pucker up

: to squeeze one's lips together in the way people do when they are going to kiss someone

She puckered up and gave him a big smooch.

If you dig your heels in, you stubbornly resist something or refuse to change.

For example

Even though the developer offered them more than their houses were worth, the owners dug their heels in and refused to sell up and make way for the office block.

When their record company told the band to change their style and make more commercial music, the band dug their heels in and refused to change.

to the contrary

with the opposite meaning or implication.

"he continued to drink despite medical advice to the contrary"

If you work yourself up, you make yourself feel very upset or angry about something.

She worked herself up into a bit of a state. [V pron-refl P + into/to]

Don't just lie there working yourself up, do something about it.

Crawl in a hole and and die

Embarrassed. Response to what more can one do to amend one's failures. (Compare to Give up the ghost, Turn over and die, Throw in the towel or Pull up your stakes.)

“When diving into the public pool, my swimsuit came off; I was so embarrassed that I could just crawl into a hole and die.”

Rizz is a slang term for skill in charming or seducing a potential romantic partner, especially through verbal communication.

anyhoo

/ˈɛnɪhuː/

anyhow; anyway (used to indicate a change of subject or a return to a previous subject after a digression or interruption).

"anyhoo, I think we're all taking ourselves far too seriously today"

Third time's a charm

Pull some strings

do someone a favor through contacts

I had to pull some strings. Very few people can have lunch with the President, you know.

Word of mouth, also called viva voce, is the passing of information from person to person using oral communication, which could be as simple as telling someone the time of day.

play both ends against the middle

to try to get opposing people or groups to fight or disagree so that you will get an advantage from the situation

by the skin of one's teeth

by a very narrow margin; only just.

"I only got away by the skin of my teeth"

The expression 'whatever floats your boat' means do what brings you joy.

gunpoint

/ˈɡʌnpɔɪnt/

used in reference to the use of a gun to threaten someone.

"two men held a family at gunpoint while they searched their house"

The train of thought or track of thought refers to the sequence of ideas expressed during a connected exchange/thought and how this sequence flows from one idea to the other.

line of thought

This line of thought seems to be promising, but it is rather vague.

In colloquial English, a "grower" is a man whose phallus expands significantly in length from the flaccid to the erect state; a "shower" is a man whose phallus does not demonstrate such expansion.

Why are push-ups used as a punishment in the military when they probably all do hundreds a day anyway?

How many days in advance should I let you know?

The company became famous after featuring on TV.

I know of plants in public gardens that feature on television being completely denuded of growth within the following week.

The campaign will feature on television, online and on outdoor advertising across the country over the next two years.

My products aren't based on advertising hype, they sell by word of mouth.

"his first album hit the stores amid a storm of hype"

What's gotten into you to suddenly start doing housework?

You suddenly came to the manufacturing floor, whatever brought that on?

take somebody up on an offer/promise/suggestion etc

I’ll take you up on that offer of a drink, if it still stands.

Expression be a dead ringer for "resemble closely" (1891) preserves ringer in the horse-racing slang sense of "a fast horse entered fraudulently in a race in place of a slow one."

tacit /ˈtasɪt/

understood or implied without being stated.

"your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement"

go for broke

risk everything in an all-out effort.

"I decided to go for broke and turn professional and see how I got on"

hit it off (with someone)

to be friendly with each other immediately:

We had similar ideas about the show, and the two of us hit it off right away.

obsequious

/əbˈsiːkwɪəs/

obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

"they were served by obsequious waiters"

kiss up to somebody

to try to please someone in order to get them to do something for you – used to show disapproval SYN suck up to British English

If you say that, it’ll look like you’re kissing up to me.

I brown nose my boss so I can get a raise.

split hairs

make small and unnecessary distinctions.

"this may seem like splitting hairs but the distinction could be important"

To pass the buck is to move responsibility or blame onto someone else.

If something is all the rage, it's very popular or it's in fashion at the moment.

For example

Can you remember when disco was all the rage and we'd go dancing all night in the clubs?

When Hans was a kid, skate boards were all the rage.

bussin

what you would say if something was really good.

tay- i didnt know yo mama could cook this good!

jj- yea her food be bussin

whanger /ˈwaŋə / whang noun ‹informal› a man's penis.

piggyback off (of) (something)

To use something said or done by someone else as the foundation for one's own actions.

A: "It's interesting the way Hemingway portrays Lady Brett Ashley doing things more traditionally associated with men, such as frequenting bars and having sex with various partners." B: "Absolutely. To piggyback off of what you're saying, I think the character can actually be read as a symbol of the feminist ideal of the New Woman."

They're not really your friends—they're just trying to piggyback off your success so they can launch their own careers.

piggyback

/ˈpɪɡɪbak/

a ride on someone's back and shoulders.

"he always gives us a piggyback up the stairs to bed"

When I was little, my friend and I gave each other piggyback rides.

skid mark

a faecal stain on the inside of a person's underpants.

"his undies had more skid marks than the Grand Prix circuit"

pet peeve

something that a particular person finds especially annoying.

"one of my biggest pet peeves is poor customer service"

post-mortem

a medical examination of a dead person's body in order to find out the cause of death:

to conduct a post-mortem examination

magnanimous

/maɡˈnanɪməs/

generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person.

"she should be magnanimous in victory"

gourd

/ɡʊəd,ɡɔːd/

a fleshy, typically large fruit with a hard skin, some varieties of which are edible.

What is a stretch goal? A stretch goal is a high-effort and high-risk goal.

Buy one, get one free

The kangaroo's pouch opens horizontally on the front of the body, and the joey must climb a relatively long way to reach it. Kangaroos and wallabies allow their young to live in the pouch well after they are physically capable of leaving, often keeping two joeys in the pouch, one tiny and one fully developed.

aphid /ˈeɪfɪd/

a small bug which feeds by sucking sap from plants; a blackfly or greenfly. Aphids reproduce rapidly, sometimes producing live young without mating, and large numbers can cause extensive damage to plants.

RBF

short for resting bitch face.

"she'd been told by a mentor that her RBF was setting her back at work"

Can my employer force me to work a different shift?

"Anne was on the night shift"

The first lesson on the timetable for Monday morning is history.

snap up a hot stock that is going to shoot through the roof

rawr

(Internet slang, text messaging) An expression of great appreciation, a happy imitation of a roar, often to emphasise attraction.

It was a raw and rainy night last night.

I didn't buy any souvenirs but I bought a lot of presents in Hawaii.

In fact, a woman giving birth is said to be in labor, giving true meaning to the phrase "labor of love."

Amazon.co.jp: Pickup Stick Grabber Garbage Pickup Tool

Western Union is a money transfer service provider.

The Reid technique is a method of interrogation. The system was developed in the United States by John E. Reid in the 1950s. Reid was a polygraph expert and former Chicago police officer.

apeshit

/ˈeɪpʃɪt/

wild with excitement or anger.

to go apeshit

vulgar, slang, especially US

to become crazy, enraged, or out of control

When the band came on the place went completely apeshit.

molasses /mə(ʊ)ˈlasɪz/

thick, dark brown juice obtained from raw sugar during the refining process.

"Something like this will never happen under my supervision, don't even waste your imagination."

A calembour is a fancy word for pun. Almost nobody actually uses this word in modern writing or conversation.

360 Deals are exclusive recording artist contracts that entitle a record label to a percentage of earnings from all of an artist's revenue streams, rather than just recorded music sales. These revenues could include publishing royalties, live concert revenue, merchandise sales, endorsement deals, book and movie deals, ringtones, and more.

In Internet parlance, a flame is a posting to a newsgroup, mailing list, or similar forum that attacks another person or group of people, usually in response to an earlier posting. People post flames for a variety of reasons. Sometimes discussions of emotional issues in newsgroups degenerate into angry name-calling.

packing peanuts

leech

to dissolve out by the action of a percolating liquid

leach out alkali from ashes

boop

(transitive, colloquial) To strike gently or playfully; to bop (especially on the nose).

on one's last legs

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

Her name is on the tip of my tongue.

Have you heard the phrase “Blanket Statement”?

It has nothing to do with bedding.

It has to do with when you make a statement that you try to use to cover all situations. Usually you can’t make a blanket statement because there are always exceptions.

burning

of urgent interest and importance; exciting or calling for debate.

"pension reform is still a burning issue"

grow on

become gradually more appealing to someone.

"the tune grows on you"

rip-off

/ˈrɪpɒf/

a fraud or swindle, especially something that is grossly overpriced.

"designer label clothes are just expensive rip-offs"

estimation

/ˌɛstɪˈmeɪʃn/

a judgement of the worth or character of someone or something.

"the pop star rose in my estimation"

mud hut

a small, simple dwelling made of dried mud.

"the route leads through villages of mud huts"

mugshot /ˈmʌɡʃɒt/

a photograph of a person's face made for an official purpose, especially police records.

"when shown mugshots, the victim was unable to recognize anyone"

pre-empt

/ˌpriːˈɛm(p)t/

take action in order to prevent (an anticipated event) happening; forestall.

"the second session will focus on policies to pre-empt problems"

fell /fɛl/

cut down (a tree).

"33 million trees are felled each day"

spate

/speɪt/

a large number of similar things coming in quick succession.

"a spate of attacks on holidaymakers"

Dutch courage

strength or confidence gained from drinking alcohol.

"I'll have a couple of drinks to give me Dutch courage"

layman

/ˈleɪmən/

a non-ordained male member of a Church.

"he was an active Catholic layman"

rote

/rəʊt/

mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned.

"a poem learnt by rote in childhood"

The encephalization quotient (EQ) is a measure of relative brain size and is often used to convey how small or large a species brain is compared to that of other species of similar body size.

on cloud nine

extremely happy.

"I was on cloud nine once I had completed it"

The director told me the script needs improvement

The manuscript still needs to be polished

To refine a sentence

homunculus

/hɒˈmʌŋkjʊləs,həˈmʌŋkjʊləs/

museum

/mjuːˈziːəm,mjʊˈziːəm/

It was only under the urging of Gandalf that he left the ring behind as a gift to his nephew before going on one last walkabout before he died.

I got up after a time, and began walking aimlessly through the bushes towards the hill again.

go (on a) walkabout

PHRASE

If a king, queen, or other important person goes walkabout or goes on a walkabout, he or she walks through crowds in a public place in order to meet people in an informal way.

[British]

The Prime Minister insisted on going walkabout in Belfast.

go walkabout

wander around from place to place in a protracted or leisurely way.

"I thought I'd just go walkabout and see what I can dig up"

intravenous

He was put on an IV drip.

Subscribing to a YouTube channel is a quick and straightforward process.

lay the blame​/​responsibility (for something) on

to say that someone or something deserves to be considered responsible for something that has happened

Don’t try to lay the blame for this on me

mop the floor with someone

to win a complete victory over someone in a competition or argument. The British phrase is wipe the floor with someone

duke it out

to fight with fists (= closed hands):

In the opening scene, Bond and his adversary are duking it out on top of a train.

The two boys later duked it out in a schoolyard fight.

I hate boxing. Who wants to watch two guys duking it out all night?

The days of solving disputes by duking it out are over.

In the last scene he dukes it out with the bad guy and guess who wins?

Do you use twitter?

Do you have twitter?

Are you on any social media?

Bromide paper

What’s the Difference Between Love and Being in a Relationship?

keep it PG

ligate

/lɪˈɡeɪt/

tie up (an artery or vessel).

"the uterine artery was ligated"

myocyte

/ˈmʌɪəsʌɪt/

a muscle cell.

"within a normal heart, capillaries are located next to almost every cardiac myocyte"

kinase

/ˈkʌɪneɪz/

an enzyme that catalyses the transfer of a phosphate group from ATP to a specified molecule.

arraignment

/əˈreɪnm(ə)nt/

the action of arraigning someone in court.

"he's scheduled for arraignment in New York on Thursday"

showboat

/ˈʃəʊbəʊt/

a show-off; an exhibitionist.

"he's neither a show-off nor a showboat"

constellation

/ˌkɒnstɪˈleɪʃn/

niche

/niːʃ,nɪtʃ/

aborigine /ˌabəˈrɪdʒɪni/

tip-off /ˈtɪpɒf/

a piece of information given in a discreet or confidential way.

"arrests came after a tip-off from a member of the public"

have something to oneself

be able to use, occupy, or enjoy something without having to share it with anyone else.

"I'm always pleased when I have the house to myself"

He was at the wheel

Will you take the wheel for a while

I'm behind the wheel

Don't drink and get behind the wheel

snarky

/ˈsnɑːki/

critical or mocking in an indirect or sarcastic way.

"snarky remarks"

bad-tempered or irritable.

"Bobby's always a bit snarky before his nap"

run

(video games) A playthrough, or attempted playthrough; a session of play.

This was my first successful run without losing any health.

this is the run

A phrase spammed by stream viewers in chat who were watching Siglemic attempt to beat the Super Mario 64 120 star world record. Due to the many resets, many people believed/trolled that the next attempt was the one to beat the record.

panko

/ˈpaŋkəʊ/

(in Japanese cooking) breadcrumbs with a light, flaky texture, typically used as a coating for fried or baked food.

"a piece of plump Chilean sea bass remained moist under a light crusting of panko"

(often plural) A strip of material (sometimes hiding zippers or buttons) at the front of a pair of trousers, pants, underpants, bootees, etc. quotations ▼

Ha-ha! Your flies are undone!

capitalise on

to get an advantage from (something, such as an event or situation)

They were able to capitalise on our mistakes.

She capitalised on her new fame by writing a book.

I have the present in my hands and say, giving it to my friend: "this is my gift to/for you".

(someone) is headed out

"Headed out" means "leaving" or "starting to leave". So "I'm headed out" means "I'm leaving".

This expression sounds casual, friendly, and kind of cool.

I threw in the towel.

gobsmacked

/ˈɡɒbsmakt/

utterly astonished; astounded.

"the locals were gobsmacked when us lot trooped in"

not the least/not in the least/not the least bit

none at all, or not at all

I tried to convince them, but they weren’t the least interested.

I’m not in the least afraid of you anymore.

His voice was alert, not the least bit sleepy.

I'm not the least bit worried about it.

I'm not the least bit worried about being downvoted, lol.

Eau de toilette is a lightly scented perfume.

No, I called dibs on her!

Bricks without straw is a phrase that refers to a task which must be undertaken without appropriate resources.

I have no recollection how I got home last night.

two cents

someone's opinion about something, esp. when it was not asked for or wanted:

If the changes are going to affect me, then I want to put my two cents in.

Your word here

UD merch!

Buy Now

left and right

A colourful term used in place of "everywhere", "all around", "all over" or "a plethora"; i.e. a lot.

I went fishing yesterday and nailed bass left and right.

Last night there were hotties in the club left and right.

I was in a highway pile up and was hit left and right.

We had a picnic on the beach and the seagulls were swarming us left and right.

Home decor is clearing and creating living spaces that are visually appealing and more attractive to the human eye.

hop it

to go away quickly

She told her brother to hop it and leave her alone.

Nutella is a brand of sweetened hazelnut cocoa spread.

pimp up

(tr, adverb)

to make (someone or something, esp a car) more extravagantly decorated, as with flashy accessories, etc

garnish

/ˈɡɑːnɪʃ/

decorate or embellish (something, especially food).

"garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream"

get (some) perspective on (something)

To come to have a new, altered, or enlightened viewpoint or way of thinking about something.

It sucks what happened to him, but hopefully he'll get some perspective on why it's important to take your financial obligations seriously.

I definitely got perspective on how tough it must have been for my parents after having children of my own.

The divorce was a really hard time in my life, but it let me get some perspective on the importance of self-love and self-reliance.

Living in a large city is not my speed.

(one's) speed

1. slang In line with one's own personal preferences, inclinations, or character.

I tried living in New York for a while, but I realized that such hectic city life was definitely not my speed.

We used to go on much more adventurous travels when we were younger, but guided group tours are more our speed these days.

Spending all day at an amusement park is just not my speed anymore.

2. slang Suited to one's personal skills or abilities.

I think Ulysses might be a bit too advanced right now. Let's start with something more your speed, like A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

We want to start expanding our business, as the small scale of this part of the country just isn't our speed.

Watercolors? She's only three—don't you think fingerpainting might be more her speed?

skirmish /ˈskɜːmɪʃ/

an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets.

"the unit was caught in several skirmishes and the commanding officer was killed"

A pair of ears with fingers sticking in them might be better.

they needed it quick

We lie by in the heat of the day.

Ms. Charlotte, thank you for coming in this hot weather. Could you follow me please?

I am sorry to keep you waiting in the cold!

Gatling gun

/ˈɡatlɪŋ/

In the US, I would use "in the magazine". I would only use "on the magazine" only if you refer to the front or back cover of the magazine, or on a specific page. Have you decided to put my picture on page 7?

PB /ˌpiːˈbiː/ us. /ˌpiːˈbiː/ abbreviation for personal best : He won the race and set a new PB.

stack /stak/

live down

succeed in making others forget something embarrassing that has happened.

"I'd never live it down if Lily got wind of this"

I sprained my ankle really badly.

snoot

/snuːt/

a person's nose.

"a remark that might warrant a good smack in the snoot"

“Color me surprised,” is a spoken, informal way to express that you are surprised by something.

"her outfit was on point"

rookie

/ˈrʊki/

perk /pəːk/

an advantage or benefit arising from a particular situation.

"they were busy discovering the perks of town life"

The same applies to my class.

do someone or something justice

phrase of justice

do, treat, or represent someone or something with due fairness or appreciation.

"the brief menu does not do justice to the food"

Lipids

Lipids are fatty compounds that perform a variety of functions in your body.

roll over

to agree to what someone wants, especially because you are under pressure or under someone's control:

"If the bill passes, we're certainly not going to roll over and say that's fine," he said.

They're not going to just roll over and let him play because they're getting pressure from everybody.

haymaker

/ˈheɪmeɪkə/

INFORMAL

a forceful blow.

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

Torrential Rain is any amount of rain that is considered especially heavy.

While we may grow gloomy as the weather becomes damp, dark and drizzly and leaves litter the ground, many mushrooms thrive in these conditions.

I'll make efforts to pass the entrance exam

Doofy according to the Urban dictionary describes someone as a combination of "clumsy, uncoordinated, silly,strange,ditzy,dizzy,odd or offbeat".

A chonmage is a traditional Japanese hair style for men where the top of one's head is shaved and the remaining hair is tide in a knot and folded flat on top of the head.

cappuccino

/ˌkapʊˈtʃiːnəʊ/

be on to something

have an idea or information that is likely to lead to an important discovery.

1. To have knowledge, be suspicious, or be aware of something deceptive or underhanded.

You'd better tread carefully—I'm onto you now.

The police are onto us! Everybody run!

2. To discover, realise, or be in the process of doing something of great importance, value, or insight.

Great work on this essay, Lindsay. I really think you're onto something here.

Scientists now believe they may be onto a cure for cancer.

put together

(especially with an adjective indicating degree) Stable and sound psychologically and hence in other respects; competent and responsible.

Today, Bessy is still unmarried but she is well put together.

I'm a workaholic

colander

/ˈkʌləndə/

banger

/ˈbaŋə/

INFORMAL•BRITISH

a sausage.

"bangers and mash"

For here or to go?

In the United States, food picked up at a restaurant and eaten elsewhere is takeout. In the U.K., the word is takeaway. Neither is right or wrong. It is simply a dialectal difference.

harp on

to talk about (a subject) constantly or repeatedly in an annoying way

She's always harping on the importance of a good diet.

He seems to enjoy harping on my shortcomings.

take the mickey/mick (out of someone)

to laugh at someone and make them seem silly, in a funny or unkind way:

A group of other boys were taking the mickey out of him.

She's always taking the mick - she's got no respect for the managers at all.

She was trying to organize everything and the kids were just standing there taking the mick.

Some people took the mickey out of her because of her name.

They were mocking my accent and generally taking the mickey.

australia opal mining

Shoes ...

It's always UGG® season. Find the perfect boots, slippers, sneakers, and sandals to complete your loo

Stonk, a deliberate misspelling of stock (meaning “a share of the value of a company which can be bought, sold, or traded as an investment”), was coined in a 2017 meme. The word is often used humorously on the internet to imply a vague understanding of financial transactions or poor financial decisions.

News Anchors narrate or write news stories, reviews, or commentary for print, broadcast, or other communications media such as newspapers, magazines, radio, or television.

way back in the day

top up

fill up a glass or other partly full container.

"he topped up our glasses and filled his own"

smoosh /smuːʃ/

squash, crush, or flatten.

"use a sharp knife so as not to smoosh the broccoli"

What does “if a little“ and “if not a little” mean?

After a comma, they can mean "even though it was a little..." and "even though it was not a little..."

speedo

/ˈspiːdəʊ/

men's brief, tight swimming trunks.

break free

escape from imprisonment.

"he broke free from house arrest"

escape from someone's hold.

"she broke free of his grasp"

escape from the control of a person, group, or practice.

"he wants to break free from his addiction"

Kicks is defined as another word for shoes.

(uncountable) Gear is clothing and other equipment, especially in sports. Hurry up and get your gear on. The game's about to start.

A Prop is any item or object that is used to help create a scene, support a visual concept or message, or add to the overall mood of a photograph.

belligerent

/bɪˈlɪdʒ(ə)rənt/

hostile and aggressive.

"the mood at the meeting was belligerent"

get off your ass

a rude phrase meaning to force yourself to start doing something and to stop being lazy:

I know I'm going to have to get off my ass and work if I want this.

the long and the short of it

all that can or need be said.

"the long and short of it is, I must make something or be miserable"

as clear as mud

not at all easy to understand.

"what the statement really means is still as clear as mud"

Let Him Cook, also known as Let That Boy Cook, is a slang term and catchphrase used as a callout to give someone the space to plot, strategize or hone their craft.

mayhap • \MAY-hap\ • adverb. : possibly but not certainly : perhaps.

lapis lazuli

/ˌlapɪs ˈlazjʊlʌɪ,ˌlapɪs ˈlazjʊliː/clown around

act as or like a clown

on end

Continuously, without interruption, as in It's been raining for days on end. This term, which might just as well be put “seemingly without end,” dates from about 1300.

step right up to (someone or something)

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

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

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

falsetto

/fɔːlˈsɛtəʊ,fɒlˈsɛtəʊ/

cutting edge

/ˌkʌtɪŋ ˈɛdʒ/

the latest or most advanced stage in the development of something.

"researchers at the cutting edge of molecular biology"

facade /fəˈsɑːd/

a deceptive outward appearance.

"her flawless public facade masked private despair"

to no good purpose

: in a way that is not good or helpful

She used her skills to no good purpose.

have in

(not used in the progressive tenses)

to have a supply of something in your home, etc.

Have we got enough food in?

The burden of persuasion can be thought of as the degree of confidence or level of certainty that a person must have in the evidence before taking some action.

I had in the evidence all the names of the people that had done business with the Williams'.

furtive /ˈfəːtɪv/

attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive.

"they spent a furtive day together"

confer furtively

pine /pʌɪn/

suffer a mental and physical decline, especially because of a broken heart.

"she thinks I am pining away from love"

Feet altered by foot binding were known as lotus feet, and the shoes made for these feet were known as lotus shoes.

Boots don’t match in size or colour. Help?

A baby mama (also baby mother, or hyphenated baby-mama) is a slang term for a mother who is not married to her child's father, although the term often carries other connotations as well.

Burritoing means tightly wrapping yourself in blankets. It is often done to get warm or to build yourself a nice little Internest.

port, also called Porto, specifically, a sweet, fortified, usually red wine of considerable renown from the Douro region of northern Portugal, named for the town of Oporto where it is aged and bottled; also, any of several similar fortified wines produced elsewhere.

carport /ˈkɑːpɔːt/

a shelter for a car consisting of a roof supported on posts, built beside a house.

"put it in the refrigerator, pronto"

Origin

chew the fat

to talk with someone in an informal and friendly way:

We sat in a bar most of the evening just chewing the fat.

blast

/blɑːst/

expressing annoyance.

"‘Blast! The car won't start!’"

in the thick of it

deeply involved in a particular activity or situation

A fight broke out in the bar and he suddenly found himself in the thick of it.

bugger

/ˈbʌɡə/

a person who penetrates the anus of someone during sexual intercourse.

at one's own risk

used to indicate that if harm befalls a person or their possessions through their actions, it is their own responsibility.

"they undertook the adventure at their own risk"

head voice

one of the high registers of the voice in speaking or singing, above chest voice.

conquer

/ˈkɒŋkə/

tape

[uncountable] a long, narrow strip of material with a sticky substance on one side that is used for sticking things together

adhesive tape

challenge extended

extend give offer

If you say that someone or something keeps you on your toes, you mean that they cause you to remain alert and ready for anything that might happen. His fiery campaign rhetoric has kept opposition parties on their toes for months.

tush /tʊʃ/

a person's buttocks.

"office chairs are too often tough on the tush"

undaunted

/ʌnˈdɔːntɪd/

not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty, danger, or disappointment.

"they were undaunted by the huge amount of work needed"

artisanal /ɑːˈtɪzən(ə)l/

There’s a line outside the shop.

kingdom come

into the next world.

"the truck was blown to kingdom come"

The trending health products are always changing so you have to be careful.

kick in

come into effect or operation.

"the hospital's emergency generators kicked in"

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contribute something, especially money.

"if you subscribe now we'll kick in a bonus"

My nerves are kicking in

duplicitous

/djʊˈplɪsɪtəs/

deceitful.

"a duplicitous philanderer"

reel off

say or recite something rapidly and without apparent effort.

"she proceeded to reel off the various dishes of the day"

riding crop, hunting crop

crop of somebody/something

a group of people who arrive or things that happen at the same time

crop of somebody/something of

South Korea’s present crop of elected politicians

weigh up

carefully assess someone or something.

"you'll have to weigh up the risks for yourself"

take offence

to become angry or upset by something that another person has said or done : to be offended by something

He took offence when I suggested exchanging the gift.

—often + at

She takes offence at any criticism.

pick one's nose

To insert a finger or other object into one's nostril to remove obstructions, especially dried mucus.

You can pick your friends; you can pick your nose; but you can't pick your friends' noses.

promiscuous

/prəˈmɪskjʊəs/

having or characterised by many transient sexual relationships.

"promiscuous teenagers"

"the obvious counterargument to that dire prediction is that the recession has depressed earnings"

wallflower

a person who, because of shyness, unpopularity, or lack of a partner, remains at the side at a party or dance.

burly /ˈbəːli/

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

"I saw a burly figure approaching

unhinged

/ʌnˈhɪn(d)ʒd/

mentally unbalanced; deranged.

"the violent acts of unhinged minds"

shears /ʃɪəz/

lisp /lɪsp/

a speech defect in which s is pronounced like th in thick and z is pronounced like th in this.

"he spoke with a slight lisp"

Strict safety tests were carried out on food additives.

Look who's talking!

When Jill got promoted at work and got married to her boyfriend, she thought she could have it all.

pique /piːk/

pique someone's curiosity, interest, etc.

to make someone interested in something and want to know more about it:

The noise continued, piquing her curiosity.

take down a notch

Also, take down a peg. Deflate or humble someone, as in He's so arrogant that I wish someone would take him down a notch, or That defeat took them down a peg. Both notch and peg in this idiom allude to a series, the former of indentations, the latter of knobs, used to raise or lower something. Specifically, peg alludes to the pegs used to lower a ship's colours. Their figurative use dates from the second half of the 1600s.

What is a whistleblower? You're a whistleblower if you're a worker and you report certain types of wrongdoing. This will usually be something you've seen at work - though not always. The wrongdoing you disclose must be in the public interest. This means it must affect others, for example the general public.

Waterboarding is a form of torture in which water is poured over a cloth covering the face and breathing passages of an immobilized captive, causing the person to experience the sensation of drowning.

Waterboarding, or "water torture," is a brutal practice whereby an interrogator straps a prisoner to a board, places a wet rag in his mouth, and by pouring water through the rag induces controlled drowning.

"a healthy skin is a reflection of good health in general"

"it was a sad reflection on society that because of his affliction he was picked on"

He saw himself reflected in the water/mirror/shop window.

The candlelight reflected on his gold wristwatch.

"Getting tilted" is a term that is use mainly in a competitive environment that requires concentration (video games, poker, chess, etc.). What it means is to suffer a setback, get frustrated about it, and have it go to your head. When you go tilt, you're not thinking straight and are more prone to making mistakes.

gizzard

/ˈɡɪzəd/

a muscular, thick-walled part of a bird's stomach for grinding food, typically with grit.

dovetail

/ˈdʌvteɪl/

a joint formed by one or more tapered projections (tenons) on one piece which interlock with corresponding notches or recesses (mortises) in another.

If something is pennies on the dollar, it's much cheaper than it cost originally.

“I bought a bunch of bitcoin right before the market crashed, so I had to sell them for pennies on the dollar.”

“The man who owned the shop swore he was selling me the baseball cards at such a loss he would only earn pennies on the dollar.”

grind to a halt

gradually slow down or lose momentum and then stop altogether.

"in summer traffic all but grinds to a halt"

air freshener

a substance or device for making the air in a room smell fresh.

in re

/ɪn ˈreɪ,ɪn ˈriː/

in the legal case of; with regard to.

"the decision of the Court of Appeal in re Midland Railway Co's Agreement"

bawl /bɔːl/

shout or call out noisily and unrestrainedly.

"‘Move!’ bawled the drill corporal"

bawl one's eyes out

to cry loudly, especially for a long time.

It's the saddest book I've ever read. I bawled my eyes out at the end.

hard hat /ˈhɑːd hat/

a rigid protective helmet, as worn by factory and building workers.

"he wore no protective gear beyond a hard hat"

work up

gradually bring someone to a state of intense excitement, anger, or anxiety.

"he got all worked up and started shouting and swearing"

beneath contempt

utterly worthless or despicable.

"tawdry trash that is beneath contempt"

Not only is black childbirth beneath her contempt but the very idea of literature about natural birth is also contemptible.

stupor

/ˈstjuːpə/

a state of near-unconsciousness or insensibility.

"a drunken stupor"

come round

be converted to another person's opinion.

"I came round to her point of view"

tug away at (someone or something)

To pull or yank on someone or something vigorously or repeatedly, especially when doing so has little or no effect.

I tugged away at the man's arm, but he wouldn't budge.

I've been tugging away at this thing for nearly 20 minutes, but it doesn't seem like it has moved more than an inch!

hold on

keep or retain someone or something.

"the industry is trying to hold on to experienced staff"

auspicious

/ɔːˈspɪʃəs/

conducive to success; favourable.

"it was not the most auspicious moment to hold an election"

take a fancy to

emu /ˈiːmjuː/

I’m all ears

janitor

/ˈdʒanɪtə/

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

We’ve been friends since forever.

Someone I knew from before

recognize someone from back in the day

back in the day

used for referring to a time in the past, especially a time when someone was young

Back in the day, we had an apartment with a swimming pool.

brush against (someone or something)

To pass by and lightly touch someone or something.

Be sure not to brush against this wall while the paint is still drying.

Did you see the beautiful woman who just brushed against me?

tune in

to associate oneself with what is happening or one's surroundings

Had is sometimes used instead of 'if' to begin a clause which refers to a situation that might have happened but did not. For example, the clause 'had she been elected' means the same as 'if she had been elected'.

Had he succeeded, he would have acquired a monopoly. [AUX n -ed]

Had I known what the problem was, we could have addressed it. [AUX n -ed]

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step on it

go faster, typically in a motor vehicle.

"if we don't step on it, the pub will have closed for the afternoon"

flighty

/ˈflʌɪti/

fickle and irresponsible.

"you may be seen as too flighty and lightweight for real responsibility"

The doctor sewed up the cut with 5 stitches.

She’s married to someone she met at college.

She finally got divorced last year.

She got divorced from her second husband.

payable on an instalment plan

Usually we say 'scrambled eggs,' with the S.

Our Chopped Onion is the perfect, subtle way to add the flavor of onion to a recipe, fast.

If there is any amount of onion on the meat or the bun, I’ll have symptoms, regardless of whether the actual onions have been removed.

'Onion' can be countable or uncountable depending on the context.

I bought a kilo of onions this morning.

I don't like onion in my scrambled egg.

The house is made of brick

The school is built of brick.

In Chinguetti, the buildings are constructed from mudbrick and a reddish dry stone.

I bought it for about twelve dollars.

Five for 30 bucks.

wok

/wɒk/

a bowl-shaped frying pan used typically in Chinese cooking.

call out

draw critical attention to someone's unacceptable actions or behaviour.

"people were calling him out for his negative comments"

hair-removing tweezer

budget

inexpensive.

"a budget guitar"

After two months in a hospital bed, I felt a bit rocky on my feet.

have on

try to make someone believe something that is untrue, especially as a joke.

"that's just too neat—you're having me on"

turn the corner

pass the critical point and start to improve.

"the industry has turned the corner and things are looking up"

hold one's own

retain a position of strength in a challenging situation.

"Britain has begun to hold its own in world markets"

If you work on your job, you’ll make a living. If you work on yourself, you’ll make a fortune.

He befriended this 48-year-old woman on the internet.

subsidiary

/səbˈsɪdɪəri/

a company controlled by a holding company.

"a subsidiary of Cable and Wireless"

This program was brought to you by

astroturfing

/ˈastrəʊtəːfɪŋ/

the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.

instalments is a plural - ‘can I pay in instalments?’ The alternative would be ‘can I pay on an instalment plan?’

jimmy /ˈʤɪmi/

to force (something, such as a lock, door, or window) open with a metal bar or a similar tool

The burglar jimmied [=(Brit) jemmied] the window (open).

Hope everything is going swell

It's a perfectly valid construction, swell is a slang form of 'well' as far as I can judge.

froth, foam, lather and suds. spume

lather /ˈlɑːðə/

a frothy white mass of bubbles produced by soap, washing powder, etc. when mixed with water.

"she rinsed off the lather and dried her hands"

Zumba

/ˈzʊmbə,ˈzuːmbə/

an aerobic fitness programme featuring movements inspired by various styles of Latin American dance and performed primarily to Latin American dance music.

take into one's confidence

Trust someone with a secret, as in She took me into her confidence and admitted that she was quitting next month. This idiom uses confidence in the sense of “trust,” a usage dating from the late 1500s.

He cheated with his wife's best friend.

As a medical term, malaise is a feeling of general discomfort, uneasiness or lack of wellbeing and often the first sign of an infection or other disease.

butter up

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

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

Some would say that water colour is the most Superior of all paints.

do/go the rounds

to be passed from one person to another person and become widely known

Rumours about his resigning as CEO were doing the rounds.

go off someone/something

to stop liking or being interested in someone or something:

I went off beefburgers after I got food poisoning from a takeaway.

I went off Peter when he said those dreadful things about Clare.

And, you know, eventually, the bus just went right off the cliff.

In behavioural finance, the ostrich effect is the attempt made by investors to avoid negative financial information.

There is a craze for motoring―Motoring is the craze of the day―Motoring is all the mode―all the rage―all the go.

Their customs are rather English, and if you call about five o'clock any afternoon I can promise you afternoon tea.

"Are you available any afternoon next week?"

All you have to do is look into the sky on any afternoon: the town is a mecca for paragliders and hang gliders.

It happened on a beautiful summer’s evening.

She told him, with a shiver of flirtation, that she was free any afternoon after five.

-cum-

/ -kʌm-/

used to join two nouns, showing that a person or thing does two things or has two purposes; combined with:

This is my bedroom-cum-study.

colander

/ˈkʌləndə/

a perforated bowl used to strain off liquid from food after washing or cooking.

tea strainer

If the Government fails to provide a full account of its conduct, it will simply add to speculation.

the lot

especially British English the whole of an amount or number of things, people etc

We’ll do everything – cooking, washing, ironing – the lot.

I can’t believe you ate the whole lot.

I think that’s the lot (=everything is included).

the lot of you/them/us (=all of you, them, or us)

Shut up, the lot of you!

My dog is getting up there (in age) but she's still full of energy.

Well, they most certainly won't be," said Uncle Vernon, and Harry heard him stand up and start pacing the living room. "They'll take the boy and go, there'll be no hanging around. That's if they're coming at all. Probably mistaken the day. I daresay their kind don't set much store by punctuality.

pipe down

stop talking; be less noisy.

"pipe down, will you, I'm on the phone"

I saw the surprise register in his eyes

Her face registered shock at the news.

egg on

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

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

fold/fəʊld/

a group or community, especially when perceived as having shared aims and values.

noun: the fold

"government whips tried to persuade the waverers back into the fold"

"he allowed the protest to go ahead despite warnings that it would spark a bloodbath"

have (someone or something) (all) to oneself

to be in a situation in which one is not required to share someone or something with anyone else

I'm happy to have you to myself tonight; it will give us a chance to talk privately.

We have the entire evening to ourselves.

She has the house all to herself this weekend.

jockey /ˈdʒɒki/

struggle by every available means to gain or achieve something.

"both men will be jockeying for the two top jobs"

"the area round the school"

take some nerve (to do something)

To require a great amount of courage, resolve, or integrity (to do something).

It must have taken some nerve to stand up to your boss like that.

It's certainly possible, but it's going to take some nerve.

on (someone's) part

1. As far as is related to, regards, or concerns someone; to the degree that someone is involved or a part (of something).

On the employees' part, the company's merger means that many will be losing their jobs.

Jane on her part has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground.

2. As comes from or is done by someone.

Guarantees on the banks' part must be provided to assure the country's citizens that their money is safe during this period of recovery.

There has been no shortage of effort on his part to make sure this campaign has been successful.

come July/next year/the next day etc

used to talk about a particular time in the future

Come spring, you’ll have plenty of colour in the garden.

There’s no way I could have gone on for as long as I have if I’d stopped feeling for my donors every step of the way.

bedsit

/ˈbɛdsɪt,ˌbɛdˈsɪt/

a one-roomed unit of accommodation typically consisting of combined bedroom and sitting room with cooking facilities.

"I rent a small bedsit, which fits my budget"

snap out of it

to stop experiencing something unpleasant or stop behaving in a negative way:

I was depressed, and I couldn't snap out of it.

Johnson has finally snapped out of a four-week hitting slump.

Imagine a ship at sea travelling west. If the wind were blowing from exactly north or south, sideways on, it was said to be on the beam (the beam being the side of the ship at its widest point, usually by the mainmast). If the wind was blowing from any point in the half-circle eastward of the line from north to south, from nearer the stern, the ship was said to be sailing large. This comes from the idea of something being unrestricted, allowing considerable freedom (as in a fugitive being “at large”), because ships sailing large were able to maintain their direction of travel anywhere in a wide arc without needing to make continual changes to the set of the sails.

by and large

on the whole; everything considered.

"mammals have, by and large, bigger brains than reptiles"

The by part of the phrase means "close-hauled." (This by also appears in the term full and by, meaning "sailing with all sails full and as close to the wind as possible.") Large, by contrast, refers to a point of sail in which the wind is hitting the boat "abaft the beam," or behind the boat's widest point.

pigsty

/ˈpɪɡstʌɪ/

walk the walk

to do the things that one says one will do

As the saying goes, "Don't talk the talk unless you can walk the walk!"

Today's word is “flip a switch,” and it means to change suddenly. You almost always use it just the way I used it earlier.

Just as its name suggests, slide switch is to connect or disconnect the circuit by sliding its switch handle so as to switch the circuit.

what brings you here?

for what reason have you come here?

"so what brings you here at this time of night?

dandruff

/ˈdandrʌf/

Dandruff is a common condition that causes the skin on the scalp to flake.

The term Down Under is a colloquialism which is differently construed to refer to Australia and New Zealand, or the Pacific island countries collectively.

If you want to take a shower, help yourself to towels; they're in the linen closet.

He said I could help myself to the chocolates.

He didn't even ask; he just helped himself to the special tea I was saving.

A salad bar is a buffet-style table or counter at a restaurant, food market, or school cafeteria on which salad components are provided for customers or school students to assemble their own salad plates.

emaciated

/ɪˈmeɪsɪeɪtɪd,ɪˈmeɪʃɪeɪtɪd/

abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food.

"she was so emaciated she could hardly stand"

A: How do you like the money?

B: I like it very much.

It would be asking what bills you would like. For instance if you asked for 20 dollars: would you like two "ten dollar" bills, four "five dollar " bills, or twenty "one dollar" bills?

subject

a member of a state other than its ruler, especially one owing allegiance to a monarch or other supreme ruler.

"the legislation is applicable only to British subjects"

Skipping rope is a highly effective workout.

flypaper

/ˈflʌɪˌpeɪpə/

sticky, poison-treated strips of paper that are hung indoors to catch and kill flies.

"there was flypaper dangling from the lamp"

galvanise

/ˈɡalvənʌɪz/

shock or excite (someone) into taking action.

"the urgency of his voice galvanised them into action"

if you want to be strict, you would either say:

"What is the due date for this assignment" or "When is this assignment due?"

The "what" is asking for a specific name / figure denoting a point in time, and the "when" is actually asking for a point in time - the answer does not have to take the form of a date. For example you could answer "tomorrow", or "in 4 weeks", whereas the first question specifically asks for a date.

riff /rɪf/

a monologue or spoken improvisation, especially a humorous one, on a particular subject.

"extended riffs on the pitfalls of contemporary romance"

riff-raff /ˈrɪfraf/

disreputable or undesirable people.

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

herald

/ˈhɛrəld/

an official employed to oversee state ceremonial, precedence, and the use of armorial bearings, and (historically) to make proclamations, carry official messages, and oversee tournaments.

Filming is top-notch, with no expense spared to get those special effects. The unheralded roster captured a bronze medal, considered a solid achievement given its lack of top-notch talent. Spirit was a distinguished fighter pilot; her superior flying skills were top-notch. The music is top-notch and the lyrics honest.

He committed crimes repeatedly from a young age, and he lost his father and mother at the age of 14 or 15.

woke

Described by Merriam-Webster as “chiefly US slang”, the dictionary defines the word as: “Aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice).”

Stands for Quality Value Convenience founded by Joseph Segel in 1986 is a television on-line business where people from home can call in and purchase merchandise that they offer.

would/could kill for something

(also would kill to do something) to want something so much that you will do almost anything to get it or do it

I could kill for a smoke right now.

In those days, actors would kill to break into film.

he is still in school = he is still a student

he is still at school = he still hasn’t come back from school today

offhanded

/ˌɒfˈhandɪd/

ungraciously or offensively nonchalant or cool in manner; offhand.

"offhanded remarks that weren't fully considered"

shy (away) from

to try to avoid (something) because of nervousness, fear, dislike, etc.

They never shied from publicity.

She shies away from making any predictions.

If you say that someone doesn't care a fig or doesn't give a fig about something, you are emphasising that they think it is unimportant or that they are not interested in it.

[informal, old-fashioned, emphasis]

I do not give a fig what society thinks.

the apple doesn't fall/never falls far from the tree

crony

/ˈkrəʊni/

a close friend or companion.

"he went gambling with his cronies"

Pied Piper of Hamelin

he who pays the piper calls the tune

the person who provides the money for something has the right to determine how it's spent.

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"

get off lightly

(idiomatic) To end up with a mild punishment, or without serious harm.

My cousin got off lightly with a restraining order after he broke the boy’s leg.

pillory

/ˈpɪl(ə)ri/

attack or ridicule publicly.

"he found himself pilloried by members of his own party"

The slang phrase throwing shade is traced back to the 1980s black and Latino gay community, especially the drag scene in New York City. An early instance appears in the 1990 documentary about that drag scene, Paris is Burning. In the film, drag queen Dorian Corey explains how shade emerged as a term for an indirect insult cast (thrown) on a fellow queen: “Shade is, I don’t have to tell you you’re ugly because you know you’re ugly.”

After a calf is born, the cow's udder swells.I've got the short straw in the office reshuffle?

root for

to express or show support for (a person, a team, etc.) : to hope for the success of (someone or something)

They always root for the home team.

Good luck on your upcoming show. Remember that we're all rooting for you.

What do hockey players and magicians have in common?

gander /ˈɡandə/

a male goose

take a gander at

Look at, glance at, as in Will you take a gander at that woman's red hair! This slangy idiom, dating from the early 1900s, presumably came from the verb gander, meaning “stretch one's neck to see,” possibly alluding to the long neck of the male goose.

How Long Does it Take to Break in a Couch?

Vet

make a careful and critical examination of (something).

"proposals for vetting large takeover bids"

Everybody Is Making Bank Off Of Black Culture.

take on something

to begin to have a particular quality:

Her voice took on a troubled tone.

to begin to have, use, or do something:

A chameleon takes on the colour of its surroundings.

Just over 100, just under 100

i tend towards the holistic

take a fancy to something/someone

to start liking something or someone very much:

Laura's taken a fancy to Japanese food.

They visited Paris and took a fancy to the people.

He started a new job and soon took a fancy to the boss's daughter.

Katie seems to have taken a fancy to you. She wants you to come to dinner.

He's worried the birds will take a fancy to his fruit bushes.

See if i care

Stilton cheese

Do We Crank Up the A.C. Too High?

make believe

pretend; imagine.

"you can make-believe you're swimming out in the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean"

Polar ice cap

smells like fibbery to me

try for a baby

to try to have a baby : to try to become pregnant

They have been trying for a baby for several years.

body of something

a large amount or mass of something, especially something that has been collected

body of knowledge/evidence/opinion etc

There is now a considerable body of knowledge of the different stages of childhood.

There is a growing body of evidence that charges are too high.

the main, central, or most important part of something

The arguments are explained in the body of the text.

Leave three blank lines between the date and the body of the letter.

You’re all bum and parsley

Translation: You’re a loud know-it-all

Example of usage: “You don’t know what you’re talking about; you’re all bum and parsley”

give (one) a heads up

To give one a preliminary notice, especially of future difficulty, trouble, or danger. "Heads up" is often hyphenated.

Make sure to give everyone a heads up about the inspection tomorrow morning. We don't want anyone coming in unprepared.

Just give me a heads-up if you need a ride.

I want you to give me head hardcore

give someone head

to use your mouth and tongue on someone’s sex organs in order to give them pleasure

sword /sɔːd/

Historically the word bee has been used to describe a get-together for communal work, like a husking bee, a quilting bee, or an apple bee. According to etymological research recorded in dictionaries, the word bee probably comes from dialectal been or bean (meaning "help given by neighbours"), which came from Middle English bene (meaning "prayer", "boon" and "extra service by a tenant to his lord").

pierrot

When you ‘scrub up well’, it means you have made a lot of effort to look very smart or well presented.

Skimmed milk (British English), or skim milk (American English), is made when all the milk fat is removed from whole milk.

at a disadvantage

A vassal is someone ruled by a lord in a feudal system. Maybe this person confused it with "vessel," meaning a container.

cranberry

/ˈkranb(ə)ri/

The BBC's guidelines on impartiality explained - and do they apply to Gary Lineker?

surrogate mother

They must have had some scruples about it. I have no scruples whatsoever in that connection. He is stubborn, ruthless, intelligent and devoid of moral scruples—the most dangerous kind of opponent. He was of a shy and retiring disposition, and he had some scruples about using violence to meet violence.

lesbian

/ˈlɛzbɪən/

amphibian

/amˈfɪbɪən/

wholesale market

A cold dose of medicine

Boozled

v. To be in a state of extreme shock, or surprise.

The girl boozled when she found out she won the lottery.

softlock (plural softlocks) (video games) A situation where a game remains apparently playable, but further progress is impossible, typically due to a design flaw or glitch. I defeated the boss, but got hit at the exact same time; now I'm stuck in a softlock and can't exit the level.

roly-poly

/ˌrəʊlɪˈpəʊli/

"the car lurched forward"

schlep

/ʃlɛp/

(of a person) go or move reluctantly or with effort.

"I would have preferred not to schlep all the way over there to run an errand"

Kopparberg Pear Cider

pick apart

to say all of the things that are bad or wrong about (someone or something) : to criticise (a person or thing) in a very detailed and usually unkind way

You can expect political analysts to pick apart the governor's speech.

The film's critics picked his performance apart.

take a turn for the worse

To start to become worse; to worsen.

The patient's condition took a turn for the worse overnight.

butt in

interrupt or intrude on a conversation or activity.

"he's always butting in—not letting her finish her story and giving her advice she never asked for"

bog down

to cause (something) to sink in wet ground

The mud bogged down the car.

The car got bogged down in the mud.

—often used figuratively

It's easy to get bogged down in details.

I want a full report on my desk first thing in the morning.

〔おおげさな話〕tall [big] talk, (an) exaggeration，《口》 a fish story；〔自慢話〕boastful talk

facsimile

/fakˈsɪmɪli/

ding-dong ditch

osmosis

/ɒzˈməʊsɪs/

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.

Surveillance camera

In agreement on

Fraternal twins (also called dizygotic twins) result from the fertilisation of two separate eggs with two different sperm during the same pregnancy.

arby's we have the meats

What's the difference between a diameter and a radius?

A. a radius

big brain moment

castle

/ˈkɑːsl/

The original past tense of sneak was sneaked, following the pattern of other regular verbs. However, snuck began to be used as an alternative past tense form in the 1800s, and is now very common.

How common is pronouncing the past tense of beat as /bet/?

lurch /ləːtʃ/

make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement or series of movements; stagger.

"the car lurched forward"

I laughed my head off when I watched the slapstick comedy on TV.

cannoli /kaˈnəʊli/ I. plural noun (N. Amer.) a dessert consisting of small deep-fried pastry tubes with a creamy filling, typically of sweetened ricotta cheese.

The cow has a diseased udder

The udder is a single mass hanging beneath the animal, consisting of pairs of mammary glands with protruding teats.

udder

/ˈʌdə/

the mammary gland of female cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and related animals, having two or more teats and hanging between the hind legs of the animal.

hangnail (plural hangnails) A loose, narrow strip of nail tissue protruding from the side edge and anchored near the base of a fingernail or toenail.

myrrh /məː/

a fragrant gum resin obtained from certain trees and used, especially in the Near East, in perfumery, medicines, and incense.

buck /bʌk/

the male of some horned animals, especially the fallow deer, roe deer, reindeer, and antelopes.

needle

the sharp, stiff, slender leaf of a fir or pine tree.

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"

be on the receiving end

be subjected to something.

"she found herself on the receiving end of a good deal of teasing"

Of course I understand that some insults have benign origins.

You can, but it often sounds sarcastic. "Good luck cleaning those ink stains off your blouse!"

You know, "oriental" is a term which you can’t think of without having that sort of the smell of incense and the sound of a gong kind of in your head.

internment

/ɪnˈtəːnm(ə)nt/

Occident

/ˈɒksɪd(ə)nt/

the countries of the West, especially Europe and America.

zipperhead

/ˈzɪpəhɛd/

a person from SE Asia.

epithet

/ˈɛpɪθɛt/

an adjective or phrase expressing a quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing mentioned.

"old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet ‘dirty’"

obituary

/əˈbɪtʃʊəri/

blurb

/bləːb/

a short description of a book, film, or other product written for promotional purposes

pundit

/ˈpʌndɪt/

an expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give their opinions to the public.

"political pundits were tipping him for promotion"

How do you vent the kitchen

fell /fɛl/

knock down.

"Whitlock felled him with one punch"

The plank is an isometric core strength exercise that involves maintaining a position similar to a push-up for the maximum possible time.

"Feliz Navidad" (Spanish: [feˈliz naβiˈða(ð)]; lit. transl. "Merry Christmas") is a Christmas song written and first recorded in 1970 by Puerto Rican singer-songwriter José Feliciano.

snowpack noun a mass of lying snow that is compressed and hardened by its own weight. • the snowpack is melting. • a decent depth of snowpack.

slam dunk

/ˌslam ˈdʌŋk/

necklace

/ˈnɛklɪs/

loyal

/ˈlɔɪəl/

Fajita

/fəˈhiːtə/

a dish of Mexican origin consisting of strips of spiced beef or chicken, chopped vegetables, and grated cheese, wrapped in a soft tortilla and often served with sour cream.

veterinarian

/ˌvɛt(ə)rɪˈnɛːrɪən/

be all ears

be listening eagerly.

"I'm all ears, tell me about it"

old folks' home

an institution providing accommodation and care for elderly people.

"his father lives in an old folks' home"

I got 5 stitches.

Surgical suture

under

(medicine, colloquial) Under anaesthesia, especially general anaesthesia; sedated.

Ensure the patient is sufficiently under.

"the operation was quick; she was only under for 15 minutes"

ham-handed

/hamˈhandɪd/

clumsy or bungling; ham-fisted.

"a ham-handed attempt"

sham

/ʃam/

thing that is not what it is purported to be.

"our current free health service is a sham"

fondle

/ˈfɒndl/

stroke or caress lovingly or erotically.

"he kissed and fondled her"

trampoline

/ˈtrampəliːn,ˌtrampəˈliːn/

lubricant

/ˈluːbrɪk(ə)nt/

a substance used for lubricating an engine or component, such as oil or grease.

"squirt in a lubricant on a regular basis"

mellow

/ˈmɛləʊ/

(especially of a sound, flavour, or colour) pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness.

"she was hypnotised by the mellow tone of his voice"

article

/ˈɑːtɪkl/

a particular item or object.

"small household articles"

platter

/ˈplatə/

a large flat dish or plate for serving food.

"arrange the fruit on a serving platter"

moor

/mʊə,mɔː/

make fast (a boat) by attaching it by cable or rope to the shore or to an anchor.

"twenty or so fishing boats were moored to the pierside"

marsupial

/mɑːˈs(j)uːpɪəl/

a mammal of an order whose members are born incompletely developed and are typically carried and suckled in a pouch on the mother's belly. Marsupials are found chiefly in Australia and New Guinea, and also in America.

kiwi

/ˈkiːwiː/

arcade

/ɑːˈkeɪd/

rind

/rʌɪnd/

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

"decorate with fine shreds of orange rind"

The motif of betrayal is crucial in all these stories.

motif

/məʊˈtiːf/

A recurring or dominant element; an artistic theme.

See how the artist repeats the scroll motif throughout the work?

nephew

/ˈnɛvjuː,ˈnɛfjuː/

poser

To pose: To pretend, to be somebody you're not, to be part of a culture or genre just to fit in.

Don't be such a Thomas, you only listen to Metal because all of your "friends" do, you big poser!

platypus

/ˈplatɪpəs/

a semiaquatic egg-laying mammal which frequents lakes and streams in eastern Australia. It has a sensitive pliable bill shaped like that of a duck, webbed feet with venomous spurs, and dense fur.

make (it) up

to somebody to do something to show that you are sorry about the problems you have caused someone

I’ll make it up to you somehow.

He was looking for a way to make up to her for what he had done.

to be too friendly to someone or to praise them in order to get advantages for yourself:

Have you seen the disgusting way she makes up to the boss?

poem

/ˈpəʊɪm/

portrait

/ˈpɔːtreɪt,ˈpɔːtrɪt/

She was past ninety of age.

be of age

To be at the age of majority—that is, old enough by law to vote, marry, or sign legal agreements without one's parents. Typically refers to age 18, the age of majority in the United States.

Just because you're of age doesn't mean you're suddenly versed in the ways of the world—you're still just a kid.

Our parents don't approve of our marriage, but we're both of age now, so they can't stop us.

I'm fixing spaghetti and meatballs for dinner tonight. We better get out of here if Aunt Louise is fixing something for supper—you know she can't cook.

half board

/ˌhɑːf ˈbɔːd/

provision of bed, breakfast, and one main meal at a hotel or guest house.

"guests on half board"

ignorance is bliss

if one is unaware of an unpleasant fact or situation one cannot be troubled by it.

"I don't want to hear about them: ignorance is bliss in this case"

It takes about half an hour to get there.

I'll be there in half an hour.

I don't know half these people.

Google Ngram shows that "nearly half of" is used more frequently than "nearly a half", "nearly one-half of", and "nearly one half of" by far.

make a face

produce a facial expression that shows dislike or some other negative emotion, or that is intended to be amusing.

"Anna pulled a funny face at the girl"

I’m saving money for my children.

hold in contempt

judge (someone) to have committed the offence of contempt of court.

"the advocate was held in contempt for subpoenaing the judge"

consider (someone or something) to be unworthy of respect or attention.

"the speed limit is held in contempt by many drivers"

What is a urinary tract infection (UTI)?

What is the word used for 'handheld'?

make that (something)

An expression used when one wants to change something that one has just said.

Let's have the meeting at 12:30. Actually, make that 2:30; I have another meeting scheduled at lunch time.

vat

/vat/

a large tank or tub used to hold liquid, especially in industry.

"a vat of hot tar"

good and proper

completely

The table is broken, good and proper.

sex on legs

(idiomatic) A person or persons considered to be very sexually attractive.

She thinks he is sex on legs.

that's torn it

British, informal

—used to say that something is no longer possible

That's torn it: the deal's off!

A brick hod is a three-sided box for carrying bricks or other building materials, often mortar. It bears a long handle and is carried over the shoulder.

Weapon of mass destruction

My holidays start on Monday

if you wish to tell when the event will start as well as end, use “ begin from...and end on” as in “The football match will begin from June 17 and end on June 21”.

front desk

the registration and reception desk in a hotel or large organization.

collide with something/somebody The car collided head-on with the van.