

THE BODY:

A TREASURE

TROVE OF

MEANINGS IN

ENGLISH

Indo-European Languages

Germanic

North Germanic

East Norse

Danish Swedish

West Norse

Icelandic Norwegian

Germanic

East Germanic

Gothic

Germanic

West Germanic

High German

German

Low German

Low German

Old Frisian Old English

Frisian Middle English

***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

Latin **(Romance)**

French Italian Spanish Portuguese Romanian Catalan
Provençal

Other Languages in the Indo-European Family of Languages

Hellenic Greek

Celtic (Keltic) Languages
Breton Irish Scots Gaelic Welsh

Slavic
Bulgarian Czech Macedonian Polish Russian Slovak
Slovenian Ukrainian Serbo-Croatian

Indo-Iranian
Sanskrit
Bengali Hindi Punjabi Urdu

Old Persian
Persian

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.

THE BODY:

A TREASURE TROVE OF MEANINGS IN ENGLISH

VOLUME 10: THE TOOTH/TEETH, CHIN, JAW, CHEEK, THROAT, SHOULDER AND CHEST

Tooth / Teeth

(entered into English before 900)

**Old and Middle English toth, Old
Norse tonn, Dutch tand,
German Zahn, Afrikaans tand,
Danish tand, Flemish tand kies,
Frisian tosk, Icelandic tönn,
Norwegian tann, Swedish tand,
Swiss German Zah, Greek odont,
Latin dens, French dent,
Spanish diente**

Prefixes and Suffix which pertain to **tooth/teeth:**

odont-, odontia-, odonto- (Greek:
tooth/teeth)

odon-, ondonic- (Greek: **tooth/teeth**)

dent-, denti- (Latin: **tooth/teeth**)

gingi-, gingivo- (Latin: **gum/gums**)

-odont, -odontic, -odontoid (Greek:
tooth)

peri- (Greek: **around (gum/gums)**)

tooth

1. hard bodies attached to the jaw used to masticate food or as a weapon
2. (animal) tusk, fang
3. projection, tip, barb, spine, spike, snag
4. liking, taste, relish, gusto, flavor
5. predilection, preference, weakness, taste, fancy
6. (informal) cup of tea

toothache

to have pain in one's tooth

I have the worst **toothache**.

toothbrush

a small brush which one's uses to clean one's tooth

tooth fairy

an imaginary magical figure who grants wishes

My **tooth fairy** left me a dollar under my pillow.

toothless

1. without teeth
2. weak, feeble, useless, lacking in force, ineffectual, powerless
This law is **toothless**.
3. (more stylistic) inapt, impotent, inefficacious, inept, impuissant,

nugatory, craven

4. (informal) mealy-mouthed, **spineless**, wishy-washy, **without a backbone**, craven, yellow, cowardly, weak-kneed,
5. (slang to vulgar) candy-assed, effete, lame, half-assed, effeminate,

toothsome

1. appetizing in aroma and appearance, delicious, flavorful, scrumptious, tasty, good tasting
The dinner that she cooked last night were **toothsome**.
2. (more stylized) delectable, tempting, relishable, savory, enviable, desirable, luscious, succulent, savory, palatable, succulent
3. (informal) yummy, **finger-lickin'**, **finger-lickin' good**, **toothsome**
4. curvy, shapely, pretty, cute, striking, attractive, desirable, beautiful
5. (more stylized) voluptuous, well-endowed, come-hither, provocative, ravishing, comely
6. (informal) sexy, **eye-catching**, **eye-filling**, winning
7. (slang) busty, foxy, sexy, built, stacked, having a body that could kill

false teeth

dentures

milk teeth

one's first or baby teeth
Her **milk teeth** are coming in.

sweet tooth

to like food which is sweet
I've always had a sweet tooth

as scarce as a hen's teeth

1. rare, uncommon, atypical, not in abundance, too little, seldom, out of the ordinary, sparse, scant, infrequently, meager, very little
This is **as scarce as a hen's teeth**.
2. (more stylistic) at a premium, exiguous, scant
3. (informal) not to be had, be unheard of, tight, few and far between, in short supply, not be had for love or money, spread here and there, trifling
4. (slang) skimpy, scrimpy, scanty, piddling

by the skin of one's teeth

1. only, barely, scarcely, only just, narrowly, just, by a narrow margin
She was so lucky; she only passed the test **by the skin of her teeth**.
2. **by a hair's breath**, by a little, **by a nose**, by an inch, no more than, almost not **by a head, by a hair**

in the teeth of

in defiance of, **in the face of** or opposition to
He maintained his defiance **in the teeth** of great opposition.

long in the tooth

1. to be getting on in years, not be so young, advance in years, old, elderly, aged, or a senior citizen
He is **long in the tooth**.
2. (informal) to be getting up there, be senile, decrepit, or teetering, be in one's declining years, be daft or dotty, be past one's prime, over the hill, decrepit, old as the hills, on in years, gray-haired, of greater years, in the winter of one's life or up in years
3. (slang) to be decrepit, grizzly, ancient, doddering, tottering, in one's second childhood, in one's dotage or no longer in full command

tooth and nail

1. fiercely, vehemently, intensely, frantically, fervently, intently, ferociously, avidly, savagely
She fought him **tooth and nail**.
2. (more stylistic) ardently, fervently, keenly, zealously, fervidly, perfervidly, unmitigatedly
3. (informal) with all one's might, **with all one's heart, with all one's soul, wholeheartedly, heartily**, with might and main, hammer and tong, with abandon, with all one's strength, gun-ho

to the teeth

1. totally, completely, fully, thoroughly, in full, entirely, in total, in toto, in totality
He will not be easy to bring down; he's armed **to the teeth**.
2. (informal) **from head to toe**, inside out, cap-a-pie, root and branch, **length and breath, from tip to toe**, to the brim, nothing short of 100%, from A to Z, A to Zed, alpha and omega, **head to foot**
3. (slang) whole hog, to the max, to the hilt

to bare one's teeth

1. to display or show one's anger, be bristled, infuriated or aroused
Don't **bare your teeth** to me!
2. to snarl, growl, get one's back up, raise one's hackle, be stirred up
If you get him angry, he will definitely **bare his teeth**.

to be a bit long in the tooth

1. to be getting on in years, not be so young, advance in years, old, elderly, aged, or a senior citizen
Don't you think that she **is a bit long in the tooth**?
2. (informal) to be getting up there, be senile, decrepit, or teetering, be in one's declining years, be daft or dotty, be past one's prime, over the hill, decrepit, old as the hills, on in years, gray-haired, of greater years, in the winter of one's life or up in years
3. (slang) to be decrepit, grizzly, ancient, doddering, tottering, in one's second childhood, in one's dotage or no longer in full command

to be a bit too long in the tooth

1. to be getting on in years, not be so young, advance in years, old, elderly, aged, or a senior citizen
Don't you think that he **is a bit too long in the tooth** for this type of work?
2. (informal) to be getting up there, be senile, decrepit, or teetering, be in one's declining years, be daft or dotty, be past one's prime, over the hill, decrepit, old as the hills, on in years, gray-haired, of greater years, in the winter of one's life or up in years
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to be armed to the teeth

1. to be armed totally, completely, fully, thoroughly, in full, entirely, in total, in toto or in totality
He **was armed to the teeth**.
2. (informal) to be armed **from head to toe**, inside out, cap-a-pie, root and branch, **length and breadth**, **from tip to toe**, to the brim, nothing short of 100%, from A to Z, A to Zed, alpha and omega, **head to foot**, from stem to stern
3. (slang) whole hog, to the max, to the hilt

to be clean as a hound's tooth

1. to be clean, unsoiled, unstained, untouched, uncontaminated, unblemished, untarnished or unspoiled
She **is as clean as a hound's tooth**.
2. (more stylistic) to be irreprehensible, immaculate, untainted, undebased, unsullied, irreproachable, unfouled, pristine, unimpeachable
3. (informal) to be snow white, spic and span, above suspicion, snowy white

to be cutting a tooth

to be growing a new tooth

The baby is crying because he **is cutting a tooth**.

to be cutting one's tooth

to be growing a new tooth

She crying so much because she **is cutting her tooth**.

to be dressed to the teeth

1. to be dressed very well, superbly, splendidly, or stupendously, be in fine fashion, fashionable, stylish or elegant
She really looks nice. She **is dressed to the teeth**.

2. (informal) to be well turned out, nifty classy, primped, natty, snazzy, trim, dapper, swank, smart, swanky, dashing, preened, classy
3. (slang) to be dressed to the nines or to the hilt, dressed to kill, spiffy, all dude up, dolled up, chic, ritzy, gussied up

to be fed up to the back of the teeth with

1. to be exasperated or disgusted with, be scandalized, annoyed, sick, tired or weary of
He **is fed up to the back of the teeth with** his brother.
2. (informal) to be sick of, fed up with, sick and tired of, or fed to the gills, have it up to here
3. (slang) to be pissed with, turned off, put off, fed to the grill, grossed out, be dog tired of, be done in, have it up to here

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to be full to the back teeth

1. drunk, tipsy
2. (more stylistic) to be drunk as a piper, having a glow, besotted, intoxicated, in one's cup, inebriated, sodden, drunk as a lord

3. (informal) to **be glassy eyed**, groggy, feeling good, saturated, woozy, **bleary eyed**, high, mellow or **full to the back teeth**
4. (slang) to be tight, pickled, loaded, lit, **pie-eyed**, lubricated lit up, stewed, drunk as a skunk, feeling no pain

to be given more teeth

1. to be given more power, be fortified, embolden, empowered or tenacity, make strong, make stronger, buttress or strengthened
At last! The law **was given more teeth**.
2. (informal) to be given guts, spunk, **backbone**, **nerve**, sinew, pluck, **intestinal fortitude**, grit, **muscles**, steeliness or sinews, build, shore, prop up, **hearten**, **be give a shot in the arm**
3. (slang) to buck up, boost up

to be kicked in the teeth

1. to be betrayed, injured, harmed or hurt by a loved-one, undermine, subvert
I **was kicked in the teeth** by my aunt's betrayal.
2. (more stylistic) to breach, transgress, flaunt or violate someone's faith, make a mockery,
3. (informal) to **be kicked in the guts**, **stabbed in the back**, do dirt, double-crossed, **knifed in the back**, foul up, sold out, play Judas, give the Judas kiss, do a number on, make a fool of

to be like pulling teeth

1. to be tough, difficult, hard, strenuous, not easy, trying, rough, laborious, thorny, baffling, grueling, taxing
Teaching that class **is like pulling teeth**.

2. (more stylized) to be arduous, toilsome, unfathomable, formidable, rigorous, tedious, insoluble, onerous
3. (informal) to be an uphill battle, Herculean, uphill, rough, tough, knotty, tough-sledding, backbreaking
4. (slang) hard as hell, be a hell of a job, wicked, nasty, hell

to be long in the tooth

1. to be getting on in years, not be so young, advance in years, old, elderly, aged, or a senior citizen
Look at him. There is no doubt that he **is long in the tooth.**
2. (informal) to be getting up there, be senile, decrepit, or teetering, be in one's declining years, be daft or dotty, be past one's prime, over the hill, decrepit, old as the hills, on in years, gray-haired, of greater years, in the winter of one's life or up in years
3. (slang) to be decrepit, grizzly, ancient, doddering, tottering, in one's second childhood, in one's dotage or no longer in full command

to be no skin off my teeth

1. to be of no importance or no consequence, be of no interest or concern, be uninterested, disinterested, removed, detached, unconcerned, aloof, or oblivious
Whatever you decide to do, it **is no skin off my teeth.**
2. (more stylistic) to be nonchalant, blasé, apathetic, phlegmatic, pococurante, incurious, insouciant, uninquisitive, lackadaisical
3. (French) sans souci

4. (informal) to be devil may care, above it all, cut off, numb, free and easy, happy-go-lucky

to be sick to the teeth of

1. to be exasperated or disgusted with, be scandalized, annoyed, sick, tired or weary of
I **am sick to the teeth of** his nagging.
2. (informal) to be sick of, fed up with, sick and tired of, or fed to the gills, have it up to here
3. (slang) to be pissed with, turned off, put off, fed to the grill, grossed out, be dog tired of, be done in, have it up to here

to be sick to the back of the teeth with

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to be teeth chattering

1. to be cold, shivering or shaking, tremble, have the shivers, the chills, or goose bumps
2. (informal) to be frozen stiff, chilled to the bone or chilled to the marrow, frozen solid

to be teething

to be growing or cutting one's teeth

The baby has a fever because she **is teething**.

to be toothsome

1. to appetizing in aroma and appearance, delicious, flavorful, scrumptious, tasty or good tasting
The cakes that she bake **were toothsome**.
2. (more stylized) to be delectable, tempting, relishable, savory, enviable, desirable, luscious, succulent, savory, palatable, or succulent
3. (informal) to be yummy, **finger-lickin'**, **finger-lickin' good** or **toothsome**
4. to be nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, pretty, beautiful or well-built
She **is toothsome**.
5. (highly stylized) to be lovely, artistic, exquisite, in grand-style, well-endowed, voluptuous, interesting, appealing or stunning
6. (informal) to be good-looking, have good looks, **pleasing to eye**, **easy on the eye**, easy to look at or not hard to look at, **eye-filling**, well-shaped, proportioned, pleasing, inviting, **tooth-some**, **eye-catching** or tempting
7. (slang) to be **eye-candy**, stacked, **full-bosomed**, built, built like a brick house, shapely, busty or curvaceous
8. (slang to vulgar) to be comely, great looking behind, desirable or come-hither

to clench one's teeth

1. to gnash, grit, grate, or lock together one's teeth
Whenever I am angry, instead of exploding, I **clenched**

my teeth.

2. to subdue, master, subjugate, restrain, restrict, or stay one's emotions
I **clench my teeth** whenever I go into my boss' office; otherwise, I'll do something that I'll later regret.
3. to get the better of, keep in check, curb, harness, cork up, box up, block, or keep in hold one's emotions

to cast in someone's teeth

1. to rebuke someone by mentioning or alluding to a past error or indiscretion
I am tired of you **casting in my teeth** what happened last summer. It's over.
2. (informal) to throw or bring up one's past behavior as a reproof

to cut a tooth

to have a tooth penetrate or cut through one's gums
He's crying so much because he is **cutting a tooth**.

to cut one's eye-teeth on

to gain or acquire one's first experience in
He **cut his eye-teeth on** being an insurance agent.

to draw the teeth of someone

1. to make a dangerous person harmless, to weaken, debilitate, incapacitate, disable, enfeeble, deplete, or sap someone considered dangerous
The other leaders **drew the teeth of the dictator**.
2. (more stylized) to enervate, devitalize, emasculate

3. (informal) to take it out of someone, take the starch out of, cripple, hamstring, lame, clip someone's wings, take the wind out of, **break the back of**, put a spoke in one's wheel, put out of action or commission

to fly in the teeth of

1. to defy, challenge, confront, affront, oppose, resist, differ, take exception to
He is always **flying in the teeth of** danger.
2. (more stylized) to demur, affront, thwart, cross counter, oppugn, call into question, cross, contravene, thwart, bring into question, differ
3. to scoff at, **thumb one's nose at**, **fly in the face of**, dare, double-dare, **face**, stand up to, throw down the gauntlet at, **snap the fingers at**, **come face to face with**, **face in defiance**, stand up to, **step on the toes of**, **meet face to face**

to get a lot of teeth out

to have a number of teeth removed

If she does not control the disease, she's going to have to **get a lot of teeth out**.

to get a tooth capped

to have a tooth crowned or covered by enamel

He had to **get a number of teeth capped**.

to get one's teeth into

1. to do something with eagerness, enthusiasm, zeal, relish or excitement, vitality, joy or energy, do fiercely, vehemently, intensely, frantically, fervently, intently, ferociously, avidly, savagely
He **get his teeth into** his new job.

2. (more stylistic) to do ardently, fervently, keenly, zealously, fervidly, perfervidly or unmitigatedly, do something with ardor, verve fervor, avidity, passion, exuberance, ebullience
3. (informal) to do with all one's might, gusto a zing or an oomph, **with all one's heart, with all one's soul, wholeheartedly, heartily**, with might and main, hammer and tong, with abandon or with all one's strength, be gun-ho

to get one's tooth pulled

to have one's tooth removed

He had to go to the dentist to **get his tooth pulled**.

to give one's eye-teeth

1. to be willing to give everything to get something
I would **give my eye-teeth** to get that house.
2. (informal) to be willing to sell one's soul to the devil, sell one's own mother or grandmother to get something

to give teeth to

1. to be given more power, be fortified, embolden, empowered or tenacity, make strong, make stronger, buttress or strengthened
They **gave teeth to** the bill.
2. (informal) to be given guts, spunk, **backbone, nerve**, sinew, pluck, **intestinal fortitude**, grit, **muscles**, steeliness or sinews, build, shore up, prop up, **hearten, be give a shot in the arm**
3. (slang) to buck up, boost up, beef up

to gnash one's teeth

1. to grind, grate, clench, or lock together one's teeth
Whenever I am angry, instead of exploding, I **clenched my teeth**.
2. to regret, lament, or bemoan bitterly one's action
The employee **gnashed his teeth** when he realized what he had said.
3. (informal) to rue, rue the day, kick oneself, curse one's behavior or folly, curse the day, wish undone
4. to be angry or upset about someone's success
Every time she would see her sister on TV she would **gnash her teeth**.
5. (informal) to be perturbed with, beside oneself with, fit to be tied by someone's success
6. (slang) be freaked out by, pissed or peeved with, ticked off with or by someone else's success

to go at it tooth and nail

1. to fight, battle, clash, go to war, be at war,
These children are beyond control; they are always **going at it tooth and nail**.
2. to do battle, have an encounter, come to blows, have a violent encounter, cross swords, bandy words,
3. (informal) to lock horns, argue, brawl, fistfight, bicker, take up arms
4. (slang) to brawl, go at it, do battle, go to war

to go over something with a fine-tooth comb

1. to inspect, scrutinize, analyze, or examine critically and thoroughly and completely
The detective **went through the investigation with a fine tooth comb.**
2. (informal) to go over, sift through, check into, rake through, look high and low, turn everything upside down, turn inside out

to grind one's teeth

1. to grit, gnash, rasp, grasp
He **grinds his teeth** at night.
2. to divert, curb, suppress, restrain, detain or repress one's anger
She **ground her teeth** during the argument.
3. (more stylized) to arrest, impede, preclude, abort, obviate, inhibit
4. (informal) to hamper, tie up, stifle, muzzle, choke, dam up, harness, or block one's anger, nip in the bud, put an end to, fend, ward or stave off

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to have a sweet tooth

to have a liking or craving for sweets

The reason we're so fat is that we **have a sweet tooth**.

to have a tooth out

to have one's tooth removed

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to have no teeth

1. to not have any power or strength, be powerless, impotent, incapable, ineffectual, incapacitated, ineffective, weak, useless
This government **has no teeth**.
2. (more stylistic) to be inapt, impuissant, inept, inefficacious, nugatory or debilitated, be for naught
3. to have one's wings clipped, have no purpose, have the winds taken out of one's sails, have a spoke in one's wheels, be good for nothing, be no go, **be sidelined**, no good

to have one's tooth pulled

to have one's tooth removed

As a result of the accident, he **had his back tooth pulled**.

to have one's teeth pulled

to have one's teeth removed

Because he had to **have all his teeth pulled**; he's now wearing dentures.

to lie in one's teeth

1. to lie, deceive, not say the truth, mislead, tell a falsehood, tell a white lie, tell a lie, hide or disguise the truth, lie shamelessly, without any embarrassment
She is always **lying in her teeth**. Don't listen to her!
2. (more stylistic) to prevaricate, fabricate, exaggerate the truth, deviate from the truth, euphemize, be untruthful, evade the truth, misspeak
3. (informal) to make out of whole cloth, lead down the garden path, **lie in one's throat**, doctor, slant, color, gloss, dress up, embellish, puff up, twist the truth, varnish the truth, **talk with crossed fingers**, mince or stretch the truth, lie like a trooper or a rug, **speak with a fork tongue**

to lie through one's teeth

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to mutter between clenched teeth

1. to talk between closed, shut or locked teeth
He is always **muttering between clenched teeth** instead of speaking up.
2. (informal) to grouse, gripe, growl, fuss, or complain in a low tone so that one is only barely heard, to mumble, grumble, snarl, bellyache, kick up a fuss

3. (vulgar) to bitch

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to pull one's own tooth

to remove one's own tooth
The tooth hurt so bad that he **pulled his own tooth** himself.

to put teeth in

1. to establish or increase effectiveness of, strengthen, fortify, make potent, forcible, operative, be made effective, serviceable, effectual
He **put enough teeth** into the contract so that it had the force of law.
2. (more stylistic) to be made potent, efficacious, puissant, vehement, incontestable

3. (informal) to have clout, sway, or impact, make more weighty, carry weight, made weighty, be made to carry a lot of weight, be more than a match for, solid as a rock or oak
4. to be packing a punch or wallop

to set one's teeth

1. to grate, grit, clench, lock, grind one's teeth
2. to suppress one's anger or rage
I normally **set my teeth** when I am very angry.
3. (informal) to choke or shut off, curb, hold back, muzzle, hold in, gag, keep down one's anger or rage

to set one's teeth on edge

1. to create an unpleasant sensation
Chalk on the board **sets my teeth on edge**.
2. to repel, revolt, offend, be obnoxious or repugnant
She **sets my teeth on edge**.
3. (more stylistic) to be rank, noisome, fulsome, noxious, execrable
4. (informal) to fill with loathing, give one the creeps, **make one's hair stand on end**, make one shudder, go against the grain
5. to anger, chafe, irritate, peeve
6. (more stylistic) to irritate, vex, irk, exasperate, incense, provoke, pique, nettle

7. (informal) to stick in one's craw, miff, ruffle, put off, grate, **grate on one's nerves**, **put one's nose out of joint**, **tread on one's toes**, rub the wrong way, grate on, **get under one's skin**, **get someone's back up**, rile
8. (slang) to tick off, tee off

to show one's teeth

1. to display or show one's anger or ire
Don't **show your teeth to me!**
2. (informal) to snarl, growl, **get one's back up**, raise one's hackle, lash into a fury
If you get him angry, he will definitely **show his teeth**.
3. to challenge, confront, affront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy
He **showed us his teeth** as to dare us to react.
4. (informal) to taunt, throw down the gauntlet, **look straight in the eye**, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, tempt Providence, court decision, go in harm's way
5. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn

to sink one's teeth into

1. to grasp, bite into, grip, clamp down on, gripe
The puppy **sank his teeth** into the other puppy's tail.
2. to do something with appetite, eagerness, relish, enthusiasm, gusto, satisfaction, excitement or vigor
He **sank his teeth** into his new job.
3. (more stylized) to do with avidity, zest, ardor, zeal, vim or

keenness

to take the bit between one's teeth

1. to **take the law into one's own hand**, resist, mutiny, overthrow, rebel, revolt, oppose authority
I **took the bit between my teeth** and readied myself to die if necessary.
2. (stylized) to say no, defy authority, mount the barricades, raise one's voice against, throw down the gauntlet, insubordinate
3. (informal) to take to the street, rock the boat, kick over the traces, throw down, rise up in arms

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to take the teeth out of

1. to lessen, weaken, undermine, take the strength out of, handicap, disable, impair, disarm, cause to be helpless, make harmless
2. to render powerless, incapacitate, enfeeble, devitalize, clip the wings out, emasculate, debilitate, enervate, render defenseless

3. to unman, pull the rug out from under, take the starch out of, take the wind out of

to talk between one's teeth

1. to talk between closed, shut or locked teeth, not say, or say in a low voice, what one really feels so as not to suffer the consequences, mumble, speak or talk incoherently, mutter, murmur
Stop **talking between your teeth** and speak clearly.
2. to indirectly show one's anger or displeasure
I can always tell when he is angry because he talks **between his teeth**.
3. to (informal) to grouse, gripe, growl, fuss, or complain in a low tone so that one is only barely heard, to mumble, grumble, snarl, bellyache, kick up a fuss

4. (vulgar) to bitch

to throw in someone's teeth

1. to reproach someone by referring to or calling attention to a past error or indiscretion
She is always **throwing in his teeth** the affair that he had ten years ago.
2. (informal) to pointing out or **throwing up in one's face** one's past behavior as a reproof, rehash, go over the same ground

to tooth a tool

to fix a tool by replacing the points parts that sick out from the edge of the tool

These laws don't have any teeth

1. to not contain the power, impact, or force necessary so that the laws are respected and obeyed
2. (informal) to not have the punch, wallop, clout required so that the laws are held in high regard and followed

to teethe

to be growing new teeth

When a baby is **teething** he cries quite a bit.

teething

the process of growing teeth

For some babies, **teething** is a very painful process.

saw toothed

sharp and uneven or jagged

toothy

1. to have a great number of teeth
2. to display or show one's teeth
She is always giving one of those toothy smiles.
3. to be appetizing or full of flavor

Chin

(entered into English before 1000)

Old and Middle English **cin(n)**,

Old Norse **kinn**, Dutch **kin**,

German **Kinn chin**, Danish

hage, Frisian **kin**, Swedish

haka, Norwegian **hake**, Latin

mentum, French **menton**,

Spanish **mentón**

**Prefixes and Suffix which pertain
to chin:**

ment-, **mentum-** (Latin: **chin**)

chin

the front part of the face directly below the mouth

to chin

1. to talk, converse, communicate with, have a conversation
to talk at length, talk for a long period of time, pass the time talking
2. (informal) to shoot the breeze, chat, chit-chat, schmooze, bat breeze
3. (slang) to chew the fat, chew the rag, gas, gab, bull, shoot the bull, rattle, **beat one's gum**

chin-chin

1. nonsense, small talk, table talk, gossip, idle talk
2. (informal) chatter, gab, chitter-chatter, prattle
3. (slang) fiddle-faddle, rigmarole, poppycock
4. gossip, telling of secrets, divulging information, betraying confidences, spreading of stories

chin deep

1. being too much, overwhelming, arduous, difficult, overextended, formidable, beyond one's capacity or comprehension, overreach, overleap, overrate or overestimate one's own ability, drowning, being immersed, overwhelmed by, overpowered, or overcome by
He is **chin deep** in hot water.
2. (more stylistic) being submersed in, submerged, engulfed, inundated or deluged by

3. being knocked for a loop, in too deep, swallowed, swallowed up, snowed under, bowled over, **knocked off one's feet** or **over one's head**, having bitten off more than one can chew
4. (in reference to being in debt) owing everyone, being overloaded or loaded down
I'm **chin deep** in financial obligations.
5. (more stylistic) being weighed down, overtasked, encumbered, overburdened, answerable for or straitened, beholding, bounding
6. (informal) being in hock, in dire straits, in the red, owe everyone but the kitchen sink, owe everyone in town, being **up to one's ears**, knee-deep in, buried by, overrun by, infested by, up to here, **being up to one's eyes in, up to one's eyeballs in**, being swallowed, swamped, swallowed up by, or snowed in by

chin fur

1. whiskers, stubble, beard, bristles
I don't like a man with **chin fur**. Please shave.
2. (informal) five o'clock shadow, bloom, shadow, beaver, peach fuzz

chin session

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to have a chin job

to have plastic surgery on one's chin

He definitely looks better since **having a chin job**.

to have a chin-wag

1. to have a casual conversation, converse, have a talk, to confer, talk, communicate, or speak with
2. (informal) to shoot the breeze, have a chat, pass the day chatting, have a little talk, parley, coze
3. (slang) to chin, yak, chew the fat, chew the rag, **beat one's gum**, rap, bull

to have a double chin

1. a fold of fat beneath the chin
2. to be fat, obese, stout, large or overweight
My God, how can you find him attractive. He **has a double chin!**
3. (more stylistic) to be fleshy, corpulent, rotund
4. (informal) to be flabby, tubby, pudgy, well-fed, plump, paunchy
5. (slang) to be big as a horse, tubby, pot-bellied

to have a weak chin

1. to be weak, feeble, **weak-minded**, timid, feeble-minded, **To have a weak chin** indicates that someone has inner weakness and feebleness.
2. (informal) to be effete, soft, limp, uncourageous, undaring, unmanly, yellow, having no backbone, spineless, mealy-mouthed, weak-kneed
3. (slang) to be wishy-washy, shilly-shallying, chicken-livered, chicken-hearted, white-livered, lily-livered, half-baked, milksop
4. (slang to vulgar) to be candy-assed, sissyishy, old-womanish, half-assed

to keep one's chin up

1. to tolerate, endure, suffer, sustain, bear, abide, sustain without yielding
Keep your chin up; this will soon be over.
2. (more stylized) to weather, brook, bear it, withstand, sustain, keep the faith, hold out against
3. (informal) to stand, sweat it out, stick it out, tough it out, rough it out, hang in, take it, **take it on the chin**, go through the mill

to make chin

1. to talk, speak, communicate, or converse with
2. (informal) to chatter, chit-chat, shoot the breeze,
3. (slang) to gab, jabber, gabble, **run off at the mouth**

to stick one's chin out

1. to confront, affront, meet, meet defiantly, endure, bear, abide, bear with
Although everyone disagreed with him, he held up his head and **stuck out his chin**.
2. to brook, weather, stomach, stick, take, **face up to**, cope with

to take it on the chin

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
You're going to have to **take it on the chin** whatever he says.
2. (more stylistic) to bear up, brave, brave out, brook, withstand, forbear
3. (informal) to **stomach**, 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 me, ride it out, put up with, swallow, **take it on the chin**, pay the piper, take one's own medicine, swallow a bitter pill, **face the music**
4. (slang) to get what is coming to one, take the rap

Chin-Chin (informal)

Cheers!

Chin up!

Don't despair! Stick in there! Don't lose hope! Keep hope alive!

Jaw

(entered the language 1325-1375)

Middle English jawe jowe,
German Kiefer, Danish kæbe,
Dutch kaak, Flemish kaak,
Swedish käft, Latin maxilla
mala fauces, Old French joue
joe, French mâchoire, Spanish
mandibula quijada

**Prefixes and Suffix which pertain
to **jaw**:**

maxill-, mallixa-, mallixo- (Latin:
jaw)

manidibula- (Latin: **jaw**)

jaw

1. lower part on the skull which borders the mouth and holds the teeth, part of the mouth which moves when one opens one's mouth
2. pincer-type tool of opposing parts which closes to grasp or crush an object, i.e. pliers, clamps, wrench
3. hazardous, threatening, dangerous or perilous situation, a situation fraught with danger
The child was snatched from the **jaws** of death by the quick thinking of the police.
4. walls of a cavern, pass or canyon

to jaw

1. to talk, converse, communicate with, have a conversation
to talk at length, talk for a long period of time, pass the time talking
2. (informal) to shoot the breeze, chat, chit-chat, schmooze, bat breeze
3. (slang) to chew the fat, chew the rag, gas, gab, bull, shoot the bull, rattle, **beat one's gum**
4. to gossip, tell secrets, divulge information, betray confidences, spread stories
5. (informal) to buzz, dish the dirt, **talk behind someone's back**, breathe, whisper, prattle, blather
6. (slang) **run off at the mouth**, **have diarrhea of the mouth**, blab, yak, prattle
7. to reproach, rebuke, castigate, chastise, reprimand, upbraid, scold, berate

8. (informal) to **tongue-lash**, bawl, chew out, wig, rail, revile, bawl out, dress down, **give someone a piece of one's mind**, tell someone a thing or two

jawbreaker

1. a very hard, large, round candy which must be sucked
2. a word which is difficult to say
3. a machine which utilizes its massive jaws to pulverize rock

jawbone

1. tooth bearing bone, upper part of the jaw is called maxilla while the lower part is called the mandible

jaw drops

1. astounded, amazed, surprised, stunned, stupefied, shocked, startled, astonished, confounded or floored
Jaws dropped, when I entered the room.
2. (more stylized) disquieted, discomposed, rendered speechless, disconcerted, nonplussed
3. hit like a ton of bricks, knocked over with a feather, bowled over, **set back on one's heel**, knocked the wind out of, thrown for a loop, **hit between the eyes**, struck dumb, dumbfounded, flabbergasted or taken aback, **have one's breath taken away**, or **eyebrows raised**
4. (slang) blown away, K.O.'d, kayoed, knocked for a loop, blown away

jaw-jaw

(British English) a long, long-winded or pointless conversation

Jaws of Life

type of tool used to get an accident victim out of a vehicle

to be just a lot of jaw

1. to be just a lot of words, nonsense, rubbish, jargon, foolishness, garbage, trash, craziness
2. (informal) to be just a lot of gibberish, babble, blathering, foam, froth or bunk
3. (slang) to be just a lot of bull, fiddle-faddle, malarkey, bushwa, baloney, mumbo-jumbo, drivel, drool, hocus-pocus, or gobbled-gook, crock, eyewash
4. **(vulgar) to be just a bullshit, shit or crap**

to be in the jaws of death

1. to be in great danger or hazard, be at risk
While living with him I felt that I **was in the jaws of death**.
2. (more stylistic) be fraught with danger, be in a situation which is minacious, perilous, precarious, menacing, dubious, minatory or threatening
3. (informal) to be in a dicey, thorny, risky, iffy, scary, ticklish, or hairy situation

to be in the jaws of defeat

1. to be defeated, subdued, overrun, beaten, checkmated, overpowered, triumphed over

He may appear to **be in the jaws of defeat** but he's not.

2. (more stylistic) to be vanquished, overwhelmed, trampled, trounced, thrashed
3. (informal) to be routed, whipped, worsted, clobbered, beat the pants off of or zapped
4. (slang) to be creamed, crushed, licked, polished off or quashed

to be in the jaws of despair

1. to surrender, be in total despair, feel hopeless, be depressed or miserable, have lost hope, quit, sink, lose hope
I can make her listen to me; she **is in the jaw of despair**.
2. (more stylistic) to be distressed, desponded, disheartened, full of dolor, resign oneself to, cry craven
3. (informal) to pine away, give up, lie down and die, lose heart
4. (slang) to give up the ship, throw in the sponge, pack it in,

to drop one's jaw

1. to be astounded, amazed, surprised, stunned, stupefied, shocked, startled, astonished, confounded or floored
I **dropped my jaw** when I heard the news.
2. (more stylized) to be disquieted, discomposed, rendered speechless, disconcerted, nonplussed
3. to be hit like a ton of bricks, knocked over with a feather, bowled over, **set back on one's heel**, knocked the wind out of, thrown for a loop, **hit between the eyes**, struck dumb, dumbfounded,

flabbergasted or taken aback, **have one's breath taken away**, or **eyebrows raised**

3. (slang) to have one's mind blown, be KO'd, kayoed, knocked for a loop or blown away

to have a glass jaw

to be easily knocked out because one's jaw is especially weak, vulnerable, easily hurt or sensitive

His weak point is his jaw. He **has a glass jaw**; hit it and he's down on the canvass.

to have a good old jaw

1. to have a good dialogue, conversation, discussion, or exchange of ideas or talk, to converse, exchange views, compare notes
2. (more stylistic) to converse, confer, deliberate, palaver, consult together,
3. (informal) to have a chat, talk over, chew the fat, shoot the breeze, pass the time of day, chew rag, kick around, thresh over, parley, sit down together
4. (slang) to talk turkey, gab, gossip, hash out, have a powwow

to have a strong jaw

1. to have a strong character, be strong, unequivocal, dogmatic, inflexible, **strong-minded**, steadfast, staunch, determined or **tough-minded**, **be iron-jawed**
I like him; he **has a strong jaw**.
2. (more stylistic) to be defiant, pertinacious, resolute, intransigent, adamant, indefatigable, stalwart, unflagging or persevering

3. to be game, **with a mind of one's own**, **red-bloodied**, **hard-headed**, spirited, cast iron, gritty, mulish, dogged, hell-bent, **stiff-necked**, spunky, plucky, onery, **pig-headed** or sturdy as a Rock of Gibraltar

4. (vulgar) to be hard-assed

to have a weak jaw

1. to be weak, have a weak character, feeble, **weak-minded**, **feeble-minded**, cowardly, fearful, **faint-hearted** or **weak-hearted**
Yes, he's very handsome but he **has a weak jaw**.
2. (more stylistic) to be craven, recreant, pusillanimous, timorous
3. (informal) to be half-baked, **lily-livered**, wishy-wasy, hedging, **mealy-mouthed**, **spineless**, unmanly, be afraid of one's own shadow, **not have a backbone**, **have a backbone of a banana**, **yellow-bellied**
4. (vulgar) to be half-assed, candy-assed

to jawbone

1. to talk into, try to convince by talking, persuade, convince, prevail upon, win, talk into, talk over
Stop trying to **jawbone** me to death. I'm not going to change my mind.
2. (informal) to smooth talk, win over, bring round, made to see the light by talking, sell on, wrangle, rope into, draw over,
3. (slang) to con, hook

to make one's jaw drop

1. to astound, amaze, surprise, stun, stupefy, shock, astonish
What she told me **made my jaw drop**.
2. (more stylized) to disquiet, discompose, render speechless, disconcert, nonplus
3. to hit like a ton of bricks, knock over with a feather, bowl over, **set back on one's heel**, knock the wind out of, **take one's breath away**, throw one for a loop, **raise the eyebrows**, **hit between the eyes**, strike dumb, dumbfound, flabbergast, take aback, be loss for words
4. (slang) to blow away, blow one's mind, KO, kayo, knock for a loop, blow away

to open one's jaw

1. to be astounded, amazed, surprised, stunned, stupefied, shocked, startled, astonished, confounded or floored
I **dropped my jaw** when I heard the news.
2. (more stylized) to be disquiet, discomposed, rendered speechless, disconcerted, nonplussed
3. to be hit like a ton of bricks, knocked over with a feather, bowled over, **set back on one's heel**, knocked the wind out of, thrown for a loop, **hit between the eyes**, struck dumb, dumbfounded, flabbergasted or taken aback, **have one's breath taken away**, or **eyebrows raised**
4. (slang) to have one's mind blown, be KO'd, kayoed, knocked for a loop or blown away

to ride into the jaws of death

1. to purposely put oneself in danger, challenge, defy, or confront danger

When he went on patrol, he **rode into the jaws of death**.

2. to **beard**, march up to the canon mouth, **beard the lion in his den**, **pluck by the beard**, tempt Providence, dance on the razor's edge, **thumb one's nose at**, go in harm's way

to set one's jaw

1. to show one's determination, decisiveness, steadfastness, steadiness, tenacity, resoluteness, resolve, heartiness, toughness, will power, staunchness or perseverance
She knew that he was not going to let her go when she saw him **set his jaw**.
2. (more stylistic) to show one's fortitude, staunchness, dauntlessness, stalwartness, valorousness, intrepidity, hardiness, resoluteness or pith
3. (informal) to show one's gumption, **marrow**, doggedness, grit, **nerve**, mettle, spunk, **backbone**, moxie, sand, **pigheadedness**, pluckiness, starch, gameness, pluck, **heart** or **blood**

to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory

(said sarcastically when one seems intent on losing)

The president seemed determined to **snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory**.

to snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat

1. to defeat, win, win out, be a winner, or succeed when one had expected to lose
It surprised everyone how the rag-tag army was able to successfully **snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat**.
2. (more stylistic) to be victorious, prevail, triumph, triumph over, be victor, gain victory over when one had expected to lose
3. (informal) to carry the day, walk or waltz away with, or score a

success against all odds, come through

Hold your jaw!

1. Keep your mouth shut! No more talking! Silence!
2. (slang) Shut up! Close your trap!

It's a lot of jaw.

It's only words. He's only mouthing the words. What he says is meaningless. He doesn't mean what he's saying.

iron-jawed

1. to be unyielding, resolved, fiercely determined, hard, steadfast, firm, have a strong character, be strong, unequivocal, dogmatic, inflexible, **strong-minded**, steadfast, staunch, determined or **tough-minded**
Forget about talking to him, he's **iron-jawed**.
2. (more stylistic) to be defiant, pertinacious, resolute, intransigent, adamant, indefatigable, stalwart, unflagging or persevering
3. (informal) to be game, **with a mind of one's own**, **red-bloodied**, **hard-headed**, spirited, cast iron, gritty, mulish, dogged, hell-bent, **stiff-necked**, spunky, plucky, onery, **pig-headed** or sturdy as a Rock of Gibraltar
4. **(vulgar) to be hard-assed**

to have an iron-jawed will

1. to have a very strong, firm, staunch, indomitable, persevering, constant, stubborn, obstinate or unrelenting will, **be iron-jawed**
He has **an iron-jawed will**.

2. (more stylistic) to have a will which is unswerving, unflagging, undeviating, unfailing, unflinching, steadfast, unwavering, indefatigable
3. (informal) to have a will which is dogged, unshrinking, plucky, do-or-die, gritty, scrappy, spunky, hell bent or **red-bloodied**

Cheek

(entered into English before 900)

Old English **ce(a)ce ceoce**,
Middle English **cheke**, **Dutch**
kaak, **Middle Lower German**
kake, **Danish** **kind**, **Frisian**
wang, **Norwegian** **kinn**, **Latin**
gena **bucca**, **French** **joue**,
Spanish **mejilla**

**Prefixes and Suffixes which
pertain to **cheek**:**

bucc-, **bucco-** (Latin: **cheek**)

melon- (Greek: **cheek**)

cheek

1. jowl, chop, grill
2. (slang for) audacity, imprudence, insolence, boldness, daring effrontery, temerity
3. (informal) brass, gall, brashness, boldness, shamelessness, sauciness
4. (slang) chutzpah, moxie, nerve, sassiness, sass, lip, mouth, face

5. (vulgar) balls

6. slang for: buttocks, rump, rear end

cheekbone

the bone in one's cheeks

She is considered beautiful is that her **cheekbone** are so prominent.

cheek by jowl

1. to be near, in close proximity, intimate, within very close range, next to, beside, alongside, cramped, tight, side by side, in close intimacy, crowded, squeezed in, compressed, crammed, close or close by
The house was so small that we lived **cheek by jowl**.
2. (informal) to be at one's elbow, cheek by jowl, **be breathing down each other's neck**, pressed together, packed like sardines, packed in, jammed to the rafters, filled to the brim, close as pages in a book, jammed or shoved in

the cheek of the devil

1. to be uninhibited, insolent, imprudent, impertinent, or audacious

2. to be bold, sassy, brassy, flip, out of line, out of keeping

tongue in cheek

1. in jest, jokingly, in fun, laughingly, half-seriously, mischievously, humorously, sarcastically, ironically
2. rib tickling, **with a straight face**, waggishly, without cracking a smile, **with a gleam in one's eye**, roguish, prankish

to be cheek to cheek

1. to be near, in close proximity, intimate, within very close range, next to, beside, alongside, cramped, tight, side by side, in close intimacy, crowded, squeezed in, compressed, crammed, close or close by
2. (informal) to be at one's elbow, cheek by jowl, **be breathing down each other's neck**, pressed together, packed like sardines, packed in, jammed to the rafters, filled to the brim, close as pages in a book, jammed or shoved in

to bite one's cheek

1. to subdue, suppress, constrain, control, or restrain one's emotions
He **bit his cheek** so as to not laugh out loud.
2. to keep or hold back, stifle, cork up, keep in tow, sit on, rein in, put the brakes on, keep the lid on

to dance cheek to cheek

1. to dance close, side by side or in close intimacy
I love to **dance cheek to cheek**.
2. to dance cheek by jowl, pressed together or as close as pages in a book

to have a cheek

1. to be imprudent, arrogant, brassy, bold, brazen, shameless, defiant, forward, disrespectful or insolent
He **has a cheek** to do anything.
2. (more stylized) to be audacious, presumptuous, impertinent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious, insolent
3. (informal) to be flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy, **brazen-faced** or out of order, have **gall**, **nerve**, **lip**, **mouth**
4. (slang) to be cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, be a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, or smartie-pants
5. **(vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass or punk**

to have apple cheeks

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit, in excellent health or fit
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, hearty, in tip-top health, **rosy cheeked**, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty**, **hearty and hale**, bursting with health

to have hollowed-cheeks

1. to look sickly, unhealthy, anemic, emaciated, ashen or gaunt, be pale, haggard, drawn
2. (informal) to look washed out, worn out, peaked, run down, wiped out

to have red-cheeks

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit, in excellent health
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, hearty, in tip-top health, apple-cheeked, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty, hearty and hale**, bursting with health

to have rosy-cheeks

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit, in excellent health
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, hearty, in tip-top health, apple-cheeked, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty, hearty and hale**, bursting with health

to have high cheekbones

to have prominent cheekbones (considered beautiful)

Many people, especially women, from that particular ethnic group **have high cheekbones**.

to have a lot of cheek

1. to be imprudent, shameless, brazen, bold, audacious, indecorous
2. to be brash, fresh, rude, cocky, barefaced, unseemly, flippant, forward, familiar

(to have) tears rolled down one's cheeks

1. to cry, weep, shed tears
When she heard her name called, **tears began rolling down her cheeks**.

2. (informal) to blubber, boohoo, sob

to have the cheek of the devil (British)

1. to be impertinent, imprudent, unabashed or bold
He **has the cheek of the devil**, daring to ask for a raise.
2. to be brash, fresh, familiar, saucy, cheeky, or brazen-faced

to have the cheek to do something (British)

1. to have the audacity, boldness, effrontery, impudence, **cheekiness** or brashness to do something.
After what he did, I can't believe that he **have the cheek to come back her**.
2. (slang) to have the **gall, lip, mouth**, sassiness, **nerve** or the chutzpah to do something

3. (vulgar) to have the balls or cojones

to pat on the cheek

1. to pamper, pet, caress, nestle, cuddle, hug coddle, nuzzle
2. (more stylistic) to dandle, cosset
3. (informal) mollycoddle, to make much of, fuss over, coo over
4. (slang) to kill with kindness

to turn the other cheek

to not respond violence with violence, not retaliate, not respond by **a eye for an eye** or **a tooth for a tooth**, react to or match violence with violence

Martin L. King believed that one should always **turn the other cheek** .

None of your cheek!

None of your insolence! None of your sassing!

Of all the cheek! (British)

Of all the nerve!

That's enough of your cheek! (British)

That's enough of your impertinence!

That's enough of your sassing! (informal/American)

What a cheek! (British)

What a nerve! How shameless!

apple-cheeked

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit or in excellent health, look healthy, glowing, flushing, fit
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, **hearty**, in tip-top health, **red cheeked**, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty**, **hearty and hale**, bursting with health

hollowed-cheeked

1. to look sickly, unhealthy, anemic, emaciated, ashen or gaunt, be pale, haggard, drawn
2. (informal) to look washed out, worn out, peaked, run down, wiped out

red-cheeked

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit or in excellent health, look healthy, glowing, flushing, fit
She **is red-cheeked**.
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, **hearty**, in tip-top health, **apple-cheeked**, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty**, **hearty and hale**, bursting with health

rosy-cheeked

1. to be healthy, sound, in sound health, in good health, full of health, vigorous, robust, physically fit, in excellent health or fit
2. to be fit as a fiddle, hale and hearty, be in fine fettle, hearty, in tip-top health, **apple cheeked**, ruddy, in the pink, **hearty**, **hearty and hale**, bursting with health

cheeky

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, forward, imprudent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious, insolent, unabashed
3. (informal) bumptious, flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy or **brazen-faced**, **have gall**, **nerve**, **lip**, **mouth**
4. (slang) cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, be a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, smartie-pants
5. **(vulgar) a wise-ass, smart-ass, punk**

to be a cheeky fellow (British)

1. to be imprudent, arrogant, brassy, bold, brazen, shameless, defiant, forward, disrespectful or insolent
He **is such a cheeky** fellow.
2. (more stylized) to be audacious, presumptuous, impertinent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious or insolent
3. (informal) to be flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy, **brazen-faced** or out of order, have **gall**, **nerve**, **lip**, **mouth**
4. (slang) to be cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, be a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, or smartie-pants
5. **(vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass or punk**

to be cheeky (British slang)

1. to be arrogant, brassy, bold, brazen, shameless, defiant or forward
I don't want to work with him; he **is too cheeky**.
2. (more stylized) to be audacious, presumptuous, impertinent, imprudent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious or insolent
3. (informal) to be flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy or **brazen-faced**, **have gall**, **nerve**, **lip** or **mouth**
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5. **(vulgar) to be a wise-ass, smart-ass or punk**

to have cheeky behavior (British)

1. to have behavior which is imprudent, arrogant, brassy, bold, brazen, shameless, defiant or forward
2. (more stylized) to have behavior which is audacious, presumptuous, impertinent, unabashed, uncircumspect, injudicious or insolent
3. (informal) to have behavior which is flippant, out of line, pushy, **smart-mouth**, fresh, **mouthy**, **nervy**, saucy or **brazen-faced**, have **gall**, **nerve**, **lip** or **mouth**
4. (slang) to have behavior which is cocky, cocksure, smart-alecky, wise or sassy, be a wisenheimer, wisecracker, know-it-all, wiseacre, wise guy, smartie, or smartie-pants
5. **(vulgar) to have behavior which is wise-assed, smart-assed or like a punk**

Throat

(entered into English before 900)

Old English **throthe throta**
throthu, Middle English **throthe**,
Old High German **drozza**, Old
Norse **throti**, German **Drossel**,
Latin **guttur**, French **gorge**,
Spanish **garganta**

**Prefixes and Suffixes which
pertain to **throat**:**

trache- (Greek: **trachea**)

guttur- (Latin: **throat**)

throat

the front part of the neck, gullet, gorge

cut-throat

1. thug, murderer, killer
He's nothing but **a cut-throat**. You can't trust him one bit.
2. (slang) dispatcher, silencer, gun, hired gun, hit man, trigger man, hatchet man

cutthroat

1. killing, bloodstained, homicidal, brutal, cruel, bloodthirsty, violent, devious, barbaric
He may look like a kind grandfather but he was a **cutthroat** killer.
2. (more stylized) homicidal, maniacal, barbarous, brutish, lethal, murderous, assassinate, sanguinary, slaughterous
3. (informal) death-dealing, soaked in blood, blood-soaked, fierce, berserk, fiendish, hellish, savage, out for blood
4. ruthless, fierce, relentless, merciless, unpitying, unmerciful, pitiless, severe, unfeeling, harsh, savage, brutal
His method is **cutthroat**. Expect no mercy from him.
5. feral, stringent, austere, ferine, compassionateless, vicious, inexorable, oppressive, unsparing, unremitting, ferocious
6. heartless, iron-handed, hardhearted, unfeeling, hard-boiled, marble-hearted, stony, stone-hearted, cruel-hearted, cold-blooded, barbaric
7. (slang) dog-eat-dog, every man for himself

cut throat competition

1. competition which is extraordinarily ruthless, competitive, severe, aggressive, oppressive, brutal, unmerciful, unfeeling or harsh, each man for himself
He loves **cut throat competition**.
2. (more stylistic) to compete in a manner which is extraordinarily feral, vigorous, emulous, striving, ferine, contending, peremptory, fell, truculent
3. (more informal) rivalry which is **cutthroat**, **cold-blooded**, pushing, pushy, **high-handed**, cutting, grinding, **soulless**, **cold-hearted**, **stone-hearted**, cold, **hard-hearted** or warlike, survival of the fittest
4. (slang) competition which is dog-eat-dog, law of the jungle

cut-throat world of politics

1. world of politics is extraordinarily ruthless, competitive, severe, aggressive, oppressive, brutal, unmerciful, unfeeling or harsh
It is no fun being in the **cut throat world of politics**.
2. (more stylistic) world of politics is extraordinarily feral, vigorous, emulous, striving, ferine, contending, peremptory, fell or truculent
3. (more informal) political rivalry is **cutthroat**, **cold-blooded**, pushy, pushing, **high-handed**, cutting, grinding, **soulless**, **cold-hearted**, **stone-hearted**, cold, **hard-hearted** or warlike
4. the world of politics is dog-eat-dog

to be at each other's throat

1. to be deadly enemies
They **are always at each other's throat**.

2. (more stylistic) to be lethal opponents, foes, rivals or antagonists,
3. to be always feuding or fighting, be constantly fighting or arguing
4. (informal) to be always squabbling, sparring, quarreling, bickering, sparring, clashing or brawling, do battle
5. (slang) to go at it tooth and nail

to bring a lump to one's throat

1. to be moved or touched almost to the point of tears
Watching the film **brought a lump to my throat**.
2. (more stylistic) to be affected, have been impacted, have been effected, influenced, impassioned or stirred
3. (informal) to be softened, melted, have something hit or strike home, have it hit where it really hurts

to clear one's throat

1. to remove an obstacle from one's throat
Please excuse me but I must **clear my throat**. I have a rather bad cold.
2. to make a noise in one's throat to get someone's attention
He **cleared his throat** so that the children would come to attention.

to cut one's own throat

1. to hurt someone else, get someone back, or get revenge by hurting oneself, destroy one's own interest, destroy oneself, self-destruct, hurt or wound oneself out of anger

What you're doing makes no sense. By getting drunk every night, you're not hurting your ex-boyfriend. All you're doing is **cutting your own throat**. Why?!

2. (more stylistic) to defeat one's own purpose, be hoisted by one's own petard
3. to **slit one's own throat**, **cut off your nose to spite one's own face**, be caught in one's own trap, commit hari-kari, **cut one's own throat**, have one's own plans backfire, have one's own plans boomerang

to cut someone's throat

1. to kill, murder
He won't be bothering us anymore. I **cut his throat**.
2. (more stylistic) to assassinate, slay, jugulate
3. (informal) to cut, cut down, finish off, put someone out of one's misery, dispatch
4. (slang) to snuff out, waste, eighty-six, bump off, get rid of

to force (something) down someone's throat

1. to force, demand, insist upon or pressure someone to accept something, apply pressure
He tried to **force the decision down my throat**.
2. to impel, press, obligate, exhort or necessitate acceptance, constrain, exact, require
3. (informal) to push through, **twist someone's arm**, **shove down someone's throat**, force to swallow, drive forward, leave no option, lean on, **force something down someone's throat**

4. (slang) to put the screws on, put the screws to, ramrod

to get a lump in one's throat

1. to be moved or touched almost to the point of tears
Every time I think about saying goodbye, I **get a lump in my throat**.
2. (more stylistic) to be affected, have been impacted, have been effected, influenced, impassioned or stirred
3. (informal) to be softened, melted, have something hit or strike home, have it hit where it really hurts

to grab someone by the throat

to put one's hands around someone's throat

He **grabbed me by the throat** and began strangling me.

to grab something by the throat

1. to take, obtain or gain control of something
He was determined to **grab the situation by the throat** and, for once and for all, solve it.
2. (more stylistic) to procure, usurp, acquire, realize, capture or secure control of,
3. (informal) to net, nab, snare bag, snag, grab or garner control, take hold of, have under control, **take something by the throat**

to have a dry throat

to be thirsty, need or want something to drink

After so much walking, I know that you must **have a dry throat**. I made some lemonade.

to have a frog in one's throat

1. to **have a sore throat, have a dry** or **raw throat**
May I have a glass of water; I **have a frog in my throat.**
2. (informal) to be hoarse

to have a lump in one's throat

1. to be moved or touched almost to the point of tears
I can't talk right now, I **have a lump to my throat.**
2. (more stylistic) to be affected, have been impacted, have been effected, influenced, impassioned or stirred
3. (informal) to be softened, melted, have something hit or strike home, have it hit where it really hurts

to have a raw throat

1. to **have a sore** or **tender throat**
Because of this cold, I **have a raw throat.**
2. (informal) to be hoarse

to have a sore throat

1. to **have a dry** or **raw throat**
Although I don't have a cold, I **have quite a sore throat.**
2. to be hoarse, **have a frog in one's throat**

(to have) one's throat dry

to be thirsty, need to drink water

My **throat is a little dry.** Could I have a glass of water, please?

(to have) the words that stuck in one's throat

to be unable to verbally express what one is really feeling because one is upset or flustered

She wanted to say what was in her heart but **the words stuck in her throat**.

to jump down someone's throat

1. to berate, reprimand, chastise, discipline, rebuke, castigate, reproach, rebuke, admonish, scold, chide
When I asked him a question, he **jumped down my throat**.
2. (more stylized) to execrate, objurgate, reprove, excoriate, imprecate, lambaste, fulminate against
3. (informal) to call on the rug, haul over the coals, call on the carpet, rake over the coals, rail at, **give a piece of one's mind**, **skin alive**, blast, **give someone the rough edge on one's tongue**, call to account, take to task, **give a tongue-lash**, bawl out
4. (slang) to lay into, give someone the business, tell off, stick to, dress down, chew out, come down hard on, lambaste, rail at, chide, jump all over, get on one's back, give what-for, slam, read the riot act, **jump down someone's throat**, tell someone where to get off

to lie in one's throat

1. to lie, deceive, not say the truth, mislead, tell a falsehood, tell a white lie, tell a lie, hide or disguise the truth, lie shamelessly or without any embarrassment
She is always **lying in her throat**. Don't listen to her!
2. (more stylistic) to prevaricate, fabricate, exaggerate the truth, deviate from the truth, euphemize, be untruthful, evade the truth, misspeak

3. (informal) to make out of whole cloth, lead down the garden path, doctor, slant, color, gloss, dress up, embellish, puff up, twist the truth, varnish the truth, **talk with crossed fingers**, mince or stretch the truth, **lie in one's throat**, lie like a trooper or a rug, **speak with a fork tongue**, **lie through one's teeth**

to moisten one's throat

1. to drink something
I need to **moisten my throat**. A little tequila would be nice.
2. (informal) to sip, wash down, swallow, guzzel down
3. to drink (alcoholic beverages), get drunk
4. (more stylistic) to imbibe
5. (informal) take a drop, wet one's whistle, raise the elbow, moisten one's whistle, bend the elbow
6. (slang) to drink hard, get plastered, knock a few back, tie one on, dip the beak, take a drop

to ram down someone's throat

1. to force, demand, insist upon or pressure someone to accept something, apply pressure
You can not **ram it down the other delegates' throat**.
2. to impel, press, obligate, exhort or necessitate acceptance, constrain, exact, require
3. (informal) to push through, **twist someone's arm**, **shove down someone's throat**, force to swallow, drive forward, leave no option, lean on, **force something down someone's throat**

4. (slang) to put the screws on, put the screws to, ramrod

to shove something down someone's throat

1. to force, demand, insist upon or pressure someone to accept something
I will not allow you to **shove this bill down the throat of the country**.
2. to impel, press, obligate, exhort or necessitate acceptance
3. (informal) to push through, twist someone's arm, **shove something down someone's throat**, force to swallow, drive forward, leave no option, **thrust something down someone's throat, force something down someone's throat**
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to slit one's own throat

1. to hurt someone else, get someone back, or get revenge by hurting oneself, destroy one's own interest, destroy oneself, self-destruct, hurt or wound oneself out of anger
He **slit his own throat**. How stupid!!
2. to **slit one's own throat, cut off your nose to spite one's own face**, commit hari-kari, **slash one's own throat**

to slit someone's throat

1. to kill, murder
He won't be bothering us anymore. I **cut slit throat**.
2. (more stylistic) to assassinate, slay, jugulate
3. (informal) to cut, cut down, finish off, put someone out of one's misery, dispatch

4. (slang) to snuff out, waste, eighty-six, bump off, get rid of

to slash one's own throat

1. to hurt someone else, get someone back, or get revenge by hurting oneself, destroy one's own interest, destroy oneself, self-destruct, hurt or wound oneself out of anger
He **slashed his own throat**. How stupid!!
2. (more stylistic) to defeat one's own purpose, be hoisted by one's own petard
3. to **slit one's own throat**, **cut off your nose to spite one's own face**, be caught in one's own trap, commit hari-kari, **cut one's own throat**, have one's own plans backfire, have one's own plans boomerang

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to stick in one's throat

1. to be difficult or impossible to express
He couldn't say that he loved her. It got **stuck in her throat**.
2. (informal) **(to have) the words get stuck in one's throat**

3. to irk, chafe, aggravate, irritate, anger
I was so angry at what he said that I couldn't talk. The words **stuck in my throat**.
4. (more stylized) to exasperate, scandalize, vex, acerbate, inflame, enflame, exacerbate, provoke, pique
5. to grate, **grate one's nerve**, **grate on one's nerve**, rile, **set one's teeth on edge**, **get on one's nerves**, **gall**, rub the wrong way, peeve, **get under one's skin**, rankle, get one's goat, **put one's nose out of joint**
6. to stick in one's crop, get on one's last nerve, stick in one's craw

to take someone by the throat

1. to put one's hand around one's throat to harm or kill , strangle, choke, throttle
He **took the woman by the throat** and squeezed.
2. to strangulate, asphyxiate

to take something by the throat

1. to take, obtain or gain control of something
It's time to **take this situation by the throat** and solve it!
2. (more stylistic) to procure, usurp, acquire, realize, capture or secure control of,
3. (informal) to net, nab, snare bag, snag, grab or garner control, take hold of, have under control, **grab something by the throat**

to thrust something down someone's throat

1. to force, demand, insist upon or pressure someone to accept something
He is constantly **thrusting his decisions down my throat**.
2. to impel, press, obligate, exhort or necessitate acceptance
3. (informal) to push through, twist someone's arm, **shove something down someone's throat**, force to swallow, drive forward, leave no option, **force something down someone's throat**
4. (slang) to put the screws on, put the screws to, ramrod

throaty

making a rough sound when one sings or speaks

I love her **throaty** voice.

Neck

(entered into English before 900)

Old English **hnecca**, Middle
English **nekke**, Old Norse
hnakki, Dutch **nek**, German
Nacken, Latin **collum**, French
cou, Spanish **cuello**

Prefixes and Suffixes which
pertain to **neck**:

trachel- (Greek: **neck**)

neck

1. the part of the body which connects the **head** to the **body**
2. nape, scruff, cervix
3. part of the clothing that goes over one's neck
4. crew neck, scoop neck, turtleneck, **v-neck**
5. narrow part of the bottle
6. isthmus, **tongue**, cape, peninsula
7. strait, narrow, arm, channel, canal, creek

to neck

1. to kiss passionately
2. (slang) to make out, smooch, smack, nuzzle, snuggle
3. to caress, stroke, pat
4. to strangle, behead, remove one's head

around one's neck

1. hardship, burden, weight, duty, obligation, dead weight, responsibility, load
He carries his family **around his neck**.
2. (more stylistic) encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, hindrance, affliction

3. (informal) cross, millstone, cross to bear, stumbling block

at break neck speed

1. very quickly, straightway, fast, swiftly
He raced **at break neck speed**.
2. (more stylistic) forthwith, presently
3. (informal) like the wind, in no time at all, in nothing flat, at full speed, headlong, **in a wink of an eye**
4. (slang) in two shakes of a lamb, at full tilt, pronto, whip along, in a flash

breakneck

1. to be rash, headlong, foolhardy, unthinking sudden, impulsive or reckless, brash, abrupt
2. (more stylistic) to be indiscreet, unduly, unwary, injudicious heedless, erratic, unbridled, unheeding, spontaneous, impetuous, overhasty, imprudent, hasty, madcap
3. (informal) to be unruly, hell bent, **head over heel, breakneck, hotheaded** or **harebrained**

breathing down each other's neck

1. cramped, tight, side by side, in close intimacy, crowded, squeezed in, compressed, crammed or close,
The house was so small that we lived **breathing down each other's neck**.

2. (informal) **cheek by jowl**, pressed together, packed like sardines, packed in, jammed to the rafters, filled to the brim, close as pages in a book, jammed or shoved in

by a neck

1. only, barely, scarcely, only just, narrowly, just, by a narrow margin
The horse won but only **by a neck**.
2. **by a hair's breath**, by a little, **by a nose**, by an inch, no more than, almost not **by a head**, **by a hair**, **the skin of one's teeth**

by the nape of the neck

to threaten with bodily harm by grabbing the back of someone's neck
He grabbed him **by the nape of the neck** and threw him out of the bar.

neck band (British)

1. collar, dog collar, collar band
2. scarf, muffler, stole

necking

1. fondling, kissing
They are always **necking**; it's sickening!
2. (more stylized) caressing
3. (informal) petting, making love, spooning, heavy petting, making out
4. (slang) smooching

neckline

the opening of clothing which is pulled over the **neck**

neck-tie

1. band of decorative fabric, worn almost exclusively by men, under the collar but outside the shirt
2. (British) tie, cravat, bow tie, four-in-hand

neck and neck

1. almost by the side of, even, equal or next to
The two horses are **neck and neck**. Who knows who's going to win.
2. (more stylistic) almost on a par, **abreast**, **abreast with**, adjacent or parallel
3. (informal) **side by side**, **close at hand**, stem to stem, **nose to nose**, **cheek by jowl**

neck of the woods

same area, neighborhood, part of the country

on the neck of

1. immediately following, after, afterwards or afterward
I came **in on the neck of** the announcement.
2. immediately ensuing, subsequently

pain in the neck

1. inconvenience, pain, burden, nuisance, drawback, trouble, heavy burden
What a **pain in the neck**! I am glad that she's leaving tomorrow.
2. (more stylized) deadhead, difficulty, annoyance, vexation, ordeal, handicap, affliction, try one's patience, tax one's patience, aggravation
3. (informal) weight, pest, thorn in the side, **headache**, bother, load, pain, **thorn in the flesh**, pea in the shoe, tiresome
4. (slang) bore, drag, crashing bore, drip, pill, wet blanket, downer, **get on one's last nerve**, rankle, drive someone up the wall, bug, give one a pain, **gall**
5. **(vulgar) pain in the butt, pain in the ass, pain in the behind**

redneck (informal/offensive/racial slur)

an uneducated, rural, extremely conservative white person

rough neck

delinquent, hooligan, gangster, Mafioso, bully, hoodlum, hood
He is a **rough neck** who will hurt you if you get in his way.

rubber neck

1. witness, spectator, observer
Turn around and stop staring. Don't be such a **rubberneck**.
2. (informal) bystander, gawker, looker-on, passer-by, gaper, gazer

rubbernecking

curious, looking or turning around to see what is happening

You need to stop **rubbernecking** and drive; otherwise, you're going to have an accident.

to be a hindrance around someone's neck

1. to be a load, burden, bother, annoyance, problem, tiresome person, weight, bore, pain
Although I don't have any money, my children **are not a hindrance around my neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to be a bane, nuisance, vexation, vexatious, vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, **albatross round one's neck, a yoke around one's neck, a yoke round one's neck, an albatross around one's neck, hindrance around one's neck, hindrance round one's neck, affliction around one's neck or affliction round one's neck**
3. (informal) to be salt in the wound, be a cross, millstone, thorn, bore, nag, pest, pill, a cross to bear, crashing bore, **a thorn in the side or flesh, pain the neck or rear, a thorn in the flesh**, pea in the shoe, dry-as-dust, loser, gadfly, bur, frightful bore, a cross to bear, hard to stand or **up one's nose**, be always hanging around or **hanging around someone's neck, be a millstone around one's neck, be a millstone round one's neck**
4. (slang) to be flat tire, drip, downer, **pain in the butt**, retread, **pain in the behind, deadhead**, wet blanket, **a pain in the rear, headache**, pill or thorn
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to be a pain in the neck

1. to be a load, burden, bother, annoyance, problem, tiresome person, weight, bore, pain
You **are such a pain in the neck** that you drive me crazy.
2. (more stylistic) to be a bane, nuisance, vexation, vexatious, vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, **albatross round one's neck, a yoke around one's neck, a yoke round one's neck, an albatross around one's neck, hindrance around one's neck, hindrance round one's neck, affliction around one's neck or affliction round one's neck**
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5. (vulgar) to be a pain in the ass

to be a yoke around someone's neck

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Although I don't have any money, my children **are not a yoke around my neck**.
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- vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, **albatross round one's neck, a yoke around one's neck, a yoke round one's neck, an albatross around one's neck, hindrance around one's neck, hindrance round one's neck, affliction around one's neck or affliction round one's neck**
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or **hanging around someone's neck, be a millstone around one's neck, be a millstone round one's neck**

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to be an albatross around one's neck

1. to be a load, burden, bother, annoyance, problem, tiresome person, weight, bore, pain
Although I don't have any money, my children **are not a albatross around my neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to be a bane, nuisance, vexation, vexatious, vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, **albatross round one's neck, a yoke around one's neck, a yoke round one's neck, an albatross around one's neck, hindrance around one's neck,**

hindrance round one's neck, affliction around one's neck or affliction round one's neck

3. (informal) to be salt in the wound, be a cross, millstone, thorn, bore, nag, pest, pill, a cross to bear, crashing bore, **a thorn in the side** or **flesh, pain the neck** or **rear, a thorn in the flesh**, pea in the shoe, dry-as-dust, loser, gadfly, bur, frightful bore, a cross to bear, hard to stand or **up one's nose**, be always hanging around or **hanging around someone's neck, be a millstone around one's neck, be a millstone round one's neck**
4. (slang) to be flat tire, drip, downer, **pain in the butt**, retread, **pain in the behind, deadhead**, wet blanket, **a pain in the rear, headache**, pill or thorn
5. **(vulgar) to be a pain in the ass**

to be an albatross round one's neck

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5. **(vulgar) to be a pain in the ass**

to be dead from the neck up

1. to be one of the walking dead, zombies
2. to be icy, unfeeling, listless, stoic, insensitive, unmovable
I know how she stands all the brutality; she **is dead from the neck up**.
3. (more stylized) to be impermeable, impervious, inured, imperturbable, indurate, callous, impenetrable, inaccessible
4. to be cold, hard, hard-hearted, flinty, cold blooded, heartless, thick skinned, stony, stony-hearted, closed to
5. to not be the most intelligent person, be foolish, dense, slow, not too intelligent
The way that she acts, everyone is going to think that she **is soft in the head**.
6. (more stylized) to be obtuse, witless, stolid, bovine, insensate, void, vacant, volatile
7. (informal) to be stupid, **bird-brained**, dumb, **simple-minded**, for the birds, muddled, thick or dull-witted, **soft in the head** or slow-witted, not have much upstairs, **not have the brains one is born with**
8. (slang) to not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, be thick, dumb as dirt or dumb as a door nail, retarded, lumpish, **boneheaded**, flaky, out in left field, goofy or lost at sea **thick skulled**, giddy, silly, **thickheaded**, simpleton, klutz, numskull, **brainless** or

unthinking, be a **knuckle-head**, chump, klutz, dippy, dizzy, kooky, daffy, simpleton, half-wit, boob, **loggerhead**, **thickhead**, nincompoop, **meathead**, dunce, fool, oaf, dolt, simpleton, meatball, ding-a-ling, dingbat, dumbbell, nudnik, **noodle-head**, **addlehead**, **pinhead**, idiot, moron, half-wit, **lunkhead**, dull or **rattle head**

to be in something up to one's neck

1. to be overcome, overwhelmed, engulfed, inundated, immersed, entangled, enmeshed or deluged by
He **is in hot water up to his neck**.
2. (informal) to be drowning in, swallowed up by, immersed in or steeped in, be under an avalanche or mountain of, be up to one's ears, be buried or snowed under, bowled over by, blitzed, **be steeped to the eyebrows**
3. (slang) to **be up to one's eye** or **eyeballs in**
4. **(vulgar) to be up to one's butt, behind, keister or ass in**

to be neck or nothing

1. to be all or nothing
2. to put everything on the line
3. to gamble or risk everything when the odds are bad

to be neck to neck

1. to be by a narrow or slim margin, scarcely, by a fraction of an inch, barely, hardly, by the narrowest of margin, just, barely, only, almost, close, pretty close, nearly equal, tight, sharply contested, near, nearly, pretty near or not quite
It was an excellent horse race. During the whole race they **were neck to neck**.

2. (more stylistic) to be almost on a par, **abreast, abreast with**, adjacent or parallel
3. (informal) to be **by a hair's breath**, by the narrowest of margin, by a tinny whinny, by a bit, **by a nose**, by an inch, **by a whisker, by hair's breath, by the skin of one's teeth** or by a fraction of an inch, get away by, **be neck and neck**, photo finish, **within a hair, shoulder to shoulder, by a whisker**, nip and tuck, **within an eyelash, at one's heel**, be by a tinny whinny, by a bit, **by a nose**, by an inch, **by a whisker, hair's breath, skin of one's teeth** or **side by side**

to be necking

1. to be fondling or kissing
They **are always necking**; it's sickening!
2. (more stylized) to be caressing
3. (informal) to be petting, making love, spooning, heavy petting or making out
4. (slang) to be smooching

to be up to one's neck

1. to be overcome, overwhelmed, engulfed, inundated, immersed or deluged by
I **am up to my neck in work**.
2. (informal) to be drowning in, swallowed up by, immersed in or steeped in, be under an avalanche or mountain of, be up to one's ears, be buried or snowed under, bowled over by, blitzed, **be steeped to the eyebrows**
3. (slang) to **be up to one's eye** or **eyeballs in**

4. (vulgar) to be up to one's butt, behind, keister or ass in

to be up to one's neck in debt

1. to be drowning in bills, be overwhelmed with bills, to be overcome, overwhelmed, engulfed, inundated, immersed or deluged by bills
I **am up to my neck in debt**; I can't afford to buy anything now.
2. (informal) to be swallowed up by, immersed in or steeped in, be under an avalanche or mountain of, be up to one's ears, be buried or snowed under, bowled over by, blitzed, **be steeped to the eyebrows**
3. (slang) to **be up to one's eye** or **eyeballs in**

4. (vulgar) to be up to one's butt, behind, keister or ass in

to beat someone neck and crop

1. to squelch, beat, squash or defeat someone easily
The army was able to **beat the peasants neck and crop**.
2. (more stylized) to quash, vanquish, subvert overwhelm, rout, crush, quell or foil without much difficulty
3. (informal) to whip, stamp out, wipe up the floor with, cream, mop up the floor with, break the back of, get the best of, put an end to, put an end to, break the back of, make short of
4. (slang) to trample, whup, beat the pants off of, trash, run into the ground

to break the neck of

1. to suppress, squelch, beat, squash or defeat someone easily
The army was able to **beat the peasants neck and crop**.

2. (more stylized) to quash, vanquish, subvert overwhelm, rout, crush, quell, bring to naught or foil without much difficulty
3. (informal) to whip, stamp out, wipe up the floor with, cream, mop up the floor with, break the back of, get the best of, put an end to, put an end to, break the back of, make short of, put down
4. (slang) to trample, whup, beat the pants off of, trash, run into the ground

to break one's neck

1. to do whatever necessary to be useful, of use or helpful
I **broke my neck** to help her but it did no good.
2. to do everything possible or make every effort to make something happen
She **broke her neck** to her children to the concert. Because she was not able to do so, they did not appreciate her effort.
3. to do everything possible to please someone
She **broke her neck** to please her boss; it didn't work. It never does.
4. (informal) to **bend over backwards**, **bend over backward**, make the old college try, do whatever necessary to pull something off, go all out, push oneself, do one's best
5. (slang) to knock oneself out
6. (slang to vulgar) to do one's damndest, try one's damndest

to break one's neck

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 **break my neck**.

2. (more stylized) to execrate, objurgate, reprove, excoriate, flog, imprecate, lambaste, thrash
3. (informal) to jump all over one, let someone have it, blast, whallop, 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 head**, whack, lay someone out in lavender, belt, whale, tan
5. to kill, murder
He won't be bothering us anymore. I **broke his neck**.
6. (more stylistic) to assassinate, slay
7. (informal) to cut, cut down, finish off, put someone out of one's misery, dispatch
8. (slang) to snuff out, waste, eighty-six, bump off, get rid of, take for a ride, put cement boots on and take for a swim

to breathe down one's neck

1. to closely supervise or watch
I can't make a move without him knowing. He's always **breathing down my neck**.
2. (more stylized) to preside over, wield one's power over, closely govern, administer, manage, administrate or regulate
3. (informal) to hold in view, be on top of, oversee, keep in sight, watch over, ride herd on, closely look after, keep tabs on, **keep an eye on**, **keep an wary eye on**

4. to track, pursue, trace, chase, hunt, follow
The police was **breathing down his neck**.
5. (informal) to hunt down, cling to, tread behind of, harry, follow the scent of, tail, tread closely behind, run after, search for, close on one's trail, heel, follow in the steps of
6. (slang) to bedog, dog, hound

to carry a millstone round one's neck

1. to be overtaxed, burden down, weighed down or loaded down, to have a duty, responsibility or obligation, carry dead weight
Being with him is like **carrying a millstone round my neck**.
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, hindrance or affliction around one's neck
3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

to fling one's arms around someone

1. to **hug someone by the neck, put one's arm around someone's neck**, hug
The minute that she saw him, she ran and **flung her arms around him**.
2. (more stylized) to **embosom**, receive warmly, embrace, enfold, envelop
3. (informal) to hold, grab, grip, hold onto, cling to, **press to one's bosom**

to get it in the neck

1. to be loser in the competition
As a result of the economic changes, the poor, as always, are **getting it in the neck**.
2. to be rejected, left behind, abandoned, left behind
When the company relocated, the older employees **got it in the neck**.
3. to suffer punishment or a loss
He **got it in the neck**.

to get it all around one's neck

to be up to one's neck in, be completely mixed up in

to go at break neck speed

1. very quickly, straightway, fast, swiftly
He went **at break neck speed**.
2. (more stylistic) forthwith, presently
3. (informal) like the wind, in no time at all, in nothing flat, at full speed, headlong, **in a wink of an eye**
4. (slang) in two shakes of a lamb, at full tilt, pronto, whip along, in a flash

to hang round one's neck

1. to be a load, burden, bother, annoyance, problem, tiresome person, weight, bore, pain
You **are always hanging round my neck** and it's driving me crazy.
2. (more stylistic) to be a bane, nuisance, vexation, vexatious,

vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, encumbrance, onus, albatross, impediment, liability, hindrance or **affliction around one's neck**

3. (informal) to be salt in the wound, be a cross, millstone, thorn, bore, nag, pest, pill, a cross to bear, crashing bore, **a thorn in the side** or **flesh, pain the neck** or **rear, a thorn in the flesh**, pea in the shoe, dry-as-dust, loser, gadfly, bur, frightful bore, a cross to bear, hard to stand or **up one's nose**, be always hanging around or hanging around someone's neck
4. (slang) to be a flat tire, drip, downer, hassel, **pain in the butt**, retread, **pain in the behind, deadhead**, wet blanket

5. (vulgar) to be a pain in the ass

to have a crick in one's neck

to have a cramp, pain, twinge, spasm, twitch in one's neck
Because of the way that I slept, I **have a crick in my neck.**

to have a kink in one's neck

to have a cramp, pain, twinge, spasm, twitch in one's neck
Because of the way that I slept, I **have a crick in my neck.**

to have a stiff neck

1. to be resolute, determined, decided, be set upon, or resolved
2. (informal) to be dogged, indomitable, relentless or plodding
3. (slang) to be hell-bent, stick-to-it live, or gritty
4. to be strong, forceful, powerful, vigorous, gusty, or pounding
5. to be cold, chilly, unfriendly, unreceptive, snobbish, or aloof

6. (more stylized) to be formal, reserved, constrained, or strait-laced
7. (informal) to be standoffish or offish
8. to be gauche, awkward, ungraceful, graceless, or clumsy
9. (informal) to be unpolished, unmannered, uncouth, like a bull in a china closet
10. (slang) to be klutzy, hick, off the farm, country, or not with it

to have a hindrance around one's neck

1. to be overtaxed, burden down, weighed down or loaded down, to have a duty, responsibility or obligation, carry dead weight
To have children is not to **have a hindrance around her neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, liability, onus, impediment, albatross, **an albatross round one's neck, a yoke around one's neck, a yoke round one's neck, an albatross around one's neck, hindrance around one's neck, hindrance round one's neck, affliction around one's neck or affliction round one's neck**
3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

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impediment, **a yoke round one's neck**, liability, **an albatross around one's neck**, **hindrance around one's neck**, **hindrance round one's neck**, **affliction around one's neck** or **affliction round one's neck**

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3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with, **have a millstone around one's neck, have a millstone round one's neck**

to have a yoke around one's neck

1. to be overtaxed, burden down, weighed down or loaded down, to have a duty, responsibility or obligation, carry dead weight
To have children is not to **have a yoke around her neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, onus, **an albatross round one's neck**, albatross, **a yoke around one's neck**, impediment, **a yoke round one's neck**, liability, **an albatross around one's neck**, **hindrance around one's neck**, **hindrance round one's neck**, **affliction around one's neck** or **affliction round one's neck**
3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

to have a yoke round one's neck

1. to be overtaxed, burden down, weighed down or loaded down, to have a duty, responsibility or obligation, carry dead weight
To have children is not to **have a yoke round her neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, onus, **an albatross round one's neck**, albatross, **a yoke around one's neck**, impediment, **a yoke round one's neck**, liability, **an albatross around one's neck**, **hindrance around one's neck**, **hindrance round one's neck**, **affliction around one's neck** or **affliction round one's neck**
3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

to have an affliction around one's neck

1. to be overtaxed, burden down, weighed down or loaded down, to have a duty, responsibility or obligation, carry dead weight
He is like **having an affliction around my neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, onus, **an albatross round one's neck**, albatross, **a yoke around one's neck**, impediment, **a yoke round one's neck**, liability, **an albatross around one's neck**, **hindrance around one's neck**, **hindrance round one's neck**, **affliction around one's neck** or **affliction round one's neck**
3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

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3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

to have an albatross around one's neck

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He is like **having an albatross around my neck.**
2. (more stylistic) to have an encumbrance, onus, **an albatross round one's neck**, albatross, **a yoke around one's neck**,

impediment, **a yoke round one's neck**, liability, **an albatross around one's neck**, **hindrance around one's neck**, **hindrance round one's neck**, **affliction around one's neck** or **affliction round one's neck**

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3. (informal) to carry a cross or millstone, have cross to bear, be saddled with

to hug someone by the neck

1. to **put one's arm around someone's neck**, hug, **to take into one's arms**, **fling one's arm around one's neck**
The minute that she saw him, she ran and **took him into his arms**.
2. (more stylized) to **embosom**, receive warmly, embrace, enfold, envelop
3. (informal) to hold, grab, grip, hold onto, cling to, **press to one's bosom**

to live in someone's neck of the woods

to live in the same area or neighborhood of another
I did not realize that I **lived in your neck of the wood**.

to live in this neck of the woods

to live in the neighborhood, in the area, or in
the particular part of the country
Don't tell me that you **live in this neck of the woods**, too?

to neck

to kiss, pet, do heavy-petting
My God, they sure must be in lust. They are always **necking**.

to neck out

to compete and win

to neck with

to kiss, pet, do heavy-petting

to not have someone hanging round one's neck

1. to not be a load, burden, bother, annoyance, problem, tiresome person, weight, bore, pain
I can't **have you hanging round my neck**. I need to be free.
2. (more stylistic) to not be a bane, nuisance, vexation, vexatious, vexing, worrisome or irritating person, irritant, obnoxious
3. (informal) to not be salt in the wound, be a thorn, bore, nag, pest, pill, crashing bore, **a thorn in the side** or **flesh, pain the neck** or **rear, a thorn in the flesh**, pea in the shoe, dry-as-dust, loser, gadfly, bur, frightful bore, a cross to bear, hard to stand or **up one's nose**, be always hanging around or hanging around someone's neck

to put one's arms around someone's neck

1. to hug, **to take into one's arms, hug someone by the neck, fling one's arm around one's neck**
The minute that she saw him, she ran and **put her arms around his neck.**
2. (more stylized) to **embosom**, receive warmly, embrace, enfold, envelop
3. (informal) to hold, grab, grip, hold onto, cling to, **press to one's bosom**

to risk one's neck

1. to put oneself at risk, take or hazard a chance, hazard all, expose oneself to danger, put oneself in jeopardy
He **risked his own neck** to save her.
2. (highly stylized) to peril, imperil
3. to **risk one's neck**, go in harm's way, court destruction, **put one's head in the lion's mouth, take one's life in one's own hand, stick one's neck or chin out**, put everything on the line, **put one's head on the line, put one's head on the chopping block**

to rub the back of one's own neck

to show or demonstrate one's weariness or exhaustion

The harder we work, the more we **rubbed the back of our neck.**

to rubber neck

1. to look about to listen to other's conversation, **twist or turn one's neck to stare**, stare with curiosity, observe, witness, be a spectator, witness or observer, stare at
Stop **rubber necking** and mind your own business.

2. (more stylistic) to regard with awe
3. (informal) to look-on, gape, gaze, rubber
4. (slang) to goggle, ogle, **eyeball**, gawk

to run around like a chicken with his neck cut off

1. to act or run around erratically, run,
2. to go nowhere fast, tear along, whiz,
3. show a great burst of energy
She is always **running around like a chicken with his neck cut off**.

to save someone's neck

1. to help, rescue, save
I can't keep **saving your neck**. You need to get out of the gang.
2. (more stylized) to extricate, unfetter
3. (informal) to **snatch from the jaws of death**, **save someone's skin**, pull out of the fire, **deliver from the jaws of death**, **pull back from the brink**
4. to help, aid, assist, assist someone in a lot of problems
5. (informal) to help someone out of hot water, help out
6. (slang) to **watch someone's back**, **have someone's back**

to screw around one's neck

1. to look about to listen to other's conversation, twist, contort or turn one's neck to stare or to concern oneself with someone else's business
Stop **screwing around your neck** and mind your own business.
2. (informal) to gawk, look-on, gape, gaze, rubber, **rubberneck**, **screw around or up one's neck to mind someone else's business**, turn one's attention to or pay attention to that which does not concern one
3. (slang) to **twist and turn one's neck**, ogle, goggle or **eyeball**

to stick out one's neck

1. to put oneself at risk, take or hazard a chance, hazard all, expose oneself to danger, put oneself in jeopardy
You've got to stop **sticking out your neck**. One day you're going to get it cut off.
2. (highly stylized) to peril, imperil, hazard, dare, chance, venture
3. to **risk one's neck**, go in harm's way, court destruction, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **take one's life in one's own hand**, **stick one's neck** or **chin out**, put everything on the line, **put one's head on the line**, **put one's head on the chopping block**, go out on a limb, take the plunge, gamble

to stiffen one's neck

1. to prepare oneself, make oneself ready, put things in order
I know that it's hard but you must **stiffen your neck**.
2. (more stylistic) to anticipate and hold oneself in readiness
3. (informal) to lay the ground work psyche oneself up, gear oneself up, get oneself in shape or ready, get one's courage

4. to brace, harden or toughen oneself
You have to **stiffen your neck** and take whatever comes.
5. (more stylistic) to inure, fortify, reinforce, strengthen, indurate, gird, buttress
6. (informal) **square one's shoulder**, steel oneself, gird one's loins, **harden one's heart**, screw one's courage to the sticking point

to twist one's neck

1. to hurt or sprain one's neck
He **twisted his neck** in his sleep.
2. to look about to listen to other's conversation, twist, contort or turn one's neck to stare or to concern oneself with someone else's business
Stop **twisting your neck** and mind your own business.
3. (informal) to gawk, look-on, gape, gaze, rubber, **rubberneck**, **screw around or up one's neck to mind someone else's business**, turn one's attention to or pay attention to that which does not concern one
4. (slang) to **twist and turn one's neck**, ogle, goggle or **eyeball**

to twist someone's neck

1. to strangle, kill, murder, wring, wrench or wring someone's neck
He killed his opponent by **twisting his neck**.
2. (more stylistic) to assassinate, slay
3. (informal) to cut, cut down, finish off, put someone out of one's misery, dispatch

4. (slang) to snuff out, waste, eighty-six, bump off, get rid of

to throw someone out, neck and crop

1. to remove, expel, force, press or push out
My mother got so tired of my laziness that she **threw me out, neck and crop**.
2. (more stylistic) to eject, extrude, oust, thrust out, turn out
3. (informal) to throw someone out, toss out, kick out, send packing, **throw out on one's ear**, drum out
4. (slang) to give the bum's rush to, give the boot to, boot out, send about one's business

to win by a neck

1. to win by a narrow or slim margin, scarcely, by a fraction of an inch, barely, hardly or by the narrowest of margin, just, barely, only, almost, close, pretty close, nearly equal, tight, sharply contested, near, nearly, pretty near
The horse won only **by a neck**.
2. (informal) **by a hair's breath**, by the narrowest of margin, by a tinny whinny, by a bit, **by a nose**, by an inch, **by a whisker**, **by hair's breath**, **by the skin of one's teeth** or by a fraction of an inch, get away by, **be neck and neck**, photo finish, **within a hair**, **shoulder to shoulder**, **by a whisker**, nip and tuck, **within an eyelash**, **at one's heel**, be by a tinny whinny, by a bit, **by a nose**, by an inch, **by a whisker**, **hair's breath**, **skin of one's teeth**

to wring someone's neck

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 **wring my neck**.

2. (more stylized) to execrate, objurgate, reprove, excoriate, flog, imprecate, lambaste, thrash
3. (informal) to jump all over one, let someone have it, blast, whallop, 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 head**, whack, lay someone out in lavender, belt, whale, tan
5. to strangle, kill, murder, wring, wrench or wring someone's neck
He killed his opponent by **twisting his neck**.
6. (more stylistic) to assassinate, slay
7. (informal) to cut, cut down, finish off, put someone out of one's misery, dispatch
8. (slang) to snuff out, waste, eighty-six, bump off, get rid of

I'll break your neck

I'll kill you! (said when one is almost violently angry, meant figuratively)

I'll wring your neck

I'll kill you! (said when one is almost violently angry, meant figuratively)

It's neck or nothing

It's all or nothing.

stiff necked

1. stubborn, pertinacious, intractable, unyielding, obstinate
2. ornery, **pig-headed**, **bullheaded**, mulish
3. perverse, headstrong, self-willed
4. unmanageable, ungovernable, immovable, unshakable
5. persistent, insistent, tenacious, bulldog
6. opinionated, intolerant, close-minded
7. prejudiced, biased, twisted

Shoulder

(entered into English before 900)

Old English **sculdor**, **Middle**
English **sholder** **schulder**
shulderen, **Dutch** **schouder**,
German **Schulter**, **Latin**
umerus, **French** **épaule**, **Spanish**
hombro

shoulder

1. extending from the base of the neck to the upper joint of each of the arms
Once she found out the truth, she cried on his **shoulders**.
2. side of the road
Please place the car on the **shoulder** of the road.

to shoulder

1. to carry or bear responsibility, hardship or blame, take responsibility for, burden oneself with, accept
I can **shoulder** my problems and those of my friends. I am strong.
2. to assume, take upon oneself, put upon oneself, attend to, assume responsibility for
3. (informal) to undertake, take on
4. to underpin, strengthen, support, underprop, reinforce, brace, prop, give strength to
5. (more stylistic) to sustain, truss, buttress, undergird, fortify, underbear
6. to hold up, prop up, shore up, make stronger, bolster up, keep up
7. to **lift on** or **lift to one's shoulder**, **carry on one's shoulder**
Before walking through the crowd, she **shouldered** her daughter.

8. to shove, push, nudge, poke with the shoulder
He **shouldered** his way through the crowd.

9. (stylistic) to jostle, press forward, press, wedge, thrust, advance with one's shoulders

10. (informal) to push through, shove through, elbow, drive through, make one's way through, **shoulder one's way through**, squeeze through

11. (slang) to ram through, butt through, bulldoze

chip on one's shoulder

a complaint or offense that colors one's perspective
He has a **chip on his shoulders** as big as a boulder.

a good shoulder to cry on

someone who is especially sympathetic or empathetic, a good listener
He's such a good friend, a **good shoulder to cry on**.

shoulder high

to the height of the shoulder
The water was so high that it was **shoulder high**.

shoulder pad

thick pad or padding put under the shoulders of a jacket to give bulk and shape

His shoulders are not so broad; that jacket has exaggerated **shoulder pads**.

shoulder period

the period of travel between the peak period and the off-peak period
The **shoulder period** is not as cheap as the off-peak season but one can still save quite a bit.

shoulder season

the season of travel between the peak season and the off-peak season
The **shoulder season** is not as cheap as the off-peak season but one can still save quite a bit.

a shoulder to cry on

someone who is sympathetic or empathetic, a good listener
He such a friend, **a shoulder to cry on**.

straight from the shoulder

1. frankly, outspokenly, candidly, directly
You can trust what he says because he shoots straight from the shoulder.
2. (more stylistic) tactlessly, hasty, rashly, impetuously, brashly, unreservedly, without constraints or restraint
3. (informal) **flat-footedly**, plain-spokenly, be downright, outright, free-spoken, explicit or blunt

shoulder to shoulder

1. almost by the side of, even, equal or next to
The two horses are **neck and neck**. Who knows who's going to win.
2. (more stylistic) almost on a par, **abreast**, **abreast with**, adjacent or parallel
3. (informal) **side by side**, **close at hand**, stem to stem, **nose to nose**, **cheek by jowl**, **side by side**, **hand in hand**, **cheek to jowl**

to be a shoulder to cry on

1. to be a support or help for someone, be someone who is compassionate, supportive, comforting, or affectionate
As far as he is concerned, I **am only a shoulder to cry on**.
2. (informal) to be commiserative, consoling, empathetic
3. to **be warm-hearted**, be simpatico, **have a heart as big as the all out doors**, **have a big heart**, **be big-hearted**, **have broad shoulders**, **be kind-hearted**

to be given the cold shoulder

1. to be treated with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored or overlooked
At the party, I **was given the cold shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to be ill-treated, disregarded, snubbed, slighted, not heeded, **dismissed from one's mind**, affronted, insulted, held aloof, **dismissed from one's thought**

3. (informal) to be pushed aside, brushed off, **have the door slammed in one's face**, looked right through, not be paid attention to, not noticed, passed over, passed by, kept out, **slapped in the face**, **kept at arm's length**, **put down**, kept out, given the brush off, paid no heed to, looked right through, shown the door, looked coldly upon, or **cold shouldered**
4. (slang) to be kissed off, deep-sixed, thrown to the dog, turned thumbs down on or cut dead, or dissed

to be head and shoulders above

1. to be better, of the first order, exceptional, first-class, choice, superlative, the best or of a higher grade
She **is head and shoulder above** her competition.
2. (more stylized) to be nonpareil, unprecedented, superior, outstanding, superlative, singular, unparallel or peerless, prevail over
3. (informal) to be top-notch, tip-top, top-grade or top-drawer, **stand head and shoulder above**
4. (slang) to be crackerjack, cat's meow or the cat's pajama, top dog

to be shoulder to shoulder

1. to be in very close together or in close proximation
We were **shoulder to shoulder** in the elevator.
2. to be in cooperation or partnership with or work in collaboration with, collaborate or concur with, work together or in concert

We were **shoulder-to-shoulder** and refused to let anyone come between us.

3. to pull together, join forces, work side by side or as a team, join hands, team up
4. (informal) to be in cahoots, hitch horses

to be straight from the shoulder

1. to be frank, outspoken, candid, direct
You can trust what he says because he will **give it to you straight from the shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to be **straight from the shoulder**, tactless, uninhibited, straightforward, impetuous, brash, unreserved, unconstrained, forthright or unequivocal, be without constraints or restrain, not be reticent, be unambiguous or unequivocating
3. (informal) to be **flat-footed**, unshrinking, plain-spoken, free-tongued, downright, out and out, outright, plain-spoken, free-spoken, explicit, blunt or point blank

to bear one aloft on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, raise, lift, hoist, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **bore the winner aloft on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up

3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to bend one's shoulders

1. to physically curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch or squat one's shoulder
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **bent his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince
6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low, **keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop** or **curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down**, throw oneself at one the feet of, **bow one's head**

7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, **brown-nose**, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way, hug the earth, lie prone

to boost one on one's shoulders

1. to hoist, rear, raise, elevate, lift or heave one onto one's shoulders
They **boosted the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to boost one up on one's shoulders

1. to hoist, rear, raise, elevate, lift or heave one onto one's shoulders
They **boosted the winner up on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to bow one's shoulders

1. to physically curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch or squat one's shoulder

2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **bowed his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince
6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low ,**keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop or curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down, throw oneself at one the feet of, bow one's head**
7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, **brown-nose**, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way, hug the earth, lie prone

to carry someone off on one's shoulders

1. to kidnap, snatch
He **carried his bride off on his shoulders.**

2. (more stylized) to abduct, seize
3. (informal) to carry off, make away with, make off with

to carry one on one's shoulders

1. to **bear, support, maintain**, or **sustain on one's shoulders**
They **carried the winner on their shoulders**.
2. (informal) to **hold on** or **prop up on one's shoulders**
3. to help, aid, assist, support, facilitate, ease
Right now she is unable to help herself but I love her. I don't mind **carrying her on my shoulders**.
4. (more stylistic) to mitigate, alleviate, smooth, sustain, facilitate, uphold, disencumber, disburden, maintain
5. (informal) to **put on one's feet**, set going, lend wings to, **carry on one's back**, make easier, tide over, run interference for, pave the way for, prop up, **have broad shoulders**

to carry the responsibility on one's shoulder

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility
He **carried the responsibility on his shoulder** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.

2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself

3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, **take the responsibility on one's shoulder**, **carry the responsibility on one's shoulder**, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame**

to carry the weight of the world on one's shoulders

to bear, support, maintain, sustain, carry or bear the burden of everyone
 You can't help her; she enjoys **carrying the weight of the world on her shoulders**.

to cold shoulder

1. to treat with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored
 At the party, I he **cold shouldered** me at the party.

2. (more stylistic) to ill-treat, disregard, snub, slight, not heed, **dismiss from one's mind**, affront, insult, hold aloof, **dismiss from one's thought**

3. (slang) to push aside, put the freeze on, brush off, slam the door in someone's face, look right through, pay no attention to, take no notice of, pass over, pass by, keep out, **slap in the face**, **keep at arm's length**, put down, turn up one's nose at, turn one's nose up at, keep out

to crouch one's shoulder

1. to physically **curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch** or **squat one's shoulder**
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **crouched his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince
6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low, **keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop** or **curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down**, throw oneself at one the feet of, **bow one's head**
7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, **brown-nose**, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way, hug the earth, lie prone

to cry on someone's shoulder

1. to confide, disclose, reveal to someone something intimate
Last night, all I did was **cry on his shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to unburden oneself, disbosom, unbosom, disenbosom
3. (informal) to **make a clean breast of something, spill one's guts, get off of one's chest, weep on one's shoulder**, lighten one's load, **open one's heart**

to curve one's shoulder

1. to physically **curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch** or **squat one's shoulder**
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **curved his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince

6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes**, **not make** or **break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes**, **fall on one's knees**, lie low ,**keep one's eyes down**, **not look at someone straight in the eyes**, **bend**, **stoop** or **curve one's shoulders**, **not raise one's head**, **keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down**, throw oneself at one the feet of, **bow one's head**

7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, **brown-nose**, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way, hug the earth, lie prone

to elevate one on one's shoulders

1. to hoist, rear, raise, lift, boost or heave one onto one's shoulders
They **elevated the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.

2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up

3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder**, **place on one's shoulder**

to get the cold shoulder

1. to be treated with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored, passed over
I'm always **getting the cold shoulder** from her.

2. (more stylistic) to be ill-treated, disregarded, snubbed, slighted, not be heeded, affronted, insulted

3. (slang) to be pushed aside, brushed off, looked right through, paid no attention to, taken no notice of, passed over, passed by, kept out, **slapped in the face**, **kept at arm's length** or put down

to give it straight from the shoulder

1. to speak frankly, outspokenly, candidly, directly
You can trust what he says because he will **give it to you straight from the shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to express oneself tactlessly, hastily, rashly, straightforwardly, impetuously, brashly, unreservedly, forthrightly, or unequivocally, without constraints or restrain, not be reticent, be unambiguous or unequivocating
3. (informal) **flat-footedly**, plain-spokenly, be downright, out and out, outright, plain-spoken, free-spoken, explicit, blunt or point blank

to give it to someone straight from the shoulder

1. to speak frankly, outspokenly, candidly, directly
Although it did hurt my feeling, he did **give it to me straight from the shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to express oneself tactlessly, hastily, rashly, straightforwardly, impetuously, brashly, unreservedly, forthrightly, or unequivocally, without constraints or restrain, not be reticent, be unambiguous or unequivocating
3. (informal) **flat-footedly**, plain-spokenly, be downright, out and out, outright, plain-spoken, free-spoken, explicit, blunt or point blank

to give one the cold shoulder

1. to treat with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored
At the party, I **got the cold shoulder** from him.
2. (more stylistic) to ill-treat, disregard, snub, slight, not heed, **dismiss from one's mind**, affront, insult, hold aloof, **dismiss from one's thought**
3. (informal) to push aside, put the freeze on, brush off, **slam the door in someone's face**, look right through, pay no attention to, take no notice of, pass over, pass by, keep out, **slap in the face**, **keep at arm's length**, **put down**, **turn up one's nose at**, **turn one's nose up at**, keep out, give someone the brush off, pay no heed to, look right through, **turn one's back on**
4. (slang) to kiss off, deep six, throw someone to the dog, turn thumbs down on, cut someone dead, dis

to have a chip on one's shoulder

1. to have a complaint, resentment or grievance so deeply ingrained that colors one's perspective in every aspect of one's life
He **has a chip on his shoulders** as big as a boulder.
2. (informal) to have an axe to grind, have a bone to pick, have a grudge
3. (slang) to have a beef or a gripe

to have a good head on one's shoulders

1. to be intelligent, mature for one's age, sensible, sound, prudent, have clear vision
I know that he's rather young to get married but he has a good head on his shoulders
2. (more stylistic) to be discerning, agile, insightful, quick-witted, subtle, sharp-witted, percipient, judicious, astute, perceptive, far-sighted, discreet, circumspect or heedful
3. (informal) to be wide awake, **long-headed**, on the ball, **open-eyed**, commonsensical, sharp as a tack, **clear-eyed**, **clear-headed** or sharp-sighted, not be easily fooled, have unclouded vision, **have an old head on young shoulders**
4. (slang) to be savvy, **have one's head screwed on right**

to have a shoulder to cry on

to have someone who is compassionate, supportive, comforting or sympathetic on which to rely, be able to count on someone who is commiserative, consoling or empathetic
I don't even **have a shoulder to cry on**.

(to have) all the responsibility fall on one's shoulder

1. to be responsible for everything
As far as the family is concerned, all **the responsibility fall on his shoulders**.
2. to **have everything in one's lap**, **have broad shoulders**, **have everything on one's shoulders**, **carry the weight of the world on one's shoulders**, **have it all in one's hands**

to have an old head on young shoulders

1. to be a person who is mature, sound, wise, sane, well-balanced, well-adjusted, cogent or balanced, be intelligent, mature for one's age, sensible, sound or prudent, be extraordinary mature and responsible
I know that he is very young but I am not worried. He **has an old head on young shoulders**.
2. (more stylistic) to be discerning, agile, insightful, quick-witted, subtle, sharp-witted, percipient, judicious, astute, perceptive, far-sighted, discreet, circumspect or heedful
3. (informal) to be wide awake, **long-headed**, on the ball, **open-eyed**, commonsensical, sharp as a tack, **clear-eyed**, **clear-headed** or sharp-sighted, not be easily fooled, have unclouded vision, **have an old head on young shoulders**, **to have quite a head on one's shoulders**, be well-adjusted, be all there, be on the ball, **be healthy minded**, **level headed**, have clear vision
4. (*Latin*) *compos mentis*

to have broad shoulders

1. to be responsible for everything, be able to bear the full weight of one's responsibility
Don't worry about him, he **has broad shoulders**.
2. to **have everything in one's lap**, **be willing to carry everything on one's shoulders**, **carry the weight of the world on one's shoulders**, **have all the responsibility fall on one's shoulder**, **have it all in one's hands**
3. to be a support or help, be someone who is compassionate, supportive or comforting

As far as he is concerned, I **am only a shoulder to cry on.**

4. (informal) to be commiserative, consoling, empathetic
5. to **be warm-hearted**, be simpatico, **have a heart as big as the all out doors**, **have a big heart**, **be big-hearted**, **have broad shoulders**, **be kind-hearted**

to have one's head squarely on one's shoulders

1. to be a person who is mature, sound, wise, sane, well-balanced, well-adjusted, cogent or balanced, be intelligent, mature for one's age, sensible, sound or prudent, be extraordinary mature and responsible
He's a good student; he has his head squarely on his shoulders.
2. (more stylistic) to be discerning, agile, insightful, quick-witted, subtle, sharp-witted, percipient, judicious, astute, perceptive, far-sighted, discreet, circumspect or heedful
3. (informal) to be wide awake, **long-headed**, on the ball, **open-eyed**, commonsensical, sharp as a tack, **clear-eyed**, **clear-headed** or sharp-sighted, not be easily fooled, have unclouded vision, **have an old head on young shoulders**, **to have quite a head on one's shoulders**, be well-adjusted, be all there, be on the ball, **be healthy minded**, **level headed**, have clear vision
4. (*Latin*) *compos mentis*

to heave one on one's shoulders

1. to hoist, rear, raise, lift, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders

They **heaved the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.

2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to heft one up on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, raise, lift, hoist, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **hefted the winner up on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to hoist one on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, raise, lift, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **hoisted the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up, **shoulder**
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to hunch one's shoulder

1. to physically curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch or squat one's shoulder
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, she **hunched her shoulders, put his head in her hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to flinch, humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, recoil, grovel, blench, wince
6. (informal) to **tuck in one's shoulders**, look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact, lower one's head, look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, bunch up, stoop or curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down, put one's head down, bow one's head, curl up one's shoulders**
7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, **brown-nose**, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way, hug the earth, lie prone

8. to shove, push, nudge, poke with the shoulders
He hunched his **shoulders** his way through the crowd.
9. (stylistic) to jostle, press forward, press, wedge, thrust, advance with one's shoulders
10. (informal) to push through, shove through, elbow, drive through, make one's way through, **shoulder one's way through**, squeeze through
11. (slang) to ram through, butt through, bulldoze

to keep one's shoulder to the wheel

1. to continue working or toiling hard, keep pushing oneself
The only way to succeed is to **keep our shoulder to the wheel** and do what needs to be done.
2. (more stylistic) to continue striving, exerting oneself, endeavoring or laboring, keep working like a Trojan
3. (informal) to ply the oar, **put one's hand to the plow**, keep one's sleeves rolled up, **knuckle down**, burn the candle at both ends, continue grinding, **keep one's nose to the grindstone**, keep working around the clock, continue killing oneself, burn the midnight oil, **work one's fingers to the bone**
4. (slang) to keep plodding, plugging along, working oneself to death, slaving away
5. to continue working hard, pushing oneself or setting to work

The only way to succeed is to **keep one's nose to the grindstone** and do what needs to be done.

6. (more stylistic) to continue toiling, striving, exerting oneself, endeavoring, laboring, working like a Trojan, applying oneself
7. (informal) to continue plying the oar, **putting one's hand to the plow, knuckling down**, burning the candle at both ends, grinding, working around the clock, killing oneself, burning the midnight oil, **working one's fingers to the bone**, plying the oar or buckling down, keep one's sleeves rolled up
8. (slang) to continue plodding, plugging along, working oneself to death or slaving, get off the dime, get busy, get down to it, get down to business, get off one's duff, slave away, work twenty-four/seven
9. (vulgar) to work like a slave or a dog, kill oneself **get off one's behind, get off one's ass, get one's ass in gear**

to knock the chip off one's shoulder

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
She **faced down** her enemy and **knocked the chip off his shoulder**.
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**, cross the line in the sand, **face the card down, 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 lift one on one's shoulders

1. to hoist, rear, raise, elevate, boost or heave one onto one's shoulders
They **lifted the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to lift shoulder-high

to hoist, rear, raise, elevate, boost or heave to the height of the shoulder
They **lifted the candidate shoulder-high**.

to look over one's shoulder

1. to be watchful, anxious, worried, nervous, fretful or troubled about possible upcoming danger
He **is always looking over his shoulder**.

2. to be distressed, concerned, apprehensive, ill at ease, disquieted
3. to be uneasy, jittery, on tenterhooks, on edge or edgy, **have one's heart in one's mouth**, have a wary eye, be fidgety, on edge, on the look out or on the watch, **be all eyes and ears**
4. (slang) to be sweating bullets, itchy, sweating, on cliff edge, antsy

to need a shoulder to cry on

1. to need someone in whom to confide, trust, put confidence, want or need someone with whom to speak
I **need a shoulder to cry on** to express this great sadness that I feel.
2. to have the need to disburden, unburden, unbosom, lay bare or bear one's soul
3. to have the need to come clean, get off one's chest, open one's heart, make a clean breast, go to confession or get it out of one's system
one's hair down

to pick one up on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, raise, lift, hoist, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **lifted the winner up on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up

3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, heft up, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to place all the blame on the shoulders of

1. to burden someone with the blame or responsibility, obligate someone to accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility for something
He **place all the blame on her husband's shoulder.**
2. to find fault with, lay all at the door of, incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to someone, lay the blame on someone
3. (informal) to pin the blame on, weigh one down with the blame of, lay at one's door, hold one responsible for, saddle one with the blame, hold one accountable for, point the finger at, **put the blame on someone's shoulder, put all the blame on someone's shoulder, place all the blame on someone's shoulder, shoulder the blame, shoulder all the blame**

to place all the weight on one's own shoulders

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the responsibility or blame, carry, bear or take the burden or responsibility
He **placed all the weight on his own shoulders** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.
2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself

3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame** to **shoulder the blame**

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to put one's shoulders back

1. to stand up straight, erect, not curved or upright, be unbent or unbowed
If you expect to be a successful model, you must **put your shoulders back**.
2. (informal) to stand straight as an arrow
3. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed
You have nothing to be ashamed of. **Put your shoulders back** and show that you're proud.
4. (more stylistic) to demonstrate that one is unbowed, unbent, unrepentant, resolute, steadfast or firm, not to show trepidation, apprehensive or mortification
5. to show that one **has a mind of one's own** or that one is strong-willed, **hard-headed**, tough, **hard-nosed** or **strong minded**, **be stiff-backed**, show no fear, **keep** or **maintain one's head up**, hold, **keep** or **maintain one's head held up high**, **put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high**, **put one's shoulders back and look at someone in the eyes**

to put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high

1. to stand up straight, erect, not curved or upright, be unbent or unbowed
If you expect to be a successful model, you must **put your shoulders back and hold your head up high.**
2. (informal) to stand straight as an arrow, **put one's shoulders back**
3. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed
You are a Castillo; therefore, you are to **put your shoulders back and your head up high.** Show that you're proud.
4. (more stylistic) to demonstrate that one is unbowed, unbent, unrepentant, resolute, steadfast or firm, not to show trepidation, apprehensive or mortification
5. to show that one **has a mind of one's own** or that one is strong-willed, **hard-headed**, tough, **hard-nosed** or **strong minded**, **be stiff-backed**, show no fear, **keep** or **maintain one's head up**, hold, **keep** or **maintain one's head held up high**, **put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high**, **put one's shoulders back and look at someone in the eyes**

to put one's shoulders back and look someone in the eyes

1. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed
You are a Castillo; therefore, you are to **put your shoulders back and look at her in the eyes.** There is no reason to flinch or blink.
2. (more stylistic) to demonstrate that one is unbowed, unbent, unrepentant, resolute, steadfast or firm, not to show trepidation, apprehensive or mortification

3. to show that one **has a mind of one's own** or that one is strong-willed, **hard-headed**, tough, **hard-nosed** or **strong minded**, **be stiff-backed**, show no fear, **keep** or **maintain one's head up**, hold, **keep** or **maintain one's head held up high**, **put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high**, **put one's shoulders back and look at someone in the eyes**

to put one's shoulders back and look someone straight in the eyes

1. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed
You are a Castillo; therefore, you are to **put your shoulders back and look at her straight in the eyes**. There is no reason to flinch or blink.
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to put something round one's shoulders

to cover one's shoulder as a result of being cold
He **put his jacket round my shoulders**.

to put one's shoulder to the wheel

1. to work or toil hard, set to work, push oneself
I'm tired of all this talking, it's time to **put our shoulder to the wheel** and do what needs to be done.

2. (more stylistic) to strive, exert oneself, endeavor, labor
3. (informal) to ply the oar, **put one's hand to the plow**, roll up one's sleeves, **knuckle down**, buckle down, grind, **keep one's nose to the grindstone**, work around the clock, grind, kill oneself, **work one's fingers to the bone**
4. (slang) to get off the dime, get busy, get down to it, get down to business, get off one's duff, kill oneself, plod, plug along, work oneself to death, slave away

to put one's nose to the grindstone

1. to work hard, push oneself, set to work
The only way to succeed is to **put one's nose to the grindstone** and do what needs to be done.
2. (more stylistic) to toil, strive, exert oneself, endeavor, labor, work like a Trojan, apply oneself
3. (informal) to ply the oar, **put one's hand to the plow**, keep one's sleeves rolled up, **knuckle down**, burn the candle at both ends, continue grinding, **keep one's nose to the grindstone**, work around the clock, kill oneself, burn the midnight oil, **work one's fingers to the bone**, ply the oar, **put one's hand to the plow**, roll up one's sleeves, buckle down, grind
4. (slang) to plod, plug along, work oneself to death, slave, get off the dime, get busy, get down to it, get down to business, get off one's duff, kill oneself, slave away, work twenty-four/seven
5. (vulgar) to work like a slave or a dog, kill oneself **get off one's behind**, **get off one's ass**, **get one's ass in gear**

6. (vulgar) to **get off one's behind, get off one's ass, get one's ass in gear**

to put all the blame on someone's shoulder

1. to burden someone with the blame or responsibility, obligate someone to accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility for something
He **put all the blame on her husband's shoulder.**
2. to find fault with, lay all at the door of, incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to someone, lay the blame on someone
3. (informal) to pin the blame on, weigh one down with the blame of, lay at one's door, hold one responsible for, saddle one with the blame, hold one accountable for, point the finger at, **put the blame on someone's shoulder, put all the blame on someone's shoulder, place all the blame on someone's shoulder, shoulder the blame, shoulder all the blame**

to put all the weight on one's own shoulders

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the responsibility or blame, carry, bear or take the burden or responsibility
He **put all the weight on his own shoulders** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.
2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself
3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weigh, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with

the blame, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder, put all the blame on one's own shoulder, place all the blame on one's own shoulder, shoulder the blame to shoulder the blame**

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hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder, put all the blame on one's own shoulder, place all the blame on one's own shoulder, shoulder the blame**

to raise one on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, lift, hoist, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **raised the winner on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, raise up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to raise one up on one's shoulders

1. to heave, rear, raise, lift, hoist, boost or elevate one onto one's shoulders
They **raised the winner up on their shoulders** to show their joy.
2. (more stylistic) to bear aloft, upraise, uplift, raise high, uphold, loft, cast up
3. (informal) to pull up, heft up, boost up, thrust up, pick up, raise high, **put one on one's shoulder, place on one's shoulder**

to raise shoulder-high

to hoist, rear, raise, elevate, boost or heave to the height of the shoulder
They **lifted the candidate shoulder-high**.

to rub shoulders with

1. to come into association with, mingle or mix with, fraternize, socialize
When I had money, I used to **rub shoulders** with many powerful people.
2. (more stylized) to consort with
3. (informal) to **touch elbows with**, go with, hobnob, pal around, take up with, hang around with, keep company with, keep the latchstring out
4. (slang) to club together, run arounds with, hang with, party together, chum around with

to set one's shoulder to the wheel

1. to work or toil hard, set to work, push oneself
I'm tired of all this talking, it's time to **set our shoulder to the wheel** and do what needs to be done.
2. (more stylistic) to strive, exert oneself, endeavor, labor, work like a Trojan, persevere
3. (informal) to ply the oar, **put one's hand to the plow**, roll up one's sleeves, **knuckle down**, buckle down, grind, **keep one's nose to the grindstone**, work around the clock, grind, kill oneself, work like a stevedore, **work one's fingers to the bone**
4. (slang) to get off the dime, get busy, get down to it, get down to business, get off one's duff, kill oneself, plod, plug along, **plug ahead**, work oneself to death, slave away, try one damnest, plug at

to shoot from the shoulder

1. to be frank, outspoken, candid, direct
You can trust what he says because he will **give it to you from the shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to be tactless, uninhibited, straightforward, impetuous, brash, unreserved, unconstrained, forthright or unequivocal, be without constraints or restrain, not be reticent, be unambiguous or unequivocating
3. (informal) to be **flat-footed**, unshrinking, plain-spoken, free-tongued, downright, out and out, outright, plain-spoken, free-spoken, explicit, blunt, **straight from the shoulder** or point blank, **shoot from the shoulder, shoot straight from the shoulder**

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to shoulder

1. to carry or bear responsibility, hardship or blame, take responsibility for, burden oneself with, accept

I can **shoulder** my problems and those of my friends. I am strong.

2. to assume, take upon oneself, put upon oneself, attend to, assume responsibility for
3. (informal) to undertake, take on
4. to underpin, strengthen, support, underprop, reinforce, brace, prop, give strength to
5. (more stylistic) to sustain, truss, buttress, undergird, fortify, underbear
6. to hold up, prop up, shore up, make stronger, bolster up, keep up
7. to **lift on** or **lift to one's shoulder**, **carry on one's shoulder**
Before walking through the crowd, she **shouldered** her daughter.
8. to shove, push, nudge, poke with the shoulder
He **shouldered** his way through the crowd.
9. (stylistic) to jostle, press forward, press, wedge, thrust, advance with one's shoulders
10. (informal) to push through, shove through, elbow, drive through, make one's way through, **shoulder one's way through**, squeeze through

11. (slang) to ram through, butt through, bulldoze

to shoulder all the blame

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility
He **shouldered all the blame** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.
2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself
3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame**

to shoulder arms

to take up, carry, bear weapons or arms

Situation has gotten so bad that now children are **shouldering arms**.

to shoulder one's way through

1. to shove, push, nudge, poke with the shoulders through a crowd or a group of people
The only way to get out of here is if we **shoulder our way through the crowd**.
2. (stylistic) to jostle, press forward, press, wedge, thrust, advance with one's shoulders
3. (informal) to push through, shove through, **elbow**, drive through,

make one's way through, **shoulder one's way through**, squeeze through

4. (slang) to ram through, butt through, bulldoze

to shoulder one's way through a crowd

1. to shove, push, nudge or poke with the shoulders through a crowd
The only way to get out of here is if we **shoulder our way through the crowd**.
2. (stylistic) to jostle, press forward, press, wedge, thrust or advance with one's shoulders through a concourse or throng
3. (informal) to push through, shove through, **elbow**, drive through, make one's way through, press against, **shoulder one's way through** or squeeze through a swarm
4. (slang) to ram through, butt through or bulldoze through a crush or mass of people

to shoulder out

1. to take or commandeer the position of another, take the place of
He **shouldered out** his brother and took over the throne
2. (more stylistic) to usurp, coerce, appropriate, commandeer, compel, wrest from, accroach, force, expropriate, arrogate, encroach, dispossess, supplant, infringe

3. (informal) to steal the limelight, push out, take over, steal the thunder of, ease out, upstage, **shoulder someone aside**, push aside, **shoulder out of the way**
4. (slang) to get rid of, bounce, kick out

to shoulder someone aside

1. to take or commandeer the position of another, take the place of, push on to the side, remove, displace
He **shouldered his brother aside** and took over the throne.
2. to expel, usurp, eject, exclude, emit, oust, cast aside, press out, thrust aside, set apart, set aside, segregate, extrude, discard, relegate, supplant
3. (informal) to put aside, mover away, throw out, force out, drive out, drum out, set apart, **shoulder someone aside**, push aside, **shoulder out of the way**
4. (slang) to kick out, get rid of, cut out, cut off

to shoulder someone out of the way

1. to take or commandeer the position of another, take the place of, push on to the side, remove, displace
The company president **shouldered** the vice president **out of the way**.
2. to expel, usurp, eject, exclude, emit, oust, cast aside, press out, thrust aside, set apart, set aside, segregate, extrude, discard, relegate, supplant

3. (informal) to put aside, move away, throw out, force out, drive out, stevedore, set apart, **shoulder someone aside**, push aside, **shoulder out of the way**
4. (slang) to kick out, get rid of, cut out, cut off

to shoulder the blame

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility
He **shouldered the blame** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.
2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself, allow oneself to be scapegoated, play the scapegoat
3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, take the responsibility on one's shoulder, carry on one's shoulder, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame**
4. (slang) to take it, take the rap

to shoulder the responsibility

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility
He **shouldered the responsibility** and, as a result, was the only one to go to jail.

2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself

3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, **take the responsibility on one's shoulder**, **carry on one's shoulder**, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame**

4. (slang) to take it, take the rap

to shrug one's shoulder

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, disdain, belittle, purposely
keep one's eyes shut or **closed to**
When I told him what happened. All he did was **shrug his shoulders**.

2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, disdain, belittle, scorn, hold in contempt, despise, detest, snub, set at naught, snub

3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, **close one's eyes to**, to put down, **turn a cold shoulder to**, shrug something off

4. to pooh-pooh

to slouch one's shoulder

1. to physically **curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch** or **squat one's shoulder**
When he heard the news, he squatted his shoulders and walked away.
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scootch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **slouched his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince
6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low, **keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop** or **curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down**, throw oneself at one the feet of, **bow one's head**

to square one's shoulder

1. to brace, harden or toughen oneself
You have to **square your shoulder** and take whatever comes.

2. (more stylistic) to inure, fortify, reinforce, strengthen, indurate, gird, buttress
3. (informal) to **stiffen your neck**, steel oneself, **gird one's loins**, **harden one's heart**, screw one's courage to the sticking point

to squat one's shoulder

1. to physically **curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch** or **squat one's shoulder**
When he heard the news, he squatted his shoulders and walked away.
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's eyes** or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **squatted his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.
5. (more stylistic) to humble oneself, abnegate, acquiesce, cringe, blench, shrink, grovel, recoil, prostrate oneself, fawn, wince
6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low, **keep one's eyes down**,

not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop or curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down, kneel before, put one's head down, throw oneself at one the feet of, bow one's head

7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, brown-nose, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way

to stand head and shoulder above the rest

1. to be better, of the first order, exceptional, first-class, choice, superlative, superior, first-rate, exceptional, outstanding, the best or of a higher grade
She **stood head and shoulder above the rest** her competition.
2. (more stylized) to be nonpareil, unprecedented, superior, outstanding, superlative, singular, unparalled or peerless, prevail over
3. (informal) to be top-notch, tip-top, top-grade or top-drawer, **be head and shoulder above rest**
4. (slang) to be crackerjack, cat's meow or the cat's pajama, top dog

to stand shoulder to shoulder

1. to stand very close together or in close proximation
We stood **shoulder to shoulder** in the elevator.
2. to be in cooperation or partnership with or work in collaboration with, collaborate or concur with, work together or in concert
We stood **shoulder-to-shoulder** and refused to let anyone come between us.

3. to pull together, join forces, work side by side or as a team, join hands, team up
4. (informal) to be in cahoots, hitch horses

to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with

1. to be united with, work in harmony with, work in cooperation with, be in agreement
I will **stand shoulder to shoulder with** you to do what needs to be done.
2. (more stylistic) to conjoin, work in league with, coadunate, work in confederation with, concur, work in accord with
3. (informal) to **see eye to eye, be of the same mind**, pull together, hang together

to stoop one's shoulders

1. to physically **curve, squat, round, slump, stoop, contort, crook, slouch** or **squat one's shoulder**
2. (more stylistic) to physically incurvate, arc or arch one's shoulder
3. (informal) to scotch or scutch down
4. to **stoop, curve, lower** or **bow** one's shoulder or head as an act of submission, **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet**

someone's eyes or lower one's body to show one's sadness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, be a body gesture which shows that one has given up or no longer willing to try, accept one's fate or destiny
As soon as he realized that she had left him, he **stooped his shoulders, put his head in his hands** and cried.

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6. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make or break eye contact**, bend before, **lower one's head**, bend one's knees, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, fall on one's knees**, lie low, **keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop or curve one's shoulders, not raise one's head, keep one's head down**, kneel before, **put one's head down**, throw oneself at one the feet of, **bow one's head**
7. (slang) to kow-tow, worm, worm along, bow and scrape, bootlick, brown-nose, lick someone's boots, mooch, toady, toady to, worm one's way

to take the responsibility on one's shoulder

1. to burden oneself with the blame or responsibility, accept, take, carry or bear the blame or responsibility
He **took the responsibility on his shoulder** and paid for his brother's university studies.
2. to incriminate, ascribe, attribute, arrogate, impute, allege, assign the blame to oneself, lay the blame on oneself

3. (informal) to take or carry the blame, take or carry the weight, **put** or **place all the weight on one's own shoulders**, come down hard on oneself, hold oneself responsible for, saddle oneself with the blame, take the responsibility on one's shoulder, carry on one's shoulder, hold one accountable for, **put the blame on one's own shoulder**, **put all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **place all the blame on one's own shoulder**, **shoulder the blame**

to throw one's shoulders back and look at one straight in the eyes

1. to take the stance of a challenge, challenge, confront, affront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear
He **threw his shoulders back and looked her straight in the eyes** and waited for her to react.
2. to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
3. (informal) to taunt, throw down the gauntlet, look straight in the face, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, tempt Providence, court destruction, go in harm's way
4. (slang) to brazen, brazen out, brazen through, take the bull by the horn

to throw one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high

1. to stand up straight, erect, not curved or upright, be unbent or unbowed
If you expect to be a successful model, you must **throw your shoulders back and hold your head up high**.
2. (informal) to stand straight as an arrow, **put one's shoulders back**

3. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment
When you come out of that room, no matter what happens, **throw one head back and hold your head up high.**
4. (more stylistic) to demonstrate that one is unbowed, unbent, unrepentant, resolute, steadfast or firm, not to show trepidation or apprehensive
5. to show that one **has a mind of one's own** or that one is strong-willed, **hard-headed**, tough, **hard-nosed** or **strong minded**, **be stiff-backed**, show no fear, **keep** or **maintain one's head up**, hold, **keep** or **maintain one's head held up high**, **put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high**

to turn shoulder a cold shoulder to

1. to treat with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored
She **turned a cold shoulder** to the man who betrayed her.
2. (more stylistic) to ill-treat, disregard, snub, slight, not heed, **dismiss from one's mind**, affront, insult, hold aloof, **dismiss from one's thought**
3. (informal) to push aside, put the freeze on, brush off, **slam the door in someone's face**, look right through, pay no attention to, take no notice of, pass over, pass by, keep out, **slap in the face**, **keep at arm's length**, **put down**, **turn up one's nose at**, **turn one's nose up at**, keep out, give someone the brush off, pay no heed to, look right through, **cold shoulder**, **turn one's back on**
4. (slang) to kiss off, deep six, throw someone to the dog, turn thumbs down on, cut someone dead

to walk shoulder to shoulder

to walk very close together or in close proximity

We entered the meeting, **walking shoulder to shoulder**.

to weep on one's shoulder

1. to confide, disclose, reveal to someone something intimate
Last night, all I did was **weep on his shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to unburden oneself, disbosom, unbosom, disenbosom
3. (informal) to **make a clean breast of something, spill one's guts, get off of one's chest, weep on one's shoulder**, lighten one's load, **open one's heart**

The burden falls on my shoulders!

It's my responsibility!

The burden is on my shoulders!

It's my responsibility!

to be cold shouldered

1. to be treated with coldness, indifference, coolness, or remoteness, be ignored or overlooked
At the party, I **was given the cold shoulder**.
2. (more stylistic) to be ill-treated, disregarded, snubbed, slighted, not heeded, **dismissed from one's mind**, affronted, insulted, held aloof, **dismissed from one's thought**

3. (informal) to be pushed aside, brushed off, **have the door slammed in one's face**, looked right through, not be paid attention to, not noticed, passed over, passed by, kept out, **slapped in the face**, **kept at arm's length**, **put down**, kept out, given the brush off, paid no heed to, looked right through, shown the door, looked coldly upon, brushed aside or **cold shouldered**

4. (slang) to be kissed off, deep sixed, thrown to the dog, turned thumbs down on or cut dead, cut or dissed

Chest

(**bosom** / **breast**)

(entered into English before 900)

Old English **cest**, **cist** Middle

English **cest**, **cist** Old Frisian

bek, Old Norse Old Swede **bak**,

Latin **cista**

**Prefixes and Suffixes which
pertain to **chest**:**

thorac- (Greek: **chest**)

toxic-, toxico- (Greek: **chest**)

mast- (Greek: **breast**)

chest

1. front part of the body from the neck and abdomen
2. thorax
3. breast, bosom, bust, bust-line

to get off one's chest

to reveal, confess, **make a clean breast of**, no longer keep hidden or concealed, open up, stop hiding, no longer keep the information to oneself

I need to **get off my chest** what happened that night.

to make a clean breast of

to reveal, confess, make a clean break of, no longer keep hidden or concealed, open up, stop hiding, no longer keep the information to oneself

I need to **make a clean breast of** what happened that night.

to throw one's chest out

1. to show off, flaunt
He is always throwing out his chest and bragging about his accomplishments.
2. (stylistic) to prance, swash, strut, peacock, promenade, be ostentatious, swank, brandish
3. (informal) to put on airs, sashay, parade around, make a big show of it, strut one's stuff

4. to put on the dog, showboat, go on about, give oneself airs, hotdog

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bosom

1. to **hug someone by the neck, put one's arm around someone's neck**, hug
The minute that she saw him, she ran and **flung her around him**.
2. (more stylized) to **embosom**, receive warmly, embrace, enfold, envelop
3. (informal) to hold, grab, grip, hold onto, cling to, **press to one's bosom**

bosom buddy

shadow, best friend, friend, as close as a blood brother, cousin, cuz,

the person who has my back

We have been **bosom buddies** since childhood.

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
æpele
æpeling
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 13.75/ derived from Old English
'dic' (ditch) which entered into the language before 900)

to fling (entered English between 1275-13.00)

to foretell (entered English between 1250-13.00)

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 13.00-13.50 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 'schlitzen (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 1250-13.00 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 13.00-13.50 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 1250-13.00 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)

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