

THE ALMOST BIGGEST LIST OF CLICHES: (Ouch—lazy writing.)

“Kill the clichés. They’re those tired, overworked phrases that we hear and read constantly. It’s easy to write with hackneyed expressions because we don’t have to work hard. A major difference between mediocre authors and excellent ones is that the former use the current expressions of the day instead of trying to say it in their own words.

The cliché can be a simple word (utilize instead of use), or a phrase (at the end of the day, at this point in time, or do the math).

Clichés work for easy writing;

Clichés also make for boring reading.” —**Cecil Murphey**, Blog Post, “Common Problems: Part 4 of 50” <http://cecilmurpheyswritertowriter.blogspot.com/2011/11/common-problems-part-4-of-50.html>

- **A**
- A rose by any other name would smell as sweet
- Abandon ship
- About face
- Above board
- Absence makes the heart grow fonder
- Absolute power corrupts absolutely
- Ace in the hole
- Ace up his sleeve
- Achilles heel
- Acid test
- Acorn doesn’t fall far from the tree, The
- Actions speak louder than words
- After my own heart
- Ah, to be young and foolish...
- Airing dirty laundry
- All bent out of shape
- All bets are off
- All dressed up and nowhere to go
- All ears
- All for one, and one for all
- All hands on deck
- All hands to the pump
- All heck (hell) breaks loose
- All in a day’s work
- All in due time
- All over the map
- All paled in comparison
- All talk and no action
- All that glitters is not gold
- All that jazz
- All the bits and pieces
- All thumbs
- All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy
- All wet, To be
- All’s fair in love and war
- All’s well that ends well
- Already got one paw on the chicken coop
- Altitude is determined by attitude
- Always a bridesmaid, never the bride
- Always look on the bright side
- Am I my brother’s keeper?
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away
- An arm and a leg
- An idle mind is the devil’s playground
- An oldie, but a goodie
- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure
- Another day another dollar
- Another nail in the coffin
- Ants in his pants
- Any friend of yours is a friend of mine.
- Any port in a storm

- Anyhoo
- Anything goes
- Apple of my eye
- Are you a man or a mouse?
- Are you fair dinkum?
- Armed to the teeth
- Around the horn
- As all get out
- As beautiful as the day is long
- As dense as a London fog
- As far as the eye can see
- As good as gold
- As honest as the day is long
- As if!
- As luck would have it
- As many Chins as a Chinese phone book
- As plain as the nose on your face
- As snug as a bug in a rug, To be
- As tender as a mother's heart
- As the crow flies
- As useful as a lead balloon
- As welcome as a skunk at a lawn party
- As ye sow, so shall ye reap
- Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
- Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies
- Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country
- Asleep at the wheel
- At the crack of dawn
- At the drop of a hat
- At the eleventh (11th) hour
- At the end of my rope
- At the end of the day...
- At the end of the pecking order
- At the last minute
- At wits' end
- Atta (That's a) boy
- Atta girl
- Ax to grind, An

■ B

- Babe in the woods
- Baby blues
- Baby boomer
- Back against the wall
- Back breaker, A
- Back from the dead
- Back handed comment, A
- Back in a sec
- Back in the saddle
- Back it up, To
- Back seat driver, A
- Back stabber
- Back to square one
- Back to the drawing board
- Back to the salt mines
- Backhanded compliment, A
- Bad (Bum) wrap, A
- Bad blood
- Bad call
- Bad hair day, A
- Bad seed, A
- Bad to the bone
- bag and baggage
- Bags all packed and ready to go
- Bait and switch
- Baked
- Baker's dozen, A
- Bald faced liar, A
- Ball is in your court, The
- Ball of wax, The whole
- Banging your head against a brick wall
- Bank on it, To
- Baptism by fire
- Bare bones
- Barge right in
- Barking up the wrong tree
- Barn burner, A
- Basket case, A
- Bat the idea around
- Bats in the belfry
- Batten down the hatches, lower the boom, raise the mizenmast: full speed ahead!
- Be in the same boat

- Be it ever so humble there's no place like home
- Be there or be square
- Bear down
- Beat a dead horse, To
- Beat around the bush
- Beat it!
- Beat swords into ploughshares
- Beat the bushes
- Beat the street
- Beats me
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
- Beauty is only skin deep
- Bee in her bonnet
- Been there, done that
- Bee's knees, The
- Before you were the gleam in your father's eye
- Beggars can't be choosers
- Behind the eight ball
- Behind the times
- Belle of the ball, The
- Bells and whistles, To have all the
- Bend over backwards
- Best laid plans of mice and men, The
- Best thing since sliced bread, The
- Bet it all, To
- Bet the farm
- Bet your bottom dollar, To
- Better half, The
- Better late than never
- Better light a candle than curse the darkness
- Better safe than sorry
- Better than a kick in the teeth
- Better than ever
- Better the Devil you know than the Devil you don't
- Between a rock and a hard place, To be
- Beware the ides of March
- Big as a house
- Big as life
- Big brother is watching
- Big cheese, The
- Big head, A
- Big heart, A
- Big mouth, A
- Big picture, The
- Big wig, A
- Bigger they are, the harder they fall, The
- Biological clock is ticking, Her
- Bird in a gilded cage, A
- Bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, A
- Birds of a feather flock together
- Bite off more than you can chew, To
- Bite the bullet
- Bite the dust, To
- Bite your lip
- Bite your tongue, To
- Black as pitch
- Black eye, A
- Blast from the past
- Blaze a new trail
- Blew him away
- Blew his wad
- Blind as a bat
- Blind leading the blind, The
- Blood is thicker than water
- Blood money
- Bloom is off the rose, The
- Blow a gasket, To
- Blow chow, To
- Blow chunks, To
- Blow me down
- Blow the whistle on
- Blow this joint, Let's
- Blow your brains out
- Blue Monday
- Body is still warm, The
- Body slam
- Boils down to
- Bombed
- Bone chilling cold
- Bone of contention, A
- Bone to pick, A
- Bored to tears
- Born with a silver spoon in his mouth
- Both barrels

- Both feet (firmly planted) on the ground, To have
- Bottom fell out, The
- Bottom line
- Bottom out
- Bought (buy) the farm
- Bounce back, To
- Bowl someone over, To
- Box of birds
- Box of fluffy ducks
- Box yourself in, To
- Boxed in, To be
- Boy howdy
- Boys will be boys
- Bragging rights
- Brain drain, A
- Brain dump, A
- Bread winner
- Break a leg, To
- Break ranks, To
- Break the ice, To
- Bright as a button, As
- Bright future, To have a
- Bring home the bacon, To
- Bring it
- Bring sand to the beach
- Broke the bank
- Brother, can you spare a dime?
- Brown nose
- Brush off, To (The)
- Bubble shy of plumb, A
- Buck stops here, The
- Buck-a-roo
- Buckle down
- Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door
- Bum steer, A
- Bump in the road, A
- Bump on a log, A
- Bun in the oven
- Burn the candle at both ends
- Burn the midnight oil
- Burn your bridges
- Burn your ships
- Bury the hatchet
- Busier than a one armed paper

- hanger
- Business as usual
- Business at hand
- Bust your chops
- Busted
- Busting a gut
- Busy as a bee, As
- Busy as a one-legged man in an butt kicking contest
- Butterflies in his stomach
- Buy in to
- Buy it for the price of a skinny chicken, To
- Buy something for a song, To
- By the book
- By the same token

■ C

- Call a spade a spade
- Call it a day, To
- Call off the dogs
- Call someone on the carpet
- Call the shots, To
- Can it!
- Can of corn, A
- Can of worms, Open (up) a
- Can't have your cake and eat it too, You
- Can't hold a candle to
- Can't judge a book by its cover, You
- Can't learn to swim without getting in the water, You
- Can't say enough about him, You
- Can't squeeze blood out of a turnip, You
- Can't teach an old dog new tricks, You
- Carry the team, To
- Case of the dancer blaming the stage. A,
- Cash cow, A
- Cash in your chips, To
- Cash is king
- Cash it in, To
- Cast a very long shadow
- Cat got your tongue?
- Cat nap, A

- Catch (Get) my drift?
- Catch a falling knife
- Catch forty winks, To
- Catch on, To
- Catching some ZZZ's
- Cat's meow, The
- Cat's whiskers, The
- Caught me off guard
- Caught with his pants down
- Caught with your hand in the cookie jar
- Chain is only as strong as it's weakest link, A
- Champagne tastes and a beer budget
- Change your tune, To
- Changes hands
- Chatty Cathy
- Cheap date, A
- Cheap shot, A
- Cheap trick
- Chew on, To
- Chew out, To
- Chew the fat
- Chewing nails and spitting tacks
- Chief cook and bottle washer
- Childs play
- Chill out, To
- Chip in, To
- Chip off the old block
- Chip on your shoulder
- Chomping at the bit
- Clean bill of health
- Clean sweep
- Clean your clock
- Clear as a bell
- Clear as mud
- Clear the air, To
- Climbing the walls
- Clock is ticking, The
- Close call
- Close early and often
- Close ranks, To
- Clucking and Bucking with the other Hens
- Clue me in
- Coast to coast
- Cock and bull story, A
- Coin a phrase
- Cold as cucumber
- Cold as ice
- Cold feet
- Cold shoulder
- Collared
- Come across, To
- Come again?
- Come hell or high water
- Come in under the wire, To
- Come out of the closet, To
- Coming down in buckets
- Coming down the pike
- Compare apple and oranges
- Compare apples to apples
- Complete picture, The
- Cookie cutter
- Cooking with gas (now)
- Cool as a cucumber
- Cool your heels, To
- Cool your jets, To
- Cop it sweet
- Couldn't fight his way out of a wet paper sack (bag)
- Couldn't find his way out of a paper bag
- Cowboy up, To
- Crack down, to
- Crack the code, To
- Crack the nut, To
- Crack the whip
- Cracking up
- Crap shoot, A
- Crazy as a loon
- Crazy like a fox, To be
- Cream of the crop
- Crime doesn't pay
- Crocodile tears
- Cross the line, To
- Cry all the way to the bank, To
- Cry me a river
- Cry over spilled milk, To
- Cry uncle, To
- Cry wolf, To
- Curb your enthusiasm

- Curiosity killed the cat
- Cut a (the) rug, To
- Cut and dry
- Cut corners, To
- Cut it out
- Cut it, To
- Cut off your nose to spite your face
- Cut the cheese
- Cut the mustard
- Cut to the chase
- Cut your losses
- Cut your teeth
- Cute as a button, As
- Cuts like a knife
- Cuts to the core
- Cuts to the quick
- **D**
- Dagger (knife) in the heart, A
- Damned if you do and damned if you don't
- Dances (Moves) to the beat of a different drummer
- Dangle a carrot in front of him
- Dark horse
- David versus Goliath
- Day late and a dollar short, A
- Dead as a doornail
- Dead cat bounce
- Dead presidents
- Dead ringer
- Dead to rights
- Deal with it, To
- Dealt a fatal blow
- Death by a thousand cuts
- Deep do-do
- Deep six something, To
- Deer in headlights, Like a
- Diamond in the rough
- Dig for gold, To
- Dig yourself into a hole, To
- Dip your toe in the water
- Dirt cheap
- Do a one-eighty
- Do as I say and not as I do
- Do birds fly?
- Do or die
- Do unto others as you would have other do unto you
- Do what it takes
- Do you feel me?
- Does the Pope wear a funny hat?
- Doesn't have both oars in the water
- Doesn't stand (have) a prayer
- Doesn't stand a chance
- Dog eat dog
- Dog it, To (Dogging it)
- Dogs bark, but the caravan moves on Saudi Arabia
- Dogs bollocks, The
- Dogs have masters, cats have staff
- Dog's life, A
- Doing time
- Don't bite the hand that feeds you
- Don't count your chickens before they're hatched
- Don't do anything I wouldn't do
- Don't get your knickers in a knot
- Don't get your knickers in a twist
- Don't go there
- Don't have two nickels to rub together
- Don't hold your breath
- Don't know him from Adam
- Don't look a gift horse in the mouth
- Don't look back
- Don't make a fuss
- Don't pee on my leg and tell me it's raining!
- Don't rock the boat
- Don't shoot me, I'm just the messenger
- Don't sweat it
- Don't take any wooden nickels
- Don't tempt fate
- Dot the I's and cross the T's
- Double whammy
- Down and out
- Down in the mouth, To be
- Down on your/his luck
- Down the hatch
- Drain the lizard
- Draw a blank, To

- Dream on
- Dressed to kill
- Dressed to the nines
- Drink the Kool-Aid
- Drive me to drink, To
- Drive me/you up a nuts, To
- Drive me/you up a wall, To
- Drive the porcelain bus, To
- Driving me crazy
- Driving your ducks to a (mighty) poor pond
- Drop a dime
- Drop in the bucket, A
- Drop me a line
- Dropping like flies
- Drown your sorrows
- Drunk as a skunk
- Dry as a bone
- Duck soup
- Duck!
- Dumb as a fox, To be
- Dumb as a post
- Dumb as a stump
- Dumber than a bag of hammers
- Dumber than a box of rocks
- Dutch, Go (Dutch treat)
- **E**
- E ticket ride, An
- Early bird catches the worm, The
- Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man health, wealthy and wise
- Easy as 123
- Easy as ABC
- Easy as pie
- Eat crow
- Eat lead!
- Eat like a horse, To
- Eat my hat
- Eat your gun, To
- Eat your own dog food
- Eight hundred pound gorilla, The
- Elephant in the room, The
- Emotional roller coaster, An
- Emphasize the wrong syllable, To
- Empty flattery
- Enchilada, The whole
- End over end
- Ends justify the means, The
- Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while
- Even keel
- Even money
- Even Stevens
- Every dark cloud has a silver lining
- Every dog has his day
- Everyone has their cross to bear
- Everything (It all) comes out in the wash
- Everything but the kitchen sink
- Everything's coming up roses
- Everything's hunky dory
- Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth
- Eyeball someone or something, To
- **F**
- Face like a bulldog chewing on a wasp, A
- Face like a burst couch, A
- Face like a dropped meat pie, A
- Face only a mother could love, A
- Face that would scare a dog out of a butcher shop, A
- Faint heart never a true love knows, A
- Fair haired one, The
- Fair weather friend
- Fall guy, A
- Fall head over heels
- Fall through the cracks
- Falling off a log, As easy as
- Family affair, A
- Fan the flames
- Fancy meeting you here
- Far cry, A
- Fast buck, A
- Fat as a cow
- Fat as a pig
- Fat chance
- Feather in his cap, A
- Federal case, A
- Fell off my plate
- Few bricks shy, A
- Few fries short of a happy meal, A

- Few sandwiches short of a picnic, A
- Fickle finger of fate
- Fifty (50), Fifty (50)
- Fight like cats and dogs
- Figure it out
- Filthy rich
- Fine and dandy
- Fine as wine, As
- Fine line
- Finer than frog hair
- Fingered
- Firing on all cylinders
- First things first
- Fish or cut bait, To
- Fish out of water, A
- Fit as a fiddle
- Fit to be hung
- Fit to be tied
- Fits like a glove
- Fits like a hand in (a) glove
- Flash as a rat with a gold tooth
- Flash in the pan, A
- Flat as a board
- Flat as a pancake
- Fleet footed
- Fling, A
- Flip flop
- Flip your lid, To
- Flog a dead horse
- Flown the coop
- Fly by night
- Fly by the book
- Fly by the seat of your pants, To
- Fly in the ointment, A
- Fly on the wall, A
- Follow the leader
- Following in his footsteps
- Fool and his money are soon parted,
A
- Fools gold
- For crying out loud
- For Pete's sake
- Forever and a day
- Fork it over
- Fork out
- Four one one (411), The
- Free as a bird
- Free reign
- Frog in a frying pan, Like a
- Frog in my throat, A
- From day one
- From here to timbuktu
- Full Monty
- Full of himself
- Full of hot air
- Full of mischief
- Funny business
- Fur fly, The
- **G**
- Gadzooks!
- Game is on the line, The
- Gang bang
- Gang bangers
- Garlic milkshake
- Get (Start) the ball rolling
- Get a life
- Get a room
- Get a word in edgewise
- Get all worked up
- Get an earful, To
- Get back up on the horse
- Get cleaned out, To
- Get crushed, To
- Get down, To
- Get it, To
- Get lost
- Get my message?
- Get out of Dodge
- Get out of here
- Get out of my hair
- Get over the hump
- Get the hook, To
- Get to the bottom of it
- Get up off the mat, To
- Get with the program
- Get your arms around it
- Get your ducks in a row
- Get your feet wet
- Get your foot in the door
- Get your head in the game
- Getting hitched
- Give a hoot, To

- Give and take
- Give it a rest
- Give it a whirl
- Give it away
- Give me a hand
- Give the shirt off your back, To
- Give them a finger, and they'll take the whole hand
- Give them a hand
- Give them an inch, and they'll take a mile
- Give your right arm, To
- Glimmer of hope
- Gloss over, To
- Glutton for punishment
- Go against the grain, To
- Go back to the well
- Go ballistic
- Go belly up, To
- Go crazy
- Go down hill, To
- Go figure
- Go fly a kite
- Go for broke
- Go head to head
- Go jump in the lake
- Go out in a blaze of glory
- Go out on a limb
- Go over his head
- Go overboard
- Go postal, To
- Go the extra mile, To
- Go through the motions
- Go through the roof, To
- Go together hand in hand
- Go too far, To
- Go with your gut
- God speed
- God willing (and the creek don't rise)
- Going bananas
- Going gang-busters
- Gold digger, A
- Golden child, The
- Good beginning makes a good ending, A
- Good call
- Good fences make good neighbors
- Good man is hard to find, A
- Good rule of thumb, A
- Good soldier
- Good things come to he who waits
- Good to go
- Good to the last drop
- Goofing off
- Got a leg up
- Got beat like a drum
- Got burned
- Got lost in the shuffle
- Got off on the wrong foot
- Got schooled
- Got spanked
- Got swept
- Got the stuffing beat out of him
- Got under my skin
- Got whooped
- Got your nose all pushed out of shape (joint)
- Grasping at straws
- Grass is always greener on the other side, The
- Grease a palm, To
- Green eyed monster
- Green horn, A
- Green with envy
- Greener pastures
- Grey hairs
- Grin and bear it
- Grinning from ear to ear
- Ground rules
- Groundhog day
- Growing like a weed
- Gunning for
- Guns blazing
- Gut check, A
- **H**
- Half a bubble off, A
- Half-baked idea, A
- Hammered
- Hand off
- Handle it with kid gloves
- Hands on

- Handwriting is on the wall, The
- Handy as a pocket on a shirt, As
- Hang in there
- Hang me out to dry
- Hang on every word
- Hang yourself, To
- Happy as a clam
- Happy as a lark
- Happy as a pig in mud
- Happy camper
- Hard days night, A
- Hard headed
- Hard stop, A
- Hard to swallow
- Hare brained idea
- Has a leg up
- Haste makes waste
- Hat in hand
- Hate his guts
- Have a cow, To
- Have a heart
- Have a heart attack
- Have a nice day
- Have a shot, To
- Have the last laugh
- Haven't got a penny to my name
- Haven't got a row to hoe
- He couldn't hit the broad side of a barn
- He doesn't know what time it is
- He got mugged
- He has egg on his face
- He is milk toast
- He is toast
- He learned his lesson
- He never met a doughnut he didn't like
- He who cannot dance, blames the DJ
- He who laughs last, laughs best
- He who lives by the sword, shall die by the sword
- He/She always gives 110 percent
- He/She dogged him/her
- He/She is automatic
- He/She is clutch.
- He/She is hot
- He/She is money
- He/She lost the handle
- He/She silenced the critics
- He/She's got game
- Head over heels
- Heading for the poor house
- Heads up
- Heard it through the grapevine
- Heart breaker, A
- Heart of gold
- Heart of stone, A
- Heaven help us
- Heaven's to Betsy
- Hell in a hand basket, To
- Hell raiser, A
- Hen pecked
- Here today, gone tomorrow
- Here's mud in your eye
- Here's your hat, what's your hurry?
- He's got more money than he knows what to do with
- He's got the skills to pay the bills
- Hide the salami
- High as a kite
- High hopes
- High maintenance
- Highway robbery
- Hindsight is twenty/twenty (20/20)
- His bark is bigger than his bite
- His bark is worse than his bite
- His elevator doesn't go to the top floor
- His eyes are bigger than his stomach
- His left hand doesn't know what his right hand is doing
- His mouth is writing checks his body can't cash
- His/Her elevator doesn't go all the way to the top floor
- History repeats itself
- Hit below the belt, To
- Hit every ugly branch falling out of the tree
- Hit him right between the numbers
- Hit on, To
- Hit pay dirt, To

- Hit the books
- Hit the bricks, To
- Hit the deck!
- Hit the hay
- Hit the nail on the head, To
- Hit the road
- Hit the sack
- Hog heaven, To be in
- Hoisted (Hung) by your own petard
- Hold the phone
- Hold your horses
- Holding all the cards
- Holy cow
- Home is where you hang your hat
- Hook me up
- Hook, line and sinker
- Hop, skip and a jump, A
- Hope against hope
- Hope springs eternal
- Horse apiece, A
- Horse around, To
- Horse of a different color, A
- Horsing around
- Hot as hell
- Hot enough for you?
- Hot enough to fry an egg
- Hot hand, A
- Hot water, In
- Hotter than a fox in a firestorm
- Hotter than Georgia asphalt
- House divided against itself cannot stand, A
- How's it hanging
- How's that for a topper?
- Hump day
- Hunker down, To
- Hurl insults
- **I**
- I beg to differ
- I can't stomach that
- I could whip you with one arm tied behind my back
- I hate to say this, but...
- I have no bones about that
- I heard (hear) that!
- I need that like I need a hole in my head
- I never met a man I didn't like
- I second that
- I want my place in the sun
- I wasn't born yesterday
- I wouldn't trust him as far as I could spit
- Ice water in his/her veins
- Icing on the cake, The
- I'd lose my head if it wasn't attached
- Idle hands are the devil's workshop
- If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times
- If the shoe fits, wear it
- If wishes were horses, beggars would ride
- If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen
- If you chase two rabbits, both will escape
- If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all
- If you get the sense, then chuck the tense
- If you're going to talk the talk, you better walk the walk
- I'll be a monkey's uncle
- I'll be the judge of that, thank you
- I'll bet a dollar to a doughnut
- I'll bet dollars to doughnuts
- I'll fix you
- I'll leave you with something to chew on
- Ill-fated idea, An
- I'm not getting any younger
- In a coon's age, Not to have seen someone
- In a wink
- In cold blood
- In fine fettle
- In for a penny, in for a pound
- In harm's way
- In on the ground floor
- In one fell swoop
- In the black, To be
- In the cards, It's

- In the clear
- In the hot seat
- In the joint
- In the nick of time
- In the pink
- In the red, To be
- In two shakes of a lamb's tail
- In your dreams
- In your face
- Inched out
- Indian giver
- Is a pig pork?
- Is it soup yet?
- Is the Pope Catholic?
- Isn't all it's cracked up to be
- It ain't over till the fat lady sings
- It ain't rocket science
- It is good to be king
- It takes two to tango
- It will do
- It won't fly
- It's (There's) no use crying over spilled milk
- It's a game of inches
- It's a lemon
- It's a wash
- It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye.
- It's all over but the crying
- It's better than a sharp stick in the eye
- It's business
- It's in the bag
- It's never too late to learn
- It's not a sprint, it's a marathon
- It's not over till it's over
- It's not the size of the dog in the fight. It's the size of the fight in the dog.
- It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game
- It's what's on the inside that counts
- I've got it covered
- I've had it up to here

J

- Jack of all trades and a master of

- none, A
- Jiminy Christmas
- Jockeying for position
- Joined at the hip, To be
- Journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step, A
- Jump down your throat, To
- Jump in with both feet, To
- Jump on the bandwagon
- Jump the gun
- Jury is still out, The
- Just a cotton pickin' minute here
- Just a minute
- Just a second
- Just around the bend
- Just fell off the turnip truck
- Just the tip of the iceberg
- Justice is blind

K

- Kangaroo loose in the top paddock
- Keep a bad dog with you, and the good dogs won't bite
- Keep an (my) eye on you
- Keep it down, To
- Keep something at bay, To
- Keep you fringers crossed
- Keep your chin up
- Keep your eyes open
- Keep your hair on
- Keep your nose to the grindstone
- Keep your powder dry
- Keeping up with the Joneses
- Keeps his cards close to his vest
- Keeps on ticking
- Kick back, To
- Kick him/her to the curb, To
- Kick it, To
- Kick the bucket, To
- Kick your feet up, To
- Kick your heels, To
- Kid in a candy store, A
- King's ransom, A
- Kiss and tell
- Kissing the rose
- Kit and kaboodle, The whole
- Knee-high to a grasshopper, To be

- Knife through hot butter, (Like) A
- Knock it out of the park
- Knock off, A
- Knock on wood
- Knock the cover off the ball
- Knock your socks off, To
- Knocked up
- Knockout blow
- Knockout, A
- Know it like the back of my hand
- Know the ropes
- Know the score
- Know what's up
- Know where you stand
- Know which side your bread is buttered on, To
- Knows it chapter and verse
- Knuckle down
- Knuckle sandwich, A
- Knuckle under, To
- Kodak moment, A
- **L**
- Land of milk and honey
- Last ditch effort, A
- Last hurrah
- Last, but not least
- Laugh a minute, A
- Laugh all the way to the bank, To
- Lay down the law, To
- Lay my cards (out) on the table
- Leave (Make) your mark, To
- Leave no stone unturned
- Left at the altar
- Legend in his own mind, A
- Leopard doesn't change its spots, A
- Lesser of two evils, The
- Let bygones be bygones
- Let sleeping dogs lie
- Let the cat out of the bag, To
- Let's roll
- Let's split
- Lickety-split
- Licking one's wounds
- Lie down with lions, To
- Life is a bowl of cherries
- Light as a feather
- Light at the end of the tunnel, The
- Light in the loafers
- Lightning never strikes the same place twice
- Lights are on but there's nobody home, The
- Lights out
- Like a bull in a china shop
- Like a chicken with his head cut off
- Like a coiled spring
- Like a lost dog in the high weeds
- Like butter
- Like chalk and cheese
- Like father, like son
- Like it's going out of style
- Like oil and water
- Like shooting ducks on a pond
- Like there is no tomorrow
- Like white on rice
- Line in the sand, A
- Lion's den, The
- Lion's share, The
- Lipstick on a pig
- Litmus test
- Little bird told me, A
- Little of this, a little of that, A
- Live and learn
- Living high off the hog
- Lie like a rug, To
- Lock, stock, and barrel
- Long and short of it, The
- Long arm of the law, The
- Long in the tooth
- Long row to hoe
- Long shot, A
- Long time no see
- Long ways away, A
- Look before you leap
- Look into your heart
- Look out!
- Look over your shoulder, To
- Looking at the world through rosy colored glasses
- Looking for a needle in a haystack
- Looped
- Loose cannon, A

- Loose your shirt, To
- Looser, A
- Lord willin' and the creek don't rise
- Lose your lunch, To
- Lost a step
- Love is blind
- Lower than a snake's belly
- Luck of the draw, The

▪ **M**

- Madder than a wet hen
- Made it by the skin of my teeth
- Made of money
- Mail it in, To
- Main dish, The
- Make a break for it
- Make a long story short, To
- Make a mountain out of a mole hill
- Make ends meet
- Make heads or tails of, To
- Make like a tree and leave
- Make no bones about it
- Make or break, To
- Make out like a bandit
- Make the grade, To
- Make tracks, To
- Make up
- Make waves, To
- Make your move, To
- Makes my blood boil
- Makin' bacon
- Making money hand over fist
- Man for all season's, A
- Man's home is his castle, A
- Many hands make light work
- Marked man, A
- Marking time
- Marriage of two minds
- Matter-of-fact
- Meet and greet, A
- Melting pot, The
- Memory like an elephant
- Mercy me
- Mexican standoff, A
- Mile high club
- Milk it (for all it's worth)
- Missed the boat

- Mission critical
- Monday morning quarterback
- Money burns a hole in his pocket
- Money can't buy you happiness
- Money doesn't grow on trees
- Money grubbing
- Money hungry, To be
- Money is the root of all evil
- Money makes the world go round
- Monkey business
- Monkey with, To
- Monkey wrench
- Monkeying around
- More than meets the eye
- More the merrier, The
- More things change, the more they stay the same, The
- More we learn, the less we know, The
- Mouth off, To
- Mud slinging
- Mug for the camera
- Murphy's law
- Must be seeing things, I
- My bad
- My brain is fried
- My hands are tied
- My stomach is tied up in knots
- My way or the highway

▪ **N**

- Nail biter, A
- Naked as a jaybird.
- Naked as the day you were born, As
- Near and dear to my heart
- Necessary evil, A
- Necessity is the mother of invention
- Nerves of steel
- Nervous as a cat on a hot tin roof
- Nervous as a long tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs, As
- Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today
- New lease on life, A
- Newbie, A
- Nice guys finish last
- Night and day, Like

- Nip and tuck
- Nip it in the bud
- No accounting for taste
- No brainer, A
- No go, A
- No holds barred
- No if's, and's, or but's about it
- No man is an island
- No pain, no gain
- No skin off my nose
- No strings attached
- No way, José
- Nod off
- None of your business
- Noodle on, To
- Nose in the air, To have your
- Not by the hair of my chinny chin, chin
- Not for all the tea in China
- Not just whistling Dixie
- Not playing with a full deck
- Not the brightest bulb (in the box / on the tree / in the chandelier)
- Not the brightest crayon in the box
- Not the ghost of a chance
- Not the sharpest crayon in the box
- Not the sharpest knife in the cabinet
- Not the sharpest pencil in the box
- Nothing personal
- Nothing to sneeze at
- Nothing to write home about
- Nothing up my sleeve
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained
- Now or never, It's
- **O**
- Object of desire
- Off and running
- Off like a prom dress!
- Off the cuff
- Off the dime
- Off the hook
- Off the shelf
- Off the top of my head
- Off your rocker
- Off-kilter, To be (a little)
- Oh brother
- Oh my God!
- Oh my goodness
- Old as dirt
- Old ball and chain, The
- Old school
- On a lark
- On a roll, To be
- On a short leash
- On a soap box
- On a wing and a prayer
- On fire
- On par
- On pins and needles
- On skid row
- On tenterhooks
- On the back burner
- On the ball, To be
- On the cutting edge
- On the fly
- On the front burner
- On the level
- On the make
- On the road again
- On the same page
- On the same plate
- On the take
- On the tip of my tongue
- On the up and up
- On track, To be
- On your toes
- Once burned, twice shy
- Once in a blue moon
- One bad apple spoils the (whole) barrel / bushel / lot / bunch
- One foot on a banana peel the other in the grave
- One good turn deserves another
- One in million
- One man's garbage is another man's treasure
- One night stand, A
- One taco short of a combination plate
- Open book, An
- Open the kimono
- Opportunity doesn't knock twice

- Out of gas
- Out of it, To be
- Out of pocket
- Out of sight, out of mind
- Out of the clear blue
- Out of the frying pan and into the fire
- Out of the woods
- Out of whack
- Out sowing your wild oats
- Out to lunch
- Over a barrel, (Hold you)
- Over and over again
- Over my head
- Over the hill
- Over the top
- **P**
- Pack it in, To
- Pain in the neck
- Paint yourself into a corner, To
- Pandora's box, Open (up)
- Paper over, To
- Paper tiger, A
- Par for the course
- Pass away, To
- Pass on, To
- Pass the buck
- Pass the hat, To
- Passed with flying colors
- Path of least resistance, To take the
- Pay as you go, To
- Pay lip service, To
- Pay the piper, To
- Pay through the nose, To
- Pearls before swine
- Peas in a pod, Like (two) (2)
- Peel (back) the onion
- Pencil it / you / me in
- Penny for your thoughts, A
- Penny pincher
- Penny saved is a penny earned, A
- Penny wise and pound foolish
- People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones
- Perception becomes reality
- Phone it in, To
- Pick of the litter, The
- Pick the low hanging fruit
- Picture's worth a thousand words, A
- Piece of cake, A
- Pig headed
- Pig out, To
- Pin our hopes on, To
- Piss on the chips, Don't
- Pissed to the gills
- Pissing in the wind
- Piss-poor
- Plain and simple
- Plain as day, As
- Plastered
- Play ball, To
- Play it by ear
- Play second fiddle to
- Play the field
- Play the hand you're dealt
- Play with the big boys
- Plenty of other fish in the sea, To have
- Plenty of other fish to fry, To have
- Plunk down, To
- Poison the well, To
- Polluted
- Poor as a church mouse
- Pop a vein, To
- Pot calling the kettle black, The
- Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, The
- Pound for pound
- Pound of flesh, A
- Pound the pavement, To
- Pound the table, To
- Pour oil on trouble waters, To
- Pour the Kool-Aid
- Powers of darkness
- Preach the choir, To
- Preach to the converted, To
- Press the flesh
- Pretty penny
- Propped up
- Pull a rabbit out of a hat
- Pull any stunts, To
- Pull the wool over your eyes, To

- Pull your leg, To
- Punch his lights out, To
- Punched in the gut
- Pure as the driven snow, As
- Push the envelope
- Push your buttons
- Pushing up daisies
- Put a cork in it
- Put a lid on it, To
- Put a sock in it (Stick a sock in it)
- Put it through its paces
- Put on ice, To be
- Put out some feelers, To
- Put that in your pipe and smoke it
- Put the pedal to the metal, To
- Put two and two together, To
- Put your best foot forward, To
- Put your foot in your mouth, To
- Put your heart into it, To
- Put your money where your mouth is, To
- Putting the cart before the horse, To
- **Q**
- Quick buck, A
- Quicker than a New York minute
- Quiet as a (church) mouse, As
- Quit horsing around!
- **R**
- Rain on my parade, (Don't)
- Raining cats and dogs
- Raining pitchforks
- Raise the bar, To
- Raking in the money (Raking it in)
- Rat hole, To
- Rat on (out), To
- Rattle your cage, To
- Raw end of the deal, The
- Read between the lines
- Read the fine print
- Read you (him/her) the riot act, To
- Real gulley washer, A
- Real McCoy, The
- Real toad strangler, A
- Red carpet treatment, The
- Red herring, A
- Red sky in the morning, sailor's warning; red sky at night, sailor's delight
- Reinvent the flat tire, Don't
- Reinvent the wheel, Don't
- Reopen an old wound, To
- Rest on your laurels, To
- Rhyme or reason
- Riding on
- Rifle for an arm, A
- Right on the button
- Right on the money
- Right on the nose
- Right up your alley
- Ring a bell, To
- Ring your bell, To (Have your bell rung)
- Rising tide lifts all boats, The
- Road less traveled, The
- Road to hell is paved (on all sides) with good intentions, The
- Roll of the dice, A
- Roll out the red carpet, To
- Rolling in the dough, To be
- Rolling stone gathers no moss, A
- Rollover on, To
- Rome wasn't built in a day
- Rotten to the core
- Rough around the edges
- Rough as a cob
- Rough road, A
- Rub salt in the wound
- Rub your nose (face) in it, To
- Rubs me the wrong way
- Run circles around, To
- Run for your money, A
- Run it up the flagpole (and see who salutes it), Let's
- **S**
- Same bat time, same bat channel
- Same song and dance
- Save the drama for your mama
- Save your breath
- Say what you will....
- Say your prayers
- Scarce as hen's teeth

- Scared of his own shadow
- Scraping the bottom of the barrel
- Second banana
- Second wind
- See eye to eye, To
- See the glass as half empty, To
- See the light, To
- See the whole field (board), To
- See which way the winds blow, To
- See you later alligator
- See's the glass as half full, To
- Sell out (sold out), To
- Sensory overload
- Separate the men from the boys
- Separate the wheat from the chaff
- Serve up a fat pitch, To
- Serve up a lollipop, To
- Serve up a softball, To
- Set the table, To
- Seven year itch, The
- Shake hands with the wife's best friend, To
- Shape up or ship out
- Sharp as a marble
- Sharp as a tack
- She has a great personality
- Shed (some) light on, To
- She'll be right
- She's a peach
- She's been hit with an ugly stick
- She's lost her marbles
- Shirty, To be
- Shoe in, A
- Shoe is on the other foot, The
- Shoestring budget, A
- Shoot from the hip, To
- Shoot straight
- Shoot the breeze
- Shoot the rock, To
- Shoot yourself in the foot
- Shooting fish in a barrel , (Like)
- Shooting for the moon
- Shop talk
- Short changed
- Short end of the stick, The
- Short fuse, A
- Short pleasures are often long regretted
- Shot across the bow, A
- Shot in the dark, A
- Shotgun wedding, A
- Shove off
- Show him the door
- Show me the money!
- Show some backbone
- Show some spunk
- Show them how the cow ate the cabbage
- Shuffle off this mortal coil, To
- Shut out, A
- Shut the hole in your head
- Shut up
- Shut your hole
- Shut your mouth, To
- Sick as a dog
- Sick to death of it
- Signed, sealed and delivered
- Silence is golden
- Silenced the crowd
- Sing like a bird
- Sink or swim, To
- Sink your teeth into, To
- Sit tight, To
- Sitting in the catbird seat
- Six of one, half a dozen of another
- Skate on thin ice, To
- Skeletons in the closet
- Slam dunk, A
- Slap (pat) on the back
- Slicker than snot on a door knob
- Slipped through your fingers
- Slippery slope
- Sloppy as a soup sandwich
- Sloshed
- Slow and steady wins the race
- Slow as a wet week, As
- Slow as molasses in January
- Sly as a fox, To be
- Small potatoes
- Small world, isn't it?
- Smashed
- Smell (a little) ripe, To

- Smoke and mirrors
- Smoking gun
- Smooth operator, A
- Smooth over, To
- SNAFU
- Snail's pace, A
- Snockered
- Snow job, A
- Snowball's chance in hell, A
- So close, you can taste it
- So ugly, they'd have to sneak up on a glass of water to get a drink
- Sod off
- Solid as a rock (the rock of Gibraltar)
- Someday, you will thank me for this
- Sometimes you are the hydrant, and sometimes you are the dog
- Sometimes you are the windshield, and sometimes you are the bug
- Son of a gun, (I'll be a)
- Sound like a broken record, To
- Sounds like a plan
- Soup to nuts
- South end of a north bound horse, The
- Spare the rod and spoil the child
- Speak with a forked tongue
- Spinning your wheels
- Spit in one hand and wish in the other, and see which one you have the most in
- Spitting image
- Split second
- Splitting hairs
- Spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down, A
- Spread the word (news)
- Spruce up
- Squeaky wheel gets the grease, The
- Squeal on, To
- Stack the deck, To
- State of the art
- Stay tuned
- Stem the tide
- Step on it, To
- Stepping on people's toes, To
- Stick a fork in it (him, me)
- Stick in the mud, To be a
- Stick it in your ear
- Stick it out
- Stick it to you
- Stick it where the sun don't shine
- Stick to your guns, To
- Stick with it
- Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me
- Sticky subject
- Stiff as a board
- Stitch in time saves nine, A
- Stone faced
- Stone the crows!
- Stoned
- Stone's throw away, A
- Stop and smell the roses
- Stop him, Newt, he's headed for the barn!
- Stop on a dime
- Stop the presses!
- Straight arrow, A
- Straighten up and fly right
- Stress out
- Stretch a dollar, To
- String him along
- Strong as an ox
- Stubborn as a mule
- Stuck out like a sore thumb
- Stuck-up, To be
- Stuffed shirt, A
- Suck up
- Sucker
- Sugar in his pants (shorts)
- Sugarcoat something, To
- Survival of the fittest
- Swallow one's pride
- Sweat equity
- Sweat the details, To
- Sweep it under the rug
- Sweet 16 and never been kissed
- Sweet deal, A
- Sweeten the pot
- Sweetheart deal, A

- Swim against the tide
- Swim up stream
- Swim with the sharks
- Swimming in molasses
- **T**
- Tail between his legs
- Take a back seat to, To
- Take a bath, To
- Take a breather, To
- Take a dump
- Take a leak
- Take a long walk off a short plank (pier)
- Take a picture, it will last longer
- Take a step back, To
- Take care of your knitting, To
- Take five
- Take it easy
- Take it from me
- Take it to the limit
- Take it with a grain of salt, To
- Take one for the team, To
- Take stock of, To
- Take the bull by the horns
- Take the crowd out of the game, To
- Take the easy way out
- Take the gloves off
- Take the plunge, To
- Take the wind out of your sail
- Take the world by storm, To
- Take your life in your own hands
- Taken for a ride
- Takes its toll on you
- Taking the scenic route
- Talk (Speak) to the hand
- Talk shop
- Talk until you are blue in the face
- Talking behind his back
- Tall tale, A
- Tanked
- Taste of your own medicine, A
- Teach him to fish
- Teacher's pet
- Team player, A
- Technicolor Yawn, The
- Tell it to me straight
- Tempest in a teapot, A
- Ten to one
- Tend the garden, To
- Test the waters, To
- Testing one's mettle
- Thank goodness
- Thank your lucky stars
- That and a quarter will get you a cup of coffee
- That burns me up
- That chaps my hide
- That dog won't hunt
- That gets my goat
- That hits the spot
- That takes the cake
- That was cold-blooded
- That which does not kill you makes you stronger
- That's a doozy
- That's a joke
- That's a load off my mind
- That's a wrap
- That's bogus
- That's for the birds
- That's how the cow eats the cabbage
- That's just peachy
- That's no joke
- That's the sixty-four thousand question
- That's the ticket
- That's the way lady luck dances
- That's the way the ball bounces
- That's the way the cookie crumbles
- That's water under the bridge
- The best things in life are free
- The bomb
- The only thing we have to fear is fear itself
- Their ace
- There is a god
- There is more than one way to skin a cat
- There is no I in team
- There is no time like the present
- There now, that wasn't so bad, was it?

- There ought to be a law against that
- There, but for the grace of God, go I
- There'll be hell to pay
- There's a sucker born every minute
- There's gold in them thar hills
- There's no place like home
- There's no such thing as a free lunch
- There's no time like the present
- There's something fishy about that
- They can't buy a basket/run/score
- They need to take care of the rock
- They play good D
- Thick as a brick
- Thick as pea soup
- Thick headed
- Things aren't what they used to be
- Think like a man, act like a woman
- Think outside the box, To
- Thinking with the wrong head
- Third time's a charm, The
- Third wheel, A
- Thirty thousand foot level
- Thorn in my side, A
- Three sheets to the wind
- Threw a curve ball
- Threw it with a little something on it
- Through thick and thin
- Throw (toss) me a bone
- Throw (toss) me some scraps
- Throw (Toss) your hat in the ring, To
- Throw cold water on
- Throw down, To
- Throw gas (gasoline) on the fire, To
- Throw in the towel, To
- Throw the baby out with the bathwater, To
- Throw the book at him
- Throw to the wolves, To
- Throwing aspirin tablets
- Thumb your nose at, To
- Thumbs up
- Tickled pink
- Tie the knot, To
- Tie the know, To
- Tight as a drum, Wound
- Tight as the bark on a tree
- Tight wad, A
- Tighten your belt (Belt tightening)
- Tilting at windmills
- Timber!
- Time after time
- Time and again
- Time flies when you're having fun
- Time heals all wounds
- Time is money
- Time is running out
- Time of your life, The
- Time on your hands
- Time out
- Time's up
- Times, they are a changing, The
- To be honest with you
- To each his own
- To the victor go the spoils
- To toy with
- Today is the first day of the rest of your life
- Toe the line
- Tongue in cheek
- Tongue lashing, A
- Tongue tied, To be
- Too many chefs spoil the broth (soup)
- Too many chiefs and not enough Indians
- Too many cooks spoil the soup (broth)
- Too much information (TMI)
- Too much sail for a small craft (hull)
- Too rich for my blood
- Took off like a bat out of hell
- Took off like a shot
- Took something off that one
- Toot his own horn
- Tooth and nail
- Top banana
- Top dog
- Tore up from the floor up
- Toss your cookies, To
- Touch and go
- Tow the line
- Tread lightly, To

- Trial balloon, To send up or float a
- Trial by fire
- Tried and true
- Trip over your tongue
- Trojan horse, A
- Truth is stranger than fiction
- Tugging at heartstrings
- Tune out, To
- Turn on a dime
- Turn over a new leaf
- Twiddling your thumbs
- Twist my arm
- Twist of fate
- Two faced
- Two heads are better than one
- Two left feet
- Two ships passing in the night
- Two wrongs don't make a right
- **U**
- Ugly as a hat full of holes
- Ugly as a mud fence
- Ugly as sin
- Under a microscope
- Under her thumb
- Under the gun, To be
- Under the knife, To bo
- Under the table
- Unless you are the lead dog, the view never changes
- Until the cows come home
- Up a creek without a paddle
- Up for grabs
- Up in arms, To be (all)
- Up the ante
- Uphill battle, An
- **V**
- Variety is the spice of life
- **W**
- Wait for the ink to dry
- Waiting for the dust to settle
- Waiting for the other shoe to drop
- Waiting for your ship to come in, To
- Waiting with baited breath, To
- Wake-up and smell the coffee
- Wake-up call, A
- Wake-up on the wrong side of the bed
- Walk on the wild side
- Walk softly and carry a big stick
- Walking on eggshells
- Walled garden, A
- Walls have ears, The
- Walls start closing in, The
- Wash your hands of something, To
- Washed up, To be
- Wasted
- Watch your mouth, To
- Watched pot never boils, A
- Watching the clock
- Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink
- Wave the white flag, To
- Way to a man's heart is through his stomach, The
- Way to go Einstein!
- Way to go Grace
- Wear many hats
- Wear your heart out on your sleeve
- Welcome to my hell
- Welcome to the club
- We'll cross that bridge when we come to it
- We'll jump that fence when we get to it
- Well off
- We're gonna tie one on tonight
- Were you born in a barn?
- Were you raised by wolves?
- Wet behind the ears
- Wet blanket, A
- Wet dream
- Wham, bam, thank you mam
- What a blast
- What a duck!
- What a square
- What a tangled web we weave
- What a way to go
- What am I, chopped liver?
- What are you stewing about?
- What are you? Chicken?

- What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?
- What goes around comes around
- What goes up, must come down
- What in tar nation?
- What on earth is wrong with me?
- What rock did you crawl out from under?
- What you see is what you get
- What you see, is what you get
- Whatever floats your boat
- Whatever tickles your fancy
- Whatever turns you on
- What's a little (fill in) among friends
- What's cookin' good lookin'?
- What's going down?
- What's good for the goose is good for the gander
- What's he been smoking?
- What's that got to do with the price of eggs in Chicago
- What's up with that?
- What's up?
- What's wrong with this picture?
- Wheel is turning but the hamster is dead, The
- When all is said and done
- When hell freezes over
- When in Rome, do as Romans do
- When it rains, it pours
- When life gives you lemons, make lemonade
- When pigs fly
- When push comes to shove
- When the going gets tough, the tough get going
- When you lie with dogs, you catch fleas
- Where there's smoke there's fire
- Where's the Beef?
- Whistling in the dark
- White elephant gift, A
- White knuckle ride, A
- Who died and left you in charge?
- Whole nine yards, The
- Whole shootin' match, The
- Whoop it up
- Who's the man?
- Why buy the cow when the milk is free?
- Why close the barn door after the horse is gone?
- Why on God's green Earth?
- Wig out, To
- Win, hands down, To
- Wing it
- Winning combination, A
- Wipe the slate clean
- Wish upon a star
- Wishy, washy
- Witch hunt, A
- With one hand tied behind my back
- With tongue firmly planted in cheek
- Wolf in sheep's clothing, A
- Work into a lather, To
- Work like a dog
- Work the crowd
- Work the room
- Work your fingers to the bone
- Worker bee, A
- Working my last good nerve
- World of hurt, A
- World of trouble
- World on a string, To have the
- Worm has turned, The
- Worry wart
- Worth its weight in gold
- Wound tighter than a spring
- Wrong side of the tracks, The
- **Y**
- Yank your chain, To
- You ain't seen nothin' yet
- You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink
- You can never go home again
- You can say that again
- You can take that to the bank
- You cannot judge someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes / moccasins / boots
- You can't fit a square peg in a round hole

- You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear
- You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube
- You can't stop him. You can only hope to contain him.
- You can't swing a dead cat
- You could have knocked me over with a feather
- You don't have a leg to stand on
- You don't miss the water till the well runs dry
- You got it coming to you
- You got your just desserts
- You have to break a few eggs to make an omelette
- You lost me
- You make a better door than a window
- You make your bed, and then you have to lay (sleep) in it
- You must crawl before you can walk
- You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours
- You snooze, you loose
- Young loins
- Young, dumb and full of c#m
- Your father wasn't a glass maker
- Your goose is cooked
- Your place or mine
- You're a good egg
- You're going to get it
- You've got (the) nerve
- You've got more front than Myers
- **Z**
- Zigged when he should have zagged
- Zip it!
- Zip your lip
- Zoo, What a