



## CLICHE TO AVOID

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| 1.  | about the same                      | 36. | all square                   |
| 2.  | above and beyond the call of duty   | 37. | all the tea in China         |
| 3.  | above board                         | 38. | all the time                 |
| 4.  | absence makes the heart grow fonder | 39. | all time great               |
| 5.  | absolute disgrace                   | 40. | all to the good              |
| 6.  | absolutely fantastic                | 41. | all wind and piss            |
| 7.  | abusive behaviour                   | 42. | all work no play             |
| 8.  | according to plan                   | 43. | all bets are off             |
| 9.  | according to the experts            | 44. | all change                   |
| 10. | acid test                           | 45. | all clear                    |
| 11. | across the board                    | 46. | all's fair in love and war   |
| 12. | act of faith                        | 47. | almighty flop                |
| 13. | act the fool                        | 48. | almost certain               |
| 14. | action and reaction                 | 49. | almost it                    |
| 15. | admission of failure                | 50. | always remembered            |
| 16. | advance warning                     | 51. | amazing thing is             |
| 17. | after the break                     | 52. | an act of faith              |
| 18. | against the grain                   | 53. | and that's that              |
| 19. | against the odds                    | 54. | angry crowd                  |
| 20. | ages ago                            | 55. | angry reaction               |
| 21. | ahead of his time                   | 56. | ankle deep                   |
| 22. | aiming high                         | 57. | annoying habit               |
| 23. | air space                           | 58. | another day, another dollar  |
| 24. | air time                            | 59. | another way of saying it     |
| 25. | alive and well                      | 60. | any point                    |
| 26. | all for a good cause                | 61. | anyone at home               |
| 27. | all for one                         | 62. | appearances can be deceptive |
| 28. | all in a day's work                 | 63. | are you a man or a mouse     |
| 29. | all in one                          | 64. | area of concern              |
| 30. | all in the same boat                | 65. | areas of agreement           |
| 31. | all men are created equal           | 66. | armed to the teeth           |
| 32. | all or nothing                      | 67. | arms fair                    |
| 33. | all right then                      | 68. | arms race                    |
| 34. | all roads lead to Rome              | 69. | around the back              |
| 35. | all smoke and mirrors               | 70. | around the clock             |
|     |                                     | 71. | around the corner            |
|     |                                     | 72. | arse about face              |



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| 73.  | arse licker                   | 116. | backed into a corner         |
| 74.  | arse on the target            | 117. | backs to the wall            |
| 75.  | artfully vague                | 118. | bad behaviour                |
| 76.  | artificially high             | 119. | bad hair day                 |
| 77.  | artistic licence              | 120. | bad news                     |
| 78.  | arts and crafts               | 121. | bad reputation               |
| 79.  | arty farty                    | 122. | bad vibes                    |
| 80.  | as a matter of urgency        | 123. | balance of payments          |
| 81.  | as expected                   | 124. | balance of probabilities     |
| 82.  | as if you cared               | 125. | balanced view                |
| 83.  | as red as a beetroot          | 126. | balancing act                |
| 84.  | as right as rain              | 127. | bald as a coot               |
| 85.  | as soon as possible           | 128. | bale out                     |
| 86.  | as the case may be            | 129. | ball breaker                 |
| 87.  | as the crow flies             | 130. | ball is in your court        |
| 88.  | as thick as a brick           | 131. | ball park figure             |
| 89.  | as usual                      | 132. | balls on the line            |
| 90.  | as white as a sheet           | 133. | balls out                    |
| 91.  | ask the question              | 134. | balls to it                  |
| 92.  | asking price                  | 135. | balls up                     |
| 93.  | assassination attempt         | 136. | band of gold                 |
| 94.  | at arm's length               | 137. | band of hope                 |
| 95.  | at short notice               | 138. | bang on                      |
| 96.  | at the drop of a hat          | 139. | banged up                    |
| 97.  | at the end of the day         | 140. | barely deserved              |
| 98.  | at the end of the line        | 141. | barking up the wrong tree    |
| 99.  | at the very least             | 142. | barrel of laughs             |
| 100. | at this stage                 | 143. | basic principles             |
| 101. | attack of nerves              | 144. | battle lines                 |
| 102. | attempt on goal               | 145. | be here now                  |
| 103. | attractive offer              | 146. | be prepared                  |
| 104. | audience ratings              | 147. | be the death of me           |
| 105. | aunt Sally                    | 148. | bearing a grudge             |
| 106. | awaiting further developments | 149. | bearing a grudge             |
| 107. | aware of the potential        | 150. | beat the rap                 |
| 108. | baby face                     | 151. | beating around the bush      |
| 109. | baby's arm                    | 152. | beating the meat             |
| 110. | back in the saddle            | 153. | beauty is only skin deep     |
| 111. | back of a fag packet          | 154. | bee's knees                  |
| 112. | back of an envelope           | 155. | been under a lot of pressure |
| 113. | back off                      | 156. | beg the question             |
| 114. | back to front                 | 157. | behave yourself              |
| 115. | back-handed compliment        | 158. | behind the scenes            |



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|------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 159. | bell book and candle            | 202. | bit of imagination               |
| 160. | below the belt                  | 203. | bit part player                  |
| 161. | benefit of the doubt            | 204. | bite the bullet                  |
| 162. | bent as a nine bob note         | 205. | bite the dust                    |
| 163. | bent over backwards             | 206. | bite to eat                      |
| 164. | beside the point                | 207. | black and blue                   |
| 165. | best efforts                    | 208. | black and white                  |
| 166. | best foot forward               | 209. | black art                        |
| 167. | best informed                   | 210. | black comedy                     |
| 168. | best kept secret                | 211. | black hole                       |
| 169. | best laid schemes               | 212. | black look                       |
| 170. | best out of three               | 213. | black magic                      |
| 171. | best things in life are free    | 214. | blanket approach                 |
| 172. | better and better               | 215. | blast from the past              |
| 173. | better half                     | 216. | blatant betrayal                 |
| 174. | better late than never          | 217. | bleary eyed                      |
| 175. | better luck next time           | 218. | blind leading the blind          |
| 176. | between a rock and a hard place | 219. | blood bath                       |
| 177. | beyond the pale                 | 220. | blood brother                    |
| 178. | beyond belief                   | 221. | blood sweat and tears            |
| 179. | beyond reasonable doubt         | 222. | blow job                         |
| 180. | beyond the pale                 | 223. | blow off some steam              |
| 181. | bible thumper                   | 224. | blow over                        |
| 182. | big bucks                       | 225. | blowing hot and cold             |
| 183. | big deal                        | 226. | blown off course                 |
| 184. | big girl's blouse               | 227. | blue moon                        |
| 185. | big ideas                       | 228. | blue movie                       |
| 186. | big question                    | 229. | body bags                        |
| 187. | big shot                        | 230. | bog off                          |
| 188. | big shot                        | 231. | bold as brass                    |
| 189. | big step                        | 232. | bolt from the blue               |
| 190. | big top                         | 233. | book value                       |
| 191. | bill of rights                  | 234. | boot camp                        |
| 192. | bird brained                    | 235. | both sides of the coin           |
| 193. | bird in the hand                | 236. | both sides of the coin           |
| 194. | birds of a feather              | 237. | bottom line                      |
| 195. | birthday boy                    | 238. | bottom of the barrel             |
| 196. | bit of a case                   | 239. | bottom of the pile               |
| 197. | bit of a pain                   | 240. | bound and gagged                 |
| 198. | bit of a shock                  | 241. | boundaries of science            |
| 199. | bit of a spot                   | 242. | bowing to international pressure |
| 200. | bit of competition              | 243. | bowled over                      |
| 201. | bit of distance                 | 244. | box clever                       |



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| 245. | boy's own                    | 288. | by no means                                   |
| 246. | brand spanking new           | 289. | by the book                                   |
| 247. | brass balls                  | 290. | by the same token                             |
| 248. | brass necked                 | 291. | by the short and curlies                      |
| 249. | brave new world              | 292. | by the way                                    |
| 250. | break a leg                  | 293. | call girl                                     |
| 251. | break in                     | 294. | call it a day                                 |
| 252. | break the bank               | 295. | call out                                      |
| 253. | break the ice                | 296. | call the shots                                |
| 254. | break the news               | 297. | call you later                                |
| 255. | brewers droop                | 298. | calm before the storm                         |
| 256. | bridge the gap               | 299. | camp followers                                |
| 257. | bridge too far               | 300. | can't face it                                 |
| 258. | bring and buy                | 301. | can't judge a book by looking at<br>the cover |
| 259. | bringing home the bacon      | 302. | can't put a finger on it                      |
| 260. | broad church                 | 303. | can't see the wood for the trees              |
| 261. | broken arrow                 | 304. | cannot confirm or deny                        |
| 262. | broken record                | 305. | carbon copy                                   |
| 263. | brown nosed                  | 306. | cards on the table                            |
| 264. | brown nosed pointer          | 307. | carefully choreographed                       |
| 265. | brown study                  | 308. | caretaker manager                             |
| 266. | brownie points               | 309. | carnival atmosphere                           |
| 267. | brush off                    | 310. | carpet bagger                                 |
| 268. | bugger me                    | 311. | carry on                                      |
| 269. | built like a brick shithouse | 312. | carry over                                    |
| 270. | bull in a china shop         | 313. | case the joint                                |
| 271. | bum deal                     | 314. | cash and carry                                |
| 272. | bunk off                     | 315. | cash on the nail                              |
| 273. | burn the candle at both ends | 316. | cast the first stone                          |
| 274. | burn the midnight oil        | 317. | cat call                                      |
| 275. | bury the hatchet             | 318. | cat on a hot tin roof                         |
| 276. | business as usual            | 319. | cat's whiskers                                |
| 277. | business end                 | 320. | catch the post                                |
| 278. | business lunch               | 321. | categorically denied                          |
| 279. | business opportunity         | 322. | caught me off balance                         |
| 280. | bust a gut                   | 323. | caught out                                    |
| 281. | bust up                      | 324. | caught with his pants down                    |
| 282. | busy as a bee                | 325. | cause and effect                              |
| 283. | busy doing nothing           | 326. | cause for complaint                           |
| 284. | button pusher                | 327. | cause for concern                             |
| 285. | buy out                      | 328. | cause undue alarm                             |
| 286. | buzz words                   | 329. | causing hurt                                  |
| 287. | by hook or by crook          |      |   |



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330. centre fold  
331. centre left  
332. centre right  
333. centre stage  
334. chain is only as strong as it's weakest link.  
335. chain reaction  
336. champagne celebrations  
337. chance is a fine thing  
338. chance of a lifetime  
339. chance result  
340. chance your arm  
341. change of gear  
342. change of heart  
343. change of plan  
344. change the record  
345. change your mind  
346. changing face  
347. changing the face of  
348. character assassination  
349. charm offensive  
350. charm the birds  
351. chattering classes  
352. cheer leader  
353. cheque book journalism  
354. chew the fat  
355. chicken hawk  
356. chicken shit  
357. chill out  
358. chilling ultimatum  
359. chink in the armour  
360. chips are down  
361. chock full  
362. chronic failure  
363. city gent  
364. city slicker  
365. class war  
366. clean bill of health  
367. clear agreement  
368. clear as a bell  
369. clear as crystal  
370. clear as mud  
371. clear blue water  
372. clear cut  
373. clear signs  
374. clear targets  
375. clear the air  
376. clear the decks  
377. clever dick  
378. clip joint  
379. clock watching  
380. close call  
381. close down  
382. closed book  
383. closer and closer  
384. closing down  
385. closing remarks  
386. closing speech  
387. clothes make the man  
388. co-operative spirit  
389. coal face  
390. cock and bull story  
391. cock sucker  
392. cock up  
393. coin a phrase  
394. coin operated  
395. cold as ice  
396. cold blooded  
397. cold comfort  
398. cold turkey  
399. cold war  
400. collective responsibility  
401. come a cropper  
402. come and get it  
403. come as a surprise  
404. come back  
405. come down hard  
406. come from behind  
407. come together  
408. come up to expectations  
409. comedy of errors  
410. comfort zone  
411. coming across  
412. coming back for more  
413. coming on  
414. coming out of the woodwork

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| 415. | coming to a head                             | 457. | critical condition          |
| 416. | coming to the boil                           | 458. | critical point              |
| 417. | coming to the crunch                         | 459. | crocodile tears             |
| 418. | common enemy                                 | 460. | crooked as a dog's hind leg |
| 419. | common ignorance                             | 461. | cross the line              |
| 420. | common knowledge                             | 462. | crowd atmosphere            |
| 421. | common law                                   | 463. | crunch time                 |
| 422. | common touch                                 | 464. | cry for help                |
| 423. | common understanding                         | 465. | crying out                  |
| 424. | communicate freely                           | 466. | crystal clear               |
| 425. | compensation setting in                      | 467. | culture shock               |
| 426. | competing demands                            | 468. | cup final                   |
| 427. | complete guide                               | 469. | cupboard love               |
| 428. | completely won over                          | 470. | curiosity killed the cat    |
| 429. | complimentary copy                           | 471. | current betting             |
| 430. | con artist                                   | 472. | curtain call                |
| 431. | conditional offer                            | 473. | curtain raiser              |
| 432. | confidence trick                             | 474. | curtain up                  |
| 433. | consensus view                               | 475. | customer loyalty            |
| 434. | consenting adults                            | 476. | customer service            |
| 435. | contracting out                              | 477. | cut and dried               |
| 436. | control freak                                | 478. | cut and run                 |
| 437. | cool as a cucumber                           | 479. | cut down                    |
| 438. | cop out                                      | 480. | cut from the same cloth     |
| 439. | core business                                | 481. | cut inside                  |
| 440. | core values                                  | 482. | cut it out                  |
| 441. | cost cutting                                 | 483. | cut price                   |
| 442. | cost reduction                               | 484. | cut the crap                |
| 443. | could do better                              | 485. | cut to the quick            |
| 444. | could eat a horse                            | 486. | cut up                      |
| 445. | could have knocked me over<br>with a feather | 487. | cut up rough                |
| 446. | course of action                             | 488. | cutting edge                |
| 447. | crash course                                 | 489. | daft as a brush             |
| 448. | crash landing                                | 490. | daggers out                 |
| 449. | creation of wealth                           | 491. | daily service               |
| 450. | creative accountancy                         | 492. | damage limitation           |
| 451. | credit rating                                | 493. | dampened her enthusiasm     |
| 452. | credit where it's due                        | 494. | dark horse                  |
| 453. | creeping bastard                             | 495. | dark secret                 |
| 454. | crime wave                                   | 496. | dark side of the moon       |
| 455. | criminal conspiracy                          | 497. | day by day                  |
| 456. | crisis point                                 | 498. | day in day out              |
|      |  | 499. | day one                     |



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| 500. | daylight robbery         | 543. | devil may care          |
| 501. | daylight saving          | 544. | devil take the hindmost |
| 502. | dead eyed                | 545. | devil to pay            |
| 503. | dead from the neck up    | 546. | devious bastard         |
| 504. | dead heat                | 547. | diamond in the rough    |
| 505. | dead in the water        | 548. | dicey situation         |
| 506. | dead man's hand          | 549. | dick head               |
| 507. | dead men tell no tales   | 550. | dictated the terms      |
| 508. | dead on target           | 551. | difficult conditions    |
| 509. | dead on time             | 552. | difficult to know       |
| 510. | dead pan                 | 553. | dig deep                |
| 511. | dead right               | 554. | dig for victory         |
| 512. | dead ringer              | 555. | dig in                  |
| 513. | dead as a door nail      | 556. | dilly dallying          |
| 514. | dead and buried          | 557. | dire straits            |
| 515. | dead and gone            | 558. | dirt box                |
| 516. | dead as a Dodo           | 559. | disaster zone           |
| 517. | dead as a dodo           | 560. | disorderly conduct      |
| 518. | dead centre              | 561. | distant drums           |
| 519. | dead duck                | 562. | divide and conquer      |
| 520. | dead end                 | 563. | divide and rule         |
| 521. | deadneck                 | 564. | divide the spoils       |
| 522. | dealing off the bottom   | 565. | divine inspiration      |
| 523. | death or glory           | 566. | do away with            |
| 524. | death sentence           | 567. | do or die               |
| 525. | death toll               | 568. | do without              |
| 526. | death wish               | 569. | do your best            |
| 527. | deemed to be appropriate | 570. | do your bit             |
| 528. | deep down you know       | 571. | do                      |
| 529. | deep end                 | 572. | done a bunk             |
| 530. | deep file                | 573. | do                      |
| 531. | deep shit                | 574. | done a runner           |
| 532. | deep throat              | 575. | does your head in       |
| 533. | deeply concerned         | 576. | dog days                |
| 534. | deeply hurt              | 577. | dog eat dog world       |
| 535. | definite possibilty      | 578. | dog in a manger         |
| 536. | delaying tactics         | 579. | dog's bollocks          |
| 537. | delicate matter          | 580. | dog's breakfast         |
| 538. | deliver the goods        | 581. | dogged with bad luck    |
| 539. | depths of despair        | 582. | doggy fashion           |
| 540. | deserves better          | 583. | doing a runner          |
| 541. | despite the denials      | 584. | doing porridge          |
| 542. | destruct button          | 585. | doing time              |





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| 586. | dolly bird                               | 627. | down in the mouth                      |
| 587. | domino effect                            | 628. | down market                            |
| 588. | don't ask                                | 629. | down the hatch                         |
| 589. | don't bank on it                         | 630. | down the middle                        |
| 590. | don't do anything stupid                 | 631. | down to me                             |
| 591. | don't give a shit                        | 632. | down to you                            |
| 592. | don't give a toss                        | 633. | down town                              |
| 593. | don't give up your day job               | 634. | down under                             |
| 594. | don't have a problem                     | 635. | drag artist                            |
| 595. | don't let the bastards grind you<br>down | 636. | drag on and on                         |
| 596. | don't like the look of this              | 637. | drama queen                            |
| 597. | don't look a gift horse in the<br>mouth  | 638. | dramatic terms                         |
| 598. | don't panic                              | 639. | draw the line at                       |
| 599. | don't read too much into it              | 640. | dream weaver                           |
| 600. | don't rock the boat                      | 641. | dressed to a tea                       |
| 601. | don't want to be involved                | 642. | dressed to the nines                   |
| 602. | don't worry                              | 643. | drink up                               |
| 603. | don't worry about it                     | 644. | drive a coach and horses through<br>it |
| 604. | don't you dare                           | 645. | driving me crazy                       |
| 605. | done all right                           | 646. | drop dead                              |
| 606. | done and dusted                          | 647. | drop dead gorgeous                     |
| 607. | done over                                | 648. | drop out                               |
| 608. | donkey's years                           | 649. | drop your guard                        |
| 609. | doom and gloom                           | 650. | drug abuse                             |
| 610. | door stepping                            | 651. | drumming up support                    |
| 611. | door to door                             | 652. | drunk as a skunk                       |
| 612. | door to door salesman                    | 653. | dry out                                |
| 613. | dot the I's and cross the t's            | 654. | duck the question                      |
| 614. | double act                               | 655. | dulcet tones                           |
| 615. | double crossing                          | 656. | dummy run                              |
| 616. | double dealing                           | 657. | dyed in the wool                       |
| 617. | double edged                             | 658. | dying of boredom                       |
| 618. | double jeopardy                          | 659. | eager for the fray                     |
| 619. | double or nothing                        | 660. | eagle eyed                             |
| 620. | double standards                         | 661. | early bath                             |
| 621. | double take                              | 662. | early retirement                       |
| 622. | double time                              | 663. | early warning                          |
| 623. | double whammy                            | 664. | earth shaking                          |
| 624. | down and out                             | 665. | ease off                               |
| 625. | down at heel                             | 666. | easily led                             |
| 626. | down in the dumps                        | 667. | easy answer                            |
|      |  | 668. | easy as pie                            |





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| 669. | easy come easy go                | 712. | extra income                 |
| 670. | easy going                       | 713. | eye of the hurricane         |
| 671. | easy touch                       | 714. | eye of the tiger             |
| 672. | eat drink and be merry           | 715. | eye witness                  |
| 673. | eat humble pie                   | 716. | eye witness account          |
| 674. | eating crow                      | 717. | eyes like a hawk             |
| 675. | economic slump                   | 718. | face like a bag of chisels   |
| 676. | effect changes                   | 719. | face the facts               |
| 677. | effect lasting change            | 720. | face the music               |
| 678. | egg on your face                 | 721. | face up to reality           |
| 679. | eggs in one basket               | 722. | fact is                      |
| 680. | element of doubt                 | 723. | fact of the matter           |
| 681. | emotional blackmail              | 724. | fact or fiction              |
| 682. | empty gesture                    | 725. | failed to make an impression |
| 683. | empty promises                   | 726. | failed to resolve            |
| 684. | end game                         | 727. | fair deal                    |
| 685. | end of a chapter                 | 728. | fair enough                  |
| 686. | end of the road                  | 729. | fair trial                   |
| 687. | enemy of the state               | 730. | fairy tale                   |
| 688. | enjoy being a girl               | 731. | faith hope and charity       |
| 689. | enjoy being alive                | 732. | faithful followers           |
| 690. | environmental hazard             | 733. | fall by the wayside          |
| 691. | environmentally friendly         | 734. | fall guy                     |
| 692. | equal footing                    | 735. | fall in the mire             |
| 693. | equal opportunities              | 736. | fall into place              |
| 694. | equal partners                   | 737. | fall off the waggon          |
| 695. | equal terms                      | 738. | falling short                |
| 696. | escape clause                    | 739. | false economies              |
| 697. | escape committee                 | 740. | false information            |
| 698. | escape hatch                     | 741. | false promises               |
| 699. | even Stevens                     | 742. | false trail                  |
| 700. | evenly matched                   | 743. | familiarity breeds contempt  |
| 701. | every dog has its day            | 744. | family values                |
| 702. | every last penny                 | 745. | famous for fifteen minutes   |
| 703. | everyone's favourite             | 746. | far from clear               |
| 704. | everything in the garden is rosy | 747. | far left                     |
| 705. | everything to play for           | 748. | far out                      |
| 706. | everything's all right           | 749. | far out man                  |
| 707. | everything's hunky dory          | 750. | far reaching                 |
| 708. | evil eye                         | 751. | far reaching implications    |
| 709. | exact replica                    | 752. | far right                    |
| 710. | exclusive opportunity            | 753. | fashion model                |
| 711. | explore reforms                  | 754. | fashion show                 |



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| 755. | fashions change                 | 798. | fit for nothing                 |
| 756. | fast and loose                  | 799. | fit to drop                     |
| 757. | fast expanding                  | 800. | fit up                          |
| 758. | fast on your feet               | 801. | fitful sleep                    |
| 759. | fat as a pig                    | 802. | fits like a glove               |
| 760. | fat of the land                 | 803. | fitted up                       |
| 761. | fateful decision                | 804. | flare up                        |
| 762. | feather in your cap             | 805. | flash Harry                     |
| 763. | feather your own nest           | 806. | flash in the pan                |
| 764. | feeble excuses                  | 807. | flat earth                      |
| 765. | feel a need                     | 808. | flocking back                   |
| 766. | feel free                       | 809. | flogging a dead horse           |
| 767. | feeling in my water             | 810. | flood of tears                  |
| 768. | feeling the pinch               | 811. | flower people                   |
| 769. | feelings are running high       | 812. | flowery words                   |
| 770. | feet first                      | 813. | fly by night                    |
| 771. | few short years                 | 814. | fly in the ointment             |
| 772. | few words of advice             | 815. | fly on the wall                 |
| 773. | fight night                     | 816. | fly the nest                    |
| 774. | fight the battle all over again | 817. | flying a kite                   |
| 775. | fight to the bitter end         | 818. | flying by the seat of the pants |
| 776. | figure of eight                 | 819. | focus of attention              |
| 777. | figure of speech                | 820. | folding money                   |
| 778. | film star                       | 821. | follow this line                |
| 779. | final countdown                 | 822. | follow through                  |
| 780. | final curtain                   | 823. | follower of fashion             |
| 781. | final cut                       | 824. | fond farewell                   |
| 782. | final decision                  | 825. | foot loose and fancy free       |
| 783. | final demand                    | 826. | foot to the floor               |
| 784. | final offer                     | 827. | footing the bill                |
| 785. | final warning                   | 828. | for all the tea in China        |
| 786. | financial crisis                | 829. | for all the wrong reasons       |
| 787. | financial incentive             | 830. | for better or worse             |
| 788. | fine form                       | 831. | for future reference            |
| 789. | fingers burnt                   | 832. | for legal reasons               |
| 790. | finish your drinks              | 833. | for the moment                  |
| 791. | firm favourite                  | 834. | for the record                  |
| 792. | first in line                   | 835. | for what it's worth             |
| 793. | first of all                    | 836. | for the love of Mike            |
| 794. | first time                      | 837. | forced landing                  |
| 795. | fit as a butcher's dog          | 838. | foregone conclusion             |
| 796. | fit as a fiddle                 | 839. | foreign aid                     |
| 797. | fit for anything                | 840. | foreseeable future              |



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| 841. | forging ahead                     | 884. | fully grown              |
| 842. | forgive and forget                | 885. | fund raising             |
| 843. | forked tongue                     | 886. | further work             |
| 844. | formal agreement                  | 887. | futile gesture           |
| 845. | formal complaint                  | 888. | game for it              |
| 846. | formal process                    | 889. | game on                  |
| 847. | fortune teller                    | 890. | game plan                |
| 848. | forty winks                       | 891. | game set and match       |
| 849. | fox guarding the chicken coop     | 892. | games people play        |
| 850. | frank but useful                  | 893. | gang bang                |
| 851. | freak out                         | 894. | gang up                  |
| 852. | free advice                       | 895. | gaol bait                |
| 853. | free as a bird                    | 896. | gaol sentence            |
| 854. | free for all                      | 897. | gathering momentum       |
| 855. | free love                         | 898. | gave the impression      |
| 856. | free lunch                        | 899. | geared up                |
| 857. | free offer                        | 900. | general conditions       |
| 858. | freedom of the press              | 901. | general purpose          |
| 859. | freely given                      | 902. | general thrust           |
| 860. | friend in need is a friend indeed | 903. | generous offer           |
| 861. | friendly fire                     | 904. | genuine offer            |
| 862. | frightened the life out of me     | 905. | get a feeling            |
| 863. | fringe group                      | 906. | get a grip               |
| 864. | frittering away                   | 907. | get a grip of            |
| 865. | from here on in                   | 908. | get a handle on it       |
| 866. | from only                         | 909. | get a hold of yourself   |
| 867. | from stem to stern                | 910. | get a life               |
| 868. | from the horse's mouth            | 911. | get away with it         |
| 869. | from the mouths of babes          | 912. | get back to you later    |
| 870. | from time to time                 | 913. | get down to it           |
| 871. | front line                        | 914. | get even                 |
| 872. | front runner                      | 915. | get in the groove        |
| 873. | frozen over                       | 916. | get in top gear          |
| 874. | fuck up                           | 917. | get it right first time  |
| 875. | fuelling the flames               | 918. | get it together          |
| 876. | full frontal assault              | 919. | get off my back          |
| 877. | full of beans                     | 920. | get off on the right     |
| 878. | full of shit                      | 921. | wrong foot               |
| 879. | full range                        | 922. | get on with it           |
| 880. | full scale                        | 923. | get over the hump        |
| 881. | full stop                         | 924. | get stuck in             |
| 882. | full time job                     | 925. | get stuffed              |
| 883. | full to the gills                 | 926. | get the show on the road |



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927. get to grips  
928. get to the bottom of it  
929. getting out of hand  
930. getting the feel  
931. ghost in the machine  
932. ghost town  
933. giant killer  
934. gilt edged  
935. girl talk  
936. give a good impression  
937. give hime 'em enough rope  
938. give it a rest  
939. give it another go  
940. give it up  
941. give me a break  
942. give up the ghost  
943. give you the edge  
944. given the circumstances  
945. given the facts  
946. given the run around  
947. giving me earache  
948. glare of publicity  
949. glass ceiling  
950. glory hole  
951. glory seeker  
952. go a round or two  
953. go ahead  
954. go along for the ride  
955. go along with it  
956. go down that road  
957. go for it  
958. go for the kill  
959. go getter  
960. go into it  
961. go take a running jump  
962. go through with it  
963. God given right  
964. God willing  
965. God's half acre  
966. going around in circles  
967. going bananas  
968. going down  
969. going for a song  
970. going in for the kill  
971. going on  
972. going through the hoop  
973. going to have to live with it  
974. going with the flow  
975. gold standard  
976. golden opportunity  
977. golden touch  
978. gone too far  
979. good as new  
980. good cause  
981. good chance  
982. good character  
983. good cross section  
984. good deal  
985. good for nothing  
986. good gear  
987. good idea  
988. good luck  
989. good man is hard to find  
990. good news  
991. good recovery  
992. good riddance  
993. good thing  
994. good time girl  
995. good vibes  
996. good vibrations  
997. goody bag  
998. got him scratching his head  
999. got his feet under the table  
1000. got the message  
1001. got you by the bollocks  
1002. grab what you can  
1003. grand final  
1004. grasp the nettle  
1005. grass roots  
1006. grave concerns  
1007. grave issues  
1008. grease monkey  
1009. grease paint  
1010. great divide  
1011. great tradition  
1012. greater clarity



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| 1013. greater say                          | 1055. happily married              |
| 1014. green eyed monster                   | 1056. happy as Larry               |
| 1015. green light                          | 1057. hard as nails                |
| 1016. green with envy                      | 1058. hard case                    |
| 1017. grey area                            | 1059. hard faced                   |
| 1018. grey matter                          | 1060. hard facts                   |
| 1019. grotesque figure                     | 1061. hard fought                  |
| 1020. grounds for appeal                   | 1062. hard hitting                 |
| 1021. grudge match                         | 1063. hard left                    |
| 1022. guarded response                     | 1064. hard lesson                  |
| 1023. guardian angel                       | 1065. hard line                    |
| 1024. guest of honour                      | 1066. hard liner                   |
| 1025. guilty as hell                       | 1067. look on the bright side      |
| 1026. guilty by association                | 1068. hard luck                    |
| 1027. guitar hero                          | 1069. hard luck story              |
| 1028. gun law                              | 1070. hard man                     |
| 1029. gunboat diplomacy                    | 1071. hard man is good to          |
| 1030. gunning for                          | 1072. hard rain                    |
| 1031. gut feeling                          | 1073. hard time                    |
| 1032. gutless git                          | 1074. hard times                   |
| 1033. had a tip off                        | 1075. hard to believe              |
| 1034. had his collar felt                  | 1076. hard to see                  |
| 1035. had it up to here                    | 1077. hard to tell                 |
| 1036. had more than you've had hot dinners | 1078. hard work                    |
| 1037. half baked                           | 1079. harsh words                  |
| 1038. half cock                            | 1080. has in fact                  |
| 1039. half cocked                          | 1081. has no place                 |
| 1040. half hearted attempt                 | 1082. hat trick                    |
| 1041. half price                           | 1083. have a bone to pick with you |
| 1042. half wit                             | 1084. have a good gander           |
| 1043. halt the decline                     | 1085. have a nice day              |
| 1044. hand made                            | 1086. have a whip round            |
| 1045. hand me down                         | 1087. have a word                  |
| 1046. hand on the tiller                   | 1088. have you got a minute        |
| 1047. hand over fist                       | 1089. having a field day           |
| 1048. handful                              | 1090. he's a natural               |
| 1049. hands across the sea                 | 1091. he's got a nerve             |
| 1050. hands and knees                      | 1092. head case                    |
| 1051. hang 'em high                        | 1093. head in the clouds           |
| 1052. hang about                           | 1094. head the ball                |
| 1053. hang loose                           | 1095. headline news                |
| 1054. hang out to dry                      | 1096. health food shop             |
|  | 1097. health, wealth and happiness |



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| 1098. healthy cynicism                         | 1139. hold a candle to it        |
| 1099. healthy diet                             | 1140. hold accountable           |
| 1100. hear what I say                          | 1141. hold the fort              |
| 1101. heart of the matter                      | 1142. hold up                    |
| 1102. heart to heart                           | 1143. hold your horses           |
| 1103. heavily coloured                         | 1144. holding back               |
| 1104. heavy going                              | 1145. holding back for bets      |
| 1105. heavy hearted                            | 1146. holding out                |
| 1106. heavy scene                              | 1147. holding the baby           |
| 1107. heavy session                            | 1148. holding the fort           |
| 1108. heavyweight candidate                    | 1149. hole in one                |
| 1109. hectic schedule                          | 1150. hole in the sky            |
| 1110. height of summer                         | 1151. hollow promises            |
| 1111. held responsible                         | 1152. hollow victory             |
| 1112. hell for leather                         | 1153. home front                 |
| 1113. hell hath no fury                        | 1154. home is where the heart is |
| 1114. hell hath no fury (like a woman scorned) | 1155. home leave                 |
| 1115. helping the police with their enquiries  | 1156. home truths                |
| 1116. here and now                             | 1157. honest as the day is long  |
| 1117. here and there                           | 1158. honeymoon period           |
| 1118. here there and everywhere                | 1159. honorary member            |
| 1119. here we go again                         | 1160. honour the agreement       |
| 1120. heroic failure                           | 1161. hook, line and sinker      |
| 1121. hidden agenda                            | 1162. hornets nest               |
| 1122. hide and seek                            | 1163. horse play                 |
| 1123. high and dry                             | 1164. horse sense                |
| 1124. high art                                 | 1165. horsing around             |
| 1125. high as a kite                           | 1166. hostile bid                |
| 1126. high hopes                               | 1167. hot air                    |
| 1127. high on the agenda                       | 1168. hot and bothered           |
| 1128. high point                               | 1169. hot headed                 |
| 1129. high profile                             | 1170. hot property               |
| 1130. high self esteem                         | 1171. hot shot                   |
| 1131. high tech                                | 1172. hot spot                   |
| 1132. highest bidder                           | 1173. hot stuff                  |
| 1133. his and hers                             | 1174. hourglass figure           |
| 1134. hit man                                  | 1175. how's it going             |
| 1135. hit the ground running                   | 1176. hue and cry                |
| 1136. hit the road                             | 1177. huge step                  |
| 1137. hit the sack                             | 1178. huge success               |
| 1138. hit the sack                             | 1179. human rights               |
|  | 1180. human shields              |
|  | 1181. hung like a donkey         |



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| 1182. hung over  | 1224. in my opinion   |
| 1183. hunky dory                                       | 1225. in my own time  |
| 1184. hunt the thimble                                 | 1226. in no time  |
| 1185. I don't follow you                               | 1227. in on the ground floor                                |
| 1186. I don't have a problem                           | 1228. in principle  |
| 1187. I don't know how much more of<br>this I can take | 1229. in private  |
| 1188. I for one  | 1230. in spades   |
| 1189. I know it's not easy                             | 1231. in the bag  |
| 1190. I like it  | 1232. in the balance  |
| 1191. I think it would be best                         | 1233. in the beginning                                      |
| 1192. I want a word with you                           | 1234. in the black  |
| 1193. I'm just trying to help                          | 1235. in the clear  |
| 1194. I'm looking forward to it                        | 1236. in the course of time                                 |
| 1195. I'm telling you now                              | 1237. in the dark   |
| 1196. I've got no choice                               | 1238. in the doldrums                                       |
| 1197. I've had enough of this                          | 1239. in the heat of battle                                 |
| 1198. ideal solution                                   | 1240. in the land of the blind, the one<br>eyed man is king |
| 1199. identity parade                                  | 1241. in the lap of the gods                                |
| 1200. if needs be                                      | 1242. in the minority                                       |
| 1201. if the cap fits                                  | 1243. in the nick of time                                   |
| 1202. if the price is right                            | 1244. in the pink   |
| 1203. if you ask me                                    | 1245. in the red  |
| 1204. if you want my honest opinion                    | 1246. in the shit   |
| 1205. if you wouldn't mind                             | 1247. in the strict sense                                   |
| 1206. ill gotten gains                                 | 1248. in the strongest possible terms                       |
| 1207. ill matched                                      | 1249. in the thick of it                                    |
| 1208. image conscious                                  | 1250. in the twinkling of an eye                            |
| 1209. image maker                                      | 1251. in this day and age                                   |
| 1210. immediate concerns                               | 1252. in with a real chance                                 |
| 1211. impose upon                                      | 1253. in your best interests                                |
| 1212. impossible question                              | 1254. in your dreams  |
| 1213. in a cleft stick                                 | 1255. income tax  |
| 1214. in a lather                                      | 1256. independent assessment                                |
| 1215. in a league of it's own                          | 1257. indiscriminate use of force                           |
| 1216. in addition                                      | 1258. inevitable consequences                               |
| 1217. in and around                                    | 1259. infinitely better                                     |
| 1218. in at the deep end                               | 1260. inflatable woman                                      |
| 1219. in bed with                                      | 1261. information overload                                  |
| 1220. in case of emergency                             | 1262. injury problems                                       |
| 1221. in due course                                    | 1263. ink is dry  |
| 1222. in essence                                       | 1264. inner city  |
| 1223. in my humble opinion                             | 1265. innocent party  |





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1266. inside information  
1267. inside out  
1268. inside track  
1269. insider dealing  
1270. instant payout  
1271. instant response  
1272. instead of  
1273. insurance fraud  
1274. intellectual debate  
1275. intellectual property  
1276. intense competition  
1277. interesting offer  
1278. interesting theory  
1279. internal market  
1280. international condemnation  
1281. into the swing of things  
1282. invent the wheel again  
1283. investigating officer  
1284. invisible man  
1285. iron curtain  
1286. iron horse  
1287. iron will  
1288. irons in the fire  
1289. irresistible force  
1290. irrespective of  
1291. is that it  
1292. issued a statement  
1293. it does no harm to look  
1294. it isn't over until the fat lady sings  
1295. it's all right for some  
1296. it's a fix  
1297. it's a small world  
1298. it's not over yet  
1299. it's nothing to do with you  
1300. Jack of all trades  
1301. Jack the Lad  
1302. jack it in  
1303. jack up  
1304. jam it in  
1305. jam it open  
1306. jam tart  
1307. job for life  
1308. job losses  
1309. job lot  
1310. job seeker's allowance  
1311. job share  
1312. jobs for all  
1313. jobs for the boys  
1314. joined up thinking  
1315. joint agreement  
1316. joint manoeuvres  
1317. joint negotiations  
1318. joint policy  
1319. joint statement  
1320. Jolly Roger  
1321. joyless pleasure  
1322. judgement day  
1323. judicial process  
1324. jump at the chance  
1325. jump on the bandwagon  
1326. jumping jack  
1327. jungle drums  
1328. junk food  
1329. jury service  
1330. just a minute  
1331. just desserts  
1332. just the man I wanted to see  
1333. just trying to be friendly  
1334. keep fit  
1335. keep going on about it  
1336. keep it under your hat  
1337. keep on taking the tablets  
1338. keep the door open  
1339. keep your beak out  
1340. keep your hair on  
1341. keep your mouth shut  
1342. keep your nose out  
1343. keeping up with the Jones's  
1344. kept in the dark  
1345. key player  
1346. key point  
1347. keynote address  
1348. kick back  
1349. kick the bucket  
1350. kick up the arse



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| 1351. kicked into the long grass       | 1394. laws of nature                 |
| 1352. kicked out                       | 1395. lay down the law               |
| 1353. kid glove treatment              | 1396. lead balloon                   |
| 1354. killing spree                    | 1397. lead by the nose               |
| 1355. killing time                     | 1398. leader of the pack             |
| 1356. king of the castle               | 1399. leading me on                  |
| 1357. kiss and tell                    | 1400. leading question               |
| 1358. kiss of death                    | 1401. leading role                   |
| 1359. knee high                        | 1402. lean and mean                  |
| 1360. knee trembler                    | 1403. leap frogging                  |
| 1361. knock back                       | 1404. learned his lesson             |
| 1362. knock down                       | 1405. leave aside                    |
| 1363. knock on effect                  | 1406. leave it out                   |
| 1364. knock on wood                    | 1407. leave it to me                 |
| 1365. knock out                        | 1408. leave it to you                |
| 1366. know what you're talking about   | 1409. leave out in the cold          |
| 1367. knuckle under                    | 1410. leaving by the front door      |
| 1368. lack of clarity                  | 1411. led up the garden path         |
| 1369. lady's man                       | 1412. left hand path                 |
| 1370. lager lout                       | 1413. left in the lurch              |
| 1371. laid to rest                     | 1414. leg opener                     |
| 1372. lame duck                        | 1415. legend in his own mind         |
| 1373. land of hope and glory           | 1416. length and breadth of the land |
| 1374. landed on his arse               | 1417. less and less                  |
| 1375. landmark decision                | 1418. let down                       |
| 1376. last chance                      | 1419. let it all hang out            |
| 1377. last chance saloon               | 1420. let it go                      |
| 1378. last ditch                       | 1421. let loose the dogs of war      |
| 1379. last drop                        | 1422. let the cat out of the bag     |
| 1380. last laugh                       | 1423. let them find out              |
| 1381. last minute nerves               | 1424. let's get out of here          |
| 1382. last rites                       | 1425. letter of intent               |
| 1383. last stand                       | 1426. level playing field            |
| 1384. last straw                       | 1427. licence to kill                |
| 1385. last waltz                       | 1428. licence to print money         |
| 1386. last wicket stand                | 1429. life and soul of the party     |
| 1387. lasting love                     | 1430. life is but a dream            |
| 1388. late arrival                     | 1431. life is hard, and then you die |
| 1389. laugh a minute                   | 1432. life is what you make it       |
| 1390. laughing all the way to the bank | 1433. life sentence                  |
| 1391. laughing boy                     | 1434. light as a feather             |
| 1392. law and order                    | 1435. light fingered                 |
| 1393. law unto himself                 | 1436. light show                     |



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| 1437. like a breath of fresh air | 1480. long drawn out                   |
| 1438. like a cornered rat        | 1481. long haul                        |
| 1439. like a dog with a bone     | 1482. long in the tooth                |
| 1440. like a fox in a hen house  | 1483. long list                        |
| 1441. like a rat up a drainpipe  | 1484. long shot                        |
| 1442. like a thief in the night  | 1485. long sighted                     |
| 1443. like it or lump it         | 1486. long standing                    |
| 1444. like peas in a pod         | 1487. long term                        |
| 1445. limited in scope           | 1488. long term effects                |
| 1446. limping dog                | 1489. long term view                   |
| 1447. line dancing               | 1490. long way to go                   |
| 1448. line up                    | 1491. long winded                      |
| 1449. line up over here          | 1492. look on the bright side          |
| 1450. link up                    | 1493. look after                       |
| 1451. litmus test                | 1494. look at it this way              |
| 1452. little or no effect        | 1495. look at the evidence             |
| 1453. little or no impact        | 1496. look bad                         |
| 1454. little progress            | 1497. look forward to                  |
| 1455. little return              | 1498. look out                         |
| 1456. live life to the full      | 1499. look what the cat dragged in     |
| 1457. live show                  | 1500. looking to buy                   |
| 1458. live to a ripe old age     | 1501. loony juice                      |
| 1459. live wire                  | 1502. loop the loop                    |
| 1460. living dead                | 1503. loose cannon                     |
| 1461. living hand to mouth       | 1504. losing streak                    |
| 1462. living in the past         | 1505. lost control                     |
| 1463. living legend              | 1506. lost it                          |
| 1464. living the life of Riley   | 1507. lost the plot                    |
| 1465. lo and behold              | 1508. lost the toss                    |
| 1466. load of rubbish            | 1509. lot of good stuff                |
| 1467. local accountability       | 1510. lot of hard work                 |
| 1468. local issues               | 1511. lot of loose talk                |
| 1469. lock stock and barrel      | 1512. loud and clear                   |
| 1470. log jam                    | 1513. low yield                        |
| 1471. log rolling                | 1514. low down                         |
| 1472. lone wolf                  | 1515. low politics                     |
| 1473. lonely hearts club         | 1516. low profile                      |
| 1474. long run                   | 1517. low self esteem                  |
| 1475. long suffering             | 1518. lower orders                     |
| 1476. long tradition             | 1519. lowest common denominator        |
| 1477. long and short of it       | 1520. lucrative offer                  |
| 1478. long and the short of it   | 1521. lying in state                   |
| 1479. long distance              | 1522. lying there like a beached whale |



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| 1523. mad as a hatter                   | 1565. man of all seasons     |
| 1524. mad monk                          | 1566. man of honour          |
| 1525. madcap scheme                     | 1567. man of the world       |
| 1526. made in heaven                    | 1568. man overboard          |
| 1527. made a mess of it                 | 1569. man the pumps          |
| 1528. made a point                      | 1570. mark my words          |
| 1529. made a run for it                 | 1571. mark of Cain           |
| 1530. made in Taiwan                    | 1572. mark of respect        |
| 1531. made to measure                   | 1573. mark time              |
| 1532. maintain the status quo           | 1574. marked man             |
| 1533. major element                     | 1575. market opportunity     |
| 1534. major flop                        | 1576. marketing ploy         |
| 1535. major upset                       | 1577. marks out of ten       |
| 1536. make my day                       | 1578. mass walk out          |
| 1537. make the best of a bad job        | 1579. mass grave             |
| 1538. make a killing                    | 1580. mass movement          |
| 1539. make a clean breast of it         | 1581. mass production        |
| 1540. make a meal of it                 | 1582. matter of belief       |
| 1541. make a mountain out of a molehill | 1583. matter of fact         |
| 1542. make an honest woman of her       | 1584. matter of opinion      |
| 1543. make and mend                     | 1585. maybe tomorrow         |
| 1544. make ends meet                    | 1586. mean spirited          |
| 1545. make hay while the sun shines     | 1587. means and ends         |
| 1546. make it clear                     | 1588. measure up             |
| 1547. make it work                      | 1589. meeting of minds       |
| 1548. make love                         | 1590. men in suits           |
| 1549. make love not war                 | 1591. mess it up             |
| 1550. make me an offer                  | 1592. message in a bottle    |
| 1551. make no bones about it            | 1593. messages of support    |
| 1552. make or break                     | 1594. middle England         |
| 1553. make over                         | 1595. middle of the road     |
| 1554. make the grade                    | 1596. might is right         |
| 1555. make tracks                       | 1597. military man           |
| 1556. make up                           | 1598. military offensive     |
| 1557. make your eyes light up           | 1599. mind like a steel trap |
| 1558. make your mind up time            | 1600. mind games             |
| 1559. makes(make) my day                | 1601. mind how you go        |
| 1560. making money hand over fist       | 1602. mind over matter       |
| 1561. making hay                        | 1603. mind your language     |
| 1562. man trap                          | 1604. mind your P's and Q's  |
| 1563. man of the moment                 | 1605. mind your step         |
| 1564. man o'war                         | 1606. mindless violence      |
|   | 1607. minimum wage           |



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| 1608. minute man                     | 1651. nerve wracking                  |
| 1609. missed a sitter                | 1652. nervous wreck                   |
| 1610. missing chapter                | 1653. never too late                  |
| 1611. missing link                   | 1654. never a lender or a borrower be |
| 1612. missing the point              | 1655. never again                     |
| 1613. mister nice guy                | 1656. never been found                |
| 1614. mixed blessing                 | 1657. never say die                   |
| 1615. moaning Minnie                 | 1658. new broom                       |
| 1616. moment to moment               | 1659. new age                         |
| 1617. momentary slip                 | 1660. new age thinking                |
| 1618. money for nothing              | 1661. new beginnings                  |
| 1619. money is the root of all evil  | 1662. new campaign                    |
| 1620. money mad                      | 1663. new direction                   |
| 1621. money makes the world go round | 1664. new identity                    |
| 1622. money up front                 | 1665. new image                       |
| 1623. moral judgement                | 1666. new information                 |
| 1624. morals of an alley cat         | 1667. new look                        |
| 1625. more of the same               | 1668. new to you                      |
| 1626. more and more                  | 1669. new world order                 |
| 1627. more or less                   | 1670. news to me                      |
| 1628. morning glory                  | 1671. next time around                |
| 1629. most important                 | 1672. next of kin                     |
| 1630. move forward                   | 1673. next stop                       |
| 1631. move on                        | 1674. nice one                        |
| 1632. music to my ears               | 1675. nice round number               |
| 1633. music maker                    | 1676. nice try                        |
| 1634. mustn't grumble                | 1677. nick of time                    |
| 1635. my way                         | 1678. nine day wonder                 |
| 1636. nanby pamby                    | 1679. nine lives                      |
| 1637. nasty taste in the mouth       | 1680. nine out of ten                 |
| 1638. natural energy                 | 1681. nip it in the bud               |
| 1639. natural order                  | 1682. no offence intended             |
| 1640. natural wastage                | 1683. no worries                      |
| 1641. near miss                      | 1684. no sense of humour              |
| 1642. near thing                     | 1685. no free lunches                 |
| 1643. neck and neck                  | 1686. no change                       |
| 1644. need to know                   | 1687. no alternative                  |
| 1645. need the money                 | 1688. no argument                     |
| 1646. need to know basis             | 1689. no chance                       |
| 1647. needless to say                | 1690. no choice                       |
| 1648. neighbourhood watch            | 1691. no comment                      |
| 1649. nerve ending                   | 1692. no effect                       |
| 1650. nerve gas                      | 1693. no idea                         |



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| 1694. no man's land                      | 1737. of course                       |
| 1695. no offence                         | 1738. off message                     |
| 1696. no oil painting                    | 1739. off and on                      |
| 1697. no option                          | 1740. off hand                        |
| 1698. no point in crying over spilt milk | 1741. off her head                    |
| 1699. no problem                         | 1742. off the agenda                  |
| 1700. no regrets                         | 1743. off the back of a lorry         |
| 1701. no rest for the wicked             | 1744. off the streets                 |
| 1702. no room at the inn                 | 1745. off the wall                    |
| 1703. no takers                          | 1746. off with the fairies            |
| 1704. no time like the present           | 1747. oh no it isn't                  |
| 1705. no turning back                    | 1748. oh what a tangled web we weave  |
| 1706. nobody at home                     | 1749. old wine in new bottles         |
| 1707. noise control                      | 1750. older and wiser                 |
| 1708. none of your business              | 1751. on the market                   |
| 1709. normal service                     | 1752. on top of the world             |
| 1710. nose in front                      | 1753. on message                      |
| 1711. nosy Parker                        | 1754. on the face of things           |
| 1712. not playing with a full deck       | 1755. on the brink                    |
| 1713. not enough room to swing a cat     | 1756. on and off                      |
| 1714. not a problem                      | 1757. on a wing and a prayer          |
| 1715. not all it's cracked up to be      | 1758. on a hiding to nothing          |
| 1716. not arsed                          | 1759. on a plate                      |
| 1717. not at all                         | 1760. on a roll                       |
| 1718. not convinced                      | 1761. on average                      |
| 1719. not in a million years             | 1762. on budget                       |
| 1720. not in one's wildest dreams        | 1763. on firm ground                  |
| 1721. not necessarily                    | 1764. on my bended knees              |
| 1722. not what it's cracked up to be     | 1765. on my own terms                 |
| 1723. nothing to it                      | 1766. on the back burner              |
| 1724. nothing can be done                | 1767. on the back foot                |
| 1725. nothing doing                      | 1768. on the balance of probabilities |
| 1726. nothing to lose                    | 1769. on the ball                     |
| 1727. nothing to lose                    | 1770. on the basis                    |
| 1728. noughts and crosses                | 1771. on the cards                    |
| 1729. now and again                      | 1772. on the contrary                 |
| 1730. now and then                       | 1773. on the defensive                |
| 1731. now is the hour                    | 1774. on the ground                   |
| 1732. now or never                       | 1775. on the lookout                  |
| 1733. numbers game                       | 1776. on the make                     |
| 1734. obvious if you think about it      | 1777. on the money                    |
| 1735. obvious strategy                   | 1778. on the other hand               |
| 1736. odds are against it                | 1779. on the spot                     |



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| 1780. | on the take              | 1823. | order now                     |
| 1781. | on the tip of my tongue  | 1824. | order number                  |
| 1782. | on time                  | 1825. | order of the day              |
| 1783. | on top of that           | 1826. | outside marriage              |
| 1784. | on your bike             | 1827. | out of the running            |
| 1785. | on your way              | 1828. | out of pocket                 |
| 1786. | once in a lifetime       | 1829. | out of hours                  |
| 1787. | once in a blue moon      | 1830. | out and about                 |
| 1788. | one thing after the next | 1831. | out of control                |
| 1789. | one for all              | 1832. | out of focus                  |
| 1790. | one and done             | 1833. | out of his mind               |
| 1791. | one born every minute    | 1834. | out of it                     |
| 1792. | one day at a time        | 1835. | out of order                  |
| 1793. | one for the road         | 1836. | out of play                   |
| 1794. | one has to say           | 1837. | out of reach                  |
| 1795. | one in a million         | 1838. | out of sight                  |
| 1796. | one man woman            | 1839. | out of step                   |
| 1797. | one night stand          | 1840. | out of this world             |
| 1798. | one of the key things is | 1841. | out of time                   |
| 1799. | one of these days        | 1842. | out take                      |
| 1800. | one of us or one of them | 1843. | out to lunch                  |
| 1801. | one off                  | 1844. | outside world                 |
| 1802. | one step at a time       | 1845. | over the moon                 |
| 1803. | one take                 | 1846. | over by Christmas             |
| 1804. | one way or another       | 1847. | over and out                  |
| 1805. | one way traffic          | 1848. | over and over                 |
| 1806. | only just                | 1849. | over familiar                 |
| 1807. | only joking              | 1850. | over lunch                    |
| 1808. | only natural             | 1851. | over the hill                 |
| 1809. | only winding you up      | 1852. | over the top                  |
| 1810. | open plan                | 1853. | over the years                |
| 1811. | open arms                | 1854. | oxygen of publicity           |
| 1812. | open book                | 1855. | pace of change                |
| 1813. | open door                | 1856. | Pacific Coast                 |
| 1814. | open it up               | 1857. | package deal                  |
| 1815. | open minded              | 1858. | package holiday               |
| 1816. | opening moves            | 1859. | pain in the arse              |
| 1817. | openly criticised        | 1860. | paint the town red            |
| 1818. | operation bootstrap      | 1861. | painted himself into a corner |
| 1819. | opinion forming          | 1862. | paired up                     |
| 1820. | opinion polls            | 1863. | Pandora's box                 |
| 1821. | opportunity knocks       | 1864. | panic button                  |
| 1822. | opt out                  | 1865. | panic stations                |





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| 1866. paper exercise                 | 1909. pile of crap                        |
| 1867. paper chase                    | 1910. pipe dream                          |
| 1868. paper thin                     | 1911. pipped at the post                  |
| 1869. paper tiger                    | 1912. piss poor                           |
| 1870. pardon my French               | 1913. pissed up                           |
| 1871. part and parcel                | 1914. pissed off                          |
| 1872. partners in crime              | 1915. pissed out of his head              |
| 1873. party atmosphere               | 1916. pissing in the wind                 |
| 1874. party girl                     | 1917. pit your wits                       |
| 1875. pass the buck                  | 1918. pitch it right                      |
| 1876. passed with flying colours     | 1919. pitch and putt                      |
| 1877. past glory                     | 1920. pivot point                         |
| 1878. past or present                | 1921. place your bets                     |
| 1879. patch things up                | 1922. plain as day                        |
| 1880. pawn in the game               | 1923. plain as the nose on your face      |
| 1881. pay particular attention       | 1924. plain Jane                          |
| 1882. pay a price                    | 1925. plain sailing                       |
| 1883. pay as you go                  | 1926. plan nine                           |
| 1884. pay your dues                  | 1927. plan B                              |
| 1885. paying off                     | 1928. plans for the future                |
| 1886. payment in kind                | 1929. plans in place                      |
| 1887. peace be with you              | 1930. play it aga in Sam                  |
| 1888. peace on you                   | 1931. play a straight bat                 |
| 1889. peace talks                    | 1932. play on words                       |
| 1890. peaked too early               | 1933. play your cards close to your chest |
| 1891. peg off                        | 1934. play your cards right               |
| 1892. pegged back                    | 1935. playing around                      |
| 1893. pen is mightier than the sword | 1936. playing down                        |
| 1894. penalty shoot out              | 1937. playing hard to get                 |
| 1895. pencil in                      | 1938. playing the game                    |
| 1896. pencil thin                    | 1939. playing to the gallery              |
| 1897. penny for your thoughts        | 1940. playing with fire                   |
| 1898. penny pinching                 | 1941. playing a blinder                   |
| 1899. pension off                    | 1942. plea for help                       |
| 1900. perfect harmony                | 1943. pleaded not guilty                  |
| 1901. perfect timing                 | 1944. plenty of rope                      |
| 1902. pick up joint                  | 1945. plough a straight furrow            |
| 1903. pick of the crop               | 1946. poetic licence                      |
| 1904. pick up where we left off      | 1947. point is                            |
| 1905. picture of health              | 1948. point of no return                  |
| 1906. pie in the sky                 | 1949. point of view                       |
| 1907. pig in a poke                  | 1950. point out                           |
| 1908. pile 'em high                  |   |



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| 1951. point the finger                 | 1994. problem solved                        |
| 1952. point to point                   | 1995. proof of the pudding is in the eating |
| 1953. point to the need                | 1996. property rights                       |
| 1954. point of view                    | 1997. prospective buyer                     |
| 1955. poised to deliver                | 1998. protest movement                      |
| 1956. poison pen                       | 1999. public scrutiny                       |
| 1957. pole position                    | 2000. public outcry                         |
| 1958. police brutality                 | 2001. public enemy number one               |
| 1959. policy decision                  | 2002. public opinion                        |
| 1960. policy statement                 | 2003. publicity seeker                      |
| 1961. political landscape              | 2004. puff of smoke                         |
| 1962. poorly prepared                  | 2005. pull together                         |
| 1963. popularity contest               | 2006. pull out all the stops                |
| 1964. porno film                       | 2007. pulling punches                       |
| 1965. potential risk                   | 2008. pulp fiction                          |
| 1966. power games                      | 2009. pump priming                          |
| 1967. power play                       | 2010. pure as the driven snow               |
| 1968. practice makes perfect           | 2011. pushing at an open door               |
| 1969. practice what you preach         | 2012. pushing the envelope                  |
| 1970. precious time                    | 2013. put your job on the line              |
| 1971. pregnant silence                 | 2014. put aside                             |
| 1972. prepare the ground               | 2015. put up a good show                    |
| 1973. prepared for the worst           | 2016. put in a word                         |
| 1974. press gang                       | 2017. put your feet up                      |
| 1975. pressing the right buttons       | 2018. put in a bid                          |
| 1976. pressing ahead                   | 2019. put your money wher your mouth is     |
| 1977. pretty sure                      | 2020. put the finger on                     |
| 1978. pretty good                      | 2021. put the boot in                       |
| 1979. previous record                  | 2022. put your back into it                 |
| 1980. price reduction                  | 2023. put your mind at rest                 |
| 1981. price war                        | 2024. put it behind                         |
| 1982. price yourself out of the market | 2025. put it here                           |
| 1983. price cut                        | 2026. put the screws on                     |
| 1984. price ring                       | 2027. put your house in order               |
| 1985. priced out of the market         | 2028. put yourself in my shoes              |
| 1986. pride and joy                    | 2029. putting it about                      |
| 1987. prima donna                      | 2030. quality of life                       |
| 1988. prison term                      | 2031. quality service                       |
| 1989. prison stick                     | 2032. question mark                         |
| 1990. private joke                     | 2033. question of time                      |
| 1991. private ord                      | 2034. queuing up                            |
| 1992. problem child                    |   |
| 1993. problem area                     |   |



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| 2035. quick recap               | 2078. redirected mail            |
| 2036. quick turnaround          | 2079. reduction in numbers       |
| 2037. quick witted              | 2080. refused to cooperate       |
| 2038. quick and the dead        | 2081. relative ignorance         |
| 2039. quick as a flash          | 2082. relatively straightforward |
| 2040. quiet word                | 2083. remain optimistic          |
| 2041. quiet ones are the worst  | 2084. repeat performance         |
| 2042. quite natural             | 2085. Repo Man                   |
| 2043. quite common              | 2086. resting on your laurels    |
| 2044. rabbiting on              | 2087. retirement package         |
| 2045. rabble rouser             | 2088. reverse the decision       |
| 2046. race war                  | 2089. rhyme or reason            |
| 2047. ragged edges              | 2090. right as rain              |
| 2048. rain dance                | 2091. right image                |
| 2049. raining cats and dogs     | 2092. right on                   |
| 2050. rainy day money           | 2093. right shambles             |
| 2051. raise the roof            | 2094. right wanker               |
| 2052. random noise              | 2095. right now                  |
| 2053. rank outsider             | 2096. right mess                 |
| 2054. rank and file             | 2097. right pig's ear            |
| 2055. rapid response            | 2098. right of centre            |
| 2056. rapturous applause        | 2099. right hook                 |
| 2057. rare breed                | 2100. right on the money         |
| 2058. re-inventing the wheel    | 2101. right on target            |
| 2059. read the riot act         | 2102. rights and wrongs          |
| 2060. read between the lines    | 2103. ring of truth              |
| 2061. reading between the lines | 2104. rings a bell               |
| 2062. ready and willing         | 2105. riot squad                 |
| 2063. really pleased            | 2106. rip off artist             |
| 2064. really wicked             | 2107. rip off                    |
| 2065. really cool               | 2108. ripped off                 |
| 2066. reap what you sow         | 2109. rising to the bait         |
| 2067. reasoned debate           | 2110. road runner                |
| 2068. rebel yell                | 2111. roar of the crowd          |
| 2069. record breaking           | 2112. robbery with violence      |
| 2070. record player             | 2113. robbing bastard            |
| 2071. red letter (day)          | 2114. rock a billy               |
| 2072. red light district        | 2115. rock bottom                |
| 2073. red rag to a bull         | 2116. rock and roll              |
| 2074. red light                 | 2117. roll with the punches      |
| 2075. red tape                  | 2118. roll up                    |
| 2076. red neck                  | 2119. roll call                  |
| 2077. red carpet treatment      | 2120. roll over                  |



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| 2121. rolling along                                  | 2163. satisfied customer                |
| 2122. Rolls Royce                                    | 2164. saturation point                  |
| 2123. Rome wasn't built in a day                     | 2165. saving grace                      |
| 2124. room at the top                                | 2166. saving up for a rainy day         |
| 2125. room for improvement                           | 2167. savour the moment                 |
| 2126. root and branch                                | 2168. say it out loud                   |
| 2127. rose by any other name would<br>smell as sweet | 2169. say what you mean                 |
| 2128. rough and ready                                | 2170. say what you like                 |
| 2129. rough and tumble                               | 2171. scaling down                      |
| 2130. rough passage                                  | 2172. scare stories                     |
| 2131. rough justice                                  | 2173. scared shitless                   |
| 2132. round about                                    | 2174. scientific foundations            |
| 2133. round up                                       | 2175. scorched earth                    |
| 2134. routine enquiries                              | 2176. scored a duck                     |
| 2135. rub salt in the wounds                         | 2177. scored a hit                      |
| 2136. rule of thumb                                  | 2178. Scot free                         |
| 2137. ruled out                                      | 2179. scouting around                   |
| 2138. rules of engagement                            | 2180. scraping the bottom of the barrel |
| 2139. run it into the ground                         | 2181. scratch your eyes out             |
| 2140. run very deep                                  | 2182. scrimp and save                   |
| 2141. run of the mill                                | 2183. scruff of the neck                |
| 2142. run it past me                                 | 2184. scrupulously fair                 |
| 2143. run the guantlet                               | 2185. seal of approval                  |
| 2144. run and hide                                   | 2186. second best                       |
| 2145. runaway reaction                               | 2187. second childhood                  |
| 2146. running a bit late                             | 2188. second chance                     |
| 2147. running against the tide                       | 2189. second guess                      |
| 2148. running water                                  | 2190. second class citizen              |
| 2149. running around in circles                      | 2191. secret sign                       |
| 2150. running scared                                 | 2192. secure are a                      |
| 2151. running a risk                                 | 2193. security conscious                |
| 2152. running battles                                | 2194. security issues                   |
| 2153. sacrificial lamb                               | 2195. security risk                     |
| 2154. saddle sore                                    | 2196. see him for dust                  |
| 2155. safe as houses                                 | 2197. see you                           |
| 2156. safe area                                      | 2198. see how the land lies             |
| 2157. salad days                                     | 2199. see you around                    |
| 2158. sales pitch                                    | 2200. see reason                        |
| 2159. salt of the Earth                              | 2201. see through it                    |
| 2160. sanctity of marriage                           | 2202. seen as such                      |
| 2161. sand in the Vaseline                           | 2203. seize the initiative              |
| 2162. satisfaction guaranteed                        | 2204. self abuse                        |
|  | 2205. self evident                      |



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| 2206. self obsessed                    | 2249. shop window                     |
| 2207. self sacrifice                   | 2250. shop till you drop              |
| 2208. self supporting                  | 2251. shopping spree                  |
| 2209. self defence                     | 2252. shopping list                   |
| 2210. self centred                     | 2253. shore up                        |
| 2211. self proclaimed                  | 2254. short list                      |
| 2212. self destruct                    | 2255. short listed                    |
| 2213. self preservation                | 2256. short sighted                   |
| 2214. sell out                         | 2257. short term fix                  |
| 2215. sell yourself short              | 2258. short term                      |
| 2216. selling up                       | 2259. short and sharp                 |
| 2217. sense of belonging               | 2260. short termism                   |
| 2218. sense of achievement             | 2261. short changed                   |
| 2219. sense of fair play               | 2262. shot his lot                    |
| 2220. separate beds                    | 2263. shot theirselves in the foot    |
| 2221. serial killer                    | 2264. shot to pieces                  |
| 2222. serious proposition              | 2265. shot across the bows            |
| 2223. serious blow                     | 2266. shot his bolt                   |
| 2224. serious disagreement             | 2267. shot in the dark                |
| 2225. serve notice                     | 2268. should have known better        |
| 2226. service with a smile             | 2269. should know better              |
| 2227. set adrift                       | 2270. shouting the odds               |
| 2228. settle down                      | 2271. show of hands                   |
| 2229. settle some old scores           | 2272. show who's boss                 |
| 2230. settle old scores                | 2273. show yo u how it should be done |
| 2231. sexually explicit                | 2274. show your true colours          |
| 2232. sexy thing                       | 2275. show me the way to go home      |
| 2233. shadow of his former self        | 2276. showed him the yellow card      |
| 2234. shadow boxing                    | 2277. shuffle the pack                |
| 2235. shady character                  | 2278. sick to the teeth               |
| 2236. sharp end                        | 2279. sick of the sight               |
| 2237. sheep shagger                    | 2280. sick as a parrot                |
| 2238. sheep territory                  | 2281. side issues                     |
| 2239. shell out                        | 2282. side saddle                     |
| 2240. ship shape                       | 2283. side by side                    |
| 2241. shirt lifter                     | 2284. sign of the times               |
| 2242. shit or bust                     | 2285. sign on the dotted line         |
| 2243. shock tactics                    | 2286. significant minority            |
| 2244. shook his fist                   | 2287. silence is golden               |
| 2245. shoot first, ask questions later | 2288. silent minority                 |
| 2246. shooting his mouth off           | 2289. silver lining                   |
| 2247. shooting fish in a barrel        | 2290. simple example                  |
| 2248. shooting craps                   | 2291. simple pleasures                |



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2292. simple fact  
2293. simple truth  
2294. sincerely believe  
2295. sing for it  
2296. sing along  
2297. sitting pretty  
2298. sitting duck  
2299. six of one and half a dozen of the  
other  
2300. skating on thin ice  
2301. skeleton at the feast  
2302. skeleton in the cupboard  
2303. sky hook  
2304. sky pilot  
2305. sky's the limit  
2306. slap in the face  
2307. slash and burn  
2308. slate missing  
2309. slaving over a hot cooker  
2310. sleep tight  
2311. sleepy hollow  
2312. slept like a baby, I woke up and  
cried every  
2313. slim volume  
2314. slip through the fingers  
2315. slip of the tongue  
2316. slipped my mind  
2317. slipped off the waggon  
2318. slippery as an eel  
2319. slipping and a sliding  
2320. slop out  
2321. slow and easy  
2322. smart Alec  
2323. smash and grab  
2324. smoking related  
2325. smooth voyage  
2326. smooth operator  
2327. snake oil  
2328. Snakes and Ladders  
2329. so what  
2330. so far so good  
2331. soap opera  
2332. social call  
2333. society at large  
2334. soft soap  
2335. solid as rock  
2336. something to tell your  
grandchildren  
2337. son of a gun  
2338. song and dance  
2339. sooner than you think  
2340. sooner or later  
2341. sordid details  
2342. sort them out  
2343. sort it out  
2344. sort it  
2345. soul searching  
2346. sound advice  
2347. sound bite  
2348. sounded out  
2349. sounds good  
2350. sounds great  
2351. South Pacific  
2352. spare me a minute  
2353. spark out  
2354. speaking with forked tongue  
2355. special case  
2356. specific detail  
2357. specified period  
2358. speech day  
2359. spell it out  
2360. spiral out of control  
2361. spirit of the times  
2362. spit and polish  
2363. splash out  
2364. split vote  
2365. splits in the seams  
2366. spoil the ship for a ha'peth of tar  
2367. spot the difference  
2368. spot the ball  
2369. spread it about  
2370. spreading rumours  
2371. spring is in the air  
2372. spring links  
2373. spring in your step  
2374. square the circle



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| 2375. square things up           | 2418. still to come                   |
| 2376. square meal                | 2419. still to come                   |
| 2377. square deal                | 2420. still no sign                   |
| 2378. squeaky clean              | 2421. stock is low                    |
| 2379. squeaky wheel gets the oil | 2422. stool pigeon                    |
| 2380. staged a protest           | 2423. stop short                      |
| 2381. stamped out                | 2424. stop gap                        |
| 2382. stand by                   | 2425. storm troops                    |
| 2383. stand offish               | 2426. storm of criticism              |
| 2384. stand off                  | 2427. storm clouds gathering          |
| 2385. stand easy                 | 2428. story board                     |
| 2386. stand at ease              | 2429. straight as a die               |
| 2387. stand and deliver          | 2430. straight from the horse's mouth |
| 2388. stand on ceremony          | 2431. straight up                     |
| 2389. stand by me                | 2432. straight as an arrow            |
| 2390. standard reply             | 2433. straight and narrow             |
| 2391. standard form              | 2434. straight talking                |
| 2392. standing room only         | 2435. stranger than fiction           |
| 2393. standing start             | 2436. straw poll                      |
| 2394. staple diet                | 2437. strict rotation                 |
| 2395. star performer             | 2438. strictly speaking               |
| 2396. star part                  | 2439. strike while the iron is hot    |
| 2397. star of the show           | 2440. striking a blow                 |
| 2398. starting out               | 2441. striking aspect                 |
| 2399. state of play              | 2442. string along                    |
| 2400. state your business        | 2443. strings attached                |
| 2401. state of emergency         | 2444. strong leadership               |
| 2402. statuesque figure          | 2445. stronger than ever              |
| 2403. stay of execution          | 2446. strongest possible terms        |
| 2404. stay cool                  | 2447. strongly worded                 |
| 2405. steady as she goes         | 2448. strung along                    |
| 2406. step on it                 | 2449. stuff it                        |
| 2407. step up                    | 2450. suck it and see                 |
| 2408. step in                    | 2451. sudden demand                   |
| 2409. step too far               | 2452. suits me fine                   |
| 2410. step by step               | 2453. sup with the devil              |
| 2411. stepping out               | 2454. supply and demand               |
| 2412. stepping stone             | 2455. support the police              |
| 2413. sterling efforts           | 2456. support is slipping             |
| 2414. stern measures             | 2457. sure thing                      |
| 2415. stick in the mud           | 2458. surprise, surprise              |
| 2416. stick to the story         | 2459. suspicious circumstances        |
| 2417. stick it out               | 2460. sweep it under the carpet       |





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| 2461. sweeping statements             | 2504. talk is cheap                       |
| 2462. swift and sure                  | 2505. talking turtle                      |
| 2463. swinging sixties                | 2506. talking bollocks                    |
| 2464. swinging the lead               | 2507. talking shop                        |
| 2465. swings and roundabouts          | 2508. talking turkey                      |
| 2466. swings and roundabouts          | 2509. talking bullshit                    |
| 2467. swords into ploughshares        | 2510. talking about                       |
| 2468. table ender                     | 2511. tall tales                          |
| 2469. tail wagging the dog            | 2512. tap up                              |
| 2470. tailor made                     | 2513. tapping into                        |
| 2471. take it easy                    | 2514. target practice                     |
| 2472. take a dive                     | 2515. target area                         |
| 2473. take the bull by the horns      | 2516. target audience                     |
| 2474. take on the character of        | 2517. tattered and torn                   |
| 2475. take the rough with the smooth  | 2518. team work                           |
| 2476. take your time                  | 2519. teething problems                   |
| 2477. take a walk                     | 2520. telephone manner                    |
| 2478. take two                        | 2521. tell tale signs                     |
| 2479. take the gloves off             | 2522. temper tantrum                      |
| 2480. take you up on that             | 2523. terms of endearment                 |
| 2481. take the lead                   | 2524. terribly sorry                      |
| 2482. take advantage of               | 2525. thanks for nothing                  |
| 2483. take that                       | 2526. thanks for the memory               |
| 2484. take the rise                   | 2527. thanks but no thanks                |
| 2485. take the biscuit                | 2528. that way inclined                   |
| 2486. take out                        | 2529. that's all for now                  |
| 2487. take a stand                    | 2530. that's another thing                |
| 2488. take a break                    | 2531. that's what it looks like from here |
| 2489. take a rain check               | 2532. the finishing touches               |
| 2490. take it or leave it             | 2533. the buck stops here                 |
| 2491. take my word                    | 2534. the cold shoulder                   |
| 2492. take to the hills               | 2535. the middle way                      |
| 2493. take a chance                   | 2536. the bottom line                     |
| 2494. take-over bid                   | 2537. the changing face                   |
| 2495. taken for granted               | 2538. the jury's still out                |
| 2496. taking the Mickey               | 2539. the other woman                     |
| 2497. taking this too seriously       | 2540. the sands of time                   |
| 2498. taking steps                    | 2541. the sap is rising                   |
| 2499. taking the piss                 | 2542. the way the cookie crumbles         |
| 2500. taking a dive                   | 2543. the end of the road                 |
| 2501. talk of the town                | 2544. the kiss of death                   |
| 2502. talk the hind legs off a donkey | 2545. the end justifies the means         |
| 2503. talk your way out of this one   | 2546. the thing is                        |



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2547. the off chance  
2548. the one and only  
2549. the perfect solution  
2550. the morning after  
2551. the problem is  
2552. the eleventh hour  
2553. the right thing  
2554. the question is  
2555. the right stuff  
2556. the truth is out there  
2557. the third degree  
2558. the easy way or the hard way  
2559. the toast of  
2560. the thing is  
2561. the plot thickens  
2562. the rot has set in  
2563. the left hand doesn't know what  
the right hand is doing  
2564. the lonely  
2565. the writing on the wall  
2566. the silent majority  
2567. the best money can buy  
2568. the butt of his joke  
2569. the darkest hour is before the  
dawn  
2570. the bigger they come, the harder  
they fall.  
2571. the world's your oyster  
2572. the coast is clear  
2573. theatre of dreams  
2574. there is no doubt  
2575. there you go again  
2576. there has been talk  
2577. there you go  
2578. there's no question  
2579. there's hope yet  
2580. these days  
2581. thick as a brick  
2582. thick as a plank (alt. two short)  
2583. thin on the ground  
2584. think twice  
2585. think it over  
2586. think again  
2587. thinking out loud  
2588. thinking ahead  
2589. thinking cap  
2590. thinking time  
2591. third class  
2592. third time lucky  
2593. third division  
2594. third party  
2595. this can't be easy for you  
2596. this is serious  
2597. this'll hurt me more than it hurts  
you  
2598. three sheets to the wind  
2599. three wishes  
2600. three of a kind  
2601. three time loser  
2602. three ring circus  
2603. three in a bed  
2604. three in a row  
2605. throw in the towel  
2606. throw together  
2607. thrown to the wolves  
2608. thumbs down  
2609. thumbs up  
2610. thunderous applause  
2611. tide over  
2612. tie the knot  
2613. tight lipped  
2614. tight timetable  
2615. tight fist  
2616. tilting at windmills  
2617. time will tell  
2618. time is up  
2619. time and tide wait for no man  
2620. time and tide wait for no man  
2621. time wasters  
2622. time is of the essence  
2623. time flies  
2624. time pressure  
2625. time is on my side  
2626. time heals all wounds  
2627. time and time again  
2628. time bomb



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2629. time after time  
2630. time out  
2631. time of your life  
2632. time on my hands  
2633. time warp  
2634. time and tide  
2635. time has come  
2636. time is running out  
2637. time is ripe  
2638. time to kill  
2639. time window  
2640. time capsule  
2641. timeless classic  
2642. timing light  
2643. tip top  
2644. tip of my tongue  
2645. tip of the iceberg  
2646. tit for tat  
2647. to all intents  
2648. to a certain extent  
2649. to mark the occasion  
2650. to hell with it  
2651. to be honest  
2652. toe the line  
2653. tomorrow never comes  
2654. tongue in cheek  
2655. too good to refuse  
2656. too early to say  
2657. took a wrong turn  
2658. took on a life of its own in a pinch  
2659. tooled up  
2660. top of the bill  
2661. top man  
2662. top of the pile  
2663. top of the morning  
2664. top of the class  
2665. top and tail  
2666. top of the shop  
2667. top secret  
2668. topsy turvy  
2669. total knobhead  
2670. touch base  
2671. tough nut to crack  
2672. tough talk  
2673. tough nut  
2674. tougher measures  
2675. tougher policies  
2676. track record  
2677. trade gap  
2678. traded blows  
2679. traditional values  
2680. trail of disaster  
2681. transit camp  
2682. trap one  
2683. travelling light  
2684. tread water  
2685. treatment room  
2686. tree top level  
2687. trial and error  
2688. trick cyclist  
2689. tricky situation  
2690. trouble at mill  
2691. true or false  
2692. truth of the matter is  
2693. try it on  
2694. trying it on  
2695. tuned in  
2696. turd puncher  
2697. turkey shoot  
2698. turn the tables  
2699. turn the other cheek  
2700. turn over a new leaf  
2701. turn down  
2702. turn up the pressure  
2703. turned down  
2704. turned on  
2705. two of a kind  
2706. two fingers  
2707. two way street  
2708. two wrongs don't make a right  
2709. two sides to every story  
2710. two peas in a pod  
2711. two chances  
2712. type cast  
2713. ultimate objective  
2714. unable and unwilling



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| 2715. unceremoniously dumped       | 2758. veneer of truth           |
| 2716. under the skin               | 2759. vengeance is mine         |
| 2717. under the weather            | 2760. verbal diarrhoea          |
| 2718. under the nose of            | 2761. very hurtful              |
| 2719. under the impression         | 2762. vicious circle            |
| 2720. under the thumb              | 2763. video evidence            |
| 2721. under pressure               | 2764. virtual reality           |
| 2722. under the rules              | 2765. vital statistics          |
| 2723. under age                    | 2766. voice from the past       |
| 2724. underlying principles        | 2767. volume control            |
| 2725. unemployment statistics      | 2768. voluntary redundancy      |
| 2726. unfair advantage             | 2769. volunteer army            |
| 2727. unforeseeable circumstances  | 2770. vulgar acts               |
| 2728. unhappily married            | 2771. wait and see              |
| 2729. unsung hero                  | 2772. wait a minute             |
| 2730. unsustainable level          | 2773. waiting game              |
| 2731. up for sale                  | 2774. wake up to the fact       |
| 2732. up to me                     | 2775. walk it                   |
| 2733. up to the top                | 2776. walk tall                 |
| 2734. up and under                 | 2777. walk out                  |
| 2735. up market                    | 2778. walk the talk             |
| 2736. up and over                  | 2779. walk a mile in my shoes   |
| 2737. up to the hilt               | 2780. walk this way             |
| 2738. up against it                | 2781. walk on by                |
| 2739. up to you                    | 2782. walking a tightrope       |
| 2740. up and down                  | 2783. walking in step           |
| 2741. up the road                  | 2784. wanted in connection with |
| 2742. up to the neck in it         | 2785. war zone                  |
| 2743. up tight                     | 2786. war of words              |
| 2744. up to date                   | 2787. war monger                |
| 2745. up to the lim it             | 2788. war games                 |
| 2746. up for the cup               | 2789. war footing               |
| 2747. up front                     | 2790. warm as toast             |
| 2748. upper hand                   | 2791. warm blooded              |
| 2749. urgent need                  | 2792. warm feeling              |
| 2750. use your head                | 2793. warming to it             |
| 2751. useful lessons               | 2794. warning shot              |
| 2752. usual suspects               | 2795. wasn't my fault           |
| 2753. vale of tears                | 2796. watch your step           |
| 2754. value for money              | 2797. watch my lips             |
| 2755. vantage point                | 2798. watch your mouth          |
| 2756. variable rate                | 2799. water under the bridge    |
| 2757. variety is the spice of life | 2800. water sports              |



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2801. water takes the easiest way  
2802. watered beer  
2803. watered down  
2804. way out  
2805. way forward  
2806. way of life  
2807. way of saying  
2808. way out man  
2809. way out  
2810. we can work it out  
2811. we've all been there  
2812. wealth creators  
2813. wearing your heart on your sleeve  
2814. weasel words  
2815. welcoming committee  
2816. welfare reform  
2817. well of despair  
2818. well hung  
2819. well in  
2820. well adjusted  
2821. well done  
2822. well knit  
2823. well wisher  
2824. went the full circle  
2825. wet behind the ears  
2826. whale of a time  
2827. what can only be described as  
2828. what the hell  
2829. what have you come as tonight  
2830. what can I do for you  
2831. what a shambles  
2832. what goes around comes around  
2833. what a drag  
2834. what can I get you  
2835. what's the problem  
2836. what's new  
2837. what's what  
2838. what's that got to do with it  
2839. what's on your mind  
2840. what's the score  
2841. whatever you want  
2842. when I say jump  
2843. when the chips are down  
2844. when the shit hits the fan  
2845. where there's smoke there's fire  
2846. while stocks last  
2847. white elephant  
2848. white slavery  
2849. whitewash job  
2850. who knows  
2851. who cares  
2852. who dares wins  
2853. who's on next  
2854. who's minding the shop  
2855. who's next  
2856. whole new ball game  
2857. whole truth  
2858. why not  
2859. why are we waiting  
2860. why should I worry  
2861. wide open  
2862. wide eyed  
2863. widespread dissent  
2864. willing and able  
2865. win or lose  
2866. win through  
2867. wind up  
2868. wind your neck in  
2869. window of opportunity  
2870. window dressing  
2871. window shopping  
2872. wine women and song  
2873. wing and a prayer  
2874. wings of an angel  
2875. winning combination  
2876. winning ways  
2877. winning streak  
2878. wired up  
2879. wish you were here  
2880. wish it upon yourself  
2881. wish list  
2882. wishful thinking  
2883. with deepest sympathy  
2884. with a pinch of salt  
2885. with bated breath



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2886. with the benefit of hindsight  
2887. with a vengeance  
2888. with the right contacts  
2889. without a shadow of a doubt  
2890. woke up famous  
2891. woman's touch  
2892. women's intuition  
2893. won on points  
2894. wooden spoon  
2895. word in private  
2896. words of wisdom  
2897. work hard at it  
2898. work of art  
2899. work up  
2900. work closely  
2901. work like a dog  
2902. work together  
2903. work in progress  
2904. work it out  
2905. work cut out  
2906. work on it  
2907. work out  
2908. working for the opposition  
2909. working day and night  
2910. working her fingers to the bone  
2911. working together  
2912. world record attempt  
2913. world number one  
2914. world class  
2915. worm your way in  
2916. wormed his way in  
2917. worried to death  
2918. worse than first thought  
2919. worse ways to make a living  
2920. worst bit  
2921. worth more than  
2922. wrapped it up  
2923. wreck of the Hesperus  
2924. writing on the wall  
2925. wrong side of the law  
2926. wrong signals  
2927. wrong number  
2928. year zero  
2929. yearn for  
2930. yellow light  
2931. yellow bellied  
2932. you know what they say  
2933. you can be sure of it  
2934. you couldn't be more wrong  
2935. you get what you give  
2936. you can hardly blame him  
2937. you wouldn't dare  
2938. you can't be too careful  
2939. you know what I mean  
2940. you can be sure  
2941. you know exactly what I'm saying  
2942. you get what you pay for  
2943. you have to be sure  
2944. you'll get over it  
2945. you're a true gent  
2946. you're on  
2947. you're not yourself  
2948. you've got a nerve  
2949. young blood  
2950. your own making  
2951. zero tolerance