

plaid

/plad/

noun

chequered or tartan twilled cloth, typically made of wool.

"a plaid shawl"

black and blue

to feel physically or emotionally battered and hurt

Examples:

She was left black and blue by her abusive partner.

The football player's legs were black and blue after the game.

The fried chicken stereotype is an anti-African American racist trope that has its roots in the American Civil War and traditional slave foods.

whinny

/'wɪni/

noun

a gentle, high-pitched neigh.

verb

(of a horse) make a whinny.

"the pony whinnied and tossed his head happily"

hunker

/'hʌŋkə/

verb

1.

squat or crouch down low.

"he hunkered down beside her"

2.

apply oneself seriously to a task.

"students hunkered down to prepare for the examinations"

A pilot light is a small gas flame, usually natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas, which serves as an ignition source for a more powerful gas burner.

rank2

/rʌŋk/

of vegetation) growing too thickly and coarsely.

"clumps of rank grass"

having a foul or offensive smell.

"breathing rank air"

informal

very unpleasant.

"the tea at work is nice but the coffee's pretty rank"

3.

(especially of something bad or deficient) complete and utter (used for emphasis).

"rank stupidity"

sumbitch (plural sumbitches)

Pronunciation spelling of son of a bitch, representing Southern US English.

"Fess up" is an informal phrasal verb that means to admit or confess to doing something wrong. For example, "He finally fessed up about his involvement".

ostensible

/ɒˈstɛnsɪbl/

adjective

stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.

"the real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint"

"Pique my interest" is an expression that means something has captured your attention and made you curious. For example, you might say "That story about the chimpanzee playing basketball really piqued my interest".

shank

/ʃʌŋk/

noun

1.

a person's leg, especially the part from the knee to the ankle.

"the old man's thin, bony shanks showed through his trousers"

"Voice of reason" means a person who provides a calm, logical perspective in a situation, often acting as a counterpoint to emotional or impulsive behavior, essentially being the one who encourages rational thinking and sensible actions.

The reason that you find this distinction in the usage of "the N-word" is that AAVE accents tend to be non-rhotic, while standard American accents tend to be rhotic. That means that when black people were using it among themselves in a friendly fashion, they would say it without a "hard 'r'", but people who were saying it to them hatefully were far more likely to be

using a rhotic accent. This difference in meaning based on accent then moved back out to spelling, with the "-a" or "-er" to emphasize the difference.

A slow cooker, also known as a crock-pot (after a trademark owned by Sunbeam Products but sometimes used generically in the English-speaking world), is a countertop electrical cooking appliance used to simmer at a lower temperature than other cooking methods, such as baking, boiling, and frying.

In British English, there's a chance you could get away with "The rural population enjoy apple-picking, harvest festivals, and mud-wrestling" (BE accepts plural verbs for singular subjects to emphasize that the subjects are made up of multiple members).

bring someone to heel
bring someone under control.
"the president is trying to bring his enemies to heel"

paid time off; personal time off: a block of hours that combines all of an employee's paid sick days, personal days, and vacation time.

"Two-top" is a restaurant slang term that refers to a table that seats two people.

He conveyed the food order to the kitchen and then popped the top on the Pepsi can and passed it across the bar to me along with a glass of ice. I carried both to a two-top near the front window.

bust out
informal
1
: to begin (doing something) suddenly
She just busted out laughing.

2
bust out (something) or bust (something) out : to take (something) from the place where it is stored so that it can be used : to break out
He busted out the champagne.

3
: to escape from a prison, jail, etc.
Two prisoners busted out of jail.

Uff da (/ˈʊfdə/ ; sometimes also spelled oof-da, oofda, oofala, oof-dah, oofdah, huffda, uff-da, uffda, uff-dah, ufdä, ufdah, or uf daa[citation needed]) is an American Scandinavian exclamation or interjection used to express dismay, typically upon hearing bad news.

barnet noun
/'bɑ:nɪt/
a person's hair

caterwaul

/'kætəwɔ:l/

verb

make a shrill howling or wailing noise like that of a cat.

"he seems to think that singing soulfully is to whine and caterwaul tunelessly"

"Go off, king" is an empowering phrase used to encourage someone to express themselves passionately or to excel in a particular situation. It typically conveys support for someone's unfiltered outburst, whether in discussions, performances, or personal achievements.

Crack on - to get on with work, often quickly. Also get cracking. Crack this out - produce something quickly.

thingamajig

/'θɪŋəməɪdʒɪg/

noun informal

used to refer to or address a person or thing whose name one has forgotten, does not know, or does not wish to mention.

"one of those thingamajigs for keeping all the tools together"

litre

/'li:tə/

"Phone up" is a phrasal verb that means to call someone on the phone. For example, you might phone up a friend to chat or a restaurant to make a reservation.

I need to learn French to near-fluency.

clove¹

/kləʊv/

noun

1.

the dried flower bud of a tropical tree, used as an aromatic spice.

"a teaspoon of ground cloves"

any of the small bulbs making up a compound bulb of garlic, shallot, etc.

"rub a dish with a crushed clove of garlic"

glaze

/gleɪz/

overlay or cover (food, fabric, etc.) with a smooth, shiny coating or finish.

"new potatoes which had been glazed in mint-flavoured butter"

Just so you know, he's in a bad mood right now.

The gun itself isn't the strap but if you are carrying a firearm and state that you are "strapped", which is usually a very bad idea unless it's somebody you know very well, most people will know what this means. It originated in the Old West when an armed person usually had their firearm in a holster which was strapped around their leg

chastise

/tʃaˈstʌɪz/

verb

rebuke or reprimand severely.

"he chastised his colleagues for their laziness"

Perhaps the readers of this review will help to get the necessary word-of-mouth going.

word of mouth

phrase of word

spoken communication as a means of transmitting information.

"slander is a defamatory statement made by word of mouth"

The Shade Room (TSR) is a media company, founded by Angelica Nwandu in March 2014. Instagram-based, The Shade Room offers celebrity and trending news on an hourly basis, predominantly within the African American community; The New York Times called it the "TMZ of Instagram".[

word /wɜːd/

exclamation informal

used to express agreement or affirmation.

"Word, that's a good record, man"

move

To sell or market (especially physical inventory or illicit drugs).

This business will fail if it can't move the inventory quickly.

A Twitter (rebranded as "X") handle is the username that appears at the end of your unique Twitter URL.

Here, L stands for Loss, and can refer to losing in an argument/competition, or to failure in general. W is the opposite of this, from Win.

Examples:

"Take the L" is an instruction to accept defeat.

"Common [country] L" is like saying [country] often fails at the thing being described.

"L" on its own is sometimes used to simply point out failure.

stan¹

/stan/

informal

noun

an overzealous or obsessive fan of a particular celebrity.

"he has millions of stans who are obsessed with him and call him a rap god"

blind side

hit or attack (someone) on their blind side.

"Graber blindsided Kelly, knocking him to the pavement"

make (someone) unable to perceive the truth of a situation.

"we got blindsided by our own government"

Luxembourg

/ˈlʌksəmˌbɜːg/

As Evans grew older, his scholarly standards slipped further

"Be a take on" means to be a new interpretation, version, or approach to something existing; essentially, to put your own spin on something, often with a different perspective or style, while still referencing the original concept.

Key points about "be a take on":

Implies adaptation:

It suggests taking an existing idea and modifying it to fit a new context or purpose.

Focus on creativity:

It emphasizes adding a unique element or perspective to the original concept.

Can be used in various fields:

This phrase can apply to art, design, writing, music, film, or even business ideas where someone presents a new approach to a familiar theme.

Example sentences:

"The new movie is a modern take on the classic fairy tale."

"The artist's latest collection is a bold take on traditional landscape painting."

"The company's new marketing strategy is a fresh take on their previous approach."

audit

/ˈɔːdɪt/

conduct an official financial inspection of (a company or its accounts).

"unlimited companies must also have their accounts audited"

staffer

/ˈstɑːfə/

noun North American

a member of the staff of an organization, especially of a newspaper.

"staffers on the New York Times"

zhuzh \ ʒʊʒ \ verb and noun

verb: improve the style, appearance or flavor of something or someone with a small change or addition

noun: a small add-on or adjustment that improves the style, flavor or appearance of a person or thing

A beauty pageant is a competition in which the contestants are judged and ranked based on various physical and mental attributes.

reclusive

/rɪˈkluːsɪv/

adjective

avoiding the company of other people; solitary.

"he led a reclusive life"

To Kill a Mockingbird is a novel by the American author Harper Lee. It was published in July 1960 and became instantly successful.

statutory

/ˈstatʃʊt(ə)ri/

adjective

required, permitted, or enacted by statute.

"statutory controls over prices"

having come to be required or expected through being done or made regularly.

"the statutory Christmas phone call to his mother"

In common law jurisdictions, statutory rape is nonforcible sexual activity in which one of the individuals is below the age of consent (the age required to legally consent to the behaviour).

While "do it in my way" is not grammatically incorrect, "do it my way" is the more idiomatic and widely used phrase.

upsell

/ˈʌpsɛl/

verb

persuade a customer to buy something additional or more expensive.

"how to upsell without turning off your customer"

witeout

a brand name for a type of white liquid used for painting over mistakes in a piece of writing

hold someone to something

to make someone do what they promised or agreed to do:

We'll hold him to the exact terms of the contract.

haggle

/ˈhagl/

noun

a period of haggling.

"an inevitable and lengthy haggle over compensation"

walk over to (someone or something)

1. To move toward or come up to someone or something on foot.

I walked over to Bob and handed him the note.

I'm afraid you'll need to walk over to the legal department and have them sign off on this.

2. To escort or accompany someone toward or up to someone or something on foot.

The court officer walked the defendant over to the table beside his lawyer.
They walked me over to their head of marketing to discuss the new strategy.

walk (all) over somebody (informal)
to treat somebody badly, without considering them or their needs
She'll always let him walk all over her.

to defeat somebody easily
They walked all over their opponents in the crucial match.

hipster¹
/'hipstə/
noun informal
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"

1. "We're ordering pizza. Do you want to throw in an order for wings?"
(Add wings to the order.)

2. "If you're placing an online grocery order, I'll throw in an order for some snacks."
(Include snacks in the order.)

be off the table
To be withdrawn or no longer available, as for consideration, acceptance, discussion, etc.
I wouldn't wait too long to accept the job offer—it might be off the table before you know it.
Before we begin this debate, let me clarify that you are both to focus solely on the question of the economy; all other topics are off the table.
For the sake of making progress in our meeting this morning, the issue of possible pay reductions is off the table, OK?

salve¹
/salv/
noun
an ointment used to promote healing of the skin or as protection.
"the wound should be washed with water and then a salve applied"

wager
/'weɪdʒə/
used to express certainty.
"I'll wager she makes that trip to Virginia"

A generalized tonic–clonic seizure, commonly known as a grand mal seizure or GTCS,[1] is a type of generalized seizure that produces bilateral, convulsive tonic and clonic muscle contractions.

mixer noun /'mɪksə(r)/
North American

a social gathering at which people can make new acquaintances.

a good/bad mixer

a person who finds it easy/difficult to talk to people they do not know, for example at a party

Are you going to the freshman mixer?

muff1 /mʌf/

a tube made of fur or other warm material into which the hands are placed for warmth.

a warm or protective covering for other parts of the body.

2.

vulgar slang

Hide definition

a woman's genitals.

belittle

/bɪˈlɪtl/

verb

dismiss (someone or something) as unimportant.

"she belittled Amy's riding skills whenever she could"

infidel

/ˈɪnfɪd(ɛ)/

derogatory•archaic

noun

a person who has no religion or whose religion is not that of the majority.

"a crusade against infidels and heretics"

Making the beast with two backs is a euphemistic metaphor for two persons engaged in sexual intercourse. It refers to the situation in which a couple—in the missionary position, on their sides, kneeling, or standing—cling to each other as if a single creature, with their backs to the outside.

poppycock

/ˈpɒpɪkɒk/

nouninformal

nonsense.

"he said I was talking poppycock"

(by) courtesy of somebody

by someone's permission or kindness, rather than by paying them

photographs supplied courtesy of Blenheim Palace

takeaway

/ˈteɪkəweɪ/

a key fact, point, or idea to be remembered, typically one emerging from a discussion or meeting.

"the main takeaway for me is that we need to continue to communicate all the things we're doing for our customers"

hyacinth

/ˈhʌɪəsɪnθ/

noun

1.

a bulbous plant of the lily family, with straplike leaves and a compact spike of bell-shaped fragrant flowers. Native to western Asia, hyacinths are cultivated outdoors and as houseplants.

rial

/ˈriːɑːl/

noun

noun: riyal

1.

the basic monetary unit of Iran and Oman, equal to 100 dinars in Iran and 1,000 baiza in Oman.

2.

the basic monetary unit of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Yemen, equal to 100 halala in Saudi Arabia, 100 dirhams in Qatar, and 100 fils in Yemen.

labia

/ˈleɪbiə/

noun

1.

Anatomy

the inner and outer folds of the vulva, at either side of the vagina.

2.

plural form of labium.

hurl

/hɜːl/

utter (abuse) vehemently.

"the demonstrators hurled abuse at councillors"

ixnay

/ˈɪksneɪ/

informal•US

exclamation

used in rejecting something specified.

"ixnay to corporate control!"

verb

cancel or stop.

"the group has ixnayed the rest of its North American tour"

concubine

/ˈkɒŋkjʊbʌɪn/

noun

historical

(in polygamous societies) a woman who lives with a man but has lower status than his wife or wives.

archaic

a mistress.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a global, peer-led mutual-aid fellowship focused on an abstinence-based recovery model from alcoholism through its spiritually inclined twelve-step program.

hold out

resist or survive in difficult circumstances.

"the troops held out against constant attacks"

bub

/bʌb/

nouninformal•North American

an aggressive or rude way of addressing a boy or man.

"hey, bub, I'm looking for someone"

Police of virtue and vice are religious police forces that enforce codes of conduct based on religious law.

haggle

/'hagl/

verb

dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

"the two sides are haggling over television rights"

prescriptive

/prɪ'skriptɪv/

adjective

1.

relating to the imposition or enforcement of a rule or method.

"these guidelines are not intended to be prescriptive"

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

There is no standard definition of female beauty. play icon
Feminine beauty isn't a single ideal.

congruent

/'kɒŋgrʊənt/

adjective

1.

in agreement or harmony.

"the rules may not be congruent with the requirements of the law"

I think the lunch I had is giving me heartburn.

falafel

/fəˈlɑːfl/

noun

a Middle Eastern dish of spiced mashed chickpeas or other pulses formed into balls or fritters and deep-fried, usually eaten with or in pitta bread.

shawarma

/ʃəˈwɑːmə/

noun

(in some Arabic-speaking countries) a doner kebab.

endgame

/ˈɛn(d)geɪm/

noun

the final stage of a game such as chess or bridge, when few pieces or cards remain.

"the game was adjourned after 41 moves in a rook and pawn endgame"

It can be hard to grind a game without getting bored.

courtesy of

phrase of courtesy

given or allowed by.

"photograph courtesy of the Evening Star"

informal

as a result of.

"he booked his place in the final courtesy of a remarkable victory"

knucklehead

/ˈnʌklhed/

nouninformal

a stupid person.

God help —

phrase of God

used to express the belief that someone is in a difficult, dangerous, or hopeless situation.

"God help anyone who stands in their way"

sleep on

informal•US

fail to notice the excellence of someone or something.

"stop sleeping on this fantastic woman and give her the recognition she rightfully deserves"

wuss

/wʊs/

informal

noun

a weak or ineffectual person (often used as a general term of abuse).

"we are not just a group of shallow wusses"

You can use "the obvious" as a noun for "things that are obvious" (like "the poor" for "people who are poor"). But "obvious" doesn't mean "real." Perhaps you mean something like "banality"?

whip up

deliberately excite or provoke someone.

"Dad had managed to whip himself up into a fantastic rage"

2.

stimulate a particular feeling in someone.

"we tried hard to whip up interest in the products"

cause water, sand, etc., to rise up and be flung about in a violent manner.

"the sea was whipped up by a force-nine gale"

4.

make or prepare something, typically food, very quickly.

"he whipped up some salad dressing in the kitchen"

Saudi Arabia noun

/ˌsaʊdi əˈreɪbiə/

vamoose

/vəˈmuːs/

verbinformal

depart hurriedly.

"we'd better vamoose before we're caught"

headache

/ˈhedeɪk/

noun

a continuous pain in the head.

"I've got a splitting headache"

stomach ache

/ˈstʌmək ˌeɪk/

A nosebleed is loss of blood from the tissue lining the nose. Bleeding most often occurs from one nostril only.

canker

/ˈkæŋkə/

A canker sore is a shallow sore shaped like a crater (ulcer) on your tongue or on the inside of your lip or cheek.

wacky

/ˈwɑki/

adjective informal

funny or amusing in a slightly odd or peculiar way.

"a wacky chase movie"

How much vacation do doctors get while in residency?

Direct patient care is what resident doctors perform while in residency.

practice

/ˈpræktɪs/

the business or premises of a doctor or lawyer.

plural noun: practices

"Dr Apps has a practice in Neasham Road"

background

/ˈbækgraʊnd/

form a background to.

"windswept land backgrounded by the Rockies"

2.

provide with background.

"the embassy backgrounded American reporters"

dura1

/ˈdʒʊərə/

noun Anatomy

the tough outermost membrane enveloping the brain and spinal cord.

residency

/ˈrezɪd(ə)nsi/

noun

1.

the fact of living in a place.

"these papers show we have a right to residency"

a residential post held by a writer, musician, or artist, typically for teaching purposes.

plural noun: residencies

"the photographs were taken in East London during an artist-in-school residency"

[uncountable] especially American English a period of time when a doctor receives special training in a particular type of medicine, especially at a hospital

A residency is also a temporary professional visit, like when a doctor does a residency at a hospital or a poet does a residency at a school.

A dry county is a county in the United States where the sale of alcohol is prohibited or restricted by the local government. Dry counties can also be called dry towns or dry townships.

nylon

/ˈnʌɪlɒn/

stockings or tights made of nylon.

plural noun: nylons

"a pair of nylons"

argot /ˈɑːgəʊ/

A secret language or conventional slang peculiar to thieves, tramps and vagabonds.

cant¹ /kɑnt/

(countable, uncountable) A private or secret language used by a religious sect, gang, or other group.

drop a deuce

(euphemistic, slang) To release feces into a toilet; to defecate.

abaya

/əˈbeɪ(j)ə, əˈbʌɪ(j)ə/

An abaya is a long Muslim garment that covers the body from head to toe. on the other hand, a hijab is only a head scarf worn to cover hair and neck. Usually, abayas are paired with matching hijab to cover both hair and body.

itinerary

/ˈɪtɪnərəri, ɪˈtɪnərəri/

noun

a planned route or journey.

"his itinerary included an official visit to Canada"

a travel document recording a route or journey.

"we will send you an itinerary"

one of these days

idiom

: at some time in the future

One of these days, I'm going to buy myself a boat.

imprimatur \ ɪmpɹɪˈmɑtər \ noun

: formal and explicit approval

kisser /ˈkɪsə/

informal

a person's mouth.

"I belted him one, right on the kisser"

sell-out

/ˈsɛlaʊt/

a betrayal of one's principles for reasons of expedience.

"one of the biggest political sell-outs in decades"

pithy

/ˈpiθi/

adjective

1.

(of a fruit or plant) containing much pith.

2.

(of language or style) terse and vigorously expressive.

"his characteristically pithy comments"

carry-on

a piece of luggage suitable for being carried aboard an airplane by a passenger

evince

/ɪˈvɪns/

verb formal

reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling); indicate.

"the news stories evinced the usual mixture of sympathy and satisfaction"

gaze out on (something)

To look or peer out at something.

I sipped my coffee and gazed out on the snowy scene beyond my window.

We stood on the balcony and gazed out on the New York City skyline in awe.

We had second-row seats to a game last year, which was wild. We spent most of the time gazing out on the players, completely starstruck!

In this case "gazing out" infers that he is looking out of a window (or a door)

It can also mean looking over a large distance. "He sat astride his bike, gazing out over the Rockies, 60 miles away"

in full swing

at the height of activity.

"by nine-thirty the dance was in full swing"

fluorine

/ˈflʊəriːn, ˈfloːriːn/

You can use a similar expression for distance ("six miles' hard skiing") where something substantial in duration is measured in something other than time itself.

cataclysm /ˈkatakliːz(ə)m/

noun: cataclysm; plural noun: cataclysms

a large-scale and violent event in the natural world.

"the cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period"

a sudden violent political or social upheaval.

"the cataclysm of the First World War"

timeout

a brief period of time during which a misbehaving child is put on their own so that they can regain control over their emotions.

archnemesis

/ɑːrʃˈnɛməsɪs/

"Grow a spine" is an idiom that means to become more courageous, confident, or strong. It can also mean to have the strength to do something that needs to be done.

clinch verb /kɪntʃ/

clinch something to succeed in achieving or winning something

to clinch an argument/a deal/a victory

They clinched a place in the semi-finals.

cause

/kɔːz/

a principle, aim, or movement to which one is committed and which one is prepared to defend or advocate.

"she devoted her whole adult life to the cause of deaf people"

get a load of

phrase of load

informal

used to draw attention to someone or something.

"get a load of that blonde girl!"

wage war (on someone or something)

1. To instigate or initiate war against some other country or group of people.

Under the rule of its new dictator, the country has begun waging war on its neighbors in an attempt to consolidate power.

A severe depletion of resources led several tribes in the region to wage war for many years.

2. To attempt to eliminate, destroy, or overpower someone, something, or some group.

The new president vowed to wage war on corruption in Washington.

The extremist wing of the political party has been waging war on any and all groups that disagree with their opinion in any capacity.

"Wage war" is a formal verb that means to fight a war or to organize a series of activities to achieve something. For example, "They've been waging a long campaign to change the law".

unilateral

/ˌjuːnɪˈlæt(ə)rəl/

adjective

1.

(of an action or decision) performed by or affecting only one person, group, or country involved in a situation, without the agreement of another or the others.

"unilateral nuclear disarmament"

2.

relating to or affecting only one side of an organ, the body, or another structure.

"unilateral cerebral lesions"

1) NASA uses it for countdowns to rocket launches, ex: T minus 10 seconds. Meaning: The rocket will launch in exactly 10 seconds.

2) Maybe your friend uses it to countdown to the weekend, ex: Weekend begins in T minus 8 hours! Meaning: The weekend will begin in 8 hours.

3) Counting down to a special event, ex: Our holiday is in T minus 15 days. Meaning: You are excitedly counting down to your upcoming holiday, counting down 15 days until your scheduled holiday.

fiend

/fi:nd/

noun

1.

an evil spirit or demon.

informal

an enthusiast or devotee of a particular thing.

"a football fiend"

take one's leave

idiom

formal

: to say goodbye to someone and depart

After a few minutes of polite conversation, he took his leave.

"Mount an offensive" is an idiom that means to organize and launch a military attack. For example, "Republicans acknowledged that they had little choice but to mount an all-out offensive on the Democratic nominee".

schmooze

/ʃmu:z/

informal

verb

talk with someone in a lively and friendly way, typically in order to impress or manipulate them.

"it's a good time to put yourself forward, to network and to schmooze"

Raw dog

(V.) To perform any act recklessly or without preparation. A semantic broadening of the original sense of unprotected intercourse based on connotations of risk.

The phrase "abstain from sex" is grammatically correct. It means to deliberately avoid engaging in sexual activity.

humor somebody to agree with somebody's wishes, even if they seem unreasonable, in order to keep the person happy

She thought it best to humor them rather than get into an argument.

"Beat someone silly" is an informal idiom that means to hit someone repeatedly until they are unconscious or dazed. For example, "Ryan's punch knocked me silly".

humour

/ˈhju:mə/

comply with the wishes of (someone) in order to keep them content, however unreasonable such wishes might be.

"she was always humouring him to prevent trouble"

courage

/ˈkʌrɪdʒ/

noun

the ability to do something that frightens one; bravery.

"she called on all her courage to face the ordeal"

incorrigible

/ɪnˈkɒrɪdʒəbl/

adjective

(of a person or their behaviour) not able to be changed or reformed.

"he's an incorrigible liar"

sly

/slɪ/

adjective

having or showing a cunning and deceitful nature.

"a sly, manipulative woman"

twerp

/twɜ:p/

noun derogatory•informal

a silly or annoying person.

what gives?

idiom

informal

—used to ask the reason for something

You've been acting weird all week. What gives?

Meunière (UK: /ˌmɜːniˈɛər/, US: /ˌmʌn-/,[1] French: [mønjɛʁ] ; lit. 'miller's wife'[2]) is both a French sauce and a method of preparation, primarily for fish, consisting of brown butter, chopped parsley, and lemon.

grunt

/grʌnt/

a low, short guttural sound made by an animal or a person.

"with snorts and grunts the animals were coaxed down the ramp"

2.

informal•North American

a low-ranking soldier or unskilled worker.

"he went from grunt to senior executive vice president in five years"

pesky

/ˈpɛski/

adjectiveinformal•North American

causing trouble; annoying.

"a pesky younger brother"

thorax

/ˈθɔːraks/

nounAnatomy•Zoology

the part of the body of a mammal between the neck and the abdomen, including the cavity enclosed by the ribs, breastbone, and dorsal vertebrae, and containing the chief organs of circulation and respiration; the chest.

discretion

/dɪˈskrɛʃn/

noun

1.

the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information.

"she knew she could rely on his discretion"

the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.

"local authorities should use their discretion in setting the charges"

hothead

/ˈhɒθɛd/

a person who is impetuous or easily becomes angry and violent.

"neither of you hotheads would listen to me when I asked you to stop this nonsense"

bluff1

/blʌf/

noun

an attempt to deceive someone into believing that one can or is going to do something.

"the offer was denounced as a bluff"

a steep cliff, bank, or promontory.

stake2

/steɪk/

a sum of money or something else of value gambled on the outcome of a risky game or venture.

"playing dice for high stakes

informal•North American

give financial or other support to.

"he staked him to an education at the École des Beaux-Arts"

gamble (money or something else of value) on the outcome of a game or race.

"one gambler staked everything he'd got and lost"

chassis

/ˈʃasi/

noun

the base frame of a car, carriage, or other wheeled vehicle.

settle a score

phrase of score

1.

take revenge on someone for something that they have done in the past.

"two men turned up at the house, reportedly looking to settle a score with her brother"

bright-eyed and bushy-tailed

in British English

informal

keen, confident, and alert

mode /məʊd/

a way or manner in which something occurs or is experienced, expressed, or done.

"his preferred mode of travel was a kayak"

spin /spɪn/

give (a news story) a particular emphasis or bias.

"ministers may now find it difficult to use the programme to spin stories in their favour"

give away

reveal the true identity of someone.

"his strangely shaped feet gave him away"

hairspray

/ˈheɪsprɛɪ/

a solution sprayed on to a person's hair to keep it in place.

"hairspray is a versatile styling product"

can it

phrase of can

informal•North American

1.

stop talking; be quiet.

"“Can it!” I growled"

2.

stop doing something.

"I told him to can it, 'cause he was getting to be annoying"

half pint

informal

a small or insignificant person or animal.

"he's now 20 and is bigger than me, but I still call him Half Pint"

fare against (someone or something)

To perform or work well in comparison to someone or something else.

I wonder how they will fare against the top-seeded team in the division.

A: "How do you think this group will fare against Mona?" B: "Not well. She's the fastest runner in the heat by far."

How did Charlie fare against the other players? Was his inexperience an issue?

fare /fɜː/

perform in a specified way in a particular situation or over a particular period.

"his business has fared badly in recent years"

"On one's turf" is an idiom that means in someone's territory, or in the area that they feel most confident or familiar with. It can also mean that someone has authority or expertise in a particular area.

act one's age

phrase of age

behave in a manner appropriate to someone of one's age and not to someone younger.

try out

phrasal verb of try

1.

test something new or different to see whether it is suitable or pleasing.

"they're having fun discovering and trying out new things"

2.

North American

compete or audition for a post or a place on a team.

"he decided to try out and made the team"

masticate

/ˈmæstɪkeɪt/

verb

chew (food).

"dentition affects how well food is masticated and absorbed"

derision

/dɪˈrɪʒn/

noun

contemptuous ridicule or mockery.

"my stories were greeted with derision and disbelief"

A pack mule is a mule that is used to carry goods. Mules are a type of pack animal, which are animals that carry goods on their backs.

"Come out on top" is an idiom that means to win a competition, argument, or election, or to be more successful than others. For example, you might say "The Mavericks came out on top in a close game".

betting slip

noun

a slip of paper on which a bet is entered.

"Locked and loaded" is an American slang phrase that means ready for action or deployment. It can be used to describe a weapon that's ready to fire, or an event that's ready to happen.

wind up with (someone or something)

1. To finally or eventually be with someone.

I was really excited for the tour, but we wound up with the most boring guide on the planet. If you don't start dating more serious guys, you're going to wind up with a real doofus for a husband.

He keeps deluding himself that he will wind up with Rosaline eventually, but she moved on from him years ago.

2. To come to acquire, possess, or experience something at the end or as a result of something else.

I thought we'd find something valuable hidden away in our grandfather's attic, but we just wound up with a bunch of junk.

I was afraid he would wind up with a stroke from all that strenuous activity.

He's out of your league, Sally. You're just going to wind up with a broken heart if you keep pining after him like that.

maraud

/məˈrɔːd/

verb

go about in search of things to steal or people to attack.

"war parties crossed the river to maraud"

rough up

phrasal verb of rough

informal

beat someone up.

"he was roughed up in jail while awaiting trial"

odd job

noun

a casual or isolated piece of work, especially one of a routine domestic or manual nature.

"he takes odd jobs, but nothing that would lead to a career"

decrepit

/dɪˈkreɪt/

adjective

worn out or ruined because of age or neglect.

"a row of decrepit houses"

(of a person) elderly and infirm.

"I stay active as I don't want to be decrepit"

hard and fast

/ˌhɑːd (ə)n(d) ˈfɑːst/

phrase of hard

(of a rule or a distinction made) fixed and definitive.

"there are no hard and fast rules about that"

catch on

phrasal verb of catch

informal

1.

(of a practice or fashion) become popular.

"the idea of linking pay to performance has caught on"

understand what is meant or how to do something.

"I caught on to what it was the guy was saying"

through and through

phrase of through

in every aspect; thoroughly or completely.

"Harriet was a political animal through and through"

administer

/ədˈmɪnɪstə/

dispense or apply (a remedy or drug).

"paramedic crews are capable of administering drugs"

deets

/diːts/

nouninformal

details.

"stay tuned for more deets"

scram /skram/ informal

leave or go away from a place quickly.

"get out of here, you miserable wretches—scram!"

shut down (a nuclear reactor) in an emergency.

"when the power is cut off, the unit will automatically scram the reactor"

take off

depart hastily.

"the officer took off after his men"

zonk

/zɒŋk/

informal

verb

1.

hit or strike.

"Charley really zonked me"

2.

fall or cause to fall suddenly and heavily asleep or lose consciousness.

"I always just zonk out and sleep straight through"

dump

/dʌmp/

an unpleasant or dreary place.

"why are you living in a dump like this?"

vehement

/ˈviːɪm(ə)nt/

adjective

showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense.

"her voice was low but vehement"

cataract

/ˈkætərækt/

noun

1.

a medical condition in which the lens of the eye becomes progressively opaque, resulting in blurred vision.

"she had cataracts in both eyes"

catalyst

/ˈkætəlɪst/

noun

a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change.

"chlorine acts as a catalyst promoting the breakdown of ozone"

calico /ˈkəlɪkəʊ/

British

a type of cotton cloth, typically plain white or unbleached.

"ribbon can give plain calico a decorative edge"

2.

North American

a domestic cat with a coat that is white with mottled black, brown, and orange patches.

"Lena shooed a big calico cat off the counter"

cumbrance

in British English

('kʌmbɹəns IPA Pronunciation Guide)

noun

1. a burden, obstacle, or hindrance
2. trouble or bother

wrangle

/'rʌŋɡl/

noun

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

"an insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments"

Third base – touching below the waist or manual stimulation of the genitals; in some contexts, it may instead refer to oral stimulation of the genitals;

Sixer

(slang) A six-pack of a beverage.

gyrate

/dʒaɪ'reɪt/

verb

move or cause to move rapidly in a circle or spiral.

"the dog yelped frenetically, wildly gyrating her tail"

incriminate

/ɪn'krɪmɪneɪt/

verb

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

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

sleep away

in American English

1. to spend in sleeping; sleep during
2. to get rid of by sleeping

pine cone

/'paɪn kəʊn/

noun

the conical or rounded woody fruit of a pine tree, with scales which open to release the seeds.

Stakeout

noun <informal> a period of secret surveillance of a building or an area by police in order to observe someone's activities. • they were looking for a vantage point for a stake-out.

precursor

/pɪˈkə:sə/

noun

a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.

"a three-stringed precursor of the violin"

faint of heart

idiom

: lacking the courage to face something difficult or dangerous —usually used in the phrase

not for the faint of heart

This is a difficult climb that is not for the faint of heart.

rappel

/raˈpɛl/

verb

descend a rock face or other near-vertical surface by using a doubled rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point; abseil.

"they had to rappel down a long steep ice face"

noun

a descent made by rappelling; an abseil.

"they were careful in setting up the rappel"

tourist

/ˈtʊərɪst/

recluse

/ɪˈklu:s/

noun

a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people.

"she has turned into a virtual recluse"

hard done by

phrase of hard

British

harshly or unfairly treated.

"she would be justified in feeling hard done by"

After a while, crocodile.

aquatic

/əˈkwætɪk/

adjective

relating to water.

"animals have eyes adapted to the hues of their aquatic home"

noun

1.

an aquatic plant or animal, especially one suitable for a pond or aquarium.

"water lilies and other deep-water aquatics"

restaurant

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

squiggle

/ˈskwɪɡl/

noun

a short line that curls and loops in an irregular way.

"some prescriptions are a series of meaningless squiggles"

"Stand someone up" is an idiom. It means to schedule a romantic date and not show up.

watering hole

/ˈwɔ:t(ə)rɪŋ ˌhəʊl/

noun

a waterhole from which animals regularly drink.

informal

a pub or bar.

"a watering hole for singles"

drunkard

/ˈdrʌŋkəd/

noun

a person who is habitually drunk.

A prosecutor represents the government in a criminal trial, while a plaintiff is the person who initiates a civil lawsuit.

Demo or Die

opaque

/ə(ʊ)ˈpeɪk/

You can use not least to emphasize a particularly important example or reason.

[emphasis]

Dieting can be bad for you, not least because it is a cause of stress.

Everyone is more reluctant to travel these days, not least the Americans.

laureate

/ˈlɔ:riət, ˈlɒriət/

noun

a person who is honoured with an award for outstanding creative or intellectual achievement.

"a Nobel laureate"

canker /'kʌŋkə/

an ulcerous condition or disease of a human or animal.

keepsake /'ki:pseɪk/ noun a small item kept in memory of the person who gave it or originally owned it. • she was wearing the medal he gave her as a keepsake.

dill1

/dɪl/

noun

an aromatic annual herb of the parsley family, with fine blue-green leaves and yellow flowers. The leaves or seeds are used for flavouring and for medicinal purposes.

"Hip deep" comes from the image of flood waters - too much water.

"Tee time" is a term used in golf, while "tea time" is a term used to describe when people drink tea.

pencil pusher

/'pens(ə)l,pʊʃə/

noun informal • North American

a person with a clerical job involving a lot of tedious and repetitive paperwork.

"no way he was going to let those pencil pushers from accounting pity him"

"Be in a rut" is an idiom that means to be stuck in a boring routine or habit for a long time. It can also mean to have a fixed way of thinking or doing things that is difficult to change.

Scotchgard I. noun — [mass noun] 1. <trademark> a preparation for giving a waterproof grease- and stain-resistant finish to textiles, leather, and other materials, based on organofluorine compounds.

Victory over Japan Day (also known as V-J Day, Victory in the Pacific Day, or V-P Day[1])

rectum

/'rektəm/

noun

the final section of the large intestine, terminating at the anus.

entrench

/ɪn'treɪn(t)ʃ,ɛn'treɪn(t)ʃ/

verb

1.

establish (an attitude, habit, or belief) so firmly that change is very difficult or unlikely.

"ageism is entrenched in our society"

readily

/'redɪli/

adverb

without hesitation or reluctance; willingly.

"he readily admits that the new car surpasses its predecessors"
without delay or difficulty; easily.
"transport is readily available"

A capital case is a serious criminal case where the defendant could face the death penalty if convicted. Capital cases usually involve first-degree murder charges.

assay
/ə'seɪ, 'aseɪ/
noun
the testing of a metal or ore to determine its ingredients and quality.
"submission of plate for assay"
determine the content or quality of (a metal or ore).
"the man who assayed gold was more than a technician"

preparation /,preɪpə'reɪʃn/
a specimen that has been prepared for scientific or medical examination.
"a microscope preparation"

"Bat out" is an idiom that means to compose or produce something in a hurried, careless, or casual manner. For example, you might "bat out a term paper before class".

osmosis
/ɒz'məʊsɪs/
noun
1.
Biology•Chemistry
a process by which molecules of a solvent tend to pass through a semipermeable membrane from a less concentrated solution into a more concentrated one.
2.
the process of gradual or unconscious assimilation of ideas, knowledge, etc.
"by some strange political osmosis, private reputations became public"

"From my youth up" is a phrase that means for a long time, or since childhood. It can be used to describe a period of suffering or hardship that seems to have begun in early life.

rhapsody
/'rapsədi/
noun
1.
an effusively enthusiastic or ecstatic expression of feeling.
"rhapsodies of praise"
2.
(in ancient Greece) an epic poem, or part of a poem, of a suitable length for recitation at one time.

magnate
/'magneɪt/

noun

a wealthy and influential businessman or businesswoman.

"a property magnate"

s'more

/smɔː/

noun North American

noun: smore

a sweet snack consisting of a chocolate bar and toasted marshmallows sandwiched between graham crackers.

twinsies /'twɪnzɪz/

humorous noun

two people or things that are extremely similar, particularly in appearance.

"you two are total twinsies"

bugaboo /'bʌgəbuː/ I. noun (chiefly N. Amer.) an object of fear or alarm; a bogey. • one of the favourite bugaboos, the ticking biological clock.

flash forward

phrasal verb of flash

(of a film, TV episode, etc.) show events that will happen at a later time than the main story.

"The story flashed forward to the modern day"

I'd say that you can use either version:

1- However many times you see the movie, you will enjoy it.

2- No matter how many times you see the movie, you will enjoy it.

Yes, you can use "however many" in everyday conversation.

metaphor

/'metəfə, 'metəfɔː/

proponent

/prə'pəʊn(ə)nt/

noun

a person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action.

"a strong proponent of the free market and liberal trade policies"

phantasm

/'fantəz(ə)m/

noun

literary

an illusion, apparition, or ghost.

"the cart seemed to glide like a terrible phantasm"

archaic

an illusory likeness of something.

"every phantasm of a hope was quickly nullified"

bridle

/ˈbrɪdl/

noun

the headgear used to control a horse, consisting of buckled straps to which a bit and reins are attached.

"grooms came at once to take the bridles"

bountiful

/ˈbaʊntɪf(ʊ)l/

adjective

large in quantity; abundant.

"the ocean provided a bountiful supply of fresh food"

wholesome /ˈhəʊls(ə)m/

conducive to or characterized by moral well-being.

"good wholesome fun"

polemic

/pəˈləmɪk/

noun

a speech or piece of writing expressing a strongly critical attack on or controversial opinion about someone or something.

"his polemic against the cultural relativism of the Sixties"

repudiate

/rɪˈpjuːdiɪt/

verb

1.

refuse to accept; reject.

"she has repudiated policies associated with previous party leaders"

condole

/kənˈdəʊl/

verb

express sympathy for (someone); grieve with.

"the priest came to condole with Madeleine"

indolent

/ˈɪndələnt/

adjective

1.

wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy.

"they were indolent and addicted to a life of pleasure"

doleful

/ˈdəʊlf(ʊ)l/

adjective
expressing sorrow; mournful.
"a doleful look"

heady
/'hɛdi/
adjective
(of alcoholic drink) potent; intoxicating.
"several bottles of heady local wine"
having a strong or exhilarating effect.
"a heady, exotic perfume"

[not before noun] (of a person) excited in a way that makes you do things without worrying about the possible results
She felt heady with success.

embroil
/ɪm'brɔɪl, ɛm'brɔɪl/
verb
involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation.
"she became embroiled in a dispute between two women she hardly knew"

broil¹
/brɔɪl/
verbNorth American
cook (meat or fish) by exposure to direct heat.
"he lightly broiled a wedge of sea bass"
a quarrel or commotion.
"the dark interior was a broil of fighting men"

harlot
/'hɑ:lət/
nounarchaic
a prostitute.
To play the harlot; to practice lewdness.

"In coach" is an expression that means traveling in the cheapest seats on a plane or train, also known as coach class. For example, "We were in coach on the flight to Seattle"

travel in coach

cartilage
/'kɑ:tɪlɪdʒ/

cartridge
/'kɑ:trɪdʒ/

voluptuous

/vəˈlʌptʃʊəs/

adjective

1.

curvaceous and sexually attractive (typically used of a woman).

premiere

/ˈpremiə:/

give the first performance of.

"his first stage play was premiered at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre"

get-go

/ˈɡetɡəʊ/

nouninformal•North American

the very beginning.

"the quintet experienced difficulties from the get-go"

s'more

/smɔː/

nounNorth American

noun: smore

a sweet snack consisting of a chocolate bar and toasted marshmallows sandwiched between graham crackers.

usher

/ˈʌʃə/

noun

1.

a person who shows people to their seats, especially in a cinema or theatre or at a wedding.

Suit yourself" is an informal idiom that means to do what you want, even if someone thinks it's not the right thing to do. It can be used humorously or angrily.

Examples

"I don't want to go." "Suit yourself. We'll go without you".

"I don't think your idea is good." "Suit yourself! It's your problem".

get one's Irish up

in American English

informal

to become angry or outraged

Don't go getting your Irish up over a little matter like that

"Irish up your coffee" is a way to describe the act of adding Irish whiskey, sugar, and whipped cream to hot coffee. The drink is known as Irish coffee.

Irish coffee (Irish: caife Gaelach) is a caffeinated alcoholic drink consisting of Irish whiskey, hot coffee and sugar, which has been stirred and topped with cream (sometimes cream liqueur). The coffee is drunk through the cream.

zit

/zɪt/

noun informal

a spot on the skin.

"do not try to squeeze the zits"

sissy

/ˈsɪsi/

derogatory • informal

noun

a soft, timid, or oversensitive person, or a boy or man viewed as being overly interested in things traditionally associated with women.

"he would hate the other boys to think he was a sissy"

"I'm going to tell my teacher on you for throwing paper airplanes."

"Don't worry, I won't tell your parents on you this time."

tell off

informal

reprimand or scold someone.

"my parents told me off for coming home late"

If you tell on someone, you give information about them to a person in authority, especially if they have done something wrong.

I'll tell my mummy on you.

pay one's dues

fulfil one's obligations.

"if she was the caring person she makes herself out to be she would insist on paying her dues"

experience difficulties before achieving success.

"this drummer has paid his dues with the best"

lock in

phrasal verb of lock

1.

shut someone into a room or space by locking or fastening a door, lid, etc.

"the prisoners are locked in overnight"

2.

be involved in a struggle or competitive situation.

"they were locked in a legal battle"

"Locked in" is slang for focusing on and committing to something.

grinder /'grʌɪndə/

informal•US

A submarine sandwich, a sandwich made on a long, cylindrical roll.

I am going to the deli to get a grinder for lunch.

break out in a rash, spots, a sweat etc.

to suddenly have something such as red marks or sweat appear on your skin:

break out in a rash I broke out in a rash all over my body.

She broke out in a rash after eating some strawberries.

The drugs they prescribed caused my vision to blur and my skin to break out in spots.

I have a tendency to break out in acne when I'm stressed.

break out in a sweat It didn't take much exercise to make him break out in a sweat.

When I heard the noise I broke out in a cold sweat.

My whole body had broken out in a sweat and my heart was pounding.

louvre /'lu:və / <US> louver I. noun 1. each of a set of angled slats fixed or hung at regular intervals in a door, shutter, or screen to allow air or light to pass through. • murky light filters through the vertical louvres of the window blinds. • [as modifier] louvre doors. 2. (in a medieval house) a structure in a roof incorporating openings for the passage of smoke.

Eiffel, Alexandre Gustave /'ɛɪf(ə)l, French ɛfɛl/ (1832–1923), French engineer, best known as the designer and builder of the Eiffel Tower and architect of the inner structure of the Statue of Liberty.

dizzying

/'dɪzɪɪŋ/

adjective

causing someone to feel unsteady, confused, or amazed.

"the dizzying rate of change"

half off

idiom

—used to say that something is being sold at half the original price

Peaches are half off today.

rainout

/'reɪnaʊt/

nounNorth American

noun: rain-out

a cancellation or premature ending of an event because of rain.

A stress rash is a skin issue caused by stress and anxiety. It can appear as hives, which are raised, itchy bumps that can appear anywhere on the body.

bungle

/'bʌŋɡl/

verb

carry out (a task) clumsily or incompetently.

"he bungled his first attempt to manage a group of professional players"

Dead ringer is an idiom in English. It means "an exact duplicate" or "100% duplicate", and derives from 19th-century horse-racing slang for a horse presented "under a false name and pedigree"; "ringer" was a late nineteenth-century term for a duplicate, usually with implications of dishonesty, and "dead" in this case means "precise", as in "dead centre".

"Gain leverage" means to gain the ability to influence people or situations to control what happens. For example, you might gain leverage in a negotiation by using your patience to wait for the other side to make a concession.

greeter /'gri:t(ə)r/ noun a person employed to greet customers at a shop, restaurant, or other business.

paella /pə'leɪ/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. a Spanish dish of rice, saffron, chicken, seafood, etc., cooked and served in a large shallow pan. • they make paella almost every day. • [count noun] enjoy your paellas.

buck tooth

noun

plural noun: buck teeth

an upper tooth that projects over the lower lip.

beam somebody down/up

(in science fiction stories) to transport somebody to or from a spaceship using special electronic equipment

swaddle

/'swɒdl/

verb

wrap (someone, especially a baby) in garments or cloth.

"she swaddled the baby tightly"

Munich

in British English /'mju:nɪk/

a city in S Germany,

perennial

/pə'reɪniəl/

adjective

1.

lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring.

"his perennial distrust of the media"

A "twin flame" refers to a person considered to be the other half of your soul, signifying a deeply intense and often transformative relationship with someone who mirrors your strengths and weaknesses, essentially acting as your "mirror soul"

pull strings

make use of one's influence and contacts to gain an advantage unofficially or unfairly.

"he tried to pull strings with people he knew to avoid being called up"

nubile

/ˈnjuːbəl/

adjective

1.

(of a young woman) sexually attractive.

"he employed a procession of nubile young secretaries"

2.

(of a young woman) sexually mature; old enough for marriage.

prenup /ˈpriːnʌp/

noun informal

an agreement made by a couple before they marry concerning the ownership of their respective assets should the marriage fail.

"the judge found the prenup was valid"

prenuptial

/priːˈnʌpʃl/

adjective

existing or occurring before marriage.

"prenuptial pregnancy"

nuptial

/ˈnʌpʃl/

adjective

relating to marriage or weddings.

"moments of nuptial bliss"

A french tip manicure is always a classy nail to wear to any event!

slugger

/ˈslʌɡə/

noun

a person who throws hard punches.

"with one smashing left hook, the slugger punched his way to a world light-heavyweight title"

Baseball

a player who consistently hits for power, especially home runs and doubles.

"his best pitch is his curve, which many sluggers swing at too early"

take your base

Definition

Traditional instruction by the plate umpire to a batter who has just been given a base on balls or has been hit by a pitch to advance to first base.

jungle gym play icon
climbing frame

coop up

: to keep (a person or animal) inside a building or in a small space especially for a long period of time —usually used as (be) cooped up

The children were cranky after being cooped up in the house all day.

The dog is cooped up in a cage.

gusset

/ˈɡʌsɪt/

noun

1.

a piece of material sewn into a garment to strengthen or enlarge a part of it.

2.

a bracket strengthening an angle of a structure.

canapé

/ˈkənəpeɪ/

noun

1.

a small piece of bread or pastry with a savoury topping, served with drinks at receptions or formal parties.

"smoked-salmon canapés"

2.

a decorative French antique sofa.

sleep hygiene noun — [mass noun] 1. habits and practices that are conducive to sleeping well on a regular basis • sleep hygiene is the key to sweet dreams.

sleuth /sluːθ / <informal> I. noun a detective. • they make MI5 look like a bunch of amateur sleuths.

Beethoven, Ludwig van /ˈbeɪt,(h)əʊv(ə)n/

heave

/hiːv/

make an effort to vomit; retch.

"my stomach heaved"

heaving

adjective informal•British

(of a place) extremely crowded.

"the foyer was absolutely heaving with people"

double over

to suddenly bend forward and down, usually because of pain or laughter:

A sudden, sharp pain made him double over.

incandescent

/ˌɪnkanˈdɛsnt/

adjective

1.

emitting light as a result of being heated.

"plumes of incandescent liquid rock"

castigate

/ˈkɑstɪɡeɪt/

verbformal

reprimand (someone) severely.

"he was castigated for not setting a good example"

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go down in flames

To fail spectacularly or to a great degree.

Despite all the media hype, the major summer blockbuster went down in flames—hardly anyone went to see it while it was in theaters.

Did you hear that the developers' plans for a new apartment block went down in flames?

Yup, the city shut them down.

To fail is one thing, but to have your passion project go down in flames is absolutely devastating.

speak out of turn

phrase of turn

speak in a tactless or foolish way.

"she was the first to take umbrage if they spoke out of turn"

talk to the hand

phrase of hand

informal

used as a contemptuous way of dismissing what someone has said (often accompanied by a gesture in which the palm of the hand is held in front of the original speaker's face).

"talk to the hand, girl, 'cos the face ain't listening"

surly

/ˈsɜːli/

adjective

bad-tempered and unfriendly.

"the porter left with a surly expression"

blimp

/blɪmp/

noun informal

1.

British

a pompous, reactionary type of person.

"you'll still find Colonel Blimps at local party level"

2.

a small airship or barrage balloon.

mug¹ /mʌg/

attack and rob (someone) in a public place.

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

orifice

/'ɒrɪfɪs/

noun

an opening, particularly one in the body such as a nostril or the anus.

rest assured

If you tell someone that they can rest assured about something, you mean that they can feel confident that it is true or that it will happen:

You can rest assured that I shall be there as promised.

Rest assured, things are not as bad as they seem.

scowl

/skaʊl/

noun

an angry or bad-tempered expression.

"she stamped into the room with a scowl on her face"

scour¹

/'skaʊə/

clean or brighten the surface of (something) by rubbing it hard, typically with an abrasive or detergent.

"she scoured the cooker"

simian

/'sɪmiən/

adjective

relating to or affecting apes or monkeys.

"simian immunodeficiency virus"

halves / 'hæf siz, 'hæf-, 'hæv ziz, 'hav- /

halves

unfazed /ʌn'feɪzd/

adjective informal

not disconcerted or perturbed.

"the protestors were unfazed by the prospect of arrest"

smut uk /smʌt/

[U] disapproving

magazines, books, pictures, films or jokes that offend some people because they relate to sex:

There's an awful lot of smut on television these days.

relive

/ˌriːˈlɪv/

verb

live through (an experience or feeling, especially an unpleasant one) again in one's imagination or memory.

"he broke down sobbing as he relived the attack"

prurient

/ˈprʊəriənt/

adjective

having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters, especially the sexual activity of others.

"she'd been the subject of much prurient curiosity"

dab1 /dab/

a small amount of something.

"she licked a dab of chocolate from her finger"

get out of someone's hair

to stop being a nuisance to someone

Would you like me to get out of your hair and leave you alone?

"Nevertheless, I feel that this job would be a perfect fit for my skills and abilities, and that I would definitely be a value-added addition to your company."

Excited for X: the thing has not happened yet, but you are excited now. "I am excited for our trip to New York. You're getting married, and I'm so excited for you."

feign

/feɪn/

verb

pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury).

"she feigned nervousness"

aorta

/eɪˈɔːtə/

noun

the main artery of the body, supplying oxygenated blood to the circulatory system. In humans it passes over the heart from the left ventricle and runs down in front of the backbone.

gob1

/gɒb/

informal

noun

1.

a lump of a viscous or slimy substance.

"a gob of phlegm"

2.

North American

a large amount of.

"they pumped gobs of money into the candidates' election coffers"

embroil

/ɪmˈbrɔɪl, ɛmˈbrɔɪl/

verb

involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation.

"she became embroiled in a dispute between two women she hardly knew"

square /skweː/

informal

a person considered to be old-fashioned or boringly conventional in attitude or behaviour.

"Reg is such a square"

smut

/smʌt/

noun

1.

a small flake of soot or other dirt or a mark left by one.

"all those black smuts from the engine"

2.

a fungal disease of cereals in which parts of the ear change to black powder.

"a few bad crop years with smut and drought and frost"

obscene or lascivious talk, writing, or pictures.

"porn, in his view, is far from being harmless smut"

constable

/ˈkɒnstəbl, ˈkɒnstəbl/

noun

1.

British

a police officer.

2.

the governor of a royal castle.

be on one's mettle

phrase of mettle

be ready or forced to do one's best in a demanding situation.

"Saturday's game will be a tricky one and we'll have to be on our mettle from the start"

mettle

/ˈmetl/

noun

a person's ability to cope well with difficulties; spirit and resilience.

"the team showed their true mettle in the second half"

crick2

/krɪk/

a creek.

a narrow, sheltered waterway, especially an inlet in a shoreline or channel in a marsh.

"a sandy beach in a sheltered creek"

nelly /ˈnɛli/

informal

a silly person.

A capital idea is an idea that is very good or excellent. For example, you might say "That's a capital idea!".

Star 69 refers to "last-call return," the Calling Feature Vertical service code *69 keyed on a landline telephone set in order to return the call of the last one to ring (in Canada and the United States).

suck it up

phrase of suck

informal•US

accept something unpleasant or difficult.

The phrase "I didn't have my eight hours" is a common and informal way of saying that you didn't get enough sleep.

electrolyte /ɪˈlektroˌlaɪt/

a liquid or gel which contains ions and can be decomposed by electrolysis, e.g. that present in a battery.

A polarizing figure is someone whose personality has a tendency to divide, to sharply split opinions into opposite sides.

The antonym is a unifying figure, someone who integrates.

assertive

/əˈsɜːtɪv/

adjective

having or showing a confident and forceful personality.

"the job may call for assertive behaviour"

A blanket party (also known as "locksocking") is a form of corporal punishment, hazing or retaliation conducted within a peer group, most frequently within the military or military academies.

"My eight hours" may refer to the idea of an eight-hour workday, which is a standard work day of eight hours.

savage

/ˈsavɪdʒ/

noun

plural noun: savages

1.

a brutal or vicious person.

"the mother of one of the victims has described his assailants as savages"

A drum circle is an informal gathering of percussionists and dancers who meet in public for the purpose of playing drums and dancing.

anthrax

/ˈænθraks/

noun

a serious bacterial disease of sheep and cattle, causing acute and often fatal septicaemia, and also transmissible to humans.

spores or cells of the bacterium that causes anthrax.

run along

go away (used typically to address a child).

"run along now, there's a good girl"

A weapon of mass destruction is a nuclear, radiological, chemical, biological, or other device that is intended to harm a large number of people.

pie hole

nouninformal•US

a person's mouth.

"shut your pie hole!"

"I stand corrected" is an idiom that means you are admitting that you were wrong about something. It is a polite way to acknowledge a mistake and accept new information.

metrosexual

/ˌmetrəˈsɛkʃʊəl/

informal

adjective

relating to or denoting men who live in urban areas and enjoy shopping, fashion, and similar interests traditionally associated with women or gay men.

"the rising trend of the metrosexual man"