

***to wear one's heart on  
one's sleeves***

***to allow (one's) feeling  
to show for everyone  
to see***

***He calls at all hours***

***He calls at any time.***

***He's like a babe in the  
woods.***

***He is someone who is  
innocent***

***to not bat an eye***

***not to show surprise***

***to beef up***

***to make stronger***

***He told her behind  
the scenes.***

***He told her privately***

***He hit him below the  
belt***

***He hit him unfairly.***

***Let's call it a day.***

***Let's quit or stop for  
today.***



***to call the tune***

***to give the orders***

***He always is putting  
the cart before the  
horse.***

***He always is doing  
things out of order or  
in the wrong order.***

***to catch on, to get it***

***to understand***

***to fall short of***

***to fail to reach a  
particular standard  
or goal***

***to cut short***

***to interrupt, to end  
abruptly***

***cheap skate***

***someone who doesn't  
like to spend money***

***chicken feed***

***very little money***

***to dash off***

***to do or make  
something quickly***



***to be dead tired***

***to be exhausted, to be  
extremely tired***

***to be in deep water***

***to be in a lot of  
trouble, to be in  
serious problems***

***to die down***

***to fade away, to  
become quiet or calm***

***to die away (sound)***

***to become fainter and  
fainter until the  
sound stops***

***to die on the vine***

***to be rejected before  
given the opportunity  
to develop***

***to die out***

***to disappear slowly***

***the die is cast***

***a decision, which can  
not be changed, has  
been made***

***a dime a dozen***

***abundant and, as a  
result, of little value***



***to dish out***

***to distribute, to serve***

***to do away with***

***to stop something***

***to be down to earth***

***to be practical***

***to eat in***

***to eat at home***

***to eat out***

***to dine or eat in a  
restaurant***

***to eat up***

***to eat everything***

***to eat (one's) words***

***to retract (one's)  
statement***

***to be as good as  
(one's) word***

***to keep one's promise***



***to be a man or woman  
of his or her word***

***to be trustworthy***

***to take (one) at (one's)  
word***

***to take a statement to  
be literal and true***

***to take the word out  
of (someone's) mouth***

***to say exactly what  
another person was  
about to say***

***to edge (someone) out  
their position***

***to move (someone) out  
slowly from his  
position***

***He gave him quite a  
work over***

***He gave him a good  
beating***

***to work in or to work  
into***

***to blend, to include  
after some effort***

***She worked off the  
fat***

***She lost weight by  
exercising***

***to work on (someone)***

***to pressure (someone)  
to do something***



***to eke out***

***to make or maintain  
a meagerly living  
with a great effort***

***en masse***

***as a group***

***to keep an eye out, to  
keep an eye out for  
(someone)***

***to watch carefully, to  
watch for someone***

***to be all eyes***

***to be extremely  
attentive***

***to catch someone's  
eye***

***to flirt with someone  
or to give someone a  
warning glance***

***to keep (one's) eyes  
open***

***to be observant***

***to make eyes/ to ogle***

***to flirt***

***to run one's eye over***

***to examine hastily***



***to see eye to eye***

***to agree***

***to eat like a horse***

***to eat a lot***

***to have egg on (one's)  
face***

***to be embarrassed by  
one's own action***

***to walk on eggs, to  
walk on egg shells***

***to do or act with  
extreme caution***

***to egg (someone) on***

***to encourage  
(someone)***

***to ease up***

***to take off the  
pressure***

***to face off***

***to confront, as in a  
contest or in  
competition***

***to face up to  
(something), to face  
the music***

***to meet courageously,  
to confront, to accept  
(one's) punishment***



***to be in (someone's)  
face***

***to annoy someone, to  
confront someone  
directly***

***to lose face***

***to suffer humiliation***

***to save face***

***to not be humiliated***

***to show (one's) face***

***to make an  
appearance***

***to be fair and square***

***to be just, to be  
honest***

***to fall behind***

***to not keep up, to not  
progress***

***to fall away***

***to withdraw  
allegiance or support,  
to diminish***

***to fall back***

***to recede, to give way,  
to retreat***



***to fall back on or  
upon***

***to have recourse to, to  
rely on***

***to fall down***

***to disappoint***

***to fall for***

***to be deceived by***

***to fall in with***

***to start to associate  
with***

***to fall off***

***to decrease in  
number or intensity,  
to diminish***

***to fall through***

***to fail to accomplish  
something, to  
collapse***

***to face the music***

***to accept the  
consequences of  
(one's) action***

***to hit the nail on the  
head***

***to say or do exactly  
the right thing***



***to nail (one's) coffin***

***to hasten the failure  
or demise of someone***

***to nail down***

***to make final***

***to head off***

***to intercept, to stop  
the progress of  
something or someone***

***to come to a head***

***to reach a climax, to  
culminate, to reach a  
final or climatic stage***

***to go to one's head***

***to be overcome with  
exhilaration, to be  
filled with conceit***

***to hang (one's) head***

***to be ashamed***

***to be head over heels  
in love***

***to be very much in  
love***

***to be head to head***

***to be direct  
opposition or  
competition with  
someone***



***to keep (one's) head***

***to remain calm***

***to lose (one's) head***

***to lose (one's) head***

***to become unglued, to  
become undone***

***to lose control***

***to be out of (one's)  
head, to be out of  
(one's) mind***

***to be out of control, to  
be crazy***

***to be over (one's) head***

***to be overextended, to  
be beyond (one's)  
resources***

***to hand down***

***to transmit to  
succeeding  
generation or to  
someone younger***

***to hand out***

***to give, to distribute***

***to hand over  
something***

***to surrender the  
control of something***



***to be at hand***

***to be within reach***

***to change hands***

***to pass from one  
owner to another***

***to bite the hand that  
feeds you***

***to turn on or against  
someone who has  
helped you***

***to bite off more than  
you can chew***

***to attempt something  
that exceeds your  
capacity or ability***

***to bite (one's) lip or  
tongue***

***to not say or do  
something out of  
anger, to repress  
one's anger or  
emotions***

***I got him eating out  
of my hand***

***He is doing exactly  
what I want him to  
do.***

***to force someone's  
hand***

***to force someone to  
act before he or she is  
ready***

***to live from hand to  
mouth***

***to live poorly, to live  
without sufficient  
resources***



***to make money hand  
over fist***

***to make money easily***

***He is out of hand.***

***His behavior is out of  
control.***

***to sit on (one's) hand,  
to not lift a finger***

***to do nothing when  
action is needed***

***I'll keep my fingers  
cross***

***I'll wish or hope for  
the best***