Usually, "mistaken for" is used when the speaker is referring to something with an identity (anything with mass)- that is a person, or an object.

Ex: He was mistaken for her husband as he was sitting by her side.

"Mistaken as" is used when the speaker is referring to some kind of an action, say, judgement in this question.

Ex: Since he spoke like an angel, his intentions were mistaken as good [or honourable]

When you say, "if I'm not mistaken..." I am going to conclude you mean "assuming I am not in error." This expression is very common in the native English vernacular of the US and likely other areas as well.

a remark that is intended to criticise, embarrass, or make a joke about someone:

He's always taking digs/a dig at me.

Droit du seigneur[a] ('right of the lord'), also known as ius primae noctis[b] ('right of the first night')

Salome /səˈloʊmi/

Things will not improve anytime soon.

I mistook the accelerator for the brake

gas pedal

Give this gentleman a big hand!

Let's give one last round of applause for someone

give it up for sb

used to ask people to clap their hands to show that they like a performance:

Ladies and gentlemen, give it up for the star of our show, Amy Jones!

pull in one's belly [stomach]

bits and bobs

things or objects of different kinds

There are just a few bits and bobs of furniture in the office.

No one knows exactly what happened. All we have is a few bits and bobs of information so far.

navigate around obstacle

attaboy /ˈatəbɔɪ/

an informal expression of encouragement or admiration to a man or boy.

使い魔

familiar spirit

go postal

to suddenly behave in a very violent or angry way

She suddenly went postal and started yelling at the customers.

If he calls me this late again, I'm going to go postal on him.

be stretching it

to be going further than the truth:

She's very smart, but it's stretching it to call her a genius.

marrow donors

straight up

truthfully; honestly.

"come on, Bert, I won't hurt you—straight up"

Do a double take

The Goldilocks principle is named by analogy to the children's story "The Three Bears", in which a young girl named Goldilocks tastes three different bowls of porridge and finds she prefers porridge that is neither too hot nor too cold, but has just the right temperature

I need to go number 2.

take a dump

take a crap

plight one’s troth

to promise to marry someone

the garden where the lovers plighted their troth

self-worth

My whole life has gone over a cliff in the course of a single day.

She took a turn for the worse

Catch-as-catch-can

a situation of using whatever is available.

"the catch-as-catch-can repair of fences"

I will be your next of kin

tide over

to support or enable to survive temporarily

money to tide us over until payday

bully for that.

mésalliance

light blue touchpaper.

boot out

force someone to leave a place, organization, or activity in an unceremonious way.

"his stepfather booted him out"

above board

/əˌbʌv ˈbɔːd/

legitimate, honest, and open.

"we felt the judging was all above board and fair"

Most Church of England marriages require banns to be read out in church before the wedding can take place. Although a legal requirement, banns can be a special occasion too.

If you bring someone around, you cause them to change their opinion about something so that they agree with you.

We will do everything we can to bring parliament round to our point of view.

bally /ˈbali/

bloody

sow /saʊ/

an adult female pig, especially one which has farrowed.

"there are ten sows and fifty piglets at the farm"

Things that are said to be two a penny or ten a penny are not valuable or interesting because they are very common and easy to find.

[British, informal]

Leggy blondes are two a penny in Hollywood.

The good times and the bad times balanced out

vocal fry

a way of speaking in which the voice is very low-pitched and has a characteristic rough or creaking sound.

"she tweaks the way teen girls actually talk, with high-rising terminals, vocal fry, and ‘like’ for emphasis"

clock (one)

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

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

hard up /ˌhɑːd ˈʌp/

short of money.

"I'm too hard up to buy fancy clothes"

when push comes to shove

when one must commit oneself to an action or decision.

"when push came to shove, I always stood up for him"

ring of steel

1. A group of armed guards that encircle someone or something as a means of protection or to prevent escape.

Police are planning to protect the family with a ring of steel during tomorrows funeral, following death threats made against them.

on the nose

precisely.

"at ten on the nose the van pulled up"

be the wrong way round/around

a) to be in the wrong order

These two paragraphs are the wrong way round.

ticket /ˈtɪkɪt/

have the edge on/over sb/sth

to be slightly better than someone or something else

If you're piquing someone's interest, you are exciting their interest not taking a quick look at it: If that doesn't pique your interest, you can leave (but I'm keeping your shoes).

If you say that someone is no slouch at a particular activity, you mean that they work hard at it and produce good results:

She's no slouch when it comes to organizing parties.

“Am I a joke to you?”

I wouldn’t expect anything less from you.

Also, start off on the right foot. Make a good beginning, establish good relations, as in It's important to get off on the right foot in this new job.

decided on/upon; deciding on/upon; decides on/upon

: to choose (something) after thinking about the possible choices

He decided on blue rather than green.

I am having trouble deciding on a gift for them.

kebab /kɪˈbab/

Would you mind if we left early?

shill /ʃɪl/

A shill, also called a plant or a stooge, is a person who publicly helps or gives credibility to a person or organization without disclosing that they have a close relationship with said person or organization.

Oh no, I have a wedgie.

To have a wedgie

To have a Snuggie

hat trick

I asked Lucy on a date, but she hung up on me!

on hold

waiting to be connected while making a phone call.

"‘I'll just see if he's free,’ Rachel said, and put me on hold"

temporarily not being dealt with or pursued.

"he has had to put his career on hold"

What does rizz mean and where did it come from? Rizz, which some people have speculated is short for charisma, is one's ability to attract a romantic interest. It can be defined as an ability to charm or flirt with a potential partner, with pick-up lines and general chat.

SJW

short for social justice warrior.

"there will be an uproar from SJWs"

boob window

(colloquial) A hole in clothing, showing a woman's cleavage.

We slaved away all week at the report.

establishment

/ɪˈstablɪʃm(ə)nt,ɛˈstablɪʃm(ə)nt/

a business organization, public institution, or household.

"hotels or catering establishments"

blimp /blɪmp/

BRITISH

a pompous, reactionary type of person.

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

a small airship or barrage balloon.

NORTH AMERICAN

a fat person.

"I could work out four hours a day and still end up a blimp"

a soundproof cover for a cine camera.

the worst of something

most of something, or the most unpleasant or difficult part of it

The worst of the storm seemed to be over.

Bussing is generally used with food. It means that the food is amazing. As of late, it is common to see people using this word multiple times, thus, attempting to express how good the food was.

a stick of chalk

"Join in" means "participate in an activity". I wouldn't use it to talk about an event. But I wouldn't use the word in that sentence. I guess you can say "join us at the/your party". You could always simply say "I will come to your party".

wrap someone around your little finger

to persuade someone easily to do what you want them to do:

She could wrap her father around her little finger.

I maxed out my credit card.

punch in / punch out

clock in / clock out

To be on the clock is an idiom meaning “working” or “getting paid.” It can also refer to the amount of time a taximeter has on the clock or the amount of time left in a sporting match.

you may be allowed to claim a refund of the tax"

Galileo Galilei

Cultural appropriation

temper

/ˈtɛmpə/

improve the hardness and elasticity of (steel or other metal) by reheating and then cooling it.

"the way a smith would temper a sword"

mansplaining

/ˈmanspleɪnɪŋ/

in the bag

(of something desirable) as good as secured.

"the election is in the bag"

corticosteroid

midriff /ˈmɪdrɪf/

the region of the front of the body between the chest and the waist.

"she wore a top that showed her midriff"

SKYNET awoke and became self aware in 1997.

semicircle

/ˈsɛmɪˌsəːkl/

Everything Happens for a Reason

We'd say do a puzzle.

rubik's cube

If you say that someone has made their bed and must lie in it, you mean that since they have chosen to do a particular thing, they must now accept the unpleasant results of their action.

let go

to stop holding something:

Hold on tight and don't let go!

Let go of my hand, you're hurting me!

chivvy

/ˈtʃɪvi/

tell (someone) repeatedly to do something.

"the plan is to chivvy us all into eating less and exercising more"

prevailed on/upon; prevailing on/upon; prevails on/upon

: to ask or persuade (someone) to do something

They prevailed on/upon me to play a few tunes on the piano.

floozy

/ˈfluːzi/

a young woman who has many casual sexual partners or who dresses or behaves in a sexually provocative way.

"he runs off with some floozy that's only interested in fame and money"

nisi

/ˈnʌɪsʌɪ/

(of a decree, order, or rule) that takes effect or is valid only after certain conditions are met.

"an order nisi"

good and proper

completely

The table is broken, good and proper.

if someone who you do not like turns up like a bad penny, they always seem to appear in situations where you do not want them

Tom was the bad penny that always turned up.

epaulette

/ˌɛpəˈlɛt/

an ornamental shoulder piece on an item of clothing, especially on the coat or jacket of a military uniform.

"an army greatcoat with fancy epaulettes and brass buttons"

mea culpa

a formal acknowledgment of personal fault or error

The mayor's public mea culpa didn't satisfy his critics.

play silly beggars

Fains I be Mrs. Patmore's kitchen maid when the news gets out

not for all the tea in China

Not at any price, never, as in I wouldn't give up my car, not for all the tea in China. This term originated in Australia and alludes to the presumed huge quantity of tea in China. [Late 1800s] Also see for all the world; not for love or money.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy

In two shakes of a lamb’s tail describes doing something quickly, with no pause.

curry favour

ingratiate oneself with someone through obsequious behaviour.

"a wimpish attempt to curry favour with the new bosses"

Boys and girls reach puberty at different times in their growth.

patch someone through

to connect someone to a phone number or network:

I patched her through to customer service.

In the early 20th century, British suffragettes campaigning for votes for women chained themselves to the railings of parliament.

It’s high time (that) you went to school.

a whiff of fairy tale

chop and change

change one's opinions or behaviour repeatedly and abruptly.

"teachers are fed up with having to chop and change with every twist in government policy"

A drawing room is a room in a house where visitors may be entertained, and an alternative name for a living room.

put (someone) on ice

1. To postpone or delay interacting with someone.

I know that journalist has been persistent in getting a comment from us for his story, but we'll just have to put him on ice until the trial is over.

2. slang To murder someone. (A reference to keeping a body in a freezer in order to keep it from decomposing.)

I’m buggered if ...

spoken not polite used to say that you do not know something, will not do something, or are not able to do something

I’m buggered if I can remember.

jolly well

used for emphasis, especially when one is angry or irritated.

"I'm going to keep on eating as much sugar as I jolly well like"

down in the mouth

unhappy; dejected.

"he is not down in the mouth about it at all"

If you do something under your own steam, you do it without any help from anyone else.

...patients who are well enough to visit the doctor under their own steam.

Good riddance!

I think everyone feels that at one time or another.

gangway /ˈɡaŋweɪ/

make way!

Home is the sailor, home from sea,

And the hunter home from the hill.

live up to (someone's) expectations

To be as good as or have the qualities that someone predicted, expected, or hoped for.

We'd heard so many good things about the new restaurant, but the food didn't live up to our expectations at all.

I'm so excited for the latest movie in the series—I hope it lives up to my expectations!

have a fling at

: to try (something) without being very serious about it or without worrying about whether or not it will succeed

He had a brief fling at starting his own business.

that’s rich (coming from him/you etc)

British English spoken used to say that what someone has said is unreasonable and that they are criticizing you for doing something that they do themselves

He accused me of being dishonest, which was a bit

Responsibility for the accident lies with the company.

My aim is little bit bad

styrofoam /ˈstʌɪrəfəʊm/

a kind of expanded polystyrene used especially for making food containers.

"styrofoam burger boxes"

toe the line

accept the authority, policies, or principles of a particular group, especially unwillingly.

"he knew that he had to toe the official line because he couldn't afford to be put on the dole"

till

a cash register or drawer for money in a shop, bank, or restaurant.

"there were queues at the till"

Will you hand in your notice?

three bags full, sir

grizzly bear dance

Dressing gong

smelling salts

star-studded

/ˈstɑːˌstʌdɪd/

(of the night sky) filled with stars.

"a luminous star-studded sky"

tease (one) about (someone or something)

To taunt, gibe, or mock one in a lighthearted, playful, or annoying manner about someone or something.

My friends keep teasing me about my crush on Susie Perkins.

We kept teasing Sarah about her new boyfriend.

it's second only to St Thomas's.

she brushed back her wispy bangs

rip off

(idiomatic) to copy, especially illegally

knock off

make an illegal copy of a product.

"they were knocking off fake watches for years before others got into that game"

hog /hɒɡ/

take or use most or all of (something) in an unfair or selfish way.

"he never hogged the limelight"

A permission slip is a form that a school or other organization sends home with a student to a parent in which the parent provides authorization for minors to travel under the auspices of the school or organization for an event, such as a field trip.

snub nose

a nose that is short and turns upwards at the end

elevenses /ɪˈlɛvnzɪz/

a short break for light refreshments, usually with tea or coffee, taken at about eleven o'clock in the morning.

hit the bathroom

I’m gonna hit the head.

You can describe an unfortunate event as an ill wind if someone benefits from it. The expression occurs in the proverb 'It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good'.

But it's an ill wind; I recovered and married one of my nurses from that hospital.

fill someone's shoes

take over someone's function or duties and fulfil them satisfactorily.

There was once a boom in the popularity of yukata in pastels and bright colours.

only a few weeks old

thicc

somebody who’s fat in all the right places

david dobrik is thicc asf

smidge /smɪdʒ/

another term for smidgen.

"a smidge over five foot two"

tied the knots

sleep around the clock

To sleep constantly and for very long periods of time.

I found myself with no energy, motivation, or desire or anything, wanting to do nothing but sleep around the clock. I think I might be depressed.

After his grueling 36-hour journey to get home, Tom spent the next two days sleeping around the clock.

at one sitting

to pause for a short time between doing one thing and the next:

draw breath

entail

/ɪnˈteɪl,ɛnˈteɪl/

Milk train

a local train that stops at all or most points benefiting principally the dairy farmers who make daily shipments of milk

But I fear that it is too far-fetched for any words except Bainbridge's own.

I am allergic to dogs.

Because of the delay, we were offered seats in first class.

wonders never cease

an expression of surprise used when something unusual or unexpected happens:

Lynda actually managed to get up before ten o'clock. Wonders never cease!

the nooks and crannies

the smaller or less accessible parts of a place or object which are not normally noticed

In the weeks before Christmas, we would scour the house, searching all the nooks and crannies trying to find our presents.

come the end of the war

What you want instead is "in a while", which also means "for some period of time" but without implying that the contact has been re-established already, or indeed ever will be.

If the jury is (still) out on a subject, people do not yet know the answer or have not yet decided if it is good or bad:

The jury's still out on the safety of irradiated food.

get a patent

no end

to a great extent; very much.

"this cheered me up no end"

It’s bone dry.

get more and more of what one wants

substrate

/ˈsʌbstreɪt/

an underlying substance or layer.

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

"brachiopods attached to the substrate by a stalk"

the substance on which an enzyme acts.

insurrection

/ˌɪnsəˈrɛkʃn/

a violent uprising against an authority or government.

"the insurrection was savagely put down"

bigwig

you mumble in your sleep.

get wind of something

I don't want my colleagues to get wind of the fact that I'm leaving.

put (oneself) in (someone's) shoes

To imagine oneself in the situation or circumstances of another person, so as to understand or empathize with their perspective, opinion, or point of view.

Before being quick to judge someone for their actions, you should always try to put yourself in their shoes. Everyone is human, after all.

Put yourself in my shoes and then tell me what you would have done, Dan! It isn't as straightforward as you're making it seem!

riveting /ˈrɪvɪtɪŋ/

completely engrossing; compelling.

"the book is a riveting account of the legendary freedom fighter"

swear on my life

A power outage (also called a powercut, a power out, a power failure, a power blackout, a power loss, or a blackout) is the loss of the electrical power network supply to an end user.

This is where you are mistaken.

If you achieve a result by dint of something, you achieve it by means of that thing.

take the cake

be the most remarkable or foolish of its kind.

wake up on the wrong side of the bed

Because you were posting a picture of yourself with a guy, I thought you have a boyfriend.

That’s a great shot of Tokyo Tower. Do you have a picture with you in it?

I think I'd usually say "don't write in pencil". But "with a" is possible, too

Do you want to ride in the front or back?

knee-slapper

an uproariously funny joke.

quebec

Cheesecake is my go-to food whenever I feel down.

go-to

denoting a person or thing that may be relied on or is regularly sought out in a particular situation.

"he seems to have become the go-to guy for working with kids and animals"

suck it up

accept something unpleasant or difficult.

suck up

behave obsequiously, especially for one's own advantage.

"he has risen to where he is mainly by sucking up to the president"

nail down

secure an agreement.

"the company has finally nailed down the agreement with its distributors"

imbecile /ˈɪmbɪsiːl/

a stupid person.

AmE here - I've always heard it "right side up". "Right way up" makes sense, but I've never heard it really over here.

in mint condition

(of an object) new or as new.

"the stamps are packaged to arrive in mint condition"

do well by (someone)

to treat (someone) well

The company did well by me when I retired.

We have five fingers on each hand.

miss a beat

(of the heart) temporarily fail or appear to fail to beat.

hesitate or falter, especially in demanding circumstances or when making a transition from one activity to another.

"the Swiss handle metres of snow without missing a beat"

work a double.

solid

(slang) Excellent, of high quality, or reliable.

That's a solid plan.

Radiohead's on tour! Have you heard their latest album yet? It's quite solid.

I don't think Dave would have done that. He's a solid dude.

ask after

inquire about the health or well-being of someone.

"if I see him I'll tell him you were asking after him"

in the most dire terms.

every few years

hold in a fart

What does it mean to read the room? To read the room means to pick up on the subtle, nonverbal cues of a group of people.

wheedle /ˈwiːdl/

use flattery or coaxing in order to persuade someone to do something or give one something.

"she wheedled her way on to the guest list"

riff-raff

/ˈrɪfraf/

disreputable or undesirable people.

"I saw the sort of riff-raff that had been invited"

She's only playing at being an actress - she's going off to law school next year.

The children were playing at Batman and Robin.

My pronous are she her hers

miffed /mɪft/

somewhat annoyed; peeved.

"she turned around, looking slightly miffed"

Repping is slang/short way of saying representing

I think "What brings you to Japan" is more formal, more friendly and more polite.

get credit for

Receive acknowledgment or praise for some accomplishment, as in Bill got all the credit for attracting a big audience. Similarly, give credit for means “acknowledge” or “praise,” as in We should give the pianist credit for her work in the program. [Mid-1700s]

snoozefest

/ˈsnuːzfɛst/

an event, experience, etc. that is extremely boring.

"the actual game was something of a snoozefest"

it's been real

For aye

for good

take the Fifth

(in the US) exercise the right, guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, of refusing to answer questions in order to avoid incriminating oneself.

"I'm sure his lawyers are telling him to take the Fifth"

If you scroll through text on a computer or phone screen, you move the text up or down to find the information that you need.

I want to change to a job that makes good use of my skills.

northern

/ˈnɔːðn/

Hokkaido is 2 hours north of Tokyo by plane.

alley-oop

/alɪˈuːp,alɪˈʊp/

Drip is a term to refer to someone's cool sense of style.

fat finger

used to refer to clumsy or inaccurate typing, typically resulting from one finger striking two keys at the same time.

"the programming problem turned out to be a case of fat finger"

desensitised

/diːˈsɛnsɪtʌɪzd/

having been made less sensitive.

"desensitised taste buds"

make off with something

to steal something:

Somebody broke into the shop and made off with several TVs.

like hell

Some people say like hell to emphasize that they strongly disagree with you or are strongly opposed to what you say.

[informal, emphasis]

'I'll go myself.'—'Like hell you will!'

audition

/ɔːˈdɪʃn/

perform an audition.

"I auditioned and was lucky enough to get the part"

A figure of speech or rhetorical figure is a word or phrase that intentionally deviates from ordinary language use in order to produce a rhetorical effect.

cul-de-sac

/ˈkʌldəsak,ˈkʊldəsak/

a street or passage that is closed at one end.

mald

Blend of mad +‎ bald, suggesting hair loss caused by rage.

go overboard

be very enthusiastic.

"Garry went overboard for you"

round off

complete something in a satisfying or suitable way.

"a pint at the pub will round off the day nicely"

back in the day

in the past; some time ago.

"back in the day, he'd had one of the greatest minds I'd ever come across"

willy-nilly /ˌwɪlɪˈnɪli/

whether one likes it or not.

"he would be forced to collaborate willy-nilly"

discombobulated

/ˌdɪskəmˈbɒbjʊleɪtɪd/

confused and disconcerted.

"he is looking a little pained and discombobulated"

audacious /ɔːˈdeɪʃəs/

showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.

"a series of audacious takeovers"

let something slide

negligently allow something to deteriorate.

"Papa had let the business slide after Mama's death"

effing /ˈɛfɪŋ/

used to emphasise or express annoyance with someone or something.

"give me an effing break!"

If you change the device name at a later date, these warnings may appear again.

His blood pressure was off the charts

He finished the race in second place.

He finished in second place in the race.

He finished second place in the race.

He took second place in the race.

a bad rap

1. A negative or unfavorable reputation.

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

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

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

hit-or-miss

as likely to be unsuccessful as successful.

"most drugs on the market have been found by hit-or-miss methods"

lrun way behind schedule

aiguillette /ˌeɪɡwɪˈlɛt/

an ornament on some military and naval uniforms, consisting of braided loops hanging from the shoulder and on dress uniforms ending in points that resemble pencils.

I've never seen him smile.

inundate

/ˈɪnʌndeɪt/

overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

"we've been inundated with complaints from listeners"

Make the most of

use to the best advantage.

"he was eager to make the most of his visit"

represent at its best.

"how to make the most of your features"

Hand-waving (with various spellings) is a pejorative label for attempting to be seen as effective – in word, reasoning, or deed – while actually doing nothing effective or substantial.[1] It is often applied to debating techniques that involve fallacies, misdirection and the glossing over of details.

kick in the door

syzygy /ˈsɪzɪdʒi/

a conjunction or opposition, especially of the moon with the sun.

"the planets were aligned in syzygy"

器用貧乏

jack-of-all-trades and master of none

The second printing was published 2 months after the first one.

Robert is getting married. He said he’s going to surprise everyone, so don’t tell a soul.

be none the wiser

not understand something, even though it has been explained.

"she said an awful lot but he wasn't any the wiser"

mayhap /ˈmeɪhap/

perhaps; possibly.

rambunctious

/ramˈbʌŋ(k)ʃəs/

uncontrollably exuberant; boisterous.

"a rambunctious tyke"

"you times the six by four to get twenty-four"

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layover /ˈleɪˌəʊvə/

a period of rest or waiting before a further stage in a journey.

"there was only a forty-eight minute layover"

I didn’t get around to it.

the period when one is young and inexperienced.

"the war seemed to be ending and so were my salad days"

the peak or heyday of something.

"journey back to the salad days of the railways"

If I had been able to pay the loan, I would not be in bankruptcy.

Once the doctor looked at the patient’s bleeding gums and missing teeth, he knew the patient had scurvy.

He has autism.

He is autistic

My temperature is at 38.4

I have a fever of 38.4°

My two sons were born in consecutive years.

My two sons are one year apart

lies that are easily detected

She got caught lying.

To roll a gatcha

Tonight's special is zesty roasted chicken with Mediterranean potatoes.

Jaywalking is dangerous. Please don’t do that.

“I usually buy clothes at a store instead of shopping online.“

What did you get at the mall?

make something stick

informal

a) to prove that something is true

Is there enough evidence to make the charges stick?

b) to make a change become permanent

The government has succeeded in making this policy stick.

To "throw (someone) under the bus" is an idiomatic phrase in English meaning to blame or abandon a person for selfish reasons.

tertiary /ˈtəːʃ(ə)ri/

third in order or level.

"the tertiary stage of the disease"

thematic

/θiːˈmatɪk,θɪˈmatɪk/

having or relating to subjects or a particular subject.

"the book is organised into nine thematic chapters"

Since "underwear" is an uncountable noun, it's incorrect to say "an underwear" or "a pair of underwear".

come by

manage to acquire or obtain something.

"Cameron managed to come by some cheap tickets to Rome"

(at) any second (now)

used to say that something will or may happen extremely soon

He should be here any second.

Instant replay or action replay is a video reproduction of something that recently occurred which was both shot and broadcast live.

shambolic /ʃamˈbɒlɪk/

chaotic, disorganised, or mismanaged.

"the department's shambolic accounting"

modus operandi /ˌməʊdəs ɒpəˈrandiː, ˌməʊdəs ɒpəˈrandʌɪ/ I. noun — [usu. in sing.] 1. a particular way or method of doing something • every killer has his own special modus operandi.

exuberant

/ɪɡˈz(j)uːb(ə)rənt,ɛɡˈz(j)uːb(ə)rənt/

full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

"a noisy bunch of exuberant youngsters"

cotton swab

a small wad of absorbent cotton on a short thin stick, used for cosmetic or hygienic purposes; a cotton bud.

That Checks Out

The Truth Verified On The Spot With No Questions Asked, Big Facts.

Where are you? At probation bout to fail this piss test. "That Checks Out"

To be verified as true, accurate, or meeting a certain standard.

Surprisingly, her story checks out—she really was at the library until midnight last night.

I don’t think this excuse checks out.

bauble /ˈbɔːbl/

a small, showy trinket or decoration.

"clutch bags embellished with glittering baubles"

Papier-mâché (UK: /ˌpæpieɪ ˈmæʃeɪ/, US: /ˌpeɪpər məˈʃeɪ/; French: [papje mɑʃe], literally "chewed paper") is a composite material consisting of paper pieces or pulp, sometimes reinforced with textiles, bound with an adhesive, such as glue, starch, or wallpaper paste.

combustion

/kəmˈbʌstʃ(ə)n/

the process of burning something.

"the combustion of fossil fuels"

Up until then Callum had just been sitting quietly watching the bookworm, but now he spoke up.

up until

idiom

: during the time or period before

Up until now, everything has gone very well.

cushy /ˈkʊʃi/

(of a job or situation) undemanding, easy, or secure.

"he doesn't have anything like the cushy life you professors have"

foal /fəʊl/

a young horse or related animal.

thimble /ˈθɪmbl/

a small metal or plastic cap with a closed end, worn to protect the finger and push the needle in sewing.

anaesthesia

/ˌanɪsˈθiːzɪə,ˌanɪsˈθiːʒə/

insensitivity to pain, especially as artificially induced by the administration of gases or the injection of drugs before surgical operations.

"during anaesthesia body temperature falls due to the effect of drugs"

gab /ɡab/

talk at length, typically about trivial matters.

"Franny walked past a woman gabbing on the phone"

plan on doing something

to intend to do something:

We were planning on just having a snack and catching the early train.

the apple doesn't fall far from the tree

a child usually has a similar character or similar qualities to his or her parents:

Her daughter soon showed her own musical talent, proving that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

hacking cough

: a loud, dry cough

write off

dismiss someone or something as insignificant.

"they were written off as a bunch of no-hopers"

dexterous /ˈdɛkst(ə)rəs/

showing or having skill, especially with the hands.

"a dexterous keyboard player"

don /dɒn/

put on (an item of clothing).

"in the dressing room the players donned their football shirts"

What amazes me is her complete disregard for anyone else's opinion.

take one day at a time

to deal with each day's problems as they come instead of worrying about the future

Take one day at a time and don't expect things to change overnight.

The Bogeyman (/ˈboʊɡimæn/;[1] also spelled boogeyman, bogyman, bogieman, boogie monster, boogieman, or boogie woogie) is a type of mythic creature used by adults to frighten children into good behavior.