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Almost 600 Common American Idioms

1.	She is a peach.	<i>She's sweet and helpful.</i>
2.	He's full of beans.	<i>He's not telling the truth.</i>
3.	It's not my cup of tea.	<i>I don't care for that.</i>
4.	He's full of baloney.	<i>He doesn't know what he's talking about.</i>
5.	It's just sour grapes.	<i>They have resentment.</i>
6.	That's corny.	<i>It's sentimental, old, and not funny anymore.</i>
7.	I'm in a pickle.	<i>I'm in a dilemma.</i>
8.	He brings home the bacon.	<i>He brings home the family money.</i>
9.	She's in a stew.	<i>She's upset.</i>
10.	He's the top banana.	<i>He's the headman.</i>
11.	He's the salt of the earth.	<i>He's a very good person.</i>
12.	She's worth her salt.	<i>She's a valuable employee.</i>
13.	They're two peas in a pod.	<i>If you see one you see the other.</i>
14.	I'm nuts about you.	<i>I'm in love with you.</i>
15.	It's a piece of cake.	<i>It's quite simple.</i>
16.	You can't have your cake and eat it too.	<i>You can't use it and save it.</i>
17.	He's a real ham.	<i>He's just an actor (a bad actor.)</i>
18.	It's a hard nut to crack.	<i>It's a difficult problem to solve.</i>
19.	Let's talk turkey.	<i>Let's talk seriously.</i>
20.	He's a bad egg.	<i>He cannot be trusted.</i>
21.	We need to break the ice.	<i>Everyone's a little tense - lets be friendly.</i>
22.	We'll get a baker's dozen.	<i>We'll get 13 items (one extra.)</i>
23.	He's got a finger in every pie.	<i>He has many deals going.</i>
24.	You'll have to take potluck.	<i>Be happy with what we have on hand.</i>
25.	She's hard-boiled.	<i>She makes tough deals.</i>
26.	He's the apple of my eye.	<i>He's my favorite person.</i>
27.	He's a rotten egg.	<i>He is a thoroughly evil person.</i>
28.	It's for the birds.	<i>It's a crazy idea.</i>
29.	She eats like a bird.	<i>She eats little or nothing.</i>
30.	He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.	<i>He's a bad guy pretending to be good.</i>

31.	I smell a rat.	<i>Someone has betrayed us.</i>
32.	He's chicken-hearted.	<i>He has no courage.</i>
33.	I could eat a horse.	<i>I'm extremely hungry.</i>
34.	Please don't monkey around.	<i>Get serious and stop playing.</i>
35.	We'll kill two birds with one stone.	<i>One solution solves two problems.</i>
36.	It's three miles as the crow flies.	<i>It's three miles going straight.</i>
37.	Don't cry wolf.	<i>Don't give a false alarm.</i>
38.	It has dog-eared pages.	<i>It's a well-used popular book.</i>
39.	He's the underdog.	<i>He's not the favorite to win.</i>
40.	She's like a fish out of water.	<i>She is not in her area of expertise.</i>
41.	You'll stir up a hornet's nest.	<i>You'll cause a great deal of new problems.</i>
42.	Don't let him get your goat.	<i>Don't let him get you upset.</i>
43.	Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.	<i>Don't make big of something insignificant.</i>
44.	They are packed like sardines.	<i>There is absolutely no room for even one more.</i>
45.	We got a bird's eye view.	<i>We had a very good viewpoint from on high.</i>
46.	We're on a wild-goose chase.	<i>We were chasing something that didn't exist.</i>
47.	It's raining cats and dogs.	<i>It is the heaviest rain I have ever seen.</i>

48.	It's just monkey business.	<i>The business is either his own business or fake.</i>
49.	He'll weasel out.	<i>He'll back out of all agreements.</i>
50.	She'll go ape.	<i>She'll become very upset.</i>
51.	Let's talk turkey.	<i>Let's begin to talk seriously.</i>
52.	Don't let the cat out of the bag.	<i>Don't tell our secret.</i>
53.	Those are crocodile tears.	<i>Those are false tears.</i>
54.	He's a card shark.	<i>He is a professional card player.</i>
55.	We had a whale of a time.	<i>We had a great time.</i>
56.	He drinks like a fish.	<i>He is a heavy alcohol drinker.</i>
57.	I've got a frog in my throat.	<i>I need to clear my throat in order to talk right.</i>
58.	He rolled snake eyes.	<i>His dice had two ones.</i>
59.	She's pig-headed.	<i>She is very stubborn.</i>
60.	It sounds fishy.	<i>It doesn't sound like it's true.</i>
61.	Don't make a hog of yourself.	<i>Don't take more than your share.</i>
62.	Quit horsing around.	<i>Stop being silly and get serious.</i>
63.	He's a rat.	<i>He is not to be trusted.</i>

64.	He rattled on me.	<i>He informed others about my secrets.</i>
65.	She is a stool pigeon.	<i>She informs on everybody.</i>
66.	I can't make heads or tails of it.	<i>I can't understand what you are talking about.</i>
67.	She's no spring chicken.	<i>She is a tough old lady.</i>
68.	She lost her head.	<i>She did something crazy.</i>
69.	He can't keep his head above water.	<i>He's too busy with many things.</i>
70.	That's just off the top of my head.	<i>Here's an idea without too much thought.</i>
71.	She's got her head in the clouds.	<i>Her ideas are not practical.</i>
72.	She's levelheaded.	<i>She's always has good practical ideas.</i>
73.	I've got a lump in my throat.	<i>I am emotionally involved and distressed.</i>
74.	You'd better save your neck.	<i>You must survive this situation.</i>
75.	You better turn the other cheek.	<i>Don't let what they say bother you!</i>
76.	Just swallow your pride.	<i>Forget your pride and solve the problem.</i>
77.	My lips are sealed.	<i>I will never reveal the secret.</i>
78.	It's a slap in the face.	<i>That is an insult.</i>
79.	You can talk until you're blue in the face.	<i>They aren't listening to you.</i>
80.	You must face the music.	<i>Admit your error - solve it and go on.</i>
81.	She's got a big mouth.	<i>She talks too much and says the wrong things.</i>
82.	It's just hand to mouth.	<i>It is a very low cost project.</i>
83.	Keep a stiff upper lip.	<i>Keep trying and you can succeed.</i>
84.	It makes my mouth water.	<i>I think that is a very attractive idea.</i>
85.	It was by word of mouth.	<i>I was told in person.</i>
86.	It leaves a bad taste in my mouth.	<i>I don't feel comfortable with that idea.</i>
87.	It will melt in your mouth.	<i>You will like this idea.</i>
88.	You can save your breath.	<i>They don't listen - they're not open to anything.</i>
89.	She takes my breath away.	<i>She's the most wonderful creature I've ever seen.</i>
90.	I did it by the skin of my teeth.	<i>I just barely got the job done.</i>
91.	It's on the tip of my tongue.	<i>I know it - I just can't say it now.</i>
92.	You'll eat your words.	<i>Any thing you say may come back to haunt</i>

		<i>you.</i>
93.	She's got a sharp tongue.	<i>Her words are like a sword - they can hurt.</i>
94.	It's my mother tongue.	<i>It is my native language.</i>
95.	It was a slip of the tongue.	<i>I didn't intend to say that.</i>
96.	He said it tongue in cheek.	<i>He was kidding when he said that.</i>

97.	She's tongue-tied.	<i>She's so excited she can't speak.</i>
98.	I only have eyes for you.	<i>You are the object of my affection.</i>
99.	I never want to lay eyes on you.	<i>Go! I never want to see you again.</i>
100.	I've got my eye on you.	<i>I'm watching you - one mistake and you're gone.</i>
101.	He's making eyes at her.	<i>He is flirting with her.</i>
102.	That'll make your eyes pop.	<i>You will be really surprised when this happens.</i>
103.	I can't believe my eyes.	<i>What I am seeing is hard to believe.</i>
104.	There's more than meets the eye.	<i>You are not telling me all the facts.</i>
105.	She's a sight for sore eyes.	<i>We're very happy to see her - we need her.</i>
106.	You need to catch his eye.	<i>You must get his attention.</i>
107.	His eyes are bigger than his stomach.	<i>He takes more food than he can eat.</i>
108.	Feast your eyes on that.	<i>Isn't that a wonderful thing we have here?</i>
109.	She will pull the wool over his eyes.	<i>She will fool him every time.</i>
110.	It's a highbrow place.	<i>It is a very high-class place.</i>
111.	You'll pay through the nose.	<i>It's extremely costly to do that.</i>
112.	Don't turn up your nose at me.	<i>Don't think you are better than I am.</i>
113.	She's got a nose for news.	<i>She can get a story from almost nothing.</i>
114.	She won by a nose.	<i>It was a very close race.</i>
115.	You need to lead them by the nose.	<i>You have to tell them every single detail.</i>
116.	Keep your nose clean.	<i>Be honest and ethical.</i>
117.	It's nothing to sneeze at.	<i>It is a good offer.</i>
118.	It's under your nose.	<i>It's right there in front of you.</i>
119.	She won by a hair.	<i>She won by just a tiny bit.</i>
120.	I'm all ears.	<i>I am listening with great interest.</i>
121.	It was an ear-splitting sound.	<i>The noise hurt my ears.</i>
122.	It goes in one ear and out the other.	<i>He doesn't listen to anyone.</i>
123.	Keep your ear to the ground.	<i>Listen everywhere to find what is going on.</i>
124.	You'd better prick up your ears.	<i>Pay attention to what is happening.</i>
125.	She can wind him around her little finger.	<i>She can manipulate him to do what she wants.</i>
126.	He's got a finger in every pie.	<i>He is trying every possible way.</i>
127.	My hands are tied.	<i>There is nothing I can do because of regulations.</i>
128.	Please lend me a hand.	<i>Help me with this.</i>
129.	Give him a hand.	<i>Clap your hand in appreciation.</i>
130.	Give him a hand.	<i>Help him.</i>
131.	He's got a green thumb.	<i>He is good at gardening.</i>

132.	I'm all thumbs.	<i>I am very clumsy.</i>
133.	I've got it all at my fingertips.	<i>I have all the right information.</i>
134.	He's an old hand.	<i>He has lots of experience at that.</i>
135.	She's got her hands full.	<i>She has more things to do than she can handle.</i>
136.	I wash my hands of it all.	<i>I want no part of this thing.</i>
137.	He was caught red-handed.	<i>He was caught in the act of a crime.</i>

138.	Don't let it slip through your fingers.	<i>Don't let this good customer get away.</i>
139.	You must get the upper hand.	<i>Get an advantage on your competitor.</i>
140.	He's up in arms about it.	<i>He has gotten upset about something.</i>
141.	I only got hand-me-downs.	<i>What I got was all second-hand stuff.</i>
142.	I've got to hand it to you.	<i>I admire what you have done.</i>
143.	It's hands off to you.	<i>You are not to do any work on this item.</i>
144.	Try to thumb a ride.	<i>Beg for a ride.</i>
145.	We are short-handed.	<i>I need your help.</i>
146.	You must toe the line.	<i>Everyone must follow all the rules.</i>
147.	He's got cold feet.	<i>He's frightened and doesn't think he can do it.</i>
148.	He's a heel.	<i>He does not act like a gentleman with ladies.</i>
149.	You better shake a leg.	<i>You need to work faster.</i>
150.	She's pulling my leg.	<i>She is trying to trick or fool me.</i>
151.	You'll foot the bill.	<i>You will have to pay the entire cost.</i>
152.	You'll have to put your foot down.	<i>You'll need to assert yourself - be more forceful.</i>
153.	You don't have a leg to stand on.	<i>You are not secure in your position.</i>
154.	You've got to put your best foot forward.	<i>Go with the best idea that you have.</i>
155.	Don't drag your feet.	<i>Don't delay - get to work.</i>
156.	You've got to get a foot in the door.	<i>You must get the customers attention.</i>
157.	The shoe is on the other foot now.	<i>Now they have the problem, not us.</i>
158.	You'll step on her toes.	<i>You'll be moving in on her territory.</i>
159.	He's got a chip on his shoulder.	<i>He is looking for an excuse to fight.</i>
160.	She gave him the cold shoulder.	<i>She is trying to get him to leave her alone.</i>
161.	Get off my back!	<i>Leave me alone and let me get to work.</i>
162.	Get it off your chest.	<i>Tell me exactly what is bothering you.</i>
163.	I need some elbowroom.	<i>We are too crowded in this office.</i>
164.	He's a thorn in my side.	<i>Everything he does irritates me.</i>
165.	He turns my stomach.	<i>He totally disgusts me.</i>

166.	I've got butterflies in my stomach.	<i>I'm very nervous about this deal.</i>
167.	She can't stomach it.	<i>She thinks this deal is too rotten to do.</i>
168.	He's lily-livered.	<i>He too much a coward to do it.</i>
169.	She makes my flesh creep.	<i>She is extremely revolting in her attitude.</i>
170.	She's a busybody.	<i>She pays attention to everybody else's business.</i>
171.	We need a heart to heart talk.	<i>We need to talk confidentially.</i>
172.	You need to learn this by heart.	<i>You need to know this stuff well.</i>
173.	Please! Have a heart.	<i>Get some feelings about being nice.</i>
174.	My heart is in my mouth.	<i>I'm extremely nervous about this deal.</i>
175.	Don't take it to heart.	<i>Don't take this personally - it's just business.</i>
176.	She's a hard-hearted woman.	<i>She has no compassion for anyone.</i>
177.	She's got a heart of stone.	<i>She makes decisions without regard to people.</i>
178.	Eat your heart out.	<i>You are envious of my success.</i>
179.	You'll break my heart.	<i>I'll be disappointed about this.</i>
180.	He's our ace in the hole.	<i>When all else fails - he will save us.</i>
181.	He's a stuffed shirt.	<i>He is very pretentious.</i>
182.	We are ahead of the game.	<i>Right now we are in advantage</i>

		<i>(profitable?).</i>
183.	They're all shook up.	<i>They are upset that we are winning.</i>
184.	They're all washed up.	<i>They have been defeated.</i>
185.	He's asleep at the switch.	<i>He's not alert to what is going on.</i>
186.	He'll do after a fashion.	<i>He'll learn to do better but not well.</i>
187.	She's a back seat driver.	<i>She always will criticize any idea.</i>
188.	He's a ball of fire.	<i>He's one of best workers.</i>
189.	You're barking up the wrong tree.	<i>You have totally the wrong approach.</i>
190.	His bark is worse than his bite.	<i>He yells but he doesn't mean anything by it.</i>
191.	You've got bats in your belfry.	<i>You are crazy and have ridiculous ideas.</i>
192.	She will bawl him out.	<i>She will verbally discipline him.</i>
193.	Don't beat around the bush.	<i>Stop talking in circles - speak directly.</i>
194.	Beat it.	<i>Go away!</i>
195.	I need my beauty sleep.	<i>I need to sleep.</i>
196.	It's no bed of roses.	<i>This will not be easy.</i>
197.	I'm behind the eight ball.	<i>I am in trouble with the boss.</i>
198.	He's beside himself with misery.	<i>He is extremely miserable.</i>
199.	It's better late than never.	<i>Being late is bad but it's better than never.</i>

200.	He's the big cheese.	<i>He is the headman.</i>
201.	He's the big wheel.	<i>He's the big boss.</i>
202.	He's the big shot.	<i>He is an important man.</i>
203.	Don't bite off more than you can chew.	<i>Don't try to do more than you can accomplish.</i>
204.	Don't bite the hand than feeds you.	<i>Be loyal to your company that pays you.</i>
205.	He'll soon bite the dust.	<i>He soon will be found out and lose.</i>
206.	Don't blow your top.	<i>Stay calm.</i>
207.	Don't blow your cool.	<i>Remain calm and collected.</i>
208.	I've got a bone to pick with you.	<i>You've something that is a problem to me.</i>
209.	You should brush up on it.	<i>You need to study and learn this.</i>
210.	You need to build a fire under them.	<i>They need to be motivated.</i>
211.	You'll need to burn the midnight oil.	<i>You will have to work overtime.</i>
212.	Don't break your word.	<i>Do what you have promised.</i>
213.	We need to break the news.	<i>We need to tell them the bad news.</i>
214.	Let's bury the hatchet.	<i>Let's forget our old fights and hatreds.</i>
215.	We won by a hair.	<i>We won a very close victory.</i>
216.	By hook or crook we'll do it.	<i>We'll do it whatever it takes.</i>
217.	Let's call it a day.	<i>That's enough work for today.</i>
218.	Let's call it quits.	<i>Let's stop for now.</i>
219.	You call the shots.	<i>You make the decisions.</i>
220.	It's a can of worms.	<i>That is a big bunch of problems.</i>
221.	I ride in a car pool.	<i>A group of us ride to work together.</i>
222.	Don't chicken out on us.	<i>Don't get scared and leave.</i>
223.	He's a chip off the old block.	<i>He is just like his dad.</i>
224.	We need to cut our losses.	<i>We must withdraw form a losing situation.</i>
225.	You've cooked your own goose.	<i>You are in a problem of your own making.</i>
226.	You make me crack up.	<i>I find you extremely funny.</i>
227.	You need to crack a book.	<i>Open up a book and learn something.</i>
228.	You need to crack a joke.	<i>Don't be so serious all the time.</i>
229.	It cramps my style.	<i>You have put too many limits on me.</i>
230.	He's the cream of the crop.	<i>He is the best there is.</i>

231.	Don't cut corners.	<i>Follow all of the rules.</i>
232.	It's a cut and dried situation.	<i>There are no changes or discussions - just do it.</i>
233.	We're at a dead stop.	<i>We can't do anything right now.</i>
234.	He's dead to the world.	<i>He is so tired he can't function.</i>

235.	It will soon die out.	<i>That problem will be gone soon.</i>
236.	They're a dime a dozen.	<i>They aren't worth anything.</i>
237.	Watch him do a double take.	<i>He will gasp when he sees this.</i>
238.	She's down in the dumps.	<i>She is very depressed.</i>
239.	She got a dose of her own medicine.	<i>She got just the trouble that she gives others.</i>
240.	Well, that's down the drain.	<i>We have completely lost everything on this.</i>
241.	That's all down the tubes.	<i>We have totally lost everything on this.</i>
242.	Don't drag your feet on this.	<i>Get working and stop the delaying.</i>
243.	I'm drawing a blank.	<i>I don't have any idea on this.</i>
244.	We need to draw the line here.	<i>We make no more concessions.</i>
245.	He drives a hard bargain.	<i>He makes it tough to make much of a profit.</i>
246.	It's just a drop in the bucket.	<i>That is just the beginning of the problems.</i>
247.	She eats like a bird.	<i>She just picks at her food.</i>
248.	She eats like a horse.	<i>She eats like a hungry man.</i>
249.	He's at the end of his rope.	<i>He is just about out of ideas and energy.</i>
250.	I feel like a million dollars.	<i>I feel wonderful.</i>
251.	Finders keepers - losers weepers.	<i>The finders are happy - the losers unhappy.</i>
252.	It will fit like a glove.	<i>The two situations work well together</i>
253.	They're going to flip their lid.	<i>They are going to be extremely unhappy. .</i>
254.	He will fly off the handle.	<i>He will be very upset.</i>
255.	Don't fool around with that.	<i>Leave that situation alone.</i>
256.	It's a foolproof scheme.	<i>This idea is sure to succeed.</i>
257.	This is for keeps.	<i>This is it - no changes - no getting out.</i>
258.	You'll need to fork out some dough.	<i>You will have to pay some cash.</i>
259.	He's out getting forty winks.	<i>He is taking a quick nap.</i>
260.	Can they get away with that?	<i>Will they be able to do that without trouble?</i>
261.	Let's get down to brass tacks.	<i>Let's do some serious talking.</i>
262.	I'll get even.	<i>I will return the bad you did to me.</i>
263.	Get off my back.	<i>Stop bothering me and let me do my work.</i>
264.	Let's get the ball rolling.	<i>Let's start the work on this.</i>
265.	We'll get to the bottom of it.	<i>We will find out exactly what is the problem.</i>
266.	He got out of the bed on the wrong side.	<i>The day started bad and hasn't gotten any better.</i>
267.	He doesn't have a ghost of a chance.	<i>There is no way he can succeed.</i>
268.	He's giving me a hard time.	<i>He is teasing me about that.</i>

269.	Give him an inch and he'll take a mile.	<i>Give a little and he takes a lot.</i>
270.	Don't give yourself away.	<i>Don't let them know what your plan is.</i>
271.	They'll have to give up the ghost.	<i>They will have to give up trying.</i>
272.	He's a real globetrotter.	<i>He travels all over the world.</i>
273.	They just go around in circles.	<i>They go in all directions without any success.</i>
274.	They will go into orbit.	<i>They will be very upset.</i>

275.	They can just go jump in a lake.	<i>If they don't like it - too bad.</i>
276.	Don't go off the deep end.	<i>Don't go to extremes on this.</i>
277.	Grass is greener on the other side of the fence.	<i>Other things always look easier.</i>
278.	Just grin and bear it.	<i>Forget the problems - keep working.</i>
279.	They often just ham it up.	<i>They like to get very dramatic.</i>
280.	He's got one foot in the grave.	<i>He is too old.</i>
281.	We had a high time.	<i>We had a good time.</i>
282.	You hit the nail on the head.	<i>That is exactly the situation.</i>
283.	They will hit the ceiling.	<i>They will be extremely upset.</i>
284.	That is a hit below the belt.	<i>That is not playing fair or honest.</i>
285.	I'm going to hit the sack.	<i>I'm going to bed.</i>
286.	She's going to hit the hay.	<i>She is going to bed.</i>
287.	That just won't hold water.	<i>That idea just won't work.</i>
288.	He can't hold down a job.	<i>He has lost every job he ever had.</i>
289.	Don't horse around.	<i>Don't play around - be serious.</i>
290.	Keep them in the dark.	<i>Don't let them know what is going on.</i>
291.	You must hang in there.	<i>Keep trying.</i>
292.	She has a lot of hang-ups.	<i>She has a lot of irrational objections.</i>
293.	I can see the handwriting on the wall.	<i>I can sense the mood of people.</i>
294.	Go and have a ball.	<i>Go and enjoy yourself.</i>
295.	We will have the last laugh.	<i>They are winning now but in the end we will win.</i>
296.	Hold on to your hat.	<i>Be patient.</i>
297.	Hold on to your horses. (Hold your horses)	<i>Don't get too excited.</i>
298.	Have your own way.	<i>OK! Do what you want.</i>
299.	You've got two strikes against you.	<i>One more mistake and you are out!</i>
300.	That's it in a nutshell.	<i>That is a short summary of the situation.</i>
301.	She's often in my hair.	<i>She is often in my way.</i>
302.	We've got one thing in the hole.	<i>One thing is on our side.</i>
303.	They are in the same boat.	<i>We both have the same problem.</i>

304.	We are in full swing now.	<i>We are all working full time on this.</i>
305.	We have more irons in the fire.	<i>We have many other things to do.</i>
306.	He's a jack-of-all-trades.	<i>He has many talents.</i>
307.	Don't jump down my throat.	<i>Don't criticize me so severely.</i>
308.	It's just what the doctor ordered.	<i>That is an excellent solution.</i>
309.	You keep the ball rolling.	<i>Keep up your good efforts.</i>
310.	Now keep that under your hat.	<i>Don't tell this to anyone.</i>
311.	You keep plugging away.	<i>Keep working to solve this.</i>
312.	That's a kick in the pants.	<i>That is a good encouragement.</i>
313.	Knock it off!	<i>Stop doing that!</i>
314.	He's about to kick the bucket.	<i>He is about to die.</i>
315.	He knows the ropes.	<i>He knows what he is doing.</i>
316.	That is the last straw.	<i>He has made one error too many.</i>
317.	You need to let off some steam.	<i>Don't contain all your anger.</i>
318.	Don't lie down on the job.	<i>Keep working - don't slow down.</i>
319.	She is a long shot to win.	<i>She is not the most likely winner.</i>
320.	He's a long-winded talker.	<i>He talks and talks.</i>
321.	She looked daggers at him.	<i>She gave him a look of disapproval.</i>
322.	Don't look down on them.	<i>Don't think you are better than they are.</i>

323.	You'll lose your shirt doing that.	<i>You will lose everything.</i>
324.	That is a lost cause.	<i>You cannot succeed.</i>
325.	We'll lower the boom on them.	<i>We will soundly defeat them.</i>
326.	That'll make the fur fly.	<i>That will get their attention.</i>
327.	She can't make ends meet.	<i>She spends more than she makes.</i>
328.	Make yourself at home.	<i>Act as if this was your home.</i>
329.	He's a man of his word.	<i>He always keeps promises.</i>
330.	It's a matter of life and death.	<i>This is a very serious situation.</i>
331.	Your name is mud.	<i>You will be thought of as a loser.</i>
332.	It's like looking for a needle in a haystack.	<i>It is a difficult thing to find.</i>
333.	She's an old flame.	<i>She's a past girlfriend.</i>
334.	It happens once in a blue moon.	<i>It will never happen.</i>
335.	It's on the house.	<i>You do not need to pay for it.</i>
336.	Be on the lookout for her.	<i>Watch for her.</i>
337.	He's on the bandwagon.	<i>He has joined our side of the argument.</i>
338.	She's on the ball.	<i>She is very perceptive.</i>
339.	He's out of date.	<i>He is living in the past.</i>
340.	That is out of the question.	<i>That idea is not acceptable.</i>

341.	Don't go out on a limb.	<i>Don't make any commitments on that.</i>
342.	We'll paint the town red.	<i>We will go out to party.</i>
343.	He'll just pass the buck.	<i>He will blame someone else.</i>
344.	He passed out at the party.	<i>He was so drunk he lost consciousness.</i>
345.	A penny for your thoughts.	<i>What were you thinking just now?</i>
346.	He'll just pick a fight.	<i>He will provoke you into a fight.</i>
347.	I'm on pins and needles waiting.	<i>I'm anxious to find out something.</i>
348.	We won't play second fiddle to them.	<i>We will not be in second place.</i>
349.	You've got to pull yourself together.	<i>Get organized and not so emotional.</i>
350.	He'd pinch pennies.	<i>He is too careful with money.</i>
351.	It's just a play on words.	<i>The meaning is not what the words say.</i>
352.	Everybody must pitch in.	<i>All must help.</i>
353.	We'll polish them off.	<i>We will defeat them all.</i>
354.	Will you pop the question?	<i>Will you ask her to marry you?</i>
355.	He's an apple polisher.	<i>He tries to hard to please the boss.</i>
356.	I can pull strings.	<i>I have some connections with the right people.</i>
357.	It's just puppy love.	<i>It is just infatuation.</i>
358.	Put on your thinking cap.	<i>Give this some serious thought.</i>
359.	Let's put our cards on the table.	<i>Let's be honest with each other.</i>
360.	You put the cart before the horse.	<i>Put first things first.</i>
361.	That will put a feather in his cap.	<i>This will be a credit to him.</i>
362.	Don't put all your eggs in one basket.	<i>Don't depend on just one thing.</i>
363.	It's raining cats and dogs.	<i>It is a heavy rain.</i>
364.	You've got to read between the lines.	<i>Look at what they mean not what they say.</i>
365.	That rings the bell.	<i>Now I remember.</i>
366.	Don't rob the cradle.	<i>She's too young for you.</i>
367.	He'll just rock the boat.	<i>He will get everyone upset.</i>
368.	We've got lots of red tape.	<i>All the government regulations are difficult.</i>
369.	It's just a rip off.	<i>They will cheat you.</i>
370.	He rubs me the wrong way.	<i>I do not like his attitude.</i>

371.	As a rule of thumb I refuse.	<i>Generally I refuse.</i>
372.	It's pretty run down.	<i>It is in bad condition.</i>
373.	He needs a security blanket.	<i>He always needs reassurance.</i>
374.	Seeing is believing.	<i>I only believe what I can see.</i>
375.	That'll separate the men from the boys.	<i>We will find out who is serious.</i>

376.	You've got them shaking in their boots.	<i>They are afraid now.</i>
377.	You'll have to sink or swim.	<i>It will be win all or lose all now.</i>
378.	We are sitting pretty.	<i>We are in a good position.</i>
379.	She slays me with that nonsense.	<i>She disgusts me with those silly ideas.</i>
380.	Everything is ship shape.	<i>Everything is in good order.</i>
381.	Why don't you sleep on it?	<i>Think about it tonight - let me know tomorrow.</i>
382.	We just made small talk.	<i>We didn't talk about anything serious.</i>
383.	Go ahead and sound off.	<i>Say what you think.</i>
384.	He's spaced out.	<i>He is on drugs.</i>
385.	It will spread like wildfire.	<i>This idea will be very popular.</i>
386.	They have stacked the deck.	<i>We are not playing under even conditions.</i>
387.	They have stacked the cards.	<i>They have cheated us to their advantage.</i>
388.	We will need to start from scratch.	<i>We need to start at the beginning.</i>
389.	I don't want to steal his thunder.	<i>I will let him break the good news.</i>
390.	She tried to steal the spotlight.	<i>She wants undeserved attention.</i>
391.	You must stick to your guns on that.	<i>Your idea is good - stay with it.</i>
392.	He's just a stick-in-the-mud.	<i>He is too old fashioned.</i>
393.	You won't strike it rich.	<i>This idea won't make you rich.</i>
394.	You need to strike while the iron is hot.	<i>Do it while the opportunity is right.</i>
395.	We won't take a back seat to them.	<i>We won't be in second place to them.</i>
396.	We're in the driving seat.	<i>We control the situation.</i>
397.	Our new project will soon take off.	<i>It will be a great success.</i>
398.	You have to take your medicine.	<i>If you did wrong you must pay.</i>
399.	You can take the floor.	<i>It is your turn - speak.</i>
400.	You run with it.	<i>The project is yours to make it a success.</i>
401.	Take your hat off to no one.	<i>You are as good as anyone else.</i>
402.	We won't take sides.	<i>We will be neutral on this.</i>
403.	That is a tall story.	<i>I don't believe your explanation.</i>
404.	We'll throw the book at them.	<i>If they did wrong they must pay.</i>
405.	We will throw in the towel.	<i>We give up.</i>
406.	We'll throw in the sponge.	<i>We give up.</i>
407.	We'll throw a party.	<i>We will have a party.</i>
408.	She'll throw a fit.	<i>She will be extremely upset.</i>
409.	We'll hold them to the letter.	<i>They will have to follow all the rules.</i>
410.	Remember that time marches on.	<i>You are wasting time.</i>
411.	I think they will tie the knot.	<i>They will get married.</i>
412.	We're tickled to death about it.	<i>We are very pleased.</i>

413.	We had the time of our life.	<i>We had a good time.</i>
414.	It will be touch and go for a while.	<i>We won't know if we succeed or fail.</i>
415.	We will need to touch up things.	<i>We need to solve some little problems.</i>
416.	It will be to the tune of a million.	<i>It will cost about a million dollars.</i>
417.	It's part of the tricks of the trade.	<i>It is one of my secret solutions.</i>
418.	It's time to turn in.	<i>It's time to go to sleep.</i>
419.	We will turn the tables on them.	<i>We will reverse the situation.</i>

420.	She had better turn over a new leaf.	<i>She needs to change her ways.</i>
421.	He's got me turned on.	<i>He has me excited about that.</i>
422.	Don't just twiddle your thumbs.	<i>Get to work!</i>
423.	I put her under your wings.	<i>She will report to you.</i>
424.	He is up to something.	<i>He is doing something secretly.</i>
425.	Don't get up in arms.	<i>There is no need to get excited or upset.</i>
426.	He'll upstage us.	<i>He'll do better than us.</i>
427.	We won't wait on them.	<i>We are going ahead and not wait for them.</i>
428.	They'll walk all over you.	<i>They will take advantage of you.</i>
429.	He's walking on air.	<i>He is really excited.</i>
430.	You're walking on thin ice.	<i>You may fail at any moment.</i>
431.	He will just warm the bench.	<i>He will sit by while we work.</i>
432.	Don't wash your dirty linen in public.	<i>Don't tell your bad points to others.</i>
433.	You'll just be wasting your breath.	<i>Don't bother, they won't listen.</i>
434.	The wear and tear will defeat us.	<i>The effort is not worth the rewards.</i>
435.	You'll wear out your welcome.	<i>Don't stay too long.</i>
436.	I'll pay you when my ship comes in.	<i>When I get rich I'll pay you.</i>
437.	We just have to weather the storm.	<i>Keep working in rough times.</i>
438.	I can see the writing on the wall.	<i>I can sense that thing may be bad.</i>
439.	Let's wind up this problem.	<i>We need to finish this.</i>
440.	We will agree word for word.	<i>We agree exactly.</i>
441.	Just a word to the wise - Shut up!	<i>Listen to me!</i>
442.	You just zip your lip.	<i>Stop talking so much.</i>
443.	Keep your shirt on.	<i>Don't get so impatient.</i>
444.	They are pulling your leg.	<i>They are playing a trick on you.</i>
445.	She is rolling in the dough.	<i>She has lots of money.</i>
446.	He's stinking rich.	<i>He's very wealthy.</i>
447.	We'll make him the fall guy.	<i>We will put the blame on him.</i>
448.	He will take the rap.	<i>He will be the guilty one.</i>
449.	It's a bum rap.	<i>He is innocent.</i>

450.	You need to bend over backwards.	<i>You need to try very hard.</i>
451.	You need to bite the bullet.	<i>You need to endure a difficult situation.</i>
452.	Stick it out!	<i>Endure a difficult situation!</i>
453.	They will bite the dust.	<i>They will go down to defeat.</i>
454.	Has the cat got your tongue?	<i>Can't you talk?</i>
455.	They will have to cough up the money.	<i>They will have to willingly come up with money.</i>
456.	It's different strokes for different folks.	<i>Everyone has different interests and tastes.</i>
457.	She's dressed to kill.	<i>She's wearing her finest clothes.</i>
458.	He's driving me up the wall.	<i>He is annoying me greatly.</i>
459.	That's duck soup.	<i>That is very easy.</i>
460.	What is eating you?	<i>What is annoying you?</i>
461.	Someone is feeding you a line.	<i>Someone is deceiving you.</i>
462.	We can get it for a song.	<i>We can get it for very little money.</i>
463.	We can get away clean.	<i>We can escape punishment.</i>
464.	Don't get in her hair.	<i>Don't bother her.</i>
465.	She will get the ax.	<i>She will be fired.</i>
466.	We need to get the jump on them.	<i>We need to get an advantage on them.</i>
467.	You should give it your best shot.	<i>You should try your hardest.</i>
468.	We will give them the slip.	<i>We will escape.</i>

469.	He will go to bat for you.	<i>He will support you all the way.</i>
470.	She is going to the dogs.	<i>She is becoming rundown.</i>
471.	She's got the world by the tail.	<i>She's happy and successful.</i>
472.	That's a horse of a different color.	<i>That's an entirely different situation.</i>
473.	If the shoe fits - wear it.	<i>If you are wrong admit it.</i>
474.	Don't jump the gun.	<i>Don't be hasty.</i>
475.	Let's kick up our heels.	<i>Let's celebrate.</i>
476.	This will knock their socks off.	<i>This will enthuse and excite them.</i>
477.	We won't leave them high and dry.	<i>We won't abandon them.</i>
478.	It is a lemon.	<i>It is defective.</i>
479.	We need to make a splash.	<i>We need to be successful and get their attention.</i>
480.	Money talks.	<i>Money can influence people.</i>
481.	They don't have a leg to stand on.	<i>They have no defense for their actions.</i>
482.	We'll put that on ice.	<i>We'll save that one for the future.</i>
483.	We are not out of the woods.	<i>We are not out of danger.</i>
484.	He is on his last legs.	<i>He is sick and failing fast.</i>

485.	We will play this one by ear.	<i>We will improvise as we go along.</i>
486.	Put your money where your mouth is.	<i>You must follow through with what you say.</i>
487.	They will raise a stink.	<i>They will protest strongly.</i>
488.	We will have to scratch their back.	<i>We will have to do them a favor.</i>
489.	They will sell you down the river.	<i>They will betray you.</i>
490.	Don't sell them short.	<i>Don't underestimate them.</i>
491.	You must shape up or ship out.	<i>You must behave or leave.</i>
492.	Let's just shoot the breeze.	<i>Let's just chat informally.</i>
493.	We are sitting pretty.	<i>We are in a fortunate position.</i>
494.	They gave us a snow job.	<i>It was insincere talk.</i>
495.	Don't spill the beans.	<i>Don't reveal our secret.</i>
496.	Don't spread yourself too thin.	<i>Don't become involved in too many things.</i>
497.	Don't stick your neck out on this.	<i>Don't take too much risk.</i>
498.	This is straight from the horse's mouth.	<i>It is from a reliable source.</i>
499.	You must take the bull by the horns.	<i>You must take decisive action.</i>
500.	You are talking through your hat.	<i>You are making foolish statements.</i>
501.	I said it tongue in cheek.	<i>I didn't say it seriously.</i>
502.	What do they have up their sleeve?	<i>What facts have they concealed?</i>
503.	She is a wet blanket.	<i>She's boring and spoils everyone's fun.</i>
504.	She is tooting her own horn.	<i>She is boasting.</i>
505.	Above all to thy own self be true.	<i>First be honest to yourself.</i>
506.	After all's said and done, more is said than done.	<i>In the end there's more talk than action.</i>
507.	He has fallen afoul of the law.	<i>He is in conflict with the law.</i>
508.	It is all up in the air.	<i>It is not been decided.</i>
509.	Be on the alert for danger.	<i>Watch for danger.</i>
510.	That is up his alley.	<i>It is compatible with his ability.</i>
511.	In that she stands alone.	<i>She is unequalled.</i>
512.	They will be along soon.	<i>They will be here soon.</i>
513.	I will be able to get along.	<i>I will be able to manage successfully.</i>
514.	All along I knew they would fail.	<i>From the beginning I knew they would fail.</i>
515.	That will cost you an arm and a leg.	<i>It will cost an extravagant amount.</i>
516.	They welcomed us with open arms.	<i>They were very cordial.</i>

517.	I will get around to it soon.	<i>I will be able to deal with it.</i>
518.	It is sold as is.	<i>It's sold with no guarantees.</i>
519.	Don't turn your back on them.	<i>Don't reject them.</i>

520.	Don't turn your back to her.	<i>She can't be trusted.</i>
521.	Don't go back on your word.	<i>Don't fail to keep your promise.</i>
522.	It is in the bag.	<i>We are assured of a successful outcome.</i>
523.	They arrived bag and baggage.	<i>They arrived with all their belongings.</i>
524.	Keep on the ball.	<i>Be alert, competent and efficient.</i>
525.	He is off base.	<i>He is badly mistaken.</i>
526.	Right off the bat they fought.	<i>Immediately they fought.</i>
527.	We will go to bat for them.	<i>We will assist them.</i>
528.	Bear in mind their finances.	<i>Remember their finances.</i>
529.	Please, bear with me!	<i>Please, understand my situation!</i>
530.	We will need to tighten our belt.	<i>We must become thrifter.</i>
531.	You bet we will go.	<i>Certainly we will go.</i>
532.	Between you and me they won't do it.	<i>In strictest confidence, they won't do it.</i>
533.	He is big on meat and potatoes.	<i>He likes meat and potatoes.</i>
534.	We expect to make it big.	<i>We expect to be very successful.</i>
535.	It will fill the bill.	<i>It will meet all our requirements.</i>
536.	We did it bit by bit.	<i>We did it little by little.</i>
537.	They will try to put the bite on us.	<i>They will try to borrow money from us.</i>
538.	We are now in the black.	<i>We are now profitable.</i>
539.	The company is on the block.	<i>The company is for sale.</i>
540.	They are blowing hot and cold.	<i>They are changing their minds.</i>
541.	He is just blowing off steam.	<i>He is just venting his anger.</i>
542.	It came from out of the blue.	<i>It was totally unexpected.</i>
543.	The new changes are across the board.	<i>It will affect all divisions and groups.</i>
544.	I feel it in my bones.	<i>I have a premonition about this.</i>
545.	That is one for the books.	<i>That is something entirely new.</i>
546.	He has been hitting the bottle.	<i>He has begun to drink (alcohol) to excess.</i>
547.	That is out of bounds.	<i>That is beyond your limits.</i>
548.	Don't burn the bridges behind you.	<i>Keep the possibility of retreat.</i>
549.	He had money to burn.	<i>He had lots of money.</i>
550.	We will go by and by.	<i>We will go in a little while.</i>
551.	By and large they are honest.	<i>For the most part they are honest.</i>
552.	That was a close call.	<i>It was a narrow escape.</i>
553.	He burns the candle at both ends.	<i>He spends too much energy in all directions.</i>
554.	She can't hold a candle to her friend.	<i>She is not nearly as good as her friend.</i>
555.	Put your cards on the table.	<i>Be frank about your motives and intentions.</i>
556.	He's got a card up his sleeve.	<i>He has a secret plan in reserve.</i>

557.	It is just not in the cards.	<i>It is not likely to occur.</i>
558.	Try to catch your breath.	<i>Rest so you can continue.</i>
559.	We will chalk up that one to experience.	<i>We will credit that to experience.</i>
560.	We chewed the fat for a short while.	<i>We talked casually for a while.</i>
561.	Next week we will clean house.	<i>Next week we will get rid of anyone undesirable.</i>
562.	You must come clean.	<i>You must confess your error.</i>
563.	She is in the clear.	<i>She is free from danger or suspicion.</i>
564.	We need to clear the air.	<i>Let's ignore emotional tensions and differences.</i>

565.	She has her head in the clouds.	<i>She is not in the real world.</i>
566.	He killed her in cold blood.	<i>He killed her without any feeling, or remorse.</i>
567.	He was left out in the cold.	<i>He got nothing.</i>
568.	They were acting in concert.	<i>They were acting together.</i>
569.	They left him to cool his heels.	<i>He was left waiting.</i>
570.	They asked her to cool it.	<i>She was asked to calm down and relax.</i>
571.	He tried to cut corners.	<i>He tried to bypass some rules.</i>
572.	It's as easy as pie.	<i>It is very simple.</i>
573.	You need to cut that out.	<i>Stop doing that.</i>
574.	I'm beat.	<i>I am very tired.</i>
575.	Give it some elbow grease.	<i>You need to go to work.</i>
576.	It will cost you a bundle.	<i>It will be quite expensive.</i>
577.	We are antsy about that.	<i>We are not confident about it.</i>
578.	She is a blabbermouth.	<i>She talks all the time.</i>
579.	I'm flat broke.	<i>I have no money.</i>
580.	I'm fed up with him.	<i>I have no patience with him.</i>
581.	She is bent out of shape.	<i>She is upset about something.</i>
582.	We are up a creek (without a paddle)	<i>We are in a difficult or unfortunate position.</i>