

Finished

responsible for somebody/something Even where parents no longer live together, they each continue to be responsible for their children.

responsible with something  
They are not very responsible with money.

responsible to somebody/something having to report to somebody/something with authority or in a higher position and explain to them what you have done  
The Council of Ministers is responsible to the Assembly.

"Stereotype for women" is the grammatically correct option.  
Stereotype for women: This indicates that the stereotype is about women.

When we are talking about prejudice as general hostility, we treat it as an uncountable noun.  
Example: Gay people have long suffered prejudice in Korea.

"I had a prejudice against classic movies."

It's true that "prejudice" can be both countable and uncountable, but so can many other words. In these cases, the uncountable form is a general feeling or belief, and the countable form is a more limited and specific one.

According to J. Stanley Lemons, a stereotype for African-American men in the United States, specifically during the 1940s, was popularised through the use of comics and minstrel shows.

bombastic /bɒm'bastɪk/  
high-sounding but with little meaning; inflated.  
"bombastic rhetoric"

"Bombastic side eye" is a dirty look that people give others to express disgust, disapproval, or judgment. On TikTok, "bombastic side eye, criminal offensive side eye" refers to the trend of people uploading videos of themselves reacting to uncomfortable or cringe-worthy situations.

traffic /'trafɪk/  
the action of dealing or trading in something illegal.  
"the traffic in stolen cattle"

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit.

What does spirit animal mean? In certain spiritual traditions or cultures, spirit animal refers to a spirit which helps guide or protect a person on a journey and whose characteristics that person shares or embodies.

mosaic noun /məʊˈzeɪɪk/

a picture or pattern made by placing together small pieces of glass, stone, etc. of different colours

a Roman mosaic

a design in mosaic

mosaic tiles

(figurative) A mosaic of fields, rivers and woods lay below us.

Why is “shoot me an email” a common phrase but nobody ever really says “I shot an email”?  
shoot her a message

We are part of nature.

in check

under control.

"a way of keeping inflation in check"

(of a king) directly attacked by an opponent's piece or pawn; (of a player) having the king in this position.

She touched my shoulder as she drifted past to sit at the table with me.

The Sun

pep talk /ˈpɛp tɔːk/

a talk intended to make someone feel more courageous or enthusiastic.

"I was to meet my editor for a pep talk"

kiosk /ˈkiːɒsk/

concession /kənˈseɪʃn/

a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

a preferential allowance or rate given by an organisation.

"tax concessions"

concession stand

a stall where food, drinks, or other items are sold at a theatre or other venue

streptococcus /streptəˈkɒkəs/

a bacterium of a genus that includes the agents of souring of milk and dental decay, and haemolytic pathogens causing various infections such as scarlet fever and pneumonia.

broil /brɔɪl/

verbNorth American

cook (meat or fish) by exposure to direct heat.

"he lightly broiled a wedge of sea bass"

Grilling and broiling are both direct heat cooking methods that utilise high temperatures to caramelise and char your food. The big difference between the two is the cooking location and the direction of the heat. Grilling is typically done outdoors on a grill while you tend to broil indoors in an oven.

In American English, "stand clear of the door" would be considered correct.

bonanza

/bəˈnanzə/

noun

a situation which creates a sudden increase in wealth, good fortune, or profits.

"a natural gas bonanza for Britain"

whet someone's appetite

to increase someone's interest in and wish for something, usually by giving them a small experience of it:

I've read an excerpt of the book on the Web and it has whetted my appetite.

That one kiss had whetted his appetite.

The experience has whetted my appetite for more.

If the music you've just heard has whetted your appetite for more, I'm pleased to say that the band is playing nearby on the 18th of this month.

These small dishes are intended to whet your appetite for the meal to come.

on time' means 'at the arranged or correct time', whereas the phrase 'in time' means 'before it's too late'.

lint /lɪnt/

short, fine fibres which separate from the surface of cloth or yarn during processing.

"some fabrics leave tiny specks of lint on the glass"

a fabric, originally of linen, with a raised nap on one side, used for dressing wounds.

"he smeared ointment on a strip of lint"

get (all) up in (one's) (something)

1. To interfere or involve oneself in something, especially someone's business.

Be sure to keep this operation quiet. We don't need the police getting up in our business.

I really wish she wouldn't get all up in my personal life like that.

Mom! Why do you always have to get all up in my love life?

2. To stand extremely close to one, especially in a very aggressive and confrontational manner. Usually followed by "face" or "grill."

Some guy got all up in my face last night at the bar after I bumped into him, even though I apologized.

If you don't quit getting all up in my grill, I'm gonna have to lay you out!

Hey, don't get up in my face—I'm not the one who insulted your girlfriend!

To "get all up in something" is relatively recent slang (no more than 15 years old), and should probably not be used in any formal context. Roughly translated it means "to get extremely (possibly uncomfortably) close to something or someone".

She was getting all up in his face, shouting, "You'd better stop messing around and start treating me right!"

all up

: at or very near an end : with death, defeat, or failure hopelessly or unalterably approaching  
—used predicatively and in impersonal constructions with it  
by night it was all up for the trapped miners

bullion /'bʊlɪən/

gold or silver in bulk before coining, or valued by weight.

"gold bullion"

Well, that's me told, but I take his point.

that's me told

(British, informal) You sure told me! You sure showed me! (suggesting that the speaker is suitably chastened for their foolish error)

"I'm going on a diet"

margarine /ˌmɑːdʒəˈriːn/

knock (somebody's) heads together

informal to tell people who are arguing that they must stop and behave more sensibly

None of them can agree and it needs someone to knock heads together.

knock heads

idiom

US, informal

1

: to argue or disagree

The two of them knocked heads soon after they started working together.

2

: to use angry or forceful methods to control or punish people

I am going in there and knock some heads if they don't start behaving.

—often + together

I am going to go in there and knock their heads together if they don't start behaving.

muddle /'mʌdl/

bring into a disordered or confusing state.

"I fear he may have muddled the message"

slug /slʌg/

drink (something, typically alcohol) in a large draught; swig.

"she picked up her drink and slugged it straight back"

Blue took a slug from his beer.

Come through with

Provide something needed

(Inseparable | International English)

Example: He didn't COME THROUGH WITH the money and they went bust.

imperative /ɪmˈpɛrətɪv/

of vital importance; crucial.

"immediate action was imperative"

come off it

said when vigorously expressing disbelief.

"Come off it, he'll know that's a lie."

"He CAME BEFORE the court on charges of speeding."

"She CAME OUT IN a nasty rash after touching the poisonous plant by mistake."

come to

recover consciousness.

"I came to in a corner of the room"

come out

(of a stain) be removed or able to be removed.

"the mark will come out with stain remover"

Somalia /səˈmɑːliə/

circumference /səˈkʌmf(ə)rəns/

A refractory period refers to a specific duration in which an organ or cell is unable to repeat an activity.

refractory /rɪˈfrakt(ə)ri/

stubborn or unmanageable.

"his refractory pony"

resistant to a process or stimulus.

"some granules are refractory to secretory stimuli"

refract /rɪˈfrakt/

(of water, air, or glass) make (a ray of light) change direction when it enters at an angle.

"the rays of light are refracted by the material of the lens"

measure the focusing characteristics of (an eye) or of the eyes of (someone).

"when refracting patients an ophthalmologist relies on verbal reports"

capillary /kəˈpɪl(ə)ri/

## Anatomy

any of the fine branching blood vessels that form a network between the arterioles and venules.

2.

a tube that has an internal diameter of hairlike thinness.

wick /wɪk/

a strip of porous material up which liquid fuel is drawn by capillary action to the flame in a candle, lamp, or lighter.

snug /snʌg/

comfortable, warm, and cosy; well protected from the weather or cold.

"she was safe and snug in Ruth's arms"

very tight or close-fitting.

"a well-shaped hood for a snug fit"

dowsing /'daʊzɪŋ/

a technique for searching for underground water, minerals, ley lines, or anything invisible, by observing the motion of a pointer (traditionally a forked stick, now often paired bent wires) or the changes in direction of a pendulum, supposedly in response to unseen influences.

"a dowsing rod"

douse /daʊs/

pour a liquid over; drench.

"he doused the car with petrol and set it on fire"

extinguish (a fire or light).

"stewards appeared and the fire was doused"

go on the pill

These tasks are low hanging fruit.

Easy

unwittingly /ʌn'wɪtɪŋli/

without being aware; unintentionally.

"many users unwittingly expose their personal details to strangers online"

go in on something

to be involved in an activity that involves others:

He bought a jet for personal use, inviting three friends to go in on it.

sever /'seɪvə/

divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

"the head was severed from the body"

conflate /kən'fleɪt/

combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

"the urban crisis conflates a number of different economic, political, and social issues"

dumb down

phrasal verb of dumb

simplify or reduce the intellectual content of something so as to make it accessible to a larger number of people.

"the producers categorically deny that they're dumbing down the show"

become less intellectually challenging.

"the need to dumb down for mass audiences"

damp something down

to make a strong feeling be felt less strongly:

He had tried to damp down speculation about the state of his marriage.

be nothing to write home about

be very mediocre or unexceptional.

side hustle

a job or occupation that brings in extra money beyond one's regular job and main source of income:

My book launch was the catalyst to finally take my side hustle seriously by turning it into a full-time gig.

hustle /'hʌsl/

obtain illicitly or by forceful action.

"Linda hustled money from men she met"

push roughly; jostle.

"they were hissed and hustled as they went in"

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"

loop in

: to connect (as an electric cable) in circuit

caddy /'kadi/

a small storage container, typically one with divisions.

"a tool caddy"

glam /glæm/

(informal) glamorous (= especially attractive and exciting)

She looks so glam in that red dress.

fab /fab/

fabulous; wonderful.

"I admired the fab photography"

catch/capture lightning in a bottle

idiom

chiefly US

: to succeed in a way that is very lucky or unlikely

He caught lightning in a bottle with the success of his very first book.

hold on to your hat

Get ready for what's coming or about to happen!

Hold on to your hats, everybody—we're about to see what these fireworks can do!

A: "Wow, the storm has been devastating so far." B: "Well, hold on to your hat, because it's about to get a whole lot worse!"

dish /dɪʃ/

gossip or share information, especially information of an intimate or scandalous nature.

"groups gather to brag about babies and dish about romances"

dish on (someone or something)

slang To gossip about someone or something.

Those popular girls are always dishing on someone in our class.

Get over here so I can dish on Tom quitting!

Oh please, I know you're the one who dished on my relationship and started those awful rumors!

incriminate

/ɪnˈkrɪmɪneɪt/

verb

make (someone) appear guilty of a crime or wrongdoing.

"he refused to answer questions in order not to incriminate himself"

Avoid Cliches Like the Plague

on one's last legs

Extremely tired, close to collapsing, as in We've been cleaning house all day and I'm on my last legs .

feisty /ˈfeɪsti/

(of a person, typically one who is relatively small) lively, determined, and courageous.

"a love story with a feisty heroine who's more than a pretty face"

voracious /vəˈreɪʃəs/

wanting or devouring great quantities of food.

"a voracious appetite"

draught /dra:ft/

noun

noun: draft

1.

a current of cool air in a room or other confined space.

"heavy curtains at the windows cut out draughts"



doing something on the curve; out of context, grading on a curve means to adjust scores to map against a normal distribution, whereas grading on the curve refers to the degree of slope on a curved portion of road.

merk

in British English

(mɜ:k IPA Pronunciation Guide )

verb (used with object)

Slang. to defeat overwhelmingly, beat up, kill, or eliminate:

Eventually they rip off the wrong person and then they get merked.

If they are so tough, how come they got merked by 12-year-olds?

Making a fist may seem like an easy thing to do, but if you don't hold it in a relatively precise manner, you could end up damaging your hand when you actually use your fist to strike.

tourniquet /'tuənɪkeɪ, 'tɔ:nɪkeɪ, 'tə:nɪkeɪ/

a device for stopping the flow of blood through a vein or artery, typically by compressing a limb with a cord or tight bandage.

Community grants are funds that are awarded by organisations or governments to individuals or groups for projects and initiatives that aim to improve the lives of people in a particular community.

bumble /'bʌmbəl/

move or act in an awkward or confused manner.

"they bumbled around the house"

by the way

BTDUBS A spoken slang for BTW, meaning "by the way", which originated on the internet.

Rather than say "bee-tee- double-u" out loud, people began saying "bee-tee-dubs", which became "btdubs"

When you dial it back or dial something back you reduce the strength or intensity of something.

aunt

/ɑ:nt/

wacky

/'waki/

wacko

/'wakəʊ/

informal•North American

adjective

mad; insane.

"his wacko conspiracy theories"

noun

a crazy person.

"a trailer park peopled by exotic wackos and misfits"

glower /'glauə/

have an angry or sullen look on one's face; scowl.

"she glowered at him suspiciously"

eligible

/ˈɛlɪdʒəbl/

adjective

having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions.

"customers who are eligible for discounts"

(of a person) desirable or suitable as a partner in marriage.

"the world's most eligible bachelor"

A durag (alternate spellings) is a close-fitting cloth tied around the top of the head to protect the hair; similarly a wave cap is a close-fitting cap for the same purpose.

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"

land /land/

succeed in obtaining or achieving (something desirable), especially in the face of competition.

"she landed the starring role in a new film"

land someone in something

to cause someone to be in a difficult situation:

Revealing confidential information to a rival company could land you in serious trouble with your boss.

The demonstration outside the embassy landed some of the protesters in jail overnight.

He landed himself in deep/hot water (= in a very difficult or unpleasant situation) by lying to the tax office about his earnings.

prose /prəʊz/

What do you get when you cross a joke and a rhetorical question?

sook /su:k,sʊk/

informal•Australian

a person lacking spirit or self-confidence.

be a slave to something

to be influenced too much by something:

She's a slave to fashion.

If we are all slaves to something, what are you a slave to?

Yes. "To" is the preposition I always hear when people use that phrase. "Of" means the same thing, but I don't hear people use "slave of the habit".

A game seven is the final game of a best of seven series.

pitty-pat  
variants or pitty-patty  
variant of pit-a-pat

go pit-a-pat  
idiom  
: to make a quick series of light sounds  
His foot went pit-a-pat.  
—used of someone's heart to say that it is beating rapidly with excitement  
Her heart went pit-a-pat when he walked into the room.

tag in  
1. In tag-team professional wrestling, to tag one's teammate (usually on the hand) and enter the ring to begin wrestling the opponent.  
Everyone thought he was done for after being smashed by that suplex, but his teammate, The Grave Digger, managed to tag in at the last second.  
The crowd all booed as Nancy Fury tagged in.  
2. slang By extension, to take over someone else's current activity, especially to give them a reprieve.  
Tom's been looking after the kids all afternoon, so I'm going to go tag in and give him a break.  
Would you mind tagging in for a while? I need to go make a phone call really quick.

A jug band is a band employing a jug player and a mix of conventional and homemade instruments.

The jug used as a musical instrument is an empty jug (usually made of glass or stoneware) played with buzzed lips to produce a trombone-like tone.

"There you have it folks. The Patriots win the super bowl again"

It is used in the summing up of an event. I don't hear it often and I think it was used a lot more with the previous generations.

I hear it from time to time, and have probably said it after giving a presentation. Other concluding phrases in the same vein: "...and that's all there is to it."

These "wrap-up" phrases can vary somewhat; a handful of examples include:

And there you go.

And now you have it.  
And that's all there is to it.  
And that's it!

heirloom

/ˈɛ:lʊ:m/

noun

a valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations.

"the violin was a family heirloom"

there you have it

Used to highlight or emphasize the ease or simplicity of something that has just been explained or demonstrated.

Do you understand? You just have to insert the installation disc into your computer, and there you have it! The program installs itself in a matter of minutes.

So, there you have it—all the tools you need to bring your business to the next level.

winded (wɪn'dɪd)

1. Having breath or respiratory power of a specified kind. Often used in combination: short-winded; broken-winded.

2. Out of breath: a winded runner.

slap together

phrasal verb

slapped together; slapping together; slaps together

informal

: to create (something) by putting parts together in a quick or careless way

I slapped a sandwich together as I was running out the door.

The company slapped together a website and then waited for the customers to come pouring in.

together /tə'geðə/

photo op

: photo opportunity

if you are on a budget, you do not have much money to spend

Travellers on a budget might prefer to camp.

a book which offers great ideas for decorating on a budget

families on a tight budget

ridic /rɪ'dɪk/ ridiculous

That's so ridic!

out

a way of escaping from a problem or dilemma.

"he was desperately looking for an out"

bean

1. verb, slang To strike someone in the head, especially deliberately.

She beaned the man with an empty bottle after he tried groping her in the bar.

The pitcher's wild throw beaned the batter, knocking him out cold.

They're toddlers, so if they're not falling down and crying, they're beaning each other with some hard object and crying about that.

2. noun, slang One's head.

He turned around and got clocked right on the bean by the corner of the cabinet.

When you're 6'6" like I am, your bean takes a lot of abuse from archways and doorframes.

Ouch, what are you doing? That ball of yours hit me right in the bean!

RSVP

"répondez s'il vous plaît", French for "please reply"; used at the end of a written invitation to mean that you should tell the people who invited you whether or not you are coming:

We request the pleasure of your company at a party in celebration of our daughter's 18th birthday, to be held at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday 20th August. RSVP.

crack the whip

use power or authority to make a person or group work harder or behave in a disciplined way.

"he needed someone to crack the whip without destroying morale"

get credit for something/doing something

to be given praise, approval, or honour for something you have done:

I'm not getting credit for what I'm doing.

She got no credit for solving the problem.

He never gets enough credit for writing such beautiful tunes.

over the top

to an excessive or exaggerated degree.

"some performances go over the top"

"You've got to do it up big" means to do something in a grand or extravagant way. It implies going all out or making a big impression.

klutz /klʌts/

noun informal•North American

a clumsy, awkward, or foolish person.

scallion /'skaliən/

nounNorth American

a long-necked onion with a small bulb, in particular a spring onion.

down payment

noun

an initial payment made when something is bought on credit.

"it had taken their savings to make the down payment on a house"

make a down payment on I made a down payment on a new smart TV.

put a down payment on She used the money to put a down payment on a car.

lift-off

the action of a spacecraft or rocket leaving the ground:

We have lift-off.

wrangle /'rangl/

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

"an insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments"

North American

round up, herd, or take charge of (livestock).

"the horses were wrangled early"

potluck /'pɒtlʌk,pɒt'ɪk/

a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable.

"he could take pot luck in a town not noted for its restaurants"

North American

a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish.

plural noun: potlucks

"a potluck supper"

let's jam

A suggestion to depart together.

This party's lame: let's jam!

Let's have a boogie

"hey man this beat is tight, let's JAM"

Let's play improvised music together

hit the bricks

1. To depart, often on foot.

We don't need any troublemakers around here, so hit the bricks, fella.

I think it's time for us to hit the bricks.

2. To begin or take part in a strike. This usage is primarily heard in the US.

The workers hit the bricks again after the company implemented a unilateral pay cut to all employees.

harrow /'harəʊ/

an implement consisting of a heavy frame set with teeth or tines which is dragged over ploughed land to break up clods, remove weeds, and cover seed.

cause distress to.

"Todd could take it, whereas I'm harrowed by it"

If you are trying to achieve something and you say that it's no dice, you mean that you are having no success or luck with it. If someone asks you for something and you reply no dice, you are refusing to do what they ask.

If there'd been a halfway decent house for rent on this island, I would have taken it. But it was no dice.

If the Republicans were to say "no dice," the Democrats would think they have a campaign issue.

sappy /'sapi/

informal•North American

mawkishly over-sentimental.

"sappy old love songs"

(of a plant) containing a lot of sap.

mawkish /'mɔ:kɪ/

sentimental in an exaggerated or false way.

"a mawkish ode to parenthood"

While "you saw how good of a driver I was" might be commonly used in informal speech, it's technically incorrect according to standard grammar rules.

hubcap /'hʌbkap/

a metal or plastic cover for the hub of a motor vehicle's wheel.

Tears rolled down her cheeks; she did not wipe them away.

display /dɪ'spleɪ/

hair follicle

follicle /'fɒlɪkl/

a small secretory cavity, sac, or gland.

"Candy" is both countable and uncountable. It is uncountable because it is a general food item. However, it is countable if it comes as an individual piece such in a given context .." I will buy a piece of candy.

Both are acceptable to say:

My mom says, "Do not eat too much candy" ( uncountable? or My mom says, "Do not eat too many candies" ( countable )

armour /'ɑ:mə(r)/ [uncountable]

"[It] sucks to be you" means that it is unfortunate to be you—but expressed rather crudely, and with a very dismissive feeling.

vase /vɑ:z/

spotty /'spɒti/

North American

of uneven quality; patchy.

"his spotty record on the environment"

tater tots /'teɪtə tots/

bite-sized croquettes of shredded potato that are fried or baked, typically served as a side dish.

"tater tots are a food we associate with the school cafeteria from our childhood"

dim-witted /,dɪm'wɪtɪd/

stupid or silly.

"a dim-witted waiter"

clitic /'klɪtɪk/

an unstressed word that normally occurs only in combination with another word, for example 'm in I'm.

critic /'krɪtɪk/

a person who expresses an unfavourable opinion of something.

"critics of the new legislation say it is too broad"

stake out

mark an area with stakes so as to claim ownership of it.

"the boundary between the two manors was properly staked out"

keep a person or place under surveillance.

"they'd staked out Culley's house for half a day"

stake<sup>1</sup>

/steɪk/

noun

noun: stake; plural noun: stakes

1.

a strong wooden or metal post with a point at one end, driven into the ground to support a plant, form part of a fence, mark a boundary, etc.

putty /'pʌti/

a soft, malleable greyish-yellow paste, made from ground chalk and raw linseed oil, that hardens after a few hours and is used for sealing glass in window frames and filling holes in wood.

"countersink the screws so they can be covered with putty"

a polishing powder, usually made from tin oxide, used in jewellery work.

a person who is easily influenced or persuaded: he's putty in her hands.

Light starch makes clothing more durable and retains its shape after ironing.

butter up

flatter or praise someone as a means of gaining their help or support.

"don't try and butter me up in order to get privileged information"



In

a position of influence with someone powerful or famous.

"she got an in with the promising new artist"

A blind intersection is an intersection where the view of oncoming traffic is obstructed, making it difficult for drivers to see approaching vehicles.

If someone touches all the bases or covers the bases, they deal with everyone or everything involved in a situation.

[informal]

He has managed to touch all the bases necessary, and trade goes on.

The boss covers all bases when he sets up a job.

bank on

base one's hopes or confidence on something.

"the prime minister cannot bank on their support"

bannister /'banɪstə/

the structure formed by the uprights and handrail at the side of a staircase.

"he vaulted the bannister"

cash in (on something) (disapproving)

to gain an advantage for yourself from a situation, especially in a way that other people think is wrong or immoral

The film studio is being accused of cashing in on the singer's death.

Verbs followed by the gerund (-ing form):

Avoid: Avoid doing something.

Enjoy: Enjoy doing something.

Finish: Finish doing something.

Mind: Mind doing something.

Suggest: Suggest doing something.

With "recommend" and "suggest," do not use an infinitive. Use a gerund or a clause.

Examples:

I don't recommend doing that.

I recommend not doing that.

I recommend that you not do that.

bane /beɪn/

a cause of great distress or annoyance.

"the telephone was the bane of my life"

call up

to use something that is stored or kept available  
I called his address up on the computer.  
She called up her last reserves of strength.

raisin /'reɪzn/

turn over  
to use or allow something to be used for a different purpose:  
turn something over to something  
Grants are being offered to farmers who agree to turn over their land to parkland.

to give something or someone that you control to someone else:  
Eventually he turned over control of the company to his son.  
They are identifying the guilty and turning them over to civil authorities for prosecution.

chuff /tʃʌf/  
(of a steam engine) move with a regular sharp puffing sound.  
"the train was chuffing out of the station"

be running on fumes  
(of an engine or vehicle) to have almost no fuel left:  
By the end of the day many of the drivers were running on fumes or had experienced mechanical problems.

If someone or something rubs salt into the wound, they make the unpleasant situation that you are in even worse, often by reminding you of your failures or faults.  
To rub salt in the wounds, the bankers got big bonuses as the rest of us struggled to make ends meet.

have a whale of a time  
to enjoy yourself very much:  
We had a whale of a time on holiday.

If you get something out of your system, you get rid of a wish or emotion, especially a negative one, by allowing yourself to express it:  
I had a good cry and got it out of my system.

glob /ɡlɒb/  
noun informal  
a lump of a semi-liquid substance.  
"thick globs of mozzarella cheese"

I just pulled the wool over the teacher's eyes by laughing instead of admitting I didn't understand.

stiff /stɪf/  
North American  
cheat (someone) out of something, especially money.

"several workers were stiffed out of their pay"

North American

ignore (someone) deliberately; snub.

"the stars are notorious for stiffing their hosts and sponsors at banquets"

miss out

Lose a chance for, fail to achieve, as in Ruth came late to the party and missed out on all the fun, or Trudy missed out on the promotion

wheeze /wi:z/

breathe with a whistling or rattling sound in the chest, as a result of obstruction in the air passages.

"the illness often leaves her wheezing"

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masochist /'masəkɪst/

A swag bag is a bundle of gifts typically given to attendees of an event.

swag /swag/

a curtain or piece of fabric fastened so as to hang in a drooping curve.

money or goods taken by a thief or burglar.

"garden machinery is the most popular swag"

money or goods taken by a thief or burglar.

"garden machinery is the most popular swag"

products given away free, typically for promotional purposes.

"check out the fun bag of swag we gave our guests!"

stump /stʌmp/

(of a question or problem) be too hard for; baffle.

"education chiefs were stumped by some of the exam questions"

If you make no bones about something, you talk openly about it, rather than trying to keep it a secret.

Some of them make no bones about their political views.

rind /rʌɪnd/

the tough outer skin of certain fruit, especially citrus fruit.

"decorate with fine shreds of orange rind"

the hard outer edge of cheese or bacon.

"curls of bacon rind were left on his plate"

turn something on its head

to cause something to be the opposite of what it was before:  
These new findings turn the accepted theories on their head.

in one's face  
directly at or against one; as one approaches.  
"she slammed the door in my face"

"He called us up to the bigs" means that someone, often a person in a position of authority, has promoted a group of people to a higher level or more important position.

The term "bigs" is informal slang for a major league or top-level group or organisation.

totes /təʊts/  
adverb informal  
totally.  
"it's summer so it's light all the time plus the scenery is totes amazing"

burlap /'bɜːləp/  
noun North American  
coarse canvas woven from jute, hemp, or a similar fibre, used especially for sacking.  
"a burlap sack"

bore /bɔː/  
gerund or present participle: boring  
make (a hole) in something with a tool or by digging.  
"bore a hole in the wall to pass the cable through"

bawl /bɔːl/  
shout or call out noisily and unrestrainedly.  
"'Move!' bawled the drill corporal"

bowl /bɔːl/  
a wooden or hard rubber ball, slightly asymmetrical so that it runs on a curved course, used in the game of bowls.

bawl one's eyes out  
: to cry loudly especially for a long time.  
It's the saddest book I've ever read. I bawled my eyes out at the end.

adorbs /ə'dɔːbz/  
arousing great delight; cute or adorable.  
"all the pets are totally adorbs"

check off North American  
tick or otherwise mark an item on a list to show that it has been dealt with.  
"check off each assignment as you complete it"

order (one) off

To command or instruct one to get off (of something).

He had gotten up onto the table to do a funny dance, but his mother ordered him off.

The security guard ordered us off the grass.

So you go to a fast food restaurant of your choice, and you make your order off of the menu that is numbered 1-10.

contraction /kən'trækʃn/

a shortening of the uterine muscles occurring at intervals before and during childbirth.

"she was now in no doubt that she was having contractions"

The term "going into labor" refers to the process of a pregnant woman's body preparing for and going through the active stage of childbirth.

"This hospital is still up and running."

"I won't lie and say I'm fine" is a relatively common thing I have heard from plenty of native English speakers. The only reason I would prefer that version over yours is that this has usually been said early in the day, and listeners misunderstand long sentences more often. Think of arriving to a manual labor job before sunrise. How are you "I won't lie and say I'm fine" is easier to understand when the listener is only half awake.

I have also heard "I won't lie and pretend I'm fine" - means the same thing effectively, but with the additional implication that I won't use facial expression and such to pretend I'm ok.

In this context, CT stands for "Criminal Trespass"

They are criminal trespassing (or enacting/enforcing a no-trespass order) on that individual. This isn't a common abbreviation or common knowledge in general — it's pretty specific to police work and other fields that involve security, loss prevention, and criminal law, etc.

"I'm having trouble with this recipe. I can't get the taste right."

eeepy = sleepy

Put one D battery in.

non-custodial /ˌnɒn kʌ'stədiəl/

(of a parent) not having custody of a child

custody /'kʌstədi/

the protective care or guardianship of someone or something.

"the property was placed in the custody of a trustee"

duvet /'duːveɪ/

a soft quilt filled with down, feathers, or a synthetic fibre, used instead of an upper sheet and blankets.

charisma /kəˈrɪzmə/

need (something) yesterday

To need, require, or desire something very urgently or as soon as possible.

James, I need those expense reports yesterday! We can't start the meeting without them!

I had a look at your car. Its engine needs a total overhaul, like, yesterday.

clog /klog/

a shoe with a thick wooden sole.

Clogs are heavy leather or wooden shoes with thick wooden soles.

Adding the suffix “-ussy” to a word in this specific case basically gives it the personification of a vagina (“pussy”). I believe it originally comes from the online slang of “bussy” — meaning “boy pussy,” or a butthole.

conflate /kənˈfleɪt/

gerund or present participle: conflating

combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

"the urban crisis conflates a number of different economic, political, and social issues"

If you make your mark or make a mark, you become noticed or famous by doing something impressive or unusual.

She made her mark in the film industry in the 1960s.

much less.

used to introduce something as being even less likely than something already mentioned.

"what woman would consider a date with him, much less a marriage?"

1860, jack up "hoist, raise, lift with a jack," American English, from jack (n.) in the appliance sense. Figurative sense "increase (prices, etc.);" is 1904, American English. Related: Jacked; jacking. Jack off (v.) "masturbate" is attested from 1916, probably from jack (n.) in the old slang sense of "(erect) penis."

He got jacked for his new sneakers.

jack /dʒæk/

take (something) illicitly; steal.

"what's wrong is to jack somebody's lyrics and not acknowledge the fact"

rob (someone).

"they told police they'd been prowling the streets looking to jack someone"

take up with

begin to associate with someone, especially in a way disapproved of by the speaker.

"he soon took up with a rough crowd and began to drink, smoke, and gamble"

seedy /ˈsiːdi/ l. adjective 1. sordid and disreputable • his seedy affair with a soft-porn starlet.  
2. shabby and squalid • an increasingly seedy and dilapidated property.

floozy /'flu:zi / floosie, floozie I. noun <informal> a girl or a woman who has many casual sexual partners. • they were attacked for canoodling with floozies in nightclubs.

To “sweep in” means to appear suddenly and gracefully. It’s most often used to describe wind.

A gentle breeze swept in

stump /stʌmp/

the bottom part of a tree left projecting from the ground after most of the trunk has fallen or been cut down.

the small projecting remnant of something that has been cut or broken off or worn away.

"the stump of an amputated arm"

aneurysm /'anjʊrɪz(ə)m/

an excessive localised swelling of the wall of an artery.

set foot in somewhere

to go to a place:

He refuses to set foot in an art gallery.

fall flat

fail completely to produce the intended or expected effect.

"his jokes fell flat"

dole /dəʊl/

benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

"they are receiving the dole"

reciprocate /rɪ'sɪprəkeɪt/

feel (affection or love) for someone in the same way that they feel it for oneself.

"her passion for him was not reciprocated"

respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.

"the favour was reciprocated"

Both parents and paediatricians often speak of the “terrible twos.” It’s a normal developmental phase experienced by young children that’s often marked by tantrums, defiant behaviour, and lots of frustration.

My son started his terrible twos when he was around a year and eight months old.

emery /'ɛm(ə)ri/

a greyish-black form of corundum containing iron oxide or other impurities, used in powdered form as an abrasive.

denoting materials coated with emery for polishing, smoothing, or grinding.

modifier noun: emery

"emery paper"

emery board

a strip of thin wood or card coated with emery or another abrasive and used as a nail file.

snag /snag/

an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback.

"there's one small snag"

a dead tree.

"dozens of species of birds and mammals use standing snags for nesting"

sharp, angular, or jagged projection.

"keep an emery board handy in case of nail snags"

nipple cripple

"The playground bully surprised his classmate with a painful purple nurple, causing him to wince in discomfort."

The prostate (/ˈprɒs.teɪt/)[1] is both an accessory gland of the male reproductive system and a muscle-driven mechanical switch between urination and ejaculation. It is found in all male mammals.

"You retarded homo-curious asscrack, don't you dare give me a purple-nurple"

purple nurple (plural purple nurples) (slang) A school prank, the act of taking a person's nipple between the thumb and forefinger and then twisting it around roughly.

dismal /ˈdɪzm(ə)/

garret /ˈɡærət, ˈɡarɪt/ I. noun a top-floor or attic room, especially a small dismal one. • the solitary genius starving in a cold garret.

In 1960's and beyond, street lingo for "let's go" was "let's roll". That phrase lead into "slow your roll" meant to stop and think about what you're doing.

zip-a-dee-doo-dah

An exclamation of happiness.

walk off

to leave a place because you are angry or unhappy about something:

She threatened to walk off the film set because of the conditions.

He refused to discuss it and just walked off in a huff.

take a walk in order to undo the effects of a heavy meal.

"enjoy some invigorating fresh air and walk off the excesses of the festive season"

walk something off

to walk in order to try and get rid of pain or an unpleasant feeling such as anger:

I'm going out to walk off this headache.

walk it off She twisted her ankle and tried to walk it off, but it hurt too much.

He managed to walk off his bad mood.



milquetoast /'mɪlktəʊst/

a timid or feeble person.

"Jennings plays him as something of a milquetoast"

permeate /'pə:miɪt/

spread throughout (something); pervade.

"the aroma of soup permeated the air"

permeance /'pə:miəns/

the property of allowing the passage of lines of magnetic flux.

permanence /'pə:mənəns/

Children acquire object permanence at about seven months of age

garnish /'gɑ:nɪʃ/

decorate or embellish (something, especially food).

"garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream"

dexterity /dɛk'stɜ:ti/

fiddle /'fɪd(ə)/ I. noun 1. <informal> a violin. 2. <informal> (chiefly Brit.) an act of defrauding, cheating, or falsifying • a major mortgage fiddle. 3. (Brit.) <informal> a small task that seems awkward and unnecessarily complex • inserting a tape is a bit of a fiddle.

frock /frɒk/ I. noun 1. (chiefly Brit.) a woman's or girl's dress. • her new party frock.

sward /swɔ:d/ I. noun 1. <literary> an expanse of short grass. 2. [Farming] the upper layer of soil, especially when covered with grass.

To form the inverted pleats, lay the fabric flat, right side up.

plumage /'plu:mɪdʒ/

a bird's feathers collectively.

"the male in full breeding plumage"

prairie /'preəri/

[countable, uncountable]

a flat, wide area of land in North America and Canada, without many trees and originally covered with grass

Only about 5 percent of native prairie is left in Kansas.

It had the eerie power of a prairie.

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"

crux /krʌks/

the decisive or most important point at issue.

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

attest /əˈtɛst/

provide or serve as clear evidence of.

"his status is attested by his becoming an alderman"

Even a minute's delay can be fatal.

I would add something about what to do if they can't reach you.

hives /haɪvz/

a rash of round, red welts on the skin that itch intensely, sometimes with dangerous swelling, caused by an allergic reaction, typically to specific foods.

As others have noted, "aren't" can be used as a contraction for "am I not," but only in questions.

concession /kənˈseɪʃn/

a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

surrender or yield (a possession, right, or privilege).

"in 475 the emperor conceded the Auvergne to Euric"

"Salad" is an uncountable noun when raw vegetables like lettuce, tomato, cucumber, etc. are mixed together.

"Sandhurst voice" would mean the voice of a military academy grad, the equivalent of a ringknocker in the US

Sandhurst is a British military academy for officer training.

"Shoulder arms" means to place your rifle on your shoulder, removing it from active use. In other words, it means to refrain from violence.

Apart from an occasional matinee, there is only one performance, but the overhead expenses of the theatre, rent and the like, are the same.

Does not their employment at matinees in these theatres, interfere with their work?

whittle /ˈwɪtl/

carve (wood) into an object by repeatedly cutting small slices from it.

"he was sitting at the tent door, whittling a piece of wood with a knife"

hyperbole /haɪˈpəːbəli/

exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.

"he vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles"

quay /ki:/

a stone or metal platform lying alongside or projecting into water for loading and unloading ships.

Object permanence means that you know an object or person still exists even when they are hidden and you can't see or hear them.

matinee /'matɪneɪ/

an afternoon performance in a theatre or cinema.

ballot /'bælət/

a system of voting secretly and in writing on a particular issue.

"a strike ballot"

stand down

withdraw or resign from a position or office.

"he stood down as leader of the party"

2.

relax after being ready or alert.

"no further action was required and all units stood down"

prompt /prɒm(p)t/

COMPUTING

(of a computer) request input from (a user).

"the online form prompts users for data"

tutelage /'tju:tɪlɪdʒ/

protection of or authority over someone or something; guardianship.

instruction; tuition.

"he felt privileged to be under the tutelage of an experienced actor"

If you're on the fence about buying a smartphone, this one won't fail to please."

Janice said that she's on the fence about getting married to Richie. I wonder what she will do.

Many consumers are still on the fence, waiting for a less expensive computer to come along. Todd's still sitting on the fence, trying to decide which school he wants to go to.

Being on the fence means you really just can't decide.

I'll go to the gym.

surgery /'sɜ:dʒəri/

[uncountable] medical treatment of injuries or diseases that involves cutting open a person's body and often removing or replacing some parts; the branch of medicine connected with this treatment

major/minor surgery

to undergo heart/knee/shoulder surgery

He will require surgery on his left knee.

The doctor had to perform emergency surgery to the patient's head.

She's a specialist in reconstructive and cosmetic surgery.

The president is to undergo minor surgery to remove a small growth from his hand.

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"

Yoink means to take something with stealth, speed, and finesse. It can also be a slang term for an ordinary person with nothing to recommend them.

yoink /jɔɪŋk/

to take something quickly, usually without permission:

The dog just yoinked a sausage from under my nose!

He yoinked my notes and used them himself.

be on someone's ass

a rude phrase meaning to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone:

The police have been on my ass ever since I got out of jail.

be locked in something

If you are locked in a situation or process, it is impossible for you to escape or make progress from it:

Both parties wish to avoid being locked in discussions that will resolve nothing.

So..."locked in" can apparently be used in modern slang to mean "concentrated," "focused" - especially on an activity, like a sport or video game.

Root beer float

pedicab /'pedɪkəb/

a small pedal-operated vehicle, serving as a taxi in some countries.

sling /slɪŋ/

(slang) To sell, peddle, or distribute (often illicitly, e.g. drugs, sex, etc.).

lock /lɒk/

A person or thing that is certain to succeed; a certainty.

"all of this makes him a lock to make the Hall of Fame"

wistful /'wɪs(t)f(ʊ)l/

having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.

"a wistful smile"

a "claim" is an assertion of ownership (and also, more broadly, an assertion that something is true), so that ticket is your proof (assertion, statement, "claim") that you own your baggage.

hold on to/onto sth/sb

to keep something or someone that is important or useful:

I held onto the tech shares after the stock market fell because I knew they would recover.

You should hold on to her, she's too good to lose to a competitor.

That bag's taking up space.

guest of honour

the most important person at a social occasion:

The president was guest of honour at the dinner.

shackle /'ʃakl/

a pair of fetters connected together by a chain, used to fasten a prisoner's wrists or ankles together.

unshackled /ʌn'shakld/

not chained or shackled.

"he had handcuffs on his wrists but his feet were unshackled"

iffy /'ɪfi/

full of uncertainty; doubtful.

"the prospect for classes resuming next Wednesday seems iffy"

of doubtful quality or legality.

"a good wine merchant will change the iffy bottles for sound ones"

grouse /graʊs/

complain about something trivial; grumble.

"she heard him grouching about his assistant"

"our biggest grouse was about the noise of construction work"

knock/throw someone for a loop

If something that happens knocks you for a loop, it upsets or confuses you because you do not expect it:

He knocked me for a loop when he said he was quitting his job.

bluff /blʌf/

gerund or present participle: bluffing

try to deceive someone as to one's abilities or intentions.

"he's been bluffing all along"

survive a difficult situation by maintaining a pretence.

"there's no point in trying to bluff it out"

gingivitis /ˌdʒɪndʒɪˈvaɪtɪs/

a condition in which the gums around the teeth become painful, red and swollen (= larger or rounder than normal)

hive mind

a notional entity consisting of a large number of people who share their knowledge or opinions with one another, regarded as producing either uncritical conformity or collective intelligence.

"he has become one of those celebrities whose online presence has made him a favourite of the internet hive mind"

if you express a romantic interest in a very attractive person, someone might say "get in line," basically meaning, "yeah, so does everyone else."

haggard /'hagəd/ I. adjective 1. looking exhausted and unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering • she was pale and haggard • Alex's haggard face. 2. (of a hawk) caught for training as a wild adult of more than twelve months.

curdle /'kə:d(ə)/ I. verb separate or cause to separate into curds or lumps [no obj.] • take care not to let the soup boil or it will curdle • [with obj.] rennet is used for making cheese by curdling milk. II. phrases make someone's blood curdle fill someone with horror. • there were atrocities on both sides which would make your blood curdle.

look out for somebody/something phrasal verb

1 to pay attention to what is happening around you, so that you will notice a particular person or thing if you see them → lookout

Look out for your Aunt while you're at the station.

He's looking out for a nice apartment downtown.

2 to try to make sure that someone is treated well

My older brother always looked out for me when we were kids.

look out for yourself/number one (=think only of the advantages you can get for yourself)

shut-in

person who is confined to home, a room, or bed because of illness or incapacity

2

: a narrow gorge-shaped part of an otherwise wide valley

3

: available oil or gas which is not being produced from an existing well

have pull with someone

to have influence with someone. (Also with some, much, lots, etc.) Let's ask Ann to help us.

She has pull with the mayor. Do you know anyone who has some pull with the bank president? I need a loan.

I('ve) got pull, I have pull: I have influence, I am popular (slang)

"Tonight is the test to see if I got pull"

in record time

very quickly

She was out of bed and ready for school in record time that morning.  
She won the race in record time.

mutton chops /'mʌtn tʃɒps/

the whiskers on a man's cheek when shaped like a meat chop, narrow at the top and broad and rounded at the bottom.

Mid is a slang term used to describe something or someone as mediocre or of low quality.

rugged /'rʌɡɪd/

(of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface.

"a rugged coastline"

having attractively strong, rough-hewn features (typically used of a man).

"he was known for his rugged good looks"

pass up

refrain from taking up an opportunity.

"he passed up a career in pro baseball"

In British English, the phrase "at the weekend" is more commonly used [1]. However, it is important to note that "on the weekend" is also understood and used by some speakers of British English [2].

tricentennial /ˈtrɪsɪnˈtiːniəl/

the three-hundredth anniversary of a significant event; a tercentenary.

Talk over is more comprehensive and collaborative.

Run by is quicker and more focused on getting initial input.

'Broadly speaking' can be used to mean 'speaking generally, without detail or unusual exceptions' - eg 'Broadly speaking, you're more likely to come across this kind of behaviour in the UK as opposed to Latvia'.

'In a broad sense' is similar, but it applies more to the meaning of what you're saying than its specific facts - eg 'In a broad sense, this is English behaviour rather than Latvian'.

'In a broad sense' means any terms you're using (eg in this case 'behaviour', 'English', and 'Latvian') need to be interpreted with the greatest possible latitude rather than in their most narrow, literal meaning.

run by

tell someone about something, especially in order to ascertain their opinion or reaction.

"I'll have to run it past Claire first"

talk something over

to discuss a problem or situation with someone, often to find out their opinion or to get advice before making a decision about it:

talk something over with someone I'd like to talk it over with my wife first.

clamour /'klamə/

a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

"the questions rose to a clamour"

answer to (someone)

idiom

: to be required to explain one's actions to (someone)

He has to answer to a tough boss.

If you stick your neck out, you bravely say or do something that might be criticised or might turn out to be wrong.

[informal]

I've earned a reputation as someone who'll stick his neck out, a bit of a rebel.

Sticking one's neck out means to take a risk, to expose yourself to criticism, to put yourself in danger.

see you in a bit

see you in a few

see you in a (little) while

I will meet you again before the day is done.

I need to go run some errands, so I'll see you in a little while, OK?

A: "Have fun at the party!" B: "Thanks, Mom. See you in a while."

posse /'posi/

a body of men summoned by a sheriff to enforce the law.

INFORMAL

a group of people who have a common characteristic or occupation.

"tea was handed round by a posse of mothers"

restaurant /'restɒnt/

Book it for "running away quickly" originates in the 1930s Black slang expression bookity-book, meaning to imitate all the noise of scampering away.

(I) don't mind if I do

old-fashioned used humorously to accept something such as food or drink that has been offered to you

flurry /'flʌri/

a small swirling mass of something, especially snow or leaves, moved by sudden gusts of wind.

"a flurry of snow"

hook up

provide a person with something.



"I hope she can hook me up with some free tickets"

blow off

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

fail to keep an appointment with someone.

"I just made this date before I met you—I didn't want to blow her off"

2.

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

ignore or dismiss someone or something.

"I took the car in and told them about the problem and they just blew me off"

snow saucer

pail /peɪl/

a bucket.

check out

look at or take notice of someone or something.

"do check out his website"

look at someone out of sexual interest.

"look at the dude in the background—he is totally checking her out"

impregnate

/ˈɪmpregneɪt/

verb

1.

soak or saturate (something) with a substance.

"wood which had been impregnated with preservative"

make (a woman or female animal) pregnant.

"he was obliged to marry the woman he'd impregnated"

serrated /sə'reɪtɪd/

having or denoting a jagged edge; sawlike.

"a knife with a serrated edge"

take it one day at a time/take each day as it comes

to deal with things as they happen, and not to make plans or to worry about the future:

I've lived through a lot of changes recently, but I've learned to take it one day at a time.

ramp up

increase the level or amount of something sharply.

"they ramped up production to meet booming demand"

sharply increase in level or amount.

"the level of violence is ramping up"

take up with someone

to become friendly or start a relationship with someone, especially someone who might have a bad influence on you:

She's taken up with a strange crowd of people.

take something up with someone

to begin discussing a subject with someone:

You'll have to take this up with the head of the department.

pass gas

To be flatulent; to fart.

Someone passed gas right in the middle of Grandpa's story, and the whole table burst into laughter.

If you can't avoid passing gas in the car, then at least have the courtesy to open the windows!

raucous /'rɔ:kəs/

making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

"raucous youths"

exfoliate

/ɛks'fəʊliɪt,iks'fəʊliɪt/

(of a material) be shed from a surface in scales or layers.

"the bark exfoliates in papery flakes"

cause (a surface) to shed material in scales or layers.

"salt solutions exfoliate rocks on evaporating"

wash or rub (a part of the body) with a granular substance to remove dead skin cells.

"exfoliate your legs to get rid of dead skin"

granular /'granjʊlə/

resembling or consisting of small grains or particles.

bait /beɪt/

[uncountable, countable]

food put on a hook to catch fish or in nets, traps, etc. to catch animals or birds

Live worms are used as bait.

The fish took the bait.

The police used him as bait to trap the killers.

He had chosen the right bait to persuade her to go.

auntie /'ɑ:nti/

tonsil /'tɒnsəl/

either of two small masses of lymphoid tissue in the throat, one on each side of the root of the tongue.

What are tonsil stones? Tonsil stones, or 'tonsilloliths', are small lumps of hardened material that can form in your tonsils.

audience

[countable + singular or plural verb] the group of people who have gathered to watch or listen to something (a play, concert, somebody speaking, etc.)

The audience was/were clapping for 10 minutes.

The museum is trying to attract a wider audience.

The debate was televised in front of a live audience.

an audience of 10 000

brainiac /'breɪniæk/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

an exceptionally intelligent person.

"she's the original brainiac, a kid who completed high school at 14"

chalk something up

to achieve something, such as a victory, or to score points in a game:

Today's victory is the fifth that the Irish team has chalked up this year.

It was doubtful whether the Conservatives could chalk up a fourth successive election victory, but they did.

attribute something to a particular cause.

"I chalked my sleeplessness up to nerves"

chalk something up to something

to consider something as being caused by something else:

He was clearly lying, and now he's trying to chalk it up to a poor memory.

burly /'bɜːli/

(of a person) large and strong; heavily built.

"I saw a burly figure approaching"

frisk /frɪsk/

(of a police officer or other official) pass the hands over (someone) in a search for hidden weapons, drugs, or other items.

"he raised his arms to permit the officer to frisk him"

skip or leap playfully; frolic.

"spaniels frisked around me"

frisky /'frɪski/

playful and full of energy.

"he bounds about like a frisky pup"

diploma /dɪ'pləʊmə/

a certificate awarded by an educational establishment to show that someone has successfully completed a course of study.

HISTORICAL

an official document or charter.

diplomat /'dɪpləmat/  
an official representing a country abroad.

acacia /ə'keɪʃə/

follicle /'fɒlɪkl/  
a small secretory cavity, sac, or gland.

What does it mean when someone is eating and says "it went down the wrong pipe"?

(countable) An ingredient is an item used in the making of food.  
Some of the ingredients in the pie are apples and peaches.

dine and dash  
to eat a meal in a restaurant and then leave without paying:  
If you dine and dash, the restaurant can call the police on you.  
I had a feeling that the waiter thought we were going to dine and dash.  
What sort of people dine and dash in a nice little family-run restaurant like this?  
I once witnessed a couple dine and dash.  
For a second, I thought he was suggesting we dine and dash.

state-run  
controlled by the government  
state-run television

anticlimactic /ˌantɪklɪˈmæktɪk/  
causing disappointment at the end of an exciting or impressive series of events.  
"it was an anticlimactic finish to the match"

seethe /siːð/  
(of a liquid) boil or be turbulent as if boiling.  
"the grey ocean seethed"

pull a muscle  
to injure a muscle by stretching it too far so that it is very painful:  
Russell pulled a back muscle early in the game.  
She'd been told to take a few days' rest after pulling a thigh muscle in training.  
Ouch, I've pulled a muscle in my leg!  
Jones pulled a calf muscle in the first half of the game.  
She pulled a muscle and so was resting on the sidelines with an ice pack.

pterodactyl /ˌtɛrə'dækt(ɪ)/  
a pterosaur of the late Jurassic period, with a long slender head and neck and a very short tail.

spigot /'spɪɡət/  
a small peg or plug, especially for insertion into the vent of a cask.  
a tap.

elliptical /ɪˈlɪptɪk(ə)l/

(of speech or writing) using or involving ellipsis, especially so as to be difficult to understand.

"elliptical colloquial exchanges"

sconce /skɒns/

a candle holder that is attached to a wall with an ornamental bracket.

"a wall sconce"

lack thereof

—used to say that there is not enough of the thing that has been mentioned

The problem is money, or (a/the) lack thereof.

areola /əˈriːələ/

You can "take the dog for a walk" and "take the dog out for a walk"; these phrases are equivalent.

"You're next" sounds the most natural.

callous /ˈkaləs/

showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

"his callous comments about the murder made me shiver"

knick-knack /ˈnɪknæk/

small worthless objects, especially household ornaments.

"the room was filled with tables, knick-knacks, and a large three-piece suite"

ammo /ˈæməʊ \$ -mou/

[uncountable]

informal ammunition

equipment /ɪˈkwɪpm(ə)nt/

[uncountable] the tools, machines etc that you need to do a particular job or activity

a shop selling camping equipment

some brand new computer equipment

a very useful piece of equipment

throw someone

Cause someone to be confused or perplexed, disconcert someone, as in We didn't let our worries throw us , or That unfavourable review threw her .

multimode /ˈmʌltɪməʊd/

adjective: multimodal

characterised by several different modes of activity or occurrence.

keep it down

—used to ask someone to be quiet

Please keep it down in there. I'm trying to study.

quasi- /'kweɪzɪ, 'kweɪsɪ, 'kwɑ:zi/

A quasar (/ 'kweɪzɑ:r/ KWAY-zar) is an extremely luminous active galactic nucleus (AGN).

respite /'rɛspɪt, 'rɛspɪt/

a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

"the refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering"

Creole /'kri:əʊl/

a type of language that developed from a mixture of different languages, and which is now spoken by a group of people as their first language:

Kriol is, as the name suggests, a creole language developed from contact between Europeans and indigenous Australians.

A creole develops a wider range of words, grammatical structures, and styles than is found in a pidgin.

spell out

speak the letters that form a word in sequence.

"he spelled out his name for the clerk"

explain something in detail.

"I'll spell out the problem again"

contraceptive /,kɒntrə'septɪv/

a device or drug serving to prevent pregnancy.

"we'd been making love without contraceptives for months"

overzealous /,əʊvə'zeləs/

showing too much energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective.

"he's been overzealous in handing out parking tickets"

statute /'statju:t/

a written law passed by a legislative body.

"the Act consolidated statutes dealing with non-fatal offences"

a rule of an organisation or institution.

"the appointment will be subject to the statutes of the university"

He was charged with rape.

a rape victim

an increase in the number of reported rapes

fornication /,fɔ:nɪ'keɪʃn/

noun FORMAL • HUMOROUS

sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.

"laws forbidding adultery and fornication"

time bomb /'tʌɪm bɒm/

a bomb designed to explode at a preset time.

a developing and problematic situation which will eventually become dangerous if not addressed.

"the demographic time bomb"

take the cake

be the most remarkable or foolish of its kind.

lint /lɪnt/

short, fine fibres which separate from the surface of cloth or yarn during processing.

"some fabrics leave tiny specks of lint on the glass"

a fabric, originally of linen, with a raised nap on one side, used for dressing wounds.

"he smeared ointment on a strip of lint"

the whole wide world

(emphatic) The entire world; everybody, everywhere.

talk smack

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

We argue and fight and talk smack to each other.

tonsil /'tɒnsəl/

either of two small masses of lymphoid tissue in the throat, one on each side of the root of the tongue.

Tonsil stones are small, pebble-like lumps that form in your tonsils

atoll /'atɒl,ə'tɒl/

a ring-shaped reef, island, or chain of islands formed of coral.

"In a timely manner" - obviously, it means "in a good timing".

pick up

(usually attributive) Impromptu or ad hoc, especially of sports games and teams made up of randomly selected players. quotations ▼

Rather than join a basketball league, James decided to play pickup.

At lunch we had a game of pickup hockey.

I'd like to place an order for pick up.

A coat hanger is a curved piece of wood, metal, or plastic that you hang a piece of clothing on.

I get motion sickness from video games. I've just got game sick.

to give up something = to stop doing something, to refrain from (doing) something, e.g. to give up smoking/(eating) chocolate

to give up on something/someone means to abandon something/or someone, usually after several attempts with no success, e.g. to give up on writing a novel.

we are the same age

Trained lie spotters get to the truth 90 percent of the time.

yak /jak/

gerund or present participle: yakking

talk at length about trivial or boring subjects.

"she wondered what he was yakking about"

The emergence of self-awareness, the development of a sense of self

benevolent /bɪˈnɛvələnt/

well meaning and kindly.

"he was something of a benevolent despot"

rug /rʌg/

a floor covering of thick woven material or animal skin, typically not extending over the entire floor.

"a Persian rug"

sweep (something) under the rug

: to hide (something that is illegal, embarrassing, or wrong)

He tried to sweep his past mistakes under the rug.

digress /dɪˈɡres/

leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing.

"I have digressed a little from my original plan"

egregious /ɪˈɡriːdʒəs/

outstandingly bad; shocking.

"egregious abuses of copyright"

Funny Insult Coffee Mug The last thing I want to do is to hurt you

proprietary /prəˈpraɪət(ə)ri/

relating to an owner or ownership.

"the company has a proprietary right to the property"

(of a product) marketed under and protected by a registered trade name.

"proprietary brands of insecticide"

muggy /ˈmʌgi/



(of the weather) unpleasantly warm and humid.  
"it was a hot, very muggy evening"

in basketball, an action in which the referee throws the ball in the air between two players from opposing teams to start the game again after it has stopped:  
Each half will start with a jump ball.  
He hit the shot after Martin won a jump ball and tapped the ball to him.

a situation in which a decision or advantage could go in one of two ways, especially where it is difficult to guess the result:  
In the big picture of this campaign, this issue is a jump ball.  
It's pretty much a jump ball.

off colour /ˌɒfˈkʌlə/ BRITISH  
slightly unwell.  
"I'm feeling a bit off colour"  
slightly indecent or obscene.  
"off-colour jokes"

Food is used as a countable noun when talking about particular types of food:  
The doctor advised her to avoid fatty foods.  
Butter is a healthy food.

umbilical /ʌmˈbɪlɪkl, ʌmbɪˈlɪkl/

navel /ˈneɪvl/  
a rounded knotty depression in the centre of a person's belly caused by the detachment of the umbilical cord after birth; the umbilicus.

leprosy /ˈleɪprəsi/

leper /ˈleɪpə/  
a person suffering from leprosy.  
a person who is shunned or rejected by others for moral or social reasons.  
"the story made her out to be a social leper"

This is (already) flat (soda).  
This soda (has already) got flat.

perceptive /pəˈseptɪv/  
having or showing sensitive insight.  
"an extraordinarily perceptive account of their relationship"

dimension /daɪˈmɛnʃn, dɪˈmɛnʃn/  
an aspect or feature of a situation.  
"we must focus on the cultural dimensions of the problem"

squib /skwɪb/

noun

1.

a small firework that burns with a hissing sound before exploding.

2.

a short piece of satirical writing.

verb

NORTH AMERICAN

a short news item or filler in a newspaper.

3.

INFORMAL

a small, slight, or weak person, especially a child.

4.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

a short kick on a kick-off.

Definition: "I'm good" is an informal expression used to convey that you are satisfied, content, or have no need for assistance in a given situation.

In general, a rural area or a countryside is a geographic area that is located outside towns and cities.

countryside /'kʌntri,said/ [uncountable]

land outside towns and cities, with fields, woods, etc.

The surrounding countryside is windswept and rocky.

magnificent views over open countryside

Everyone should enjoy the right of access to the countryside.

in the countryside

people who live in the countryside

timely /'tʌɪmli/

done or occurring at a favourable or useful time; opportune.

"a timely warning"

If you say that something is a cakewalk, you mean that it is very easy to do or achieve.

The final wasn't a cakewalk for the eventual champion.

A ticket refers to a single election choice which fills more than one political office or seat. For example, in the U.S., the candidates for President and Vice President run on the same "ticket", because they are elected together on a single ballot question rather than separately.

many members of Congress will run on a ticket with a man they worked with two decades ago

snow job

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a deception or concealment of one's real motive in an attempt to flatter or persuade.

"we shall need to do a snow job on him"

My passport expires next month.

If you say that the joke is on a particular person, you mean that that person has tried to make someone else look silly but has made himself or herself look silly instead.

When someone tries to do something mean/pull a prank, but it actually works out well for you and badly for them.

You ate my lunch? Jokes on you, I accidentally left it out overnight and was waiting to throw it out! You might have food poisoning now.

You thought you'd ruin my party by inviting the person I hate? Jokes on you, we get along now and my party will be even better!

fw "Fuck with"

It's slang that means: to associate with, to be involved with/in, to be included with — and by extension, it also indicates that you like, enjoy, or approve of it.

have/make a stab at something

to attempt to do something although you are not likely to be very successful:

I'd never tried snorkelling before but I had a stab at it while I was in Greece.

Would you like to take a stab at explaining the theory?

I'll take a stab at the answer, but I don't really know for sure.

survival in extreme conditions

cut off

prevent someone from receiving or being provided with something, especially power or water.

"consumers may be cut off for non-payment"

"Kick it up a notch" is an idiomatic expression that means to increase the intensity, effort, or quality of something.

Well, we have to kick it up a notch. Let's have a meeting this afternoon.

sass /sas/

impudent speech : BACK TALK

She takes no sass from her students.

b

: bold rudeness or impertinence especially when considered playful, appealing, or courageous

It is all dished out by combat-ready waitresses whose borscht belt sass lends extra spice to the meal.

—Jane and Michael Stern

... Ferraro showed off her sass. She critiqued President Reagan by name with a series of crowd pleasing one-liners.

—Kathy Kiely

2

informal : an appealingly exciting, lively, or spirited quality

... Mick Jagger's recent solo may be high on style and sass, but it's tough to beat Talk Is Cheap for real primitive cool.

—David Fricke

As they have for a decade, the international wealthy favor New York City for its comparative safety and social sass.

—J. D. Reed

Like a vintage jazz tune, fine Scotch delivers smooth flavor and sass.

—Audarshia Townsend

cover /'kʌvə/

have (got) someone or something covered

: to have done, gotten, or provided whatever is needed : take care of everything

Don't worry about a thing. We've got you covered.

You don't need to buy soda for the party. We've already got that covered.

The army major was demoted to captain.

angle for something phrasal verb

to try to get something you want without asking directly for it

She was obviously angling for an invitation.

I didn't want him to think I was just angling for sympathy.

butter up

phrasal verb of butter

INFORMAL

flatter or praise someone as a means of gaining their help or support.

"don't try and butter me up in order to get privileged information"

tattle

/'tatl/

verb

gossip idly.

"according to some tattling sources, he never quite gave her up"

tattletale

/'tatlteɪl/

US

noun

noun: tattle-tale

a person, especially a child, who reveals secrets or informs on others; a telltale.

soak in

to enter something by a gradual process

Pour water around the base of the plant and allow it to soak in.

—often used figuratively

He sat quietly, letting her words soak in.

Close your eyes and let the music soak in.

wheelhouse /'wi:lhaus/

a part of a boat or ship serving as a shelter for the person at the wheel.

one's area of interest or expertise.

"as the campaign swings to the south, that should be right in his wheelhouse"

blow up in someone's face

(of an action, plan, etc.) to go wrong in a way that harms or damages the person who did the action, made the plan, etc.:

The risk with making such a promise is it could blow up in your face later.

If people find out about this the whole thing could blow up in our faces.

This is a complete reversal of the strategy that blew up in the company's face.

A taquito (Spanish pronunciation: [ta'kito], Spanish for "small taco"),[1] taco dorado,[2] rolled taco,[3] or flauta (Spanish pronunciation: ['flawta], Spanish for "flute") is a Mexican dish that typically consists of a small rolled-up tortilla that contains filling,[4] including beef, cheese or chicken.

pop

(intransitive) To stand out; to be distinctive to the senses. quotations ▼

This colour really pops.

LASIK /'leɪzɪk/

pick up

to get or win something

He's already picked up three major prizes this year.

b) to buy something or get it from a shop etc

I picked up an evening paper on the way home.

For more details, pick up a leaflet in your local post office.

c) to get an illness

I picked up a virus while I was in America

A salad bar is a buffet-style table or bar where customers can create their own salad plates from salad components.

in the blink of an eye

somersault /'sʌməsɒlt/

Talking about our old family holidays has made me feel all nostalgic.  
We'll take a nostalgic look at the musical hits of the 60s.

nostalgic memories

I feel quite nostalgic for the place where I grew up.

It appears that being "toast" was originally associated with being burned or electrocuted.  
While being "toasty" or being "like toast" meant being warm, being "toast" meant being burnt to a crisp.

can it

stop talking

Their favourite technique was to pull the victim's hood over his eyes while cutting his purse-strings. Hence the expressions to hoodwink and to pull the wool over one's eyes.

In internet slang, "cursed" means disturbing, grotesque, ugly in a creepy and often also funny way

wad/wɒd/

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

"a wad of lint-free rag"

shut-eye

sleep.

"we'd better get some shut-eye"

virgin /'vɜːdʒɪn/

a person who has never had sexual intercourse.

"she's still a virgin"

What does it actually mean to "throw out your back?" "It means you have an acute onset of low back pain, in the lumbar region of their spine, just below their ribs and just above their pelvis,"

efface /ɪ'feɪs/

erase (a mark) from a surface.

"with time, the words are effaced by the rain"

make oneself appear insignificant or inconspicuous.

"to efface oneself is not the easiest of duties which the teacher can undertake"

let rip

do something vigorously or without restraint.

"the brass sections let rip with sheer gusto"

express oneself vehemently or angrily.

"Charlie felt he had suffered enough insults and suddenly let rip"

be out of the woods

to no longer be in danger or difficulty:

The project has been given funding for another year, but it's not out of the woods yet.

concur /kən'kə:/

be of the same opinion; agree.

"the authors concurred with the majority"

tram /tram/

a passenger vehicle powered by electricity conveyed by overhead cables, and running on rails laid in a public road.

a low four-wheeled cart or barrow used in coal mines.

by the by

incidentally.

"Where's Hector, by the by?"

lay down the law

issue instructions to other people in an authoritative or dogmatic way.

"I am not attempting to lay down the law, but simply wish to voice my opinion"

melatonin /,mɛlə'təʊnɪn/

nounBIOCHEMISTRY

a hormone secreted by the pineal gland which inhibits melanin formation and is thought to be concerned with regulating the reproductive cycle.

as to →about

He was uncertain as to which road to take.

There's no decision as to when the work might start.

as to something

a) concerning something

Frank was very uncertain as to whether it was the right job for him.

advice as to which suppliers to approach

He kept his rivals guessing as to his real intentions.

b) formal used when you are starting to talk about something new that is connected with what you were talking about before

As to our future plans, I think I need only say that the company intends to expand at a steady rate.

aspire /ə'spaɪə/

direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something.

"we never thought that we might aspire to those heights"

arbiter /'ɑ:bɪtə/

a person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter.

"the Secretary of State is the final arbiter"

a person whose views or actions have influence in a particular sphere.

"an arbiter of taste"

put one's foot down

adopt a firm policy when faced with opposition or disobedience.

accelerate a motor vehicle by pressing the accelerator pedal.

okra /'əʊkrə, 'ɒkrə/

a hard/tough sell

(also not an easy sell) something that it is difficult to persuade people to buy or accept

This tax increase is going to be a hard sell to voters.

mutiny /'mjuːtɪni/

an open rebellion against the proper authorities, especially by soldiers or sailors against their officers.

"a mutiny by those manning the weapons could trigger a global war"

bougie /'buːʒi, -dʒi/

Sometimes Disparaging. relating to or characteristic of a person who indulges in some of the luxuries and comforts of a fancy lifestyle:

He spends too much on bougie stuff he can't afford.

Also bour·gie []. Often Disparaging and Offensive. relating to or characteristic of a person who aspires to the upper middle class, especially when regarded as being elitist or snobbish: The bougie folks all left the old neighbourhood and bought houses out there where their kids'll go to "good schools," whatever that means.

relating to or characteristic of a person who flaunts newly acquired wealth without necessarily embracing the cultural values and pretensions of the upper middle class: that bougie feeling when you're drinking high-end champagne—out of a red plastic cup.

hoopla /'huːplɑː, 'hʊplɑː/

a game in which rings are thrown from behind a line in an attempt to encircle one of several prizes.

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

unnecessary fuss surrounding something.

"I really didn't know what the hoopla was all about"

the control group

dowel /'daʊ(ə)/

noun

a projecting peg used for holding together components of a structure.

lash down

1. Of rain, to fall very heavily.

It's been lashing down for the last hour or so.

It's dry at the moment, but with how dark those clouds are it looks like it could lash down at any moment.



2. To tie or strap someone or something down very tightly. In this usage, a noun or pronoun is used between "lash" and "down."

Make sure to lash that timber down before we start driving, or else it will all spill out onto the road.

They lashed the prisoner down to the table and began torturing him to extract information.

look over one's shoulder

: to worry or think about the possibility that something bad might happen, that someone will try to cause harm, etc.

You have to be looking over your shoulder in this business.

flimsy /'flɪmzi/

insubstantial and easily damaged.

"a flimsy barrier"

gynaecology /ˌɡɪnɪˈkɒlədʒi/ <US> gynecology l. noun — [ mass noun] 1. the branch of physiology and medicine which deals with the functions and diseases specific to women and girls, especially those affecting the reproductive system.

talk someone out of something

to persuade someone not to do something:

[ + -ing verb ] Her parents tried to talk her out of getting engaged.

someone's/something's days are numbered

If someone or something's days are numbered, they will not exist for much longer:

someone's/something's days as something are numbered The latest opinion polls suggest that his days as leader are numbered.

lash /laʃ/

fasten (something) securely with a cord or rope.

"the hatch was securely lashed down"

on hand

present, especially for a specified purpose.

"her trainer was on hand to give advice"

needing to be dealt with.

"they had many urgent and pressing matters on hand"

Puppies and kittens can eat up to 10% of their body weight in meat per day.

backdrop /'bʌkdrɒp/

a painted cloth hung at the back of a theatre stage as part of the scenery.

lie behind or beyond; serve as a background to.

"the rolling hills that backdropped our camp"

tussle /'tʌsl/

a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something.

"there was a tussle for the ball"

areola /əˈriːələ/

"To manifest" means "to provide evidence of [something's] existence," or "to become apparent."

Examples:

Sleep problems and disorders can manifest themselves in many ways.

Incongruities manifest themselves between certain sections and the main scheme of the book.

Dr Johnson's Life is marred by manifest prejudice.

His interest in sports and athletics was especially manifest in his skill as a boxer.

She urged her husband to follow her to France when it was his manifest interest to stay in England.

prodigious /prəˈdɪdʒəs/

remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree.

"the stove consumed a prodigious amount of fuel"

seafarer /ˈsiːˌfɑːrər/

a person who regularly travels by sea; a sailor.

"the shipping subsidiary employs about 800 seafarers and 150 shore staff"

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"

string along

mislead someone deliberately over a length of time, especially about one's intentions.

"she had no plans to marry him—she was just stringing him along"

stay with or accompany a person or group casually or as long as it is convenient.

"I say we let him string along with us for a while"

well meaning

wanting to have a good effect, but not always achieving one:

I know he's well meaning, but I wish he'd leave us alone.

the life of the party

: someone who is very lively and amusing at a party or other social gathering

guilty as charged (not comparable)

(literally, law) Guilty to the same extent as one is charged; guilty to the court's accusations exactly as they were presented. quotations ▼

My evidence will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the defendant is guilty as charged!

(by extension) Truly, indeed, verily responsible for having done something.  
My coworkers noticed that I was tired, and assumed that I had stayed up all night watching the game. And yes, I was guilty as charged.

be/get (all) riled up  
(especially North American English, informal) to be or get very annoyed

rile /rɪl/

INFORMAL

make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

"he has been riled by suggestions that his Arsenal future is in doubt"

NORTH AMERICAN

make (water) turbulent or muddy.

"he'd been drinking sweet, clear water from a well, and now that water had been muddied and riled"

dogged /'dɒɡɪd/

having or showing tenacity and grim persistence.

"success required dogged determination"

scot-free /,skɒt'fri:/

without suffering any punishment or injury.

"the people who kidnapped you will get off scot-free"

scot /skɒt/

noun ARCHAIC

a payment corresponding to a modern tax, rate, or other assessed contribution.

conspicuous /kən'spɪkjʊəs/ I. adjective 1. clearly visible • he was very thin, with a conspicuous Adam's apple. 2. attracting notice or attention • he showed conspicuous bravery.

bunk<sup>2</sup> /bʌŋk/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. <informal> nonsense • anyone with a brain cell would never believe such bunk.

Down at [place]」は口語体でしか使えないとてもカジュアルな表現です。

back at somewhere(以前〇〇で)」です。

例: Back at school, I saw my teacher secretly watching Netflix in the classroom. (以前、学校の教室で先生がこっそりネットフリックスを見ていたのを見ました。)

例: Down at McDonald's, I spotted a celebrity eating a cheeseburger. (マクドナルドでセレブがチーズバーガーを食べているのを目撃しました。)

romp /rɒmp/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. (especially of a child or animal) play roughly and energetically • the noisy pack of children romped around the gardens.

foray /'føreɪ/ I. noun 1. a sudden attack or incursion into enemy territory, especially to obtain something; a raid • the garrison made a foray against Richard's camp. 2. a brief but spirited attempt to become involved in a new activity or sphere • my first foray into journalism.

wimple /'wɪmp(ə)/ I. noun a cloth headdress covering the head, neck, and the sides of the face, formerly worn by women and still worn by some nuns.

evict /ɪ'vɪkt/

expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law.

"a single mother and her children have been evicted from their home"

mural /'mjʊərəl, 'mjo:rəl/

nether /'nɛðə/

lower in position.

"the ballast is suspended from its nether end"

on the bright side

—used to refer to the good part of something that is mostly bad

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jargon (countable and uncountable, plural jargons)

(uncountable) A technical terminology unique to a particular subject.

semen /'si:mən/

In anime, a moeblob means a character that is extremely cute, moe 萌え, and that's it. They have no other qualities, no other defining features, hence why they're just an indiscernible "blob" of moe.

blob

a dull, slow-witted, and uninteresting person.

Don't entertain the thought of getting married to a rich person.

entertain /,ɛntə'teɪn/

give attention or consideration to (an idea or feeling).

"Washington entertained little hope of an early improvement in relations"

Why would Matt and his agent even entertain such a thought as a 2 year deal?

entertain an idea/hope/thought etc

formal to consider an idea etc, or allow yourself to think that something might happen or be true

She could never entertain the idea of living in the country.

let the cat out of the bag

reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake.

"now that Viola had let the cat out of the bag, she had no option but to confess"

a slight flush creeping up his neck.

flush1 /flʌʃ/ I. verb 1. [no obj.] — (of a person's skin, face, etc.) become red and hot, typically as the result of illness or strong emotion • Rachel flushed angrily. 2. [with obj.] — make red and hot • a wave of colour flushed his cheeks.

To blow someone's cover means to cause their true identity or the true nature of their work to be revealed.

[informal]

Asking those kind of questions could blow my cover.

The young man looked embarrassed, as if he were a spy whose cover had been blown.

An extracurricular activity (ECA) or extra academic activity (EAA) or cultural activities is an activity, performed by students, that falls outside the realm of the normal curriculum of school, college or university education.

you end up playing protector.

grammar /'gramə/

tip someone off

to warn someone secretly about something that will happen, so that they can take action or prevent it from happening:

[ + that ] Somebody must have tipped the burglars off that the house would be empty.

The robber was caught when someone tipped off the police.

if information checks out, it is proved to be true, correct, or acceptable

His credit record checks out.

on the surface, the information seemed to check out.

check out

establish the truth or inform oneself about someone or something.

"they decided to go and check out a local restaurant"

1. "She got a tip about an upcoming sale at her favourite store."

2. "He got a tip about a job opening from a friend."
3. "We got a tip about a great hiking trail in the area."
4. "They got a tip about a hidden beach from a local."
5. "I got a tip about how to save money on my electricity bill."

volition /və'liʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. the faculty or power of using one's will • without conscious volition she backed into her office. II. phrases of (or by or on) one's own volition voluntarily • they choose to leave early of their own volition.

tote /təʊt/  
 carry, wield, or convey (something heavy or substantial).  
 "here are books well worth toting home"

a nine  
 A nine-millimetre semi-automatic pistol.

notwithstanding  
 /ˌnɒtwɪð'stændɪŋ,ˌnɒtwɪθ'stændɪŋ/  
 in spite of.  
 "notwithstanding the evidence, the consensus is that the jury will not reach a verdict"

be out of your element  
 to be unhappy and feel uncomfortable in a particular situation

undertaker /'ʌndəteɪkə/  
 a person whose business is preparing dead bodies for burial or cremation and making arrangements for funerals.

bump off  
 murder someone.  
 "he found out his partner had been bumped off by gangsters who wanted a piece of the restaurant"

peachy /'pi:tʃi/ I. adjective 1. of the nature or appearance of a peach. 2. (also peachy-keen) —⟨informal⟩ (chiefly N. Amer.) attractive; excellent • everything is just peachy.

foetal /'fi:təl/  
 adjective  
 relating to a foetus.  
 "nutrients essential for normal foetal growth"

foetus /'fi:təs/  
 an offspring of a human or other mammal in the stages of prenatal development that follow the embryo stage (in humans taken as beginning eight weeks after conception)  
 "adequate folic acid is important for the developing fetus"

scrunch /skrʌn(t)/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. make a loud crunching noise • crisp yellow leaves scrunched satisfyingly underfoot. 2. [with obj. and adverbial] — crush or squeeze (something) into a compact mass • Flora scrunched the handkerchief into a ball.

scrunch down

1. To crouch or huddle into a small, cramped position.

We all scrunched down so that the guards wouldn't be able to see us.

Would the people in the front row mind scrunching down in their seats so the people in back can see better, please?

2. To squeeze, crush, or crumple something into a smaller shape, size, or space. A noun or pronoun can be used between "scrunch" and "down"; often followed by "into (something)."

I scrunched the note down into a ball and tossed it across the room to Jake.

I had to scrunch my suit down into the case in order for it close shut.

sell somebody/something short

to not give someone or something the praise, attention, or reward that they deserve

Don't sell yourself short – tell them about all your qualifications.

sell short

sell stock or other securities or commodities which one does not own at the time, in the hope of buying at a lower price before the delivery time.

stay out phrasal verb

to continue to be outdoors or away from your house at night

I don't like you staying out so late.

haul ass

VULGAR SLANG•NORTH AMERICAN

hurry or move fast.

"I just turn around and haul ass right out of there"

deadpan /'dɛdpan/

impassive or expressionless.

"she delivered her monologue in a deadpan voice"

The term deadpan first emerged early in the 20th century, as a compound word (sometimes spelled as two words) combining "dead" and "pan" (a slang term for the face).

Deadpan, dry humour, or dry-wit humour[1] is the deliberate display of emotional neutrality or no emotion, commonly as a form of comedic delivery to contrast with the ridiculousness or absurdity of the subject matter.

edge out

narrowly defeat a rival or opponent.

"Portugal edged out Holland in the semi-final"

remove a person from an organisation or role by indirect means.

"she was edged out of the organisation by the director"

to force someone or something out of a place, situation, etc., usually in a way that is not direct or honest:

Managers in their sixties are being edged out by younger replacements.

They claimed in a lawsuit that he tried to gain control of the family business, edging them out.

on command

When it is ordered or desired; through conscious volition.

The actor could cry on command.

Inexperienced mages usually cannot cast spells on command.

Coq au vin (/ˌkɒk ɔʊ ˈvæː/[1] French: [kɔk o vɛ̃], "rooster/cock with wine") is a French dish of chicken braised with wine, lardons, mushrooms, and optionally garlic.

shepherd's pie /ʃepədz ˈpɪ/

nounBRITISH

a dish of minced meat under a layer of mashed potato.

play out

be no longer interesting through having been used or seen too many times before.

"the melodrama is a little played out to be entirely satisfying"

be drained of strength or life.

"she was played out, too exhausted even to weep"

get off easy

informal to escape severe punishment for something that you have done wrong

The rich could hire good lawyers and get off easy.

High diving is the act of diving into water from relatively great heights.

cast noun /kæst/

(also plaster cast) [countable] a hard cover that is put on an arm, a leg, etc. to protect a broken bone

Her leg is in a cast.

If someone said, 'Wanna grab a tea sometime?' It might sound a little strange, but I think it works fine. If someone said "wanna grab tea sometime?" it would also sound fine (to me, at least)

Generally it's "some tea". "I'm going to get some tea" or "Would you like to grab some tea sometime?" Incidentally I would never say "grab tea", only "grab some tea".

benchtop /ˈbɛn(t)ftɒp/

a long flat table or surface where practical or scientific work is done.

"computers in the lab are taking up more space on the benchtop"

contraption /kənˈtræpʃn/



a machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.

"repairing stereos and making contraptions out of spare electronic bits"

clip /klɪp/ BRITISH

strike smartly or with a glancing blow.

"the car clipped the kerb"

mushy /'mʌʃi/

unpretentious /ˌʌnpriˈtɛnʃəs/

not attempting to impress others with an appearance of greater importance, talent, or culture than is actually possessed.

"a friendly and unpretentious hotel"

out and about

engaging in normal activity after an illness.

Away from one's home or normal environment, especially to socialize, run errands, visit various places, etc.

I'm just out and about with Mary if you would like to come join us.

It feels so nice getting out and about again after being bedridden for so long.

active; doing the things you usually do:

The doctor says she's making a good recovery, and she should be out and about in a few days' time.

Do you want a side of cole-slaw with that?

hole in the wall /ˌhəʊl ɪn ðə 'wɔ:l/

an automatic cash dispenser installed in the outside wall of a bank.

NORTH AMERICAN

a small dingy bar, shop, or restaurant.

It's just a hole in the wall but the food is good.

a small and often unpretentious out-of-the-way place (such as a restaurant)

get (all) up in (one's) face

1. To stand extremely close to one, especially in an aggressive and confrontational manner.

If you don't quit getting up in my face, I'm gonna have to lay you out!

Some guy got all up in my face last night at the bar after I bumped into him, even though I apologised.

Hey, don't get up in my face—I'm not the one who insulted your girlfriend!

2. To berate or harass one about something.

Everyone got up in my face for my comments, but I stand by what I said.

I think I'll go out the back entrance. I don't need a bunch of reporters getting up in my face about the trial.

I don't wear my fur coat anymore because animal rights' advocates would always get all up in my face about it.

mode /məʊd/

a fashion or style in clothes, art, literature, etc.

"in the Seventies the mode for active wear took hold"

in vogue

in the current fashion or style

In the 1920s, short hair for women became the vogue.

The postwar vogue for tearing down buildings virtually destroyed the city's architecture.

The short hemline is very much in vogue (= fashionable) this spring.

"Community" is one of the vogue words of the new government.

vogue /vəʊg/

the prevailing fashion or style at a particular time.

"the vogue is to make realistic films"

always tries to use the vogue words of the moment so as to appear cool

wheeze /wi:z/

breathe with a whistling or rattling sound in the chest, as a result of obstruction in the air passages.

"the illness often leaves her wheezing"

etiquette noun /'etɪkət/, /'etɪket/

[uncountable]

the formal rules of correct or polite behaviour in society, among members of a particular profession or in a particular area of activity

advice on etiquette

medical/legal/professional etiquette

Students need to be aware of cell phone etiquette.

We have put together a tweeting etiquette guide.

bamboo shoot

a young shoot of bamboo, eaten as a vegetable.

predicate noun /'prɛdɪkət/

predicate /'prɛdɪkeɪt/

GRAMMAR•LOGIC

state, affirm, or assert (something) about the subject of a sentence or an argument of a proposition.

"a word which predicates something about its subject"

put your back into something

to use a lot of physical effort to try to do something:

You could dig this plot in an afternoon if you really put your back into it.

check out

NORTH AMERICAN

enter the price of goods in a supermarket into a cash machine.

"cashiers are told they must smile as they check out each item and present the bill"

An employee must check out your items before you leave the store.

ring up

to record an item that has been bought and paid for by a customer on a cash register:

When they rang the dress up at the till, the price came up as £10.

Let's go to the check-out and they'll ring everything through for us.

whack /wak/

strike forcefully with a sharp blow.

"his attacker whacked him on the head"

effeminate /ɪ'fɛmɪnət/

(with reference to a man) having characteristics and ways of behaving traditionally associated with women and regarded as inappropriate for a man.

"John is depicted as an effeminate young man with flowing hair and delicate hands"

honorific /ˌɒnə'ɹɪfɪk/

given as a mark of respect but having few or no duties.

"he was elevated to the honorific status of 'Dom'"

noun

a title or word implying or expressing respect.

"a sociolinguistic investigation of honorifics and their usage"

The doctor is on call 24 hours a day.

"There is a new episode of the show on tonight."

"There is a new episode of the show on now."

unwind /ʌn'wʌɪnd/

undo or be undone after winding or being wound.

"Ella unwound the long woollen scarf from her neck"

relax after a period of work or tension.

"the Grand Hotel is a superb place to unwind"

'A new low' refers to a person's 'lowest' or saddest point which is more disappointing than any situation in the past

'A new high' is the opposite, to reach a higher/ better level than ever before/ to reach the potential

I'm a sucker for the animal acts. I may be a sucker for punishment, but the bills are lower and the kitchen is warmer. This is as close as you'll get, sucker! He is a big sucker for the hard worker and is rarely dazzled by brilliance.

sucker /'sʌkə/

a gullible or easily deceived person.

"if suckers will actually pay to do the work, more fool them"

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

a thing or person not specified by name.

"he's one strong sucker"

wharf rat

: a person who loafs or sometimes lives around wharves sometimes with intent to steal from ships or warehouses

loaf /ləʊf/

gerund or present participle: loafing

spend one's time in an aimless, idle way.

"don't let him see you loafing about with your hands in your pockets"

back up

to move backwards, especially in a vehicle

You can back up another two feet or so.

I backed the car up to the door.

Can you back your car up so that I can get through?

off limits /,ɒf 'lɪmɪts/

out of bounds.

"the site was off limits to the public"

not to be mentioned or discussed.

"it was apparent that the whole topic was off limits"

hang on to your hat

Also, hold your hat . An expression warning someone of a big surprise. For example, Hang on to your hat, we're about to go public , or Hold your hat—we just won the lottery . This expression may allude, according to lexicographer Eric Partridge, to a wild ride on a rollercoaster. [ Colloquial ; first half of 1900s]

come on strong

behave aggressively or assertively, especially in making sexual advances to someone.

"she came on so strong that she frightened him off"

improve one's position considerably.

"he came on strong towards the end of the round"

The participant must then lean over and spin around with their forehead placed on the end of the bat for however long it took to finish chugging.

I don't want to lead him on.

I can't even

used without a following phrase to indicate that the speaker is overwhelmed with emotion.

"This is just so ridiculously cute. I can't even."

parm /pɑ:m/

Parmesan cheese.

"the steak medallions were encrusted with parm"

a dish cooked or served with Parmesan cheese.

adjective: parm

"the chicken parm was excellent"

boba (countable and uncountable, plural bobas)

sludge /slʌdʒ/

thick, soft, wet mud or a similar viscous mixture of liquid and solid components, especially the product of an industrial or refining process.

"the dumping of sewage sludge"

circle back

: to return

I circled back to the house to get my briefcase.

dinghy /'dɪŋ(g)i/

a small boat for recreation or racing, especially an open boat with a mast and sails.

croquet /'krəʊkeɪ, 'krəʊki/

a game played on a lawn, in which wooden balls are driven through a series of square-topped hoops by means of mallets.

"a croquet lawn"

mallet /'mælɪt/

a hammer with a large, usually wooden head.

vulgar /'vʌlgə/

lacking sophistication or good taste.

"a vulgar check suit"

bulgar /'bʌlgə/

a cereal food made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried, eaten especially in Turkey.

"bulgar wheat"

bulgar

/'bʌlgə/

noun

noun: bulgur

a cereal food made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried, eaten especially in Turkey.  
"bulgar wheat"

step right up

1. To move very close to or directly in front of someone, something, or some position.

Usually followed by "to someone or something."

He stepped right up to the man and told him to back off.

You'll need to step right up to the line while getting your photo taken.

2. To come forward in order to do, purchase, or receive something. Usually used as an invitation.

Howdy, folks! Step right up and try your hand at our game of skill and chance!

We've only got a limited supply, so step right up and get yours today, before it's too late!

get behind

Support someone or something; also, help to promote someone or something. For example,  
We must find as many workers as we can to get behind the union .

cred /krɛd/

nounINFORMAL

another term for street credibility.

"a few tales here and there could wreck my cred completely!"

[uncountable]

a way of behaving and dressing that is acceptable to young people, especially those who live in cities and have experienced the problems of real life

bust (one's) hump

1. To exert a significant amount of energy to do, accomplish, or complete something, especially with great haste.

I've been busting my hump all night long to get this presentation ready for tomorrow's meeting.

She's going to have to bust her hump if she wants a place on the varsity team.

We busted our humps cleaning the house before Mom got here, and she still said her room was dusty!

2. To harass, nag, or upbraid one to do, accomplish, or complete something.

The boss is busting everyone's hump to get the project ready by next week.

Quit busting my hump! I'll get it done eventually!

I wouldn't have to bust your hump if you would just do your chores like you're supposed to!

roadkill /'rəʊdkɪl/

animals killed on the road by vehicles.

"they plan to feed the wolves roadkill for several weeks"

a killing of an animal on the road by a vehicle.

channel something (into something) to direct money, feelings, ideas, etc. toward a particular thing or purpose

He channels his aggression into sports.

wind up  
make someone tense or angry.  
"he was clearly wound up and frantic about his daughter"  
INFORMAL•BRITISH  
tease or irritate someone.  
"she's only winding me up"

whoop /wu:p,hu:p,hwu:p/  
a loud cry of joy or excitement.  
"a moment's silence was followed by whoops of delight"

come down with  
begin to suffer from a specified illness.  
"I came down with influenza"

on/about your person  
in a pocket, bag, or something else that you are holding:  
Do you have about your person such a thing as a lighter?

work up an appetite We worked up a real appetite climbing in the mountains.  
work up enthusiasm It's strange, but I can't work up any enthusiasm for going on this trip.

let's move on to question three

skivvy /'skɪvi/  
a lightweight high-necked long-sleeved garment.  
a T-shirt or short-sleeved vest.  
3.  
TRADEMARK IN US  
underwear consisting of a vest and underpants.  
do menial household tasks; work as a skivvy.  
"I was skivvying for that Brixton family"

cobble /'kɒbl/  
verb: cobble; 3rd person present: cobbles; past tense: cobbled; past participle: cobbled;  
gerund or present participle: cobbling  
roughly assemble or produce something from available parts or elements.  
"the film was imperfectly cobbled together from two separate stories"  
DATED  
repair (shoes).  
"it had a tarnished brass knocker showing a pixie cobbling shoes"

scratchy /'skrætʃi/  
(especially of a fabric or garment) having a rough, uncomfortable texture and tending to cause itching or discomfort.  
"a cardigan in a scratchy wool"  
(of a voice or sound) rough; grating.  
"she dropped her voice to a scratchy whisper"

(of a record) making a crackling or rough sound because of scratches on the surface.  
"loudspeakers blaring a scratchy record"

Sasquatch /'saskwɒtʃ, 'saskwatʃ/  
another term for Bigfoot.

squatchy (comparative more squatchy, superlative most squatchy)

(US, regional, colloquial) Characteristic of the sasquatch.

resuscitate /rɪ'sʌsɪteɪt/

I am boring and bitter and pathetic and full of bile, but despite that, I care about you and how you care about me and we care about each other.

throw (one's) hands up

To express or indicate exasperated despair or hopelessness; to submit or give up, especially in a dejected or frustrated manner.

I'm ready to throw my hands up after trying to train this unruly puppy.

Don't just throw your hands up if you don't get it right—you have to keep trying!

This essay is full of misspellings.

The computer system didn't tolerate the smallest misspellings.

We are in search of a house with a garden.

They are respectful of the elderly.

advise /əd'vʌɪz/

inform (someone) about a fact or situation in a formal or official way.

"you will be advised of the requirements"

We learned of his sudden passing in the newspaper.

We use "died of" whenever a disease is involved.

"He died of cancer" for example.

We use died from for other numerous reasons, but sometimes we also say died due to or died because of.

"She died from falling off the stairs" for example.

panoramic /ˌpənə'remɪk/

scent /sɛnt/

a distinctive smell, especially one that is pleasant.



"the scent of freshly cut hay"

[countable] a pleasant smell that something has SYN fragrance

a yellow rose with a lovely scent

scent of

the sweet scent of ripe fruit

In light of this information, we should evacuate immediately.

hipster /'hipstə/

nounINFORMAL

a person who follows the latest trends and fashions in clothing and lifestyle, especially those regarded as being outside the cultural mainstream.

"it is a haven for hipsters looking for an exciting urban lifestyle"

Finally we are in the black.

The magazine is in circulation.

This hairstyle is in fashion.

Do you promise to take care of her in sickness and in health?

She is in labour.

[uncountable, countable, usually singular] the period of time or the process of giving birth to a baby

in labour Jane was in labour for ten hours.

She went into labour early.

labour pains

It was difficult labour.

For all his experience, he is still out of work.

There is no accounting for tastes.

clobber /'klɒbə/

verbINFORMAL

hit (someone) hard.

"if he does that I'll clobber him!"

stick out

be extremely noticeable.

"many important things had happened to him, but one stuck out"

qualm /kwɑ:m/

an uneasy feeling of doubt, worry, or fear, especially about one's own conduct; a misgiving.

"military regimes generally have no qualms about controlling the press"

But the bottom line is that pleaded is the commonly recognized past tense of plead, and pled is the form that can sometimes be used instead of it, especially within the North American and Scottish legal systems.