



# IDIOMS & PHRASES

## Idioms (A)

List of English idioms that start with A.

1	<b>A Bit Much:</b> More than is reasonable; a bit too much
2	<b>A Bite at The Cherry:</b> A good opportunity that isn't available to everyone
3	<b>A Busy Bee:</b> A busy, active person who moves quickly from task to task.
4	<b>A Cat Has Nine Lives:</b> Cats seem to get away with dangerous things
5	<b>A Cat in Gloves Catches No Mice:</b> You can't get what you need if you're too careful.
6	<b>A Cat Nap:</b> A short sleep during the day
7	<b>A Cold Day In July:</b> (Something that) will never happen
8	<b>A Cold Fish:</b> Someone who is not often moved by emotions, who is regarded as being hard and unfeeling.
9	<b>A Cut Above:</b> Slightly better than
10	<b>A Cut Below:</b> Inferior to; somewhat lower in quality than
11	<b>A Day Late And A Dollar Short:</b> Too delayed and insignificant to have much effect
12	<b>A Dog in The Manger:</b> A person who selfishly prevent others from using, enjoying or profiting from something even though he/ she cannot use or enjoy it himself.
13	<b>A Few Sandwiches Short Of A Picnic:</b> Abnormally stupid, not really sane
14	<b>A Good Deal:</b> To a large extent, a lot
15	<b>A Great Deal:</b> To a very large extent
16	<b>A Guinea Pig:</b> Someone who is part of an experiment or trial
17	<b>A Hair's Breadth:</b> A very small distance or amount
18	<b>A Home Bird:</b> Somebody who prefers to spend his social and free time at home.
19	<b>A Hundred And Ten Percent:</b> More than what seems to be the maximum
20	<b>A Lame Duck:</b> A person or enterprise (often a business) that is not a success and that has to be helped.

21	<b>A Leg Up:</b> An advantage, a boost
22	<b>A Lemon:</b> A vehicle that does not work properly
23	<b>A Life Of Its Own:</b> An independent existence
24	<b>A Little Bird Told Me:</b> I don't wish to divulge where I got the information
25	<b>A Little Bird Told Me:</b> I got this information from a source I cannot reveal.
26	<b>A Little from Column A, a Little from Column B:</b> A course of action drawing on several different ideas or possibilities
27	<b>A Lone Wolf:</b> Someone who is not very social with other people
28	<b>A Lot on One's Plate:</b> A lot to do
29	<b>A Million and One:</b> Very many
30	<b>A Notch Above:</b> Superior to; higher in quality
31	<b>A Penny for Your Thoughts:</b> What are you thinking?
32	<b>A Penny Saved is A Penny Earned:</b> Every small amount helps to build one's savings
33	<b>A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words:</b> A visual presentation can communicate something very effectively
34	<b>A Plum Job:</b> An easy and pleasant job that also pays well
35	<b>A Rare Bird:</b> Somebody or something of a kind that one seldom sees.
36	<b>A Scaredy-Cat:</b> Someone who is excessively scared or afraid.
37	<b>A Second Bite At The Cherry:</b> A Second chance to do something
38	<b>A Sight for Sore Eyes:</b> Someone that you're pleased to see
39	<b>A Sitting Duck:</b> A person or object in a vulnerable position that is easy to attack or injure.
40	<b>A Snowball's Chance in Hell:</b> Little to no likelihood of occurrence or success
41	<b>A Stitch in Time Saves Nine:</b> Fix something quickly, because if you don't, it will just get more difficult to fix
42	<b>A Stone's Throw:</b> A very short distance
43	<b>A Storm in a Teacup:</b> Unnecessary anger or worry about an unimportant or trivial matter
44	<b>A Tall Order:</b> A difficult task
45	<b>A Week Is A Long Time In _____:</b> In the field mentioned, the situation may change rapidly
46	<b>About Time:</b> Far past the desired time

47	<b>About To:</b> On the point of, occurring imminently
48	<b>Above And Beyond:</b> More than is expected or required
49	<b>Above Board:</b> Openly, without deceit. Honestly, reputably.
50	<b>Above The Law:</b> Exempt from the laws that apply to everyone else.
51	<b>Above The Salt:</b> Of high standing or honor
52	<b>Above Water:</b> Not in extreme difficulty. Especially said of finances
53	<b>Accident Of Birth:</b> Luck in something due to family good fortune
54	<b>Accident Waiting To Happen:</b> A dangerous way of setting up or organizing something
55	<b>According To Hoyle:</b> Properly, in accordance with established procedures
56	<b>Ace In The Hole:</b> A hidden advantage
57	<b>Ace Up One's Sleeve:</b> A surprise advantage of which others are not aware.
58	<b>Acid Test:</b> A crucial event that determines the worth of something
59	<b>Acknowledge The Corn:</b> Admit to a mistake, especially a small one; point out one's own shortcomings, or another's
60	<b>Acquired Taste:</b> Something one learns to appreciate only after trying it repeatedly
61	<b>Across The Board:</b> In relation to all categories, for everyone
62	<b>Across The Pond:</b> On or to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.
63	<b>Act High and Mighty:</b> Be arrogant, presume that one is better than others
64	<b>Act Of Congress:</b> Hard to get, said of authorization
65	<b>Act One's Age:</b> To be mature, not childish
66	<b>Actions Speak Louder Than Words:</b> One's character and intentions are shown more accurately by one's actions than by one's words.
67	<b>Achilles' Heel:</b> The weak point of an otherwise powerful person or organization
68	<b>Add Fuel To The Fire:</b> Worsen already existing tension
69	<b>Add Insult To Injury:</b> Compound a defeat with humiliation or mockery
70	<b>Add Insult to Injury:</b> Humiliate someone in addition to doing damage to him or her
71	<b>After One's Own Heart:</b> Similar in a pleasing way
72	<b>After The Fact:</b> Too late; after something is completed or finalized

73	<b>After The Lord Mayor's Show (UK):</b> Anticlimactic; occurring after something impressive
74	<b>Against The Clock:</b> Forced to hurry to meet a deadline
75	<b>Against the Clock:</b> In a very limited amount of time; with a shortage of time being the main problem
76	<b>Against The Grain:</b> Contrary to one's natural inclinations
77	<b>Against The Run Of Play:</b> A typical of the way a game has been going
78	<b>Age Before Beauty:</b> Something said by a younger woman to an older one, for instance allowing her to pass through a doorway
79	<b>Agree To Disagree:</b> Accept or set aside a disagreement
80	<b>Agreement In Principle:</b> In a negotiation, an agreement in which not all details have been worked out
81	<b>Aha Moment:</b> Sudden realization, the point at which one suddenly understands something
82	<b>Ahead Of One's Time:</b> Offering ideas not yet in general circulation; highly creative
83	<b>Ahead Of The Curve:</b> Innovative, devising new ideas in advance of others
84	<b>Ahead Of The Curve:</b> Offering ideas not yet in general circulation; highly creative
85	<b>Ahead Of The Game:</b> Making faster progress than anticipated; ahead of schedule
86	<b>Air Rage:</b> Angry behavior inside an airplane
87	<b>Airy Fairy:</b> whimsical, nonsensical, impractical
88	<b>Albatross Around One's Neck:</b> Something from one's past that acts as a hindrance
89	<b>Alive and Kicking:</b> In good health despite health problems
90	<b>All Along:</b> For the entire time something has been happening
91	<b>All And Sundry:</b> Everyone(separately) Each one.
92	<b>All Bark And No Bite:</b> Tending to make verbal threats but not deliver on them
93	<b>All Bets Are Off:</b> What seemed certain is now unclear
94	<b>All Dressed Up And Nowhere To Go:</b> Prepared (with clothing or otherwise) for an event that does not occur

95	<b>All Ears:</b> Listening willingly, waiting for an explanation
96	<b>All Eyes And Ears:</b> Attentive
97	<b>All Eyes Are On:</b> Watching alertly or attentively. Having prominent eyes. Everyone is paying attention to
98	<b>All Fur Coat And No Knickers:</b> Superficially attractive, physically or otherwise
99	<b>All Hands on Deck:</b> Everyone must help.
100	<b>All Hat And No Cattle:</b> Pretentious, full of bluster
101	<b>All Hell Breaks Loose:</b> The situation becomes chaotic.
102	<b>All In A Day's Work (Excl.):</b> That's what I'm here for; although I have accomplished something, it is part of what I'm expected to do
103	<b>All In Good Time:</b> Eventually; at a more favorable time in the future. This phrase encourages one to be patient.
104	<b>All in One Piece:</b> Safely
105	<b>All It's Cracked Up To Be:</b> As good as claims or reputation would suggest
106	<b>All Mouth And No Trousers:</b> Superficial, engaging in empty, boastful talk, but not of real substance
107	<b>All Over But The Shouting:</b> Certain to end in a specific way
108	<b>All Over Hell's Half Acre:</b> All over the place; everywhere.
109	<b>All Over The Board:</b> Everywhere, in many different locations
110	<b>All Over The Map:</b> Everywhere; in many different locations
111	<b>All Over The Place:</b> Everywhere; in many different locations
112	<b>All Rights Reserved:</b> Said of a published work; all reproduction rights are asserted by the copyright holder
113	<b>All Roads Lead to Rome:</b> There is more than one effective way to do something; many different methods will produce the same result
114	<b>All Set:</b> Ready, prepared, finished
115	<b>All Sizzle And No Steak:</b> Failing to live up to advance promotion or reputation
116	<b>All Talk and No Trousers:</b> Prone to empty boasts
117	<b>All Told:</b> With everything taken into consideration
118	<b>All That Jazz:</b> Similar things, similar qualities, et cetera
119	<b>All The Marbles:</b> The entire prize or reward

120	<b>All The Rage:</b> Very fashionable
121	<b>All the Rage:</b> Very much in fashion
122	<b>All The Same:</b> Anyway; nevertheless; nonetheless.
123	<b>All The Tea In China:</b> Great wealth, a large payment
124	<b>All Things Being Equal:</b> In the event that all aspects of a situation remain the same
125	<b>All Things Considered:</b> Taking all factors into consideration
126	<b>All Thumbs:</b> Clumsy
127	<b>All Very Well:</b> True to a certain extent
128	<b>All Wet:</b> Completely mistaken
129	<b>Along The Lines Of:</b> In general accordance with, in the same general direction as
130	<b>Amateur Hour:</b> A display of incompetence
131	<b>Amber Gambler:</b> Someone who accelerates to try to cross an intersection before a traffic light turns red
132	<b>Amber Nectar:</b> Beer
133	<b>American Dream (The):</b> The belief among Americans that hard work leads to material success
134	<b>An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away:</b> Eating healthy foods will keep one from getting sick (and needing to see a doctor)
135	<b>An Axe:</b> To Grind A grievance, a disagreement with someone that justifies confrontation.
136	<b>An Early Bird:</b> A person who gets up early in the morning, or who starts work earlier than others.
137	<b>An Eye for an Eye:</b> Justice in which reparation or vengeance exactly matches the harm caused to the victim
138	<b>An Offer One Can't Refuse:</b> An extremely attractive offer
139	<b>Ancient History:</b> Something, such as a disagreement, that happened long ago and ought to be forgotten
140	<b>And All That:</b> Et cetera, and so on.
141	<b>And Counting:</b> And the number just mentioned is increasing (or decreasing)
142	<b>And Change:</b> And an additional amount of money that's less than the next round number

143	<b>And His Mother:</b> An intensifier for an inclusive noun or phrase such as everyone, everybody
144	<b>And So Forth:</b> Indicates that a list continues in a similar manner, etc.
145	<b>And So On:</b> Indicates that a list continues in a similar manner, etc.
146	<b>And The Like:</b> And other similar items, etc.
147	<b>And Then Some:</b> And even more than what has just been mentioned
148	<b>Another Nail In One's Coffin:</b> Something that leads to someone's death, literally or figuratively.
149	<b>Answer Back:</b> Respond impertinently; to talk back.
150	<b>Ants In Your Pants:</b> Restlessness
151	<b>Any Port in a Storm:</b> If you're in trouble, you'll turn to anything that improves the situation.
152	<b>Any Tom, Dick or Harry:</b> Any ordinary person
153	<b>Angel's Advocate:</b> Someone who takes a positive outlook on an idea or proposal
154	<b>Angle For:</b> Aim toward something, try to obtain something, often indirectly or secretly <b>Apple of One's Eye:</b> A favorite person or thing, a person especially
155	valued by someone
156	<b>Apple of Someone's Eye:</b> The person that someone loves most of all and is very proud of
157	<b>Apples and Oranges:</b> Of two different classes, not comparable
158	<b>Apples and Oranges:</b> Of two different classes, not comparable
159	<b>Arm Candy:</b> An attractive woman accompanying a powerful or famous man at a social event
160	<b>Armed to the Teeth:</b> Carrying many weapons
161	<b>Around the Clock:</b> At all times
162	<b>As American as Apple Pie:</b> Very or typically American
163	<b>As Far as I Can Throw (someone):</b> Only slightly
164	<b>As Fit as A Fiddle:</b> To be healthy and physically fit
165	<b>As Pale as A Ghost:</b> Extremely pale
166	<b>As Pale as Death:</b> Extremely pale
167	<b>As Poor as a Church Mouse:</b> Very poor

168	<b>As Red as A Cherry:</b> Very red
169	<b>Asleep at the Wheel (Switch):</b> not paying attention to one's work; not doing one's job diligently.
170	<b>At Death's Door:</b> Very near death
171	<b>At Each Other's Throats:</b> Constantly and strongly arguing
172	<b>At Loggerheads:</b> In a state of persistent disagreement
173	<b>At Loggerheads:</b> In a state of persistent disagreement.
174	<b>At Sixes and Sevens:</b> Someone is in a state of confusion or not very well organized.
175	<b>At the Drop of a Hat:</b> Spontaneously, suddenly
176	<b>At the Eleventh Hour:</b> It happens when it is almost too late.
177	<b>At the End of One's Rope (Tether):</b> Running out of endurance or patience
178	<b>At the End of the Day:</b> In the final analysis; when all is said and done
179	<b>At Wit's End:</b> Frustrated because all measures to deal with something have failed

## Idioms (B)

List of English idioms that start with B.

180	<b>Babe In Arms:</b> A baby being carried
181	<b>Babe In The Woods:</b> An innocent, naive person
182	<b>Babe Magnet:</b> A man to whom women are attracted
183	<b>Baby Blues:</b> Blue eyes.
184	<b>Baby Boomer:</b> A person born in the years following World War II, when there was a temporary marked increase in the birth rate
185	<b>Babysitter Test:</b> An evaluation of the ease of use of household appliances, especially remote control devices
186	<b>Back And Forth:</b> Dialogue, negotiations
187	<b>Back At You:</b> Same to you (used to return a greeting or insult)
188	<b>Back Burner (On The):</b> Not urgent; set aside until later
189	<b>Back Forty:</b> Remote, inaccessible land
190	<b>Back in the Day:</b> Formerly, when I was younger, in earlier times
191	<b>Back Of Beyond:</b> A remote location



192	<b>Back Office:</b> Support services for a business
193	<b>Back on One's Feet:</b> Physically healthy again
194	<b>Back to Square One:</b> Back to the start
195	<b>Back to Square One:</b> Forced to begin something again
196	<b>Back to the Drawing Board:</b> Forced to begin something again
197	<b>Back to the Salt Mine(s):</b> We have to go back to work.
198	<b>Back to the Salt Mines:</b> It's time for me (us) to go back to work
199	<b>Back the Wrong Horse:</b> To support the losing side
200	<b>Backing and Filling:</b> Delaying a decision by making small changes or arguing about small details
201	<b>Backseat Driver:</b> A passenger in a car who gives unwanted advice to the driver is called a backseat driver.
202	<b>Backseat Driver:</b> Someone who likes to give (often annoying) advice to the driver of a car, or the leader of some other enterprise
203	<b>Bad Apple:</b> A discontented, trouble making, or dishonest person
204	<b>Bad Blood:</b> Enmity or hatred that stems from something in the past
205	<b>Bad Egg:</b> Someone who is not to be trusted
206	<b>Bad Taste In One's Mouth:</b> Unease, a feeling that something unspecified is wrong in a situation
207	<b>Bag of Tricks:</b> A set of methods or resources
208	<b>Bail Out:</b> To rescue someone from a bad situation, to shield someone from the consequences of his or her actions
209	<b>Ball and Chain:</b> 1. One's spouse (derogatory but often affectionate); 2. an ongoing burden
210	<b>Ballpark Figure:</b> A rough estimate
211	<b>Banner Year:</b> A year marked by strong successes
212	<b>Bang for Your Buck:</b> Value for money
213	<b>Bang for Your Buck:</b> Value for your money
214	<b>Bang One's Head Against the Wall (Against a Brick Wall):</b> Try repeatedly to do something without making progress
215	<b>Baptism by Fire:</b> A difficult task given right after one has assumed new responsibilities
216	<b>Bar Fly (or Barfly):</b> Someone who spends much of his or her time in bars

217	<b>Bare One's Heart (Soul):</b> To confess one's deepest secrets <b>Bark Up the Wrong</b>
218	<b>Tree:</b> Pursue a mistaken approach or belief; be wrong in a course of action
219	<b>Basket Case:</b> So upset or stunned that one is unable to function; in a hopeless condition
220	<b>Bat/Play for Both Teams:</b> To be bisexual.
221	<b>Bat/Play for the Other Team:</b> To be homosexual.
222	<b>Batten Down the Hatches:</b> Prepare for a storm
223	<b>Batten Down the Hatches:</b> Prepare for a storm
224	<b>Be A Barrel of Laughs:</b> To be fun, funny, and pleasant.
225	<b>Be A Cold Day In Hell:</b> (Something that) will never happen
226	<b>Be An Item:</b> Two people are an item when they are having a romantic relationship
227	<b>Be Footloose and Fancy-Free:</b> To be free of responsibilities, including romantic commitments
228	<b>Be Head Over Heels (In love):</b> Be in love with somebody very much
229	<b>Be in Seventh Heaven:</b> Extremely happy
230	<b>Be in Two Minds (about something):</b> To not be certain about something, or to have difficulty in making a decision
231	<b>Be Like Chalk and Cheese:</b> Things or people who are very different and have nothing in common
232	<b>Be Lovey – Dovey:</b> Expressing your love in public by constantly kissing and hugging
233	<b>Be on the Mend:</b> Be improving after an illness
234	<b>Be Snowed Under:</b> Be extremely busy with work or things to do
235	<b>Bean Counters:</b> Accountants, finance professionals in an organization
236	<b>Bean Counters:</b> Accountants, finance professionals in an organization
237	<b>Beat Around the Bush:</b> To speak in a roundabout way in order to avoid confronting an unpleasant topic
238	<b>Beat Someone To The Draw:</b> To accomplish or obtain something more quickly than someone else
239	<b>Beat Someone to the Punch:</b> Do something before or faster than someone else

240	<b>Beat the Drum for (Something):</b> Speak in favor of something to try to generate support
241	<b>Beauty Is Only Skin Deep:</b> External appearance is a superficial basis for judging someone
242	<b>Bed of Roses:</b> A comfortable situation
243	<b>Bedroom Eyes:</b> An expression of the eyes that seems to invite sex
244	<b>Bee in One's Bonnet:</b> Someone who has a bee in their bonnet has an idea which constantly occupies their thoughts.
245	<b>Beggar Thy Neighbor:</b> To do something beneficial for oneself without worrying about how it affects others
246	<b>Behind the Eight (or 8) Ball:</b> At a serious disadvantage
247	<b>Behind the Scenes:</b> In a way not apparent to the public
248	<b>Behind the Times:</b> Old-fashioned
249	<b>Bell the Cat:</b> Take on a difficult or impossible task
250	<b>Bells And Whistles:</b> Attractive but unnecessary features of a product
251	<b>Belly Laugh:</b> Loud, hearty laughter
252	<b>Bend an Elbow:</b> Drink alcoholic beverages at a tavern
253	<b>Best (Greatest) Thing Since Sliced Bread:</b> An innovative development
254	<b>Best of Both Worlds:</b> Combining two qualities that are usually separate
255	<b>Bet One's Bottom Dollar (On Something):</b> Be certain that something will happen
256	<b>Bet the Farm:</b> Risk everything; spend all one's money on something in hopes of success
257	<b>Better late Than Never:</b> It implies that a belated achievement is better than not reaching a goal at all.
258	<b>Between a Rock and a Hard Place:</b> Caught between two undesirable options
259	<b>Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea:</b> In a difficult position
260	<b>Beyond the Pale:</b> Too morally or socially extreme to accept
261	<b>Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt:</b> Absolutely certain
262	<b>Big Apple:</b> An informal name for New York City
263	<b>Big Brother:</b> Government, viewed as an intrusive force in the lives of citizens; government spying

264	<b>Big Cheese:</b> An important person in a company or organization
265	<b>Big Deal:</b> An important event or accomplishment
266	<b>Big Fish:</b> An important person
267	<b>Big Picture:</b> A wide perspective; a broad view of something
268	<b>Big time:</b> If you do something big time, you do it to a great degree.
269	<b>Birds of a Feather:</b> People having similar characters, backgrounds, interests, or beliefs.
270	<b>Bird's-Eye View:</b> A view from above; a broad perspective on something
271	<b>Bite Off More Than You Can Chew:</b> Try to do more than one is capable of doing
272	<b>Bite the Bullet:</b> To do something even though it involves pain, discomfort, or difficulty
273	<b>Bite the Hand That Feeds You:</b> Act badly toward someone who has helped you
274	<b>Bitter Pill to Swallow:</b> An unpleasant fact that one must accept
275	<b>Black and White:</b> A clear distinction between good and bad, positive and negative
276	<b>Black Eye:</b> A mark of shame
277	<b>Black Sheep:</b> A person who does not fit into a group, especially a family
278	<b>Black-and-Blue:</b> Bruised, showing signs of having been physically harmed
279	<b>Blank Check:</b> Permission to spend or do whatever one wishes; carte blanche
280	<b>Blind Date:</b> When two people who have never seen each other before go on a date
281	<b>Blinded by Love:</b> When a person is so madly in love with somebody that they can't see the person's faults or negative characteristics
282	<b>Blood and Thunder:</b> A dramatic, spectacular performance
283	<b>Blow Away the Cobwebs:</b> If something blows away the cobwebs, it makes you feel more lively and refreshes your ideas.
284	<b>Blow Hot and Cold:</b> Shift one's level of enthusiasm repeatedly
285	<b>Blow Off Steam:</b> To express anger and frustration in a way that does no damage
286	<b>Blow One's Top:</b> Lose one's temper
287	<b>Blow One's Stack:</b> To lose one's temper and explode in anger

288	<b>Blow the Cobwebs Away (or Out of Something):</b> Make space for fresh ideas, encourage something new
289	<b>Blow the Whistle:</b> Reporting an illegal or unacceptable activity to the authorities
290	<b>Blow Up:</b> Explode
291	<b>Blow Your Own Trumpet:</b> Brag; emphasize one's own contributions
292	<b>Blue Blood</b> (adj. blue-blooded): Person of aristocratic background
293	<b>Blue Eyed Boy:</b> A person who is a favorite of those in authority; someone whose mistakes are forgiven
294	<b>Blue Light Special:</b> 1. a temporary sale at a discount store. 2. a traffic stop by the police.
295	<b>Bob's Your Uncle:</b> The rest is easy; you're almost finished
296	<b>Bolt From the Blue:</b> Something completely unexpected
297	<b>Bone Dry:</b> Completely dry, totally without moisture
298	<b>Born on The Wrong Side of the Blanket:</b> Born to parents who were not married
299	<b>Borrow Trouble:</b> Take needless risks, invite problems
300	<b>Bottom of the Barrel:</b> Low-quality choices
301	<b>Boy Toy:</b> A young man who is the lover of an older, often wealthier woman (see toyboy)
302	<b>Boys will be Boys:</b> A phrase of resignation used when boys get into trouble or are stereotypically reckless or rowdy
303	<b>Brainstorm:</b> To generate many ideas quickly
304	<b>Break a Leg:</b> Good luck! This is used for a stage performer-or for anyone else who is about to give some kind of a performance, such as an important speech
305	<b>Break Out in A Cold Sweat:</b> To perspire from fever or anxiety
306	<b>Break the Bank:</b> Exhaust one's financial resources
307	<b>Break The Ice:</b> To get something started, particularly by means of a social introduction or conversation
308	<b>Break up/ Split up (With Somebody):</b> End the relationship
309	<b>Bring Home the Bacon:</b> Earn money for one's family
310	<b>Bringing a Knife to a Gunfight:</b> Underequipped or unprepared

311	<b>Brush Under the Carpet:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
312	<b>Bucket List:</b> Things you want to see or do before you die
313	<b>Bull in a China Shop:</b> A clumsy or tactless person
314	<b>Bump in the Road:</b> A temporary problem, a small setback
315	<b>Bundle Up:</b> Put on lots of warm clothing
316	<b>Burn One's Bridges:</b> Leave a job or a relationship on such bad terms that one does not stay in contact
317	<b>Burn the Candle at Both Ends:</b> To work too hard, with possible bad consequences for one's health
318	<b>Burn the Candle at Both Ends:</b> Work very long hours
319	<b>Burn the Midnight Oil:</b> To work late into the night
320	<b>Burn the Midnight Oil:</b> Working late into the night
321	<b>Bury (Hide) One's Head In the Sand:</b> Ignoring something that's obviously wrong, not facing reality
322	<b>Bury the Hatchet:</b> Make peace, agree to end a dispute
323	<b>Business as Usual:</b> A normal situation (whether related to business or not), typically restored after some change
324	<b>Busman's Holiday (UK):</b> A working vacation
325	<b>Busman's Holiday:</b> A vacation where you do the same thing you do at work, a working vacation
326	<b>Busted Flush:</b> A failure, someone or something that seemed promising but did not develop well
327	<b>Butter Wouldn't Melt in (Someone's):</b> Mouth This person is cool in manner, prim and proper
328	<b>Buy a Pig in a Poke:</b> To buy something with no prior inspection
329	<b>Buy Time:</b> Cause a delay in something with the aim of improving one's position
330	<b>By a Whisker:</b> By a very short distance
331	<b>By All Means:</b> Of course, certainly
332	<b>By Hook or by Crook:</b> By some possibly dishonest means
333	<b>By the Skin of One's Teeth:</b> Barely escaping disaster
334	<b>By Word of Mouth:</b> Via personal communications rather than written media

## Idioms (C)

List of English idioms that start with C. **Call a Spade a Spade:** To speak frankly

335	and directly about a problem
336	<b>Call It a Day:</b> Decide that one has worked enough on something for the day
337	<b>Call It a Night:</b> End an evening's activities and go home
338	<b>Call the Shots:</b> Make the important decisions in an organization
339	<b>Call the Tune:</b> Making important decisions and controlling a situation.
340	<b>Can't See the Forest for the Trees:</b> Is unable to maintain a wider perspective
341	<b>Can't Swing A Dead Cat In (Place):</b> Without Hitting A (Thing) There are many examples of [thing] in this [place].
342	<b>Carrot-and-Stick (Approach):</b> A tactic in which rewards are offered, but there is also the threat of punishment
343	<b>Carry a Torch (for):</b> To continue to be in love with someone even after a relationship has ended
344	<b>Carry Coals To Newcastle:</b> Supply something that is unneeded; engage in useless labor
345	<b>Carry the Can:</b> To take the blame for something one did not do
346	<b>Cash In One's Chips:</b> 1. To take advantage of a quick profit 2. To die
347	<b>Cash-Strapped:</b> In need of money
348	<b>Cast the First Stone:</b> To be the first to criticize or attack someone
349	<b>Castle in the Air:</b> An impractical plan
350	<b>Cat Fight:</b> A fight between two women
351	<b>Cat Got Your Tongue?:</b> Don't you have anything to say?
352	<b>Cat on a hot tin roof:</b> Be extremely nervous
353	<b>Cat-and-Mouse (adj.):</b> In a toying way; playful in an unpleasant way
354	<b>Catch One's Death of Cold:</b> To become very ill (with a cold/flu etc.)
355	<b>Catch Some Rays:</b> To sit or lie outside in the sun
356	<b>Catch Someone's Eye:</b> Attract someone's attention
357	<b>Catch-22:</b> A difficult situation from which there is no escape because options for avoiding it involve contradictions
358	<b>Cat's Paw:</b> A person being used by someone else, a tool

359	<b>Caught Red-Handed:</b> Apprehended while committing a crime
360	<b>Circle the Wagons:</b> To prepare as a group to defend against attack, adopt a defensive posture
361	<b>Claim to Fame:</b> Unusual feature or offering
362	<b>Clean Up Nicely:</b> Look good when one is dressed up. Usually said of women
363	<b>Clear the Air:</b> Defuse tension, be honest about conflict so as to reduce it
364	<b>Clip Someone's Wings:</b> Reduce someone's privileges or freedom
365	<b>Close, But No Cigar:</b> You are very close but not quite correct.
366	<b>Cock and Bull Story:</b> A far-fetched story, probably untrue
367	<b>Cock-A-Hoop:</b> Elated, excited
368	<b>Cold Day in Hell:</b> A condition for something that would be extremely unlikely to occur
369	<b>Come By Something Honestly:</b> Acquire something honestly, or inherit it
370	<b>Come Clean:</b> To confess; to admit to wrongdoing
371	<b>Come Hell or High Water:</b> No matter what happens
372	<b>Come Out in the Wash:</b> To be resolved with no lasting negative effect
373	<b>Come Out of the Closet:</b> Reveal a secret about oneself, usually that one is gay (homosexual)
374	<b>Come Out Swinging:</b> Respond to something very aggressively
375	<b>Come Rain and Shine:</b> Do regularly, whatever the circumstances
376	<b>Come to Grips With:</b> To acknowledge a problem as a prelude to dealing with it
377	<b>Come to Terms With (Something):</b> Feel acceptance toward something bad that has happened
378	<b>Coming Down the Pike:</b> Likely to occur in the near future
379	<b>Cook Someone's Goose:</b> To insure someone's defeat, to frustrate someone's plans
380	<b>Cook Up a Storm:</b> Cook a great deal of food
381	<b>Cooking Up a Storm:</b> Cooking a great deal of food
382	<b>Cool as A Cucumber:</b> Calm and composed even in difficult or frustrating situations; self-possessed
383	<b>Cool Cat:</b> Someone who has the respect of their peers in a young, casual way.



384	<b>Cool Your Heels:</b> Wait	<b>Couch Potato:</b> A lazy person who watches a great
385	deal of television	<b>Crash a Party:</b> To attend a party without being invited
386	<b>Crickets:</b> Silence	<b>Cross to Bear:</b> A problem one must deal with over a long
387	time, a heavy	
	burden	
388	<b>Crunch Time:</b> A period of high pressure when one has to work hard to finish	something
389	<b>Crunch the Numbers:</b> Do calculations before making a decision or prediction	
390	<b>Cry Over Spilt (USA: Spilled):</b> Milk To waste energy moaning about	something that has already happened
391	<b>Cry Wolf (verb):</b> To issue a false alarm, to ask for help when none is needed	
	<b>Cry Your Eyes Out:</b> Cry hard for a very long time	
392	<b>Cry Your Eyes Out:</b> Cry hard for a very long time	
393	<b>Curiosity Killed The Cat:</b> Stop asking questions, don't be too curious	
394	<b>Cut (Someone) To the Quick:</b> To deeply hurt someone emotionally	
395	<b>Cut Corners:</b> Economize by reducing quality; take shortcuts	
396	<b>Cut It Fine:</b> To do something at the last moment	
397	<b>Cut Off Your Nose to Spite Your Face:</b> To act in a proud way that ultimately	
398	damages your own cause	
	<b>Cut Someone Some Slack:</b> Avoid treating someone strictly or severely	
399	<b>Cut to the Chase:</b> Get to the point; explain the most important part of	
400	something quickly; skip the preliminaries	
	<b>Cut the Gordian Knot:</b> To solve a complex problem in a simple way	
401	<b>Cut the Mustard:</b> Do something adequately	
402	<b>Cut Your Teeth on Something:</b> To learn basic skills in a field	
403	<b>Cutting-Edge:</b> Very novel, innovative	
404	<b>Champagne taste on a beer budget:</b> Expensive or extravagant tastes or	
405	preferences that are beyond one's economic means.	
	<b>Change Horses in Midstream:</b> Change plans or leaders in the middle of a	
406	process	
	<b>Change of Heart:</b> A change in one's opinion or outlook	
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409	<b>Change One's Tune:</b> To alter one's opinion about something.
410	<b>Changing of the Guard:</b> A change in leadership at an organization
411	<b>Chase Rainbows:</b> To pursue unrealistic goals
412	<b>Cheap Shot:</b> An unfair attack; a statement that unfairly attacks someone's weakness
413	<b>Cherry-Pick:</b> To present evidence selectively to one's own advantage
414	<b>Cherry-Pick:</b> To select the best or most desirable
415	<b>Chew the Fat:</b> Chat for a considerable length of time
416	<b>Chickens Come Home To Roost:</b> The negative consequences of previous actions reveal themselves
417	<b>Child's Play:</b> A very easy task
418	<b>Chill Out:</b> Do something that helps them to calm down and relax for a while.
419	<b>Chin Music:</b> Meaningless talk
420	<b>Chin Up/ Keep Your Chin Up:</b> Cheer up; try to be cheerful and strong
421	<b>Chip off the Old Block:</b> Someone who resembles a direct ancestor, usually the father
422	<b>Chomp (Champ) at the Bit:</b> Be eager to do something
423	<b>Chomp at the Bit:</b> To be eager to do something
424	<b>Chop Chop:</b> Quickly, without delay
425	<b>Chop Shop:</b> A shop where stolen cars are disassembled for parts
426	<b>Chuck a Wobbly:</b> To act in an emotional way

## Idioms (D)

List of English idioms that start with D.

427	<b>Da Man (Slang):</b> An accomplished or skillful person. Generally used in the compliment ""You da man!""
428	<b>Dance to Someone's Tune:</b> Consistently follow someone's directions or influence
429	<b>Dance with the Devil:</b> Knowingly do something immoral
430	<b>Dark Horse:</b> A surprise candidate or competitor, especially one who comes from behind to make a strong showing

431	<b>Darken Someone's Door (Step):</b> Make an unwanted visit to someone's home
432	<b>Dead Ahead:</b> Directly ahead, either in a literal or a figurative sense
433	<b>Dead as the Dodo:</b> Completely extinct; totally gone
434	<b>Dead Eye:</b> A good shooter, a good marksman
435	<b>Dead Heat:</b> An exact tie in a race or competition
436	<b>Dead of Winter:</b> The coldest, darkest part of winter
437	<b>Dead ringer:</b> Very similar in appearance
438	<b>Dead Run:</b> Running as fast as possible
439	<u>Dead Shot: A good shooter, a good marksman</u>
440	<b>Deep Pockets:</b> The new owner has deep pockets, so fans are hoping the football team will improve next year with new players
441	<b>Deliver the Goods:</b> Provide what is expected
442	<b>Devil's Advocate:</b> Someone who argues a point not out of conviction, but in order to air various points of view
443	<b>Dirty Look:</b> A facial manner that signifies disapproval
444	<b>Do 12-Ounce Curls:</b> Drink beer
445	<b>Dodge a Bullet:</b> To narrowly escape disaster
446	<b>Doesn't Amount to a Hill of Beans:</b> Is unimportant, is negligible
447	<b>Dog Days of the Summer:</b> The hottest day of summer
448	<b>Dog in the Manger:</b> A person who prevents others from using something, even though the person himself or herself does not want it
449	<b>Dog-and-Pony Show:</b> A flashy presentation, often in a marketing context
450	<b>Dog-Eat-Dog:</b> Intensely competitive
451	<b>Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover:</b> Don't be deceived by looks; don't rely on looks when judging someone or something
452	<b>Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk:</b> Don't worry about minor things.
453	<b>Don't Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth:</b> Do not question the value of a gift. The expression comes from the practice of determining the age and health of a horse by looking at its teeth.
454	<b>Double-Dip:</b> Improperly get income from two different sources
455	<b>Double-Edged Sword:</b> Something that can be helpful or harmful; something beneficial that also has a downside
456	<b>Down in the Dumps:</b> Depressed, sad

457	<b>Down the Road:</b> In the future (in your lifetime)
458	<b>Drag One's Feet (or Heels):</b> To do something reluctantly and slowly
459	<b>Drag Your Feet:</b> Do something very reluctantly; delay doing something
460	<b>Drain the Lizard:</b> Urinate
461	<b>Draw a Blank:</b> Be unable to remember something
462	<b>Draw a Line in the Sand:</b> Issue an ultimatum; specify an absolute limit in a conflict
463	<b>Draw a Line Under (Something):</b> To conclude something and move on to something else
464	<b>Draw a Long Bow:</b> Exaggerate, lie
465	<b>Draw the Line:</b> To set a limit to what one will accept
466	<b>Dressed Up to the Nines:</b> Someone is wearing very smart or glamorous clothes
467	<b>Drink the Kool-Aid:</b> Accept a set of ideas uncritically, often dangerous ones
468	<b>Drive a Hard Bargain:</b> To arrange a transaction so that it benefits oneself.
469	<b>Drive a Hard Bargain:</b> To negotiate effectively
470	<b>Drive a Wedge Between:</b> Try to split factions of a united group by introducing an issue on which they disagree
471	<b>Drive Someone Up the Wall:</b> Deeply irritate someone
472	<b>Drop a Line:</b> To write a letter or send an email
473	<b>Drop the Ball:</b> Fail to fulfill one's responsibilities; make a mistake
474	<b>Dry Run:</b> A practice execution of a procedure
475	<b>Dutch Courage:</b> Alcohol drunk with the intention of working up the nerve to do something
476	<b>Dutch Uncle:</b> A highly critical person
477	<b>Dyed-In-The-Wool (adj.):</b> Consistent in an affiliation or opinion over a long period; inveterate

## Idioms (E)

List of English idioms that start with E.

478	<b>Eager beaver:</b> The term eager beaver refers to a person who is hardworking and enthusiastic, sometimes considered overzealous.
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479	<b>Eagle-Eyed:</b> Having sharp vision
480	<b>Early Bird [noun or adjective]:</b> Someone who does something prior to the usual time, or someone who gets up early.
481	<b>Eat Crow:</b> To admit one was wrong, and accept humiliation
482	<b>Eat Humble Pie:</b> To admit defeat or error, to accept humiliation
483	<b>Eat Someone's Lunch:</b> Defeat someone thoroughly
484	<b>Eat Your Heart Out!:</b> (excl.) Go ahead, be jealous.
485	<b>Eighty-Six (v.):</b> 1) Discard, eliminate. 2) Throw someone out of a bar or store.
486	<b>Elephant in the Room:</b> A major problem that no one is talking about
487	<b>Elevator Music:</b> Pleasant but boring recorded music that is played in public places.
488	<b>Elevator Pitch:</b> A brief presentation of an idea, one short enough to be delivered in an elevator
489	<b>Eleventh Hour:</b> The last minute
490	<b>Even Steven:</b> Owing nothing; tied (in a game)
491	<b>Every Dog Has His (Its):</b> Day Everyone has a moment of fame, power, or influence
492	<b>Every Man and His Dog:</b> Many people
493	<b>Every Man for Himself:</b> Pursue your own interests; don't expect help from others.
494	<b>Excused Boots:</b> Allowed to avoid mandatory tasks

## Idioms (F)

List of English idioms that start with F. **Face the Music:** Dealing with

495	consequences of one's actions
496	<b>Face the Music:</b> To accept judgment or punishment
497	<b>Fall for Something:</b> Hook, Line, and Sinker To be completely deceived
498	<b>Fall in Love with Somebody:</b> Start feeling love towards somebody
499	<b>Fall Off the Wagon:</b> To begin using alcohol (or another problem substance) after quitting
500	<b>Fall on One's Sword:</b> To accept blame; to sacrifice oneself

501	<b>Fall Prey to:</b> Be victimized by; be harmed by; be vulnerable to
502	<b>Fancy Someone (British English):</b> To find someone very attractive
503	<b>Farther (On) Down the Road:</b> Later, at some unspecified time
504	<b>Farther (On) Down the Road:</b> Later, at some unspecified time
505	<b>Fashion-Forward:</b> Tending to adopt new styles quickly
506	<b>Fat Cat:</b> A highly placed, well-paid executive
507	<b>Father Figure:</b> A mentor, a person who offers guidance
508	<b>Feast Your Eyes On:</b> To take great pleasure in looking at someone or something
509	<b>Feather in One's Cap:</b> An achievement for which one is recognized; a noteworthy achievement
510	<b>Feather One's (Own) Nest:</b> Use one's influence or power improperly for financial gain
511	<b>Feather One's Nest:</b> To take advantage of one's position to benefit oneself
512	<b>Fed Up With:</b> Refusing to tolerate something any further; out of patience
513	<b>Feel Like a Million Dollars:</b> To feel great, to feel well and healthy.
514	<b>Feel On Top of The World:</b> To feel very healthy
515	<b>Fell off a Truck:</b> Probably stolen or illicitly obtained; said of something offered for sale to avoid discussing its origins
516	<b>Fell off the Back of a Lorry:</b> Probably stolen or illicitly obtained; said of something offered for sale to avoid discussing its origins
517	<b>Fifteen Minutes of Fame:</b> Temporary renown
518	<b>Fifth Wheel:</b> A superfluous person
519	<b>Fight Fire with Fire:</b> Use the same measures that are being used against you, even if they're stronger than you would usually use
520	<b>Fight Like Cat and Dog:</b> Continually arguing with each other
521	<b>Find One's Voice:</b> Become more confident in expressing oneself
522	<b>Find Your Feet:</b> To adjust to a new place or situation
523	<b>Finger-Pointing:</b> Blame; a situation within a group where each member attempts to blame others
524	<b>Finger-Pointing:</b> Blame; a situation within a group where each member
525	attempts to blame others <b>Fire in the Belly:</b> strong ambition

526	<b>First In, Best Dressed:</b> The first people to do something will have an advantage
527	<b>Fish for Compliments:</b> Try to manipulate people into praising you
528	<b>Fish or Cut Bait</b> (usually an exclamation): Make a decision or give someone else a chance
529	<b>Fish Out of Water:</b> A person who is in unfamiliar, confusing surroundings
530	<b>Five-Finger Discount:</b> Shoplifting
531	<b>Flash in the Pan:</b> A one-time occurrence, not a permanent phenomenon
532	<b>Flat Broke:</b> Having no money at all
533	<b>Flat Out Like a Lizard:</b> Drinking Very busy
534	<b>Flesh and Blood:</b> Blood relatives, close relatives
535	<b>Flew the Coop:</b> Left, escaped
536	<b>Flip-Flop</b> (v. or n.): To vacillate between two choices, to be indecisive
537	<b>Fly by the Seat of One's Pants:</b> To improvise, to make decisions without planning or preparation
538	<b>Fly High:</b> Be very successful, especially temporarily
539	<b>Fly Off The Handle:</b> Lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly
540	<b>Fly off the Handle:</b> To become suddenly enraged
541	<b>Follow In Someone's Footsteps (Tracks):</b> Follow the example laid down by someone else; supplant
542	<b>Follow Your Heart:</b> Rely on one's deeper feelings and instincts when making a decision
543	<b>Food for Thought:</b> Something that makes you think carefully
544	<b>For a Song:</b> At very low cost
545	<b>For a Song:</b> At very low cost
546	<b>For Crying Out Loud (excl.):</b> An expression of extreme annoyance
547	<b>For Xyz Reasons:</b> For multiple reasons, not worth specifying individually
548	<b>Foul Play:</b> Crime, typically murder
549	<b>Fourth Estate:</b> The media and newspapers
550	<b>Fox in the Henhouse (Chickenhouse):</b> Someone who causes trouble
551	<b>Freak Out:</b> A wildly irrational reaction or spell of behavior
552	<b>French Leave:</b> Absence without permission

553	<b>Freudian Slip:</b> Accidental use of an incorrect word; a revealing slip of the tongue
554	<b>From Pillar to Post:</b> From one place to another, in a forced, random way
555	<b>From Scratch:</b> From individual ingredients, not using a prepared mix
556	<b>From Soup to Nuts:</b> Everything; from beginning to end
557	<b>From the Bottom of One's Heart:</b> Sincerely and with deep feeling
558	<b>FUBAR:</b> Hopelessly ruined, not working, messed up.
559	<b>Fu** (Or Screw) The Dog (Pooch):</b> To make an embarrassing error
560	<b>Full Fathom Five:</b> Lost deep in the sea
561	<b>Full of the Joys of Spring:</b> Very happy, enthusiastic and full of energy

## Idioms (G)

List of English idioms that start with G.

562	<b>Game of Chicken:</b> A conflict situation in which neither side will back down for
563	ear of seeming cowardly (chicken)
564	<b>Get A Charley Horse:</b> To develop a cramp in the arm or the leg
565	<b>Get A Word In Edgewise:</b> Be able to say something while someone else is
566	talking a lot
567	<b>Get Along (with Someone):</b> To have a satisfactory relationship
568	<b>Get Bent Out of Shape:</b> Become angry, upset
569	<b>Get Carried Away:</b> Become overly enthusiastic
570	<b>Get In on the Ground Floor:</b> Invest in or join something while it is still small
571	<b>Get in Shape:</b> Undertake a program of physical conditioning; exercise
572	regularly <b>Get Off Scot Free:</b> Be accused of wrongdoing but pay no penalty at all
573	<b>Get Off Scot Free:</b> Be accused of wrongdoing but pay no penalty at all
574	<b>Get One's Ducks in a Row:</b> Have everything organized; get oneself organized
575	<b>Get One's Hands Dirty:</b> To do the unpleasant parts of a job
576	<b>Get Someone's Goat:</b> To irritate someone deeply
576	<b>Get To Grips With:</b> To begin to understand and deal with something
	<b>Get the Ball Rolling:</b> Do something to begin a process



577	<b>Get the Picture:</b> Understand what's happening
578	<b>Get the Runaround:</b> Be given an unclear or evasive answer to a question
579	<b>Get the Sack, Be Sacked:</b> To be fired
580	<b>Get the Third Degree:</b> To be questioned in great detail about something
581	<b>Get Wind of:</b> Hear about
582	<b>Get With the Program:</b> Figure out what everyone else already knows. Often used sarcastically, as a command
583	<b>Go Along (With):</b> Agree to something, often provisionally
584	<b>Go Ape:</b> Express wild excitement or anger
585	<b>Go Ballistic:</b> Fly into a rage
586	<b>Go Bananas:</b> To become irrational or crazy
587	<b>Go Bananas:</b> To become irrational or crazy
588	<b>Go Belly Up:</b> To go bankrupt
589	<b>Go Berserk:</b> To go crazy
590	<b>Go Bonkers:</b> To be or become wild, restless, irrational, or crazy; to act in such a way
591	<b>Go Cold Turkey:</b> Stop using an addictive substance suddenly, without tapering off
592	<b>Go Down in Flames:</b> Fail in a spectacular way
593	<b>Go Mental:</b> To suddenly become extremely angry
594	<b>Go Nuclear:</b> Use an extreme measure; because extremely angry
595	<b>Go Nuts:</b> To become crazy
596	<b>Go Off Half-Cocked:</b> To say or do something prematurely, with a negative effect
597	<b>Go Off the Deep End:</b> To unexpectedly become very angry, especially without a good reason
598	<b>Go Off The Rails:</b> To go wrong, to begin acting strangely or badly
599	<b>Go Out on a Limb:</b> Assert something that may not be true; put oneself in a vulnerable position
600	<b>Go Pear-Shaped:</b> To fail; to go wrong
601	<b>Go See a Man About a Dog:</b> Go to the bathroom (said as a euphemism)
602	<b>Go to the Dogs:</b> To become disordered, to decay
603	<b>Go to the Mattresses:</b> To go to into battle

604	<b>Go the Extra Mile:</b> Put forth greater-than-expected effort
605	<b>Go Under the Knife:</b> Undergo surgery <b>Go Viral:</b> Begin To spread rapidly on the
606	Internet
607	<b>Go with the Flow:</b> To accept the way things naturally seem to be going <b>Grab</b>
608	<b>(Take) the Bull by the Horns:</b> To begin forthrightly to deal with a problem
609	<b>Grasp (Grab) at Straws:</b> To take desperate actions with little hope of success
610	<b>Grease Monkey:</b> A mechanic, especially an auto mechanic
611	<b>Grease the Wheels:</b> Do something to make an operation run smoothly
612	<b>Greasy Spoon:</b> An inexpensive restaurant that fries foods on a grill
613	<b>Green Around the Gills:</b> To look sick
614	<b>Green as Grass:</b> Lacking training, naive; often said of young people in new jobs <b>Grind One's Teeth:</b> Be very annoyed or angry about something without
615	being able to say anything about it.
616	<b>Guilty Pleasure:</b> Enjoying something which is not generally held in high regard, while at the same time feeling a bit guilty about it, is called a guilty pleasure.
617	<b>Guinea Pig:</b> A test subject, a person who is used as a test to see if something will work <b>Give and Take:</b> Negotiations, the process of compromise
618	<b>Give 'em Hell (often excl.):</b> Express something passionately to a group
619	<b>Give Lip Service to:</b> Talk about supporting something without taking any
620	concrete action
621	<b>Give Lip Service:</b> to Talk about supporting something without taking any concrete action
622	<b>Give One's Two Cents (That's My Two Cents):</b> Offer an opinion, suggest something
623	<b>Give Someone a Holler:</b> Contact someone
624	<b>Give Someone a Piece of Your Mind:</b> Angrily tell someone what you think
625	<b>Give Someone a Run for Their Money:</b> Compete effectively with the leader in a particular field
626	<b>Give Someone an Earful:</b> angrily express an opinion to someone

627	<b>Give Someone the Cold Shoulder:</b> act hostile toward someone; to ignore, snub
628	<b>Give Someone The Old Heave-Ho:</b> Fire someone, remove someone from a group or team
629	<b>Give Something a Whirl:</b> Attempt something without being totally familiar with it
630	<b>Give the Green Light:</b> Approve something; allow something to proceed

## Idioms (H)

List of English idioms that start with H.

631	<b>Hail Mary (n. or adj.):</b> A desperate, last-ditch attempt
632	<b>Hair of the Dog (That Bit You):</b> A small amount of the alcoholic beverage that caused your hangover
633	<b>Hands are Tied:</b> You are prevented from doing something. It is not within your power
634	<b>Hands Down:</b> Undoubtedly
635	<b>Hang It Up:</b> To retire, to end an activity one has pursued for a long time
636	<b>Hang Tough:</b> Maintain one's resolve
637	<b>Hanging by a Thread:</b> In great danger of elimination or failure
638	<b>Happy-Go-Lucky:</b> If you are a happy-go-lucky person, you are cheerful and carefree all the time.
639	<b>Hard Nut to Crack:</b> A difficult problem or a difficult person
640	<b>Has the Cat Got Your Tongue?:</b> Why are you not saying anything?
641	<b>Hat Trick:</b> Scoring three goals in hockey or soccer (football), or accomplishing three of anything.
642	<b>Hatchet Job:</b> A strong attack on someone's reputation; intentionally destructive criticism; calumny
643	<b>Haul Over the Coals:</b> To scold someone severely
644	<b>Have (one's) head in the clouds:</b> Not know what is happening around you or out of touch with reality
645	<b>Have A Ball:</b> To have a very enjoyable time

646	<b>Have a Bone to Pick (with Someone):</b> To want to discuss something someone has done that has angered or annoyed you.
647	<b>Have a Bone to Pick (with Someone):</b> To want to discuss something someone has done that has angered or annoyed you.
648	<b>Have a Chip on One's Shoulder:</b> To harbor resentment; to have an angry attitude
649	<b>Have a Dog in the Hunt (Fight, Race):</b> To support a certain person in a competition
650	<b>Have a Lead Foot:</b> A tendency to drive very fast
651	<b>Have a Lot on One's Plate:</b> Be busy, be in the middle of many ongoing tasks
652	<b>Have a Lot Riding On (Something):</b> Be depending on the successful outcome or development of something
653	<b>Have a Nose for (Something):</b> To have natural ability at something, a talent for finding something
654	<b>Have a Screw Loose:</b> Be slightly unbalanced or crazy
655	<b>Have a Tough Row to Hoe:</b> Be faced with a task that is difficult because of unfavorable conditions
656	<b>Have A Whale of A Time:</b> To enjoy yourself very much
657	<b>Have an Ace Up One's Sleeve:</b> To have a hidden advantage
658	<b>Have Bigger Fish to Fry:</b> Have more important things to do
659	<b>Have Egg on Your Face:</b> They are made to look foolish or embarrassed
660	<b>Have Foot-in-Mouth Disease:</b> To embarrass oneself through a silly mistake
661	<b>Have Hand of Aces/Hold All the Aces:</b> To be in a very strong position in a competition
662	<b>Have It Out with Someone:</b> To have an argument with someone in order to settle a dispute
663	<b>Have One Foot in The Grave:</b> To be near death (usually because of old age or illness)
664	<b>Have One Over the Eight:</b> A person is slightly drunk.
665	<b>Have One Too Many:</b> Drink too much alcohol
666	<b>Have One's Cake and Eat It, Too:</b> To want two incompatible things (usually used in the negative)
667	<b>Have Skin in the Game:</b> Be risking something in an undertaking

668	<b>Have Something in the Bag:</b> Be certain to win <b>Have the Hots for</b>
669	<b>(Somebody):</b> To be (sexually) attracted to somebody <b>Have the Hots for</b>
670	<b>Somebody:</b> Finding somebody extremely attractive <b>Have The Time of Your</b>
671	<b>Life:</b> If you have the time of our life, you enjoy yourself very much.
672	<b>Have the Time of Your Life:</b> To have a very fun, exciting, or enjoyable time
673	<b>Have Your Nose in the Air:</b> Have a snobbish or disdainful attitude
674	<b>Have Your Say:</b> Express your opinion on something
675	<b>Have Your Thumb Up Your Ass:</b> Have nothing to do
676	<b>He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best:</b> Being victorious is often a matter of simply surviving a conflict
677	<b>He Would Put Legs Under A Chicken:</b> He will talk your head off; he is very talkative
678	<b>Head (Go) South:</b> Decline, get worse
679	<b>Head and Shoulders Above:</b> Far superior to
680	<b>Head and Shoulders:</b> Above Far superior to
681	<b>Head Start:</b> An advantage over everyone else
682	<b>Heads Up (excl.):</b> Get ready! Be prepared
683	<b>Heads Up!:</b> Be careful!
684	<b>Heads Will Roll (Are Going to Roll):</b> People will be fired
685	<b>Heads Will Roll (Are Going to Roll):</b> People will be fired
686	<b>Hear (Something) Through the Grapevine:</b> To learn something via gossip
687	<b>Heart and Soul:</b> With all one's energy or affection
688	<b>Heavens Open:</b> Start to rain heavily
689	<b>Heavy Hitter:</b> A powerful, influential person
690	<b>Helicopter Parenting:</b> Overattentive child-raising
691	<b>Hell for Leather:</b> Very fast, as fast as possible
692	<b>High as a Kite:</b> Strongly under the influence of drugs or intoxicants
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695	<b>Hightail It (Out of There):</b> Flee
696	<b>Highways and Byways:</b> You take large and small roads to visit every part of the country.

697	<b>Hit a Wall:</b> suddenly stop making forward progress <b>Hit It Out of the Park:</b>
698	Succeed brilliantly <b>Hit the Books:</b> To study (generally said of students <b>Hit the</b>
699	<b>Ground Running:</b> To begin a job or project with no learning or
700	training period needed
	<b>Hit the Hay:</b> To go to bed
701	<b>Hit the Jackpot:</b> Do something that brings great success
702	<b>Hit the Nail on the Head:</b> To be absolutely correct (said of an utterance)
703	<b>Hit the Road:</b> To leave
704	<b>Hit the Roof:</b> Explode in rage; become extremely angry
705	<b>Hit the Roof:</b> To become very angry
706	<b>Hit the Sack:</b> To go to bed
707	<b>Hit the Spot:</b> Be very satisfying (said of something eaten)
708	<b>Hive Mind:</b> The knowledge of humans as a group
709	<b>Hobson's Choice:</b> A choice among bad options
710	<b>Hold One's Liquor:</b> Be able to drink a large amount without being affected
711	<b>Hold One's Peace:</b> Be silent
712	<b>Hold the Phone:</b> Wait a moment (whether you're on the phone or not)
713	<b>Hold the Phone:</b> Wait a moment (whether you're on the phone or not)
714	<b>Hold Your Horses (generally excl.):</b> Stop; restrain yourself; don't be so
715	excited
	<b>Home Away from Home:</b> A habitual hangout; a place one frequents often
716	and where one feels welcome
717	<b>Home Truths:</b> Honest, often painful criticism
	<b>Honor System:</b> A system of payments that relies on the honesty of those
718	paying
719	<b>Hot Mess:</b> Something or someone in a state of extreme disorder
720	<b>Hot on the Heels (of):</b> In close pursuit
721	<b>Hot on the Heels (of):</b> In close pursuit
722	<b>Hot Potato:</b> A controversial subject or difficult project that is best avoided

## Idioms (I)

List of English idioms that start with I.

723	<b>I Wouldn't Put It Past (Someone):</b> I think it's quite possible that [this person] would do this.
724	<b>If It Had Been a Snake, It Would Have Bitten Me:</b> It was very obvious, but I missed it.
725	<b>If the Shoe Fits, Wear It:</b> If this description of you is accurate, accept it.
726	<b>I'm All Ears:</b> You have my attention, so you should talk
727	<b>In a Fog:</b> Confused, not mentally alert
728	<b>In a Heartbeat:</b> Immediately. This is especially used in hypothetical situations
729	<b>In a Jam:</b> In need of help, in a difficult spot
730	<b>In a New York Minute:</b> Very quickly
731	<b>In a Nutshell:</b> Expressed in a few words
732	<b>In a Pickle:</b> In need of help, in a difficult spot
733	<b>In a Rut:</b> Confined by routine, bored and seeking new experiences
734	<b>In Broad Daylight:</b> When something occurs in broad daylight, it means the event is clearly visible
735	<b>In Clover:</b> Benefiting from a positive financial situation
736	<b>In For a Penny, In for a Pound:</b> Committed to something even though the risks are increasing
737	<b>In Full Swing:</b> When something, such as an event, gets into full swing, it is at its busiest or liveliest time.
738	<b>In His Cups:</b> Drunk
739	<b>In Hot Water:</b> In need of help; in trouble
740	<b>In One Fell Swoop:</b> All at once, in a single action
741	<b>In One's Element:</b> In a situation which is entirely suitable, familiar, or enjoyable.
742	<b>In Someone's Wheelhouse:</b> In someone's strongest area of competence or enthusiasm
743	<b>In Touch:</b> In contact
744	<b>In the Blink of an Eye:</b> Quickly, seemingly instantaneously
745	<b>In the Cards:</b> Likely; likely to occur
746	<b>In the Crosshairs (Cross Hairs):</b> Targeted for blame or criticism
747	<b>In the Dark:</b> Not informed

748	<b>In the Dark:</b> Unaware of something
749	<b>In the Driver's Seat:</b> In a dominant position, in control
750	<b>In the Hot Seat:</b> Undergoing criticism or scrutiny; under pressure publicly
751	<b>In the Interim:</b> It denotes a period of time between something that ended and something that happened afterwards
752	<b>In the Limelight, In the Spotlight:</b> Receiving large amounts of publicity or attention
753	<b>In the Long Run:</b> Over an extended period of time
754	<b>In the Nick of Time:</b> Just in time; with no time to spare
755	In the opinion of the speaker, a person has just spent money unnecessarily and is, therefore, a fool.
756	<b>In the Pipeline:</b> Being prepared for the marketplace, being worked on
757	<b>In the Red:</b> Losing money; (of a market index) below a specified starting point
758	<b>In the Same Boat:</b> In a similar situation; similarly vulnerable
759	<b>In the Toilet:</b> In disastrous condition
760	<b>In the Works:</b> Under development; coming soon
761	<b>Iron Out (Problems, Difficulties):</b> To resolve
762	<b>Is the Pope Catholic?:</b> Isn't the answer obvious?
763	<b>It Never Rains but It Pours:</b> Bad luck and bad things tend to happen at the same time
764	<b>It Takes Two to Tango:</b> When something goes wrong involving two people, it's likely that they share the blame; cooperation is necessary
765	<b>It Takes Two to Tango:</b> You say this when you think that a difficult situation or argument cannot be the fault of one person alone.
766	<b>It Won't Fly:</b> It won't work; it won't be approved.
767	<b>Itchy Feet:</b> A person who has itchy feet is someone who finds it difficult to stay in one place and likes to travel and discover new places.
768	<b>It's a Wash:</b> A positive and a negative development cancel each other out, so the situation has neither improved nor gotten worse
769	<b>It's All Greek to Me:</b> It is unintelligible, impossible to understand
770	<b>It's No Skin off My (Your) Nose (Back):</b> The outcome will not affect me personally



771	<b>It's Not Over Till the Fat Lady Sings:</b> Do not give up too soon; things may improve.
772	<b>It's Not Rocket Science:</b> It's not difficult to understand.
773	<b>I've Had It Up to Here:</b> My patience is almost exhausted.

## Idioms (J)

List of common English idioms that start with J.

774	<b>Jack of All Trades:</b> A person with a wide variety of skills
775	<b>Jam Session:</b> Playing improvised music in an informal setting
776	<b>Jim Crow:</b> The system of racial segregation in the American South prior to the American civil rights movement.
777	<b>Join the Club (excl.):</b> I feel sympathy for you because I have experienced something similar.
778	<b>Jump in with Both Feet:</b> Begin a new experience wholeheartedly
779	<b>Jump on the Bandwagon:</b> To follow a trend or craze
780	<b>Jump on the Bandwagon:</b> To follow a trend; follow the crowd
781	<b>Jump the Gun:</b> Start doing something too soon
782	<b>Jump the Shark:</b> To pass peak quality and begin to decline. Often used to describe television programs or movie series.
783	<b>Jump the Track:</b> To shift suddenly from one activity or line of thought to another
784	<b>Jump Through Hoops:</b> Complete a series of tasks in order to satisfy someone
785	<b>Just Around the Corner:</b> Occurring soon
786	<b>Just for the Record:</b> I would like to make it clear that ...
787	<b>Just What the Doctor Ordered:</b> Exactly the thing that is or was needed to help improve something or make one feel better

## Idioms (K)

List of common English idioms that start with K.

788	<b>Kangaroo Court:</b> A court of law where proper procedures are not followed at all; a sham judicial proceeding
789	<b>Keep (Something) at Bay:</b> Maintain a distance from something or someone
790	<b>Keep a Stiff Upper Lip:</b> Control one's emotions; not give in to fear or grief
791	<b>Keep an Eye On:</b> To keep an eye on something or someone is to watch it periodically, to keep it under surveillance.
792	<b>Keep an Eye Peeled:</b> Be observant; watch out for something
793	<b>Keep It Under Your Hat:</b> Don't tell anyone; don't reveal this secret
794	<b>Keep Someone at Arm's Length:</b> Avoid close interaction or cooperation
795	<b>Keep Your Nose Clean:</b> Avoid trouble or situations that compromise one's honesty
796	<b>Keep Your Powder Dry:</b> Do not attack until you are ready.
797	<b>Keeping One's Nose to the Grindstone:</b> Working hard on something repetitive or tedious
798	<b>Kick Ass, Kick Butt:</b> 1) Defeat badly; 2) be excellent or highly effective (only kick ass would be used for 2)
799	<b>Kick the Bucket:</b> To die
800	<b>Kick the Can Down the Road:</b> Postpone an important decision
801	<b>Kill a Fly With an Elephant Gun:</b> Approach a problem with excessive measures
802	<b>Kill Two Birds with One Stone:</b> Act in such a way as to produce two desirable effects
803	<b>Kill Two Birds with One Stone:</b> Solve two problems with one move
804	<b>Kill the Goose That Laid the Golden Egg:</b> To destroy a source of ongoing profits or benefits
805	<b>Kink in One's Neck:</b> A cramp in one's neck that causes pain
806	<b>King of the Hill:</b> At the top of one's field; the most influential person in a given field or area
807	<b>Kiss and Make Up:</b> Make peace after an argument
808	<b>Kith and Kin:</b> Family (collectively)
809	<b>Knock on Wood; Touch Wood:</b> Let's hope I have good luck or continue to have good luck.

810	<b>Knock Some Sense Into:</b> To beat someone in order to teach him/her a lesson. May be used figuratively.
811	<b>Knock Someone's Socks Off:</b> Amaze someone
812	<b>Knock Up:</b> To impregnate a woman. Often used in the form knocked up.
813	<b>Knockout:</b> An extremely beautiful woman
814	<b>Know (Something) Like the Back of One's Hand:</b> To be very familiar with something, especially an area

## Idioms (L)

List of common English idioms that start with L. **Larger Than Life:** Conveying a

815	sense of greatness, imposing
816	<b>Last But Not Least:</b> What I have just said does not reflect a ranking in importance.
817	<b>Laughter is the Best Medicine:</b> Laughing a lot is a very effective means of recovering from physical or mental injury <b>Learn the Ropes:</b> Become more
818	familiar with a job or field of endeavor; be trained
819	<b>Leave Someone in the Lurch:</b> Abandon someone in a difficult situation
820	<b>Lend an Ear:</b> Listen
821	<b>Let Bygones Be Bygones:</b> Agree to forget about a past conflict
822	<b>Let Bygones Be Bygones:</b> Agree to forget about a past conflict
823	<b>Let Off Steam:</b> To express anger and frustration in a way that does no damage
824	<b>Let One's Hair Down:</b> To relax and enjoy themselves.
825	<b>Let Sleeping Dogs Lie:</b> To avoid stirring up a problem; to leave things alone
826	<b>Let the Cat Out of the Bag:</b> Reveal a secret, usually a secret you or others are trying to keep
827	<b>Let the Genie Out of the Bottle:</b> Reveal something hitherto suppressed
828	<b>Letter of the Law:</b> The explicit meaning of a law, as opposed to the spirit of the law, the law's general intention
829	<b>Lick One's Wounds:</b> Rest after a bad defeat
830	<b>Life is A Bowl of Cherries:</b> Life is wonderful or very pleasant

831	<b>Light a Fire Under Someone:</b> Inspire someone to work very hard
832	<b>Light at the End of the Tunnel:</b> A sign of hope after a long period of difficulties
833	<b>Like a Kid in a Candy Store:</b> To be so excited about one's surroundings that one acts in a childlike or silly way
834	<b>Like a Moth to a Flame:</b> Drawn to something or someone despite the dangers
835	<b>Like Father, Like Son:</b> Sons inherit their fathers' traits and preferences, often even without realizing it.
836	<b>Like Shooting:</b> Fish in a Barrel Very easy
837	<b>Like Taking Candy from a Baby:</b> Very easy
838	<b>Like Two Peas in a Pod:</b> Bearing a strong resemblance
839	<b>Like The Cat That Got The Cream:</b> Looking particularly self-satisfied, often to the annoyance of others
840	<b>Lion's Den:</b> Any dangerous or frightening place.
841	<b>Lion's Share:</b> The largest part of something
842	<b>Live Large:</b> Have a luxurious lifestyle
843	<b>Living in Cloud Cuckooland:</b> Having unrealistic or foolish beliefs or plans.
844	<b>Living on Borrowed Time:</b> Following an illness or near-death experience, may people believe they have cheated death
845	<b>Living Under a Rock:</b> Ignorant of important events. Usually used as a question: Have you been living under a rock?
846	<b>Loaded for Bear:</b> Prepared for problems, well prepared for a challenge
847	<b>Loan Shark:</b> A predatory lender; one who makes high-interest loans to desperate people
848	<b>Lock Horns:</b> To lock horns is to argue, to come into conflict.
849	<b>Long Shot:</b> Something with little chance of success
850	<b>Look the Other Way:</b> Take no notice of violations of laws or rules, unofficially condone something
851	<b>Look What the Cat Dragged In:</b> Someone unwelcome has arrived.
852	<b>Loose Cannon:</b> Someone out of control; someone who speaks or acts recklessly
853	<b>Lose It:</b> To suddenly become unable to behave or think in a sensible way

854	<b>Lose One's Touch:</b> Suffer a decline in one's skill at doing something
855	<b>Lose Touch:</b> To fall out of contact
856	<b>Lose the Thread:</b> Be unable to follow someone's reasoning
857	<b>Love at First Sight:</b> Falling in love with somebody the first time you see them
858	<b>Love Rat:</b> Somebody who cheats on his/her partner
859	<b>Love Someone With All of One's Heart And Soul:</b> To love someone completely
860	<b>Lower the Boom:</b> Implement a punishment; reprimand severely
861	<b>Low-Hanging Fruit:</b> Easy parts of a task; solutions easy to obtain

## Idioms (M)

List of common English idioms that start with M.

862	<b>Mad As A Box Of (Soapy) Frogs:</b> extremely mentally unstable; psychotic; detached from reality.
863	<b>Mad as A Hatter:</b> Mentally ill, psychotic
864	<b>Main Squeeze:</b> Committed romantic partner
865	<b>Make a Break for It:</b> Try to escape, run off
866	<b>Make a Mountain out of a Molehill:</b> To take something too seriously; to make too much of something
867	<b>Make a Silk Purse out of a Sow's Ear:</b> Turn something ordinary or inferior into something refined and beautiful
868	<b>Make Ends Meet:</b> Have enough money to cover basic expenses
869	<b>Make Hay (While the Sun Shines):</b> To take advantage of an opportunity at the right time.
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871	<b>Make Love:</b> To have sexual intercourse
872	<b>Make Nice:</b> Act cordial despite conflict
873	<b>Make One's Mark:</b> Attain influence or recognition
	<b>Make Someone's Day:</b> Do something pleasing that puts someone in a good mood
874	<b>Make Waves:</b> Cause controversy, disturb a calm group dynamic

875	<b>Man Cave:</b> A part of the house, often the basement, that is left to the man of the household, perhaps with a workshop, a television for watching sports, etc.
876	<b>March to the Beat of Your Own Drum:</b> When someone does things the way they want to, without taking anybody else or anything else into consideration.
877	<b>Match Made in Heaven:</b> A relationship in which the two people are great together, because they complement each other so well
878	<b>May-December (adj.):</b> Significantly different in age. Said of couples where one member is much older. The most common usage is May-December romance.
879	<b>May-December Marriage:</b> A marriage between a younger and an older partner, typically a young woman and an old man.
880	<b>Me Time:</b> Activities undertaken for one's own enjoyment, free from responsibilities to others.
881	<b>Meeting of the Minds:</b> Strong instinctive agreement on something
882	<b>Mend Fences:</b> Improve relations after a dispute
883	<b>Mind One's P's and Q's:</b> Be attentive to details; be on one's best behavior
884	<b>Miss the Boat:</b> Be too late for something; miss an opportunity
885	<b>Monday Morning Quarterback:</b> Someone who offers criticisms or comments after already knowing the outcome of something
886	<b>Month of Sundays:</b> A long time, many months
887	<b>More Fun Than A Barrel of Monkeys:</b> A very good time; a pleasant occasion
888	<b>Mother Nature:</b> The natural world
889	<b>Move Heaven and Earth:</b> Take all possible steps in trying to accomplish something
890	<b>Move the Needle:</b> Have a measurable effect on something
891	<b>Move Up in the World:</b> Become more successful
892	<b>Movers and Shakers:</b> Influential people, especially in a particular field
893	<b>Much Of A Muchness:</b> Essentially equal, not significantly different (said of a choice)
894	<b>Mum's the Word:</b> This is secret; don't talk about this. Often used as an answer to a request not to talk about something.
895	<b>Music to My Ears:</b> Good to hear; welcome news

896	<b>Mutton Dressed Up as Lamb:</b> A woman who dresses in a style appropriate to someone of a younger age
897	<b>My Dogs Are Barking:</b> My feet hurt.
898	<b>My Old Man, My Old Lady:</b> My spouse
899	<b>My Way or the Highway:</b> If you do not do things the way I want or require, then you can just leave or not participate.

## Idioms (N)

List of common English idioms that start with N.

900	<b>Nail-Biter:</b> A suspenseful event
901	<b>Nailing Jelly/Jello/Pudding To A Wall/Tree:</b> An impossible task
902	<b>Neck and Neck:</b> Very close in a competition, with neither of two entities clearly in the lead
903	<b>Neck of the Woods:</b> A region, especially one's home region
904	<b>Nest Egg:</b> Retirement savings; wealth saved for a future purpose
905	<b>Never in A Million Years:</b> Absolutely never
906	<b>Never Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth:</b> It's rude to examine a gift closely; accept gifts politely.
907	<b>New Wrinkle:</b> A novel aspect to a situation, a new development
908	<b>Nice Chunk of Change:</b> A large amount of money
909	<b>Nickel and Dime:</b> To negotiate over very small sums; to try to get a better financial deal, in a negative way
910	<b>Nine Times Out of Ten:</b> Almost always
911	<b>Nine-to-Five Job:</b> A routine job in an office that involves standard office hours
912	<b>Nip (Something) In The Bud:</b> Deal with a problem before it becomes large
913	<b>No Holds Barred</b> (usually adj., often hyphenated): Unrestricted, without rules
914	<b>No Love Lost Between:</b> There is a mutual animosity between two people
915	<b>No Names, No Pack Drill:</b> By not accusing anyone specifically, I may avoid trouble.

916	<b>No Names, No Pack Drill:</b> If no one can be identified, no one will be punished.
917	<b>No Rhyme or Reason (to):</b> Without logic or pattern
918	<b>No Room to Swing A Cat:</b> Very small, not big enough
919	<b>No Shit, Sherlock:</b> That's very obvious!
920	<b>No Tree Grows to the Sky:</b> Growth cannot continue indefinitely.
921	<b>Not Cut Out for (Something):</b> Not naturally skillful enough to do something well
922	<b>Not Enough Room to Swing a Cat:</b> A very small space
923	<b>Not Give A Fig:</b> To not care at all about something
924	<b>Not Have A Cat In Hell's Chance:</b> Have no possibility of succeeding, coming to pass, or achieving something
925	<b>Not Have a Prayer:</b> Have no chance of success
926	<b>Not Know Jack:</b> Not know anything
927	<b>Not Lift a Finger:</b> Do nothing to help
928	<b>Not Mince Words:</b> Moderate or weaken a statement
929	<b>Not One's Cup of Tea:</b> Not something one is interested in
930	<b>Not Playing with A Full Deck:</b> Stupid, mentally deficient or impaired
931	<b>Not Ready for Prime Time:</b> Not yet perfected; inexperienced
932	<b>Not Sit Well with (Someone):</b> Be difficult to accept; make someone uncomfortable
933	<b>Nothing to Write Home About:</b> Unspectacular, ordinary
934	<b>Nuts and Bolts:</b> Everyday details of something
935	<b>Nutty as a Fruitcake:</b> Crazy; idiotic; wacky.

## Idioms (P)

List of common English idioms that start with P.

936	<b>Pack Heat:</b> Carry a gun
937	<b>Paddle One's Own Canoe:</b> To be able to act independently.
938	<b>Page-Turner:</b> A page-turner is an exciting book that's easy to read, a book that's difficult to put down.
939	<b>Pain in the Ass;</b> Pain in the Butt;



940	<b>Pain in the Neck:</b> Someone or something making your life difficult <b>Paint the</b>
941	<b>Town Red:</b> Go out drinking and partying <b>Par for the Course:</b> What would
942	normally be expected. This has a negative connotation.
943	<b>Pass the Buck:</b> Transfer a problem to someone else
944	<b>Pass With Flying Colors:</b> To succeed brilliantly, as on an exam or other test
945	<b>Passing Fancy:</b> A temporary interest or attraction
946	<b>Pay Through the Nose (For Something):</b> Pay a large amount of money
947	<b>Peaches and Cream:</b> A situation, process, etc., that has no trouble or
948	problems
949	<b>Pecking Order:</b> Hierarchy, rank of importance
950	<b>Pencil Something In:</b> Make tentative arrangements
951	<b>Penny-Pinching:</b> Frugal, avoiding expenses whenever possible
952	<b>Pep Talk:</b> An encouraging speech given to a person or group
953	<b>Perfect Storm:</b> A rare combination of disastrous occurrences
954	<b>Pet Peeve:</b> A small thing that you find particularly annoying
955	<b>Pick a Fight:</b> Intentionally provoke a conflict or fight with someone
956	<b>Pick Up the Slack:</b> Do something that someone else is not doing; assume
957	someone else's responsibilities
958	<b>Pick Up the Tab:</b> To pay a bill presented to a group, especially in a
959	restaurant
960	or bar <b>Pie in the Sky:</b> Something that is unrealistic or that cannot be
961	achieved <b>Piece of Cake:</b> Very easily done <b>Pin Someone Down:</b> Demand a
962	decision or clear answer <b>Pinch Pennies:</b> To be careful with money, to be
963	thrifty <b>Pink Slip:</b> A layoff notice; loss of a job, typically because of layoffs
964	<b>Pipe Dream:</b> An unrealistic hope, a fantasy
965	<b>Piping Hot:</b> Very hot (generally said of food)
966	<b>Pipped to the Post:</b> Defeated by a narrow margin
	<b>Pissing Contest:</b> A meaningless argument or competition, typically between
	males
	<b>Play Ball:</b> Cooperate, agree to participate

967	<b>Play Cat And Mouse:</b> Trying to trick someone into making a mistake so you can defeat them.
968	<b>Play Hardball:</b> Adopt a tough negotiating position; act aggressively
969	<b>Play it by Ear:</b> To play a piece of music without referencing sheet music or a recording
970	<b>Play It by Ear:</b> To respond to circumstances instead of having a fixed plan
971	<b>Play the Percentages:</b> Bet on or rely on what is most likely to happen
972	<b>Play the Ponies:</b> Bet on horse racing.
973	<b>Play With Fire:</b> Do something very risky
974	<b>Play Your Cards Right:</b> Exploit a situation to your best advantage
975	<b>Point of No Return:</b> A place from which it is impossible to go back to the starting point
976	<b>Point the Finger At:</b> Blame (someone)
977	<b>Point the Finger:</b> At Blame (someone)
978	<b>Poison Pill (n):</b> A provision or feature added to a measure or an entity to make it less attractive, an undesirable add-on
979	<b>Poison Pill:</b> A provision or feature added to a measure or an entity to make it less attractive, an undesirable add-on
980	<b>Pop One's Clogs:</b> To die
981	<b>Pop One's Cork:</b> To release one's anger; to blow one's top
982	<b>Pop the Question:</b> Propose marriage
983	<b>Pot Calling the Kettle Black:</b> Accusing someone of something of which you are also guilty; being hypocritical
984	<b>Pour (Rub) Salt into (on) the Wound (an open wound):</b> Worsen an insult or injury; make a bad situation worse for someone
985	<b>Powder Keg:</b> An explosive situation, a situation in which people are angry and ready to be violent
986	<b>Powder Keg:</b> An explosive situation, a situation in which people are angry and ready to be violent
987	<b>Powder One's Nose:</b> To use the restroom (lavatory). This is used by women
988	<b>Preach to the Choir, Preach to the Converted:</b> To make an argument with which your listeners already agree

989	<b>Preaching to the Choir:</b> Making arguments to those who already agree with you
990	<b>Pretty Penny:</b> A lot of money; too much money (when referring to the cost of something)
991	<b>Price Yourself Out of the Market:</b> Try to sell goods or services at such a high price that nobody buys them.
992	<b>Puddle Jumper:</b> A small airplane, used on short trips
993	<b>Pull Out All the Stops:</b> Do everything possible to accomplish something
994	<b>Pull Strings:</b> Use influence that's based on personal connections
995	<b>Pull the Plug On:</b> Terminate (something)
996	<b>Pull Yourself Together:</b> Control your emotions; recover from a strong emotional upset
997	<b>Puppies And Rainbows:</b> Perfect, ideal (usually used slightly sarcastically, in contrast with a less ideal situation)
998	<b>Puppy Dog Eyes:</b> A begging look
999	<b>Puppy Love:</b> Adolescent love or infatuation, especially one that is not expected to last
1000	<b>Pure as the Driven Snow:</b> To be innocent and chaste (frequently used ironically)
1001	<b>Push the Envelope:</b> Go beyond common ways of doing something, be innovative
1002	<b>Pushing Up Daisies:</b> Dead
1003	<b>Pushing Up Daisies:</b> Dead and buried
1004	<b>Put a Thumb on the Scale:</b> Try to influence a discussion in an unfair way, cheat
1005	<b>Put Down Roots:</b> Establish oneself in a place; settle
1006	<b>Put in One's Two Cents:</b> Say your opinion
1007	<b>Put Lipstick on a Pig:</b> Make cosmetic changes to something bad
1008	<b>Put one's Face On:</b> Apply cosmetics
1009	<b>Put Out Feelers:</b> Make discreet, informal suggestions, ask around
1010	<b>Put Someone on the Spot:</b> Force someone to answer a question or make a decision immediately

1011	<b>Put That in Your Pipe and Smoke It:</b> Accept and consider what I'm saying, even if you don't like it!
1012	<b>Put the Best Face On (Something):</b> Emphasize the positive aspects of a bad situation
1013	<b>Put the Brakes On:</b> Slow something down
1014	<b>Put the Cart Before The Horse:</b> To do things in the wrong order
1015	<b>Put the Cart Before the Horse:</b> To do things out of the proper order.
1016	<b>Put the Cat Among The Pigeons:</b> Say or do something that causes trouble or controversy
1017	<b>Put the Genie Back in the Bottle:</b> Try to suppress something that has already been revealed or done
1018	<b>Put the Pedal to the Metal:</b> Drive as fast as possible
1019	<b>Put Up with (Something):</b> Tolerate, accept
1020	<b>Put Words Into Someone's Mouth:</b> Attributing an opinion to someone who has never stated that opinion
1021	<b>Put Your Foot Down:</b> Use your authority to stop negative behavior
1022	<b>Put Your Foot In Your Mouth:</b> Say something that you immediately regret
1023	<b>Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is:</b> Back up your opinions with a financial commitment

## Idioms (Q)

List of common English idioms that start with Q.

1024	<b>Quake In One's Boots:</b> To be very frightened
1025	<b>Quarter Past:</b> Fifteen minutes after the hour
1026	<b>Quarter To/Of:</b> Fifteen minutes before the hour
1027	<b>Queer the Pitch:</b> Interfere with someone's plans; make something more difficult
1028	<b>Quick as a Flash:</b> Very fast
1029	<b>Quick-and-Dirty:</b> Approximate, hastily done
1030	<b>Quote Unquote:</b> Ironically speaking; suggesting that if a phrase were written out, it would be in quotation marks to convey sarcasm

## Idioms (R)

List of commonly used English idioms that start with R.

1031	<b>Race Against Time:</b> To rush to meet a deadline, to be forced to do something very quickly
1032	<b>Rain Cats And Dogs:</b> Rain heavily
1033	<b>Rain Cats and Dogs:</b> Rain very heavily
1034	<b>Rain on Someone's Parade:</b> Spoil someone's plans
1035	<b>Raise (Someone's) Hackles:</b> Make someone angry and defensive
1036	<b>Raise One's Voice:</b> Talk loudly
1037	<b>Raise Red Flags:</b> Warn of trouble ahead
1038	<b>Raise the Bar:</b> Increase standards in a certain competition or area of endeavor
1039	<b>Raise the Roof:</b> Make a great deal of noise (said of a crowd)
1040	<b>Rake (Someone) Over the Coals:</b> To scold someone severely
1041	<b>Rake Over the Ashes:</b> Restart a settled argument; examine a failure
1042	<b>Rake Someone Over the Coals:</b> Scold severely
1043	<b>Rank and File:</b> The ordinary members of an organization
1044	<b>Read Between the Lines:</b> Perceive what is not explicitly stated
1045	<b>Read the Tea Leaves:</b> Predict the future from small signs
1046	<b>Rear Its Ugly Head (said of a problem or something unpleasant):</b> Appear, be revealed
1047	<b>Rearrange the Deck Chairs on the Titanic:</b> Taking superficial actions while ignoring a much larger and perhaps fatal problem
1048	<b>Red Flag:</b> A warning; a sign of trouble ahead
1049	<b>Red Herring:</b> A misleading clue; something intended to mislead
1050	<b>Red Meat:</b> Political appeals designed to excite one's core supporters; demagoguery
1051	<b>Red Tape:</b> Bureaucracy; difficult bureaucratic or governmental requirements
1052	<b>Red-Light District:</b> A neighborhood with many houses of prostitution
1053	<b>Reinvent the Wheel:</b> Devise a solution to a problem for which a solution already exists
1054	<b>Riding High:</b> Enjoying success

1055	<b>Right as Rain:</b> Absolutely correct <b>Right Under (One's) Nose:</b> In an obvious
1056	location, yet overlooked <b>Right-Hand Man:</b> Chief assistant <b>Right-Hand Ma</b>
1057	Chief assistant <b>Ring a Bell:</b> Sound familiar <b>Ring a Bell:</b> When something
1058	seems familiar
1059	<b>Rob Peter to Pay Paul:</b> Pay off a debt with another loan; solve a problem in
1060	such a way that it leads to a new problem
1061	<b>Rob the Cradle:</b> To be sexually or romantically involved with someone who
1062	very young
1062	<b>Rob the Cradle:</b> To be sexually or romantically involved with someone who
1063	very young
1063	<b>Rock Bottom:</b> An absolute low point
1064	<b>Rock the Boat:</b> Cause a disruption in a group. Often used in the negative:
1065	don't rock the boat.
1066	<b>Roll the Dice On:</b> Take a risk
1067	<b>Roll With the Punches:</b> Deal with problems by being flexible
1068	<b>Rome Wasn't Built in a Day:</b> Complex projects take time
1069	<b>Rookie Mistake:</b> An error made by an inexperienced person
1070	<b>Rotten to the Core:</b> Entirely evil
1071	<b>Rub (Something) in Someone's Face:</b> Humiliate someone by repeating and
1072	criticizing his or her mistake
1072	<b>Rub It In:</b> Say something that makes someone feel even worse about a
1073	mistake
1073	<b>Rub Someone's Nose in (Something):</b> Humiliate someone by repeating and
1074	criticizing his or her mistake
1074	<b>Rubber-Stamp (v.):</b> Approve something without consideration, as a formalit
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1076	<b>Rule of Thumb:</b> A general principle or guideline, not a specific formula
1077	<b>Run a Tight Ship:</b> Manage an organization in a strict, well-regulated way
1078	<b>Run in the Family:</b> Be inherited (as a trait) by multiple members of a family
1079	<b>Run in the Family:</b> To be a common family characteristic
	<b>Run into a Buzz:</b> Saw Encounter severe and unexpected problems

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1081	<b>Run off at the Mouth:</b> Talk a lot about unimportant things, talk incoherently
1082	<b>Run on Fumes:</b> To be in a situation where one's energy or resources is almost exhausted
1083	<b>Run Out of Steam:</b> Lose momentum, become tired
1084	<b>Run the Table:</b> Win every game or contest

## Idioms (S)

List of commonly used English idioms that start with S.

1085	<b>Sacred Cow:</b> An individual or organization that one cannot criticize
1086	<b>Saving Grace:</b> Something that redeems a bad situation
1087	<b>Scare the Living Daylights Out of Someone:</b> Frighten someone severely
1088	<b>Scorched Earth (Tactics, Policy, etc.):</b> Ruthless, extremely destructive
1089	<b>Screw The Pooch:</b> To make a serious error
1090	<b>School Of Hard Knocks:</b> Difficult real-life experiences from which one has learned
1091	<b>Second Banana:</b> A person in a subservient position
1092	<b>Second Stringer:</b> A substitute player in a sport; a substitute for a job who is not the most talented person
1093	<b>Second Wind:</b> Renewed energy
1094	<b>See Eye to Eye:</b> To concur, agree
1095	<b>See Something Out of the Corner of Your Eye:</b> Use peripheral vision
1096	<b>Seize (Take) the Bull By the Horns:</b> Attack a problem directly
1097	<b>Seize the Day:</b> Take an opportunity
1098	<b>Sell (Someone) a Bill of Goods:</b> Trick someone; be deceptive
1099	<b>Sell Like Hotcakes:</b> Be sold very quickly
1100	<b>Selling Point:</b> An attractive feature of something for sale
1101	<b>Set in Stone:</b> Fixed; unchangeable
1102	<b>Set something to Music:</b> To write a piece of music to accompany a set of words
1103	<b>Set the Bar (Too) High:</b> To set a high standard for something

1104	<b>Set the Thames on Fire:</b> Do something amazing. Usually used in the negative.
1105	<b>Set the World on Fire:</b> Do something amazing; have a brilliant stretch in one's career
1106	<b>Shake the Dust off Your Shoes (Feet):</b> Make a clean break with a relationship or situation
1107	<b>Shape Up or Ship Out:</b> Behave properly or leave the organization
1108	<b>Sharp as A Tack:</b> Mentally agile
1109	<b>Shell Game:</b> A method of deception in which you conceal your actions by moving something frequently
1110	<b>Shift Gears:</b> Change the subject, or change what one is doing
1111	<b>Shipshape And Bristol Fashion:</b> Tidy, clean
1112	<b>Shit a Brick:</b> Be extremely fearful.
1113	<b>Shoot from the Hip:</b> Talk or act without consideration
1114	<b>Shoot Off One's Mouth:</b> Talk without considering one's words
1115	<b>Shoot Oneself In The Foot:</b> Do something that damages oneself or one's own cause
1116	<b>Short Fuse:</b> A quick temper; a tendency to anger quickly
1117	<b>Shot Across the Bow:</b> A warning of more serious actions to come
1118	<b>Shoulder A Weight Off Your Shoulders:</b> You no longer worry about something or deal with something difficult
1119	<b>Show Me an X And I'll Show You a Y:</b> There is a consequence to X that you may not have thought of.
1120	<b>Show One's True Colors:</b> Reveal one's true nature
1121	<b>Show Your Cards:</b> Reveal your resources or plans
1122	<b>Sick and Tired of:</b> Extremely annoyed by something that occurs repeatedly
1123	<b>Sick as a Dog:</b> Extremely ill.
1124	<b>Sick as a Parrot:</b> Very disappointed
1125	<b>Sight for Sore Eyes:</b> A sight that makes you happy
1126	<b>Silver Bullet:</b> Something simple that resolves a difficult problem
1127	<b>Simmer Down:</b> Become less angry; regain one's composure
1128	<b>Sink or Swim:</b> Fail or succeed
1129	<b>Sing a Different Tune:</b> Change your opinion



1130	<b>Sit On (Something):</b> Delay revealing or acting on something
1131	<b>Sit Tight:</b> Wait and do not go anywhere
1132	<b>Sitting Duck:</b> Something or someone easily attacked or criticized <b>Sitting</b>
1133	<b>Pretty:</b> In a favorable situation
1134	<b>Six</b>
1135	<b>Feet Under:</b> Dead and buried
	<b>Six Feet Under:</b> Dead and buried
1136	<b>Six of One, a Half Dozen of the Other:</b> The two choices have no significant differences.
1137	<b>Six Ways to (from) Sunday:</b> In every possible way
1138	<b>Slam Dunk:</b> An effort that is certain to succeed
1139	<b>Sleep Like a Baby:</b> To experience a very deep and restful sleep; to sleep soundly
1140	<b>Sleep with the Fishes:</b> Dead, often by murder
1141	<b>Slip Someone a Mickey:</b> Add a drug to an alcoholic drink in order to knock someone out
1142	<b>Slippery Slope:</b> A series of undesirable effects that, one warns, could result from a certain action
1143	<b>Slower than Molasses:</b> Exceptionally slow or sluggish; not fast at all.
1144	<b>Small Beer:</b> Unimportant, insignificant
1145	<b>Small Fry:</b> People or organizations with little influence; children
1146	<b>Small Potatoes:</b> Unimportant, insignificant
1147	<b>Smell a Rat:</b> Suspect deception
1148	<b>Smoking Gun:</b> indisputable evidence of a crime
1149	<b>Snafu:</b> A malfunction; a chaotic situation
1150	<b>Snake Oil:</b> A useless medicine; a quack remedy; a product or measure promoted as a solution that really does nothing to help
1151	<b>Snake Oil:</b> Medicine of unproven value; fraudulent medicine
1152	<b>Sneak Peek:</b> A sneak peek is an opportunity to view something in advance of its official opening or debut
1153	<b>Soak Up the Sun:</b> To enjoy the sun
1154	<b>Sold On (Something):</b> Convinced of something
1155	<b>Some Eggs:</b> Achieving a major goal requires the ability to tolerate some problems

1156	<b>Someone's Fingerprints Are All Over (Something):</b> Someone's influence is evident
1157	<b>Something to Crow:</b> About Something to be proud of, an accomplishment about which one is justified in bragging
1158	<b>Son of a Gun:</b> 1) A rogue. 2) An exclamation of surprise.
1159	<b>Sore Point:</b> A sensitive topic for a particular person
1160	<b>Sour Grapes:</b> Disparagement of something that has proven unattainable
1161	<b>Sour Grapes:</b> Spiteful disparagement of a goal one has failed to achieve
1162	<b>Spare The Rod And Spoil The Child:</b> It is necessary to physically punish children in order to raise them right.
1163	<b>Speak of the Devil (and He Shall Appear):</b> The person we have just been talking about has entered.
1164	<b>Speak with A Plum in (one's) Mouth:</b> To speak in a manner that is indicative of a high social class.
1165	<b>Spick and Span:</b> Clean and neat
1166	<b>Spill the Beans:</b> Reveal a secret
1167	<b>Spin A Yarn:</b> Tell a story
1168	<b>Spin One's Wheels:</b> Engaging in activity that yields no progress; getting nowhere
1169	<b>Spit into The Wind:</b> Wasting time on something futile
1170	<b>Spoiling for a Fight:</b> Combative, wanting conflict, eager to argue or fight
1171	<b>Spoiling for a Fight:</b> Combative, wanting conflict, eager to argue or fight
1172	<b>Square the Circle:</b> Attempt an impossible task
1173	<b>Stab Someone in the Back:</b> To betray (somebody)
1174	<b>Stalking Horse:</b> Someone who tests a concept in advance of its application; a candidate who enters a political race in order to test the strength of the incumbent
1175	<b>Stand (Someone) In Good Stead:</b> Be useful in the future
1176	<b>Stand On One's Own Two Feet:</b> To be independent and self-sufficient
1177	<b>Stand One's Ground:</b> Refuse to back down; insist on one's position
1178	<b>Start with a Clean Slate:</b> To start (something) again with a fresh beginning; to work on a problem without thinking about what has been done before
1179	<b>Steal Someone's Thunder:</b> Upstage someone

1180	<b>Stem the Tide:</b> To stop or control the growth of something, usually something unpleasant.
1181	<b>Step Up One's Game:</b> Work to advance to a higher level of a competition
1182	<b>Step Up to the Plate:</b> Prepare to take action, be the person in a group who takes action
1183	<b>Stick It to the Man:</b> Do something that frustrates those in authority
1184	<b>Stick Your Nose into Something:</b> Intrude into something that is not your affair
1185	<b>Sticker Shock:</b> Surprise at the high price of something
1186	<b>Stick-in-the-Mud:</b> A person who dislikes or adapts slowly to new ideas
1187	<b>Sticky Wicket:</b> A difficult, tricky situation
1188	<b>Stiff-Necked:</b> Stubborn; excessively formal
1189	<b>Storm in a Teacup:</b> A commotion that dies down quickly, about something unimportant
1190	<b>Stormy Relationship:</b> Relationship that has a lot arguments and disagreement
1191	<b>Stumbling Block:</b> An obstacle, physical or abstract
1192	<b>Straight Arrow:</b> An honest, trustworthy person
1193	<b>Strain at a Gnat and Swallow a Camel:</b> To make a fuss over something unimportant while ignoring larger issues
1194	<b>Strike A Chord:</b> Used to describe something that is familiar to you, reminds you of something or is connected to you somehow.
1195	<b>Sugar Daddy:</b> A rich man who is generous with younger women in return for sexual favors
1196	<b>Sure-Fire:</b> Certain to occur
1197	<b>Swan Song:</b> A final appearance
1198	<b>Swan Song:</b> This expression is used to describe a final act before dying or ending something.
1199	<b>Sweep Under the Carpet:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
1200	<b>Sweep Under the Rug:</b> Attempt to temporarily conceal a problem or error
1201	<b>Sweet Dreams!:</b> Sleep well!
1202	<b>Sweeten the Deal:</b> Add something to an offer during a negotiation

1203	<b>Sweeten the Pot:</b> Increase the amount of winnings potentially available in a game of chance, especially poker
1204	<b>Swim Against the Tide:</b> Do something contrary to a trend or usual opinion
1205	<b>Swim with Sharks:</b> To take a major risk
1206	<b>Swim with the Fishes:</b> Have been killed, especially with involvement of organized crime
1207	<b>Swing for the Fences:</b> Attempt to achieve the largest accomplishment possible
1208	<b>Swing for the Fences:</b> Attempt to achieve the largest accomplishment possible
1209	<b>Sword of Damocles:</b> Something that causes a feeling of constant threat.

## Idioms (T)

List of useful English idioms that start with T.

1210	<b>Take (Someone) to the Cleaners:</b> 1) Swindle; 2) defeat badly
1211	<b>Take a Deep Dive (Into):</b> Explore something extensively
1212	<b>Take a Flyer:</b> To take a rise; especially to make a speculative investment
1213	<b>Take a Gander:</b> Go to take a look at something
1214	<b>Take a Hike:</b> Go away
1215	<b>Take A Powder:</b> To leave, especially in order to avoid a difficult situation
1216	<b>Take a Rain Check:</b> Decline an invitation but suggest that you'll accept it at a later time.
1217	<b>Take Five (Ten):</b> Take a short break of five (ten) minutes
1218	<b>Take Five:</b> To take one brief (about five minutes) rest period
1219	<b>Take It Easy:</b> 1) Relax, rest; 2) (as a command) Calm down!
1220	<b>Take It Easy:</b> Don't hurry; relax; don't get angry
1221	<b>Take It Easy:</b> When you relax, or do things at a comfortable pace, you take it easy.
1222	<b>Take It on The Chin:</b> Be attacked; suffer an attack
1223	<b>Take It or Leave It</b> (command): You must decide now whether you will accept this proposal
1224	<b>Take Someone to Task:</b> Reprimand someone strongly

1225	<b>Take Something with a Pinch (grain) of Salt:</b> If you take what someone says with a pinch of salt, you do not completely believe it.
1226	<b>Take the Cake:</b> Be the most extreme instance
1227	<b>Take the Edge Off (of Something):</b> To slightly improve something negative
1228	<b>Take the Fifth:</b> Refuse to answer because answering might incriminate or cause problems for you
1229	<b>Take the Gloves Off:</b> Negotiate in a more aggressive way
1230	<b>Take the High Road:</b> Refuse to descend to immoral activities or personal attacks
1231	<b>Take The Mickey (Piss) (Out Of Someone):</b> Make fun of or ridicule someone
1232	<b>Take the Shine Off (Something):</b> To do something that diminishes a positive event
1233	<b>Take the Starch out of (Someone):</b> Make someone less confident or less arrogant
1234	<b>Take The Wind Out of Someone's Sails:</b> To reduce someone's confidence, ofte by doing something unexpected
1235	<b>Take Your Life in Your Hands:</b> Undergo extreme risk
1236	<b>Take Your Medicine:</b> Accept something unpleasant, for example, punishment, without protesting or complaining
1237	<b>Take Your Time:</b> Don't hurry, work at a relaxed pace
1238	<b>Taste of Your Own Medicine:</b> The same unpleasant experience or treatment that one has given to others
1239	<b>Teach an Old Dog New Tricks:</b> To change someone's long-established habits. Usually used in the negative: You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
1240	<b>Tear One's Hair out:</b> Be extremely worried or frustrated
1241	<b>Tear-Jerker:</b> A film or book that makes you cry
1242	<b>Tee Many Martoonies:</b> Too many martinis, scrambled to suggest drunkenness
1243	<b>Tell It to the Marines:</b> I don't believe you; you must think I'm gullible.
1244	<b>Tempest in a Teapot:</b> A commotion about something unimportant
1245	<b>Ten a Penny:</b> Ordinary, inexpensive
1246	<b>Ten to One:</b> Something very likely

1247	<b>Test the Waters:</b> Experiment with something cautiously
1248	<b>Test the Waters:</b> Try something out in a preliminary way
1249	<b>Tie the Knot:</b> Get married
1250	<b>Tighten the Screws:</b> Increase pressure on someone
1251	<b>Tight-Lipped:</b> secretive, unwilling to explain something
1252	<b>Til the Cows Come Home:</b> For a very long time
1253	<b>Time is Money:</b> time is valuable, so don't waste it.
1254	<b>Tip of the Iceberg:</b> A small, visible part of a much larger problem
1255	<b>Tip One's Hand:</b> Reveal one's advantages; reveal useful information that one possesses
1256	<b>TLC:</b> Tender Loving Care
1257	<b>To be A Peach:</b> Someone or something that is extremely good, impressive, or attractive
1258	<b>To be Smitten With Someone:</b> To be completely captivated by someone and feel immense joy
1259	<b>To be someone's One and Only:</b> To be unique to the other person
1260	<b>To be the Apple of Someone's Eye:</b> To be loved and treasured by someone
1261	<b>To Bear Fruit:</b> To develop in a profitable or positive way
1262	<b>To Bear Fruit:</b> To develop in a profitable or positive way
1263	<b>To Carpool:</b> To travel to the same place with a group of people in one car. e.g. work/school
1264	<b>To Each His Own:</b> People have different tastes.
1265	<b>To Get Cold Feet:</b> To experience reluctance or fear
1266	<b>To Have a Chip on One's Shoulder:</b> To be combative, to be consistently argumentative
1267	<b>To Have Butterflies In Your Stomach:</b> To be nervous
1268	<b>To Have One For the Road:</b> To have one last (alcoholic) drink before you go home
1269	<b>To Pay an Arm and a Leg:</b> A very high cost
1270	<b>To Pop (one's) Cherry:</b> To do something for the first time
1271	<b>To Pull Someone's Leg:</b> Lie playfully
1272	<b>To Run Hot and Cold:</b> To be unable to make up one's mind
1273	<b>To the Letter:</b> Exactly (said of instructions or procedures)

1274	<b>Toe the Line:</b> Accept authority, follow the rules
1275	<b>Tone-Deaf:</b> Not good at perceiving the impact of one's words, insensitive
1276	<b>Tongue-in-Cheek:</b> Said ironically; not meant to be taken seriously
1277	<b>Too Busy Fighting Alligators to Drain the Swamp:</b> So occupied with multiple challenges that one can't keep the big picture in mind
1278	<b>Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth:</b> A project works best if there is input from a limited number of people
1279	<b>Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians:</b> Everyone wants to be a leader, and no one wants to do the actual work
1280	<b>Too Many To Shake A Stick At:</b> A large number
1281	<b>Toot Your Own Horn:</b> Brag; emphasize one's own contributions
1282	<b>Top Banana:</b> The boss, the leader
1283	<b>Toss a Wrench (Spanner) Into:</b> Sabotage; cause a process to stop
1284	<b>Touch Base:</b> Meet briefly with someone
1285	<b>Touch One's Heart:</b> Affect someone emotionally, be touching
1286	<b>Touch Water:</b> Be launched. Said of a boat.
1287	<b>Tough Cookie:</b> A very determined person
1288	<b>Tough Cookie:</b> Someone who can endure hardship; especially: a strong negotiator
1289	<b>Tough Sledding:</b> Difficult progress
1290	<b>Turn a Blind Eye:</b> (to) Choose not to notice something
1291	<b>Turn on a Dime:</b> Quickly reverse direction or position
1292	<b>Turn Someone Inside Out:</b> To cause strong emotional turmoil; to completely change someone
1293	<b>Turn Something on Its Head:</b> Reverse something, cause something to be done in a new way
1294	<b>Turn Turtle:</b> Capsize, turn over
1295	<b>Turn the Corner:</b> To begin to improve after a problem
1296	<b>Turn the Tables:</b> Reverse a situation
1297	<b>Turnabout Is Fair Play:</b> If you suffer from the same suffering you have inflicted on others, that's only fair
1298	<b>Twenty-Four Seven:</b> At any time
1299	<b>Twist the Knife (in Deeper):</b> Make someone's suffering worse

1300	<b>Twist the Knife (in Deeper):</b> Make someone's suffering worse
1301	<b>Two a Penny:</b> Ordinary, inexpensive
1302	<b>Two Peas in A Pod:</b> Two people who are very similar in appearance
1303	<b>Thank God It's Friday (TGIF):</b> Let's be happy that the workweek is over!
1304	<b>That Ship Has Sailed:</b> That opportunity has passed.
1305	<b>That's Music to My Ears:</b> I am very happy to hear this.
1306	<b>That's a Stretch:</b> What you are suggesting is very difficult to believe; I am very skeptical
1307	<b>That's All She Wrote:</b> That was the end of the story.
1308	<b>The Apple Never Falls Far From the Tree:</b> Family characteristics are usually inherited
1309	<b>The Birds and the Bees:</b> Human sexuality and reproduction
1310	<b>The Cat Is Out of the Bag:</b> The secret has been revealed.
1311	<b>The Coast Is Clear:</b> We are unobserved; it is safe to proceed.
1312	<b>The Cherry On the Cake:</b> The final thing that makes something perfect
1313	<b>The Deck Is (The Cards Are):</b> Stacked Against You Unfavorable conditions exist.
1314	<b>The Jig Is Up:</b> A secret illicit activity has been exposed; your trickery is finished
1315	<b>The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same:</b> Although something may seem superficially new, it has not altered the basic situation.
1316	<b>The Only Game in Town:</b> The sole option for a particular service.
1317	<b>The Powers That Be:</b> People in charge, often used when the speaker does not want to identify them.
1318	<b>The Real McCoy:</b> A genuine item
1319	<b>The Story Has Legs:</b> People are continuing to pay attention to the story.
1320	<b>The Time is Ripe:</b> If you say that the time is ripe, you mean that it is a suitable point for a particular activity
1321	<b>The Walls Have Ears We:</b> may be overheard; be careful what you say
1322	<b>The Walls Have Ears:</b> We may be overheard; be careful what you say
1323	<b>The Whole Enchilada:</b> All of something.
1324	<b>The Whole Shebang:</b> Everything, all the parts of something
1325	<b>The World Is Your Oyster:</b> You have many opportunities and choices.



1326	<b>There But For The Grace Of God Go I:</b> I could easily have done what that person did.
1327	<b>There's More Than One Way to Skin a Cat:</b> There's more than one way of achieving a certain goal.
1328	<b>There's No Such Thing as a Free Lunch:</b> Nothing is given to you without some expectation of something in return.
1329	<b>Thin On The Ground:</b> Rare, seldom encountered
1330	<b>Think Big:</b> Consider ambitious plans; avoid becoming overly concerned with details
1331	<b>Think Outside the Box:</b> Try to solve a problem in an original way; think creatively
1332	<b>Think Tank:</b> A group of experts engaged in ongoing studies of a particular subject; a policy study group
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1334	<b>Third Rail:</b> A topic so sensitive that it is dangerous to raise. This is especially used in political contexts
1335	<b>Third Time's a Charm:</b> Even if you fail at something twice, you may well succeed the third time.
1336	<b>Thirty-Thousand-Foot View:</b> A very broad or general perspective
1337	<b>This Has (Person X) Written All Over It:</b> [Person X] would really like or be well suited to this.
1338	<b>This Is Not Your Father's _____:</b> This item has been much updated from its earlier versions.
1339	<b>Three Sheets to the Wind:</b> Very drunk
1340	<b>Through the Grapevine:</b> Via gossip
1341	<b>Through Thick and Thin:</b> In good times and bad
1342	<b>Throw a Wet Blanket on (Something):</b> Discourage plans for something
1343	<b>Throw a Wrench Into:</b> To sabotage; to cause to fail
1344	<b>Throw Caution to the Wind:</b> To act in a daring way, without forethought
1345	<b>Throw Down the Gauntlet:</b> To issue a challenge
1346	<b>Throw Elbows:</b> Be combative; be aggressive (physically or figuratively)
1347	<b>Throw in the Towel:</b> To give up, admit defeat

1348	<b>Throw Someone for a Loop:</b> Deeply surprise someone; catch someone off guard
1349	<b>Throw Someone Under the Bus:</b> Sacrifice someone else's interests for your own personal gain
1350	<b>Throw the Baby Out with the Bath Water:</b> Eliminate something good while discarding the bad parts of something
1351	<b>Throw the Baby Out with the Bath Water:</b> To discard something valuable or important while disposing of something worthless
1352	<b>Throw The Book At:</b> Prosecute legally as strongly as possible
1353	<b>Throw the Fight:</b> Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers
1354	<b>Throw the Game:</b> Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers
1355	<b>Throw the Match:</b> Intentionally lose a contest, usually in collusion with gamblers
1356	<b>Thumbs-Up:</b> Approval
1357	<b>Train Wreck:</b> Anything that develops in a disastrous way
1358	<b>Trash Talk:</b> Insults directed at one's opponent in a sporting event or contest
1359	<b>Tread Water:</b> Maintain a current situation without improvement or decline
1360	<b>Trial Balloon:</b> A test of someone's or the public's reaction
1361	<b>Trip the Light Fantastic:</b> Dance well; do ballroom dancing

## Idioms (U)

List of useful English idioms that start with U.

1362	<b>U Turn:</b> A complete change of opinion, direction, etc.
1363	<b>Ugly Duckling:</b> An awkward child or young person who grows into a beautiful person
1364	<b>Under (Below) the Radar:</b> Not generally perceived, below popular consciousness
1365	<b>Under Someone's Spell:</b> Fascinated, entranced by someone
1366	<b>Under the Impression:</b> Believing something, perhaps mistakenly
1367	<b>Under the Table:</b> Without being officially recorded

1368	<b>Under the Weather:</b> Feeling ill
1369	<b>Under the Weather:</b> Not feeling well
1370	<b>Under Wraps:</b> Temporarily hidden, secret
1371	<b>University of Life:</b> Difficult real-life experience, as opposed to formal education
1372	<b>Until the Cows Come Home:</b> For a long time
1373	<b>Until You're Blue in the Face:</b> For a long time with no results
1374	<b>Up a Creek:</b> In a very bad situation
1375	<b>Up for Grabs:</b> Available
1376	<b>Up for Grabs:</b> Available for anyone
1377	<b>Up in Arms:</b> Angry, protesting (usually said of a group)
1378	<b>Up in the Air:</b> Not yet decided
1379	<b>Up to One's Neck:</b> Nearly overwhelmed
1380	<b>Up to Scratch:</b> Meeting a basic standard of competence or quality
1381	<b>Up to Snuff:</b> Meeting a basic standard
1382	<b>Up the Ante:</b> Raise the stakes; increase the importance of something under discussion
1383	<b>Up the Duff:</b> Pregnant
1384	<b>Upset the Apple Cart:</b> To disorganize or spoil something, especially an established arrangement or plan
1385	<b>Use One's Head:</b> To think, to have common sense

## Idioms (V)

List of useful English idioms that start with V.

1386	<b>Vale of Tears:</b> The world in general, envisioned as a sad place; the tribulations of life
1387	<b>Vicious Circle:</b> A situation in which an attempt to solve a problem makes the original problem worse.
1388	<b>Victory Lap:</b> Visible public appearances after a victory or accomplishment
1389	<b>Virgin Territory:</b> Something that has never been explored, physically or intellectually

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**Vote with One's Feet:** To physically depart from something as a way of showing disapproval

## Idioms (W)

List of useful English idioms that start with W. **Waiting in the Wings:** Ready to

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assume responsibilities but not yet active, ready to become a successor

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**Waka-Jumping:** Change political parties (said of politicians themselves)

1393

**Wake Up and Smell the Coffee:** Stop deluding yourself

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**Wake Up on the Wrong Side of the Bed:** Be grumpy or ill-humored. Generally used in past tense

1395

**Walk on Eggshells:** To have to act very sensitively in order to avoid offending someone

1396

**Walk the Plank:** Be forced to resign a position

1397

**Wandering Eye:** A tendency to look at and desire women or men other than one's committed romantic partner

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**Wash Your Hands of (Something):** Decline to take further responsibility; refuse to be involved with something anymore

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**Water Under the Bridge:** Something in the past that's no longer worth worrying about

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**Watering Hole:** A place where alcoholic beverages are served, a bar

1402

**Weekend Warrior:** Someone who has an office job but enjoys contact sports on weekends; a member of a military reserve force (whose exercises are typically on weekends)

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**We'll Cross That Bridge:** When We Come to It We'll deal with that problem if and when it comes up

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**Welsh (Welch) on a Deal:** Not observe the terms of an agreement

1405

**Wet Behind the Ears:** inexperienced, immature, new to something

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1407

**Wet Blanket:** Someone who dampens a festive occasion

1408	<b>Wet Your Whistle:</b> Drink something
1409	<b>What Do You Make of (Him)?:</b> What is your evaluation of this person?
1410	<b>What Goes Around Comes Around:</b> The kind of treatment you give to others will eventually return to you; things go in cycles
1411	<b>What's Good for the Goose Is Good for the Gander:</b> What's OK for a man is OK for a woman, too
1412	<b>When Hell Freezes Over:</b> Never
1413	<b>When In Doubt, Leave It Out:</b> When unsure about something, omit it.
1414	<b>When in Rome, Do as the Romans Do:</b> When you visit a new place, follow the customs of the people there
1415	<b>When It Rains, It Pours:</b> Problems tend to come in groups.
1416	<b>When Pigs Fly:</b> Never
1417	<b>When the Chips Are Down:</b> When a situation becomes urgent or difficult
1418	<b>Where (When) the Rubber:</b> Meets the Road In reality; where an idea meets a real-world test
1419	<b>Where There's a Will, There's a Way:</b> If you have a strong desire to accomplish something, you will achieve it even in the face of considerable odds.
1420	<b>Where There's Smoke, There's Fire:</b> If there is typical evidence of something, the most likely explanation is that it is actually occurring.
1421	<b>Whisper Sweet Nothings (in Someone's Ear):</b> Speak meaningless romantic utterances
1422	<b>Whistle in the Dark:</b> To be unrealistically confident or brave; to talk about something of which one has little knowledge
1423	<b>Whistle Past the Graveyard:</b> Remain optimistic despite dangers; be clueless
1424	<b>Whistling Dixie:</b> Being unrealistically optimistic
1425	<b>White Elephant:</b> An unwanted item that is difficult to sell or dispose of
1426	<b>Who's She, the Cat's Mother?:</b> Why does she have such a high opinion of herself?
1427	<b>Wild Goose Chase:</b> An impossible or futile search or task
1428	<b>Window Dressing:</b> A misleading disguise intended to present a favorable impression
1429	<b>Window Shop:</b> To look at merchandise in a store without intending to buy it

1430	<b>Witch Hunt:</b> An organized attempt to persecute an unpopular group of people and blame them for a problem.
1431	<b>With Bells On:</b> Eagerly, willingly, and on time.
1432	<b>Work One's Fingers to the Bone:</b> Work very hard over an extended period
1433	<b>Worn to a Frazzle:</b> Exhausted, completely worn out
1434	<b>Wouldn't Be Caught Dead:</b> Would absolutely not allow myself to do this
1435	<b>Writing (Handwriting) on the Wall:</b> Hints of coming disaster

## Idioms (Y)

List of useful English idioms that start with Y.

1436	<b>Year In, Year Out:</b> Annually without change
1437	<b>You Can Lead a Horse to Water, but You Can't Make It Drink:</b> It's very hard to force someone to do something against his or her will.
1438	<b>You Can Say That Again!:</b> I agree totally!
1439	<b>You Can Take It to the Bank:</b> I absolutely guarantee this
1440	<b>You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover:</b> You can't know people (or things) well by their external appearances.
1441	<b>You Can't Make an Omelet (Omelette):</b> Without Breaking
1442	<b>You Can't Make Fish of One and Fowl of the Other:</b> People must be treated equally.
1443	<b>You Know the Drill:</b> You are already familiar with the procedure.
1444	<b>You Snooze, You Lose:</b> If you delay or are not alert, you will miss opportunities
1445	<b>Young at Heart:</b> Having a youthful outlook, regardless of age
1446	<b>Your Guess Is as Good as Mine:</b> I don't know; I have no idea
1447	<b>Your Mileage May Vary:</b> You may get different results. This does not necessarily refer to a car, although it may.
1448	<b>Your Number Is Up:</b> You are going to die (or suffer some bad misfortune or setback)
1449	<b>You're Driving Me Nuts:</b> To make someone giddy or crazy
1450	<b>Yours Truly:</b> Me

## Idioms (Z)

List of useful English idioms that start with Z.

1451	<b>Zero In On:</b> Focus closely on something; take aim at something
1452	<b>Zig When One Should Be Zagging:</b> To make an error; to choose an incorrect course
1453	<b>Zip One's Lip:</b> Be quiet