



# Phrases

A shot in the arm  
A sledgehammer to crack a nut  
Acid test  
All singing, all dancing  
An arm and a leg  
As easy as pie  
As happy as a clam  
Baby boomer  
Back to the drawing board  
Back-seat driver  
Bad hair day  
Barking up the wrong tree  
Bats in the belfry  
Bee's knees  
Between a rock and a hard place  
Big fish in a small pond  
Bigger bang for your buck  
Birds and the bees - The  
Blast from the past  
Blaze a trail  
Blonde bombshell  
Born again  
Break a leg  
Bronx cheer  
Brownie points  
Bunny boiler  
Bury the hatchet  
Card-sharp  
Catch 22  
Chaise lounge  
Chick flick  
Climb on the bandwagon  
Close, but no cigar  
Coin a phrase  
Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey  
Cold turkey  
Cost an arm and a leg  
Customer is always right  
Cut to the chase  
Dead ringer  
Doom and gloom  
Double whammy  
Down the tubes  
Drop-dead gorgeous  
Ethnic cleansing  
Face the music  
Fancy pants  
Fashion victim  
Feeding frenzy  
Fifteen minutes of fame  
Filthy rich  
Five o'clock shadow  
Flavor of the month  
Fly off the handle  
Foot in the door  
Fuddy-duddy  
Funny farm  
Generation X

Get down to brass tacks  
Get your dander up  
Get your goat  
Gild the lily  
Go haywire  
Go the whole hog  
Go postal  
Go to hell in a handbasket  
Good riddance to bad rubbish  
Goody, goody gumdrops  
Gung ho  
Have an axe to grind  
Heads up  
Heavy metal  
Heebie-jeebies  
High on the hog  
High, wide and handsome  
Hissy fit  
Hold your horses  
Hooray Henry  
Hunky-dory  
Identity theft  
If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen  
In an interesting condition  
In like Flynn  
In spades  
In the bag  
In the sticks  
Indian summer  
Jobs for the boys  
Joined at the hip  
Jump on the bandwagon  
Jump the gun  
Jump the shark  
Jury is still out  
Kangaroo court  
Keep the ball rolling  
Keep your chin up  
Kit and caboodle  
Knock into a cocked hat  
Know your onions  
Lame duck  
Level playing field  
Life of Riley  
Loose cannon  
Lose your marbles  
Make a bee-line for  
Middle of the road  
More bangs for your buck  
Mother country  
My bad  
New kid on the block  
Nitty-gritty  
No dice  
No-brainer  
On the wagon  
On the warpath

Paddle your own canoe  
Paint the town red  
Pass the buck  
Peg out  
Peter out  
Pie in the sky  
Piece of cake  
Pipe dream  
Play by ear  
Power dressing  
P.D.Q. - pretty damn quick  
Prime time  
Pull the wool over your eyes  
Quality time  
Red letter day  
Rise and shine  
Road rage  
Run a mile  
Run of the mill  
Sacred cow  
Security blanket  
Seven-year itch  
Skid row  
Smart casual  
Smoke and mirrors  
Sold down the river  
Sound bite  
Spill the beans  
Spin doctor  
Spring forward, fall back  
Square meal  
Stool pigeon  
Tail wagging the dog  
Take the cake  
Talk to the hand  
Talk through one's hat  
Real McCoy  
That's all she wrote  
That's All Folks!  
The pits  
The whole nine yards  
The whole shebang  
There's no such thing as a free lunch  
Top notch  
Tuckered out  
Up a gum tree  
Up shit creek without a paddle  
Wear the trousers  
Well heeled  
What you see is what you get  
What's not to like?  
Whoops-a-daisy  
Wild and woolly  
Zero tolerance