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fusillade /ˌfjuːzɪˈleɪd, ˌfjuːzɪˈlɑːd/

a series of shots fired or missiles thrown all at the same time or in quick succession.

"marchers had to dodge a fusillade of missiles"

If you say there is an elephant in the room, you mean that there is an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about.

barnacle /ˈbɑːnəkl/

plural noun: barnacles

a marine crustacean with an external shell, which attaches itself permanently to a surface and feeds by filtering particles from the water using its modified feathery legs.

snuff something out

to cause something to end suddenly:

The country has been able to celebrate the return of its independence so brutally snuffed out in 1940.

to put out a flame, especially from a candle:

One by one she snuffed out the candles.

incoherent

Unintelligible

indistinct /ˌɪndɪˈstɪŋ(k)t/

not clear or sharply defined.

"his speech was slurred and indistinct"

wrap one's mind around

idiom US, informal

: to find a way to understand or accept (something)

I just couldn't wrap my mind around what had happened.

Strike a match and light a fire.

• Ignite a match and set ablaze.

It's a blackout from the typhoon, I'm going to strike a match and light a candle.

ere /ɛː/ I. preposition, conjunction <literary><archaic> before (in time) [as prep.] • We hope you will return ere long.

mutilate /ˈmjuːtɪleɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. inflict a violent and disfiguring injury on • most of the prisoners had been mutilated. 2. inflict serious damage on • the fine carved screen was mutilated in the 18th century.

fitful /ˈfɪtful, ˈfɪt(ə)/ I. adjective active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady • a few hours' fitful sleep • business was fitful.

self-proclaimed adjective

having given yourself a position or title without the approval or agreement of other people –  
used to show disapproval

a self-proclaimed champion of the working class

Critics acclaimed her performance.

apathy /'apəθi/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern •  
widespread apathy among students.

parlour /'pɑ:lə / <US> parlor I. noun 1. <dated> a sitting room in a private house. • they had  
lunch in the parlour. • [as modifier] she knocked on the parlour door.

steep2 /sti:p/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. soak (food or tea) in water or other liquid so as to extract  
its flavour or to soften it • the chillies are steeped in olive oil • [no obj.] the noodles should be  
left to steep for 3–4 minutes. 2. soak or saturate (cloth) in water or other liquid. • sheets were  
steeped in mercury sulphate as a disinfectant.

If you eat while you work, thinking about work, or stressing about work(or any other stressful  
thing in your life) your body will require more food.

My teachers all said not to worry or stress about work".

Please remove the tomato stem before eating.

hull /hʌl/

the outer covering of a fruit or seed, especially the pod of peas and beans, or the husk of  
grain.

remove the hulls from (fruit, seeds, or grain).

"first, rinse and hull the berries"

Please hull the tomato before eating.

scrumptious /'skrʌm(p)ʃəs/

adjective INFORMAL

(of food) extremely tasty; delicious.

"a scrumptious chocolate tart"

(of a person) very attractive.

"he is simply the most scrumptious thing on two legs"

1. **Concise**: "This could kill a man my age."

2. **Formal**: "This could kill a man of my age."

imbecile /'ɪmbɪsɪ:l/

a stupid person.

give in to something phrasal verb

to no longer try to stop yourself from doing something you want to do

Don't give in to the temptation to argue back.

If you feel the urge for a cigarette, try not to give in to it.

save the best for last

To keep something appealing in reserve until the end or the final moment. A noun can be used between "best" and "for" to specify "best."

I bet the people who invented dessert decided to have it after dinner because they were saving the best for last!

So having our bid on the house accepted is wonderful and all, but we actually saved the best news for last. We're pregnant!

A: "Why do you leave all your potatoes to one side?" B: "They're my favorite, so I like to save the best for last."

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Examples: Restrictive appositive

My friend Rachel is visiting this weekend.

at length

in detail; fully.

"these aspects have been discussed at length"

after a long time.

"at length she laid down the pencil"

furtive /ˈfɜːtɪv/ I. adjective 1. attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive • they spent a furtive day together • he stole a furtive glance at her. 2. suggestive of guilty nervousness • the look in his eyes became furtive.

broach<sup>1</sup> /brəʊtʃ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. raise (a difficult subject) for discussion • he broached the subject he had been avoiding all evening. 2. pierce (a cask) to draw out liquid. • he watched a pot boy broach a new cask. 3. open and start using the contents of (a bottle or other container). • boxed wines will remain in good condition for up to four months once broached. 4. [no obj.] — (of a fish or sea mammal) rise through the water and break the surface • the salmon broach, then fall to slap the water.

ill at ease adjective

not feeling easy : UNCOMFORTABLE

bib /bɪb/

a piece of cloth or plastic fastened round a child's neck to keep its clothes clean while eating.

bibulous /ˈbɪbjʊləs/ I. adjective <formal> excessively fond of drinking alcohol.

avaricious /əvəˈrɪʃəs/ I. adjective having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain • an avaricious, manipulative woman.

avarice /'av(ə)rɪs/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. extreme greed for wealth or material gain. • He was rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

simian /'sɪmiən/ I. adjective 1. relating to or affecting apes or monkeys • simian immunodeficiency virus. Compare with prosimian.

prosaic /prə(ʊ)'zeɪɪk/ I. adjective 1. having or using the style or diction of prose as opposed to poetry; lacking imaginativeness or originality • prosaic language can't convey the experience. 2. commonplace; unromantic • the masses were too preoccupied by prosaic day-to-day concerns.

wease /'wi:zl/  
a deceitful or treacherous person.  
"he was a double-crossing weasel"

room /ru:m,rʊm/

debris /'dɛbri:, 'deɪbri:/

The maiden flight, also known as first flight, of an aircraft is the first occasion on which it leaves the ground under its own power. The same term is also used for the first launch of rockets.

fanny /'fani/  
a woman's genitals.

shooketh  
(slang, humorous) Shaken up; rattled; shocked or surprised.

hors d'oeuvre /ɔ: 'də:v,ɔ: 'də:vr(ə)/  
a small savoury dish, typically one served as an appetiser.  
"a trolley laden with fifteen different hors d'oeuvres"

"Maybe she'd think it was a new hors d'oeuvre Mrs Fox had dreamed up," Daphne suggested.

Main course orders were taken and almost at once various dishes of hors d'oeuvre accompanied by schnapps appeared on the table.

A plate of mixed hors d'oeuvre had arrived to encourage their appetites and the Monsignor was immediately distracted from his reading.

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Movita took an hors d'oeuvre, as if having canapés at six o'clock was the norm at Jennings.

raise/up the stakes

phrase

to increase the prize or reward in a competition or any activity in which you are competing:  
The fight promoters have decided to raise the stakes in order to attract better competitors.

The stakes were raised this year, meaning that poker players were competing for almost \$5 million in prize money.

She refused to pay unless the tournament organizers upped the stakes for women.

Another couple upped the stakes by offering over £3.5m for the property.

A shortage of housing has raised the stakes for estate agents.

be a handful

informal someone, especially a child, who is a handful is difficult to control

She's a lovely child, but she can be a bit of a handful sometimes.

Yes, you're right. "I'll bid you goodnight" is an archaic form of farewell, meaning "I'll wish you goodnight".

mar /mɑː/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. impair the quality or appearance of; spoil • violence marred a number of New Year celebrations.

credulity /krɪˈdjuːlɪti/

a tendency to be too ready to believe that something is real or true.

"moneylenders prey upon their credulity and inexperience"

malign /məˈlɪn/

speak about (someone) in a spitefully critical manner.

"don't you dare malign her in my presence"

henpeck /ˈhɛnpɛk/

(of a woman) continually criticise and give orders to (her husband or male partner).

"I don't feel it's my place to henpeck him about it"

An antimacassar /ˌæntɪməˈkæsər/ is a small cloth placed over the backs or arms of chairs, or the head or cushions of a sofa, to prevent soiling of the permanent fabric underneath.

crestfallen /ˈkrɛstˌfɔːlən/

sad and disappointed.

"he came back empty-handed and crestfallen"

gruff /grʌf/

(of a voice) rough and low in pitch.

"she spoke with a gruff, masculine voice"

dog /dɒg/

follow (someone) closely and persistently.

"photographers seemed to dog her every step"

dogged /ˈdɒɡɪd/

having or showing tenacity and grim persistence.

"success required dogged determination"

I Woke up to the Sound of Rain

I woke up to find it raining.

If you slug someone, you hit them hard.

[informal]

She slugged her right in the face. [VERB noun]

He felt as if he had been slugged by a piece of lead pipe. [VERB noun]

presumptuous /prɪˈzʌm(p)tʃʊəs/

(of a person or their behaviour) failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate.

"I hope I won't be considered presumptuous if I offer some advice"

all credit to someone

used to show that you think a person deserves a lot of praise for something that they have done:

All credit to her, she did it all herself.

All credit to Laker for her silver medal, but we all know she was really going for gold.

All credit to James for at least raising the issue.

She refused to give up when times were hard so all credit to her!

It was a great win and all credit to the players - they did incredibly well.

The phrase "so all credit goes to him" is typically used to acknowledge that someone deserves recognition or praise for something.

Talls in back, shorts in front

A pogo stick is a vehicle for jumping off the ground in a standing position—through the aid of a spring, or new high performance technologies—often used as a toy, exercise equipment or extreme sports instrument.

(at) any minute (now)

idiom

: very soon

The bus should be here any minute now.

I'm expecting a phone call any minute.

Things could change at any minute.

It looked as though it might rain at any minute.

He ought to be back any minute.

Any minute now, that phone is going to ring.

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wont /wəʊnt,wɒnt/

noun FORMAL • HUMOROUS

one's customary behaviour.

"Constance, as was her wont, had paid her little attention"

(of a person) in the habit of doing something; accustomed.

"he was wont to arise at 5.30 every morning"

I can never get through to my friend. I always get his voice mail.

I am tired of hearing the answering machine.

A butterfingers is someone with a clumsy tendency to drop things they're holding. Being a butterfingers is considered a particularly bad trait in baseball, for obvious reasons.

big lug

(colloquial, endearing) A man with a large, strong physique but a gentle personality.

ascetic /əˈsɛtɪk/

characterised by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.

"an ascetic life of prayer, fasting, and manual labour"

a slip of a girl/boy etc

old-fashioned a small thin young person – often used humorously

proffer /ˈprɒfə/

hold out or put forward (something) to someone for acceptance.

"she proffered a glass of wine"

hang up

to end a phone conversation:

hang up (on) He started shouting so I hung up (on him).

Let me speak to Melanie before you hang up.

visage /ˈvɪzɪdʒ/

a person's face, with reference to the form or proportions of the features.

"an elegant, angular visage"

a person's facial expression.

"there was something hidden behind his visage of cheerfulness"

the manifestation, image, or aspect of something.

"the moonlit visage of the port's whitewashed buildings"

rubicund /ˈruːbɪk(ə)nd/

(especially of someone's face) having a ruddy complexion.

"he was more than a little rubicund"

ruddy /ˈrʌdi/

(of a person's face) having a healthy red colour.

"a cheerful pipe-smoking man of ruddy complexion"

## INFORMAL•BRITISH

used as a euphemism for 'bloody'.

"young people today, they're a ruddy shower"

only two houses in the road are let

let something (out) (to somebody) (especially British English) to allow somebody to use a house, room, etc. in return for regular payments

I let the spare room.

They decided to let out the smaller offices at low rents.

let noun

1 [countable] British English an arrangement in which a house or flat is rented to someone

An agency is managing the let.

a long-term let

bog /bɒg/

an area of wet muddy ground that is too soft to support a heavy body.

"a peat bog"

Pathway is a bog, and the road's a torrent.

amiable /'eɪmiəbl/

having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner.

"the amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically"

gaffe /gaf/

an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder.

"in my first few months at work I made some real gaffes"

every other

each alternate in a series.

"I train with weights every other day"

germane /dʒə:'meɪn/

relevant to a subject under consideration.

"that is not germane to our theme"

gloat /gləʊt/

dwelt on one's own success or another's misfortune with smugness or malignant pleasure.

"his enemies gloated over his death"

dawdle /'dɔ:dl/

waste time; be slow.

"she mustn't dawdle—she had to make the call now"

Although the difference between the two isn't so prominent. The meaning of both the words is 'a deviation from the accepted standard' but anomalous is a man made deviation done



deliberately or by miscalculation of data and as such can be amended. Aberrant is an outcome of some natural abnormalities e.g. a mutant gene by which an organism may show abnormal growth, babies born with two heads etc.

mitigate /'mitɪgeɪt/

make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.

"drainage schemes have helped to mitigate this problem"

aberration /,abə'reɪʃn/

noun

a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one.

"they described the outbreak of violence in the area as an aberration"

square /skweː/

INFORMAL

secure the help or acquiescence of (someone), especially by offering an inducement.

"faced with such declarations, politicians were resolved to squash or square the press"

off-putting /ɒf'pʊtɪŋ/

unpleasant, disconcerting, or repellent.

"his scar is somewhat off-putting"

Chuckle Nut

Adj: A way to refer to someone as an absolute bafoon, idiot, or dumbass.

Person#1 - Look at that guy who just fell

Person#2 - What a Chuckle Nut

subpoena /sə'pi:nə/

a writ ordering a person to attend a court.

"a subpoena may be issued to compel their attendance"

A:How's that going?

B:It's going.

unethical /ʌn'ɛθɪkl/

not morally correct.

"it is unethical to torment any creature for entertainment"

salary /'sæləri/

n. [countable], pl. -ries.

a fixed amount of money paid regularly to a person for work:

Salaries for these jobs start at \$20,000 a year.

by proxy

if you do something by proxy, you arrange for someone else to do it for you

You can vote by proxy.

In the case study, stalking by proxy was used several times, such as when the group of cyberstalkers recruited another stalker to pursue the victim on their behalf.

You can choose to attend the Meeting in person, or by proxy, or to vote by mail.

faff /faf/

INFORMAL•BRITISH

spend time in ineffectual activity.

"we can't faff around forever"

a great deal of ineffectual activity.

"there was the usual faff of getting back to the plane"

pump up

inflate a tyre, balloon, etc.

increase something.

"she needs to read and pump up her political grip"

condone /kən'dəʊn/

gerund or present participle: condoning

accept (behaviour that is considered morally wrong or offensive).

"the college cannot condone any behaviour that involves illicit drugs"

approve or sanction (something), especially with reluctance.

"those arrested were released and the exhibition was officially condoned a few weeks later"

get off the ground

start.

"there'd have to be a public inquiry before the project got off the ground"

restaurant

/ˈrɛst(ə)rɒnt, ˈrɛst(ə)rənt, ˈrɛst(ə)rɔ̃/

obstinate /ˈɒbstɪnət/

stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so.

"her obstinate determination to pursue a career in radio"

The newspaper has endorsed the conservative candidate for mayor.

endorse /ɪnˈdɔːs, ɛnˈdɔːs/

declare one's public approval or support of.

"the report was endorsed by the college"

the cream of the crop

the very best of a particular group of people or things.

"the researchers and institutions in this network are the cream of the crop"

put the garbage out

take the garbage out  
take out the trash

When you put something back, the item is being returned to its original place. I would put a book back onto a shelf.

When you put something away, it might not have previously been in that location. I would put away the groceries that I had just purchased.

sleep in  
continue sleeping after the time you usually wake up  
After a long week of work, Sarah allowed herself to sleep in on Saturday morning.

ambasing  
An indicator that you're sexually aroused by something.  
Originated from popular gay pornstar DreamybullXXX  
"Hey man, check out this hot chick I found on Instagram!"  
"AMBASING"

run-of-the-mill /ˌrʌnəvðəˈmɪl/  
lacking unusual or special aspects; ordinary.  
"a run-of-the-mill job"

If you say someone should put up or shut up, you mean that they should either take action in order to do what they have been talking about, or stop talking about it:  
You keep saying you're going to ask her out. Well, put up or shut up.

gut feeling gut instinct  
an instinctive feeling, as opposed to an opinion based on facts  
My gut feeling was that this woman was a good woman.

ailment /ˈeɪlm(ə)nt/  
an illness, typically a minor one.  
"the doctor diagnosed a common stomach ailment"

day-old bread

Idiom: (ever/never) hear the end of it  
to have to listen to someone talk about something annoying for a long period of time

If you say you will never hear the end of it, you mean that someone is repeatedly going to speak proudly, disapprovingly, etc. about something:  
If Linda gets that promotion, we'll never hear the end of it.

stockade /stɒˈkeɪd/  
a barrier formed from upright wooden posts or stakes, especially as a defence against attack or as a means of confining animals.  
"they built stockades around their towns"

verb

"a major task" is correct and usable in written English.

You can use it when referring to a difficult or important task that requires a lot of effort. For example, "Planning the company's annual budget is a major task."

syphilis /'sɪfɪlɪs/

a chronic bacterial disease that is contracted chiefly by infection during sexual intercourse, but also congenitally by infection of a developing fetus.

roll/trip off the tongue

: to be easy to say or pronounce

The name just rolls off the tongue.

If you "vibe with" someone, this means you like them a lot.

erogenous /ɪ'rɒdʒɪnəs, ɛ'rɒdʒɪnəs/

(of a part of the body) sensitive to sexual stimulation.

"erogenous zones"

gooch

Gooch is another word for chad: the region between the balls and the arse-hole; can be an erogenous zone for some.

rake in phrasal verb

rake in something

(informal) to earn a lot of money, especially when it is done easily

The movie raked in more than \$300 million.

She's been raking it in since she started her new job.

A: But why would we do that? I don't see how we gain much.

B: Because why not?

I go hiking from time to time, usually on weekends when the weather is nice.

That's not that good of a product.

That's not that good a product.

This place is neither urban nor rural.

This is neither good nor bad.

no redeeming features

What should you do when you have no redeeming qualities?

I'm probably not the first to say this, but I'm sick of people saying that villains need to have redeeming qualities to be well written.

Examples of 'ominous' in a sentence

in flux

Apt to change or fluctuate; prone to instability.

Well, all of our vacation plans are in flux now that Sheila's broken her ankle.

They face a myriad of problems bringing up children.

zenith /'zɛnɪθ/

the time at which something is most powerful or successful.

"in 1977, punk was at its zenith"

usurp /ju:'zə:p,jʊ'zə:p/

take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

"Richard usurped the throne"

crux /krʌks/

the decisive or most important point at issue.

"the crux of the matter is that attitudes have changed"

caveat /'kævɪət/

a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

"there are a number of caveats which concern the validity of the assessment results"

A sticky situation involves problems or is embarrassing.

[mainly British, informal]

I've put the team and myself in a sticky situation.

A moot point is a point, an aspect, or a topic that is no longer relevant or can no longer be questioned or debated.

a moot point/question

something that has not yet been decided or agreed, and about which people have different opinions

Whether these controls will really reduce violent crime is a moot point.

moot /mu:t/

subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty.

"whether they had been successful or not was a moot point"

having little or no practical relevance, typically because the subject is too uncertain to allow a decision.

"the whole matter is becoming increasingly moot"

get (one's) hands off (of) (something or someone)

To refrain from touching, grabbing, or handling something or someone. Usually used as an imperative.

You kids get your hands off those cookies, they're for after dinner!

I have every right to be on this property, so get your hands off of me!

That television is brand new, so get your hands off!

get/gain the upper hand

gain control over someone or something.

"each strives to gain the upper hand in military might"

Government troops are gradually gaining the upper hand over the rebels.

As a woman it's rather concerning that sayings like 'Treat them mean keep them keen' exist, and even more alarming that there may actually be some truth to it. Some women do have a tendency to go for the 'player' – the unavailable and in some cases the outright abusive guy – over the tender, sensitive and loving one.

pat someone on the back

to praise someone for doing something good

I gave myself a pat on the back.

pigeonhole /'pɪdʒ(ɪ)nhəʊl/

assign to a particular category, typically an overly restrictive one.

"I was pigeonholed as a 'youth writer'"

egg on

: to urge or encourage (someone) to do something that is usually foolish or dangerous

He continued to take off his clothes while the crowd egged him on.

multifaceted /ˌmʌltɪˈfæsɪtɪd/

having many sides.

"the diamond's multifaceted surface"

having many different aspects or features.

"his extraordinary and multifaceted career"

comeuppance /kʌmˈʌp(ə)ns/

noun INFORMAL

a punishment or fate that someone deserves.

"he got his comeuppance in the end"

zappy /'zæpi/

adjective INFORMAL

lively; energetic.

"Radio 4's zappiest chat show"

threads clothes:

I love walking down the street and seeing someone in my threads.

I've always liked my threads.

Nice threads!

I was just admiring your threads.  
Hey, crazy threads, dude!  
The chicks are gonna go wild for these threads.

I don't feel I owe an apology to anyone.

I owe you an apology.

What's the difference between 'i walk you there' and 'i walk you up there' ?  
They're pretty much the same, except "I'll walk you up there" maybe sounds like it has a direction.

If you walk someone somewhere, you walk there with them in order to show politeness or to make sure that they get there safely. (=escort)

score /skɔ:/  
buy or acquire (something, typically illegal drugs).  
"Sally had scored some acid"

you got it  
used to say that you will quickly do what someone has asked you to do:  
"Would you get me a coffee?" "Sure, you got it!"

chew out  
phrasal verb of chew  
INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN  
reprimand someone severely.  
"he chewed me out for being late"

martyr /'mɑ:tə/  
a person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs.  
"the first Christian martyr"

weigh in  
to have oneself or one's possessions (such as baggage) weighed  
especially : to have oneself weighed in connection with an athletic contest  
: to bring one's weight or influence to bear especially as a participant, contributor, or mediator  
weighed in with an opinion

chummy /'tʃʌmi/  
on friendly terms; friendly.  
"she's become rather chummy with Ted recently"

If you get through to someone, you succeed in making them understand something that you are trying to tell them.  
An old friend might well be able to get through to her and help her. [VERB PARTICLE + to]  
The message was finally getting through to him. [VERB PARTICLE + to]

[Also VERB PARTICLE]

Do you like it when women wear their hair up in a ponytail?

What does it mean when a woman wears her hair up?

"Her hair was tied back in a ponytail"

prodigal /'prodɪɡl/

a person who spends money in a recklessly extravagant way.

"he hated rich prodigals who lived useless, imprudent lives"

a person who leaves home to lead a prodigal life but later makes a repentant return.

noun: prodigal son

prodigal son

a figure in a parable of Jesus (Luke 15:11–32); a wayward son who squanders his inheritance but returns home to find that his father forgives him.

on (one's) home turf

1. In the place or area where one is locally established.

The team will be playing the championship match on their home turf this weekend, which they're hoping will give them a bit of an advantage.

We'll be hosting the state-wide high school science fair on our home turf next month.

2. In a field, profession, or area for which one has a deep affinity or familiarity.

After a string of unsuccessful action films, the director is back on home turf with a biting new historical drama.

I tried a few television roles, but I'm really only on my home turf when I'm doing stand-up.

horn in

to join in something (such as a conversation) without invitation or consent : INTRUDE

... awkwardly horn in during a high-level chat ...

—A. B. Stoddard

—usually used with on

He always horns in on the conversation.

They horned in on our game.

Idioms and Phrases

Intrude, join without being invited. For example, She has a rude way of horn in on our conversations . This expression alludes to an ox or bull pushing in with its horns. [c. 1900]

No one can really say why the teen in your life is using the phrase, but though for reals is not yet entered in our dictionary, it is a Word We're Watching, and you should be watching it too.

bawl /bɔ:l/

shout or call out noisily and unrestrainedly.

"'Move!' bawled the drill corporal"

weep or cry noisily.

"one by one the children all started bawling"



beat it!  
go away!

region /'ri:dʒ(ə)n/

no dice

INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

used to refuse a request or indicate that there is no chance of success.

"I hadn't booked, so no dice"

protagonist /prə(ʊ)'tægənɪst/

the leading character or one of the major characters in a play, film, novel, etc.

"the novel's main protagonist is an American intelligence officer"

Carried To Full Term

Here's Why You Should Aim for a Full-Term Pregnancy, If Possible

A "gig" is "an event at which you will be able to work." It is used by people who work jobs like Comedians, bands, musicians and other performers who do not have a specific place of work.

"I just got a gig playing music at a local restaurant."

Sometimes "gig" is used as an informal way of saying "job"

"I love my job, it's the best gig in town", but this usage is less common.

gig /gɪg/ a job, especially one that is temporary or freelance and performed on an informal or on-demand basis.

"her husband picked up food-delivery gigs"

informal

a job:

get the gig She's well qualified, but I think it's unlikely she will get the gig.

He had a comfortable enough gig as coach at Yale.

Instead of six-month gigs, workers are in search of stable jobs.

Choosing between "independent from" and "independent of" can be tricky. However, "independent of" is the correct form most of the time. This phrase means not connected to or influenced by something else. For example, you might say, "Her decisions are independent of her parents' wishes." On the other hand, "independent from" is less common and often considered incorrect in formal writing. It might appear in casual speech but stick with "independent of" for clear and correct English.

I want to give back to my parents.

royally /'rɔɪəli/

to an extreme degree; utterly (used for emphasis).

"their priorities are royally messed up"

hands down

definitely:

If we had a race, he'd win hands down.

Note:

Used to talk about someone or something that is definitely the best or most important.

tie up loose ends

: to complete the parts of something that have not been completed

We still have to tie up some loose ends of the project.

The writer ties up all the loose ends at the end of the story.

for a change

contrary to how things usually happen or in order to introduce variety.

"it's nice to be pampered for a change"

bright and cheery

up and at 'em

(idiomatic) Vigorously launched or launching into an activity.

Okay, team, [get] up and at 'em and make every shot count!

Get going, get busy, as in Up and at 'em—there's a lot of work to be done . This colloquial idiom, often uttered as a command, uses at 'em (for "at them") in the general sense of tackling a project, and not in reference to specific persons.

Get off the phone means end a telephone conversation, stop using, or hang up the phone.

goody two shoes

nounDEROGATORY

an ostentatiously virtuous or well-behaved person.

"she was such a goody two shoes"

four-eyes

nounDEROGATORY•INFORMAL

a person who wears glasses.

"Your sole existence" emphasises the fact that you have only one life ("this one precious life") and therefore you should not waste it. It could be replaced by the simple "your life".

There's two ways you can use guilty.

If you FEEL guilt, you can say "I feel guilty FOR starting the crisis"

But if you're guilty, as in you committed the crime, then it's "I am guilty OF starting the crisis"

"she feels no guilt at all for what she did"

"he was consumed with guilt"

"he was pressured to admit guilt for the crime"

"she was haunted by feelings of guilt"

You normally feel guilty about something.

I suggest:

I feel guilty about the way I've behaved towards my friend.

I feel guilty about taking my friend for granted.

Indonesia /,ɪn.dəˈniː.ʒə/

Indonesian /,ɪn.dəˈniː.ʒən/

When someone says that they're 'going with their gut', it generally means that they are making their decision or taking action based on their instincts rather than their knowledge.

at liberty

not imprisoned.

"he was at liberty for three months before he was recaptured"

allowed or entitled to do something.

"he's not at liberty to discuss his real work"

If you say that a company or person cranks out a quantity of similar things, you mean they produce them quickly, in the same way, and are usually implying that the things are not original or are of poor quality.

[informal, disapproval]

In 1933 the studio cranked out fifty-five feature films. [VERB PARTICLE noun (not pronoun)]

The writer must have cranked it out in his lunch-hour. [VERB noun PARTICLE]

'went ham' is slang; it means one went crazy, or did something with extreme gusto, usually in a positive tone. ex: Dave went ham on the preparations for the party.

consecutive /kənˈsɛkjʊtɪv/

The Heart of the Cards is a commonly used phrase in the English dub of Yu-Gi-Oh! which reflects a belief and terminology derived from the Japanese manga and anime to varying degrees, and which refers to the seemingly mystical ability of a Duelist to draw the right card(s) at the right time needed for the situation, especially when Dueling for a righteous cause with high stakes rather than for fun.

off the scale

extremely large in amount or degree :

Revenues are off the scale and global domination is on the agenda.

His control and cruelty was off the scale .

Which one is correct, I made pancakes or I cooked pancakes? What is the difference between them?

I would say: I made pancakes for breakfast.

And I guess the reason is that the preparation of pancakes is more than the cooking part. You have to prepare the pancake batter, cook each individual pancake, and serve them up.

When we use the word “cook” in English, it refers very specifically to the part of meal preparation when food is placed on the fire (or in the microwave, I guess.)

We say that we make or fix something for breakfast or lunch or dinner. In particular, if lunch is sandwiches, I fix lunch, because there’s no cooking involved.

Now if I make a nice dinner, but the potatoes are sticky and starchy, someone might say, She doesn’t know how to cook potatoes properly.

Or if I serve something nice, I might be asked, These eggs are delicious. How did you cook them?

By the way, the person who is saying that pancakes are not cooked doesn’t know anything about pancakes. Of course they are cooked!

tomayto, tomahto

/təˈmeɪtoʊ təˈmɑːtoʊ/

(idiomatic) Used to dismiss a correction to one's adherence to an alternative standard.

(idiomatic) Used to dismissively suggest that something is a distinction without a difference.

(idiomatic) Used to express two similar things being exactly the same, when they are slightly different.

inference /ˈɪnf(ə)rəns/

a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning.

"researchers are entrusted with drawing inferences from the data"

haze /heɪz/

a slight obscuration of the lower atmosphere, typically caused by fine suspended particles.

"the cold air has no pollution and very little haze"

force (a new or potential recruit to the military or a university fraternity) to perform strenuous, humiliating, or dangerous tasks.

"rookies were mercilessly hazed"

to subject (freshmen, newcomers, etc.) to abusive or humiliating tricks and ridicule.

inane /ɪˈneɪn/

lacking sense or meaning; silly.

"don't badger people with inane questions"

vernacular /vəˈnækjʊlə/

the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region.

"he wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience"

look sharp

to act quickly : to hurry

You'd better look sharp if you want to be ready on time.

"Danes have murdered for less", the expression is an idiom literally meaning "for less compelling or less important reasons".

answer for something

to be responsible for something bad, or to be punished for something:

I expect parents to answer for their children's behaviour.

"Why do you think there's so much violence nowadays?" "Well, violence on television has a lot to answer for (= is the cause of much of it)."

canal /kəˈnæl/

Muslim /ˈmʊzɪm, ˈmʌzɪm/

defector /dɪˈfektə/

a person who has abandoned their country or cause in favour of an opposing one.

"staff interviewed escapees and defectors to the West"

guilt trip

an experience of feeling guilty about something, especially when such guilt is self-indulgent or unjustified.

"I am not trying to lay a guilt trip on anyone"

slipknot

a knot that can be undone by a pull.

a running knot.

a final drink before leaving a place.

"police forces are saying don't have one for the road—have none for the road"

an alcoholic drink just before leaving:

Before I went home, she persuaded me to have one for the road.

face off

phrasal verb of face

NORTH AMERICAN

take up an attitude of confrontation, especially at the start of a fight or game.

"close to a million soldiers face off in the desert"

facade /fəˈsɑ:d/

the principal front of a building, that faces on to a street or open space.

"the house has a half-timbered facade"

a deceptive outward appearance.

"her flawless public facade masked private despair"

When someone is referred to as "toast," it usually means that they are in serious trouble or are likely to face negative consequences.

"He 's toast!" means they're finished, done for, their goose is cooked, they are defeated, ruined...

In contrast "He is the toast (eg. of the town)" means that he is being celebrated, looked up to, admired...as if glasses of drink were being raised to "toast" (celebrate) him.

work (someone) into the ground

: to make someone work very hard and become very tired

makeover /'meɪk,əʊvər/

[countable, uncountable]

1 if you give someone a makeover, you make them look more attractive by giving them new clothes, a new hairstyle etc

2 if you give a place a makeover, you make it look more attractive by painting the walls, putting in new furniture etc

It's time we gave the kitchen a makeover.

"the blighted neighbourhood underwent a total makeover"

She won a complete makeover in a magazine competition.

Assistants spent four hours on the actress's makeover in preparation for the awards ceremony.

on the side

phrase of side

1.

in addition to one's regular job or as a subsidiary source of income.

"no one lived in the property, but the caretaker made a little on the side by letting rooms out"

2.

secretly, especially with regard to a relationship in addition to one's legal or regular partner.

"Brian had a mistress on the side"

3.

NORTH AMERICAN

served separately from the main dish.

"a club sandwich with French fries on the side"

I'd like to place an order for delivery.

knock off

INFORMAL

stop work.

"they usually knock off at 5pm"

INFORMAL

produce a piece of work quickly and without much effort.

"I could knock the article off in half an hour"

imbue /ɪmˈbjuː/

inspire or permeate with (a feeling or quality).

"his works are invariably imbued with a sense of calm and serenity"

condolence /kənˈdɒləns/

My condolences to your family.

I would like to send my condolences to your family.

tell of

to be evidence of (something) : to indicate

Her smile told of her good news.

His rough hands tell of a hard life.

to talk to (someone) about (something)

He told us of his plans to move to the city.

If you take someone's temperature you use an instrument called a thermometer to measure the temperature of their body in order to see if they are ill.

He will probably take your child's temperature too.

I had a cold a couple of weeks ago and it has left me with a sniffle.

meatilicious

Delicious in a way that involves meat (informal)

promiscuous /prəˈmɪskjuəs/

having or characterised by many transient sexual relationships.

"promiscuous teenagers"

nuptial /ˈnʌpʃl/

relating to marriage or weddings.

"moments of nuptial bliss"

When an actor's performance is described as "wooden," what does that mean?

Basically it means that the performance is forced, in other words, the feelings and emotions are "acted," not felt. Good acting is living in the moment and truthfully experiencing what the character is feeling emotionally from moment to moment.

quinceañera /ˌkwɪn.səˈnjeə.rə/

in Latin American cultures, the celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday:

She sits on a throne in a ballroom that has been rented for her quinceañera.

Communities in Texas have formally observed Quinceañera birthdays for many generations.

Happy hump day

US, informal

: to take a brief break (as from work)

They're locked in a fierce debate over the last scene of their film ... when camp director and Hollywood veteran Sam Dalton finally orders them to take five.

cut carrots into juliennes

Cut into julienne strips

I'm going to julienne this cabbage for the salad.

I feel more relaxed sitting next to my friend rather than across from her. play icon

I find it more comfortable sitting side by side with my friend instead of facing each other.

across the table = on the other side of the table

across from me = on the other side of something that is between us (usually a table)

He sat in front of me on the plane. (Both facing forward)

He sat across from me at the table. (Both facing each other)

surprise, surprise

said when someone has done something or when something has happened in a way that you expected and that you do not approve of:

"I've forgotten my keys again." "Surprise, surprise!"

stammer /'stamə/

speak with sudden involuntary pauses and a tendency to repeat the initial letters of words.

"he turned red and started stammering"

work one's fingers to the bone

idiom

: to work very hard

She had to work her fingers to the bone to make enough money to raise her kids.

work (oneself) to the bone

To work to an excessive or overly intensive degree. Likened to literally wearing the skin off of one's body from too much manual labour.

I have worked myself to the bone renovating this house, but I'm glad to say that it has all been worth it.

You have everyone working themselves to the bone. You need to give them a break or they'll burn out.

work one's fingers to the bone

: to work very hard

She had to work her fingers to the bone to make enough money to raise her kids.



By the early 1940s he was no longer fronting a band, but was working as a solo act.

Anyway, isn't scientific discovery more often than not a team effort rather than a solo act?

Now, a team of planetary scientists has come up with a new theory on how this bulky behemoth became a solo act.

play ball

INFORMAL

work willingly with others; cooperate.

"if his lawyers won't play ball, there's nothing we can do"

BASEBALL

the umpire's command to begin or resume play.

mast /mɑːst/

a tall upright post, spar, or other structure on a ship or boat, in sailing vessels generally carrying a sail or sails.

prezzie noun /'prezi/

(also pressie)

(British English, informal)

a present that you give somebody, for example for their birthday

bagpipe /'bɑːɡpɪp/

clock (one)

slang To strike one very forcefully, especially in the face.

He made some rude comment about my mother, so I turned around and clocked him square in the jaw.

I managed to shove Josh out of the bar before that other drunk patron had a chance to clock him.

Stop swinging that tree branch around. You're going to clock someone with it if you're not careful!

Slang. to identify (someone) as transgender or as the gender they were assigned at birth, especially when they do not wish to be so identified:

She clocked me on our first date, but told me she was transgender too.

jalapeño /hələ'peɪn(j)əʊ, hələ'pi:nəʊ/

customization /,kʌstəmaɪ'zeɪʃn/

A pawn shop (also called a pawnshop or pawnbroker) is a shop or business who loans money to people who bring in valuable items which they leave with the pawnbroker.

freak out phrasal verb informal

to become very anxious, upset, or afraid, or make someone very anxious, upset, or afraid

People just freaked out when they heard the news.

freak somebody out  
The whole idea freaked me out.

semblance /'sɛmbləns/  
the outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different.

"she tried to force her thoughts back into some semblance of order"

"it bears some semblance to the thing I have in mind"

"they are trying to return to some semblance of normal life"

"Braugher is the only one who appears to have a semblance of dignity."

[singular, uncountable] (formal)

semblance of something a situation in which something seems to exist although this may not, in fact, be the case

The ceasefire brought about a semblance of order.

Life at last returned to some semblance of normality.

STAT

Short form for Statim, which is Latin for immediately medical

I need a knife... stat....

well endowed

/ˌwɛl ɪnˈdaʊd, ˌwɛl ɛnˈdaʊd/

adjective INFORMAL

(of a man) having a large penis.

"the cast is all female apart from a couple of well-endowed chaps"

(of a woman) having large breasts.

"the blouse was displayed by a well-endowed model"

endow /ɪnˈdaʊ, ɛnˈdaʊ/

past tense: endowed; past participle: endowed

provide with a quality, ability, or asset.

"he was endowed with tremendous physical strength"

defeat /dɪˈfi:t/

an instance of defeating or being defeated.

"a 1–0 defeat by Grimsby"

admit defeat

to accept that you have failed and give up:

After several attempts to untie the knot, I admitted defeat and cut through it with a knife.

He is trailing in the polls but still refuses to admit defeat.

Moving back in with my parents felt like admitting defeat.

knuckle under

To yield or submit (to someone or something).

The committee is pressuring me to approach this project differently, but I refuse to knuckle under.

Tom said he would never knuckle under to our father and stormed out of the house, never to return.

muck in (British English, informal)

to work with other people in order to complete a task

If we all muck in, we could have the job finished by the end of the week.

muck /mʌk/

dirt, rubbish, or waste matter.

"I'll just clean the muck off the windscreen"

bitty /'bɪti/

tiny. "a little-bitty girl"

Wearing those shoes is a bit of a problem for her, I'm afraid.

radius /'reɪdɪəs/

Radius and diameter

diametrically /ˌdɪɪə'metrɪkli/

adverb

(with reference to opposition) completely; directly.

"two diametrically opposed viewpoints"

WHAT DOES JUICE MEAN?

Do you got the juice? One has juice if they have respect, influence, power, authority, or sexual desirability. It can also be slang for alcohol and electric power, among other things.

pulverise /'pʌlvəraɪz/

She put the luggage in the trunk of the car.

seaworthy /'siːwəːði/

adjective

(of a boat) in a good enough condition to sail on the sea.

If you catch someone in the act, you discover them doing something wrong or committing a crime.

The men were caught in the act of digging up buried explosives

Jim Crow laws were a collection of state and local statutes that legalised racial segregation.

Named after a Black minstrel show character, the laws—which existed for about 100 years, from the post-Civil War era until 1968—were meant to marginalise African Americans by denying them the right to vote, hold jobs, get an education or other opportunities.

put your foot down

to use your authority to stop something from happening:

When she started borrowing my clothes without asking, I had to put my foot down.

quote... unquote

said to show that you are repeating someone else's words, especially if you do not agree:

She says they're quote "just good friends" unquote.

Courts were experienced in exercising discretion on a basis of exceptionality.

Here there is ample space for the judge to exercise discretion.

aquatic /ə'kwɒtɪk/

diet /'daɪət/

glacier /'glasɪə, 'gleɪsɪə/

square can be a modifier meaning directly, firmly, straight, in a solid manner. The opposite would be tentatively or indirectly.

Examples: I kicked him square in the stomach.

I knocked her square off her chair.

She looked me square in the eye.

The use of square in such sentences is common. But it sounds a bit colloquial. I would stick with one of the synonyms in more formal communication.

Tiger parenting is a form of strict parenting, whereby parents are highly invested in ensuring their children's success.

jogging suits

tracksuits

pull off a stunt

The Ultimate Guide to Velcro Patches

mass /mæs/

[countable] a large amount of a substance which does not have a definite or regular shape

The food had congealed into a sticky mass.

Ireland /'aɪə.lənd/

A police dog, also known as K-9 or K9 (a homophone of canine)

aquatic /ə'kwɒtɪk, ə'kwɒtɪk/

Siberia /sɪ'biəriə/

consecutive /kən'sekjʊtɪv/

following each other continuously.

"five consecutive months of serious decline"

she has a great sense of fashion

baobab /'beɪə(ʊ)bab, 'baʊbab/

shale /ʃeɪl/

soft finely stratified sedimentary rock that formed from consolidated mud or clay and can be split easily into fragile plates.

The planet comprises informative, exciting, and fascinating facts,

brush up

improve one's existing knowledge or skill in a particular area.

"these private lessons will give them a chance to brush up on their technique"

exam /ɪg'zɑːm, ɛg'zɑːm/

japan /dʒə'pɑːn/

résumé /'rezjʊmeɪ/

wad /wɒd/

a mass or lump of a soft material, used for padding, stuffing, or wiping.

"a wad of lint-free rag"

trounce /traʊns/

defeat heavily in a contest.

"Essex trounced Cambridgeshire 5–1 in the final"

shoddy /'ʃɒdi/

badly made or done.

"we're not paying good money for shoddy goods"

tack /tak/

cheap, shoddy, or tasteless material.

"this pop will never trivialise itself and be described as cheap tack"

have the sniffles

spoken if you have the sniffles, you keep sniffing, especially because you have a cold

margarine /,mɑːdʒə'riːn/

hump day

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

Wednesday, regarded as the midpoint of a typical working week.  
"it's hump day and perhaps the toughest day of the week for you"

bare essentials  
the things that are absolutely necessary  
We only had enough room to pack the bare essentials.

warm up to someone/something  
to begin to like or enjoy someone or something:  
She was not a person who was easy to warm up to.

The phrase "It's all in the wrists" is a well-known phrase that would be used during instruction. After making a perfect basketball shot, if asked "how do you shoot so well", he might start by saying "It's all in the wrists" and then give more detail about the best way to use your wrists when shooting baskets.

suit up  
to put on a uniform or special clothing  
The players are suiting up for the game.  
The divers suited up.

Bring Your 'A' Game  
This phrase, that most of us have heard numerous times, refers to bringing maximum effort, focus and undeniable commitment.

sucker /'sʌkə/  
INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN  
fool or trick (someone).  
"they got suckered into accepting responsibility"

pull your weight  
to work as hard as other people in a group:  
The others had complained that Sarah wasn't pulling her weight.

in the hole  
INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN  
in debt.  
"we're still three thousand dollars in the hole"

build /bɪld/

ruminate /'ruːmɪneɪt/  
think deeply about something.  
"we sat ruminating on the nature of existence"

crest /krɛst/  
a comb or tuft of feathers, fur, or skin on the head of a bird or other animal.  
"a large game bird with a conspicuous erect red crest"

crestfallen

/ˈkrɛstˌfɔːlən/

adjective

sad and disappointed.

"he came back empty-handed and crestfallen"

at the bar of justice

Case at bar

(Law) a case presently before the court; a case under argument.

VULGAR SLANG•BRITISH

a woman's genitals.

2.

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

a person's buttocks.

on offer

available.

"the number of permanent jobs on offer is relatively small"

BRITISH

available for sale at a reduced price.

"the fruit cocktail trifle is on offer at 99p"

undermine /ˌʌndəˈmaɪn/

erode the base or foundation of (a rock formation).

"the flow of water had undermined pillars supporting the roof"

lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.

"this could undermine years of hard work"

GiT GuD

To get better. To "Get Good".

DS sucks at MGO2, he needs to GiT GuD.

takesies-backsies pl (plural only)

(childish) Synonym of backsie ("the act of taking back or going back on a statement, promise, or agreement").

contraband /ˈkɒntrəbænd/ [uncountable]

goods that are illegally taken into or out of a country

contraband goods

to smuggle contraband

attire noun /əˈtaɪər/

UNCOUNTABLE NOUN [with poss]

Your attire is the clothes you are wearing.

[formal]

...seven women dressed in their finest attire.

estuary /'ɛstjʊəri/

the tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.

leeway noun /'liweɪ/

[uncountable]

the amount of freedom that you have to change something or to do something in the way you want to

synonym latitude

How much leeway should parents give their children?

accuse

/ə'kju:z/

accusation

/,ækjʊ'zeɪʃn/

leisure /'leɪʒə/ /'li:ʒər/

time when one is not working or occupied; free time.

"people with too much enforced leisure"

slushy /'slʌʃi/ INFORMAL

excessively sentimental.

"slushy novels"

Sleet is a mix of rain and snow as it falls. Slush is snow on the ground that has begun to melt, it's wet and heavy.

wallop /'wɒləp/

a heavy blow or punch.

"I gave it a wallop with my boot"

NORTH AMERICAN

a powerful effect.

"the script packs a wallop"

2.

BRITISH

alcoholic drink, especially beer.

"an endless supply of free wallop"

dole something out

to give something, usually money, to several people

This phrase is very informal, and is used jocularly.

You might say "it [or this] is an oldie but a goodie" when you are about to put on a favourite song, one you have known for many years. Or in any other situation when introducing something very familiar, but still well-liked.



I am best at history = I am better at history than I am at other subjects.  
I am the best at history = I am better at history than other people are.

When someone says "it's on," they are usually indicating that a challenge, competition, or event is going to happen.

shack /ʃæk/

a roughly built hut or cabin.

move in or live with someone as a lover.

"they won't believe I've shacked up with someone so good-looking"

slush /slʌʃ/

partially melted snow or ice.

"the snow was turning into brown slush in the gutters"

watery mud.

excessive sentiment.

"the slush of Hollywood's romantic fifties films"

formidable

/ˈfɔːmɪdəbl̩, fəˈmɪdəbl̩, fɔːˈmɪdəbl̩/

adjective

inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

"a formidable opponent"

flub /flʌb/

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

botch or bungle (something).

"she glanced at her notes and flubbed her lines

"to fail or make a mistake, especially when performing:

He really flubbed badly by not catching the ball.

Sheila flubbed her lines in the second act.

a thing badly or clumsily done; a blunder.

"the textbooks are littered with flubs"

flob (flob)

vb flobs, flobbering or flobbered

(UK, slang) Spit or phlegm, especially a piece of spit or phlegm that has been spat out.

There's a handy compartment for keys and gloves and bits and bobs.

We've done a few bits and bobs around the house since we've been here.

I've got some bits and bobs to get done before lunch.

I need to pick up one or two bits and bobs in town.

We were just shopping for a few bits and bobs for the kitchen.

blow one's own trumpet

British, informal

: to talk about oneself or one's achievements especially in a way that shows that one is proud or too proud

He had a very successful year and has every right to blow his own trumpet.

curator /kjuə'reitə,kjɔ:'reitə/

off the beaten track

in a place where few people go, far from any main roads and towns:

The farmhouse we stayed in was completely off the beaten track.

guns

(colloquial, usually in the plural) The biceps.

Being poor might be an impediment to becoming a politician.

swear by

name someone or something to show that one promises to do something or that something is the case.

"I swear by all I hold dear that I had nothing to do with it"

have or express great confidence in the use, value, or effectiveness of something.

"Iris swears by her yoga"

run something by somebody (also run something past somebody) phrasal verb [transitive]

to tell someone about an idea or plan so that they can give you their opinion

You'd better run it by your manager first.

loop in

To provide up-to-date information; inform: She sent an email to loop in the staff about policy changes. Before proceeding with my plan, I looped my colleagues in.

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In linguistics, a relativizer (abbreviated relz) is a type of conjunction that introduces a relative clause.

have it (all) together

To be well-prepared and organised for something, especially mentally.

Did I forget to pick up the kids again? Geez, I really don't have it together!

I don't know what she's been telling you, but I doubt she has it all together—these files are a mess.

gyp /dʒɪp/

cheat or swindle (someone).

"a young inventor gypped by greedy financiers"

opt /ɒpt/

make a choice from a range of possibilities.

"consumers will opt for low-priced goods"

: to make a choice

especially : to decide in favour of something

opted for a tax increase

be snowed under (with something)

to have so much work that you have problems dealing with it all:

I'm absolutely snowed under with work at the moment.

play something by ear

perform music without having to read from a score.

"she could play both by ear and by reading"

INFORMAL

proceed instinctively according to results and circumstances rather than according to rules or a plan.

"we'll just have to play it by ear until we can get something definite sorted out"

lead on

mislead or deceive someone, especially into believing that one is in love with or attracted to them.

"she flirted with him and led him on"

chock-a-block / ˌtʃɒkəˈblɒk/

adjective INFORMAL • BRITISH

crammed full of people or things.

"the manual is chock-a-block with information"

the silly side of me wants to say

dimension /dɪˈmɛnʃn, dɪˈmɛnʃn/

a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as length, breadth, depth, or height.

"the final dimensions of the pond were 14 ft x 8 ft"

mug /mʌɡ/

attack and rob (someone) in a public place.

"he was mugged by three men who stole his bike"

Cerberus (/ˈsɜːrbərəs/[2] or /ˈkɜːrbərəs/

Ollie's coming to stay the week after next. (the week after next week)

I don't know how I'm going to manage from one day to the next.

jam /dʒam/

something that one particularly likes, enjoys, or does well: Since math is not my jam, I'll let y'all figure out the rest.

Seriously, a huge meat patty and garlic fries are pretty much my jam after a day outside.

Since math is not my jam, I'll let y'all figure out the rest.

bracelet /'breɪslɪt/

be sold on (something)

To be confident in or convinced about something's viability, veracity, etc., often to the point of being enthusiastically supportive of it.

I don't know, this plan still sounds pretty risky to me—I'm not sold on it yet.

After seeing the presentation, I'm sold on this investment—let's do it!

A: "What do you think about the new quarterback?" B: "I know he's supposed to be the best in the league, but I'm not sold on him yet."

i'm sold

When you are convinced of/by something.

At first I wasn't certain whether Drake's album would go platinum but after listening to it and considering how good it is, I'm sold it will!

pharynx /'færɪŋks/

the membrane-lined cavity behind the nose and mouth, connecting them to the oesophagus.

run-down

tired or slightly ill

times when you are feeling tired and run-down

run down

run somebody/something ↔ down to drive into a person or animal and kill or injure them

Their daughter was run down by a car.

criticise someone or something unfairly or unkindly.

"you mustn't keep running yourself down"

If a machine or device such as a clock or battery runs down, it loses power, or if you run it down, you cause this to happen:

These batteries can be recharged when they run down.

You'll run the battery down if you leave your car lights on.

to find someone or something after following or searching for him, her, or it for a long time:  
run someone/something down in/to something I finally ran Mr Green down in/to a house in the country.

stretch

a tall, skinny person. not necessarily weak. used to greet someone.

what's up stretch?

rap /rap/

strike (a hard surface) with a series of rapid audible blows, especially in order to attract attention.

"he stood up and rapped the table"

a bad rap

1. A negative or unfavourable reputation.

I seem to have gotten a bad rap after coming in late so many times.

I don't know why that place has a bad rap—I've never had a bad meal there.

I think she got a bad rap after clashing with Jim last year. Personally, I've always found her to be pleasant.

2. A criminal charge that is undeserved.

I think Paulie got a bad rap and never actually committed the crimes they're accusing him of.

Tommy was sent to jail on a bad rap because of his prior criminal history, but we know he didn't rob that bank—he was with us the day it happened!

How many people serving life in prison actually got a bad rap? Probably more than you think.

durable /'djʊərəbl, 'dʒɜːrəbl/

able to withstand wear, pressure, or damage; hard-wearing.

"porcelain enamel is strong and durable"

(of a person) having endurance.

"the durable Smith lasted the full eight rounds"

of a size

phrase of size

(of two or more people or things) having the same dimensions.

"I reckon they're of a size"

be something of a something

used to describe a person or thing in a way that is partly true but not completely or exactly:

It came as something of a surprise.

He has a reputation as something of a troublemaker.

I have a biology question for you - I hear you're something of an expert.

scald /skɔːld/

a burn or other injury caused by hot liquid or steam.

"50,000 children a year are taken to hospital with burns and scalds"

The most commonly used word for this is pain. It can be countable or uncountable. If you want to say that someone is experiencing pain, you say that they are in pain.

There are drugs you can take to ease the pain.

I didn't know what was causing the pains in my legs.

She's in a lot of pain.

The kids were a real pain in the ass.

heebie-jeebies /,hiː.biː'dʒiː.biz/

a feeling of nervousness or fear:

The economic situation is giving a lot of investors the heebie-jeebies.

get the heebie-jeebies She used to get the heebie-jeebies walking home at night.

[countable, uncountable] land that is under the control of a particular country or ruler  
enemy/disputed/foreign territory

occupied territories

They have refused to allow U.N. troops to be stationed in their territory.

[uncountable] land of a particular type

uncharted/unexplored territory

an expedition through previously unexplored territory

"the changing patterns of the tides"

bide one's time

wait quietly for a good opportunity to do something.

"she patiently bided her time before making an escape bid"

omniscient /ɒmˈnɪʃɪənt/

/ɒmˈnɪʃ.i.ənt/

knowing everything.

the narrator seems an omniscient person who tells us about the characters and their relations

the height of

the time when a situation or event is strongest or most full of activity:

August is the height of the tourist season.

At the height of the crisis we were left without any help.

She wrote the book at the height of the women's liberation movement.

We arrived in the United States at the height of baseball season.

He was in Tunisia at the height of the Second World War.

outright

wholly and completely.

"logging has been banned outright"

sound out

to try to find out the opinions of someone by asking questions

They sounded me out on the idea.

polls that sound out public opinion

trickster /ˈtrɪkstə/

a person who cheats or deceives people.

Kalahari /ˌkələˈhəri, ˌkælə-/

bunion /ˈbʌnjən/

a painful swelling on the first joint of the big toe.

A bunion, also known as hallux valgus, is a deformity of the MTP joint connecting the big toe to the foot.

vole /vəʊl/

a small, typically burrowing, mouse-like rodent with a rounded muzzle, found in both Eurasia and North America.

quarry /'kwɒri/

an animal pursued by a hunter, hound, predatory mammal, or bird of prey.  
"grouse are not an easy quarry for a hawk"

heed /hi:d/

pay attention to; take notice of.  
"he should have heeded the warnings"

lacerate /'læsəreɪt/

tear or make deep cuts in (flesh or skin).  
"the point had lacerated his neck"

stoked /stəʊkt/

adjective INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN  
excited or euphoric.  
"when they told me I was on the team, I was stoked"

food for thought

something that warrants serious consideration.  
"his study certainly provides food for thought"

pensive /'pensɪv/

engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought.  
"a pensive mood"

(a) penny for your thoughts

idiom

—used to ask what someone is thinking about  
"A penny for your thoughts?" "Oh, I'm just thinking about what I want to do over the weekend."

payback /'peɪbæk/

profit from an investment equal to the initial outlay.  
"a long time lag between investment and payback"  
an act of revenge or retaliation.  
"the drive-by shootings are mainly paybacks"

haymaker /'heɪmeɪkə/

a forceful blow.  
"he caught him on the side of the head with a stinging haymaker"

aye /aɪ/

always or still.

"I've aye fancied seeing Edinburgh"

crunch (the) numbers

: to process numbers : to examine and analyse numbers, especially to determine exactly how much money is available, needed, etc.

When we sat down to crunch the numbers we realised that we couldn't afford a new car.

wishy-washy /'wɪʃɪ, wɒʃɪ/

(of drink or liquid food) weak; watery.

feeble or insipid in quality or character.

"a wishy-washy approach won't work"

drop/fall into someone's lap

to come to a person suddenly in an unexpected way even though he or she did not try to get it

This wonderful new job just fell into my lap when I was least expecting it!

To accelerate or increase speed suddenly or rapidly; to travel or move very quickly. Usually said while traveling in an automobile.

We'll have to gun it if we want to make it to the movie on time!

Okay, I've got the cash. Now gun it and get us out of here!

Would you gun it already? The cops are gonna catch up to us!

file/bring (a) suit idiom

: to start legal proceedings to settle a disagreement or problem between people or organisations

He filed/brought (a) suit against her.

A fine is a punishment in which a person is ordered to pay a sum of money because they have done something illegal or broken a rule.

vernacular /və'nakjʊlə/

the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region.

"he wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience"

substrate /'sʌbstreɪt/

an underlying substance or layer.

the surface or material on or from which an organism lives, grows, or obtains its nourishment.

"brachiopods attached to the substrate by a stalk"

the substance on which an enzyme acts.

onus /'əʊnəs/

something that is one's duty or responsibility.

"the onus is on you to show that you have suffered loss"



ramp /ramp/

a sloping surface joining two different levels, as at the entrance or between floors of a building.

"a wheelchair ramp"

rump /rʌmp/

the hind part of the body of a mammal or the lower back of a bird.

"the harrier is distinguished by its prominent white rump"

a small or unimportant remnant of something originally larger.

"once the profitable enterprises have been sold the unprofitable rump will be left"

by and large

when everything about a situation is considered together:

There are a few small things that I don't like about my job, but by and large it's very enjoyable.

lipid /'lɪpɪd/

noun CHEMISTRY

any of a class of organic compounds that are fatty acids or their derivatives and are insoluble in water but soluble in organic solvents. They include many natural oils, waxes, and steroids.

condone /kən'dəʊn/

accept (behaviour that is considered morally wrong or offensive).

"the college cannot condone any behaviour that involves illicit drugs"

human /'hju:mən/

capitulate /kə'pɪtʃuleɪt/

cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; yield.

"the patriots had to capitulate to the enemy forces"

recapitulate /,ri:kə'pɪtʃuleɪt/

verb

summarise and state again the main points of.

"he began to recapitulate his argument with care"

repeat (an evolutionary or other process) during development and growth.

"many features of regeneration in the peripheral nervous system recapitulate development"

third wheel

someone who is not wanted or needed in a situation, especially someone who is present with two other people who are in a romantic relationship:

I hated to be alone, so I tagged along as a third wheel with other couples.

He was one of those annoying, impossible to get rid of, third wheels.

He complained during last week's California debate that he was being treated as a third wheel.

oboe /'əʊbəʊ/

feral /'fɛrəl, 'fiərəl/

(especially of an animal) in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication.

"a feral cat"

vicar /'vɪkə/

(in the Church of England) an incumbent of a parish where tithes formerly passed to a chapter or religious house or layperson.

(in other Anglican Churches) a member of the clergy deputising for another.

all that matters

the only thing that is important, or the most important thing:

So long as he's happy - that's all that matters.

All that matters to me is that my son stays happy and healthy.

to be suffering great physical or mental pain

over and over phrase of over

again and again.

"doing the same thing over and over again"

straggle /'stragl/

(of an irregular group of people) move along slowly so as to remain some distance behind the person or people in front.

"the children straggled behind them"

call for

make something necessary.

"desperate times call for desperate measures"

publicly ask for or demand something.

"the report calls for an audit of endangered species"

desperate times call for desperate measures

vicarious /vɪ'kɛ:riəs, vɪ'kɛ:riəs/

experienced in the imagination through the feelings or actions of another person.

"this catalogue brings vicarious pleasure in luxury living"

destination /,dɛsti'neɪʃn/

the place to which someone or something is going or being sent.

"Delft is an ideal destination for a relaxing weekend"

janitor /'dʒanɪtə/

noun NORTH AMERICAN

a person employed to look after a building; a caretaker.

log in

log in/on to sth Find out more about our products by logging on to our website.

log in/on to do sth It has 1.7 million registered customers who log in to play games and socialise.

log sb in/on Your network administrator will log you in the first time you use the system.

Log in to your account

paramount /'parəmaʊnt/

more important than anything else; supreme.

"the interests of the child are of paramount importance"

ineffable /ɪn'ɛfəbl/

too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

"the ineffable mysteries of the soul"

scrán /skran/

noun DIALECT

food.

"we canny go out on an empty belly—any chance of some scrán?"

During training, would-be cabbies, known as Knowledge boys or Knowledge girls, usually follow these routes around London on a motor scooter, and can be identified by the clipboard fixed to the handlebars and showing details of the streets to be learned that day.

entail /ɪn'teɪl, ɛn'teɪl/

involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

"a situation which entails considerable risks"

jacked /dʒakt/

adjective INFORMAL • US

physically or mentally stimulated from the effects of a drug or stimulant.

"a racing car driver, jacked up on amphetamines"

(of a person) having very well-developed muscles.

"back in his wrestling prime, he was nicknamed the 'Anabolic Warrior' for his jacked-up physique"

penitentiary /ˌpɛnɪ'tɛnʃ(ə)ri/

NORTH AMERICAN

a prison for people convicted of serious crimes.

(in the Roman Catholic Church) a priest appointed to administer penance.

pen /pɛn/

a small enclosure in which sheep, pigs, or other farm animals are kept.

"a sheep pen"

citrus /'sɪtrəs/ [uncountable]

Citrus is a genus of flowering trees and shrubs in the rue family

[countable] (also citrus tree) a type of tree that produces citrus fruits

2 (also citrus fruit) a fruit with thick skin, such as an orange or lemon

tuber /'tju:bə/

a much thickened underground part of a stem or rhizome, e.g. in the potato, serving as a food reserve and bearing buds from which new plants arise.

recollect /,rɛkə'lekt/

to have the advantages of two different situations:

Living in the country and working in the city you have the best of both worlds.

Luckily the couple's baby has the best of both worlds.

at midnight = 「午前0時に」

in the middle of the night = 「夜中に / 深夜に」

midnight /'mɪdnʌɪt/

twelve o'clock at night.

"I left at midnight"

In a newspaper. (Printed on paper)

On a website. (On a screen)

"A people" is understood as "a group of people," and the group usually (maybe always?) has something in common, like language/culture/history/ethnicity/etc.

"The talk," also known as "The birds and the bees", is an American colloquial expression referring to a rite of passage in the lives of most children when parents explain human sexuality and sexual intercourse to them.

plumage /'plu:mɪdʒ/

a bird's feathers collectively.

"the male in full breeding plumage"

If you auction off something, you sell it to the person who offers the most money for it, often at an auction.

Her dresses will be auctioned off for charity. [be VERB-ed PARTICLE]

We later auctioned it off to raise money for Jamie's foundation. [VERB noun PARTICLE]

With all due respect, I don't think that's a good idea.

With all due respect, that's not what you said yesterday.

heads-up /'hedzʌp/

an advance warning of something.

"the heads-up came just in time to stop the tanks from launching the final assault"

I wanted to give you a heads-up that I'm going on a business trip next week.

get hitched phrase of hitch  
INFORMAL marry.

intelligible /ɪnˈtɛlɪdʒɪbl/  
able to be understood; comprehensible.  
"use vocabulary that is intelligible to your audience"

run off  
leave a place or situation suddenly.  
"he ran off to join Napoleon's army and never returned"  
(of a liquid) flow over and away from a surface.  
"the sweat ran off their faces"

Sapphic /ˈsæfɪk/  
lesbian ( def 3 ).  
of, relating to, or being a woman who is sexually or romantically attracted to other women,  
used especially as an umbrella term for all women who are attracted to women.

have been known since ancient times and are mentioned several times in the Bible

tap into something  
to manage to use something in a way that brings good results:  
If only we could tap into all that energy and creativity.

klutz /klʌts/  
noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN  
a clumsy, awkward, or foolish person.

ditzy /ˈdɪtsi/  
(especially of a fabric or print) having a pattern of small, randomly scattered motifs, typically flowers.  
"romantic and bohemian styles in floaty fabrics and ditzy prints"  
INFORMAL  
silly or scatterbrained (typically used of a woman).  
"a ditzy blonde"

sham /ʃam/  
a thing that is not what it is purported to be.  
"our current free health service is a sham"

Dalai Lama  
/,dalʌɪ ˈlɑːmə, dɑːlʌɪ ˈlɑːmə/

No, the correct phrasing would be "resign as CEO" or "resign from the position of CEO."

"he was forced to resign as chairman"

Just time to resign from your job and take the bins out, then.

Traditionally it is to resign from a post. Occasionally a preposition after a verb can be dropped in the course of time. But Google Ngrams shows to resign from is the preferred construction.

associate

/ə'səʊʃɪət, ə'səʊsɪət/

lipid /'lɪpɪd/

nounCHEMISTRY

any of a class of organic compounds that are fatty acids or their derivatives and are insoluble in water but soluble in organic solvents. They include many natural oils, waxes, and steroids.

theatre /'θɪətə/

preach /pri:tʃ/

give moral advice to someone in a pompously self-righteous way.

"viewers want to be entertained, not preached at"

peer /pɪə/

a member of the nobility in Britain or Ireland, comprising the ranks of duke, marquess, earl, viscount, and baron.

"hereditary peers could still dominate the proceedings of the House of Lords"

covenant /'kʌvənənt/

civic /'sɪvɪk/

relating to a city or town, especially its administration; municipal.

"a meeting of civic and business leaders"

relating to the duties or activities of people in relation to their town, city, or local area.

"he was active in the civic life of Swindon"

Civics is the study of the rights and obligations of citizens in society.[1] The term derives from the Latin word *civicus*, meaning "relating to a citizen". The term relates to behavior affecting other citizens, particularly in the context of urban development.

rear-end

to hit the back of one car with another in an accident:

My new car was rear-ended while it was parked outside the station.

news bulletin

a short news announcement concerning some on-going news story

sock in something/somewhere  
to stop all travel or movement of vehicles in an area because of fog:  
The entire coast was socked in all week.

blow/knock your socks off

If something knocks your socks off, you find it extremely exciting or good:  
I'm going to take you to a restaurant that'll knock your socks off.

entice /ɪnˈtɪs, ɛnˈtɪs/  
attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.  
"a show which should entice a new audience into the theatre"

arbitrary /ˈɑːbɪt(rə)ri/

swig /swɪɡ/  
drink in large gulps.  
"Dave swigged the wine in five gulps"  
a large gulp of drink.  
"he took a swig of tea"

sod /sɒd/  
an unpleasant or obnoxious person.  
a person of a specified kind.  
something that is difficult or causes problems.

raving /ˈreɪvɪŋ/  
irrational or incoherent talk.  
"the ravings of a madwoman"  
used to emphasise a particular quality.  
"she'd never been a raving beauty"

get wild in one's old age

paralysed in one's old age

in one's old age

be yours for the taking/asking  
if something desirable is yours for the taking or asking, you can easily obtain it  
If you want the job, it's yours for the asking.

flank /flʌŋk/  
the side of a person's or animal's body between the ribs and the hip.  
"leaning against his horse's flanks"

detrimental /ˌdetrɪˈmentl/

tending to cause harm.

"recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people"

impoverish /ɪmˈpɒv(ə)rɪʃ/

make (a person or area) poor.

"the wars had impoverished him"

exhaust the strength or vitality of.

"the soil was impoverished by annual burning"

classified /ˈklæsɪfaɪd/

(of information or documents) designated as officially secret and accessible only to authorised people.

"classified information on nuclear experiments"

soz

an informal word for sorry, usually used in writing, especially about something not very serious or important:

I forgot her name - soz!

Soz I haven't been blogging much lately

bits and bobs

small things or jobs of different types:

There's a handy compartment for keys and gloves and bits and bobs.

We've done a few bits and bobs around the house since we've been here.

I've got some bits and bobs to get done before lunch.

I need to pick up one or two bits and bobs in town.

We were just shopping for a few bits and bobs for the kitchen.

royal /ˈrɔɪəl/

pier /pɪə/

a platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea, typically incorporating entertainment arcades and places to eat.

"the pier was the fourth longest in the country at 562 feet, with a large saloon and concert hall at the end"

harbinger /ˈhɑːbɪn(d)ʒə/

a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.

"witch hazels are the harbingers of spring"

terracotta /ˌtɛrəˈkɒtə/

noun

a type of fired clay, typically of a brownish-red colour and unglazed, used as an ornamental building material and in modelling.

"terracotta pots"

pasture /ˈpɑːstʃə/



land covered with grass and other low plants suitable for grazing animals, especially cattle or sheep.

"areas of rich meadow pasture"

fir /fɜː/

an evergreen coniferous tree with upright cones and flat needle-shaped leaves, typically arranged in two rows. Firs are an important source of timber and resins.

negotiate /nɪˈɡəʊʃieɪt/

find a way over or through (an obstacle or difficult route).

"she cautiously negotiated the hairpin bend"

heron /ˈhɛrən/

a large fish-eating wading bird with long legs, a long S-shaped neck, and a long pointed bill.

bow wave

noun

a wave or system of waves set up at the bows of a moving ship.

bow /baʊ/

the front end of a ship.

"water sprayed high over her bows"

broccoli /ˈbrɒkəli/

hit the spot

Idioms and Phrases

Give total satisfaction, as in This beer really hits the spot . This expression gained enormous currency with a 1930s advertising jingle, in which a popular soda was said to hit the spot . [ Slang ; mid-1800s]

Your grandson has a restricted diet but a generally healthy one.

People can survive an extremely long time on a restricted diet.

In short, the "considered as" construction is almost always redundant. If you use "considered" to describe what people think of someone or something, you simply don't need "as."

For instance, "LeBron James is considered one of the best basketball players of all time."

Or, "Bad grammar should be considered a crime."

A: Look at you, with those expensive new AirPods. Are you trying to flex on everyone at work?

B: No, no, it's not like that! I just hate earphone cords.

worked up

upset or very excited about something:

It's easy to get worked up when you're tired and everything seems to be against you.

He was very worked up about seeing his family again after so many years.

meet a/the deadline play icon

finish by the due date

I'm sorry for missing the deadline.

My apologies for not meeting the deadline.

I regret not hitting the deadline.

"the video is truly worthy of a chef's kiss"

"her larger-than-life earrings are a chef's kiss"

girthy /'gə:θi/

thick and bulky or heavy.

"a girthy redwood tree"

(of a person) heavily built or overweight.

"big, wide, girthy guys"

girth /gə:θ/

the distance around the outside of a thick or fat object, like a tree or a body:

in girth The oak was two metres in girth.

ample girth humorous His ample girth was evidence of his love of good food.

Nagano is a landlocked prefecture.

timber /'tɪmbə/

personal qualities or character.

"she is frequently hailed as presidential timber"

requiem /'rɛkwɪəm, 'rɛkwɪɛm/

requiem shark

a migratory, live-bearing shark of warm seas, sometimes also found in brackish or fresh water.

distract /dɪ'strakt/

prevent (someone) from concentrating on something.

"don't allow noise to distract you from your work"

destruct /dɪ'strʌkt/

cause deliberate, terminal damage to.

"the boys' war to destruct things"

deficiency /dɪ'fɪjnsi/

[countable] deficiency (in something) a fault or a weakness in something/somebody that makes it or them less successful  
deficiencies in the computer system  
He considers the lack of central control to be a serious deficiency.

deficit /'defɪt/

the amount by which money spent or owed is greater than money earned in a particular period of time  
a budget/trade deficit  
in deficit The trade balance has been in deficit for the past five years.

incinerate /ɪn'sɪnəreɪt/

destroy (something, especially waste material) by burning.  
"waste packaging is to be incinerated rather than buried in landfills"

prosody /'prɒsədi, 'prəʊzədi/

the patterns of rhythm and sound used in poetry.  
"the translator is not obliged to reproduce the prosody of the original"  
2.  
the patterns of stress and intonation in a language.  
"the salience of prosody in child language acquisition"

Bare Coordination

Here are some more examples:

A black cat and a brown dog were fighting in the street. Cat and dog were equally filthy.  
Are you man or mouse?  
I had pen and paper ready to make notes.  
Mother and child were said to be recovering well.  
He appeared to be millionaire and homeless vagabond at the same time.  
Nothing is so sacred as love between husband and wife.  
Bare Coordination versus Bare Role NPs

If you say that there are no two ways about it, you are emphasising that there is no doubt at all about a particular situation or about how it should be interpreted.  
[spoken, emphasis]  
You stay here, you die. No two ways about it.

character /'kærɪktə/

an unusual or amusing person.  
"she's a right character with a will of her own"

pick up on

to notice something and perhaps react to it  
She failed to pick up on the humour in his remark.  
pick somebody up on something  
to mention something that somebody has said or done that you think is wrong

I knew he would pick me up on that slip sooner or later.

lark /lɑ:k/

enjoy oneself by behaving in a playful and mischievous way.

"he's always joking and larking about in the office"

I am not content living on my own. = I am not content with living on my own. The meaning is the same in both sentences. "With" seems needless to me in the second sentence.

Not content with having upset my parents, he then insulted my sister. "With" seems normal and useful in this example. It would sound a little strange and confusing if you omitted "with" from the first phrase of the sentence.

WIP

work in progress.

swivel /'swɪvl/

a coupling between two parts enabling one to revolve without turning the other.

pare /pe:/

trim (something) by cutting away its outer edges.

"Carlo pared his thumbnails with his knife"

intersperse /,ɪntə'spɜ:s/

scatter among or between other things; place here and there.

"deep pools interspersed by shallow shingle banks"

flock /flɒk/

move or go together in a crowd.

"tourists flock to Oxford in their thousands"

run with something

to accept something, start to use it, and develop it further:

The Japanese took that technology and ran with it.

onerous /'əʊn(ə)rəs, 'ɒn(ə)rəs/

(of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty.

"he found his duties increasingly onerous"

Sriracha (/sɪ'rætʃə/ sirr-ATCH-ə or /sɪ'rɑ:tʃə/ sirr-AH-chə;

this is an urgent matter

this is an emergency

runner-up /,rʌnər'ʌp/

a competitor or team taking second place in a contest.

"he was runner-up in the 200 m individual medley"

inaugurate /ɪˈnɔːɡjʊreɪt/

admit (someone) formally to office.

"Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as president in 1861"

This lake is deepest here.

"I'm happiest when I'm with you"

sediment /ˈsɛdɪm(ə)nt/

matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid; dregs.

"the ice freezes the wine and sediment at the base of the cork"

Don't forget to turn off the light when you are done.

weather permitting idiom

: if the weather is good enough to allow it

The picnic will be held at the park, weather permitting.

concerning /kənˈsəːnɪŋ/

causing anxiety; worrying.

"I find many of the comments very concerning"

on the subject of or in connection with; about.

"we are given little information concerning matters of national security"

grocery /ˈgrəʊs(ə)ri/

shadow /ˈʃadəʊ/

follow and observe (someone) closely and secretly.

"he had been up all night shadowing a team of poachers"

dissipate /ˈdɪsɪpeɪt/

(with reference to a feeling or emotion) disappear or cause to disappear.

"the concern she'd felt for him had wholly dissipated"

waste or fritter away (money, energy, or resources).

"he inherited, but then dissipated, his father's fortune"

to get a handle on something

to begin to understand or be able to deal with something:

To help you get a handle on what colleges are looking for, check out these admissions websites.

By coming in early, staying late, and working weekends she started to get a handle on the problem.

tweaker slang

an engineer's small screwdriver, used for fine adjustments

2. US slang

a person who uses methamphetamine as a recreational drug

espouse /ɪˈspauz, ɛˈspauz/

adopt or support (a cause, belief, or way of life).

"she espoused the causes of justice and freedom for all"

whip something out

(phrasal verb) in the sense of pull out

Definition

to take (something) out or off quickly and suddenly

Bob whipped out his notebook.

talk smack

to make critical or insulting comments to someone, especially an opponent:

We argue and fight and talk smack to each other.

skip out on someone/something

to avoid doing something that you should do; to leave someone when they need your help:

He explained why he skipped out on a live radio appearance.

beauty /ˈbjuːti/

[countable] a person or thing that is beautiful

She had been a beauty in her day.

I have to do the shopping.

For example, if a shop received a delivery of cakes every day, but one day the delivery did not arrive, they might say they "have a lack of cakes". It isn't the lack, because it isn't the only lack of cakes - it may have happened before, it may happen again, and it may happen elsewhere. However, if you were speaking about that specific cake shop on that specific day, you might say "I'm annoyed about the lack\* of cakes in the shop today". This is because you have identified a specific lack so the definite article is required.

We blame the government for the severe lack of residential places

He couldn't breathe because of a lack of oxygen. He couldn't breathe because of the lack of oxygen.

Both those previous sentences convey the same thing, really. "The lack of oxygen" is a little more specific, but in any case, no oxygen means no breathing. However, if the previous sentence had been "A hole formed in the space station and all the oxygen got sucked out" then the next sentence would use "the lack" instead of "a lack" because you are now talking about a specific lack. It's implied, you don't have to specifically mention it.

sluice /sluːs/

a sliding gate or other device for controlling the flow of water, especially one in a lock gate.

"the water gushed through the sluices"

people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones

This means that you should not criticise other people for bad qualities in their character that you have yourself.

heinous /'heɪnəs, 'hi:nəs/

(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

"a battery of heinous crimes"

MEDICINE can be used both as a countable and uncountable noun.

So we can say: "Here is some medicine" (uncountable noun) or "Here are some medicines" (countable noun).

rut /rʌt/

a long, deep track made by the repeated passage of the wheels of vehicles.

"a stretch of road made impassable by ruts, holes, or waterlogging"

behaviour /bɪ'heɪvjə/

This is difficult, but I would say it is uncountable. Uncountable nouns can't be preceded by an indefinite article (a or an); for example, rain is uncountable.

I'd say it's nearly always uncountable, Alacer - I can't think of a situation where I'd treat it as countable\*.

The temperature dependence of the material resistance shows a classic dielectric's behaviour.

The sentence is correct. It compares "a classic dielectric's behaviour" to other behaviours, such as "a metal's behaviour" or "a semiconductor's behaviour."

In the examples I can think of that would use "a behaviour", the "a" is redundant; I can drop it whilst keeping the meaning and maintaining correct grammar.

perlite /'pɜ:lɪt/

a form of obsidian consisting of glassy globules, used as insulation or in plant growth media.

what's the word for pleasantly cool with a bit of wind

brisk /brɪsk/

(of wind or the weather) cold but pleasantly invigorating.

"the sea was shimmering and heaving beneath the brisk breeze"

friable /'frɪəbl/

easily crumbled.

"the soil was friable between her fingers"

Crispy and Crunchy are Not Interchangeable: "Crispy" often refers to a lighter, more delicate texture that shatters easily upon biting, commonly found in foods like fried chicken or thin cookies. In contrast, "crunchy" signifies a harder, more substantial texture, as seen in foods like raw carrots and hard-baked bread.

super or pension

In the UK, a pension is a pot of money that is accumulated, normally over a number of years, and is used to provide a source of income when you come to retire. There are tax breaks available to encourage saving into a pension, and in return for these tax breaks there are certain conditions that must be met, one of which is the minimum age that you can access your pension pot without incurring rather large tax penalties. This minimum age is currently 55 (this will increase to 57 from 2028).

Superannuation is one of the mechanisms used to contribute to a pension. More normally associated with government schemes, but can be used for others too. Superannuation is also more generally used in conjunction with defined benefit (final salary) schemes

superannuation /ˌsuːpərˌanjʊˈeɪʃn/

regular payment made into a fund by an employee towards a future pension.

"a superannuation fund"

a pension paid to a retired employee who has contributed to a fund.

"had he agreed to resign, he would have been entitled to his superannuation for 29 years' service"

DATED

the retirement of an employee, especially with a pension.

ample /ˈɑːmpl/

enough or more than enough; plentiful.

"there is ample time for discussion"

If someone says 'dap me up' they are asking you to 'dap' them. A 'dap' is a friendly way of greeting someone, usually by handshaking, pound hugging, fist-bumping or chest-bumping. However, the phrase has recently been changed into 'dab me up' to describe 'dabbing' as a way of saying hello to someone.

maximum

the greatest amount, extent, or intensity possible, permitted, or recorded.

"the school takes a maximum of 32 pupils"

at the most.

"the table has a length of 4 feet maximum"

"At the maximum" sounds unnatural though so people tend to use "at the max" or "at the most." "at max" "at most."

Ex: I have a big test tomorrow so I'll get at max/at most 3 hours of sleep tonight.

"I can wait two days, at max."



weather /'wɛðə/

wear away or change the appearance or texture of (something) by long exposure to the atmosphere.

"his skin was weathered almost black by his long outdoor life"

(of a ship) come safely through (a storm).

"the sturdy boat had weathered the storm well"

invaluable /ɪn'vælju(ə)b(ə)l/

extremely useful; indispensable.

"an invaluable source of information"

do one's business

in American English (usually of an animal or child)

to defecate or urinate

housebreaking a puppy to do his business outdoors

real /rɪəl/

reality /rɪ'ælɪti/

chipotle

/tʃɪ'pɒtlɪ, tʃɪ'pɒtli, tʃɪ'pəʊtlɪ, tʃɪ'pəʊtli/

a smoked hot chilli pepper used in Mexican cooking.

create /kri'eɪt/ /kri'eɪt/

One step closer to doing something

"These are 10 of the most important tips for shaping your body. Every day you are one step closer to having the perfect body."

Beethoven /,beɪ'təʊvən/

The way I see it, 'for the longest time' and 'for a long time' are both grammatically correct phrases.

I've never heard of 'for the longest of time' before, and I don't expect to see it anywhere; It sounds a little weird.

Maybe, you could try 'for the longest period of time', if you really want to add the word 'of' here.

last/final resort

what you will do if everything else fails

as a last resort

Drug treatment should only be used as a last resort.

of last resort

a weapon of last resort

in the last resort British English

Economic sanctions will be used only in the last resort.

Why we treat underwear as an uncountable noun, I couldn't tell you, because I don't know. However, for sure, we don't treat it like a plural noun.

However, "pants" is a plural noun.

Compare:

My pants are black.

My underwear is white.

wide open

very vulnerable, unprotected.

"the system is wide open to fraud"

laundrette /ləˈnˌdrɛt, ˌləˈndəˈrɛt/

laundromat /ˈləˌndrəˈmæt/

an establishment with coin-operated washing machines and dryers for public use; a laundrette.

Feedback

iron out

to make smooth or flat by or as if by pressing

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: to resolve or work out a solution to

ironed out their differences

oboe /ˈəʊbəʊ/

a woodwind instrument with a double-reed mouthpiece, a slender tubular body, and holes stopped by keys.

A pet peeve, pet aversion, or pet hate is a minor annoyance that an individual finds particularly irritating to a greater degree than the norm.

Pet peeve came into use in the early 20th century from the combination of the word pet, meaning "an especially cherished thing," and the word peeve, meaning "irritated or exasperated."

estranged

/ɪˈstreɪn(d)ɜd, ɛˈstreɪn(d)ɜd/

adjective

(of a person) no longer close or affectionate to someone; alienated.

"Harriet felt more estranged from her daughter than ever"

(of a wife or husband) no longer living with their spouse.

"his estranged wife"

influence /'ɪnfluəns/

demagogue /'dɛməgɒɡ/

a political leader who seeks support by appealing to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people rather than by using rational argument.

"a gifted demagogue with particular skill in manipulating the press"

stoke /stəʊk/

encourage or incite (a strong emotion or tendency).

"his composure had the effect of stoking her anger"

surety /'ʃʊəri, 'ʃɜːrɪ/

a person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or paying a debt.

"the rights of wives who act as sureties for their husband's debts"

Withdraw some money at the ATM in the convenience store

Sugar mama refers to a woman, often one who is married, who gives financial support to a typically younger lover.

arcane /ɑː'keɪn/

understood by few; mysterious or secret.

"arcane procedures for electing people"

hyperbole /hʌɪ'pəːbəli/

exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.

"he vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles"

starstruck

fascinated or greatly impressed by famous people, especially those connected with the cinema or the theatre.

"I was a star-struck cinemagoer"

(as) happy as a clam

US, informal : very happy

She spent the afternoon reading and was (as) happy as a clam.

live the dream

to have the kind of life that you always wanted to have, especially after becoming very successful or rich

I always wanted to be a famous singer, and now I'm living the dream.

be in over your head

to be involved in a difficult situation that you cannot get out of:

Sean tried to pay his gambling debts, but he was in over his head.

As we said at the beginning, the use of “the” in such expressions is idiomatic and arbitrary. Like you, we find “on TV” more natural than “on the TV,” but both versions are standard.

Q: “We watched the game on the TV” sounds non-standard, while “We listened to the game on the radio” sounds perfectly fine. Why does “the” seem wrong when applied to TV, but OK when applied to radio?

revocation /ˌrevəˈkeɪʃn/

the official cancellation of a decree, decision, or promise.

"for those who break the law, revocation of their liquor licence may result"

attune /əˈtjuːn/

make receptive or aware.

"a society more attuned to consumerism than ideology"

accustom or acclimatise.

"students are not attuned to making decisions"

peevish /ˈpiːvɪʃ/

having or showing an irritable disposition.

"a thin peevish voice"

peeve /piːv/

annoy or irritate.

"that was the one thing that peeved him"

wrangle /ˈræŋɡl/

a dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated.

"an insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments"

lob something + adv./prep. (informal) to throw something so that it goes quite high through the air

She lobbed a snowball at her brother.

macabre /məˈkɑːbrə/

disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death.

"a macabre series of murders"

patients with dementia

She was diagnosed with dementia.

a dementia sufferer/patient

111 people in the study subsequently developed dementia.

The staff have specialist training in dementia care.

He raced motocross as a teenager, but he stopped when he found out he had haemophilia.

snowball /ˈsnəʊbɔːl/

throw snowballs at.

"I made sure the other kids stopped snowballing Celia"

increase rapidly in size, intensity, or importance.  
"the campaign was snowballing"

dweeb /dwi:b/  
noun DEROGATORY•INFORMAL  
a boring, studious, or socially inept person.

buck tooth  
an upper tooth that projects over the lower lip.

constellation /ˌkɒnstɪˈleɪʃn/

outlier /ˈaʊtˌlaɪə/  
a person or thing situated away or detached from the main body or system.  
"a western outlier in the Andaman archipelago"  
a person or thing differing from all other members of a particular group or set.  
"an outlier in Faulkner's body of work"  
GEOLOGY  
a younger rock formation isolated among older rocks.  
"the Jurassic outlier west of Carlisle"

It means that the conclusion being described as "a bit of a stretch" is not warranted based on the currently known information.

Pizza joint is a small pizzeria or pizza restaurant.

emulsify /ɪˈmʌlsɪfaɪ/

emulsion /ɪˈmʌljən/  
a fine dispersion of minute droplets of one liquid in another in which it is not soluble or miscible.  
"oil beaten to an emulsion with a half tablespoonful of vinegar"  
a fine dispersion of one liquid or pureed food substance in another.  
"ravioli with pea and ginger emulsion"

shrew /ʃruː/  
a small insectivorous mammal resembling a mouse, with a long pointed snout and tiny eyes.

persecute /ˈpəːsɪkjʊːt/  
subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation or their political beliefs.  
"his followers were persecuted by the authorities"

omniscient /ɒmˈnɪʃɪənt/  
knowing everything.  
"a third-person omniscient narrator"

The troops battled against their enemies.

To battle with an opposing group means to take part in a fight or contest against them. In American English, you can also say that one group or person is battling another.

Thousands of people battled with police and several were reportedly wounded.

antidepressant /ˌantɪdɪˈpresnt/

potable /ˈpəʊtəbl/

safe to drink; drinkable.

"there is no supply of potable water available"

go to pot INFORMAL

deteriorate through neglect.

"the foundry was allowed to go to pot in the seventies"

The printer is out of paper/ink.

Excuse me, you're out of toilet paper.

Hi. It means, "I'm out of toilet paper. Please bring it to my room. This was a conversation at the hotel.

bedhead /ˈbɛdhɛd/

hair with an untidy appearance, such as results from lying in bed.

"her artfully messy bedhead"

counterpane /ˈkaʊntəpeɪn/

noun DATED a bedspread.

bedspread /ˈbɛdsprɛd/

a decorative cloth used to cover a bed when it is not in use.

decorative /ˈdɛk(ə)rətɪv/

untuck /ʌnˈtʌk/

free the edges or ends of (something) from being hidden or held in place.

"Maud took out the pillow and untucked the counterpane"

Untucking his neatly ironed shirt, he showed them the scar on his chest.

She untucked her sleeves and pulled them down so that they hung over her wrists.

He wriggled out from under the covers without untucking them.

really /ˈrɪəli/

i don't got it

An honour roll is a list of the names of people who are admired or respected for something they have done, such as doing very well in a sport or in school.

[US]

If you study hard, you can make the honour roll.

piranha /pɪˈrɑːnə/

slick /sɪk/

done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way.

"Rangers have been entertaining crowds with a slick passing game"

in the company of

together with : around

I felt nervous being in the company of such important people.

thunderbolt /ˈθʌndəbɔʊlt/