

# **COMMON RAP**

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## PROLOGUE

**COMMON RAP** contains many classic, colloquial and slang phrases (*rap*) dumped on me from childhood. I recall *rap* in a flash (often from the subconscious), and quickly write it down before it slides back into long-term memory or beyond.

Recently, I jumped out of the shower at our health club; ran dripping and slipping to my locker; spun the combination lock twice (all thumbs), and rummaged through my sports bag, like security at the Greyhound bus station, just to conserve "Fish or cut bait".

We sincerely hope you enjoy our culture.

Made in the shade

Scared to death

Let the cat out of the bag

It's a rat race

Poor as a church mouse

Defeats the purpose

Nice weather for ducks

Don't think twice

Egged them on

All your eggs in one basket

Now don't that beat all

Tough toe-nails

Dog 'y dog

Wet behind the ears

Led down the primrose path

Better safe than sorry

Button your lip

Lip service

Tastes good like a cigarette should

Topsy-turvy world

Frosting on the cake

Sure fire

Chip off the old block

Got your ears lowered (haircut)

Squirreling around

Never mind

Lost her patience

Went out on a limb

Your pulling my leg

Like there's no tomorrow

Between a rock and a hard place

A lame duck

Tries our patience

Patience of a saint

Knock your block off

Lock 'em up

Rack 'em fish

Filthy rich

Like its going outa style

Believe it or not

Got a minute

Don't sell yourself short

All by yourself

You better believe it

Pass the buck

Off the cuff

Smoke and mirrors

Buckle up for safety

A necessary evil

Nashing at the bit

Queen for a day

Kicked the bucket

Dead set against it

Read 'em and weep

Under the gun

Got carried away

Trigger happy

Gun shy

Sorry, can't do a thing for you

Watch your step

Keep a cool tool

Take care

On your own

Feathering his nest

Wishing makes it so

Reap what you sow

Good as gold

Part and parcel

Two peas in a pod

The spitting image of

Two of a kind

Splitting hairs

Black as the ace of spades

Heart of gold

Get on the stick

Crusing for a brusing

Fit to be tied

Clam up

Took him to task

I beg to differ

Beggars can't be choosers

In one ear and out the other

Green with envy

Turned over a new leaf

Straight from the horses mouth

Queer as a three dollar bill

Get a bite to eat

Eaten outa house and home

When in Rome

Stiff upper lip

Bite the bullet

Katie bar the door

Mighty white of you

Balls to the wall

More bang for the buck

Spin a yarn

Nice threads (duds)

Keep in touch

Out of touch

Off the beaten path

Toe the mark

Touched a nerve

Touched in the head

Touch all bases

Where's the beef

Good for the goose - good for the gander

Loaded for bear

All his oars ain't in the water

Don't monkey around with that

It ain't worth beans

Buckle up for safety

Have your cake and eat it too

That's the way the cookie crumbles

Shoe's on the other foot

Put that in your pipe and smoke it

That's all she wrote

Get off my case

Gives me the willies

Fit as a fiddle

Fit to be tied

Like pulling teeth

On the rag

Made a play for her

We see eye-to-eye

Take your pack off

Three sheets to the wind

Go peddle your papers

Locked in irons

In the nick of time

When push comes to shove

That does the trick

That'll hold 'em

A rubber stamp

Shake and bake

On tap

From the get-go

Don't bite the hand that feeds you

Luck 'o the Irish

Stuck up (conceited)

Out of the question

Tons of fun (over weight)

Gunner--ball hawk--double dribble  
free throw--full court--outabounds  
press--slam dunk--jumper--hookshot  
zone press--three seconds--turnover

Put your foot down

That's the \$64,000 question

Face it sooner or later

Give 'em a piece of your mind

Wear and tear

Pushing up daisies

Right up your alley

It's just as well

It's about time

Devil's in the details

Heaven help you

Stinks to high heaven

One horse town

A drop in the bucket

Shot himself in the foot

Mind your p's and q's

Pipe down, already

Scarf on bod

Takes a lick'n (don't stop tick'n)

Got it down pat

Off on the wrong foot

Get your feet wet

Keep your powder dry

Nose to the grindstone

Up for grabs

Right church - wrong pew

Gone to seed

Did a double take

Now don't that beat all

That's beside the point

It was meant to be

Smelling like a rose

Off the cuff

Something up his sleeve

Easy as pie

Push the envelope

Off the hook (trouble)

Piece of cake

The bigger the better

Backwards and forwards

Point of view

Ear to the ground

Get a handle on it

Makes a big difference

Shoot the breeze

Over your head

Head over heels

Toe the mark

Shake a leg

Call it a day

In the lap of luxury

Dead as a doornail

What a pity

From the other side of the tracks

Went over like a lead balloon

Just catin' around

He's for the birds

She went nuts

Whatever turns you on

Serves 'em right

Trust 'em as far as you can throw 'em

Plane as the nose on your face

Treated with kid gloves

Come hell or high water

Bigger they are, the harder they fall

All washed up

Up the creek without a paddle

Paid through the nose

Get off your duff (behind)

Take the bull by the horns

Watch your step

Close, but no cigar

Pleased as punch

Talks a blue streak

Flew off the handle

Got his hands full

Between a rock and a hard place

Oh, what's the use

That takes care of him

It's greek to me

Sticks to your ribs

Slip shod

Kicked the bucket

Why settle for less

You owe it to yourself

Hurry and save

There's never been a better time

By the same token

As far as it goes

A lead-pipe cinch

Down to the wire

Got an axe to grind

Use it or lose it

Do the thing; get the power

Can't hold a candle to it

Better than nothing

Better than the average bear

Just killing time

At the drop of a hat

I'll eat my hat

They really came to play

It's my bag (thing)

It's in the bag

Word to the wise

That'll teach 'em

Teach 'em a thing or two

He can dish it out

Put up your dukes

Duke it out

She's just adorable

Pretty as a picture

Resting on her laurels

Now wait just a minute

Break a leg

Fish or cut bait

Something fishy about this whole thing

Takes all kinds

Book on you is

She really puts out

Burn, baby, burn

Off on a tangent

The dye is cast

Cross the Rubicon

Back and forth

Back stabber

You got that right

Put your money where your mouth is

Get to the bottom of it

It panned out

Don't back down

On it's last leg

Take the plunge

Once upon a time

Threw his weight around

Beaten to a pulp

Whipped into shape

Cracked a vertical smile

Spill the beans

Let 'em have it

Burn the candle at both ends

Hair lip da boogie man

At the drop of a hat

Went to the john (lavatory)

Wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole

Swept under the rug

Came to blows

Missed the point

Get to the point

I see your point

Hauling ass

Bored stiff (to tears)

Stiff upper lip

Thumbs up

Snapped the ball

Are you kidding me

Who you tryin' to kid

Brown noser

Teacher's pet

Strike it rich

It's in the bag

Word to the wise

Takes all kinds

Stop the presses

We had a real ball

On the ball

Off on a tangent

Stay in touch

Touch not the anointed

Play it close to the vest

All screwed up

Screwed; blued and tattooed

Shows a lot of hair

Figured it out

Spin a brodie

Take the bull by the horns

Just the other day

Piece of the action

I don't mind

Smelling like a rose

Might as well

Keep your distance

Under the thumb

Don't take a weatherman to know  
which way the wind blows

Don't think twice (it's alright)

Chalk it up to inexperience

As the crow flies

A fer piece

Shame on you

A lot at stake

Greatest good for the greatest number

Not at the moment

Got something up his sleeve

Heart's on his sleeve

Hat's in the ring

One hung low

Shame on you

Here to stay

Immediately, if not sooner

Sing (cry) the blues

Pick and choose

Not all there

Nobody home (blank stare)

That's all she wrote

Me, myself and I

Takes one to know one

He's not on the level

Truer words were never spoken

Get a grip

Get a hold of yourself

Get a handle on it

Take it back

For pete's sake

Down to the nat's behind

How come

Why not

On the other hand

Knock down; drag 'em out

It's not my cup of tea

I'm impressed

Tit for tat

Bone up on (study)

Off the wall

Serves him right

Bear with me

Fair and square

A play on words

Better late than never

Got ta get your mind right, son

So to speak

In this day and age

Let bygones be bygones

It takes all kinds

She's a real dish

Eaten out of house and home

Eat; drink and be merry

Someday you'll eat those words

More or less

Play it by ear

How zat grab ya

Cut to the chase

Needle in a haystack

An unsung hero

Can't afford not to

Hurry up and wait

For a coon's age

At death's door

Born to loose

On the brink (brinkmanship)

Useless as tits on a bull

Living on borrowed time

Threw in the towel

It meant a lot to me

Here's looking at you, kid

In one ear and out the other

I'm afraid not

Gives me the willies

By the skin of your teeth

Brand spanking new

Got her act together

Got all his gear in one bag

Boxcars and snake-eyes

See the fur fly

Flew off the handle

He went to great lengths

Bought it for a song

The cat's meow

Go peddle your papers

The girl can't help it

Peed his pants

You bet your life

I beg to differ

Wouldn't put it past him

Took off like a scared rabbit

We're all in the same boat

Bet on the wrong horse

Pin point accuracy

A foregone conclusion

For cry'n out loud

Kicked the bucket

So quiet, you could hear a pin drop

Wet behind the ears

Cough it up

You're putting me on

Led down the primrose path

Step on it

Peddle to the metal

Keep an eye on her

Plane as the nose on your face

Sock it to me

Scared stiff

Out to lunch

Dead as a doornail

Don't have a cow

Carpenter's dream (flat as a board)

Leaves a bad taste in your mouth

Knee high to a grasshopper

Hiding in the bull-rushes

Up front

In a jiffy

One armed bandit

To say the least

All cooped up

A dime a dozen

Quit your belly aching

Takes one to know one

You better believe it

Blew his top (stack)

Over the hill

They gave him the chair (hot seat)

The whole kit and caboodle

Such as it is

Horned in

Horn of plenty

Beaten to a pulp

So fast, make your head swim

Get on the stick

Tried and true

He doesn't have a leg to stand on

Serves her right

Shied away from

Straight laced

Straight shooter (arrow)

Turn around is fair play

In a nutshell

Like finding a needle in a haystack

White as a ghost

On his last leg

Yellow belly (sap sucker)

Red as a beet

Green with envy

Can't take it with you

Little by little (inch by inch)

Farm it out

Driven up the wall

Let's face it

Face the music

Bite the bullet

Get your act together

Sour grapes

Made him eat crow

The straight and narrow

You can't win 'em all

Died in the wool

High and dry

Gee wiz (willikers)

Robbing the cradle

Come to grips with

Old as the hills

Don't stand on ceremony

No strings attached

Get it out in the open

Keeled over

Finally dawned on him

Got the lay of the land

Made out like a bandit

She makes out (puts out)

Sure as hell

Let your hair down

The jig is up

Get the picture

Silence is golden

The last laugh

Count me in

I'm afraid not

Lots of umph

Don't bogart that joint

Get it all in one bag

Get it together

All of a sudden

Pains taking

Watch your step

No wonder

Bits and pieces

Let out some shaft

Wild horses couldn't drag me away

Sitting pretty

Give 'em an inch, they'll take a mile

Talked turkey

Scared out your wits

On her own

Shot himself in the foot

Don't get me wrong

Spell bound

On the go

Busy as a beaver

Bull market

You're pulling my leg

Laugh and grow fat

Never mind

Never crossed her mind

Don't give it a second thought

Bite me (eat me)

Just whistling dixy

Red as a beet

Put through the ringer

Lots of irons in the fire

Hair of the dog that bit you

Needle that broke the camel's back

Got wind of it

Round peg in a square hole

Needle in a haystack

Button your lip

Like pullin' teeth

Shut your trap (shut up)

First day of the rest of your life

Rubbed his nose in it

Steal the show

A show stopper

Up staged

On the carpet

Just for drill

Smack dab in the middle

Really cleaned house

Thinking outside the box

Holy catfish

Beating around the bush

Seattle down and fly right

Misery loves company

I'll be right back

Haven't laid eyes on her

Got carried away

Plain as the nose on her face

Ear to the ground

Stiff upper lip

That's real hip

Head over heels

Make an ass of yourself

Gave him a leg up

Foot the bill

Foot-loose and fancy-free

Toe the line

Tough toe nails

Hunker down

Knock 'em dead

The rabbit habit

Lickity split

Devil may care

Polish 'em off

Pipe down

Button your lip

All show and no go

I'm all ears

The coast is clear

Just showin' off

Lay on, MacDuff

Faced charges

Storm packed quite a wallop

So what

Best things in live are free

Rise to the occasion

Rise and shine

Bleeding heart liberal

Made out like a bandit

Gotta hand it to ya

She's arrived

Take 'em down a peg or two

Shipped out

Held at bay

Be on your toes

Tickled pink

Not a problem

They made fun of him

Keep it on an even keel

Show'n tell

Put 'em behind bars

Just doesn't sink in

Sink or swim

The where with all

Make yourself at home

T'was ever thus

It would behoove you

Be that as it may

An arm and a leg

A pound of flesh

Put on the dog

Cut a rug

Flop the nuts

Put up or shut up

Cry me a river

Put out to pasture

Right up your alley

I'm in charge here

The bottom line

Get the picture

Stiff as a board

Pushing up daises

On the hind tit

That takes care of him

Have a good one

Boy, I'll say

Don't that beat all

Unheard of

Poker face

On the rag

Don't rag on me

Highly evolved

Surely you jest

Opened a real can of worms

Pooped out

Playing hookie

Heaven forbid

I beg your pardon

Teacher's pet (brown noser)

Skeletons in the closet

Keep your shirt on

Keep your trap shut

Bust a gut

Popped a stay

Dropped his load

Take your pack off

Drain a lizard (trout)

Talking smack

Board to tears

Scared shitless

Thick skinned

Nothing doing

Two faced

Hurry up and wait

Rumor has it

When I'm good and ready

Nothing to be ashamed of

Shame on you

He doesn't pull any punches

Taken to the cleaners

Clean machine

Turn down a glass

Learning the ropes

All of a sudden

Let the cat out of the bag

Cat got your tongue

Bucket of worms

Pandora's box

I'm all ears

A dead give away

Word salad

Bald face lie

Dead pan

Climbing the walls

Living on a shoestring

Hanging by a thread

In the long-run

Short timer

Leave no stone unturned

Then I'll eat my hat

That's news to me

Hang on for dear life

Something for nothing

High brow

Like its going outa style

Not any time soon

Keep it under your hat

The sooner the better

Sooner or later

Tough as nails

Go with the flow

Speak of the devil

Devil's in the details

What goes around comes around

From the cradle to the grave

Shoot the breeze

Eat your heart out

Tour de force

The benefit of the doubt

Time marches on

Plowed 'em under

Counting chickens before they hatch

Shelled out for it

Shuck and jive

Coffee, tea or milk (me)

Paper or plastic; here or  
to go; tapered or blocked

He got waxed

Shit on a shingle

In a pig's eye

You get what you pay for

She's our pride and joy

Knock on wood

You brought it up

Sold a bill of goods

Slammer, big house, up the river, hooscow

Copped out

He welched out on us

On tap for this afternoon

Thar she blows

As it were

Read 'em and weep

Read them the riot act

Cramps my style

Not in a month of Sundays

Good for you

Spags and balls (spaghetti)

Give it your best shot

See you when you're better dressed

Blood, sweat and tears

Keep it under your hat

She's seen the light

His point of view

Surely you jest

Go with the flow

Boss chewed his ass

He's on the carpet

In the nick of time

It's a piece of cake

It's a no brainer

Coming right up

Right off the bat

Bats in the belfry

The old bat

Closing in on it

Boning up on it

No big deal

No big thing

Put your foot down

It's a cryin' shame

The wear-with-all

Can't afford it

A household word

Just spinning your wheels

I'll have you know

Shoot the works

Gallivanting around

Enough is enough

She's something else

Tied the knot

Got hitched

What's up

High rollers

What we're up against

Come clean

Strapped for cash

Out of the blue

More than meets the eye

Clear as mud

Knocked up (pregnant)

Died in the wool

At a certain point

Get to the point

He was let go

Deal fell through

A real shot in the arm

I would imagine

Got his come-uppance

Pinpoint accuracy

Guess again

To coin a term

Sit tight

You're on

Up to snuff

A clean machine

Roll with the punches

Once in awhile

Once in a blue moon

The list goes on and on

Dead and gone

Bury the hatchet

Smoke and mirrors

Shuck and jive

Locked in irons

Eye in the sky

I see what you mean

Commode hugging drunk

Rubber necking

All bark and no bite

All show and no go

Calm, cool and collected

Plain as day

Fit to be tied

You can't take it with you

Three sheets to the wind

Shit for brains

The jig is up

See what I mean

The fickled finger of fate

Johnny come lately

Better late then never

It's no wonder

Make up your mind

Died in the wool

In the hurt locker

Old dogs can't learn new tricks

Turned over in his grave

That's my name; don't wear it out

Misery loves company

Skip it

I was just just kidding

No end in sight

Like there's no tomorrow

As you can see

Speaking in tongues

Tongue tied

Lip sync (service)

Snuck up on 'em

Out on his ear

In two shakes of a lamb's tail

With all dispatch (haste)

Made a name for herself

Keep it down (quiet)

How about them apples

I dare say

A wise acre

A wise guy

Wise up, eh

A bit too chummy

Don't bug me

Bug out

I'll say

For instance

Awe, come on

Let's face it

A witch hunt

A political football

A real boondoggle

As the crow flies

Stand in the gap

Don't count your chickens 'til they hatch

I just can't stand it

Down and out

The only way to fly

Keep your eye on the ball

Head down; follow through

Another song and dance

Face the music

It's music to my ears

We could make beautiful music together

Lots of chemistry between them

He drew a blank

Laugh and grow fat

Rough on rats

Every man for himself

All for one; one for all

I'm all in

On pins and needles

More than meets the eye

The paddy wagon

Knock your sox off

Sock it too me

Eat your heart out

He's too finiky

Keep a cool tool

See ya later, alligator - after awhile  
crocodile - real soon, baboon

Don't let your meat loaf

Buyer's remorse

J-walking

Busy as a beaver

Straight from the horse's mouth

You've been had

Hot to trot

Viva la difference

Piled higher and deeper (PhD)

Burn the midnight oil

Flunked outa school

Snap out of it

Get it together

Dead give away

Straighten up and fly right

Turn of the screw

He's a real card

It's no wonder

Not by a long shot

A shot in the dark

Take turns

Drinks like a fish

Went over like a lead balloon

Fell flat on his face

Cross my heart, and hope to die

It's a fluke

My hands are tied

Time after time

Fly in the ointment

Some how or other

Changed her tune

Like beating a dead horse

Don't jump to conclusions

Go jump in the lake

Don't let on

Neat as a pin

Clothes make the man

Boxed his ears

Got his ears lowered (haircut)

Keep your fingers crossed

A real clothes horse

Cloak and dagger

Don't mention it

On the other hand

You'll never make it stick

Like a Swiss watch

Slow boat to China

Watch your step

New lease on life

On cloud nine

Stand your ground

Blown to smithereines

Egged him on

In a family way

A captive audience

Barf, puke, throw-up, toss-cookies, upchuck

Don't stick your neck out

Shot himself in the foot

Don't reinvent the wheel

She's nuts about it

He booted that one

Went nuts (berserk)

What's a matter

Baby face

Shot his wad

It buffaloes us

Take a gander at that

Liar, liar pants on fire

Beat it; scat; bug; skidaddle;  
Takeoff

As all get out

Really tied one on

Down to earth

Take 'em away

Put them away

Like taking candy from a baby

If it ain't broke don't fix it

A glutton for punishment

On tip-toe

Stuck up

High falluton

In this neck of the woods

Bear with me

It was ironed out

Stabbed in the back

As fate would have it

Don't call us; we'll call you

Now a days

Upwardly mobile

Tried and true

No ifs, ands or buts

Politically correct

Pushing the envelope

Simple as pie

Know it like the  
back of my hand

In the long run

Turn it around

The moment of truth

Misery loves company

He never got over it

Your time has come

All strung out

Off the wall

Pretty far fetched

Off the cuff

Breakneck speed

Don't dilly-dally around

Hate to burst your bubble

She turned him down

She really laid down the law

Didly squat

Very conscientious

Rock and roll

Don't be a chump

On death's door

For high stakes

Easy pickins

A flight of fancy

A leap of faith

Pie in the sky

Still in one piece

Gold bricker

Gold digger

Sand bagger

Butter fingers

String bean (thin)

Sour grapes

Apple of his eye

One for the road

Boiler plate

Suit yourself

Takes some doing

Dead in the water

Early on

Caught outside

Too little too late

On purpose

Half asleep (wide awake; wide eyed)

Takes the cake

Under the gun

Make mince meat out of it

Battle axe (ugly wife)

Innocent bystander

Foot the bill

Likely story

Shakin' like a leaf

Made out like a bandit

Her make-up

Cry me a river

Nerve racking

I'll be right back

It's ok

Walk a mile in his shoes

Knock your block off

Head in the clouds

Down to earth

Earthy chick

Hell bent for leather

Head up his ass

Blood shot eyes

Now cut that out

Brand spanking new

Kept in the dark

Still wet behind the ears

Meat head

Shotgun wedding

Made a name for himself

He's a good egg

Get a load a this

Get the lead out

Worry wart

Drew blood

On the carpet

An ass chewing

My lips are sealed

Threw baby out with the bath water

Burning the candle at both ends

Saw bones

As all get out

Come to grips with

Four eyes (seal beams)

Babe in the woods

King's X (time out)

Off on a tangent

Devil may care

Devil's in the details

Couldn't care less

Holy smokes (catfish)

Off hand I'd say

Off the cuff

Right off the bat

Right outa the gate

Just kidding

Ugly as sin

In the doghouse

Odds on favorite

Every nook and cranny

Take a seat (bow)

Beat the odds

In the line of duty

Duty calls

Bit the dust

Couldn't ask for better

Couldn't be happier

Blood and guts

Over the hill

High on the hog

You owe it to yourself

What else is new

Pretty far fetched

Made his bird (flight)

Flash in the pan

No falldyrol

Make yourself at home

High tail it

Big wigs (suits)

Smokes like a chimney

Lord, have mercy

High as a kite

Bend over and crack us a vertical smile

No holds barred

Nest egg

Went hog wild

Stop clowning around

Grin and bare it

Who goosed the moose (in the shower)

Dog in the manger

Got away with it

Hit and run

Short shrift

Eaves dropping

You've got a lotta nerve

Pushin' up daisies (six feet under)

Long time no see

At her beck and call

Not since Grant took Richmond

Get it off your chest

You're way outa line

Monkey on his back

Got cold feet

In the dark about that

Plenty of company

Spill the beans

Blow the whistle

Come hell or high water

You're in luck

Don't spend it all in one place

In the dark about it

Holding a grudge

Pave the way

You're pulling my leg

Birds and the bees

Swept under the rug

First and foremost

Cleaned his clock

Took 'em to the cleaners

Bragging rights

A play on words

Your money or your life

It's not in the cards

Made the grade

The jig is up

Fess up

Made the best of it

Eye candy

Straw that broke the camel's back

The life of Riley

Washed up

Has been

It raises the bar

Won't take no for an answer

Right off the charts

Cried wolf

Something fishy about it

T&A

What's the point

Make your point

There's no point

Point and click

Laid eyes on it

Take a gander at that

Boobie hatch

Can't hit the broadside of a barn

Eighty sixed him

Take turns

Teed off

It's news to me

Gave her the eye

Unless I miss my guess

Bought the farm

Don't bite the hand that feeds you

Lady killer

So full of bull his eyes are brown

Let sleeping dogs lie

Beat his head against a wall

Old enough to know better  
but too young to care

Mind your manners

Taking it's toll

Little wonder

Sun drenched

When push comes to shove

Tarred and feathered (and run out  
on a rail)

Gave up the ghost

Where have you been

By no means

Man of means

End justifies the means

Toss and turn

Get the drop on 'em

Lost his grip

Hair of the dog that bit you

Time's a wastin'

Just a coincidence

Step on it

Burned his bridges behind him

Burned the candle at both ends

You ain't seen nothing yet

Don't get me wrong

Early on

Here's mud in your eye

Bald as a billiard

Hey, what gives

Got the blaahs

Fart in a spacesuit

On her last leg

One legged man in a scooter race

Something fierce

It mesmerized her

Show stopper

A dead give away

Real trooper

Hair brain idea

On their last leg

What's your line

It came to blows

No sweat off our keyster

Born with a silver spoon in his mouth

Leaves a bad taste in your mouth

Knock on wood

Slip shod

Loosy goosy

Boondoggle

Pigeon holed

Corn holed

On the back burner

Rule of thumb

Stop pussy footing around

Keep your fingers crossed

Much to our surprise

Don't count your chickens  
before they hatch

Tail between his legs

Cleaned house

Grass is always greener on the other side

Boiler plate

Run of the mill

Wishful thinking

Brick and mortar

Grease the skids

Under the radar

Try that on for size

Price is no object

Spare no expense

What's that got to do with  
the price of tea in China

Tally ho (no joy)

Spilled the beans

Pandora's box

Let the cat out of the bag

Shop 'til you drop

Chaffing at the bit

Like a chicken with its head cut off

Don't belabor the point

You'll never hear the end of it

For the most part

The Brooklyn side (pocket)

She went south

Pyrrhic victory

All dolled up

Bunch of malarki

What do you want , egg in your beer

Grown ups

Let 'em have it

You're just kidding yourself

Blue collar worker

Pipe dream

With booz you loose  
(with dope there's hope)

The Lord helps those who help themselves

Couch potato

Twiddle your thumbs

Jaw dropping

Whipper snapper

Spine tingling excitement

Spitting image of

Cooked his goose

That really gauled us

Stiff upper lip

I'll be frank with you

On all fours

Like a ton of bricks

Make up for it

For a limited time only

The life of the party

Jacks my jaws

At large (criminal)

For the birds

Gone to the dogs

Not so hot

Makes a mountain  
out of a mole hill

Play 'em as they lie

The squeaky wheel gets the grease

Ignorance is bliss

Turnaround is fair play

Scared stiff

Keel hauled

Three sheets to the wind

He decked him

Wild goose chase

Life is worth living (Sheen)

Hot off the press

No atheist in foxholes

Do it, or die

Get the message

One picture is worth a thousand words

Up chuck (toss cookies)

How about them apples

Up hill battle

Pump iron

Runs rings around it

Come clean with it

A clean machine

Really cleans house

Montezuma's revenge

Sowed his wild oats

Pulled it off

Get the lead out

Get a move on

Good in the clutch

Man's best friend (dog)

The best by test

Stamp of approval

At loggerheads

Not a rocket scientist

Be that as it may

Real pumped up

Right up his alley

Shot in the arm

Lost his shirt

Break a sweat

Hold sway

No holds barred

Hold on

You wore out your welcome

Much ado about nothing

Four flushing

Went to bat for him

By and large

Jury is still out

A far cry from

Locked in irons

In the doghouse

Quitters never win

Shuck and jive

Joe shit the ragman

Worse thing ever laid eyes on

The Midas touch

Went to bat for

Think nothing of it

Playing hard to get

Not me either

Double (secret) agent

In our neck of the woods

Made mince meat out of it

Heart on his sleeve

Lotta heart

Not out of the woods yet

Clothes make the man

Couch potatoes

Get even with

Bonehead English

I beg to differ

Beg your pardon

Beggars can't be choosers

Pick pocket

Pocket pool

Beam me up, Scotty

Publicity stunt

Over his head

On the air

Rubbed elbows with

Stay put

It got to him

Will wonders never cease

Not too swift

Let's shoot that scene again

Knuckles down tight

Wild goose chase

Word of mouth

Turn on a dime

Hail fellow, well met

Bird dog

Roll with the punches

That's more like it

He started on the wrong foot

Until the cows come home

Knock on wood

Play the roll

Call it a day

That's beside the point

Tripping the life fantastic

Something here doesn't meet the eye

Poker face

Lay of the land

Really takes some doing

Be that as it may

Get your feet wet

On the back burner

What's the matter

What gives

Cheap skate

Fed up with it

Keep an eye on it

Phone rang off the hook

A milestone

Not a trace of her

Get even with him

A knuckle sandwich

At risk

Nothing ventured;  
nothing gained

A fluke

TGIF

Think outside the box

Beat a retreat

A guinea pig

What it boils down to

A four letter word

In the outskirts

Shoe's on the other foot

It's half the battle

Drives him bats

Tooth and nail

Got her hands full

Under the radar

Drum up some business

Smelling like a rose

Not yet

Rubbed salt in the wound

Nip and tuck

Tuck and roll

A real hunk

What a chunk of chocolate

A real crap shoot

Not in a month of Sundays

He's done for

Bait and switch

Jail bait

Fish or cut bait

Got the nack of it

Even Steven

Keeping up with the Jones

Beat hasty retreat

Where on earth did you get that

Here I come

Fancy meeting you here

Have you lost your marbles

Takes the wind out of your sails

Ball park figure

Read 'em and weep

It's worth it

Pretty much fits the bill

Below the radar

On a moment's notice

He's done for

Bait and switch

A ballpark figure

I can hardly wait

Taken by surprise

A losing streak

Like beating a dead horse

Beam me up, Scotty

Not with any degree of certainty

Poetic license

Sleep on it

Willy nilly

Can't take it with you

Deus ex machina

Separates the men from the boys

A figment of your imagination

Easy come, easy go

Rip snorting

Enough to sink a battle ship

Eaten outa house and home

Full blown

It's going great guns

Easy does it

Left behind

Not a (----) bone in his body

Won't take long

I had no idea

In a jiffy

In two shakes of a lambs tail

No funny business

Tied up

We'll see

Lion's share

Nickeled and dimed to death

Won't make a dent in it

Let 'em off the hook

In the nick of time

Charged an arm and a leg

From the bottom of my heart

Top of the morning to you

Find out

Finders keepers, losers weepers

(do it now) ask questions later

Word to the wise is sufficient

Going against the grain

In the clutch

On the go

No comparison

Nobody here by that name

That's all she wrote

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We sincerely hope you got-off on **COMMON RAP**. Please feel free (encouraged) to communicate with us whenever the urge strikes. We may continue to bring a smile to your lips while saving you and yours from excessive trial and tribulation.

Truly and humorously yours (I believe.),

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