for me, I will not be home until late."

A. "OK I will just cook for myself and the kids then."

**Other Common Sentences**

"You don't have to think about it."

**If You Insist**

"We will stay longer if you insist."

"We can go another night if you insist."

"I will call her if you insist."

A. "Thanks for meeting us out for dinner."

B. "It was nice of you to ask."

A. "Tonight is our treat. I insist."

B. "If you insist."

**Other Common Sentences**

"If that's what you really want."

"If you are firm with your decision."

**It's Nothing**

"It's nothing. It didn't take long for me to do this."

"No need to thank me. It's nothing."

"Oh, it's nothing to call and let you know what I find out."

A. "I had no idea you guys were getting together tonight."

B. "Really? I sent an email inviting everyone."

A. "I didn't receive it."

B. "You're more than welcome to come. I will add you to my email list for next time."

A. "Thanks. I hope it's not too much to ask."

B. "No, it's nothing to add you on."

**Other Common Sentences**

"No problem."

**What gives?**

"It's not like you to get so upset, what gives?"

"I had no idea you were leaving? What gives?"

"Your mom said you stopped taking piano lessons. What gives?"

A. "I heard that you did not pass your test?"

B. "Yeah, it was harder than I thought."

A. "You studied really hard for it though, what gives?"

B. "I guess I will just have to try harder next time.

**Other Common Sentences**

"What's the problem?"

"What happened?"

**Fair Enough**

"It's a fair enough question for me to answer."

"You want a rematch because you were sick when you lost? Fair enough."

"Fair enough, I will try it once to see if I like it."

A. "If you do not finish your homework you will not be able to go outside to play."

B. "Fair enough."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I agree with what you said."

**Cat Got Your Tongue**

"What's the matter? Cat got your tongue?"

"You're being awfully quiet, cat got your tongue?"

"She usually always has an opinion, cat must have gotten her tongue."

A. "What's the matter? You're usually full of advice. Cat got your tongue?"

B. "No I'm just keeping my opinions to myself."

**Other Common Sentences**

"You have nothing to say?"

"Why are you so quiet?"

**It Totally Slipped My Mind**

"I was meaning to call you but it totally slipped my mind."

"There was something I needed to do today but it totally slipped my mind."

"Sorry I forgot about your birthday. It totally slipped my mind."

A. "Did you call your mom and dad and wish them Happy Anniversary?"

B. "Oh no! It totally slipped my mind."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I completely forgot."

**It's written all over your face**

"I know you did it, it's written all over your face."

"I know that you're sad, it's written all over your face."

"I can tell you are upset. It's written all over your face."

A. "I am not the one who made the mess in the kitchen."

B. "Come on, it's written all over your face."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Your facial expression is showing your true thoughts."

"I can tell you're lying by your face expression."

**Go For It**

"I know you want that job. Go for it!"

"If you want to ask her out you're going to have to just go for it."

"Don't let anyone stand in the way of your dreams. Go for it!"

A. "I really like her. Should I ask her for her phone number?"

B. "Go for it man!" You have nothing to lose."

**Other Common Sentences**

"Just do it."

"Take action on it."

"Be proactive."

**It's a Deal**

"So if I take the kids to swim lessons, you will clean the house? It's a deal!"

"It's a deal. I will clean the garage if you stop bothering me about it."

"If I stop eating donuts, I don't have to run every day? It's a deal!"

A. "If you do my yard work, I will buy you candy."

B. "No thanks. I shouldn't eat too much candy."

A. "If you mow my grass, I will pay you ten dollars."

B. "Sounds good. It's a deal."

**Other Common Sentences**

"I agree to your proposal."

"Let's agree to that."