

THE BODY:

A TREASURE

TROVE OF

MEANINGS IN

ENGLISH

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Low German

Old Frisian Old English
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***Modern English**

*Although English is a **Germanic** Language, it has been strongly influenced by **Classical Greek** and **Latin**, **Vulgar Latin** as well as **Norman** and **Parisian French** (especially after the Norman Invasion of 1066).

Italic

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Other Languages in the Indo-European Family of Languages

Hellenic Greek

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Sanskrit
Bengali Hindi Punjabi Urdu

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The English Language

Old English

(Anglo-Saxon, Frisian, and Old Norse)
Germanic Invasions until after the dislocation as a result of
the Norman Invasion in 1066
450-1150*

Middle English

(strongly influenced by **Norman** French)
11th century – 14th century (Chaucer)

Early Modern English

(influenced by **Parisian** French)
Chaucer – Shakespeare

Modern English

Shakespeare – until the present

*included in this period were the Scandinavian invasions
between 850- 1042

Countries where English is spoken as the First language:

Great Britain and Europe

England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Gibraltar

North America

United States and Canada

Africa

Botswana, Brunei, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Latin America and Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Dominica

Asia and Pacific Islands

Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka

Australia

Australia, New Zealand

Did you know that the vocabulary describing the body contains a *treasure trove of information*? Many of the words utilized to describe parts of the body usually have several grammatical functions. The word **hand**, for example, can be a noun, (I hurt my **hand**. Can you give me a **hand**?) or a verb (**Hand** me the tool). The richness of the vocabulary utilized to describe the body, however, does not stop at the level of structure. In fact, it goes hand in hand with the other with what can be another problematic aspect of not just English, but with any language. The literal versus the metaphorical meaning of a word. The body term **mind** is a prime example. The **mind** is only literal as a noun (its first and primary definition, the secondary definitions are figurative); as a verb **mind** is only figurative or metaphorical:

mind

1. intellect, intellectual faculty, cognitive function
His **mind** is something magnificent to observe.
2. psyche, ego, subconscious
3. soul, spirit, inner being
4. (slang) genius, mental giant, brain, Einstein, wizard, whiz
He is a **mind** that I would love to explore.
5. brain power, brains, wit, quickness, wittiness
He has a sharp **mind**; nothing escapes his attention.
6. (slang) gray matter, smarts, **good head on his shoulder**,
noggin, noodle

7. sanity, saneness, senses
8. (slang) marbles
He has lost his **mind**.
9. rationality, sense of reason, judgment, common sense
How his **mind** works is beyond me.
10. disposition, humor, temperament
11. bent, tendency, propensity
His **mind** tends to focus on the morbid.
12. feeling, partiality, bias, liking, belief
13. notion, whim, idea
14. intention aim, purpose, design

to mind

1. to attend, give one's attention to, pay attention to
Mind my words; it's not over.
2. to watch, to see, to observe, to pay heed to
3. to obey, follow, adhere to, to respect
If you do not **mind** me, you will pay the consequences.

4. to attend, to watch, to look after
Can you **mind** the children while I run to the store.

5. to guard, to be careful, to be wary, to think twice of, to weigh
Mind him; he can't be trusted.

6. to care about, to be concerned about
I do **mind** where and how you live.

7. to remember, to recall, to recollect
I **mind** the day when I first came here.

The body term **mind** is by no means unique. Many of the meanings of different body parts have been greatly stretched beyond the literal. Do you know what it is to be a **second-hand Rose**? Are you a **brain**? What's a **no brainer**? What does it mean to **press the flesh**? Have you ever had anyone **sweep you off your feet** or to **pull your leg**?

In the following sentences, can you determine the part of speech, (noun, verb, adjective, or adverb), of the words of the body? Does that information have anything to do with your understanding the meaning of the sentences? If so, why? Does, for example, the definition of the word '**head**' changes depending on whether it is a verb or noun? Are there sentences which you understand while others you have absolutely no idea of their meaning? Do you know why? Do you think that the literal versus figurative meaning has anything to do with your ability to understand a word? You probably know the literal meaning of each part of the body. That is a matter of study and memorization. However, do you have any idea what words such as '**heart**', '**head**', '**face**', and

'**stomach**' mean culturally in English? In other words, figuratively or metaphorically speaking, what do you know what the above words mean?

The Body

1. Whatever you decide to do, it **is no skin off my teeth**.
2. It's not true that one can not be too thin. She's only **skin and bones** and she looks horrible.
3. They **dropped to their knees** and prayed.
4. When the other car hit me from behind. I hit my **head**.
5. I'll **scratch your back** if you scratch mine; therefore, if you **back** my bill, I'll support yours.
6. It was not easy for him to **face** the child that he had abandoned.
7. He **shouldered** his way through the crowd.
8. I was able to do it because I **figured** that I could not lose.
9. He is always **throwing out his chest** and bragging about his accomplishments.
10. He had to **pay an arm and a leg** for the house.
11. After living abroad, I have a **cast-iron stomach**. I can eat anything with no problem of getting sick.

12. Despite my arguments and pleas, he **turned a deaf ear**.
13. That dress with its very long neckline is definitely **eye-catching**.
14. The child **mouthed** his response.
15. My God, they sure must be in lust. They are always **necking**.
16. His guilt is **as plain as the nose on his face**.
17. I'll **keep my fingers crossed** that everything goes according to plan.
18. He can't help you; he **is all thumb**.
19. She is always putting her life **on the back burner**. Everything and everyone come before her.
20. He has such a **big head** that I doubt he even knows that you exist.
21. Ever since she married, she has been living in the **lap of luxury**.
22. The reason that he was able to be promoted so quickly and easily was that he **got a leg up**.
23. I can't **stomach** not only her but anyone in her family.
24. She fought her attacker **tooth and nail**.
25. He **fingered** the man who robbed him.

26. They **handed around** the cigarettes.
27. You have the worst **handwriting** in the world.
28. The way that he was **eying** her was an embarrassment.
29. His guilt is **written all over his face**.
30. As he is the president of the company, he will **head** the meeting.
31. His method is **cutthroat**. Expect no mercy from him.
32. He only **pays lip service to** respecting the law.

From what has been written above, it is obvious the vocabulary describing the body contains a treasure trove of information. Much of the vocabulary utilized to describe body usually have several grammatical functions as well as metaphorical meanings.

Clarifyingit.com has created and published **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF MEANING** to help you to begin to understand the most creative, illuminating, and culturally specific area of English: **The Body**.

What do you know about the body and the words that describe it?

1) With the exception of the **jaw**, **face**, **penis**, **vagina**, **testicles** and the **figure**, the words which describe the external body come from the Germanic rather than Latin side of English. Therefore, English-, Dutch-, German-, Swedish-, and Norwegian-speakers share, or at least at one time had shared, many of the same words to name different parts of the body. The reason for this is simple. Most of words to describe the body in English are some of the oldest in the language. Many have been in the language before 900: **neck**, **mouth**, **tongue**, **tooth**, **ear**, **throat**, **chest**, **finger**, **eye**, **nose**, **toe**, **nail**, and **foot**. Others have been present since 1000: **lips**, **chin**, **breast**, **bosom**, **elbow**, **back**, **buttock**, **hip**, and **ankle**.

2) Although most of the words to describe the external body are Germanic, the vocabulary to describe the internal organs are much more balanced between the two areas of English, the Latin-based and Germanic-based. However, it should be noted that the most important organs in English are Germanic-based: **heart**, **mind**, **liver**, **bone** and **gut**. All these words became a part of English during the language earliest period; except for the **gut**, which entered the language before 1000, all entered into the language before 900.

3) The Latin-based names for internal organs, for example the **skeleton**, the **spleen**, the **stomach**, and the **spine**, are all relatively new to the language. **Skeleton** came into the language in the late 16th century, **spleen** in the late 13th to early 14th century, **stomach** in the early 16th century, and **spine** in the early to mid-15th century.

It should also be noted that those Latin-based words used to describe the outer-body are also relatively recent entries. **Face** came into

the language in mid 13th to early 14th century, **figure** in 12th century, and **vagina** and **penis** in the late 17th century.

4) There are a number of words in English, which may appear to come from the same source but do not. The word '**arm**' is a primary example. When referring to the part of the body, the word is one of the oldest in the language. It came into English before 900. It is of Germanic origin (Old English **earm**; Old Norse **armr**; Old Frisian **erm**; Old Swede, Old High German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Frisian, African, Dutch **arm**, German and Swiss German **Arm**, Icelandic **armur** **handleggur**, Latin **brachium** **bracchium**, French **bras**, Spanish **brazo**, Italian **braccio**, Portuguese **braço**)

'Arm,' when it refers to weapons, as in a firearm, originated from Latin. It came into English through Old French. Its entrance into the vocabulary is relatively recent. As a verb, 'arm' came into the language from the early to mid 13th century (**to arm: Middle English and Anglo-French armen, Old French armer, Latin armare**). As a noun, it came into the language a hundred years later (Middle English *armes*, Latin *arma*).

The word for '**butt**' is also very interesting. When the word refers to the **buttock**, **derriere**, **backside**, or **rear end**, its origin is from the Dutch '**bot**', which means 'stumpy' and the Swedish and Danish 'but' which means 'stubby.' When '**butt**' means to strike or push with the head or horns, the origin of the word is the Anglo-French or Old French for 'to thrust or to strike' (**Anglo-French butter, Old French boter**). When '**butt**' refers to a target or a person who is the object of ridicule or contempt its origin is Middle French.

In British English, the term **marrow** has two very distinct meanings and, although it may not appear, two very different roots. As a body term, **marrow** is one of the oldest words in the English language. The root is Germanic. In British and Scottish English, the word **marrow** has another meaning which has nothing to do with any part of the body. It is a term used in northern England and Scotland for a partner, spouse or close friend. This makes sense ONLY if one understands that **marrow** used in the sense of fellow worker, helpmate or companion does not have the same root as the body term **marrow**. **Marrow**, meaning friend, although also Germanic in origin, did not come from the Old English **mearg** or **mearth**; rather, it came from the Middle English **marwe** which meant fellow worker and partner. The origins of **marwe** is Old Norse; it meant friendly. **Marrow**, as a body term, is one of the oldest words in the English language however as a term meaning friend it is not. It entered in English during the late Medieval period or early Modern period, 1400-1450.

The Body, figuratively speaking

Do you know what the **cheeks** symbolize? If I tell you to not give me any **cheek**, what am I saying? (*Don't talk back to me*). Did you know that the **shoulder** is both a noun and a verb? Did you also know that the figurative meaning of **shoulder**, as a verb, is to push, shove, bear, support, or assume responsibility? When **the cat has your tongue**, what does he have? (*your power to speak*) If you shout out to me, just before going out to do a performance, **break a leg**, are you wishing me harm? No. To shout '**break a leg**' means good luck or 'knock them dead.' If you '**lose your heart**' is it as bad as to '**lose your mind**.' No. '**To lose one's mind**' is not at all good. It only means 'to go crazy.' '**To lose one's heart**' can either be good or bad. It all depends on to whom you lose it. If it is to someone who does not feel the same way, it is bad and very painful. However, if the other person feels the same, it is not only good; it is fantastic. '**To lose one's heart**' is to fall madly in love or '**to fall head over heels**.' Does '**to not have teeth**' have anything to do with '**not having the stomach for something**.' No. It also has nothing to do with '**not having a heart**' or '**not having the heart**', '**the gall**', '**the nose**', '**the eye**', or '**the ear for**'. If something does not **teeth**, it has no power or force. A law or regulation only has **teeth** if it has the power to make people obey. If it does not, **it has no teeth**. **To not have the stomach for something** is not to have the desire to do something. If I don't have the **stomach** for a fight, it means that I do not want to fight. '**To not have a heart**' means that you are not a very nice person. '**To not have the heart**' means that you are unable to, not able to or not will to do something. If you **have gall**, it means that you are very audacious, bold, **cheeky** or imprudent. '**To have the nose for**' is to be good at finding and recognizing something or to have the talent for something. '**To have the nose for news**' means that you are either a

good reporter or gossip. If you **have the eye for someone** it means that you like that person; that you find that person attractive. '**To have the ear for something**' means that you have a natural or innate ability to learn music or languages.

Almost each part of the body symbolizes at least one characteristic or trait. At times, a body part represents more than one attribute. The **heart**, for example, does not only stand for love. In the expression, **to get to the heart of the matter**, **heart** is synonymous to the core, kernel, seed, and germ. In the expression **to learn something by heart** is to memorize or know something word for word. '**To eat one's heart out**' has nothing to do with the core of something, memorizing something, or being in love. In this expression the **heart** represents sorrow, mourning, pining for or agonizing over.

The attributes or qualities which a culture gives to different parts of the body reveal a great deal about how that culture sees itself and its members. **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** is an extensive dictionary which not only aids you in learning how different parts of the body are used both grammatically and semantically but it is also a *cultural text* whose main goal is to help you to understand how different parts of the English-speaking world see its reality.

How one sees the **mind**, the **heart**, the **liver**, the **gall-bladder**, the **penis**, the **eyes**, or **ears** has a lot to do with the culture in which one lives. In Spanish, for example, the digits on one's **hands** and one's **feet** have the same name (*dedos* and *dedos de pie*). In English, that is not the case. As odd as it might sound, English-speakers have much more of a relationship with the digits on their **hands**, (**fingers**), than on those on their **feet**, (**toes**). Did you know that in English each **finger** has a name?

The finger in English which is associated with insulting someone is **the middle finger**). It is **the ring finger** which is associated with both getting engaged and married. It is **the thumb** which is used to hitch-hike or get a free ride.

Fingers are used to express a variety of things in society. It is associated with controlling someone, (**to wrap someone around one's little finger**), with hoping for the best (**to cross one's fingers**) and with having a bad experience (**to get one's fingers burned**). Either individually or as a group, toes have no such associations. It should not be surprising, therefore, that, relatively speaking, there are almost no expressions which **toes**.

How can THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE help you?

Understanding how the body is seen in English allows you to go beyond the superficial. It helps you to get more than just a glimpse of how persons who speak English conceive and create their reality. Instead of consulting a vast number of dictionaries and language books of expressions, finally, there is a book which contains the overwhelming majority, if not all, the different meaning of words used to represent the body.

With **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE**, you can finally begin to **make heads or tails** (learn) of the metaphorical and cultural meanings of some of the most fundamental words of English. You will find that many jokes, puns, double-entendres and riddles will no longer **go over your head** (be outside your realm of understanding). At last you

will **have your feet firmly set on the path of** understanding and using English as it is actually understood and used.

As mentioned previously, the majority of the vocabulary used for the body are in Germanic in origin. However, English contains a number of Latin and Greek based affixes (prefixes and suffixes) which also mean parts of the body. **BODY LANGUAGE OR THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** contains some of the different Greek and Latin affixes which are in English. (See the example below) This section is especially important to the native speakers of English who is not familiar with the more formal or collegiate aspect of their vocabulary. This is the aspect of the language which must be mastered to pass the many standardized tests given throughout primary and secondary school. These are also the words that one must know to do well in the SAT's, ACT's or GRE's. In this work, the affixes will be presented with the definition; however, no examples will be given. To get a more detail explanation, including vocabulary, please consult the companion book, **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE: PREFIXES, SUFFIXES AND ROOTS.**

Also included in **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** are some of those verbs which naturally go with a particular body part. For example, in the section on the **'blood'**, a section on the verb **'to bleed'** will also be included. Another example would in the section on 'the mind,' a number of verbs, such as 'to think', 'to know' and 'to remember' will be examined from different perspective.

How THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE is structured:

There are quite a few of books on body idioms; however, there is no book on the market which is as complete as the one which you are now reading. Most books normally give the expression and a one sentence explanation. THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE gives the reader more, much more. Not only are you presented with an explanation of what a particular word means both literally and metaphorically, the different meanings are subdivided into categories: **standard, more stylized** or **formal, informal** or **idiomatic** and **slang**. Whenever possible, other expressions are also given. Therefore, with THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE you not only learn how, for example, the **head** or **eyes** are used in English but other frequently used expressions are also given. The following is a sample of how THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE is structured:

Skin

(entered into English before 1000)

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, Danish **hud skind**, Frisian **fel hûd**, Icelandic and Norwegian **hud**, Swedish **hud skinn skinna päls**, German **Schinden**, Latin **cutis**, French **peau**, Spanish **piel**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **skin**:

dermato-, **dermat-**, **dermo-**, **derm-** (from Greek *derma*, skin)
combining forms meaning skin, hide or covering

-dermis combining forms meaning skin, in general, or the layer of skin
just below the epidermis (known as the *derma*)

-dermatous combining forms meaning skin meaning possessing skin or
skinned

pell- (from Latin: *pell pellis* Greek: *pelz* a skin Latin: *pellicius* made
of skins) combining forms meaning skin

skin

1. epidermis, cuticle, derma, cutis, pellicle
2. (animal) hide, pelt, jacket, fleece, fell, fur, leather, vellum, integument
3. (fruit) rind, peel, hull, shell, husk, cover, covering, pod, case
4. overlay, coating, coat, layer, lamina, film
5. wineskin, pouch, container

to skin

1. to peel, scale, bark, strip, scalp, unwrap, remove, shed
It was not unusual **to skin** one's enemies in Ancient Mesoamerica.
2. (more stylized) to flay, exfoliate, scale, denude, excorticate, excoriate
3. (informal) to throw off, shed, strip off, cast off, peel off
4. (fruit or vegetables) to shell, husk, shuck, hull, rind, pare

skin and bones

1. on the decline, very skinny, unhealthy, corpse-like, frail, underfed, undernourished, wasted, **skeletal**, too lean, deathly thin

I don't know what happened to her but she's nothing but **skin and bones**.

2. (more stylized) gaunt, emaciated, wasted, **fleshless, hollow-eyed**, shrunken, pinched, frail, haggard, **raw boned, hollow cheeked**, spare, drawn, **hollowed cheeks**

3. (informal) thin as a rail, gangly, **bare-boned**, wasted, gangling, throw a shadow, thin as a reed, half-starved, half-famished
4. (slang) scrawny, twiggy, **boney**, like a plucked chicken or skinny as a railing

skin deep

1. superficial, on the surface, not very profound, not deep
What she feels for you is only **skin deep**. She doesn't love you.
2. (more stylized) shallow, outermost, outside, external. outward, exterior
It is true that beauty is only **skin deep**.
3. unreal, artificial, plastic, fake, fraud, delusion, phony

Can't you tell that that is she is only crying crocodile tears. Her feeling of sorrow is only **skin deep**.
4. (informal) hoax, make-believe, two-dollar bill, ruse, sham
5. empty, devoid, slight, meaningless, unimportant, signifying nothing, vacuous

His feelings for you are only **skin deep**. Can't you see that?
6. (more stylized) of little or no import, inconsequential, hollow negligible, insubstantial, inconsequential matter, inconsiderable, inappreciable, inane
7. (informal) petty, paltry, trivial, not worth mentioning, frivolous

8. (slang) no-account, picayune, penny-ante, fiddling, trifling, not worth a hill a beans, plug nickel, not worth the paper it is printed on, straw, red cent

skin flick

1. adult films, films dominated by sex, pornographic, obscene, lewd, vulgar or coarse, x-rated films, sexploitation

Another name for **skin flick** is pornography.

2. (more stylistic) films which are suggestive, prurient, indecent, profane, salacious, fulsome or erotic
3. (informal) films which are vile, nasty, filthy, raunchy, risqué, off-color, hard-core, soft-core or bawdy, peep shows, blue movies, pornography
4. (slang) films which are smutty, gross or blue, stag films, nudies, cheesecake, porn, **leg art**

skin flint

1. to be extraordinarily cheap, frugal, economical or thrifty

My aunt was a real **skin flint**. She would not lend a penny without asking for interest.

2. (more formal) brummagem, parsimonious, miserly,
3. (informal) **closed-fisted**, stingy, penny pincher, tight, **tightfisted** cheapskate, tightwad, money-grubber, miserly, petty

What a **skin flint**!

to be wet to the skin

1. to be wet, very wet or soaked

He got caught in the rain and **was wet to the bone**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be imbrued, immerged saturated, immersed, infused, penetrated, impregnated, imbued, inundated
3. (informal) to be wringing wet, soggy, **soaked to the bone**, soak and wet, doused, drenched, wet down, soaked through, drowned, sopping, dripping, wet through, sippy, **wet to the bone** or soused

THE BODY AND ITS
TWISTED HISTORY IN
THE ENGLISH

The study of the language of the body in English is the study of the long, twisted, and, at times, incredulous development of one of most rigid, flexible, irregular, simplified and widely studied and spoken, languages to ever develop.

English is like an onion, each layer representing a period of great change. Although wrapped in an outer layer of Latin and French, this covering is somewhat a roost. Although the overwhelming majority of English words draw their origin from Old French, Anglo-French, Parisian French, Latin, and Greek, English is not a Romance language; it never has been. Even during the period of Roman domination, the period when many of the Romance languages in Western and Southern Europe were being developed, the Latin influence on the language and culture of what was then Britain was superficial, at best. With the exception of persons at the very highest level of society, most of the British remained Celtic, linguistically and culturally speaking.

Perhaps if the Romans had not been forced to withdraw, Roman culture and language would have slowly spread throughout Britain. And, as a result, Britain would have eventually developed the type of language and culture which had been flourishing across the channel in France. However, in 450 Britain's ties to the dying Roman Empire and its colonies were cut. It was in that year when factions of the western branch of the Germanic groups (Angles, Saxons, Jutes, and Frisians) crossed the North Sea to conquer and colonize what would eventually become England.

The invasion and colonization of England was unlike what had happened in other parts of the former Roman Empire. Across the Channel in France, for example, the Franks did not destroy the different peoples whom they encountered; nor did the different Germanic peoples

who invaded Spain and Italian. One of the main reasons for the non-annihilation was that what the Gauls, Visigoths and Goths found were highly Romanized hybrids. Rather than destroy, the victor assimilated with the vanquish. It is for this reason that France, Spain, Italy and Portugal remained culturally and linguistically an extension of the Roman Empire, long after its destruction. As a result, these countries developed closely related languages which belong to the Roman or Latin branch of the Indo-European Family of Languages.

England's fate was radically different. By the time the different Germanic groups invaded Britain, the little bit of Latin culture which had been adopted had been almost completely replaced by the native Celtic ones. The different Germanic groups were quite familiar, and as mentioned previously, greatly respectful of the Romans, their culture and language. They felt no such reverence toward the Celts. They either killed or drove westward most of the Celtic inhabitants of England. Prior to the Germanic invasions, Britain had belonged to Celtic language group. After, as a result of the almost complete destruction of the native population, the language, and culture, which developed and flourished in England firmly belonged in the Germanic camp. With the exception of a few place names, Celtic influence in English ceased.

Old English

The language which developed as a result of the Germanic invasion was purely Germanic. It is true that the different Germanic groups had, before, and especially after the conquest, had come in contact with Latin. However, the Latin adopted did not come from every area of the language. Most of the words were religious; which was only natural since most of the contact between the Germans and Romans was through the Church in the form of Roman missionaries. The English

also borrowed from Latin to express new ideas in the area of clothing, and food. All together, during this time, approximately 450 words from Latin were adopted into English. (see appendix 1)

Despite, the incorporation of Latin into English, the culture and language which developed in England, up until the twelfth century, were almost purely Germanic in nature. The Jutes and Saxons formed the basis of the Kentish and the Southern English dialects. The Anglians settled in two areas, the northern and center areas. They were responsible for the Midland and Northumbrian form of English. It was also during this period, as a result of the ascendancy of the West-Saxon kingdom, the written dialect of Wessex became, for a time, the written standard language of England. During that period, works were either written in West Saxon or works written in other dialects were translated into it.

For the first three centuries after the destruction of the Roman Empire, the western branch of the Germanic language formed the basis of the English language. It from this period that one hundred of the most common words in English come. (appendix 2)

The following are the words of the body which entered into English during its first three hundred years. This period of the English language is called, *Old English* or *Anglo-Saxon*:

Body Language

(entered into the language before 900)

Body

Old English **bodig**, Old High German **botah**

Flesh

Old English **flask**, Middle English **flask**, Old Frisian **flask**, Old High German **fleisk**, Old Norse **flesk**, German **Fleisch**, Dutch **vless**

Limb

Old and Middle English **lim**, Old Norse **lim**

Head

Old English **heafod**, Middle English **he(v)ed**, Old High German **houbit**, Old Norse **hofuth**, Dutch **hoofd**, Danish **hoved**, German **Kopf**, Swedish **huvud kranie**, Norwegian **leder lede hode**, Afrikann **kop**, Latin **caput**, French **tête**, Spanish **cabeza**

Hair

Old English **hær hære**, Middle English **here haire**, Dutch **haar**, German **Haar**, Old Norse **har hæra**, Old High German **haria**

Eye

Old English **ege (eage)**, Middle English **eie ie**, German **Auge**, Dutch **oog**

Ear

Old English **eare ear æhher**, Middle English **ere**, Old Norse **eyra ax**, German **Ohr Ähre**, Dutch **oor aar**

Nose

Old English **nosu nasu næse**, Frisian **noas**, Icelandic **nōs**, Danish **næse**, Norwegian **nese**, Dutch **neus**, German **Nase**, Swedish **näsa**, Latin **nasus**, French **nez**, Spanish **nariz**

Mouth

Old and Middle English **muth**, Old Norse **munnr**, German **Mund**, Dutch **mond**

Tongue

Old and Middle English **tunge tungen**, Old Norse **tunga**, Dutch **tong**, German **Zunge**

Tooth/Teeth

Old and Middle English **toth**, Old Norse **tonn**, Dutch **tand**, German **Zahn**

Cheek

Old English **ce(a)ce ceoce**, Middle English **cheke**, Dutch **kaak**, Middle Lower German **kake**

Neck

Old English **hnecca**, Middle English **nekke**, Old Norse **hnakki**, Dutch **nek**, German **Nacken**

Shoulder

Old English **sculdor**, Middle English **sholder schulder shulderen**, Dutch **schouder**, German **Schulter**

Hand

Old and Middle English **hand hond**, Old Norse **hond**, Dutch **hand**, German **Hand**, Goth **handus**

Arm

Old and Middle English **earm**, Old Frisian **erm**, Goth **arms**, Old Norse **armr**, Old High German Old Swedish Dutch **arm**, German **Arm**

Finger

Old and Middle English **finger**, Old Norse **fingr**, Dutch **vinger**, German **Finger**, Gothic **figgers**

Thumb

Old and Middle English **thuma**, Old Norse **thumall**, Dutch **duim**, German **Daumen**, Old Swede and Old High German **dumo**

Nail

Old English **nægel næglan**, Middle English **nayl naille**, Old Frisian **neil**, Old Swede and Old High German **nagal**, Old Norse **nagl**, Germanic **naglaz**, Dutch **nagel**, German **Nagel**

Quick

Old English **cuic cwicu**, Middle English **quik**, Old Norse **kvikr**, Old Swede **quik**, German **queck keck**, Latin **vivus**, French **vif**, Spanish **carne viva**

Fist

Old English **fyst**, German **Faust**, Dutch **vuist**

Lap

Old English **læppa**, Middle English **lappe**, Old Norse **lappr**, Dutch **lap**, German **Lappen**

Knee

Old English **cneo**, Middle English **cneo(w)**, Old Norse **kne**, German **Knie**, Dutch **knie**, Latin **genu**, French **genou**, Spanish **rodillas**

Foot

Old and Middle English **fot**, German **Fuss**, Dutch **voet**, Greek **poús pod**, Latin **pes ped**, French **pied**, Spanish **pie**

Toe

Old and Middle English **ta**, Old Norse **ta**, German **Zeh Zehe**, Dutch **teen**, Latin **digitus**, French **doigit**, Spanish **dedo de pie**

Heel

(entered into English before 850)

Old and Middle English **hela**, Old Norse **hæll**, Dutch **hiel**

Behind

Old English **behindan**, Middle English **behinden**

Bone

Old English **ban**, Middle English **bon**, Germanic

bainan, Old Frisian and Old Swede **ben**, Old Norse

bein, Dutch **been**, German **Bein**, Latin **os ossis**,

French **os**, Spanish **hueso**

Marrow

Old English **mearg**, Middle English **marowe**, Old Norse

mergr, Dutch **merg**, German **Mark**, Latin **medulla**,

Spanish **médula**, French **moelle**

Brain

Old and Middle English **brægen gregen**, Low German

brägen, Dutch **brein**, Latin **cerebrum**, French **cerveau**,

Spanish **cerebro**

Breath

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **breth breeth**, Frisian

sike, German **Atem**, Swedish **andas pust**, Dutch

andem, Norwegian **pust ånde**, Latin **halitus spiritus**

flatus anima aura respiro, French **haleine souffle**

respiration, Spanish **aliento respiración**

Late Old English (Early Middle English)

The **northern branch of the Germanic language** did not begin to influence English until the latter part of the eighth and ninth century. From almost three hundred years, until the eleventh century, England was bombarded by invading groups from Scandinavia. The Scandinavians, depending on their nationality, settled in the urban as well as the rural areas of England. While the Norwegians colonized Ireland, the Scottish Island, the Isle of Man, and parts of England's north-west, the Danes settled mostly in the north and east part of England.

Unlike the first Germanic invasion of the Celtic Britain, the Scandinavian overrun of England did not lead to the elimination the English. The fundamental reason was simple. They were the same people; therefore, the racial and linguistic animosity which had marked the first invasion was absent. Destruction was replaced by absorption and assimilation. The language which the invaders spoke, Old Norse, helped to form the basis of what is now standard English.

At the core, Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse were the same language. Despite the differences in grammar, persons who communicated in Old English and Old Norse were mutually intelligible. In the area of vocabulary, many words were either identical or very similar. As a result, the type of influence that Old Norse had in English was not destructive. Although there were cases where Old Norse terms did replace Anglo-Saxons ones, the norm was that the borrowing of Old Norse words took place when there were no Old English equivalent. In the area of vocabulary, two of the most distinctive borrowings of Old Norse into English were words with 'sk' or the 'sk' sound, (sky or scrub), and those with the hard 'g' sound, (get or egg).

Old Norse words which entered into the language were not only content words (**open class words**). People from one language group are constantly borrowing words from this area of the lexicon (nouns, verbs, adjective and adverbs). Although it should be mentioned that many of the **content words** borrowed from Old Norse were core words; that is, words which either have no synonyms or those which are used to name things in a language which do not have synonyms. What was extremely unusual about the influence of Old Norse on English was that **functions words** were also borrowed. Function words are structural or grammatical and, therefore, belong to **closed class words**. Very rarely, if ever, are new words added to this category.

Words from Old Norse did not begin to be used in English until after the 11th century, once the Vikings had invaded, and sacked, both south-west and south-east England.

Body Language

(entered into English before 1000)

Skin

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, German **Schinden**

Brow/ lash

Old English **bru**, Middle English **browe**, Old Norse **brun**, German **braue**

Lip

Old English **lippa**, Middle English **lippe**, Dutch **lip**, German **Lippe**, Norwegian **lepe**

Chin

Old and Middle English **cin cinn**, Old Norse **kinn**, Dutch **kin**, German **Kinn chin**

Elbow

Old English **elnboga elboga**, Middle English **elbowe**, Old Norse **olnbogi**, Middle Dutch **ellenboghe elleboog**, Old High German **ellinbogo**, German **Ellenbogen**

Knuckles

Middle English **knokel**, Middle Low German Middle Dutch **knökel**, Dutch **kneukel (knok)**, German **Knöchel (Knochen)**

Back

Old English **bak**, Middle English **bæc**, Old Frisian **bek**, Old Norse Old Swede **bak**

Leg

Middle English and Old Norse **leggr**, Danish **læg**

Buttock

Old English **buttuc**, Middle English **buttok**

Blood

Old English **blod**, Middle English **blod**, Germanic **bloda**, Old Norse and Goth **bloth**, Old Frisian and Old Swede **blod**, Old High German **bluot**, German **Blut**, African, Danish, Norwegian or Swedish **blod**, Dutch **bloed**, Latin **sanguis**, French **sang**, Spanish **sangre**

Ass (*vulgar*)

Old English ærs ears, Middle English ars, Old Frisian ers, Old Norse, Middle Low German, Old Swedish, and Old High German ars, Dutch aars

Although many of the words spoken during this period were later eliminated, according to some accounts eighty-five percent, the importance of Old English in Modern English can not be exaggerated. The fact is that Old English forms the backbone of the English which is spoken today. It is for this reason that, despite all the subsequent influence that Latin, (both the classical and vulgar version); Classical Greek; and French, (both the Norman and Parisian version); may have had, English is not a Romance language. At its core, English is a Germanic language. Because of Old English, the basic structure of English is Germanic. The bulk of the prepositions, pronouns, auxiliaries, conjunction as well as words of fundamental concept come to

English from the old English period. Most of the most frequently used words in English trace their origin back to Old English. Therefore, to find the cognates of most, if not all, of the most basic, fundamental, and frequently used words of English, one must go to the different Germanic languages of both branches of the language tree. (appendix 4)

Middle English

The Norman Invasion took place in 1066. However, although the Normans greatly influenced the English language, for the first century or so Old English remained, in general, unchanged. For the student of the history of the English language, even fifty years or so after the Norman invasion, English had remained being a language which most English speakers would not easily recognize. Although inflections for both nouns and adjectives were becoming obsolete, inflections in other areas of the grammar were still important.

Old English started transitioning into Middle English around the mid point of the 12th century. Although not a language that most speakers of modern English would recognize, Middle English most definitely was a language much more recognizable. In every area, English was changing. In the areas of pronunciation, the pronunciation of vowels was becoming more like their pronunciation in modern English. For example, long vowels became short when they were before two or more consonants: sleep vs. slept/ deep vs. depth . Another example would be the elimination of diphthongs as in the word 'deop' to the simple vowel and the replacement of the 'y' in words such as 'hyll' or 'fyr' to the 'i' as in 'hill' and 'fire'. In the area of orthography the transition

from Old to Middle English was nothing to sneeze at: 1) the elimination of the 'æ' to, depending on the word, the short 'a' or long 'e', 2) the replacement of the 'c' with the 'ch' as in 'child', 3) the replacement of 'cw' with 'qu' as in 'queen', 4) the elimination of þ and ð with the 'th' and 5) the replacement of the 'c' for the 'k' before front vowels as in the word 'keep'. In the area of grammar the changes were quite dramatic. In a nutshell, English ceased being a synthetic or inflected language in which some words indicate such grammatical relationship such as number, case, gender or tense. English became an analytical language in which particles, rather than inflections, are used to express grammatical relationships (*handsomer* vs *more handsome*). In the area of verbs, English began to have only two cases, strong and weak, now known as regular and irregular.

Ironically enough, even a century after the Norman conquest, the influence of French in English was kept at a minimum. The reasons for this are numerous. For one, English was considered the language of the socially inferior; therefore, as a rule, it was treated by elites of the society, many of whom did not speak or understand English, with indifference. As a result, the language was, for almost two centuries, considered a dialect spoken by those who had no power. Norman French remained in its position as the official language until the forced separation of Normandy from England. Although during this period a great number of words from French enter into English, the number was no where near the amount that would be borrowed later.

French imported more than ten thousand words into English. As a result, hundreds of words from Old and Middle English were forced out of the language. (appendix 5) However, it must never be forgotten that despite tremendous influence that French had in English, it never had the impact that Old Norse had. Old Norse actually changed the very

essence of English; French did not. The reasons are not hard to understand. By 1066, English was too well established in both its written and spoken form to be easily eliminated or changed. Norman French never became a natural language of England as a whole; it was only a means of communication to the tiny elite of the country. Also, intermarriage can not be ignored. The Normans did not remain separate from the population which they conquered. Many times the offspring of such unions spoke either both Norman French and English or only English.

English remained English; French was incorporated within the existing structure to make it stronger and richer. In no area of structure did French change English. This fact can be easily demonstrated. For example, in the area of syntax (word order) only in very few cases do adjectives follow the noun (attorney general or court martial). In all other cases, the norm is that the adjective precedes the noun. Another example would be in the area of verbs. When French verbs entered into English, their grammatical structures remained outside. That is to say, only the essence of the verb was incorporated; all of their grammatical endings were eliminated. They generally came into the language as regular rather than irregular verbs. As a result, the 'weak' past inflection 'ed', became much more dominant, eventually becoming the normal ending of most verbs in English in the past tense. It is for this reason that the overwhelming majority of irregular verbs in the past are from the Germanic, rather than the French or Latin, area of English. (appendix 6) French did not enter the language English all at once. It did so in stages:

1. first one hundred years ---- no increase of French in English
2. last one half of the 12th century ---- slight increase
3. 1200-1250 ---- increase

4. post 1250 ---- greater increase
5. 1300-1400 ---- period of the greatest borrowing
6. 1400 ---- sharp drop and eventual tapering off

Words of the body which came into English prior to 1250

Figure

(1175-1225)

Old French and Middle English **figure**, Latin **figura**, French **forme**, Spanish **figura**

Skull

(1175-1225)

Middle English **scolle**, Old Norse **skalli skoltr**, Latin **calvaria calva**, French **crâne**, Spanish **calavera**

Words of the body which came into English post 1250

Face

(1250-1300)

Middle English, Anglo-French, Old French **facia**, Latin **facies**,

Late Middle English **facen**, French **visage face**, Spanish **cara**

Whiskers (whisk + er)

(1325-1375)

whisk

Middle English (Scots) **wysk**, Scots **wisk quhisk**, Old Norse **visk**,

Swedish **viska**, Danish **vishe**, Old High German **wisken**

Jaw

(1325-1375)

Middle English **jawe jowe**, Latin **maxilla mala fauces**, Old

French **joue joe**, French **mâchoire**, Spanish **mandibula**

Palm

(1300-1350)

Old English **folm**, Middle English **paume**, Middle French and

Latin **palma**, French **paume**, Spanish **palma**

Stomach

(1300-1350)

Middle English **stomack**, Old French **stomaque estomac**,

Greek **stomakhos**, Latin **stomachus venter**, French

estomac, Spanish **estómago**

Testicles

(1375-1425)

Latin **testiculus**, French **testicules**, Spanish **testiculos**

to breathe

(1250-1300 (derived from breath))

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **brethen**, Frisian **sykhelje**,

German **atmen**, Afrikaans **asem**, Dutch **andemen**

ademhalen, Danish **ånde**, Latin **duco spiro respiro**,

French **respirer**, Spanish **respirar**

The late Middle Ages was one of great changes in England. The growth of towns, the death of feudalism, hastened by the Black Death, and the rise of the middle class and free, self-governing communities all led to the growing domination and self-assuredness of the English language and culture. Slowly, all levels of the population began to see that the language in which they communicated was more than a dialect that only the peasantry spoke.

The new attitude led to the growing importance of English in all areas of society. The fourteenth century witnessed the resurgence of English in the official and governmental spheres. In 1349, English began to replace French as the language of instruction; by 1382, it was rare to find a school where French, rather than English, was the language of instruction. In 1362, Parliament opened, for the first time, in English rather than French. It was also in that year that law courts were ordered to be conducted in English rather than Norman French.

The new growing self-awareness of English continued into fifteenth century. It was the period that the first monarchs who were completely fluent in English reigned, Richard II and Henry IV. It was also in that

period that Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *Canterbury Tales*, William Langland wrote *Piers Plowman*, and John Wycliffe for the first time, successfully translated the entire bible into English.

As Englishmen became more confident in the language which they spoke, they opened up to possibilities which had once been rejected. As was shown in the table above, it was not until the fourteenth and fifteenth century that thousands of French words were allowed to enter into English. It was also during these centuries that a large number of Latin words entered English.

Throughout the history of English, Latin has, on and off, entered English. However, it was not until the period immediately prior to and during the Renaissance, did the English begin to borrow Latin in any great quantity. Although there were scholars such as Sr. John Cheke, who believed that English could be used to express any idea, there were those who believed that English was a language which could, without any problem, put into words less sophisticated, more concrete ideas. It was ideal to express blunt, straightforward and plain-spoken ideas. However, Latin and Greek were considered much better suited to verbalize the more abstract, nuance, subtle and conceptual areas of life.

Originally, much of the Latin which had come into English had done so indirectly French. That changed, however, once original Latin text became available. Latin, and eventually Greek, began to be borrowed directly.

By the time the early modern period, all the vocabulary used to describe the body was already well established. The only new words of the body which came into the language were those of the internal organs. The body parts which were discovered during the early modern

and modern period have either Latin or Greek origin, languages which doctor and scientist continued utilizing long after the world had ceased. Of these parts of the body, almost none is rich in metaphors or symbolism.

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Face

(entered into the English 1250-1300)

Old English **nebwlitu**, Middle English and Late Middle English **facen**,
Anglo-French, Old French **facia**, German **Gesicht**, Afrikaans **gesig**,
Danish **ansigt**, Dutch **gezicht gelaat**, Flemish **gezicht gelaat**,
Frisian **gesicht**, Icelandic **andlit**, Norwegian **ansikt**, Swedish
ansikte, Swiss German **Gsicht**, Latin **facies**, French **visage**, Spanish
cara rostro

Prefixes and Suffixes which mean **face**:

faci-, **facio-** (Latin for **face**)

prosop- (Greek for **face**)

super- (Latin for above, situated near the surface)

face

1. countenance, visage, features
She has a beautiful **face**.
2. (slang) mug, pan, puss, kisser
3. profile, silhouette
4. makeup, cosmetics
Every morning I must put on my **face** before going out.
5. (slang) rouge, war paint, mask, grease paint
6. expression, look, mien, appearance, air, aspect, demeanor
I don't like the **face** that you are giving me. Lower your eyes!
7. smile, grin, grimace, sneer, frown
Wipe that **face** off now!
8. prestige, repute, dignity, family honor
It is important for my family's **face** that I fix this problem.
9. mask, camouflage, façade, veneer, illusion, false impression, guise, front, outside, semblance, surface, superficiality, false front

He is showing you only his good **face**.
10. audacity, impudence, nerve, brass, gall, unmitigated

Can you believe the **face** that he gave me? What audacity!
11. (slang) cheek, lip, chutzpa

With what **face** do you dare tell me this?!

12. exterior, front, frontal, facet

The **face** of the building was totally destroyed.

to face

1. to contemplate, look at, glaze at, observe, view, **eye**

It is not easy to **face** the sun when it is shining brightly.

2. to stand opposite to

She **faced** the man and watched his every move.

3. to encounter, meet, confront, dare

It was not easy for him to **face** the child that he had abandoned.

4. (more stylistic) to breast, buffet, challenge, defy, duel, meet, brazen, throw down the gauntlet, stem

5. (informal) to **meet head-on**, stare down, beard, resist, stand up against, **look in the face**, oppose, withstand, keep at bay, take on, **meet face-to-face**, out brazen, bell the cat, **meet eyeball-to-eyeball**, **face the music**

6. to coat, cover, superimpose

The old house's exterior was **faced** with bricks.

7. to envelop, encase, veneer, wash

8. to suffer, tolerate, keep one's countenance, weather, stand

It had not been easy to **face** reality but she did it all the same.

9. (more stylized) to reconcile oneself with, bear, withstand, make the best of, abide, brook, bear with, take patiently, forbear, fare
10. (informal) to **put a good face on**, swallow, put up with, **face up to**, deal with, digest, **stomach**, grin and bear it, pocket
11. (slang) to lump it, sweat it out, hang tough, stand the gaff

a face only a mother could love

1. ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive, plain

Although he has **a face only a mother could love**, when he is well-dressed, he can be quite a **striking figure**.

2. (more stylized) uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely, rather ugly
3. (informal) not much to look at, hard favored, short on looks, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**
4. (slang) hard to look at, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus, God-awful, God-awful ugly, oogly

a face perfectly made for radio

1. ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive, plain

When my professor told me that I had **a face perfectly made for radio**, I had not understood him. After hundreds of interviews and rejections, I do now.

2. (more stylized) uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely, rather ugly

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about face

1. **backpedaling**, changing one's position or opinion 360 degrees, **backtracking**, reversing oneself, renouncing, withdrawing, reversing one's views, making a full cycle, making a full circle,

What an **about face**!

2. (more stylistic) renouncing, foreswearing, disclaiming, unsaying, renegeing, retracting, disavowing, rescinding, recanting, repudiating
3. (informal) **making an about face**, eating one's words, **taking back**, swallowing one's words, shifting one's ground, **changing one's mind, having a change of heart**, taking a different direction or track, **changing one's side**
4. pulling a switcheroo, flip-flopping, pulling a 180°, doing a flip flop, doing a 180°, doing a 360°

another face

1. without personality or distinction, nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor, no importance

Frankly, she was only **another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional, inconsequential
3. (informal) another gray flannel suit, dull, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, small beer, nothing to write home about, trivial
4. (slang) a nine-day wonder, another gray flannel suit, penny- ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, feather, mere nothing, not worth thinking or worrying about, small potatoes

another face in the crowd

1. of no concern, one of many, of no matter, without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, not worth speaking of, of minor, no importance

Frankly, she was only **another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) to be nugatory, negligible, of no consequence, anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
3. (informal) of no great account, dull, of no great weight, nothing special, run-of- the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, nothing to write home about, not worth wasting one's time on, trivial
4. (slang) another gray suit, penny-ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, petty, small potatoes

as plain as the nose on one's face

1. obvious, visible, apparent or public, hidden, concealed, conspicuous, blatant

His guilt **is as plain as the nose on his face**.

2. en évidence, tangible, lucid, transparent, undisguised, graphic, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, palpable, unqualified, manifest, vivid, discernible, unambiguous
3. right out in the open, plain as day, **sticking out like a sore thumb**, as plain as the day is long, blatantly clear, glaring, bald, crystal clear, clear cut, bare, naked, beyond a shadow of a doubt

being in one's face

1. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Being in my face will only make us both lose our tempers.

2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying
3. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth**, **facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face**, **meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down**, **bringing face to face**, **coming face to face**
4. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge, double-daring

blue in the face

1. being angry, upset, furious or mad

His anger left me **blue in the face**.

2. (more stylish) being irate, fuming, furibund, infuriated, incensed, livid, enraged, wrathful or distraught
3. being fit to tie, mad as a hatter, hot under the collar, foaming at the mouth, unhinged, mad as a hornet, flared up, red-hot, white-hot, in a tizzy, horn mad, beside oneself or **out of one's mind**

bold face

1. assurance, confidence, fearlessness, being unafraid, daring, courageous or fearless

Although he was dying of fright, he **put on a bold face**.

2. (highly stylized) being undismayed, lion hearted, unblenching, **great, stout, iron** or **high-hearted**, dashing or intrepid
3. (informal) being plucky, unflinching, **red-blooded**, unblinking, unshrinking or gutsy
4. being insolent, shameless, forward or brash
She has a bold face, nothing shames her.
5. (highly stylized) being impertinent, presumptuous, audacious impudent or immodest
6. being **barefaced**, cheeky, cocky, brazen, **brazen-faced**, bold, fresh, **mouthy**, out of line or saucy

brave face

1. being composed, sound, sturdy, unshrinking or dauntless during an especially trying time

I know that she is upset although she is **putting on a brave face**.

2. (informal) being gritty, game, red-blooded or gutsy in a trying, threatening, or dangerous situation, having **guts, gustiness, red-blood pumping through his veins**, or **a heart**

brazen face

1. being insolent, shameless, forward or brash

What a brazen-face girl; nothing shames her.

2. (highly stylized) being impertinent, presumptuous, audacious impudent or immodest
3. being **barefaced**, cheeky, cocky, brazen, **brazen-faced**, bold, fresh, **mouthy**, out of line or saucy

bringing face to face

1. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Bring the young woman face to face with her past, initially was very painful.

2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying
3. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth, facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face, meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the

glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down, bringing face to face**

4. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge , double-daring

coming face to face

1. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Coming face to face with her demons was very difficult.

2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying
3. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth, facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face, meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down, bringing face to face**
4. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge , double-daring

different face

1. new outward appearance, new appearance, **new face**, different appearance, **fresh new face**

He might **have a different face** but he's the same old person.

2. newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger, foreigner

Have you seen the **different face**? She seems pleasant enough.

3. (informal) new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, fresh face, fresh new face, breath of fresh air, newly rich
4. (negative) arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, parvenu, upstart, **tenderfoot**, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, gate-crasher, trespasser
5. (negative) pig in clover

dirt flung in one's face

1. being slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect or disrespected

I'm used to having **dirt flung in my face**.

2. (more stylistic) being rebuffed, offended, rebuked, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on, scorned, reprimanded, reproached or castigated
3. (informal) being put down, cut, brought down, called down, given a talk to, rapped on the knuckles, chewed out or trimmed down
have dirt flung in one's face, pin have one's ears back pinned back, have the door slammed in one's face
4. (slang) being dissed
5. (vulgar) being fucked, fucked over or shit on

distinct face

1. singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, uncommon, with an equal, unmatched, unfamiliar

He had a **distinct face** which I will never, which I can never, forget.

2. (more stylized) novel, infrequent, notable, particular, peerless, unusual, exceptional, quintessential, distinctive
3. (informal) few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen before, unforgettable

door slammed in one's face

1. slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect, disrespected

Having **a door slammed in one's face** is not the worst thing that could happen.

2. (more stylistic) rebuffed, offended, rebuked, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on, scorned, reprimanded, reproached, castigated
3. (informal) put down, cut, brought down, called down, given a talk to, rapped on the knuckles, chewed out, trimmed down **have dirt flung in one's face, pin have one's ears back pinned back, have the door slammed in one's face**
4. (slang) dissed

5. (vulgar) fucked, fucked over, shit on

egg on one's face

1. being embarrassed, disgraced, humiliated, shamed or made to blush
2. (highly stylized) being mortified, made to feel, lowly or chastened

3. (informal) being made to eat humble pie, **made shamefaced**, taken down a peg or two, put to shame or brought down, **made red face**

As a result of what happened, he **has egg on his face**.

empty face

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference

She has an **empty face**. Who knows what she is thinking.

2. (more stylistic) being inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being **stone faced**, **poker faced**, wooden **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, **empty face**, nothingness, **stone face**

face angel

king, queen, or jack of playing cards

face as long as a poker

1. being sad, unhappy, depressed or discouraged

Honey, why do you **have such a face as long as a poker**?

2. (more stylized) being in the bowels of despair, melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, sunken downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened**, in the depths of despair or wretched

3. (informal) being **long faced**, **heartbroken**, blue, in the doldrums, crushed in the depth of despair, **sick at heart**, weighed down, **heavy-hearted** or **heart rendering**
4. (slang) being bummed out, in the pits, down in the dumps, under a cloud, **pulling on a long face**, **making a long face**, off one's feed, in the pits, mopey or **down in the mouth**

face down

ace downward, on one's stomach

She was found **face down** on the bed.

face in the crowd

1. being without personality or distinction, nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring

He is just one of the many **faceless** workers in the company. He's only a **face in the crowd**.

2. (more stylized) indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, insignificant, unexceptional
3. (informal) dull, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, nothing to write home about, common, **faceless** or a **face in the crowd**
4. (slang) the same old same old

faceless

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4. (slang) the same old same old

face lift

plastic surgery for renovation or rejuvenation of the face

To get a **face lift** is a very expensive, and somewhat dangerous, proposition.

face off

1. skirmish, an open confrontation, clash, brush, battle, conflict

The movie, **Face Off**, was a big hit.

2. (more stylistic) altercation, struggle, encounter, collision, tussel, fracas, friction
3. (informal) showdown, battle, **face to face confrontation**, shoot out, scrape, fight, **face to face**, run in, scuffle

face saver

1. an action to save or maintain one's prestige, respectability, dignity or one's reputation

The war was only a **face saver**; it did not change anything.

2. (highly stylized) an action designed to save one's reputability
3. (informal) an action to maintain or save one's name, fair name,

good name, standing

4. to save or maintain one's rep

face-saving formula

a way of avoiding total humiliation, a **face saver**

He's looking for a **face-saving formula** before surrendering.

face time

1. brief appearance on TV

I would be grateful even if I get only a minute of **face time** to make my case. I can say a lot in a minute.

2. brief **face to face meeting**

I am extremely busy; I can give you only a half of an hour of **face time**.

face to face

1. facing one another, looking at one another, close proximity, near, close

Once they are **face to face**, they will work it out.

2. (informal) **head-to-head, eyeball to eyeball, eye-to-eye**

3. in opposition, confront, stand in opposition, affront, challenge, **face in defiance**

Yes, I must admit. When we came **face to face**, I was terrified.

4. (French) tête-à - tête, à deux, vis à vis

5. confronting, coming to grips with, tackling, accepting,
face up to, come face to face with, stand facing

It was not easy coming **face to face with** my own mortality.

6. direct, **first hand, head on**, immediate, personal, **hands on**

face to face with

1. confronting, coming to grips with, tackling, accepting,
facing up to, coming face to face with, standing facing

It was not easy coming **face to face with** my own mortality.

2. narrowly, barely, barely making it out, only just, **by the skin of one's teeth escape**

Because I once came **face to face with** death, I no longer fear death.

3. in opposition, confronting, standing in opposition, affronting, challenging, **facing in defiance**

Yes, I must admit. When she came **face to face with** her enemy, she was terrified.

face up

with the face upward, be on one's back

Put all the cards **face up**.

face-saving formula

use words or acts to avoid humiliation

His **face saving formula** did not work. He must accept everything, including the humiliation.

face value

1. claimed, apparent, outward or assumed but not necessarily real value

You should never take anyone at **face value**.

2. (informal) rumor, so-called, supposed, said-to-be, believed-to-be, **word-of-mouth**, hearsay
3. at its nominal, ostensible or official value, purported

The **face value** of the picture has nothing to do with how I feel about it.

4. (informal) in name only

face value

1. without any question or doubt

You should never accept any kind of explanation **at face value**.
You must be always leave room for doubt.

2. (less formal) to accept as is

facing

1. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Facing her demons was very difficult.

2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying

3. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth**, **facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face**, **meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down**, **bringing face to face**
4. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge , double-daring

facing away

turning or being turned in the other or opposite direction, turning away, looking away

Facing away from the crowd, she put her head down and cried.

facing both ways

1. wavering, indecisive, open, undecided, open to question, straddling the fence, hesitant, open to doubt

Facing both ways, will not save you from criticism and condemnation.

2. (more stylized) irresolute, infirm of purpose, diffident, vacillating, unsettled, uncertain, ambivalent, capricious, fluctuating, unresolved
3. (informal) supporting both camps, **having a foot in both camp**, paying Peter and Paul, up in the air, **of two minds**, blowing hot and cold, **spineless**
4. (slang) shilly-shally, wishy-washy, namby-pamby, fickle, **fickle-minded**

facing down

1. downward, towards the ground, down, downwards, putting or placing an object downward

She entered the room with her **face down**.

2. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Facing down her enemy, she stood in front of him without fear.

3. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying
4. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth**, **facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face**, **meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down**, **bringing face to face**
5. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge, double-daring

facing in defiance

1. confronting boldly, opposing directly, confronting, encountering, meeting courageously, challenging, standing up to, provoking, daring, standing in opposition of, standing opposed to, brazening, brazening out, brazening through

Facing her enemy in defiance, she stood her ground.

2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening, defying

3. (informal) not running away from, skating on thin ice, **putting one's head in the lion's mouth**, **facing**, braving, **facing up to**, courting destruction, tempting Providence, **meeting eyeball to eyeball**, bearding, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **being in one's face**, **meeting head on**, taking up the gauntlet, throwing down the glove or gage, **knocking the chip off one's shoulder**, crossing the line in the sand, **facing down**, **bringing face to face**
4. (slang) taking the bull by the horn, belling the cat, dancing on the razor's edge , double-daring

facing up to

1. confronting boldly, confronting, **meeting head-on**, encountering, meeting courageously, standing up to, braving, tackling, fronting
Facing up to her mistakes was not easy.
2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, addressing oneself to, wading into, braving, brooking
3. (informal) **standing facing**, dealing with, coming to grip with, taking on, standing in front of, **coming face to face with**, **meeting head on**

facing up to one's responsibility

1. being accountable to, responsible or answerable to, confronting boldly, accepting, confronting, admitting, **meeting head-on**, standing up to one's responsibility
Facing up to his responsibility as a teenage father had not been easy.
2. (more stylistic) comprehend, acknowledging, addressing oneself to, braving, recognizing, realizing or formally accepting one's responsibility

3. (informal) **standing facing**, dealing with, coming to grip with, taking on, standing in front of, **coming face to face with**, **meeting head on** one's responsibility

facing up to the music

1. dealing, grappling or contending with or accepting the consequences of one's action

Facing up to the music was one of the hardest thing that I ever had to do but I did it.

2. (more stylistic) assenting, braving, brooking, braving out, acquiescing in, reconciling oneself to, withstanding or taking patiently the consequences of one's action
3. (informal) accepting the consequences of one's action by going along with, **stomaching it**, taking it on the cuff, living out, toughing it out, hang in there, weathering, hanging in, taking it, riding it out, putting up with, swallowing, **taking it on the chin**, taking one's own medicine or **facing the music**
4. (slang) accepting what is coming to one or taking the rap one's responsibility

falling on one's face

1. stumbling, falling, tumbling, tripping, slipping

Falling on one's face does not always have to be embarrassing.

2. (more stylistic) to losing one's equilibrium, pitching forward
3. (informal) taking a spill, taking a tumble, flopping down, falling down, **losing one's footing**, **taking a header**, flopping, **falling flat on one's face**, **falling headlong**, going down

4. (slang) falling on one's keister, doing a tail over teakettle, **falling on one's behind**

5. **(vulgar) falling on one's ass**

6. failing, not succeeding, floundering, meeting with disaster
He had **fallen on his face** when he first opened his business.

7. (informal) to falling short, stumbling, tripping, not turning out well, turning out badly, not flying, not panning out, flopping, not pulling off

8. (slang) biting the dust, missing the mark, bungling, laying an egg, muddling, striking out, blowing it, bombing

9. **(vulgar) making oneself into an asshole, acting like an asshole**

famous face

1. popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted, notorious

She will not be able to walk a block. She has **a famous face**.

2. (more stylistic) eminent, acclaimed, celebrated, exalted, infamous, renowned, prominent, notable, fabled, illustrious, distinguished, legendary, preeminent, venerable

3. (informal) much-touted, on the map, having a big name or name, **on everyone's lips**

4. (slang) bally-hoed

5. (French) distingué

flat on one's face

1. failure, runner up, having been smashed, shamed, disgraced, crushed, belittled, demeaned, beaten or broken

I can't help anyone right now; I'm **flat on my face**.

2. (more stylistic) having incurred disgrace, having been disparaged, mortified, humbled, vanquished, quelled or humiliated
3. (informal) loser, washout, having lost face, having been made to eat humble pie, wiped the floor with, being in the dumps
4. (slang) also ran, dud, flop, thud, schlemiel, bomb, turkey, fizzle, lemon, Charlie Brown, having been whupped, whipped or checkmated

formidable face

1. being fearful, frightening, dreadful, terrible, looming, grisly, awe-inspiring, horrendous, monstrous, notorious or odious

I do not like being around him for any period of time; he has a **formidable face** which is very scary.

2. (more stylized) being redoubtable, ghastly, minacious, horrifying, intimidating, fearsome, terrifying, stupefying, direful, horrible, threatening, menacing or gruesome
3. (informal) **making one's hair stand on end**, being God-awful, dark, eerie, creepy or scary

fresh new face

1. new outward appearance, new appearance, **different face**, different appearance

She is the **fresh new face** of the week.

2. newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger, foreigner

Have you seen the **new face**? She seems pleasant enough.

3. (informal) new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, fresh face, fresh new face, breath of fresh air, newly rich

funny faces

1. the twisting, contortion or distortion of one's face

He likes to **make funny faces**.

2. gesturing with the face

So that the child would stop crying, the baby **made funny faces**.

full face

1. with the entire and complete face shown or visible, not in profile, not the side view

I love to take **full face** pictures.

2. **facing directly, facing squarely**, looking squarely, steadily, steadfastly directly at, candidly, frankly or straightforwardly at

He had no shame. Instead of lowering his head, he looked **full face** at me and smiled.

happy face

putting on a outward appearance of cheerfulness, happiness, joy, delight, appearing to be happy, satisfied or well pleased, cheery, full of cheer, positive or in a good mood

Putting on a happy face can be the best revenge.

2. (highly stylized) putting on a outward appearance of gaiety, tranquility, serenity, joyfulness, joviality, felicity, hiding one's wretchedness, dolor, agony, angst, or woe, appearing to be genial, blither, optimistic, enthused buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, jubilant, euphoric, happy as a lark or effervescent
3. (informal) being **bright eyed**, not **wearing one's heart on one's sleeve**, airy, **light hearted**, full of cheer, **with a song on one's lips**, chipper or upbeat, not **show one's heartbreak** or **heartache**, appear to be full of vim or vigor, upbeat, merry, **bright eyed and bushy tailed**, **save** or **preserve face**, not let someone get your goat, **not wear one's heart on one's sleeves**, **keep a stiff upper lip**

having the door slammed in one's face

1. slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect, disrespected

Having the door slammed in one's face is not the worst thing that could happen.

2. (more stylistic) rebuffed, offended, rebuked, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on, scorned, reprimanded, reproached, castigated
3. (informal) put down, cut, brought down, called down, given a talk to, rapped on the knuckles, chewed out, trimmed down, **having dirt flung in one's face**, **pinning one's ears back pinned back**, **having the door slammed in one's face**
4. (slang) dissed

5. (vulgar) fucked, fucked over, shit on

honest face

1. appearing to be natural, candid, direct, truthful, simple, genuine, undisguised, trustworthy, open, uninhibited or obvious

2. (more stylized) appearing to be undisguised, unequivocal, undissembling, undeceiving, guileless, undisguising, artless, unreserved, unambiguous, uncorrupted or demonstrative
3. (informal) appearing to be aboveboard, open and sincere, up and up, on the level, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, up front or on the up and up

in one's face

1. plainly, in full view, in the open, in the public
He did everything right **in my face**. That is how they wanted it.
2. (informal) **in one's face**, in front of the whole world, for all the world to see, **before one's very eyes**, in plain view, right out in the open, **under one's nose**
3. in bold defiance, boldly, without hiding, unabashedly, frankly
He has no shame. He did everything **under everyone's nose**.
4. (informal) unblinkingly, unblushingly, **barefacedly**, unshrinkingly, unflinchingly, **bald-facedly**, **bold-facedly**
5. (slang) to do something in a manner which is **cheeky**, **nervy**, **with gall**, brassy

in someone's face

1. challenging, confronting, standing up to, provoking, daring
I don't like that you are **in my face**.
2. (more stylistic) affronting, oppugning, encountering, crossing, thwarting, **facing in defiance**, threatening

3. (informal) bearding, standing in opposition to, throwing down the gauntlet, **coming face to face**, bearding the lion in his den, twisting the lion's tail, **flying in the face of**, making bold, calling into question, **getting in someone's face**, **meeting head on**
4. (slang) double-daring

in the face of

in spite of, despite, notwithstanding, regardless of

In the face of all the obstacles, she continued trying.

just another face

1. without personality or distinction, nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor, no importance

Frankly, she was only **just another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional, inconsequential
3. (informal) another gray flannel suit, dull, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, small beer, nothing to write home about, trivial
4. (slang) a nine-day wonder, another gray flannel suit, penny- ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, feather, mere nothing, not worth thinking or worrying about, small potatoes

just another face in the crowd

1. of no concern, one of many, of no matter, without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, not worth speaking of, of minor, no importance

Frankly, she was only **just another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) to be nugatory, negligible, of no consequence, anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
3. (informal) of no great account, dull, of no great weight, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, nothing to write home about, not worth wasting one's time on, trivial
4. (slang) another gray suit, penny-ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, petty, small potatoes

just another handsome face

1. disrespecting, undervaluing, disregarding, underrating, dismissing as unworthy of consideration, minimizing, making light of, belittling, ignoring, ridiculing, deriding, dismissing lightly

Just another handsome face is definitely not what he is. He is a man of substance.

2. (more stylistic) holding in contempt, dismissing with a sneer, underestimating, disparaging, holding for naught, holding in disrespect, scorning, disprizing, being contemptuous of, disdainig, considering beneath oneself, shunning
3. (formal) **looking down one's nose at, just another face, selling short, sneezing at, looking down on, dismissing out of hand, spitting at, giving one the fish eye, giving one the cold shoulder, turning one's nose up at, curling one's lip at,**

brushing aside, **looking down one's nose at, just a handsome face**

4. (slang) pooh-poohing, dumping on

just another pretty face

1. disrespecting, undervaluing, disregarding, underrating, dismissing as unworthy of consideration, minimizing, making light of, belittling, ignoring, ridiculing, deriding, dismissing lightly

She is beautiful but there is nothing upstairs; unfortunately, she is **just a pretty face**.

2. (more stylistic) holding in contempt, dismissing with a sneer, underestimating, disparaging, holding for naught, holding in disrespect, scorning, disprizing, being contemptuous of, disdain, considering beneath oneself, shunning
3. (formal) **looking down one's nose at, just another face, selling short, sneezing at, looking down on, dismissing out of hand, spitting at, giving one the fish eye, giving one the cold shoulder, turning one's nose up at, curling one's lip at, brushing aside, looking down one's nose at, just a handsome face**

4. (slang) pooh-poohing, dumping on

laughing in someone's face

1. insulting, mocking, sneering at, scorning, disdain, showing disdain

Laughing in someone's face can backfire.

2. (more stylized) lampooning, bemocking, satirizing, deriding, mimicking, holding up to ridicule, caricaturing, jeering at, scoffing at, assailing

3. (informal) poking fun at, knocking, laughing at, roasting, making fun of, making a laughing stock of, poking fun of, making game of, **tweaking someone's nose, laughing in the face of**, kidding, **laughing in someone's face**
4. (slang) guying, **thumbing one's nose at**, making a snide remark at, pooh-poohing, putting down, **curling one's lip at, making someone the butt of**, razzing, putting down, ragging, making sport of, ride, **ribbing**

laughing in the face of

1. insulting, mocking, sneering at, scorning, disdain, showing disdain

One day he will understand that you can not **laugh in the face of danger**.

2. (more stylized) lampooning, bemocking, satirizing, deriding, mimicking, holding up to ridicule, caricaturing, jeering at, scoffing at, assailing
3. (informal) poking fun at, knocking, laughing at, roasting, making fun of, making a laughing stock of, poking fun of, making game of, **tweaking someone's nose, laughing in the face of**, kidding, **laughing in someone's face**
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laughing on the other side of one's face

1. being humbled or chastened

Now that all the numbers are in, he's **laughing on the other side of his face**.

2. (informal) being brought down a peg or two, made to eat humble pie, get what one has been asking for
3. being dismayed, discouraged, dejected or disheartened
4. (informal) being in the doldrums, **taking the heart out**, taking starch out of, damper one's spirit
5. (slang) to be down in the dumps, be bummed out

long face

1. being sad, unhappy, depressed or crestfallen

Honey, why do you **have such a long face**?
2. (more stylized) being melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened** or **heavy-hearted**
3. (informal) being **long faced**, blue, in the doldrums or in the depth of despair
4. (slang) being bummed out, down in the dumps, **pulling on a long face**, **making a long face**, in the pits or **down in the mouth**

looking one straight in the face

1. encountering, meeting, confronting, daring

Looking at his enemy **straight in the face**, she dared him to repeat what he had just said.
2. (more stylistic) challenging, defying, brazening, throwing down the gauntlet, stemming

3. (informal) **meeting head-on**, staring down, bearding, resisting, standing up against, **looking in the face**, opposing, withstanding, keeping at bay, taking on, **meeting face-to-face**, outbrazening, belling the cat, **meeting eyeball-to-eyeball**, **facing the music**
4. suffering, tolerating, keeping one's countenance, weathering, standing

Looking at her straight in the face, he waited to hear what she had to say.

5. (more stylized) reconciling oneself with, bearing, withstanding, making the best of, abiding, brooking, bearing with, taking patiently, forbearing, faring
6. (informal) **facing**, swallow, put up with, **facing up to**, dealing with, digesting, **stomaching**, grinning and bear it, pocketing
7. (slang) to lump it, sweat it out, hang tough, stand the gaff

loss of face

1. belittlement, humiliation, shame, low estimation, discredit, embarrassment, humbleness, disgrace, dishonor, disapproval, disgrace

Because of **loss of face**, he went into hiding for years.

2. (highly stylized) disesteem, abashment, discountenance, disparagement, mortification, vitiation, disreputation, humbled pride, disapprobation, disrepute, mortification
3. (informal) a thousand deaths, put down, humble pie,

memorable face

1. having a face which is momentous significant, unique, different, magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous outstanding, powerful, singular, distinct, unlike, important, fabulous or astounding

I won't be forgetting him in many years; he has an **memorable face**.

2. having a face which is illustrious, remarkable, quintessential, distinctive, striking, , rare, consequential extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive eventful formidable or memorable
3. having a face which is beyond comparison, one for the book, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, red-letter, electrifying, unforgettable, seldom seen before, once in a lifetime or not-so-easy-to-forget

moon-face

1. being fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed, **big boned**

One of the reason she looks so fat is that she has a **moon face**.

2. (more stylistic) being well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) being pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out
4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

much too famous face

1. being popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted or notorious to the extreme, much too **in the public eye**, having the **public's eye** to the extreme

She will not be able to walk a block. She has **a much too famous face**.

2. (more stylistic) being so acclaimed, celebrated, infamous, renowned or prominent that one can live one's life in privacy.
3. (informal) **on everyone's tongue**, much-touted or on the map, **in everyone's mouth**, having a big name or name, **on everyone's lips**
4. (slang) being so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own

much too well-known face

1. being popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted or notorious to the extreme

She will not be able to walk a block. She has **a much too well-known face**.

2. (more stylistic) being so acclaimed, celebrated, infamous, renowned or prominent that one can live one's life in privacy.
3. (informal) **on everyone's tongue**, much-touted or on the map, **in everyone's mouth**, having a big name or name, **on everyone's lips**
4. (slang) being so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own

new face

1. new outward appearance, new appearance, **different face**, different appearance, fresh new face

He might **have a new face** but he's the same old person.

2. newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger, foreigner

Have you seen the **new face**? She seems pleasant enough.

3. (informal) new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, fresh face, fresh new face, breath of fresh air, newly rich
4. (negative) arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, parvenu, upstart, **tenderfoot**, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, gate-crasher, trespasser
5. (negative) pig in clover

notorious face

1. disgraceful, shameful, notorious, well-known, famous, famed

He can not melt into any crowd; he has **a notorious face**.

2. (more stylistic) of ill repute, infamous, stigmatized, ignominious, renowned, flagrant, obloquial, disreputable, scandalous
3. (informal) **on everyone's tongue**, much-touted or on the map, **in everyone's mouth**, having a big name or name, **on everyone's lips**, having a big name, having a bad name

on the face of it

1. presumed, presumable, anticipated, expected, plausible

On **the face of it** everything seems possible. I, however, would not count on it.

2. (more stylistic) presupposed, hypothetical, presumptive, apparent, superficially, seemingly, outwardly, ostensibly

3. (informal) in the cards, taken for granted, likely, sure, all likelihood, most likely, odds on, with no question, in all probability, all things considered, everything being equal
4. (slang) being dollar to doughnuts, sure-as-shooting, as like as not

not just a handsome face

1. not being disrespected, ignored, overlooked, minimized, neglected, underrated or disregarded, respecting, admiring
Be careful; he **is not just a handsome face**.
2. (more stylistic) taking one's hat's to, setting great store by, realizing the worth of, not being slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, holding a high opinion of, thinking highly of, appreciating, ascribing importance to, esteeming, thinking well of, taking notice of, valuing
3. (informal) rating highly, looking up to, paying attention to, having a high opinion of, thinking the world of, not being **looked down one's nose at**, **just a handsome face**, sold short, sneezed at, looked down at or spat at, not **turning one's nose up at**, not **curling one's lip at**, not being brushed aside or **just a pretty face**
4. (slang) not pooh-poohing or dumping on

not just a pretty face

1. not being disrespected, ignored, overlooked, minimized, neglected, underrated or disregarded, respecting, admiring

I admire her a lot; she could have lived off her looks but decided not to. She definitely **not just a pretty face**.
2. (more stylistic) taking one's hat's to, setting great store by, realizing the worth of, not being slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, holding a high opinion of,

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4. (slang) not pooh-poohing or dumping on

not just another face

1. not being disrespected, ignored, overlooked, minimized, neglected, underrated or disregarded, respecting, admiring
I admire her a lot; she could have lived off her looks but decided not to. She definitely **not just another face**.
2. (more stylistic) taking one's hat's to, setting great store by, realizing the worth of, not being slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, holding a high opinion of, thinking highly of, appreciating, ascribing importance to, esteeming, thinking well of, taking notice of, valuing
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4. (slang) not pooh-poohing or dumping on

open face

1. appearing to be honest, straightforward, trustworthy, open, plain, undisguised, evident, direct, trusting, genuine or undeceptive
She has such an **open face** that I don't believe that she can lie.

2. (more stylized) appearing to be unfeigning, credulous, uncorrupt, undissimulating, guileless, sincere, unsuspecting, undissembling, unaffected, uncorrupted or artless
3. (informal) appearing to be on the level, up and up, aboveboard, straight, fair and square, flat-footed, plain, plain-spoken or as plain as day

pale face

1. being sickly, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white or deathly pale

I know that he is sick; he has a **pale face**.

2. (more stylistic) being waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked or anemic
3. (informal) being pasty, washed out, ghostly, pale faced or death-like, drained

plain as the nose on one's face

1. obvious, visible, apparent or public, not be hidden or concealed, conspicuous, blatantly

His guilt **is as plain as the nose on his face**.

2. en évidence, tangible, lucid, transparent, undisguised, graphic, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, palpable, unqualified, manifest, vivid, discernible, unambiguous
3. bald, right out in the open, plain as day, **sticking out like a sore thumb**, as plain as the day is long or blatantly clear, glaring, bald, crystal clear, clear cut, bare, naked, beyond a shadow of a doubt

poker face

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference

When you are negotiating, you must keep a **poker face**.

2. (more stylistic) being inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being **stone faced**, **poker faced**, wooden **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, **empty face**, nothingness, **stone face**

preserving face

1. sustaining or maintaining one's dignity and good reputation, not being denigrated or disgraced, keeping one's reputation intact

Preserving face is pivotal.

2. (highly stylized) not having one's good name sullied, besmirched, smeared or defiled, conserving one's name or dignity
3. (informal) **not losing face**, not being made to look bad, not having one's action hung out on the clothes lines for all to see, **saving one's face**

red in the face

1. blushing, burning, flushing or glowing, being feverish or warm, getting a fever, blushing, flushing

Are you sick? Do you have a fever? You are so **red in the face**.

2. feverish, febrile, turning or becoming scarlet or crimson, growing flush
3. (informal) being or turning red or rosy, turning or changing colors
4. embarrassed, ashamed, discomfited, disgraced, belittled, reduced, shamed, feeling or being made to feel self-conscious, burning with shame, embarrassment or discomfit

She was **red in the face** the moment he walked in.

5. (highly stylized) perturbed, humbled, abashed, disconcerted, humiliated, meekened, abased, disparaged, chagrined, mortified, discountenanced, disconcerted or out of countenance
6. (informal) discombobulated, afluttered, flustered, put down, unhinged, ruffled, in a tizzy, **losing face**, **having egg on one's face**
7. (slang) being made to eat humble pie, eat crow or die a thousand death, **slapped in the face**

recognizable face

1. well-known, famous, famed, celebrated, popular, established or infamous, being a celebrity or **well-known figure**

She can not walk down the street because she has such a **recognizable face**.

2. (more stylized) prominent, acclaimed, renowned, preeminent, notable or eminent, **being a prominent figure**, **being an acclaimed figure**, **being a renowned figure**
3. (informal) household name, **on everyone's lips**, **in everyone's mouths**, much touted, touted

remarkable face

1. magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, important, fabulous, astounding, outstanding, significant, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous, uncommon

In her day, she had such a **remarkable face** that men would be falling all over themselves to get her attention.

2. (more stylized) unrivaled, august, incomparable, noteworthy, singular, prominent, dignified, awe-inspiring, notable, renowned, distinctive, unparalleled, preeminent, unique, distinct, eminent
3. (informal) flooring, smashing, awesome, indescribable, shocking, splendid, astonishing, staggering
4. (slang) to be someone to write home about, hell of, the living end, someone to shout about, awesome or super

right to someone's face

1. straight-forward, unhidden, direct, candid, frank, forthright, open, evident, apparent, visible, honest

I am not going to hide from him but I'm going to be **right to his face**.

2. in a manner which is revealed, blatant, unconcealed, overt, unshrouded, conspicuous, glaring, patent, transparent, unequivocal, uncircumlocutory, manifest or unobscured
3. (informal) being in full view, **barefaced**, **brazenfaced**, **flat-footedly**, bald, hard to miss, naked, out and out, in plain sight, **bald-faced**

round-face

1. being fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

I love babies with **round faces**.

2. (more stylistic) being well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) being **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out
4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

recognizable face

1. being well-known, famous, famed, celebrated, popular, established or infamous, be a celebrity or **well-known figure**

She can not walk down the street because she has such a **recognizable face**.

2. (more stylized) being prominent, acclaimed, renowned, preeminent, notable or eminent, **beine a prominent face**, **an acclaimed figure** or **a renowned figure**
3. (informal) being a household name, **on everyone's lips**, **in everyone's mouths**, much touted or touted

remarkable face

1. having a face which is magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, important, fabulous, astounding, outstanding, significant, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous or uncommon

In her day, she had such a **remarkable face** that men would be falling all over themselves to get her attention.

2. (more stylized) having a face which is unrivaled, august, incomparable, noteworthy, singular, prominent, dignified, awe-

inspiring, notable, renowned, distinctive, unparalleled, preeminent, unique, distinct or eminent

3. (informal) having a face which is worthy of note, smashing, awesome, indescribable, splendid or astonishing
4. (slang) being someone to write home about, hell of, the living end, someone to shout about, awesome or super

saving face

1. sustaining or maintaining one's dignity and good reputation, not being denigrated or disgraced, keeping one's reputation intact

Saving face is pivotal.

2. (highly stylized) not having one's good name sullied, besmirched, smeared or defiled
3. **Not losing face**, not being made to look bad, not having one's action hung out on the clothes lines for all to see, **preserving one's face**

scar face

1. the name of a famous and popular movie with Al Pacino and Andy Garcia

The movie, **Scarface**, was very violent.

2. disparaging or insulting nick name for someone whose face is disfigured, marred or scarred

They called my father **scarface** because he had been badly burned when he had been a little boy.

setting one's face against

1. showing disapproval, opposition or resistance, disputing, snubbing, being against, taking exception to, shunning, shrinking away from

He **set his face against** what was being voted on.

2. (more stylized) evading, recoiling from, forbearing, disdain, ostracizing, spurning, eschewing, eluding, ignoring, refraining from, disrelishing, taking exception to, repudiating
3. (informal) boycotting, backing away from, looking dimly on, frowning upon, not touching with a 10 foot pole, cold shouldering, taking a dim view of, putting on one's list, not looking kindly upon, turning one's back on, **turning one's nose up at**, steering clear of, shying away from, **giving the cold shoulder to**, keeping out of the way of, taking a dim view of
4. (slang) dumping, blacklisting, blackballing, cutting

shooting off one's face

1. speaking or talking out of turn, saying or doing something that embarrasses one, making a fool out of oneself, not thinking carefully about one's actions or words, talking at an inappropriate moment

Shooting off your face isn't very healthy.

2. (informal) blundering, botching up, messing up, making a faux pas, slipping up, stumbling, mangling, **making a mess of, putting one's foot in one's mouth**
3. (slang) screwing up, screwing up royally, pulling a boner, goof up, blowing it, flubbing, lousing up, making mince meat out of
4. being a person who talks too much, who divulges, discloses or reveals secrets or who circulates rumors

Shooting off at the face should be avoided.

5. (more stylistic) being untactful, indiscreet, unthinking, tactless, impudent, uncircumspect or indiscreet
6. (informal) being a gossip, rumormonger, **loud mouth**, magpie, **blabbermouth** or chatterbox, being a person who does not know how to keep a secret or **hold one's tongue**, **jawing**, prattling, gossiping, spilling the beans, letting the cat out of the bag, **having a loose mouth**, blabbing, babbling, dishing the dirt, **bending one's ear off**, bandying words, rattling on, **bending one's ear**
7. (slang) yakking, rattling or rambling on, yacketying-yak, **shooting off one's mouth**, **running on at the mouth**, gibbering-jabbering, gabbing, **having diarrhea of the mouth**, **spilling one's guts**, gabbing, chattering, jabbering, prattling, **running one's mouth**, yapping, clacking, clattering, chatting, chit-chatting, spouting, chitter-chattering, shooting the bull, yapping, gushing
8. bragging, coloring, overstating, flaunting, stretching, adorning, dressing up

Shooting off his face, is his way of letting everyone know what he is thinking. I don't believe a word.

9. boasting, vaunting, exaggerating, singing one's own praises, trumpeting, hyperbolizing, strutting, overdrawing, embellishing
10. (informal) talking big, tooting one's own horn, **shooting off one's mouth**, beating the drum, telling a fish story, crowing, blowing one's own horn, making much of, **shooting off one's face**
11. (slang) blowing hard, being windy, shooting the bull, piling it higher and higher
12. **(vulgar) bull shitting, piling the shit up high**

slap in the face

1. blow, smack or hit in the face

She gave him a **slap in the face**.

2. slight, snub, slap, insult, injury, cutting remark or outrage

I will never forget his words. What **a slap in the face!**

3. (more stylistic) rebuff, offense, rebuke, discourtesy, indignity, verbal blow, affront, humiliation, sting, aspersion, stinging remark, taunt, aspersion

4. (informal) jeer, snub, cut, jibe, **fling of dirt in the face of**, fine-how-do-you-do, jeer, **thumb in the nose of**, barb, blow, cold shoulder

5. (slang) knock, put down

spitting in the face of

1. defying, challenging, daring, fronting, courting destruction or danger

Spitting in the face of danger can be dangerous.

2. (informal) daring, **meeting head-on**, squaring-off, **thumbing one's nose at**, **snapping one's fingers at**, bearding, **slapping someone in the face**, **coming face to face**, **facing**

3. double-daring, double-daring dog

squarely in the face

1. man-to-man, frankly, **eye-to-eye**, candidly, bluntly, **to one's face**, directly, unshrinkingly, unblinkingly

It was one of the hardest things that I ever had to do but I told him **squarely in the face** what I thought.

2. (more stylized) forthrightly, candidly, straight-forwardly, unblinkingly, in a foursquare manner, **flat-footedly**, in a direct manner, steadfastly
3. (informal) without beating around the bush, in plain English, all playing and joking aside, all kidding and joking aside, **not behind one's back, not in an underhanded manner**

staring one in the face

1. obvious, palpable, evident, plain

Staring him in the face was a reality that he could not avoid.

2. (informal) **as plain as the nose on one's face**, clear as crystal, plain as day
3. approaching, momentarily nearing, about to occur, immediate

Staring everyone in the face was the inevitable.

4. (more stylistic) upon one, imminent, impending, forth coming, proximate, drawing nigh, looming, upcoming, lurking, impending
5. (informal) **near at hand**, in store, drawing near, in the cards, **close at hand**, about to happen, **at hand**, almost here, be in the horizon, in the air or offing

stone face

1. having an expression on one's face which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, straight face, indifference

Even though everyone else was laughing hysterically, he **kept a stone face** during the entire show.

2. (more stylistic) being inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, stoical, emotionless, hollow or inane, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being stone faced, wooden or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, nothingness, **poker face**

straight face

1. not changing one's expression despite the situation, stoic unresponsive, expressionless

Even though everyone else was laughing hysterically, he kept a **straight face** during the entire show.

2. (informal) **stone-faced, empty face, poker faced**, have an expression which is deadpan, blank, dead or wooden, **have a poker face**

striking face

1. singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, uncommon, with no equal, unmatched, unfamiliar

He had a **striking face** which I will never, which I can never, forget.

2. (more stylized) novel, singular, notable, particular, unusual, exceptional, quintessential, distinctive, striking, remarkable, extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive
3. (informal) few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen before, unforgettable, out of the ordinary, something else

4. attractive, beautiful, pretty, bewitching, lovely, appealing
What a **striking face**! She is so photogenic.
5. (more stylized) stunning, splendid, gorgeous, magnificent,
captivating, alluring, appealing
6. (informal) **breath-taking, eye-filling**, dazzling, fetching, **eye appeal**, becoming

stunning face

1. singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, uncommon, with
an equal, unmatched, unfamiliar

She has such a **stunning face** that I found it difficult to lower my
gaze.
2. (more stylized) novel, singular, notable, particular, unusual,
exceptional, quintessential, distinctive, striking, remarkable,
extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive
3. (informal) few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary,
unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen
before, unforgettable, out of the ordinary, something else
4. attractive, beautiful, pretty, bewitching, lovely, appealing

I'm not surprised that she is a model; she **has such a stunning
face**.
5. (more stylized) stunning, splendid, gorgeous, magnificent,
captivating, alluring, appealing
6. (informal) **breath-taking, eye-filling**, dazzling, fetching, **eye
appeal**, becoming

sunny face

1. not showing or expressing one's sadness, distress, or depression on one's face, cheery, aglow, happy, joyful, warm, shining

Although when he left her she was devastated, she **put on a sunny face**.

2. (highly stylized) genial, blither, optimistic, enthused, hiding one's wretchedness, dolor, agony, angst or woe, buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, happy as a lark, effervescent
3. (informal) **bright eyed**, not **wearing one's heart on one's sleeve**, airy, **light hearted**, full of cheer, **with a song on one's lips**, chipper, upbeat, not **showing one's heartbreak** or **heartache**, full of vim or vigor, **bright eyed and bushy tailed**

to one's face

1. man-to-man, frankly, **eye-to-eye**, candidly, bluntly, **squarely in the face**, directly, unshrinkingly, unblinkingly

It was one of the hardest things that I ever had to do but I told him to **his face**.

2. forthrightly, candidly, straight-forwardly, unblinkingly, in a foursquare manner, flat-footedly, in a direct manner, steadfastly
3. (informal) without beating around the bush, in plain English, all playing and joking aside, all kidding and joking aside, **not behind one's back**, **not in an underhanded manner**

two-faces

1. being deceitful, insincere, false, untrustworthy or hypocritical

I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him.
He has **two faces**.

2. (highly stylized) Machiavellian, Janus-faced

3. (informal) to be someone who would **stab one in the back** or crooked, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**

unforgettable face

1. having a face which is momentous significant, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous outstanding, powerful, singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, important, fabulous or astounding

I won't be forgetting him in many years; he has an **unforgettable face**.

2. having a face which is formidable, memorable, quintessential, distinctive, striking, illustrious, remarkable, extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive eventful, rare or consequential
3. having a face which is not-so-easy-to-forget, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, red-letter, beyond comparison, one for the book, electrifying, seldom seen before or once in a lifetime

wary face

1. openly expressing on one's face that one is being prudent or guarded, not hide one's apprehensiveness suspicions

When I told him my plans, he made a very **wary face**

2. not hiding that one does not believe a word which is being said, showing that one does not totally trust what one is seeing or being told, openly showing that one is being observant, watchful, vigilant
When she entered into the room, I knew that she was apprehensive because she made a **wary face**.
3. (informal) **having one's eyes peeled, being on one's toes**, on the alert, or on the lookout, **putting on a wary face**.

well-known face

1. popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted, notorious

She will not be able to walk a block. She has **a well-known face**.

2. (more stylistic) eminent, acclaimed, celebrated, exalted, infamous, renowned, prominent, notable, fabled, illustrious, distinguished, legendary, preeminent, venerable
3. (informal) **on everyone's tongue**, much-touted, **in everyone's mouth, in the public eye**, on the map, having a big name or name, **on everyone's lips**
4. (slang) ballyhooed
5. (French) distingué

to about face

1. to **backpedal**, change one's position or opinion 360 degrees, **backtrack**, reverse oneself, renounce, withdraw,

He **about faced** when he found out the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to renounce, foreswear, disclaim, unsay, renege retract, disavow, tergiversate, rescind, recant, repudiate, gainsay,
3. (informal) to **make an about face**, eat one's words, **take back**, swallow one's words, shift one's ground, **change one's mind, about face, change one's side**
4. to pull a switcheroo, flip-flop, pull a 180 degree, do a flip flop

to accept at face value

1. to accept without any questions or doubts, unconditionally or without any kind of analysis or investigation

I guess it's my fault. I **accepted him at face value** despite the gnawing doubt.

2. to not examine critically, analyze or investigate profoundly or critically, not be critical, give no critique, be unquestioning, accept without dispute, be unchallenged, questionless, admitting of no doubt
3. (informal) to accept as is, swallow hook, line and sinker, accept beyond question, without dispute, beyond a shadow a doubt

to be a different face

1. newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger, foreigner

Although he **is different face**, his ideas are as old as the hills.

2. (informal) new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, **fresh face**, **fresh new face**, breath of fresh air, newly rich
3. (negative) arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, parvenu, upstart, **tenderfoot**, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, gate-crasher, trespasser
4. (negative) pig in clover

to be a face in the crowd

1. to be without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor or no importance

Frankly, she **was only a face in the crowd**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday.

2. (more stylized) to be anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
3. (informal) to be dull, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, or nothing to write home about or trivial
4. (slang) to be penny-ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling or small potatoes

to be a slap in the face

1. to be a slight, snub, insult or outrage

What she said to me, after all that I had given her, **was a slap in the face.**

2. (more stylistic) to be a rebuff, offense, rebuke, discourtesy, blow, indignity, affront, humiliation, humbling, sting, aspersion
3. (informal) to be a put down, cut, fine-how-do-you-do, **thumb in the nose of, be dirt in the face of**

to be as plain as the nose on one's face (perspicuous 878)

1. to be obvious, visible, apparent or public, not be hidden or concealed, conspicuous or blatantly

His guilt **is as plain as the nose on his face.**

2. to be en évidence, tangible, lucid, transparent, undisguised, graphic, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, palpable, unqualified, manifest, vivid, discernible, perspicuous or unambiguous
3. to be bald, right out in the open, plain as day, **sticking out like a sore thumb**, as plain as the day is long or blatantly clear, glaring, bald, crystal clear, clear cut, bare or naked, be beyond a shadow of a doubt

to be blue in the face

1. to be angry, upset, furious or mad

His anger left me **blue in the face**.

2. (more stylish) to be irate, fuming, furibund, infuriated, incensed, livid, enraged, wrathful or distraught
3. to be fit to tie, mad as a hatter, hot under the collar, foaming at the mouth, unhinged, mad as a hornet, flared up, red-hot, white-hot, in a tizzy, horn mad, beside oneself or **out of one's mind**

to be faceless

1. to be without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor or no importance

Frankly, she **was only one of the many faceless** people that I would see everyday.

2. (more stylized) to be anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
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to be face to face

1. to be facing one another or looking at one another

Once they **are face to face**, they will work it out.

2. (informal) to **be head-to-head, eyeball to eyeball, eye-to-eye**

3. to narrowly escape from, barely make it out

When I was sick, I **was face to face** with death.

4. to be in opposition, confront, stand in opposition, affront, challenge, **face in defiance**

Yes, I must admit. When we came **face to face**, I was terrified.

5. (French) tête-a- tête, à deux, vis à vis

6. to confront, come to grips with, tackle, accept, **face up to, come face to face with, stand facing**

It was not easy coming **face to face with** my own mortality.

to be flat on one's face

1. to be smashed, shamed, disgraced, crushed, belittled, demeaned, beaten or broken

I can't help anyone right now; I'm **flat on my face**.

2. (more stylistic) to have incurred disgrace, be disparaged, trounced, mortified, humbled, thrashed, vanquished, quelled or humiliated

3. (informal) to **lose face**, made to eat humble pie, be wiped the floor with, defeated, gotten the better of, bested, driven to the wall

4. (slang) to be outdone, put to rout, routed, whopped, whipped, or checkmated

to be in someone's face

1. to challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare

I don't like that you **are in my face**.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten
3. (informal) to beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **get in someone's face**, **meet head on**
4. (slang) to double-dare

to be just a handsome face

1. to disrespect, be undervalued, disregard, underrate, dismiss as unworthy of consideration, be undervalued, minimize, make light of, belittle, ignore, ridicule, deride, dismiss lightly

If he **is just a handsome face**, he should be ignored. But maybe he is more.

2. (more stylistic) to hold in contempt, dismiss with a sneer, underestimate, disparage, hold for naught, hold in disrespect, scorn, be underestimated, disprize, be contemptuous of, disdain, consider beneath oneself, shun
3. (formal) to **look down one's nose at**, **be just another face**, sell short, sneeze at, look down, spit at, **turn one's nose up at**, **curl one's lip at**, brush aside, **be just a pretty face**
4. (slang) to pooh-pooh, dump on

to be just a pretty face

1. to disrespect, be undervalued, disregard, underrate, dismiss as unworthy of consideration, be undervalued, minimize, make light of, belittle, ignore, ridicule, deride, dismiss lightly

I think that you are making a fatal mistake. The fact that she is beautiful does not mean that she is a bimbo. You're wrong if you think that she **is just a pretty face**.

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to be just another face

1. to be without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor or no importance

Frankly, she **was only just another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) to be anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
3. (informal) to be another gray flannel suit, dull, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, small beer, nothing to write home about or trivial
4. (slang) to be a nine-day wonder, another gray flannel suit, penny-ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, feather, mere nothing, not worth thinking or worrying about or small potatoes

to be just another face in the crowd

1. to be of no concern, one of many, of no matter, without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, not worth speaking of, of minor or no importance

Frankly, she **was only just another face**; only one of the many people that I would see everyday. There was nothing remarkable about her.

2. (more stylized) to be nugatory, negligible, of no consequence, anonymous, indifferent, indistinct, undistinguishable, banal, mediocre, unimpressive, unrenowned, insignificant, renownless, unexceptional or inconsequential
3. (informal) to be of no great account, dull, of no great weight, nothing special, run-of-the-mill, mediocre, commonplace, no great shakes, no big deal, nothing to write home about, not worth wasting one's time on or trivial
4. (slang) to be another gray suit, penny-ante, no big thing, small fry, trifling, petty or small potatoes

to be only another face

1. to be without personality or distinction, be nameless, common, everyday, ordinary, plain, uninteresting, usual, boring, of minor or no importance

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to be red in the face

1. to be blushing, burning, flushing or glowing, be feverish or warm, get a fever, blush, flush

Are you sick? Do you have a fever? You **are so red in the face**.

2. to become feverish or febrile, turn scarlet or crimson, become scarlet or crimson, grow flush
3. (informal) to be red or rosy, turn red or rosy, turn or change colors

4. to be embarrassed, ashamed, discomfited, disgraced, belittled, reduced or shamed, feel or made to feel self-conscious, be burning with shame, embarrassment or discomfit

She **was red in the face** the moment he walked in.

5. (highly stylized) to be perturbed, humbled, abashed, disconcerted, humiliated, meekened, abased, disparaged, chagrined, mortified, discountenanced, disconcerted or put out of countenance
6. (informal) to be discombobulated, afluttered, flustered, put down, unhinged, ruffled or put in a tizzy, **lose face**, **have egg on one's face**
7. (slang) to be made to eat humble pie, eat crow or die a thousand death, **be slapped in the face**

to be right to someone's face

1. to be straight-forward, unhidden, direct, candid, frank or forthright, open, evident, apparent, visible, honest

I am not going to hide from him but I'm going to **be right to his face**.

2. to be in a manner which is revealed, blatant, unconcealed, unshrouded, conspicuous, glaring, patent, transparent, overt unequivocal, uncircumlocutory, manifest or unobscured
3. (informal) to be in full view, **barefaced**, **brazenfaced**, **flat-footedly**, bald, hard to miss, naked, out and out, in plain sight or **baldfaced**

to be slapped in the face

1. to be hit, smacked or punch

He **was slapped in the face** after he had kissed her.

2. (more stylistic) to be buffeted, cuffed or thwacked
3. (informal) to be socked, slugged, knocked or clouted
4. to be slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect, or disrespected

It was as if I had **been slapped in the face**.

5. (more stylistic) to be rebuffed, offended, rebuked, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on, scorned, reprimanded, reproached or castigated
6. (informal) to be put down, cut, brought down, called down, given a talk to, rapped on the knuckles, chewed out or trimmed down
have dirt flung in one's face, pin have one's ears back pinned back, have the door slammed in one's face
7. (slang) to be dissed
8. **(vulgar) to be fucked, fucked over or shit on**

to be staring one in the face

1. to be obvious, palpable, evident or plain

The facts **were staring him in the face** but he chose to **close his eyes**.

2. (informal) to **be as plain as the nose on one's face**, clear as crystal or be plain as day
3. to be approaching, momentarily nearing, about to occur or immediate

The danger **was staring everyone in the face**; it was now inevitable.

4. (more stylistic) to be upon one, imminent, impending, forthcoming, proximate, drawing nigh, looming, upcoming or lurking
5. (informal) to **be near at hand**, in the air, drawing near, in the cards, **close at hand**, about to happen, **at hand**, almost here, on the horizon, in the air or in the offing

to be the fresh new face

1. to be the new arrival, alien, the newest person in a place or stranger

She **is the fresh new face**? She seems pleasant enough.

2. (informal) to be **fresh face**, **fresh new face**, **breath of fresh air** or newly rich, be the new boy or new kid in town, outsider, be the new kid on the block or newcomer
4. (negative) to be **tenderfoot**, gate-crasher or trespasser, be an arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, parvenu or upstart
5. (negative) to be a pig in clover

to be the new face

1. to be the newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger, foreigner

Although he **is the new face**, his ideas are as old as the hills.

2. (informal) to be the new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, **fresh face**, **fresh new face**, **breath of fresh air** or newly rich

3. (negative) to be an arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, parvenu, upstart, **tenderfoot**, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, gate-crasher or trespasser
4. (negative) to be a pig in clover

to be written all over one's face

1. to have one's feeling be conspicuous, blatant, glaring, unmasked, flaunting, open, exposed or uncovered, make one's feelings be obvious, visible, apparent public, unconcealed, not hide what one is feeling, be evident or revealed

Don't you have any shame; your feelings for him, a married man, **is written all over his face.**

2. (more stylized) to be en évidence, tangible, lucid or transparent, manifest, vivid, made manifest, known or evident, be discernible, lay bare, be graphic, pronounced, unambiguous, undisguised, graphic, unveiled, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, unmasked, palpable, unqualified or distinct
3. to be clear, unmistakable, cut, bare, naked, beyond a shadow of a doubt right out in the open, plain, exposed to view, **clear as the nose on one's face**, plain as day, as plain as the day is long, blatantly clear, glaring, crystal clear, or **as plain as the nose on one's face**

to be written on one's face

1. to not hide what one is feeling, make one's feelings obvious, visible, apparent or public, have one's feeling be conspicuous, blatant, glaring, unmasked, flaunting, open, exposed, uncovered, evident, revealed or unconcealed

His guilt **was written all over his face.**

2. (more stylized) to be en évidence, tangible, lucid, transparent, undisguised, graphic, unveiled, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, unmasked, palpable, unqualified, distinct, manifest, vivid, made

manifest, known or evident, discernible, lay bare, graphic, pronounced or unambiguous

3. to be right out in the open, plain, exposed to view, plain as day, as plain as the day is long, blatantly clear, glaring, crystal clear, clear unmistakable, cut, bare, naked, **clear as the nose on one's face**, beyond a shadow of a doubt or **as plain as the nose on one's face**

to blow up in one's face

1. to explode, ignite, detonate, blast, discharge or burst in one's face

The bomb **blew up in his face** and killed him.

2. (informal) to let off, fly apart, go off, let fly, fly into pieces, blast off, fire off, blow up, set off

3. to revert, rebound, ricochet, recoil, return, reverse

I tried to sabotage her but it **blew up in my face**.

4. (more stylized) to transpose, invert, reverberate, revert

5. (informal) to **make an about face**, turn the tables, backfire, turn upside down, turn back, boomerang, double back, spring back, backlash, turn around, turn topsy-turvy, bounce back, **about face**

6. (slang) to come home to roost

to bring face to face

1. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

He was **brought face to face** with his reality.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face**
4. (slang) to take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge , double-dare

to cause one to lose face

1. to humiliate, shame, embarrass, humble, demean, disgrace, reduce, make one burn with shame

In American culture, **causing one to losing face**. is equivalent to almost killing one.

2. (highly stylized) to abash, discountenance, put out of countenance, decry, derogate, debase, disconcert, meeken, disparage, chagrin, mortify, malign
3. to **shame face**, belittle, put down, make someone die a thousand deaths, put down
4. (slang) to make eat humble pie, eat crow or die a thousand death, **slap in the face**

to change the face of

1. to revamp, refurbish, change fundamentally, reshape, turn over a new leaf, refurbish, remodel, restyle, recondition

The internet **changed the face** of business.

2. (more stylized) to recast, revolutionize, be completely transformed, transfigure, reconstruct, re-create, effect radically, transform, refashion, reframe, metamorphose, revamp
3. (informal) to give a face-lift to, make over, remake, overhaul, face-lift

to come face to face with

1. to confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, brazen through confront boldly

I don't know what I would do if I **came face to face** with my mother what I would do.

2. (more stylistic) to threaten, defy, encounter, cross, affront, oppugn, thwart, **face in defiance**
3. (informal) to **fly in the face of**, make bold, not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence call into question, **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face**, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail,
4. (slang) to grate, beard, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge, double-dare, show what one is made of, take the bull by the horn, egg on, prod on

5. to come to grip with, grapple with, wrestle with, deal with, **meet head on**, tackle, brave, brook, cope with, take the bull by the horn

to disappear from the face of the earth

1. to disappear from sight, disappear without leaving a trace, **disappear off the face of the earth**, **disappear from the face of the earth**

Have you seen Mary? She seemed to have **disappeared from the face of the earth** .

2. (more stylistic) to vanish, **vanish off the face of the earth**, be lost to sight, vanish from sight, **vanish from the face of the earth**, fade away, recede from view
3. (informal) to leave without leaving a trace, be swallowed up, vanish into thin air, disappear into thin air
4. (slang) to go poof, melt away, vaporize, evaporate

to disappear off the face of the earth

1. to **disappear from the face of the earth**, **disappear off the face of the earth**, disappear without leaving a trace, disappear from sight

I have not seen or heard anything. It is as if she has **disappeared off the face of the earth**.

2. (more stylistic) to be lost to sight, **vanish from the face of the earth**, fade away, vanish, **vanish off the face of the earth**, lost to sight, vanish from sight, recede from view
3. (informal) to be swallowed up, disappear into thin air leave without leaving a trace, vanish into thin air
4. (slang) to vaporize, evaporate, go poof, melt away

to do an about face

1. to **backpedal**, change one's position or opinion 180°, **backtrack**, reverse oneself, renounce, withdraw,

He **did an about face** when he found out the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to renounce, foreswear, disclaim, unsay, renege retract, disavow, tergiversate, rescind, recant, repudiate, gainsay,
3. (informal) to **make an about face**, eat one's words, whistle a different tune, **take back**, swallow one's words, shift one's ground, **change one's mind**, **about face**, **change one's side**, sing a different tune, be on the other side of the fence
4. to pull a switcheroo, flip-flop, pull a 180°, do a flip flop

to face

1. to contemplate, look at, glaze at, observe, view, **eye**

It is not easy to **face** the sun when it is shining brightly.

2. to stand opposite to

She **faced** the man and watched his every move.

3. to encounter, meet, confront, dare

It was not easy for him to **face** the child that he had abandoned.

4. (more stylistic) to breast, buffet, challenge, defy, duel, meet, brazen, throw down the gauntlet, stem

5. (informal) to **meet head-on**, stare down, beard, resist, stand up against, **look in the face**, oppose, withstand, keep at bay, take on, **meet face-to-face**, out brazen, bell the cat, **meet eyeball-to-eyeball**, **face the music**

6. to coat, cover, superimpose

The old house's exterior was **faced** with bricks.

7. to envelop, encase, veneer, wash

8. to suffer, tolerate, keep one's countenance, weather, stand

It had not been easy to **face** reality but she did it all the same.

9. (more stylized) to reconcile oneself with, bear, withstand, make the best of, abide, brook, bear with, take patiently, forbear, fare

10. (informal) to **put a good face on**, swallow, put up with, **face up to**, deal with, digest, **stomach**, grin and bear it, pocket

11. (slang) to lump it, sweat it out, hang tough, stand the gaff

to face away

1. to turn or be turned in the other or opposite direction, turn one's gaze away, detour, diverge, shy away from, shun

He could not look at me while he telling me his real identity; therefore, he **faced away**.

2. (more stylized) to deflect, evade, divert, avoid, turn one's gaze in the other direction, ward off, avert, elude, eschew

3. (informal) to go wide of, turn away, look away, turn aside, look aside, sidetrack, blink at, steer clear of

to face both ways

1. to be wavering, indecisive, open, undecided, open to question, straddling the fence, hesitant or open to doubt

You can't **face both ways**. You must choose.

2. (more stylized) to be irresolute, infirm of purpose, diffident, vacillating, unsettled, uncertain, ambivalent, capricious, fluctuating or unresolved
3. (informal) to support both camps, **have a foot in both camp**, pay Peter and Paul, be up in the air, **of two minds**, blowing hot and cold or **spineless**
4. (slang) to be shilly-shally, wishy-washy, namby-pamby, fickle or **fickle-minded**

to face down

1. to put or place a two sided object downward

He **faced the card down**.

2. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

She **faced down** her enemy without fear.

3. (more stylistic) to threaten, defy, affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**
4. (informal) to **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face**, not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to

5. (slang) to dance on the razor's edge , double-dare show what one is made of, take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, brazen out, out brazen

to face forward

to look or face front wards, to the front, toward the front or in the forefront, turn or be turned frontward, toward the front, to the front
He commanded that the soldiers **face forward** and march.

to face front wards

to look front wards, to the front, toward the front or in the forefront, turn or be turned frontward, toward the front or to the front, face forward

He commanded that the soldiers **face front wards** and march.

to face in defiance

1. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

I'll **face in defiance** whatever come along.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in someone's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, **face down**, **bring face to face**, **come face to face**

4. (slang) to take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge , double-dare

to face into

1. to look directly in, look into, gaze into, stare

I want a picture of the expression in your eyes. Please **face into** the camera.

2. to face directly, face squarely, look into without blinking, **look full face**

to face off

1. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

They **faced off** in the last moments of the game.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to , twist the lion's tail, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in someone's face**, **meet head on**, throw down the gauntlet, not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den
4. (slang) to pluck by the beard, take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge , double-dare, beard the lion in his den

to face onto

to look out onto, look out onto, stand opposite to or in front of

The building **faces onto** the park.

to face out

1. to confront or stand up to without fear or doubt, be untiring, persistent, unyielding, undaunted, tireless, defiant or not surrender, continue on one's path despite everything, keep the faith, pursue relentlessly

You have to **face out** whatever may come. There really is no other way.

2. (more stylized) to remain unwavering, firm, steady, steadfast or constant despite the situation or all opposition, be resolved, adamant, preserving, resolute, unswerving, uncompromising, determined or intrepid, persevere, stand fast, abide, be unyielding, tenacious, hold fast
3. (informal) to stick to one's gun, **be hard as nail**, stiff, rigid, stay the course, red-blooded, spunky, hardened, game, unbending, never tire, steely, hard, flinty or spunky, brook no denial, **push ahead**, not give up despite the odds, stick it out, **press ahead**, carry on, not give up the ship, **move ahead**, hold one's ground, keep going, see through
4. (slang) to **be a dog with a bone**, be more **headstrong**, **pigheaded**, bulldogged, cussed, **bullheaded**, mulish or **muleheaded** than one's opponents, not say uncle, not take 'no' for an answer, plug away, **plug ahead**

to face something out

1. to confront or stand up to something without fear or doubt, be untiring, persistent, unyielding, undaunted, tireless, defiant or not surrender

I know that this is extremely painful but you must **face the situation out**.

2. (more stylized) to remain unwavering, firm, steady, steadfast or constant despite the situation or all opposition, be resolved, adamant, preserving, resolute, unswerving, uncompromising, determined or intrepid

He will **face out** his enemies as well as his friends.

3. (informal) to **be hard as nail**, stiff, rigid, stay the course, red-blooded, spunky, hardened, game, unbending, never tire, steely, hard, flinty or spunky, not give up despite the odds
4. (slang) to **be a dog with a bone**, be more **headstrong**, **pigheaded**, bulldogged, cussed, **bullheaded**, mulish or **muleheaded** than one's opponents, not say uncle

to face reality

1. to stand facing, accept, confront, encounter, confront boldly, meet courageously, stand up to, tackle, stand in front of, endure, weather or meet what is

She fought hard to remain in her fantasy world but finally she **faced reality**.

2. to wade into, address, accede, conform to, address oneself to, submit to, front, acquiesce in, resign oneself to, suffer, reconcile oneself to, bear, endure, tolerate, brook, keep the faith
3. to grin and bear it, **meet face to face**, come to terms with, look at without blinking, not run away from, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, take the bull by the horns, deal with, **face the facts**, **face up to**, swallow, give way to, deal with, come to grips with, **come face to face with**, **face**, **meet head on**, roll up one's sleeves, **face the facts**, sail into, **face the music**
4. to take on, get going, get cracking, tear into

to face the facts

1. to stand facing, accept, confront, encounter, confront boldly, meet courageously, stand up to, tackle, stand in front of, endure, weather or meet what is

It's time that you **face the facts**; she's dead.

2. to wade into, address, accede, conform to, address oneself to, submit to, front, acquiesce in resign oneself to, suffer, reconcile oneself to, bear, endure, tolerate, brook, keep the faith
3. to grin and bear it, **meet face to face**, come to terms with, look at without blinking, not run away from, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, take the bull by the horns, deal with, take the bull by the horn, **face the facts**, **face up to**, swallow, give way to, deal with, come to grips with, **come face to face with**, **face**, **meet head on**, roll up one's sleeves, **face reality**, sail into, **face the music**
4. to take on, get going, get cracking, tear into

to face the music

1. to not complain even though one is in an extremely difficult situation, endure, bear, suffer, tolerate, accept responsibility, deal with the consequences, take the consequences, answer for

It's time that you **face the music**.

2. (more stylistic) to tolerate, bear up, brave, bear with, brave out, stand for brook, sustain, withstand, breast, abide, forbear, weather
3. (informal) to **stomach**, stick to one's guns, take it on the cuff, live out, tough it out, hang in there, weather, go through the mill, hang in, take it, keep the faith, take it and come back for more, ride it out, put up with, **face reality**, swallow, **take it on the chin**, pay the piper, take one's own medicine, swallow a bitter pill, **face the music**
4. (slang) to accept what is coming to one, take the rap

to face up to

1. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

He **faced up to** the opposition and listen to their problems.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face**
4. (slang) to take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge , double-dare
5. to come to grips with, wrestle, grapple with struggle with, take on, contend with, **face up to**, deal with

It had not been easy to **face** reality but she did it all the same.

to face whatever comes

1. to deal with, confront, or affront a situation unflinchingly, without running away, bravely, without shrinking, without blinking, fearlessly

It will be hard but I have to train myself to **face whatever comes**.

2. to meet a situation **eyeball to eyeball**, **toe to toe** or boldly, to **face whatever comes with a stout heart**, **lion heart**, or **brave heart**

to face with

1. to cover, coat, superimpose, encase, veneer

The house was **faced with** wood.

2. to confront with, force to face, present with, offer, set forth or give the evidence of

He had nothing to say when he was **faced with** the truth

to fall flat on one's face

1. to make a mistake, stumble, fall, blunder, tumble, trip, slip, flounder, plunge

When he entered in the room, he tripped and **fell flat on his face**.

2. (more stylistic) to precipitate oneself, lose one's equilibrium, pitch forward

3. (informal) to take a spill, take a tumble, slip up, flop down, fall flat, muddle, blunder, fall down, **lose one's footing, take a header, flop, fall on one's face, fall headlong**, go down, take a bad turn, **take a nosedive, lose one's footing, take a header**

4. (slang) to botch up, make a goof, mess up, fall on one's keister, make a boo-boo, do a tail over teakettle, **fall on one's behind, make a boner**, make a blooper, screw up, **put one's foot in one's mouth**

5. **(vulgar) to fall on one's ass, fall flat on one's ass, fuck up**

6. to fail, not succeed, flounder, meet with disaster

He had **fallen flat on his face** when he first opened his business.

7. (informal) to fall short, stumble, trip, not turn out well, turn out badly, not fly, not pan out, flop, not pull off

8. (slang) to bite the dust, miss the mark, bungle, lay an egg, muddle, strike out, blow it, bomb

9. **(vulgar) to make oneself into an asshole, act like an asshole**

to fall on one's face

1. to stumble, **trip over one's own feet**, fall, tumble, trip, slip, pitch, keel over, **go head over heels**, topple

When he entered in the room, he tripped and **fell on his face**.

2. (more stylistic) to lose one's equilibrium, pitch forward

3. (informal) to take a spill, take a tumble, flop down, fall down, **lose one's footing, take a header**, flop, **fall flat on one's face, fall headlong**, go down, fall into a heap, **lose one's footing**

4. (slang) to fall on one's keister, do a tail over teakettle, crumple, fall over, **fall on one's behind**, go down

5. **(vulgar) to fall on one's ass**

6. to fail, not succeed, flounder, meet with disaster
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9. **(vulgar) to make oneself into an asshole, act like an asshole**

to feed one's face

1. to eat, overeat, consume, lunch, breakfast, dine, take a meal

I'm so hungry; I need to **feed my face**.
2. (more stylistic) to feast, devour, break bread, glut, **pass one's lips**, overindulge
3. (informal) to eat like a horse, **feed one's face**
4. (slang) to garbage down, gobble down, wolf down, gulp down, tie on the feedbag, , pack away, gobble up, scoff down

to fling dirt in one's face

1. to slight, snub, insult, injure, cold shoulder, show one great disrespect, disregard, overlook, **turn one's back on**, insult

What she said to me, after all that I had given her, like **flinging me in the face**.
2. (more stylistic) to rebuff, offend, rebuke, affront, humiliate, humble , sting, cast aspersions on, scorn, reprimand, reproach, castigate, disregard
3. (informal) to put down, cut, **fling dirt in the face of**, **thumb one's nose at**, **pin one's ears back**, bring down, spit in one face, **slam the door in one's face**, call down, give a talking to, trim down, **rap on the knuckles**, slap down, chew out
4. (slang) to dis, respond to a dis, **slap in the face**
5. **(vulgar) to fuck, fuck over, shit on**

to fly in the face of

1. to act in defiance of or in opposition of, challenge, confront, meet

He is always **flying in the face of** danger.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, beard the lion in his den, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face** court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**
4. (slang) to take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge , double-dare
5. to disdain, flout, rebel against, disobey, slight, scoff at

Don't' **fly in my face**. I will not allow such treatment from you.
6. (more stylistic) to despise, sneer, disdain, spurn, deride
7. (informal) to **snap one's fingers at**, consider oneself beneath, look down on, look down upon, **thumb one's nose at**, **look down the nose at**

to get a face lift

to undergo a surgical procedure for renovation or rejuvenation

Because it is no longer very expensive, it is no longer unusual to **get a face lift**.

to get in someone's face

1. to provoke, confront, stand up to, dare challenge, attack

Don't **get in my face** or you and I are going to fight.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy, aggress, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, accost
3. (informal) to not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in one's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face down**, **bring face to face**
4. (slang) to bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge, take the bull by the horn, double-dare

to have a distinct face

1. to have a face which is singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, uncommon, with an equal, unmatched or unfamiliar

He had a **distinct face** which I will never, which I can never, forget.

2. (more stylized) to have a face which is novel, notable, particular, unusual, exceptional, quintessential, distinctive, striking, extraordinary, unique, impressive
3. (informal) few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen before, unforgettable, out of the ordinary

to have a face as long as a poker

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed or discouraged,

Honey, why do you **have such a face as long as a poker**?

2. (more stylized) to be in the bowels of despair, melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, sunken, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened**, in the depths of despair or wretched
3. (informal) to be **long faced**, **heartbroken**, blue, in the doldrums, crushed in the depth of despair, **sick at heart**, weighed down, **heavy-hearted** or **heart rendering**
4. (slang) to be bummed out, in the pits, down in the dumps, under a cloud, off one's feed, in the pits or **down in the mouth**, **pull on a long face**, **make a long face**, **have a face as long as a poker**

to have a face off

1. to have or be in a skirmish, an open confrontation, clash, brush or battle, have a conflict or scuffle

The only solution is that we **have a face off** to see who rules.

2. (more stylistic) to have an altercation, struggle, encounter, collision, tussle, bout, fisticuff or fracas
3. (informal) to have a showdown, battle, run in, **face to face run in**, shoot out, scrape, fight, **face to face confrontation**, run in or scuffle

to have a face only a mother could love

1. to be ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive or plain

Although he **has a face only a mother could love**, when he is well-dressed, he can be quite a **striking figure**.

2. (more stylized) to be homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, uncomely, unlovely or rather ugly
3. (informal) to be not much to look at, short on looks, hard favored, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**

4. (slang) to be God-awful, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus hard to look at, God-awful ugly, oogly

to have a face perfectly made for radio

1. to be bad looking, unattractive, ugly, plain looking, or plain

When my professor told me that I **had a face perfectly made for radio**, I had not understood him. After hundreds of interviews and rejections, I do now.

2. (more stylized) to be uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely or rather ugly
3. (informal) to be not much to look at, hard favored, short on looks, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**
4. (slang) to be hard to look at, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus, God-awful, God-awful ugly, oogly

to have a famous face

1. to be popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted, notorious

She will not be able to walk a block. She **has a famous face**.

2. (more stylistic) to be eminent, acclaimed, celebrated, exalted, infamous, renowned, prominent, notable, fabled, illustrious, distinguished, legendary, preeminent or venerable, **be a renowned** or **famous figure**
3. (informal) to be **on everyone's tongue**, much-touted, on the map, **in everyone's mouth**, have a big name or name, **be on everyone's lips, be in the public eye**

4. (slang) to be ballyhooed

5. (French) distingué

to have a formidable face

1. to be fearful, frightening, dreadful, terrible, looming, grisly, awe-inspiring, horrendous, monstrous, notorious or odious

I do not like being around him for any period of time; he has a **formidable face** which is very scary.

2. (more stylized) to be redoubtable, ghastly, minacious, horrifying, intimidating, fearsome, terrifying, stupefying, direful, horrible, threatening, menacing or gruesome

3. (informal) to **make one's hair stand on end**, be God-awful, dark, eerie, creepy or scary

to have a full face

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

Maybe if she didn't **have such a full face**, she would not look so fat.

2. (more stylistic) being well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**

3. (informal) being **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out, having a **plump round face**

4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to have a long face

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed, or crestfallen

Honey, why do you **have such a long face**?

2. (more stylized) to be melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened** or **heavy-hearted**
3. (informal) to be **long faced**, **heartbroken**, blue, in the doldrums, crushed in the depth of despair, **sick at heart**, weighed down, **heavy-hearted** or **heart rendering**
4. (slang) to be bummed out, in the pits, down in the dumps, under a cloud, off one's feed, in the pits, mopey or **down in the mouth**, **pull on a long face**, **make a long face**, **have a face as long as a poker**

to have a much too famous face

1. to be popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted or notorious to the extreme

She will not be able to walk a block. She **has a much too famous face**.

2. (more stylistic) to be so acclaimed, celebrated, infamous, renowned or prominent that one can live one's life in privacy, be a **renowned**, **celebrated** or **famous figure**
3. (informal) to be much-touted or on the map, **be in the public eye**, in the limelight or spotlight, have a big name or name, **be on everyone's lips**, **on everyone's tongue**, **in everyone's mouth**, not be able to walk down the street in peace
4. (slang) to be so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own

5. (vulgar) to not be able to pee or shit in peace

to have a memorable face

1. to have a face which is momentous significant, unique, different, magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous outstanding, powerful, singular, distinct, unlike, important, fabulous or astounding

I won't be forgetting him in many years; he **has an memorable face**.

2. to have a face which is illustrious, remarkable, quintessential, distinctive, striking, , rare, consequential extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive eventful formidable or memorable
3. to have a face which is beyond comparison, one for the book, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, red-letter electrifying, unforgettable, seldom seen before, once in a lifetime or not-so-easy-to-forget

to have a moon face

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

Maybe if she didn't **have such a moon face**, she would not look so fat.

2. (more stylistic) being well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) being **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out, having a **plump round face**
4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to have a much too well-known face

1. to be popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted or notorious to the extreme

She will not be able to walk a block. She **has a much too well-known face**.

2. (more stylistic) to be so acclaimed, celebrated, infamous, renowned or prominent that one can live one's life in privacy, be a **renowned, celebrated** or **famous figure**
3. (informal) to be much-touted or on the map, **be in the public eye**, in the limelight or spotlight, have a big name or name, **be on everyone's lips, on everyone's tongue, in everyone's mouth**, not be able to walk down the street in peace
4. (slang) to be so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own
5. **(vulgar) to be so famous that one can not shit or pee in peace**

to have a new face

1. to have a new outward appearance, new appearance, **different face**, different appearance or fresh new face

He might **have a new face** but he's the same old person.

2. to be the newest person in a place, new arrival, alien, stranger or foreigner

Have you seen the **new face**? She seems pleasant enough.

3. (informal) to be the new kid on the block, newcomer, new boy or new kid in town, outsider, **fresh face, fresh new face, breath of fresh air** or newly rich

4. (negative) to be arriviste, crasher, nobody, greenhorn, nouveau riche, parvenu, upstart, **tenderfoot**, Johnny come lately, social climber, pretender, arrivé, out-of-towner, gate-crasher, trespasser
5. (negative) to be a pig in clover

to have a notorious face

1. to be disgraceful, shameful, notorious, well-known, famous, infamous or famed

He can not melt into any crowd; he **has a notorious face**.
2. (more stylistic) to be of ill repute, infamous, stigmatized, ignominious, renowned, flagrant, obloquial, disreputable or scandalous, **be a renowned, notorious** or **infamous figure**
3. (informal) to **be on everyone's tongue, in everyone's mouth, on everyone's lips** or much touted, have a big name or have a bad name
4. (slang) to be so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own
5. **(vulgar) to be so famous that one can not shit or pea in peace**

to have a pale face

1. to look sickly or bloodless, have an unhealthy color, be colorless, without color, drained of color, white or deathly pale

I know that he is sick; he has a **pale face**.
2. (more stylistic) to look waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked or anemic
3. (informal) to look pasty, washed out, ghostly, **pale faced** or death-like, be drained

to have a poker face

1. to have an expression on one's face which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, lifeless or empty, **be straight faced** or **poker faced**, **have a straight face**

When you are negotiating, you must **have a poker face**.

2. (more stylistic) to have a face which is inexpressive, stolid, void undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, vacuous, emotionless, hollow or inane, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) to be an expression which is **stone faced**, wooden or deadpan, be stiff as a board, colorlessness, blankness, nothingness, **stone face**, **have a poker face**

to have a round face

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

Maybe if she didn't **have such a round face**, she would not look so fat.

2. (more stylistic) to be well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) to be **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out, having a **plump round face**
4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to have a recognizable face

1. to have a face which is well-known, famous, famed, celebrated, popular, established or infamous, be a celebrity or **well-known figure**

She can not walk down the street because she **has such a recognizable face.**

2. (more stylized) to be prominent, acclaimed, renowned, preeminent, notable or eminent, **be a prominent, acclaimed or renowned figure**
3. (informal) to be a household name, **on everyone's lips, in everyone's mouths**, much touted or touted

to have a remarkable face

1. to have a face which is magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, important, fabulous, astounding, outstanding, significant, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous or uncommon

In her day, she **had such a remarkable face** that men would be falling all over themselves to get her attention.

2. (more stylized) to have a face which is unrivaled, august, incomparable, noteworthy, singular, prominent, dignified, awe-inspiring, notable, renowned, distinctive, unparalleled, preeminent, unique, distinct or eminent
3. (informal) to have a face which is worthy of note, smashing, awesome, indescribable, splendid or astonishing
4. (slang) to be someone to write home about, talk about or carry on about, hell of, the living end, someone to shout about or to rave about, be awesome or super

to have a smashing face

1. to have a face which is astounding, singular, amazing, distinct, extraordinary, unique, attractive, beautiful, pretty, bewitching, lovely, appealing incredible, unbelievable, with no equal, unmatched, overpowering, beautiful, magnificent or confounding

She **has a smashing face!** With her on the cover of the magazine, we'll have a best seller.

2. (more stylized) to have a face which is spectacular, novel, sublime, singular, gorgeous, grand, notable, resplendent, particular, exquisite, unusual, splendid, exceptional, ravishing, startling, quintessential, distinctive, striking, paralyzing, remarkable, glorious, extraordinary, unique, distinct, sensational, captivating, alluring, appealing or impressive
3. (informal) to have a face which is unmatched, jarring, beyond comparison, jolting, seldom seen before, unforgettable, out of the ordinary, something else, **breath-taking**, **eye-filling**, dazzling, fetching, **eye appeal** or becoming

to have a stately face

1. to appear to be distinguished, respected, noted, proud, impressive, grand, striking, dignified, distinguished, imposing, celebrated or magnificent
2. (more stylized) to wear an expression on one's face which is imperial, resplendent, lordly, majestic, grand, eminent, imperious, regal, august, renowned, magisterial, venerable or sublime
3. (less stylized) to carry oneself in a blue-blooded, princely, kingly, thoroughbred, noble, queenly or well-bred manner
4. (negative) to appear to be arrogant, overconfident, haughty, disdainful or snobbish
5. (more stylized/negative) to appear to be vainglorious, condescending, overbearing, presumptuous, scornful, cavalier or contemptuous
6. (informal/negative) to appear to be on one's high-horses, lofty, overweening, puffed up, pompous, stuck-up, uppity, **high-handed**, dictatorial or pushy

to have a striking face

1. to have a face which is singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, uncommon, with an equal, unmatched or unfamiliar

He had a **striking face** which I will never, which I can never, forget.

2. (more stylized) to have a face which is novel, singular, notable, particular, unusual, exceptional, quintessential, distinctive, striking, remarkable, extraordinary, unique, distinct or impressive
3. (informal) to have a face few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen before, unforgettable, out of the ordinary or something else

4. to be attractive, beautiful, pretty, bewitching, lovely or appealing

She **has a striking face**. I want her on the front cover of the magazine.

5. (more stylized) to be stunning, gorgeous, captivating, alluring or appealing, have a splendid or magnificent face
6. (informal) to have a face which is **breath-taking, eye-filling, dazzling, fetching, eye appeal** or becoming

to have a stunning face

1. to have a face which is singular, distinct, unique, different, uncommon, without an equal, unmatched, striking or memorable

She **has such a stunning face** that I found it difficult to lower my gaze.

2. (more stylized) to have a face which is novel, singular, notable, particular, unusual, exceptional, quintessential, distinctive, striking, remarkable, extraordinary, unique, distinct or impressive

3. (informal) to have a face which is few and far between, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, beyond comparison, one for the book, seldom seen before, unforgettable, unlike anything out there, out of the ordinary or something else
4. to be attractive, beautiful, pretty, bewitching, lovely or appealing

I'm not surprised that she is a model; she **has such a stunning face**.
5. (more stylized) to be stunning, gorgeous, captivating, alluring or appealing, to have a face which is splendid or magnificent
6. (informal) to be **breath-taking, eye-filling**, dazzling, fetching, **eye appeal** or becoming

to have a sunny face

1. to not show or express one's sadness, distress, or depression on one's face by appearing to be cheery, aglow, happy, joyful, warm or shining, be cheerful, in good spirit, positive, upbeat, good-natured, merry or full of cheer

Although when he left her she was devastated, she always **has a sunny face**.
2. (highly stylized) to be genial, blither, optimistic or enthused, hide one's wretchedness, dolor, agony, angst, or woe, be buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, happy as a lark or effervescent
3. (informal) to be **bright eyed**, not **wear one's heart on one's sleeve**, airy, **light hearted**, full of cheer, **with a song on one's lips**, chipper or upbeat, full of cheer, not **show one's heartbreak** or **heartache**, full of vim or vigor, **bright eyed and bushy tailed**

to have a well-known face

1. to be popular, famous, famed, well-known, noted, notorious

She will not be able to walk a block. She **has a well-known face**.

2. (more stylistic) to be eminent, acclaimed, celebrated, exalted, infamous, renowned, prominent, notable, fabled, illustrious, distinguished, legendary, preeminent or venerable
3. (informal) to be much-touted, **on everyone's tongue**, on the map, **in everyone's mouth**, have a big name or name, **be on everyone's lips**
4. (slang) to be ballyhooed
5. (French) distingué

to have an honest face

1. to appear to be natural, candid, direct, truthful, simple, genuine, undisguised, trustworthy, open, uninhibited or obvious

She **has such an honest face** that she can't be who you say.
2. (more stylized) to appear to be undisguised, unequivocal, undissembling, undeceiving, guileless, undisguising, artless, unreserved, unambiguous, uncorrupted or demonstrative
3. (informal) to appear to be aboveboard, open and sincere, up and up, on the level, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, up front or on the up and up

to have an infamous face

1. to be disgraceful, shameful, notorious, well-known, famous or famed

He can not melt into any crowd; he **has an infamous face**.
2. (more stylistic) to be of ill repute, infamous, stigmatized, ignominious, renowned, flagrant, obloquial, disreputable or scandalous, **be a renowned, notorious** or **infamous figure**

3. (informal) to **be on everyone's tongue, in everyone's mouth, on everyone's lips** or much touted, have a big name or have a bad name
4. (slang) to be so ballyhooed that one's life no longer is one's own
5. **(vulgar) to be so famous that one can not shit or pee in peace**

to have an open face

1. to appear to be honest, straightforward, trustworthy, open, plain, undisguised, evident, direct, trusting, genuine or undeceptive

She **has such an open face** that I don't believe that she can lie.

2. (more stylized) to appear to be unfeigning, credulous, uncorrupt, undissimulating, guileless, sincere, unsuspecting, undissembling, unaffected, uncorrupted or artless
3. (informal) to appear to be on the level, up and up, aboveboard, straight, fair and square, **flat-footed**, plain, plain-spoken or as plain as day

to have an unforgettable face

1. to have a face which is momentous significant, unusual, out-of-the-ordinary, amazing, wondrous outstanding, powerful, singular, distinct, unlike, unique, different, magnificent, striking, remarkable, impressive, important, fabulous or astounding

I won't be forgetting him in many years; he **has an unforgettable face**.

2. to have a face which is formidable, memorable, quintessential, distinctive, striking, illustrious, remarkable, extraordinary, unique, distinct, impressive eventful, rare or consequential

3. to have a face which is not-so-easy-to-forget, one of a kind, out of the ordinary, unmatched, red-letter, beyond comparison, one for the book, electrifying, seldom seen before or once in a lifetime

to have dirt flung in one's face

1. to be slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect, or disrespected, be treated with inconsideration, rudeness, disregard, disrespect, incivility, dishonor, impoliteness, crudeness

It was as if I had **dirt flung in my face**.

2. (more stylistic) to be rebuffed, minimized, offended, rebuked, disdained, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on or scorned, be treated with arrogance, vulgarity or boorishness, be treated in a ill-bred, tactless, indiscreet or disdainful manner
3. (informal) to be made fun of, put down, cut, looked down on, slammed, cold shouldered, brought down, put to shame, given the cold shoulder, shrugged off, made light of, laughed at, pooh-pooed, snubbed or made the laughingstock
4. (slang) to be dissed

5. (vulgar) to be fucked, fucked over or shitted on

to have egg on one's face

1. to be embarrassed, denigrated, belittled, disgraced, scandilized, lowered, humbled or humiliated
2. (highly stylized) to be bespattered, meekened, shamed, mortified, put to the blush, chastened, aspersed, stigmatized or abased
3. (informal) to be made to sing low or eat humble pie, **shamefaced**, pulled down, made lowly, taken down a peg or two, put to shame, made to turn color, dragged through the mud or brought down, have dirt heaped on, filled with shame

As a result of what happened, he **has egg on his face**.

(to have one's) face be one's fortune

1. to have one's beauty, rather than one's talents, be one's blessing, asset, strength, boon or power

She's never studied or developed her mind because she had always thought that her **face would be her fortune**.

2. to have one's **eye appeal** or attractiveness be the key to one's fortune, one's bread and butter, selling point or strong point

(to have one's) face brighten

1. to shine, smile, light up, smile a brilliant smile, glow, dazzle

The minute that he saw her his **face brighten**.

2. (more stylistic) to glimmer, illuminate, hearten, radiate, shimmer, gladden, smile a splendid smile, glisten
3. (informal) to **put on a sunny face**, beam, **put on a happy face**, pluck up, pep up, **smile from ear to ear**, perk up, cheer up, **grin from ear to ear**
4. (slang) to show one's ivories, sparkle, give a million dollar smile

(to have one's) face fall

1. to show, manifest, indicate or express on one's face one's dismay, disappointment or sadness on hearing on receiving unwelcome information news or information

When I told him what I had done, **his face fell**.

2. (more stylized) to illustrate, bring forth or lay bare on one's face or let one's face betray, set forth, undrape or unveil one's disillusionment, mortification, discontent or disheartenment
3. (informal) to make plain, clear or known on one's face one's **agony of mind** or **sinking, broken, aching** or **bleeding heart** on hearing or receiving bad news or unwelcome information, have one's face tell the whole story, put in plain view, betray, uncover or spell out one's comedown or letdown what is one's feelings

(to have one's) face light up

1. to shine, smile, light up, smile a brilliant smile, glow, dazzle
The minute that he saw her his **face lit up**.
2. (more stylistic) to glimmer, illuminate, radiate, shimmer, smile a splendid smile, glisten
3. (informal) to **put on a sunny face**, beam, **put on a happy face**, **smile from ear to ear**, **grin from ear to ear**
4. (slang) to show one's ivories, sparkle, give a million dollar smile

to have something written all over one's face

1. to make one's feelings obvious, visible, apparent or public, have one's feeling be conspicuous, blatant, glaring, unmasked, flaunting, open, exposed, uncovered, evident, revealed or unconcealed, not hide what one is feeling

Hide your face and get out of here as soon as you can, what you're feeling is **written all over his face**.
2. (more stylized) to be unveiled, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, unmasked, palpable, unqualified, distinct, manifest, vivid, made manifest, known, evident, en évidence, tangible, lucid, graphic, transparent, undisguised or discernible, lay bare, be pronounced or unambiguous

3. to be glaring, crystal clear, clear unmistakable, cut, bare, naked, **clear as the nose on one's face**, beyond a shadow of a doubt, **as plain as the nose on one's face**, plain as day, as plain as the day is long, blatantly clear, right out in the open, plain, exposed to view

to have something written on one's face

1. to not hide what one is feeling, make one's feelings obvious, visible, apparent or public, have one's feeling be conspicuous, blatant, glaring, unmasked, flaunting, open, exposed, uncovered, evident, revealed or unconcealed
He had his guilt **written all over his face**.
2. (more stylized) to be en évidence, tangible, lucid, transparent, undisguised, graphic, unveiled, perspicuous, patent, uncloaked, unmasked, palpable, unqualified, distinct, manifest, vivid, made manifest, known or evident, discernible, lay bare, graphic, pronounced or unambiguous
3. to be right out in the open, plain, exposed to view, plain as day, as plain as the day is long, blatantly clear, glaring, crystal clear, clear unmistakable, cut, bare, naked, **clear as the nose on one's face**, beyond a shadow of a doubt or **as plain as the nose on one's face**

to have the door slammed in one's face

1. to be treated with inconsideration, rudeness, disregard, disrespect, incivility, dishonor, impoliteness, crudeness be slighted, snubbed, insulted, injured, shown great disrespect or disrespected,

When I was a young woman starting out, I **had the door slammed in my face** many a time.

2. (more stylistic) to be treated with arrogance, vulgarity or boorishness, be treated in a ill-bred, tactless, indiscreet or disdainful manner, be rebuffed, minimized, offended, rebuked, disdained, affronted, humiliated, humbled, stung, cast aspersions on or scorned

3. (informal) to be shrugged off, made light of, laughed at, pooh-pooed, snubbed made fun of, , put to shame, given the cold shoulder, made the laughingstock, put down, cut, looked down on, slammed, cold shouldered, brought down
4. (slang) to be dissed
5. **(vulgar) to be fucked, fucked over or shitted on**

to have the face to

1. to be insolent or impertinent enough to, have the imprudence or audacity to, be shameless or unashamed

She **had the face to** laugh and talk to me despite everything that had happened!

2. (informal) be bold, cheeky, brazen, or brash enough to, **have the nerve, guts** or **gall, be bold or brazen faced**
3. **(vulgar) to have the balls**

to have something staring one in the face

1. to be approaching, nearing, edging closer to, in the near future

I had the deadline **staring me in the face.**

2. (more stylized) to be forthcoming, imminent, impending, on the horizon, drawing neigh or in the wings
3. (informal) be on the way, **at hand**, coming up, **close at hand**, about to happen, drawing near or in the foreseeable future
4. (slang) be in the offing

to hide one's face

1. to hide oneself out of loss of face, embarrassment, humiliation, shame or being humbled, ashamed or abashed, keep a low-profile because one is not shameless, is ashamed, full of shame, shameful, dishonored or degraded

She did not want to be seen; therefore, she **hid her face** when she left the house.

2. (more stylized) to conceal, veil, shroud or screen oneself out of disgrace, mortification, catastrophe or disparagement
3. (informal) to **not have the face, nerve, guts** or **gall** to show one's face, not **be bold** or **brazen faced**

3. (vulgar) to not have the balls to show one's face in public

4. to be shy, timid, introverted, self-conscious

Because she is so shy, she **is always hiding her face**.

5. (informal) to be bashful, easily made to blush or turn red, wallflower

to hit upside the face

1. to berate, reprimand, chastise, discipline, rebuke, castigate, reproach, rebuke, admonish, scold, chide

It is so late that I know that when I get home my father is going to **hit upside the face**.

2. (more stylized) to execrate, objugate, reprove, excoriate, flog, imprecate, lambaste, thrash
3. (informal) to jump all over one, let someone have it, blast, wallop, keelhaul, tear to pieces, strap, chew someone out, **skin alive**, rake over the coals, give someone hell, give someone the business

4. (slang) to cane, **hit upside the face**, whack, lay someone out in lavender, belt, whale, tan, **wring one neck**

to keep a straight face

1. to not change one's expression despite the situation, remain stoic unresponsive or expressionless
Even though everyone else was laughing hysterically, he **kept a straight face** during the entire show.
2. (informal) to **be stone-faced**, have an expression which is deadpan, blank or wooden, **have a poker face**

to keep throwing something up in someone's face

1. to mention or recall a past mistake or incident again and again in order to rebuke, reprimand or reproach, dwell on

He keeps throwing the affair up in my **face**.
2. (informal) to keep bringing up, **beat someone over the head with, beat or drive into someone's head**

to kick sand in one's face

to show one's strength by taking advantage of someone else's relative weakness

He loved to show how strong he was by **kicking sand in other boys face**.

to laugh in one's face

1. to insult, mock, sneer at, scorn, disdain

When I told him my plans, he **laughed in my face**.

2. (more stylized) to lampoon, satirize, deride, mimic, hold up to ridicule, caricature, jeer, scoff at, assail
3. (informal) to poke fun at, knock, laugh at, roast, make fun of, make a laughing stock of, poke fun of, laugh at, make game of, **tweak someone's nose, laugh in the face of**, kid, **laugh in someone's face**
4. (slang) to guy, **thumb one's nose at**, make a snide remark at, pooh- pooh, put down, **curl one's lip at, make someone the butt of**, razz, put down, rag, make sport of, ride, **rib**

to laugh in the face of

1. to insult, mock, sneer at, scorn, disdain

One day he will understand that you can not **laugh in the face of danger**.

2. (more stylized) to lampoon, bemock, satirize, deride, mimic, hold up to ridicule, caricature, jeer, scoff at, assail
3. (informal) to poke fun at, knock, laugh at, roast, make fun of, make a laughing stock of, poke fun of, laugh at, make game of, **tweak someone's nose, laugh in the face of**, kid, **laugh in someone's face**
4. (slang) to guy, **thumb one's nose at**, make a snide remark at, pooh- pooh, put down, **curl one's lip at, make someone the butt of**, razz, put down, rag, make sport of, ride, **rib**

to laugh on the other side of one's face

1. to be humbled, meekened or chastened

Now that all the numbers are in, he's **laughing on the other side of his face**.

2. (informal) to be brought down a peg or two, made to eat humble pie, get what one has been asking for
3. to be dismayed, discouraged, dejected or disheartened
4. (informal) to be in the doldrums, **take the heart out** or the starch out of, damper one's spirit
5. (slang) to be down in the dumps, be bummed out

to look at full face

1. to **face directly**, **face squarely**, look openly and directly at

He looked **at the camera full face** and smiled.

1. to look at directly without lowering one's gaze or blinking, look at openly and candidly

I have never seen a child so bold; she **looked at the audience full face** and told them that she was proud of her actions.

2. (more stylized) to look at forthrightly, unreservedly, unflinchingly, uncringingly, straightforwardly, unblenchingly, confidentially, unshrinkingly, point-blankly, unblushingly or unseemingly
3. (informal) to not lower one's gaze, look at unblinkingly, boldly, fearlessly, in a manner which is candid, plucky, frank, cheeky, brassy or brazen

to look at directly in one's face

1. to challenge, confront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear, defy openly

I **looked at him directly in the face** and told him the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**
4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn
5. to **look at directly in the face**, **look at in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

Some killers can not **look at their victims directly in the face**.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, **look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look straight in the face**

to look at one in the face

1. to challenge, confront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear, defy openly

I **looked at him in the face** and told him the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**

4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn
5. to **look at someone directly in the face**, **look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

Some killers can not **look at his victim in the face**.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look at someone right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, **look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**

to look at one squarely in the face

1. to challenge, confront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear, defy openly

I **looked at him squarely in the face** and told him the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**
4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn
5. to **look at someone directly in the face**, **look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone

frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

Some killers can not **look at their victim squarely in the face**.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes, look at someone right in the face, look right in the eyes, look straight in the face, look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**

to look at one straight in the face

1. to challenge, confront, affront, encounter, meet defiantly, defy

He **looked at her straight in the face** and waited for her to react.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth, meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court danger, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, sow the seeds of, stir or fire up, start
4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn, egg on, prod, goad
5. to **look at someone directly in the face, look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

The reason that he **looked at her straight in the face** was that he wanted to get a reaction from her.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes, look at someone right in the face, look right in the**

eyes, look straight in the face, look in the face, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed, to look at someone straight in the face**

to look full face at

1. to **face directly, face squarely**, look openly and directly at

He looked **full face at** the camera and smiled.

1. to look at directly without lowering one's gaze or blinking, look at openly and candidly

I have never seen a child so bold; she **looked full face** at the audience and told them that she was proud of her actions.

2. (more stylized) to look at forthrightly, unreservedly, unflinchingly, uncringingly, straightforwardly, unblenchingly, confidentially, unshrinkingly, point-blankly, unblushingly or unseemingly
3. (informal) to not lower one's gaze, look at unblinkingly, boldly, fearlessly, in a manner which is candid, plucky, frank, cheeky, brassy or brazen

to look full face in

1. to look at with the entire and complete face showing or visible, not be shown in profile or from the side view

She **looked full face** in the one-way mirror; therefore, I was able to see everything, blemishes and all.

2. to **face directly, face squarely**, look squarely, steadily, steadfastly directly at, candidly, frankly or straightforwardly at

He looked **full face** at his enemy without lowering his gaze.

to look in the face

1. to encounter, be fearless, meet defiantly, challenge, confront, affront, defy, be unafraid, brave, high-spirited or daring in the face of something or someone
Look in the face of danger and don't blink!
2. (more stylistic) to be dauntless or undaunted, demonstrate no apprehensive, have no misgivings, hesitation or apprehensiveness, affront or show no trepidation, anxiety or qualm in the face of
3. (informal) to **not blink in the face of**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**
4. (slang) to dig egg on, prod, sneer goad, jeer, brazen, razz, brazen out, gibe, brazen through, chaff, take the bull by the horn, twit
5. to be plain-spoken or straightforward, look candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not mince one's words, not be a mealy mouth, not lower one's gaze, **look at someone directly in the face**, **look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly
6. (informal) to be blunt, plain, open or direct, not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look at someone right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, **be heart-to-heart**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, be **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**, **look in the face**

to look one directly in the face

1. to meet defiantly, attack, meet engage, confront, contend, dare, encounter, challenge, meet defiantly, defy

I **looked him directly in the face** and told him the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, have no misgivings, hesitation or apprehensiveness while facing, show no trepidation, anxiety or qualm in the face of, be dauntless or undaunted in the face of
3. (informal) to tempt Providence, **meet face to face**, court decision, **look in the face of**, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, sow the seeds of, stir or fire up, start, **thumb one's nose at**, twist the lion's tail, bell the cat, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, taunt
4. (slang) to dig, twit brazen, **snap one's fingers at**, brazen out, scoff at brazen through, sneer, take the bull by the horn, egg on, prod, goad, double-dare, pluck one by the beard
5. to talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze, **look at one directly in the face**, **look at one in the eye** without blinking or unblinkingly

He **looked at me directly in the face** and smiled. I lost control and attacked him.

6. (informal) to **look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, **look straight in the eyes**, **look at someone right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, be **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**, be unshrinking, blunt not to lower one's gaze, not to blink

to look one in the face

1. to defy, provoke, challenge, confront, affront, confront boldly, encounter, meet defiantly, attack, meet

I **looked her in the face** and waited for her to react.

2. (more stylistic) to foment, affront, aggress, show no trepidation, enkindle, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings, accost, instigate, assail

3. (informal) to **meet face to face**, taunt, twist the lion's tail, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, sow the seeds of, stir or fire up, start, **come face to face**, throw down the gauntlet, **face**, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat

4. (slang) to prick, brazen, spur, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn, drive, egg on, prod, goad, touch off

5. to not lower one's gaze, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating

The reason that he **looked at her in the face** was that he wanted to get a reaction from her.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look in the face**, not blink, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look straight in the face**, **look right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look in the face without blinking**, **be straight-from-the-shoulder**

to look one square in the face

1. to provoke, confront boldly challenge, confront, affront, encounter, meet defiantly, defy

I **looked him squarely in the face** and told him the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to brave, affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings, accost

3. (informal) to bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, **meet face to face**, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, sow the seeds of, stir or fire up, **come face to face**, start, taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, **face**

4. (slang) to egg on, prod, goad, beard, brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn, out brazen
5. to be blunt, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze, **look at someone directly in the face, look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

I had to lower my gaze as he **looked at me squarely in the face**. I was so ashamed.

6. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes, look at someone right in the face, look right in the eyes, look straight in the face, look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**

to look one straight in the face

1. to challenge, confront, affront, encounter, meet defiantly, defy

He **looked her straight in the face** and waited for her to react.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet, square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth, meet eyeball to eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way, **meet head on**, sow the seeds of, stir or fire up, start
4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn, egg on, prod, goad
5. to **look at someone directly in the face, look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly, talk to or discuss with someone frankly, candidly and directly without blinking or hesitating, not lower one's gaze

The reason that he **looked her straight in the face** was that he wanted to get a reaction from her.

6. (informal) to **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, **look in the face**, not blink, **straight-from-the-shoulder**, be unshrinking, blunt, **heart-to-heart** or **flat-footed**, **to look at someone straight in the face**, not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look at someone right in the face**

to lose face

1. to be humiliated, shamed, embarrassed, humbled, demeaned
When he stole his money, he made him **lose face**.
2. (highly stylized) to fall into disrepute, be abashed, discountenanced or put out of countenance, decried, derogated, debased or maligned, incur disgrace, be debased or degraded
3. to **be shamefaced**, belittled, put down or made to die a thousand deaths

to make a face

1. to grimace, show one's distaste or disgust
When I told him my plans, he **made a face**.
2. (informal) to snicker at, make fun of, smirk at, smile at, chuckle at, simper at, sneer at, **curl one's lip at**

to make a long face

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed, or crestfallen
Honey, don't **make such a long face**?

2. (more stylized) to be melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened** or **heavy-hearted**
3. (informal) to **be long faced**, blue, in the doldrums, or in the depth of despair, **make a face**, **stick out one's lower lip**, **pull on a long face**, **put on a long face**, **make a long face**
4. (slang) to be bummed out, blue, down in the dumps, in the pits or **down in the mouth**

to make a wary face

1. to openly express on one's face that one is being prudent or guarded, not hide one's apprehensiveness suspicions

When I told him my plans, he **made a very wary face**

2. to not hide that one does not believe a word which is being said, show that one does not totally trust what one is seeing or being told, show that one is being observant, watchful, vigilant

When she entered into the room, I knew that she was apprehensive because she **made a wary face**.

3. (informal) to **have one's eyes peeled**, **be on one's toes**, on the alert, or on the lookout, **put on a wary face**

to make an about face

1. to **backpedal**, change one's position or opinion 360°, **backtrack**, reverse oneself, renounce, withdraw, change one's position or opinion 180°

He **made an about face** when he found out the truth.

2. (more stylistic) to renounce, foreswear, disclaim, unsay, renege retract, disavow, tergiversate, rescind, recant, repudiate, gainsay
3. (informal) to **do an about face**, eat one's words, **take back**,

swallow one's words, shift one's ground, **change one's mind, about face, change one's side**

4. to pull a switcheroo, flip-flop, pull a 180 degree, do a flip flop

to make faces

1. to twist, contort or distort one's face as a direct or indirect way of showing one's feelings, suspicion, disagreement or doubt

As I was explaining my side of the story, the policeman showed me what he thought of it by **making faces**.

2. to amuse, entertain or gesture with the face

So that the child would stop crying, she the baby **made faces**.

3. (informal) **to make funny faces**

to make funny faces

1. to twist, contort or distort one's face as a direct or indirect way of showing one's feelings, suspicion, disagreement or doubt

I don't think that while playing poker she would **make funny faces** which was a clear give away to what was in her hand.

2. to amuse, entertain or gesture with the face

I love how clowns are always **making funny faces**.

3. (informal) **to make faces**

to meet face to face

1. to meet one on one, be together in the same room, meet in person

No more representatives. I want us to **meet face to face** to resolve this dispute.

2. (more informal) to **be eyeball-to-eyeball**, **be eye-to-eye** or **be face-to-face with**

to not be able to face

1. to be unable to withstand, tolerate, admit, accept, swallow, accept or endure

I know I should but I am **not be able to face** the truth.
It's much too hard.

2. (more stylized) to be unable to brave out, abide, bear, countenance, brook or support
3. to meet with, be unable to hold out against, grin and bear it, stand, swallow, put up with, go through, **put on a good face**, **stomach**

to not be able to face someone

1. to be too ashamed of seeing, meeting or encountering someone because of one's own behavior

I abandoned him as a baby; I **can't face him**. I'll never be able to.

2. to be unable to come upon, run across, **come face to face with**, happen upon, cross paths with, see, talk to or meet someone because of shame and disgrace

to not be able to see one's hand in front of one's face

to be so dark or foggy that one can not see what lies ahead

It is so foggy that I **can't see my hand in front of my face**.

to not be just a handsome face

1. to not be disrespected, ignored, overlooked, minimized, neglected, underrated or disregarded, respect, admire

Be careful; he **is not just a handsome face**.

2. (more stylistic) to **not** be slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, think highly of, appreciate, ascribe importance to, take one's hat off to, set great store by, realize the worth of, hold a high opinion of, esteem, think well of, take notice of, value
3. (informal) to rate highly, look up to, pay attention to, have a high opinion of, think the world of, **not be looked down one's nose at, be just a handsome face**, sell short, sneeze at, look down at, spit at, **turn one's nose up at, curl one's lip at**, brush aside or **be just a pretty face**
4. (slang) to not pooh-pooh or dump on

to not be just a pretty face

1. to **not** be underrated, overlooked, minimized, disrespected, neglected, ignored, shrugged at, shrugged off, disregarded or ignored, prize, rate highly, esteem, admire, appreciate, treasure, set high value on

She is more than a bimbo; she **is not just a pretty face**.

2. (more stylistic) to take one's hat's to, set great store by, realize the worth of, **not** be slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, hold a high opinion of, think highly of, appreciate, ascribe importance to, esteem, think well of, take notice of, value
3. (informal) to rate highly, look up to, pay attention to, have a high opinion of, think the world of, **not look down one's nose at, look down upon, be just a handsome face**, sell short, sneeze at, spit at, **turn one's nose up at, curl one's lip at**, brush aside or **be just a pretty face**

4. (slang) to not pooh-pooh or dump on

to not be just another face

1. to regard highly, respect, speak well, prize, admire, think highly, defer to, have a high opinion, set store by, look up to

Don't underestimate either one of them; they **are not just another face**.

2. (more stylistic) to take one's hat's to, set great store by, realize the worth of, **not** be slighted, snubbed, held in disrespect, scorned, underestimated, disprized, disdained, considered beneath oneself or shunned, hold a high opinion of, think highly of, appreciate, ascribe importance to, esteem, think well of, take notice of, value

3. (informal) to rate highly, look up to, pay attention to, have a high opinion of, think the world of, **not** be **looked down one's nose at**, **be just a handsome face**, sell short, sneeze at, look down at, spit at, **turn one's nose up at**, **curl one's lip at**, brush aside or **be just a pretty face**

4. (slang) to not pooh-pooh or dump on

to not do something for one's pretty face (usually meant sarcastically)

not to take action so as not to offend or hurt someone

I did not **take retaliation against your father for your pretty face**.

to not look someone in the face

1. to look down, not to meet one's gaze, look away, avoid one's eyes or face as a result of discomfort, embarrassment, shame or humiliation

While I told him the truth I kept my face down. I was much too mortified to **look him in the face**.

2. (more stylized) to evade, avert or circumvent one's eyes or refrain from looking at someone as a result of one's uneasiness or discomfort
3. (informal) to **be unable to face**, **look at in the face** or **come face to face with**, turn away from, look everywhere but in someone's face, keep one's eyes down, not meet one's eyes, look at one's feet, **keep one's head down**

to outface

1. to not flinch, stare hard at, not blink, **look at straight in the face**, **look at directly in the eyes**, brave, meet without lowering one's gaze
2. (more stylized) to not blench, show defiance, not recoil, stare out of countenance, endure, withstand, not to cower or shirk
3. (informal) to stare down, be **baldfaced**, brazen, **barefaced**, cheeky or boldfaced, look at without blinking or shrinking, not dodge, shun or elude, take it on the chin, bite the bullet, outdare, out brazen, **show one's teeth**
4. to defy or challenge, to be fearless, unafraid, valiant, daring, bold, audacious, dauntless, or undaunted

He is always **his head in thumbing his nose to danger**.

5. (more stylized) to bid defiance, be undaunted, dauntless, Spartan, valorous, lion-hearted, bold-spirited, audacious, valiant, aweless, intrepid, dreadless or undismayed, meet defiantly, hurl defiance at
6. (informal) to put one's head in the lion's head, be stout-hearted, play with fire, dance on the razor's edge, skate on thin ice, tempt Providence, go in harm's way, square off, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, be iron-hearted or stout-hearted, bell the cat

7. (slang) to be gutsy, spunky, manly, manful, plucky, one's own man, **march up to the canon's mouth**, court destruction, double-dog, outface, dare, **thumb one's nose at**, **snap one's fingers at**

8. (vulgar) ballsy, have a lot of balls

9. to stand up to, meet, challenge, oppose, confront, encounter, torment, offend

He **outfaced** his enemy and remained standing despite everything.

10. (more stylized) fling down the gauntlet, provoke, taunt, affront
11. (informal) to **look full in the face**, **meet face to face**, **meet eye to eye**, **meet eyeball-to eyeball**, **meet head on**, **look at full in the face**, throw down the gauntlet

to preserve one's face

1. to sustain or maintain one's dignity and good reputation, not be denigrated or disgraced, keep one's reputation intact

He will do anything to **preserve his face**.

2. (highly stylized) not to have one's good name sullied, besmirched, smeared or defiled, not allow oneself to be disrespected or disregarded, demand respect

3. **to not lose face**, not be made to look bad, not have one's action hung out on the clothes lines for all to see, **save face**

to pull a long face

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed, or crestfallen

Honey, don't **pull such a long face**. Everything will be okay.

2. (more stylized) to be melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened** or **heavy-hearted**
3. (informal) to **be long faced**, blue, in the doldrums, or in the depth of despair, **make a face**, **stick out one's lower lip**, **pull on a long face**, **put on a long face**, **make a long face**
4. (slang) to be bummed out, blue, down in the dumps, be in the pits or **down in the mouth**

to put a good face on

1. to tolerate, endure, suffer through, bear, brave, withstand one's pain or discomfort and not express it on one's face

Even though he was extremely embarrassed, he **put a good face on** and dealt with the pain.

2. (informal) to put up with, make the best of, grin and bear, swallow, stomach, digest, brook one's pain without showing the world what one's feels, **not wear one's heart on one's sleeve**
3. to put or give a favorable emphasis on a news story, to slant, misrepresent, embellish or distort to one's advantage

They tried to **put a good face on** the fact that the killer was still at large.

4. (informal) to spin, tilt, skew, doctor, twist, color, bend a story to one's own advantage

to put a new face on something

to show something in a new light or in a different perspective

His information **put a new face on the situation.**

to put on a face

1. to grimace, change one's expression to show one's feelings of displeasure, frown, scowl

He **put on a face** when I told him my opinion.

2. (informal) to pout, **mouth**, **stick out one's mouth** or **lips**, **hang the lip**, **make a wary face**,
3. look daggers, give a look that could kill

to put on a bold face

1. to give the appearance of assurance and confidence, of fearlessness or being unafraid

Although he was dying of fright, he **put on a bold face**.

2. (highly stylized) to show oneself as being lion hearted, unblenching, **great**, **stout**, **iron** or **high-hearted**, dashing or dreadless
3. (informal) to give the appearance of being plucky, unflinching, **red-blooded**, unblinking, unshrinking, gutsy
4. to be insolent, forward or audacious
5. (highly stylized) to be impertinent, presumptuous, impudent
6. to **be barefaced**, cocky, brazen, **brazen-faced**, bold, fresh

to put on a brave face

1. to remain composed, sound, sturdy, unshrinking or dauntless during an especially trying time

I know that she is upset although she is **putting on a brave face**.

2. (informal) in a trying, threatening, or dangerous situation to appear to be gritty, game, red-blooded or gutsy, be someone who seems to have **guts, gustiness, red-blood pumping through his veins**, or **a heart**

to put on a face to suit the occasion

1. to comport oneself as to conform, mesh, harmonize, or correspond to the any situation

He will never give you away. He always **put on a face to suit the occasion.**

- 2 (informal) to while in Rome do as the Romans do, be a chameleon, blend into or go with any given situation

to put on a happy face

to have an outward appearance of cheerfulness, happiness, joy, delight, appear to be happy, satisfied or well pleased, cheery, full of cheer, positive or in a good mood

Don't let them know that they have hurt you. **Put on a happy face.**

2. (highly stylized) put on a outward appearance of gaiety, tranquility, serenity, joyfulness, joviality, felicity, hide one's wretchedness, dolor, agony, angst, or woe, appear to be genial, blither, optimistic, enthused buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, jubilant, euphoric, happy as a lark or effervescent
3. (informal) to be **bright eyed**, not **wear one's heart on one's sleeve**, airy, **light hearted**, full of cheer, **with a song on one's lips**, chipper or upbeat, not **show one's heartbreak** or **heartache**, appear to be full of vim or vigor, upbeat, merry, **bright eyed and bushy tailed**, **save** or **preserve face**, not let someone get your goat, **not wear one's heart on one's sleeves**, **keep a stiff upper lip**

to put on a long face

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed, or crestfallen

Honey, don't **put on such a long face**. Everything will be okay.

2. (more stylized) to be melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, disheartened or heavy-hearted
3. (informal) to **be long faced**, blue, in the doldrums, or in the depth of despair, **make a face**, **stick out one's lower lip**, **pull on a long face**, **put on a long face**, **make a long face**
4. (slang) to be bummed out, blue, down in the dumps, be in the pits or **down in the mouth**

to put on a straight face

1. to not show on one's face any kind of expression or emotion, be expressionless, have an expression which is blank, wooden or undemonstrative

When he told the jokes, he **put on a straight face**.

2. to appear to be unblinking, straight-faced, deadpan or poker faced, **put on a poker face**,
3. to put on a face which is inscrutable, hidden, mysterious, incomprehensible, unexplainable, cryptic

Because he **put on a straight face**, I had no idea what he was thinking.

to put on a poker face

1. to have an expression which is inscrutable, beyond comprehension, indecipherable, undecipherable, past comprehension or understanding, hidden

Whenever he plays any kind of game, he **puts on**

a poker face.

2. to show no emotion, be expressionless, have an expression which is wooden, empty, unresponsive or blank
When he put on a poker face, I have no idea what he is thinking.

to put on a sunny face

1. to not show or express one's sadness, distress or depression on one's face, appear to be cheery, aglow, happy, joyful, warm or shining

Although when he left her she was devastated, she **put on a sunny face.**

2. (highly stylized) to appear to be genial, blither, optimistic or enthused, hide one's wretchedness, dolor, agony, angst, or woe, seem to be buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, happy as a lark, effervescent, genial, blither, optimistic, enthused, buoyant, in good spirits, ebullient, mirthful, jubilant, euphoric
3. (informal) to be **bright eyed**, not **wear one's heart on one's sleeve**, airy, **light hearted**, full of cheer, **with a song on one's lips**, chipper or upbeat, not **show one's heartbreak** or **heartache**, full of vim or vigor, **bright eyed and bushy tailed**, **save** or **preserve face**, not let one get your goat, **keep a stiff upper lip**

to put on a wary face

1. to openly express on one's face that one is being prudent or guarded, not hide one's apprehensiveness and suspicions

When I told him my plans, he **made a very wary face**

2. to not hide that one does not believe a word which is being said, show that one does not totally trust what one is seeing or being told, openly show that one is being observant, watchful, vigilant

When she entered into the room, I knew that she was apprehensive because she **put on a wary face.**

3. (informal) to openly express that one has one's eyes peeled, is on one's toes, on the alert, or on the lookout, **make a wary face**.

to put on an important face

to pretend to be prestigious, eminent, peerless, or renowned

Don't let the fact that he **puts on an important face** fool you.

to put on one's face

to put on make up, use cosmetics on one's face

Before we leave, I must **put on my face**.

to put the best face on

1. to make something look better than it really is, emphasize or extenuate the positive, make less serious or soften the negative

He **put the best face on his** failure.

2. (informal) to whitewash, put a good spin on something, smooth over, down play, cover up, gloss over or gloze over the negative

He had no other choice but **put the best face on the situation**.

to save face

1. to sustain or maintain one's dignity and good reputation, not be denigrated or disgraced, keep one's reputation intact

Most people will do whatever it takes to **save face**.

2. (highly stylized) not to have one's good name sullied, besmirched, smeared or defiled, not allow oneself to be disrespected or disregarded, demand respect

3. **to not lose face**, not be made to look bad, not have one's action hung out on the clothes lines for all to see, **preserve one's face**

to say it right to one's face

1. to confront someone straight-forwardly, directly, candidly, frankly, forthrightly

I am not going to hide from him but I'm going to **say it right to his face**.

2. (informal) to confront or talk face to face, straight from the shoulder, boldly, flat-footedly, without playing or joking around, open and aboveboard, up front, **tell someone to one's face, say something to one's face**
3. to be on the up and up with someone

to say it to one's face

1. to confront someone straight-forwardly, directly, candidly, frankly, forthrightly

I am not going to hide from him but I'm going to **say what I feel to his face**.

2. (informal) to confront or talk to someone face to face, straight from the shoulder, boldly, flat-footedly, without playing or joking around, open and aboveboard, up front, **tell someone to one's face, say something to one's face**
3. to be on the up and up with someone

to see from the look on one's face

1. to know, learn, see, get, understand, glean, read or fathom what one is thinking or feeling by one's facial expression

I see from the look on your face that I'm in a lot of trouble.

2. (highly stylized) to discern, digest, comprehend, apprehend, perceive, cognize, assimilate is thinking by one's facial expression
3. (informal) to get a fix or read on, get the picture or point, take in, get a hold on, figure out, catch on, able to read like a book, **make head or tails of**, make out, see through, get a handle on
4. (slang) to get a drift on, become savvy of, get the hang of

to set one's face against

1. to show disapproval, opposition or resistance, dispute, snub, be against, take exception to, shun, shrink away from

He **set his face against** what was being voted on.

2. (more stylized) to evade, recoil from, forbear, disdain, ostracize, spurn, eschew, elude, ignore, refrain from, derelish, take exception to, repudiate
3. (informal) to boycott, back away from, look dimly on, frown upon, not touch with a 10 feet pole, cold shoulder, take a dim view of, put on one's list, not look kindly upon, **turn one's back on**, **turn one's nose up at**, steer clear of, shy away from, **give the cold shoulder to**, keep out of the way of
4. (slang) to dump, blacklist, blackball, cut

to set one face to face

1. to set in opposition, made to affront or confront, set against

The ring leader of the gang **set the two enemies face to face**.

2. (informal) to pit against, bring **face to face**, set at odds

to shield one's face

1. to hide, conceal or screen one's face

The newly convicted criminal tried to **shield his face** from the press.

2. (highly stylized) to ensconce, veil, shroud or curtain cloak one's face
3. (informal) to cover up or keep one's face out of sight

to shoot off one's face

1. to speak or talk out of turn, say or do something that embarrasses one, make a fool out of oneself, not think carefully about one's actions or words, talk at an inappropriate moment

Stop **shooting off your face**. You need to think before opening your mouth.

2. (informal) to blunder, botch up, mess up, make a faux pas, slip up, stumble, mangle, **make a mess of, put one's foot in one's mouth**
3. (slang) to screw up, screw up royally, pull a boner, goof up, blow it, flub, louse up, make mince meat out of
4. to be a person who talks too much, who divulges, discloses or reveals secrets or who circulates rumors

You better stop **shooting off your face**.

5. (more stylistic) to be untactful, indiscreet, unthinking, tactless, impudent, uncircumspect, indiscreet
6. (informal) to be a gossip, rumormonger, **loud mouth**, magpie, **blabbermouth** or chatterbox, be a person who does not know how to keep a secret or **hold one's tongue, jaw**, prattle, gossip, spill the beans, let the cat out of the bag, **have a loose mouth**, blab,

- babble, dish the dirt, to bend someone's ear off, **jaw**, bandy words, rattle on, **bend someone's ear**
7. (slang) to yak, rattle or ramble on, yackety-yak, **run off at the mouth, run on at the mouth**, gibber-jabber, gab, **have diarrhea of the mouth, spill one's guts**, gab, chatter, jabber, prattle, **run one's mouth**, yap, clack, clatter, chat, chit-chat, chitter-chatter, to bull, chin, shoot the bull, yap, yak
 8. to brag, color, overstate, flaunt, stretch, adorn, dress up

When he's **shooting off his face**, you can not believe a word that he's saying.
 9. to boast, vaunt, exaggerate, sing one's own praises, trumpet, hyperbolize, strut, overdraw, embellish
 10. (informal) to talk big, toot one's own horn, **shoot off one's mouth**, beat the drum, tell a fish story, crow, shoot off one's face, blow one's own horn, make much of, **shoot off one's face**
 11. (slang) to blow hard, be windy, shoot the bull, pile it higher and higher
 12. **(vulgar) to bull shit, pile the shit up high**

to show one's face

1. go, go or arrive somewhere for a short period of time to be seen but not to stay for a prolonged period of time, go but not stay long

At least **show your face** at the party.
2. (informal) to show up and afterwards leave, to make an appearance, be seen, turn up, crop up
3. (slang) to make the scene

to sit face to face

to sit opposite or across from one another

We **sat face to face** in silence.

to slam the door in one's face

1. to close the door loudly and abruptly in the face of someone, usually done to show one's anger or displeasure with someone

When the salesman refused to leave, the housewife **slammed the door in his face**.

2. to destroy someone's opportunity or chances

By **slamming the door in my face**, my career came to an end.

3. to rebuff, reject, slight, disregard, repulse, cast aside, repudiate

4. (informal) to dismiss from one's thoughts, snub, cut, **dismiss from one's mind**, keep at a distance, **turn one's back on**, tell someone where to get off, set no store by, tell someone to get lost, **slap in the face**, brush off, **give someone the cold shoulder**, **cold shoulder someone**, **turn up one's nose at**, **turn one's nose up at**

5. (slang) to kiss off, deep six, throw someone to the dog, turn thumbs down on, cut someone dead

to slap one in the face

1. to hit, smack, punch

She **slapped the man in the face** after he had kissed her.

2. (more stylistic) to buffet, cuff, thwack

3. (informal) to sock, slug, knock, clout
4. to slight, snub, insult, injure, show one great disrespect, disrespect

What she said to me, after all that I had given her, like **slapping me in the face.**

5. (more stylistic) to rebuff, offend, rebuke, affront, humiliate, humble, sting, cast aspersions on, scorn, reprimand, reproach, castigate
6. (informal) to put down, cut, **fling dirt in the face of, thumb one's nose at, pin one's ears back**, bring down, spit in one face, **slam the door in one's face**, call down, give a talking to, trim down, **rap on the knuckles**, slap down, chew out
7. (slang) to dis, respond to a dis
8. **(vulgar) to fuck, fuck over, shit on**

to speak face to face

1. to speak directly with each other

I can't talk to you over the phone; we must speak **face to face.**

2. to **be eyeball to eyeball, face on, stand facing** or **toe to toe**
3. to be direct, frank, candid, or straightforward
3. **tell someone to one's face, not to bite** or **hold one's tongue**, not beat around the bush, **look someone squarely in the eyes,**

to spit in the face of

1. to defy, challenge, dare, front, court destruction or danger

It's not easy to **spit in the face of danger**.

2. (informal) to dare, **meet head-on**, square-off, **thumb one's nose at**, **snap one's fingers at**, beard, **slap someone in the face**, **come face to face**, **face**
3. to double-dare, double-dare dog

to spit in one's face

1. to slight, snub, insult, injure, show one great disrespect, disrespect

What she said to me, after all that I had given her, was like **spitting in my face**.

2. (more stylistic) to rebuff, offend, rebuke, affront, humiliate, humble, sting, cast aspersions on, scorn
3. (informal) to put down, cut, **fling dirt in the face of**, **thumb one's nose at**, **pin one's ears back**, bring down, **spit in one face**, **slam the door in one's face**
4. to **dis**, **respond to a dish**

to stand face-to-face

1. to stand facing or in front of
Waiting for the duel to begin, the two participants **stood face to face**.
2. (more stylized) to stand in front of or abreast, defy, be resolute, steadfast, courageous or valiant

3. (informal) to be fearless, **lion hearted** or plucky, **face in defiance**, stand up to, **meet head on**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, stand one's ground, **look straight in the face** or **in the eyes**
4. (slang) to **show one's teeth**, take on

to stand facing

1. to stand in front of, be **face to face** or **eye to eye**, stand opposite to, stand **face to face** or **eye to eye**

While I **stood facing** my father all I could do was cry.

2. to be ready to fight or challenge, stand ready to fight or to do battle, encounter, oppose, challenge, defy

She **stood facing** her enemy with her head held high.

3. (more stylized) to dispute, confront, affront, oppugn, call into question, meet in a brave, dauntless, undaunted or audacious manner
4. (informal) to **go head to head up against**, **meet** or **stand eyeball to eyeball**, square off, wait for the bell to ring, **stand toe to toe**

to stare death in the face

1. to show no fear, apprehensiveness, or uncertainty when confronted with danger

Because of his job, he is always **staring death in the face**.

2. (informal) to not be scared of or shrink from danger, to face danger without blinking or unblinkingly, to face danger with a bold, stout, lion or brave heart, be gutsy, plucky, redblooded or gritty

3. to be dying or sinking, fading, take one's last breaths

Because she had lived a good and full life, when the time came, she **stared death in the face** without flinching. She had a good death.

4. (highly stylized) to expire, **leave one's body**, slip, pass away, give up the ghost, go to sleep, be about to cross the great Divide, be in death's throes
5. (informal) to find greener pastures, go to meet one's maker, going to the greater beyond or riding into the sunset, have one foot in the grave
6. (slang) to kick the bucket, conk out, take the full count, be on one's last leg

to stare someone in the face

1. to confront, oppose, cross, counter, defy, counter

He kept **staring her in the face**.

2. to provoke, instigate, cause, inflame, enflame, try to arouse
3. (informal) to beard, beard the, twist the lion's tail, bell the cat, whip out, stir up, prick, try to get someone's goat
4. (slang) to want to start something, be looking for trouble, pick at, goad, touch off

to stuff one's face

1. to eat, overeat, consume, lunch, breakfast, dine, take a meal

Because I am fasting, I will not be able to **stuff my face** for at least a day.

2. (more stylistic) to feast, devour, break bread, glut, **pass one's lips**, overindulge
3. (informal) to eat like a horse, **feed one's face**
4. (slang) to garbage down, gobble down, wolf down, gulp down, tie on the feedbag, , pack away, gobble up, scoff down

to take at face value

1. to accept without any questions or doubts, unconditionally

I guess it's my fault. I **took him at face value** despite the gnawing doubt.

2. (informal) to accept as is

to talk until one is blue in the face

1. to exhaust or drain oneself or to repeat, rephrase, reword or restate over and over again in order that one's point is understood

If necessary, I will talk and **talk until I am blue in face** but you will get this.

2. to try to bang, hammer, or **drive into one's head**, dwell on, harp on, hammer away at

to tell one to one's face

1. to confront someone straight-forwardly, directly, candidly, frankly, forthrightly

I **told him to his face** that I disagreed.

2. (informal) to confront or talk to someone **face to face**, **straight from the shoulder**, boldly, **flat-footedly**, without playing or

joking around, open and aboveboard, up front, **say something to one's face, say something to one's face**

3. to be on the up and up with someone

to throw something up in someone's face

to remind someone, through reproaching, of a past mistake

I'm sick of it. He's always **throwing my past up in my face.**

to turn blue in the face

1. to become angry, upset, furious or mad

His anger left me **blue in the face.**

2. (more stylish) to become irate, fuming, furibund, infuriated, incensed, livid, enraged, wrathful or distraught, darken
3. to become fit to tie, mad as a hatter, hot under the collar, **foaming at the mouth**, unhinged, mad as a hornet, flared up, red-hot, white-hot, in a tizzy, horn mad, beside oneself, **out of one's mind**

to turn red in the face

1. to become embarrassed, ashamed, discomfited or uneasy

When I heard his words, I turned **red in the face.**

2. (highly stylized) to become abashed, disconcerted or mortified
3. (informal) to become discombobulated, afluttered, flustered, unhinged, ruffled, in a tizzy
4. to be blushing, flushing or glowing

I know that she likes him because she turns **red in the face** every time he talks to her.

5. (informal) to be reddening, turning red, glowing, rosy

to vanish from the face of the earth

1. to disappear from sight, disappear without leaving a trace, **disappear off the face of the earth, disappear from the face of the earth**

Have you seen Mary? She seemed to have **vanished from the face of the earth.**

2. (more stylistic) to vanish, **vanish off the face of the earth**, lost to sight, vanish from sight, be lost to sight, **vanish from the face of the earth**, fade away, recede from view
3. (informal) to leave without leaving a trace, be swallowed up, vanish into thin air, disappear into thin air
4. (slang) to go poof, melt away, vaporize, evaporate

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to wipe the grin off of one's face

1. to wipe away or to destroy someone's self-satisfaction, smugness, or false serenity, humble, meek, humiliate, shame, put to shame

It gave me so much satisfaction to **wipe the smile off of her face.**

2. (highly stylize) to chasten
3. to bring down, bring down a peg or two, take down a notch or two, make eat humble pie or crow, put one in one's place, **wipe the smile off of one's face**

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About face!

to turn in the opposite direction, turn around or about

Don't get in my face!

Don't be so close and confrontational! Get away from me!

Face the wall!

turn away and stand facing the wall

I told you to stop talking. Get up and **face the wall**.

Get out of my face!

Move! Leave! Get away from me!

Let's face it

1. Let's deal or confront the situation straight on.
2. (informal) Let's take the bull by the horns, deal with what is, **meet whatever face on**

Shut your face!

Keep quiet! Shut up!

bald-faced

1. notorious, flagrant, blatant, glaring, shameless, brazen, **barefaced**
He is one of the most **bald-faced** person that I have ever known.
2. (informal) **cheeky**, impudently, with gall or chutzpah
3. obvious, transparent, palpable, undisguised, patent
4. (more stylistic) perspicuous, discernible, perceptible
5. (informal) **as plain as the nose on one's face**, as plain as day, crystal clear

bald-faced lie

1. being a lie which is brazen, bold, shameless, unabashed, presumptuous or impudent

Have you no shame?! To tell such a **bald-faced lie** is shameless.

2. being a lie which is obvious, transparent, palpable, undisguise or patent

She told a **bald-faced lie** which was obvious to anyone.

3. (more stylistic) being a lie which is perspicuous, discernible or perceptible

4. (informal) being a lie which is **as plain as the nose on one's face**, as plain as day or crystal clear

barefaced

1. arrogant, brassy, bold, brazen, shameless, defiant, forward

I don't want to work with him; he **is too cheeky**.

2. (more stylized) audacious, presumptuous, impertinent, impudent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious, insolent

3. (informal) flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy or **brazen-faced**, **having gall**, **nerve**, **lip**, **mouth**

4. (slang) cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise, sassy, being a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smarty, or smarty-pants

5. **(vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass** or **punk**

blue faced

1. angry, upset, furious, mad,

His anger left me **blue in the face**.

2. (more stylish) irate, fuming, furibund, infuriated, incensed, livid, enraged, wrathful, distraught,
3. fit to tie, mad as a hatter, hot under the collar, foaming at the mouth, unhinged, mad as a hornet, flared up, red-hot, white-hot, in a tizzy, horn mad, beside oneself, **out of one's mind**

bold-faced

1. straightforward, undisguised, unconcealed, frank, plainspoken, candid, open, clear, obvious

He has no shame; he is **bold-faced**.

2. (more stylistic) transparent, patent, overt, palpable, revealed, displayed, shown, glaring
3. (informal) **as plain as the noise on one's face**, crystal clear, **flat-footed**
4. overconfident, brazen, immodest, brassy, rude, shameless, unabashed, forward, outspoken

Such a **bold-faced** child needs to be disciplined.

5. (more stylistic) impudent, insolent, assuming, presumptuous
6. (informal) flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy, **brazen-faced**, **have gall**, **nerve**, **lip** or **mouth**, pushy, bold, **cheeky**, unseemly

7. (slang) cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, being a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, or smartie-pants

8. (vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass or punk

9. brave, hero-like, spirited, fearless, courageous, to have pluckiness, bold-spiritedness

10. (more stylistic) to have panache or audacity, staunch, full of zest, aweless, valiant or zesty

11. (informal) to have pluck, mettle,chutzpah, nerve, spirit, starch, **have backbone** or **heart**, **high-hearted**, **stout-hearted**, **brave-hearted**, **iron-hearted**, **lion-hearted**

12. (slang) gumption, gutsy

13. (vulgar) to have balls

brave faced

1. composed, sound, sturdy, unshrinking or dauntless during an especially trying time

I know that she is upset although she is **putting on a brave face**.

2. (informal) gritty, game, red-blooded or gutsy in a trying, threatening, or dangerous situation, having **guts**, **gustiness**, **red-blood pumping through his veins**, **a heart**

brazen faced

1. insolent, shameless, forward, brash

What a brazen-face girl; nothing shames her.

2. (highly stylized) impertinent, presumptuous, audacious
imprudent, immodest
3. **barefaced**, cheeky, cocky, brazen, **brazen-faced**, bold, fresh,
mouthy, out of line, saucy

full-faced

1. being fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round,
rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or
big boned

Yes, she is **full-faced** but she has such a pleasant smile and beautiful eyes.

2. (more stylistic) being well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish,
corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) being **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out,
having a **plump round face**
4. (slang) being roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

Janus-faced

1. shifty, clever, persuasive, subtle, crafty, wily, resourceful,
canny, insincere, flattering, fawning, unfailingly polite, false
ingratiating, deceitful, insincere, untrustworthy, hypocritical
cunning, crafty, plotting, deceitful, dishonest, shrewd
2. (more stylized) stealthy, impelling, glib, designing, fulsome,
insinuating, Machiavellian, stealthy, delusive, Byzantine,
misleading, illusory, **Janus-faced**, disingenuous
3. (informal) oily, slick, sneaky, tricky, crafty, **mealy-mouthed**,
mince words, , straight, straightforward or aboveboard, be hedging,
shifty, left-handed, slippery, hard to catch, roundabout, hard to
pin down, cagey, shifty, slippery, canny, not be plain- spoken,

double-tongued, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted double-tongued**, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted**, **smooth-tongued**, **honey-tongued**, silver toned, sweet-sounding, **golden tongued**, sharp or cagey, have the gift of gab

4. (slang) slimy, soapy, soft-soaping, with it, **smooth as a baby's behind**, sly, smooth as glass, smooth as a billiard, silken, foxy, oily, satiny, Madison Avenue, Mad Av, shifty, slippery, canny, cagey, smooth talker

long faced

1. sad, unhappy, depressed, crestfallen

Honey, why do you **have such a long face**?

2. (more stylized) melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened**, **heavy-hearted**
3. (informal) **long faced**, blue, in the doldrums, in the depth of despair
4. (slang) bummed out, down in the dumps, **pulling on a long face**, **making a long face**, in the pits, **down in the mouth**

moon-faced

1. fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed, **big boned**
2. (more stylistic) well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced**, **round-faced**
3. (informal) pudgy, chunky, chubby, filled out
4. (slang) roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

pale faced

1. being sickly, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white, ashen, drained, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white, deathly pale or deathly pale

I know that he is sick; he is **pale faced**.

2. (more stylistic) being waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked or anemic, looking or being on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, waxen, deathly, pallid, livid, peaked or blanched, having been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) being pasty, washed out, ghostly, pale faced, death-like or drained, looking or being spent, pasty, withered, **tallow faced, pale-faced, hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike or pale of a ghost

pasty-faced

1. look or being sickly, gaunt, unwholesome, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick, ashen, drained, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white, deathly pale or pinched

You are so **pasty-faced** that it looks like you are going to faint.

2. (more stylized) looking or being on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked, anemic or blanched, having been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) looking or being spent, pasty, withered, **tallow faced, pale-faced, hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike, pale of a ghost, being pasty, washed out, ghostly, **pale faced**, death-like or drained

poker faced

1. blank, vacant, expressionless, empty, straight faced, lifeless
Who knows what she is thinking. She is **poker-faced**.
2. (more stylistic) inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane
3. (informal) stiff as a board, wooden, deadpan, stiff

red faced

1. embarrassed, flustered

She became **red faced** when he talked to her.
2. timid, shy, introverted

Just looking at her she became red faced.
3. (informal) a wall flower, shrinking, a shrinking violet

round-faced

1. fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed, **big boned**

She is a **round-faced** beauty.
2. (more stylistic) well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced**, **round-faced**
3. (informal) pudgy, chunky, chubby, filled out
4. (slang) roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

shamed faced

1. embarrassed, flustered

He is **shamed faced**.

2. (informal) made to blush or change color
3. mortified, humbled, disgraced, shamed
4. (informal) in the dog house, out of favor
5. meek, easily embarrassed or flustered, shy, blushing
6. (informal) a wall flower, shrinking, or a shrinking violet

stone faced

1. blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, straight face, indifference

He was **stone faced** during the entire show.

2. (more stylistic) inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, stoical, emotionless, hollow or inane, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) stone faced, wooden or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, nothingness, **poker face**

straight faced

1. to not change one's expression despite the situation, remain stoic unresponsive or expressionless

Even though everyone else was laughing hysterically, he **kept a**

straight face during the entire show.

2. (informal) **stone-faced**, deadpan, blank, wooden, **poker faced**

tallow-faced

1. having skin which is sickly, yellowish, sallow, yellow or yellow tinged, having **yellow-skin**, looking or being sickly, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick or pinched

My God, what is the matter with her. She is so **tallow-faced**.

2. (more stylized) looking or being on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, having jaundice, being jaundice-looking, having been **reduced to skin and bones**, being peaked, livid, wan
3. (informal) looking or being spent, pasty withered, **tallow faced**, **hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out

two-faced

1. deceitful, insincere, false, untrustworthy, hypocritical

I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him.
He is **two-faced**.

2. (highly stylized) Machiavellian, Janus-faced, treacherous
3. (informal) to be someone who would **stab one in the back** or crooked, double-dealing, back-stabbing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**
4. misleading, illusory, illusive, delusive
He knew that I would believe him; he told me a **two-faced** lie.
5. (informal) shifty, slippery, canny, cagey

6. (slang) smooth, slick, foxy, oily, smooth talker

yellow-faced

1. having skin which is sickly, yellowish, sallow, yellow or yellow tinged, having **yellow-skin**, looking or being sickly, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick or pinched

My God, what is the matter with her. She is so **yellow-faced**; she must have jaundice.

2. (more stylized) looking or being on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, having jaundice, being jaundice-looking, having been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) looking or being spent, pasty withered, **tallow faced**, **hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out

wary faced

1. prudent, guarded, not hide one's apprehensiveness suspicions

He is always **very wary faced**

2. not hiding that one does not believe a word which is being said, showing that one does not totally trust what one is seeing or being told, openly showing that one is being observant, watchful, vigilant

When she entered into the room, I knew that she was apprehensive because she was **wary faced**.

3. (informal) **having one's eyes peeled**, **being on one's toes**, on the alert, or on the lookout, **putting on a wary face**.

whey-faced

1. looking or being sickly, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick or pinched
2. (more stylized) looking or being on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, having been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) looking or being spent, pasty withered, **tallow faced**, **hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike, pale of a ghost

to be bald-faced

1. to be notorious, flagrant, blatant, glaring, shameless, brazen or **barefaced**

He is one of the most **bald-faced** person that I have ever known.

2. (informal) to be **cheeky** or impudent, have gall, have chutzpah
3. to be obvious, transparent, palpable, undisguised or patent
4. (more stylistic) to be perspicuous, discernible or perceptible
5. (informal) to be **as plain as the nose on one's face**, as plain as day or crystal clear

to be a bald-faced lie

1. to be a lie which brazen, bold, shameless, unabashed, presumptuous or impudent

Have you no shame?! To tell such a **bald-faced lie** is shameless.

2. to be a lie which is obvious, transparent, palpable, undisguised or patent

She told a **bald-faced lie** which was obvious to anyone.

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to be bare-faced

1. to be straightforward, undisguised, unconcealed, frank, plainspoken, candid, open, clear or obvious

He was **bare-faced** with what he wanted. I admired him for his frankness.

2. (more stylistic) to be, transparent, patent, overt, palpable, revealed, displayed, shown or glaring
3. (informal) to **be as plain as the nose on one's face**, crystal clear, **flat-footed**, bare, naked or loud and clear
4. to be overconfident, brazen, immodest, brassy, rude, shameless, unabashed, forward or outspoken

What he told me **was a bare-faced** lie. He has no shame.

5. (more stylistic) to be impudent, insolent, assuming or presumptuous
6. (informal) to be flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy or **brazen-faced**, **have gall**, **nerve**, **lip** or **mouth**, push, bold, **cheeky** or unseemly
7. (slang) to be cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, be a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, or smartie-pants

8. (vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass or punk

to be blue faced

1. to be very angry, upset, furious or mad

His was left **blue faced**.

2. (more stylish) irate, fuming, furibund, infuriated, incensed, livid, enraged, wrathful or distraught
3. to be fit to tie, mad as a hatter, hot under the collar, foaming at the mouth, unhinged, mad as a hornet, flared up, red-hot, white-hot, in a tizzy, horn mad, beside oneself or **out of one's mind**

to be bold-faced

1. to be straightforward, undisguised, unconcealed, frank, plainspoken, candid, open, clear or obvious

He has no shame; he is **bold-faced**.

2. (more stylistic) to be transparent, patent, overt, palpable, revealed, displayed, shown or glaring
3. (informal) to **be as plain as the noise on one's face**, crystal clear or **flat-footed**
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Such a **bold-faced** child needs to be disciplined.

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8. **(vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass** or **punk**
9. to be brave, hero-like, spirited, fearless, or courageous, to have pluckiness, bold-spiritedness
10. (more stylistic) to have panache or audacity, be staunch, full of zest, aweless, valiant or zesty
11. (informal) to have pluck, mettle, chutzpah, nerve, spirit, starch, **have backbone** or **heart**, be **high-hearted**, **stout-hearted**, **brave-hearted**, **iron-hearted** or **lion-hearted**
12. (slang) to have gumption, be gutsy
13. **(vulgar) to have balls**

to be brave faced

1. to be composed, sound, sturdy, unshrinking or dauntless during an especially trying time

I know that she is upset although she is **putting on a brave face**.
2. (informal) to be gritty, game, red-blooded or gutsy in a trying, be threatening, or in a dangerous situation, having **guts**, **gustiness**, **red-blood pumping through his veins** or **a heart**

to be brazen face

1. to be insolent, shameless, forward or brash

What a brazen-face girl; nothing shames her.

2. (highly stylized) to be impertinent, presumptuous, audacious impudent or immodest
3. to be **barefaced**, cheeky, cocky, brazen, **brazen-faced**, bold, fresh, **mouthy** or out of line or saucy

to be grim faced

1. to have an expression which forbidden, stern, grim, stern, gloomy, threatening, frowning, unsmiling or scowling

Why are so **grim-faced**?

2. (more stylistic) to have an expression which is sour, churlish, morose, doleful, dour, sullen, glowering, gloomy, petulant, surly, grave, solemn or forlorn
3. (informal) to be long faced, down in the dumps or down in the doldrums, have an expression which is down in the mouth, grumpy, heavy-hearted or down-hearted

to be full-faced

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

Yes, she may **be a little full faced** but that face is so pretty and pleasant.

2. (more stylistic) to be well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**

3. (informal) to be **full-faced**, pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out, have a **plump round face**
4. (slang) to be roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to be Janus-faced

1. to be shifty, clever, persuasive, subtle, crafty, wily, resourceful, canny, insincere, flattering, fawning, unfailingly polite, false ingratiating, deceitful, insincere, untrustworthy, hypocritical cunning, crafty, plotting, deceitful, dishonest or shrewd
2. (more stylized) to be stealthy, suave, impelling, glib, designing, fulsome, insinuating, Machiavellian, stealthy, delusive, Byzantine, misleading, illusory, **Janus-faced** or disingenuous
3. (informal) to be oily, slick, sneaky, tricky, crafty, **mealy-mouthed**, mince words, , straight, straightforward or aboveboard, be hedging, shifty, left-handed, slippery, hard to catch, roundabout, hard to pin down, or cagey, shifty, slippery, canny, cagey, not be plain-spoken, **double-tongued**, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted double-tongued**, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted**, **smooth-tongued**, **honey-tongued**, silver toned, sweet-sounding or **golden tongued**, sharp or cagey, have the gift of gab
4. (slang) to be slimy, soapy, soft-soaping, with it, **smooth as a baby's behind**, sly, smooth as glass, smooth as a billiard, silken, foxy, oily, satiny, Madison Avenue, Mad Av, shifty, slippery, canny or cagey, be a smooth talker

to be long faced

1. to be sad, unhappy, depressed or crestfallen

Honey, why are you so **long faced**?

2. (more stylized) to be melancholy, doleful, crestfallen, dismayed, downcast, dejected, forlorn, **disheartened** or **heavy-hearted**

3. (informal) to be **long faced**, blue, in the doldrums or in the depth of despair
4. (slang) to be bummed out, down in the dumps, **pulling on a long face**, **making a long face**, in the pits or **down in the mouth**

to be moon-faced

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**
2. (more stylistic) to be well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) to be pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out
4. (slang) to be roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to be pale faced

1. to be sickly, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white or deathly pale

I know that he is sick; he is **pale faced**.

2. (more stylistic) to be waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked or anemic, look or be on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, be sallow, waxen, deathly, pallid, livid, peaked or blanched, have been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) to be pasty, washed out, ghostly, pale faced, death-like or drained, look or be spent, pasty, withered, **tallow faced**, **pale-faced**, **hollow-eyed**, look washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike, pale of a ghost

to be pasty-faced

1. to look or be sickly, gaunt, unwholesome, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick, ashen, drained, bloodless, unhealthy color, colorless, without color, drained of color, white, deathly pale or pinched
2. (more stylized) to look or be on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, be sallow, waxen, deathly, pallid, sallow, livid, ghastly, peaked, anemic or blanched, have been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) to look or be spent, pasty, withered, **tallow faced**, **pale-faced**, **hollow-eyed**, look washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike, pale of a ghost, be pasty, washed out, ghostly, **pale faced**, death-like or drained

to be poker faced

1. to have an expression on one's face which is blank, vacant, expressionless, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless

Who knows what she is thinking. She is **poker-faced**.
2. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous or inane
3. (informal) to be stiff as a board, wooden, deadpan or stiff, **have a poker face**

to be red faced

1. to be embarrassed or flustered

She became **red faced** when he talked to her.
2. to be timid, shy or introverted

Just looking at her she **became red faced**.

3. (informal) to be a wall flower, shrinking or a shrinking violet

to be round-faced

1. to be fat, plump, well-proportioned, overweight, stout, round, rotund, heavy-set, **large boned**, heavy-framed, large-framed or **big boned**

She is a **round-faced** beauty.

2. (more stylistic) to be well-fed, **fleshy**, **full body**, ample, fattish, corpulent, portly, thickset, stocky, **moon-faced** or **round-faced**
3. (informal) to be pudgy, chunky, chubby or filled out
4. (slang) to be roly-poly, big as a cow, pig, ox or horse

to be shame faced

1. to be embarrassed or flustered

He is **shame faced**.

2. (informal) to be made to blush or change color
3. to be mortified, humbled, disgraced or shamed
4. (informal) to be in the dog house or out of favor
5. to be meek, easily embarrassed or flustered, shy or blushing
6. (informal) to be a wall flower, shrinking, or a shrinking violet

to be stone faced

1. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty or **straight faced**

He was **stone faced** during the entire show.

2. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, stoical, emotionless, hollow or inane, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance or dispassion
3. (informal) to be **stone faced**, wooden or deadpan, have a **poker face**

to be straight faced

1. to not change one's expression despite the situation, remain stoic unresponsive or expressionless

Even though everyone else was laughing hysterically, he **kept a straight face** during the entire show.

2. (informal) to be **stone-faced**, deadpan, blank, wooden or **poker faced**

to be tallow-faced

1. to have skin which is sickly, yellowish, sallow, yellow or yellow tinged, have **yellow-skin**, look or be sickly, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick or pinched

My God, what is the matter with her. She **is so tallow-faced**.

2. (more stylized) to look or be on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, being sallow, having jaundice, be jaundice-looking, have been **reduced to skin and bones**, be peaked, livid or wan
3. (informal) to look or be spent, pasty withered, **tallow faced**, or

hollow-eyed, look washed-out

to be two faced

1. to be shifty, clever, persuasive, subtle, crafty, wily, resourceful, canny, insincere, flattering, fawning, unfailingly polite, false ingratiating, deceitful, insincere, untrustworthy, hypocritical cunning, crafty or shrewd

I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him. Be careful. He is **two-faced**.

2. (more stylized) to be stealthy, suave, impelling, glib, designing, fulsome, insinuating, Machiavellian, stealthy, delusive, Byzantine, misleading, illusory, **Janus-faced** or disingenuous
3. (informal) to be oily, slick, sneaky, tricky, crafty, **mealy-mouthed**, mince words, , straight, straightforward or aboveboard, be hedging, shifty, left-handed, slippery, hard to catch, roundabout, hard to pin down, or cagey, shifty, slippery, canny, cagey, not be plain-spoken, **double-tongued**, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted double-tongued**, crooked, **underhanded**, double-dealing, a snake in the grass, **talk out of both side of one's mouth**, **false-hearted**, **smooth-tongued**, **honey-tongued**, silver toned, sweet-sounding or **golden tongued**, have the gift of gab
4. (slang) be slimy, soapy, soft-soaping, with it, **smooth as a baby's behind**, sly, smooth as glass, smooth as a billiard, silken, foxy, oily, satiny, Madison Avenue, Mad Av, shifty, slippery, canny or cagey, be a smooth talker

to be yellow-faced

1. have skin which is sickly, yellowish, sallow, yellow or yellow tinged, have **yellow-skin**, look or be sickly, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick or pinched

My God, what is the matter with her. She is so **yellow-faced**; she must have jaundice.

2. (more stylized) to look or be on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, be sallow, having jaundice, being jaundice-looking, have been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) to look or being spent, pasty withered, **tallow faced** or **hollow-eyed**, look washed-out

to be wary faced

1. to be prudent, guarded or not hide one's apprehensiveness suspicions

He is always **very wary faced**

2. to not hide that one does not believe a word which is being said, showing that one does not totally trust what one is seeing or being told, openly show that one is being observant, watchful, vigilant

When she entered into the room, I knew that she was apprehensive because she was **wary faced**.

3. (informal) to **have one's eyes peeled**, **be on one's toes**, on the alert, or on the lookout, **put on a wary face**.

to be whey-faced

1. to look or be sickly, gaunt, unwholesome, feeble, in poor health, pale, unhealthy, sick, ashen, drained or pinched
2. (more stylized) to look or be on the decline, infirm, frail, delicate, invalid, ill, unwell, emaciated, ailing or fragile, be sallow or blanched, have been **reduced to skin and bones**
3. (informal) to look or be spent, pasty, withered, **tallow faced**, **pale-faced**, **hollow-eyed**, looking washed-out, bleached out, pasty, deathlike, pale of a ghost

façade

1. front, face, forefront, exterior

The **façade** of the building is beautiful.

2. illusion, pretense, false impression
All you are seeing is his **façade**. He's a paper tiger.
3. disguise, mask, masquerade, fake veneer, camouflage

to deface

1. to disfigure, deform, mar, spoil, ruin, blotch

The gang **defaced** the façade of the building.

2. to vandalize, trash, damage
3. to efface, expunge, eradicate, blot out
4. to delete, cancel, strike out, rule out

to deface something by

to mar the surface or appearance of

They **defaced the desk by** writing all over it.

to deface the surface of

to destroy, mutilate, mar, disfigure, vandalize the surface of

He **defaced the surface of** the building.

to deface something with

to destroy, mutilate, vandalize the surface of something

with something else

He **defaced the side of the building with** graffiti.

to efface

1. to dissolve, remove, terminate, erase, destroy, stop, expel, cancel
2. (more stylistic) to annihilate obliterate, cast off, expunge, extinguish, extirpate, eradicate, discreate
3. to x, blue pencil, blot out, black out, stamp out, crush out, get rid of, put an end to, rub out, wipe out, take out

facial

1. that which belongs to the face i.e. **facial expressions, facial hair, facial tissue, facial abrasion, facial nerve**
2. that which is made for the face i.e. **facial cream**
3. beauty treatment i.e. to have a **facial**

facing

1. that which covers to decorate or protect, veneer, lamination, casing, covering, sheather, wrapper
2. false front, **façade**, front, face, forefront, exterior, false front, outward display

Whiskers (whisk + er)

(entered into the English language 1325-1375)

whisk

Middle English (Scots) **wysk**, Scots **wisk** **quhisk**, Old Norse **visk**,
Swedish **viska**, Danish **vishe**, Old High German **wisken**, French
poil (human being) **moustaches** (animal), Spanish **pelo** (whisker)
barbas (whiskers) **patillas** (side whiskers)

whiskers

1. beard

I wish that you would shave your **whiskers**. When you kiss me, they tickle.

2. hair of the beard

3. hair growing near the mouth and nose of certain animals i.e. cats, lions, dogs

a whisker

1. a small or minuscule amount

I don't want a lot, only a **whisker**. That would be enough.

2. (informal) **a hair's breath**

by a whisker

1. by a small or minuscule amount, only barely, almost lost

Although I won only **by a whisker**, I won.

2. (informal) **by the skin of one's teeth**, just, only, **by a nose**

within a whisker

1. extremely close, hardly, almost lost, no more than

I made it **within a whisker**.

2. **by a nose**, a photo finish, just, only just

to come within a whisker of doing something

1. to almost, just about, nearly, or all but do something
2. (slang) to be within an inch of, within a stone's throw or within an ace of doing something

He **came within a whisker of winning the election.**

Appendix 1

Religious-based words which entered into the English language from the Church as a result of Christianization:

abbot, alms, altar, angel, anthem, ark, candle, canon, chalice, cleric, deacon, disciple, epistle, hymn, litany, manna, martyr, mass, minister, noon, nun, offer, organ, palm, pope, priest, psalm, relic, rule, shrine, stole, synod, temple, tunic, Antichrist, apostle, cantor, cell, cloister, collect, creed, demon, font, idol, nocturne, prime, prophet, Sabbath, synagogue

Non-religious Latin based words which came into English through the Church:

cap, sock, silk, purple, chest, mat, sack, beet, lentil, pear, radish, doe, oyster, lobster, mussel, to cook, box, pine, lily, marshmallow, myrrh, rue, savory, master, school, Latin, grammatical, verse, meter, gloss, notary, anchor, fan, fever, place, sponge, elephant, phoenix, circle, legion, giant, consul, talent, accent, to brief, decline, history, paper, term, title, cucumber, ginger, winkle

Appendix 2

Most Frequently Used Words In English

Agricultural terms

sheep, shepherd, ox, earth, plough, swine, dog, wood, field, corn

Days of the week

Monandæg (day of the moon), Tiwesdæg (day of the god, Tig), Wodnesdæg (day of the god, Woden), Ðunresdæg (day of the god, Thunor), Frigedæg (the day of the goddess, Friga), Sæternesdæg (the day of the Roman god, Saturn), Sunnandæg (the day of the sun)

Other words

the, is, you, man, and, for, for, of, in, on, to, under, æfter, beforan, behindan, bi (by), hwæt (what), hwy (why), ofer (over), æt (at), socc (sock), scoh (shoe), mete (meat), butere (butter), milc (milk), egg, hunig (honey), ceses (cheese), summer, winter, the, is, you, man, house, God, heaven, hell, Holy Ghost, Doomsday, god-spell, Gospel, Easter (from the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre), Yule (from the midwinter god, Geol (pronounced 'Yule')) call, shirt, hat, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, time, corn, night, wood, blood, gold, burg, home, wine, word, book, life, king, sea, water, old

Old English

mann
wif
cild
hūs
benc
mete
gærs
leaf
fugol
god
heah

Modern English

man
wife
child
house
bench
meat, food
grass
leaf
fowl, bird
good
high

strang	strong
etan	eat
drincan	drink
slæpan	sleep
libban	live

Appendix 3

Terms and words from the Old Norse Period

closed class words

Old Norse

Anglo-Saxon

they	hie
their	hiera
them	him
are	aron

other closed class words

both, same, through, till, are

Old Norse word which replace Anglo-Saxons

Old Norse

Anglo-Saxon

egg	ey
sister (syster)	sweostor
loan	læn
weak (wac)	veikr
take	niman
anger	torn, grama, irre

bark
wing
sky
window

rind
feþra
uprodor/wolcen
eagþyrel

Words brought into English from Old Norse which had no equivalent in Old English

call, die, rugged, flat, tight, kid, steak, anger, awe, bait, boon, crooked, saw, wand, wrong, freckle

Old Norse supplied English with useful pair of synonyms

English

shatter

sick

carve

wish

craft

hide

no

whole

rear

from

Norse

scatter

ill

cut

want

skill

skin

nay

hale

raise

fro

Words which entered into English from Old Norse after 1000

nouns

band, booth, bull, dirt, down (feathers), egg, fellow, freckle, kneel, kid, leg, link, reindeer, reef, scab, scales, scrap, seat, sister, skin, skirt, sky, snare, steak, swain, window, birch, boon, gait, gap, guess, loan, race, rift, score, skill, slaughter, snare, stack, swain, thrift, tidings, trust, want, window

verbs

call, crawl, die, get, give, lift, raise, rid, scare, take, cast, clip, crave, droop, gape, kindle, nag, scowl, snub, sprint, thrust

adjectives

flat, loose, low, odd, tight, weak, awkward, ill, meek, sly, rotten, tattered, muggy

pronouns

they, their, them, both, same, though, till

Words which begin with "sk" normally came from Danes

scalp, scrape, scrub, scare, scathe, score, skate, skew, ski, skid, skill, skin, skip, skirt, skull, sky

Appendix 4

Germanic and English Cognates of some of the most common words

English	Frisian	Dutch	German	Swedish	Danish
cheese	tsiis	kaas	Käse	ost	ost
day	dei	dag	Tag	dag	dag
goose	goes	gans	Gans	gås	gås
through	troch	door	durch	igennem	igennem
yesterday	juster	gisteren	gestern	i går	i går
sun	sinne	zon	Sonne	sol	sol
fox	foks	vos	Fuchs	räv	ræv
sit	sitte	zitten	Sitzen	sitta	sidde
book	boek	boek	Buch	bok	bog, bestille
red	read	rood	Rot	röd	rød
sleep	sliepe	slapen	Schlafen	sova	sove søvn
night	natt	nacht	nacht	nat	
snow	snie	sneeuw	schnee	snö	sne
seven	sân	zeven	sieben	sju	syv
foot	foet	voet	fuss	fot	fod, pote
fish	fisk	vis	fisch	fisk	fiske, fisk
heart	hert	hart	herz	hjärta	hjerte
ten		tien	zehn	tio	ti
tooth	tosk	tand	zahn	tand	tand
eat	eat, ite	eten	essen	äta, fört	ära æde

sword	swurd	zwaard	Schwert	svärd, värja	
path	paad	pad	Pfad	stig, bana	sti
hand	han	hand	Hand	hand	hånd
help	helpe	helpen	helfen	hjälp,	hjalpa
three	trije	drie	drei	tre	þrír
heart	hert	hart	Herz	hjärta	hjarta
oak	iik	eik	Eiche	ek	eik

English

cheese

day

goose

yesterday

sun

fox

sit

book

red

sleep

night

snow

seven

Norwegian

ost

dag

gås

i går

sol

rev

sitte

bok

rød

sove, søvn

natt

sne

sju

foot	fot
fish	fisk, fiske
heart	hjerte
ten	ti
tooth	tann
eat	fortære
path	sti
hand	hand
help	hjelp
three	tre
heart	hjerte
oak	eik

Appendix 5

Old English

eam
anda
andig
andian
æþele
æþeling
dryhten/ frea
leod
dema

French (replacement)

uncle
envy
envious
to envy
noble
nobleman
prince
people
judge

dom	judgment
cyphere	witness
firen	crime
scyldig	guilty
here	army
cempa	warrior
sibb	peace
blæd	flower
bleo	color
adl	disease
ieldu	age
lof	praise
lyft	air
hold	gracious
earn	poor
sltpe	cruel
gecynde	natural
wuldor	glory
wlite	beauty
wlitig	beautiful
andettan	confess
beorgan	preserve, defend
bieldan/ elnian	encourage

dihtan	compose
flitan	contend
healsian	implore
herian	praise
leanian	reward
miltsian	pity

Appendix 6

French words which came into English

1066-1250

abbot, canon, cardinal, clergy, countess, empress, duke, court, rent, cell,
 justice, miracle, Baptist, dame, prince, chapel, image, lion, reason,
 pilgrim, saint, virgin, obedience, religion, sermon, prophet, patriarch,
 archangel, circumcision, sacrament, fruit, sepulcher, custom, admiral,
 crown, astronomy, council, journey, rob, large, silence, dangerous,
 jealous, glutton, joy, tempt, witness, chapter, lesson, story, medicine,
 confessor, constable, heir, chair, butler, peace, justice, uncle, aunt,
 cousin, lamp, rose, catch, change, mercy, poor, rich, wait, ,prove, war,
 arrive, pay

1250-1350

action, cost, deceit, dozen, ease, fault, force, grief, labor, number, opinion, pair, piece, season, sound, square, substance, task, use, bucket, calendar, face, gum, , metal, mountain, ocean, people, actual, brief, certain, clear, common, contrary, eager, easy, final, honest, real, second, single, solid, strange, sudden, usual, allow, apply, approach, arrange, carry, close, continue, count, cover, defeat, destroy, excuse, force, form, increase, inform, join, move, please, proceed, push, remember, travel

By 1300 the following French words were already used in English

nouns

action, adventure, affection, age, air, bucket, bushel, calendar, carpenter, cheer, city, coast, comfort, cost, country, courage, courtesy, coward, crocodile, cruelty, damage, debt, deceit, dozen, ease, envy, error, face, faggot, fame, fault, flower, folly, force, hour, joy, malice, manner, marriage, metal, mountain, number ocean, odor, order, pair, person, piece, point, poverty, powder, power, quality, quart, rage, reason, river, scandal, seal, season, sign, sound, sum, tailor, tavern, unity, use, vision, waste

adjectives

able, abundant, active, actual, amiable, amorous, barren, blank, brief, calm, certain, chaste, chief, clear, common, contrary, courteous, cruel, double, eager, easy, faint, feeble, fierce, final, firm, foreign, frail, frank, gay, gentle, gracious, hasty, honest, horrible, innocent, jolly, liberal, malicious, mean, moist, natural, nice, obedient, original, perfect, pliant, poor, principal

verbs

advance, advise, aim, allow, apply, approach, arrange, arrive, betray, butt, carry, change, chase, close, comfort, commence, complain, conceal, consider, continue, count, cry, cull, deceive, declare, defeat, defer, defy, delay, desire, destroy, embrace, enclose, endure, enjoy, enter, err, excuse, flatter, flourish, force, forge, form, furnish, grant, increase, inform, inquire, join, languish, launch, mount, move, murmur, muse, nourish, obey, oblige, observe, pass, pay, pierce, pinch, please, practice, praise, prefer, proceed, propose, prove, purify, pursue, push, quit, receive, refuse, rejoice, relieve, remember, reply, rinse, rob, satisfy, save, scald, serve, spoil, strangle, strive, shun, succeed, summon, suppose, surprise, tax, tempt, trace, travel, tremble, wait, waive, waste, wince

Law

plea, suit, plaintiff, defendant, judge, advocate, attorney, bill, petition, complaint, inquest, summons, hue and cry, indictment, jury, juror, panel, felon, evidence, proof, bail, ransom, judgment, verdict, sentence, decree, award, punishment, prison

Fashion and Social Life

apparel, habit, gown, robe, garment, attire, cape, coat, frock, collar, veil, train, chemise, petticoat, lace, embroidery, buckle, button, to embellish, to adorn

colors

blue, brown, vermilion, scarlet, saffron, russet, tawny

fruit, food, herbs, and etc.

raisin, fig, date, grape, orange, lemon, cherry, peach, confection, pasty, tart, jelly, spice, clove, thyme, herb, mustard, vinegar, cinnamon, nutmeg, to roast, to boil, to stew, to fry, to broach, to blanch, to grate, to mince

Art, Learning, and Medicine

art, painting, sculpture, music, beauty, color, figure, image, tone, title, volume, chapter, parchment, paper, pen

Post 1350

adolescence, appellation, tort, combustion, distribution, immensity,
pacification, representation, sumptuous

Other words from French adopted into English:

fashion, gown, robe, lace, button, boot, satin, fur, ruby, pearl, blue
dinner, supper, taste, feast, tension, beef, veal, mutton, pork, toast,
cream, sugar, salad, lettuce, fruit, cherry, peach, herb, roast, boil, stew,
fry, grate, mince, goblet, saucer, plate, platter, table, palace, mansion,
ceiling, chimney, tower, porch, curtain, lamp, medicine, physician,
surgeon, pain, stomach, place, part, use, city, line, state, sure, change,
close, course, pay, please, face, quit, coat, brown, air, country, flower,
hour, manner, noise, number, people, river, able, large, nice, poor, real,
safe, second, carry, move, pass, wait, to preach, to pray, to change, to
repent, to confess, to adore, to sacrifice, to convert, to anoint, to ordain,
to usurp, to oppress, to repeal

Appendix 7
The etymology of irregular verbs in English

List one

Those verbs which entered into English prior to 900:

to arise

to be

to bear

to beat

to become

to break

to burn

can

to cling

to come

to creep

to deal

to do

to draw

to drink

to drive

to drop

to eat

to fall

to feel

to fly

forbear

to forego

to forget

to forgive

to give

to go

to grow

to hang

to have

to hear

to hide

to hold

to know

to lead

to lean

to leap

to learn

to leave

lend

to let

to lie

to light

to lose

to make

may

to mean

to meet

to read

to ride

to ring

to say

to see

to seek

to sell

to send

to set

to sew

to shake

to shear

to shine

to shoot

to show

shrink

to sing

to sit

to slay

to sleep

to sow

to speak

to spin

to spring

to stand

to steal

to string

to swear

to swell

to swim

to swing

to teach

to tear

to tell

to think

to tread

to understand

to wake

to wear

to weave

to weep

to win

to wind

to wring

to write

List two

Those verbs which entered into English prior to 1150:

to awake

to back

to backbite

to begin

to bend

to bind

to bite

to bleed

to blow

to breed

to bring

to build

to burst

to buy

to choose

to feed

to feel

to fight

to forbid

to grind

to hit

to keep

to kneel

to prove

to put

to rise

to run

to shed

to sink

to slide

to slink

to smell

to spend

to spill

to stick

to sting

to stink

to stride

to strike

to take

to throw

List three

Those verbs which entered into English after 1175:

to backslide (entered into English between 1575 to 1585)

to bet (1585-95)

to browbeat (1575-85/ brow (before 1000))

to catch (from Latin and Norman French/ 1175-1275)

to cost (entered English between 1200 to 1275/ Anglo-French)

to cut (entered English between 1175 to 1225 from Old English 'cyttan'
akin to Old Swedish 'kotta' and Old Norse 'kuti')

to dig (entered English between 1275 to 1375/ derived from Old English
'dic' (ditch) which entered into the language before 900)

to fling (entered English between 1275-1300)

to foretell (entered English between 1250-1300)

to get (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old Norse 'geta'
(to obtain, to beget)

to hurt (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old French
'heuter' and Old Norse 'hrutr')

to lay (entered English between 1300-1350 derived from Middle French)

to pay (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle French 'payen' which had been derived from Old French paier)

to quit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old French 'quite')

to rid (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English 'ryddan' (to trash) which was derived for ryhja (to clear)

to sling (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old Norse 'slyngva' (to sling) Old English slingan (to wind or twist)

to slit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from the Germanic 'schlitzten (to split or slit) Old English 'slite' (a slit), Anglo-Saxon 'slitan' (to tear or break through) Danish 'slide'

to sneak (entered English between 1590-1600 derived from Middle English 'sniken' Old English 'snican'

to spell (entered English between 1250-1300 derived from Old French 'espeller' Old English 'spellian' (to announce) Old High German - spellon Old Norse spjalla

to split (entered English between 1570-1580 derived from Middle English 'splitten' Dutch 'splitten' which is akin to Middle High German 'splizen' German 'spleissen'

to spoil (entered English between 1300-1350 derived from Middle English spoilen Old French espoillier Latin spoliare)

to spread (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English sprædan Middle English spreden)

to strive (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Middle English 'striven' (to quarrel, to strive) Old French 'estriver' Dutch strijven German 'streben' (to strive)

to sweep (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'swepen' Old English 'gesepa' German 'schweifen')

to thrive (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle English thriven Old Norse 'thrifast' (to thrive)

to thrust (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'thrusten' Old Norse 'thrysta' (to force or press)

to try (entered English between 1250-1300 derived from Middle English 'trien' (to try a legal case) Anglo-French and Old French 'trier' Late Latin tritare (to separate the corn from the stalk) Latin 'trilus' (to thresh corn)