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INGLISE MEEL INGLISE KEELES

KEELENÄITEID

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What gives a language its life, its soul, is the idiomatic application of its vocabulary as well as grammar – idiom being a characteristic feature of the phraseology of a language, specific to it and only to it. There are idioms in a language that are not regarded as idioms at all by native speakers of that language. They form the basis of colloquial style of the language and can be identified as idioms only from the point of view of a foreign language by comparing the corresponding expressions of both languages. The given collection of idiomatic expressions might be of interest to any non-English readers with analytical minds, not only to Estonians.

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Tänu morfoloogia primitiivsusele on inglise keele idiomaatika eriti ri huumorit. Eriti on see teemaatika mind huvitanud viimase 30-40 aast kaudu juhtida ka teiste keelehuviliste tähelepanu inglaste mõtteviisi avastamisrõõmu ka mõtleval lugejal! See on ka põhjus, miks ei ole v Nende väljendite koogumisel ja tutvustamisel on veel üks taqamõte.

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S A A T E K S

IDIOMAATIKAST KITSAMAS JA LAIEMAS MÕTTES

Keele ehitusmaterjaliks on sõnad, mida korrastab grammatika. Kuid ainult grammatiliselt ühendatud sõnavarast koosnev keel ei ole veel normaalne ega elav keel. Tulemuseks on puine matemaatiline keel, millest teise keele kõneleja võib küll enam-vähem õigesti aru saada, kuid sedagi mitte alati. Arvutitõlgete kvaliteet paraneb pidevalt ning hea programmi korral tõlgitakse õigesti nii lause üksikud sõnad kui ka lihtsamad sõnaühendid, kuid nende kokkupanek võib probleeme tekitada. Võimas Google tõlgib eestikeelse lause *alati viin kõik asjad lõpuni* sõnahaaval inglise keelde ja saab *vodka is always the end of all things*.

Kuiva lakoonilise keele vältimiseks kasutavad kõnelejad idiomatiliselt väljendeid. Idiomaatika on teatavasti see osa fraseoloogilistest kujunditest, mis on spetsiifiliselt omane mõnele keelele. Seda tunnetab iga antud keele analüüsiv kasutaja, olgu see tema jaoks ema- või võõrkeel. Tavaliselt peetakse idioomiks fraasi üksikelementide tihedat kokkukuuluvust, mis enamasti välistab sõnasõnalise tõlke võimaluse. Eestlane ütleb *kadus kui tina tuhka* (jäljetult), inglane - *How do you do?* (Tere. Kuidas käsi käib?), *a snake in the grass* (salavaenlane), *he is in a soup* – ta on pigis (eesti idioom!), tõsisel hädal. Idioomisõnaraamatutes on idioomid üldiselt rühmitatud märksõnade järgi, need omakorda antud alfabeetilises järjestuses. Eesti keeles ilmus 1998. aastal kirjastuse Valgus 900-leheküljeline mahukas inglise-eesti idioomisõnaraamat (autorid U. Hanko ja G. Liiv). Selliste idioomide järjekordne esitamine ei olnud siin minu eesmärgiks. Minu jaoks eksisteerib ka laiem idiomatika, normaalne elav keel, millest teise keele kõneleja ei pruugi õigesti aru saada, kaotades vähemalt selle nüanssid. Sageli võib aga tõlkes moonduda või kaduma minna kogu mõte.

Minu teada ei tee keeleteadus vahet kitsama ja laiema idiomatika (minu terminid) vahel. Laiem idiomatika on tunnetatav üksnes võrdluses võõrkeele ja emakeele kasutaja ei pea oma keelt sugugi idiomatiliselt. Olete ehk märganud, kuidas pikemat aega võõrkeelses miljöös viibinud eestlased ei joo teed, vaid võtavad seda tassist, ei sõida laevaga Stockholmist Tallinna, vaid võtavad selleks paadi. Meie ei võta ei bussi, trammi, rongi ega lennukit, vaid ainult taksosid. Venelastel inimesed ujuvad meres, aga laevad käivad. Eestlase enda jaoks *tähele panema, selga panema* ning inglase jaoks *to take a bus, there is a bird in the tree* küll idioomidena ei tundu. Inglise võiks meiega eesti keelt rääkides pahaaimamatult öelda, et ta maksab tähelepanu või paneb palitu endale peale, kui ta vastava võõrkeele idiomatikaga tuttav ei ole. Nii et kui Jaan paneb mütsi pähe ehk pea sisse, mantli selja sisse, mõlemad saavad ühe jala sisse ja usub, et ta on enda nüüd hoolikalt tekstiikangastesse mähkinud ehk soojalt riidesse pannud, tõmbab Johann saavad enda juurde, istutab mütsi pea peale ja sõidab kleitidesse, aga John kuhjab kõik need asjad lihtsalt endale peale, kuigi käib suvel aeg-ajalt ka paljastes jalgades. Huvitav, kelle omades? Keegi neist ei pea oma kõnepruuki idiomatiliselt.

Laiem idiomatika hõlmab tohutu hulga kujundeid, koguni põhiosa kõnekeelest. Inglise keele õppijal tuleb sõnavara ja grammatikareeglite omandamise kõrval eriti suurt tähelepanu pöörata ees- ja tagasõnade kasutamisele, aga ka eesti keelega võrreldes palju jäsemale sõnade järjekorrale. Laiem idiomatika võib väljenduda nii fraasidena (*he walked up and down the corridor* – edasi-tagasi, mitte üles-alla; *it sounds fine* – see tundub tore, mitte ei kõla) kui ka üksikute sõnadena (*to symphathize* – kaasa tundma; *to realise* – mõistma; *an idea* – nii idee kui mõte (ja eriti see) jne jne). Oleme hädas selliste väljendite tõlkimisega nagu *I am all right, I wonder, common sense*. Olen kuulnud TV ja klassikaraadio saadetes *she went to the bedroom and changed* tõlkeks, et ta läks magamistuppa ja muutus, et orkester mängis perioodilistel instrumentidel (*period instruments* – ajaloolised, vastava ajastu originaalpillid) ja *“We have 10 minutes to go”* puhul vastuküsimust *“To go where?”*. Siia võiks lisada ka näite arvutitõlkest, kus osalauseid tõlkides kaob terviku mõte. Kõnekäänu *out of sight, out of mind* vasteks saame *mis silmist, see südamest* asemel *nähtamatu idioot*.

Laiem idiomatika on tihedalt seotud vastava maa olustiku eripäraga. Nii on Inglise maal küll klassid, nagu seda on kesk- ja kõrgklass, aga hariduselus tähistab *class* vaid algklassi või loengute seeriat, kursust – kooliklass on *form*. Ja

kooli ei lõpetata (*finish*), vaid *one leaves school and joins the University, where one reads, e.g. History, as an undergraduate (student on igasugune õppija) and one qualifies from one's University*.

Laiem idiomatika ei ole seotud lihtsalt eri oludega, vaid ka – ja eriti! – eri rahvaste iseloomu ja sellest tuleneva üldise kõnepruugi iseärasustega. Minu jaoks moodustab laiem idiomatika elava keele “hinge”. See on antud kultuurile ja antud rahvuse mõtteviisile iseloomulik keelekasutus, selle rahva mentaliteet. Uku Masing ühendab keelt ja meelt: iga uue keelega omandab inimene uue “hinge”, iga keelkond on meelkond, iga eri keele kõneleja mõtleb erinevalt.

Inglaste puhul torkab silma nende mõtteviisi loogilisus. Kolm sõpra (eesti keeles ainsus!) on sisuliselt *three friends*, mitmuses.

Ees- ja tagasõnade puhul on oluline silmas pidada nende tähendust inglise keeles; näiteks kuna *on* tähendab millegi peal ja *in* – sees, ümbritsetud millestki, on arusaadav, miks *I sit in an armchair*, aga *the fly is sitting on an armchair* ning *a bird is sitting in the tree* (puuvõra sees), aga *the leaves are on the tree* (puu küljes). Nii et *I came in a car* (mitte *with*), *I bought it at the shop/ from a person, I read it in the paper*. Isegi head inglise keele tundjad kipuvad segi ajama väljendeid *at the end of something* ja *in the end*, lõpuks. Kui eestlane ütleb *sinule* (mitte *sinuga*) *sarnane*, saadakse temast siiski ühemõtteliselt aru, võib-olla ei märgatagi viga. Kuid *weeping for happiness* näitab meile õnne taga nutvat õnnetut inimest, *weeping with happiness* aga õnnelikku õnnepisarate valajat.

Paljud väljendid viitavad inglaste tuntud vaoshoitusele. Eestlasele on põgusalt tuttav inimene teretuttav, inglasele noogutav tuttav. Eestlane sülitab igaks juhaks üle vasaku õla, inglase puudutab vaikides lähimat puust eset. Vääriskas džentelmen ei lagista naeru, vaid hoiab seda tagasi, kuni on allasurutud naerust rase.

Inglane on arvamusalvustes ettevaatlik. Kui meie vastame lihtsalt “jah” või “ei”, siis inglase vastab enamasti *“I think so”, “I suppose so”, “I believe so”* või *“I am afraid not”, “Not to my knowledge”*. Inglise jälgib pingsalt, et ta ei ütleks oma vastuste ja arvamustega rohkem kui seda, mille tõesuse eest ta on igal hetkel valmis vastutama. Ta kõne ei ole kategooriline, ta ei esita oma arvamust kindla teadmisenä. Selle asemel, et öelda *I know*, kohtame arvamusalvustes pehmendatud sõnastust – *I expect /believe /suppose /assume /imagine /gather/ presume/suspect/take it/understand/trust/wonder /feel/bet* jne ja veel leebemalt *I should think/I've thought/I'm inclined to think/I tend to*

think/I don't think/I don't suppose/I would guess/my guess is/my understanding is/I would argue/I would suggest/I would've thought jne. Vaevast, et eestlane kasutaks kõnes konstruktsiooni, mis oleks võrdväärne ingliskeelse fraasiga *I don't know that it wouldn't be good after all* või ütleks *I don't think it is necessarily true*. Kõik need väljendid on inglase jaoks konkreetse erineva varjundiga ja peegeldavad erinevaid kindla/ebakindla teadmise astmeid. Näiteks asja kindlalt teadmata, oletades ütlen *I suppose*, aga seevastu *I believe* ütlen juhul, kui mul on selleks arvamuseks küll mõningane põhjendus või tõestus (mida olen suuteline vajadusel ka esitada), kuid see võib teise silmis olla ebapiisav, mistõttu – tahtmata vaidlusse astuda – olen pigem ettevaatlik. *I assume* viitab mõttele, mis on küll mu edasise argumenteeringu või tegutsemise aluseks, kuid ma ei saa siiski väita, et seda surmkindlalt teaksin. Olen teadlik riskidest, mida selle eelduse puhul võtan, ja olen ühtlasi teatud ebakindluse suhtes hoiatanud ka vestluskaaslast. Või selge erinevus: *I don't doubt that...* – mina ei kahtle selles (kuigi ei julge väita, et see on tõestatud fakt); *undoubtedly* – arvan, et ka teistel pole selles kahtlusi. Ja isegi ilmselge fakti puhul jääb inglase tagasihoidlikuks. Sir H.M. Stanley tuntud lause Aafrika džunglis – “*Dr. Livingstone, I presume*” näitab, et tean muidugi, et mu vastas olete Teie, aga ma ei eputa oma teadmise ja annan Teile võimaluse tundmatut teeselda ning erakuelu edasi elada.

Sageli algab ingliskeelne lause mõne väidet pehmendava määrsõnaga (*obviously, presumably, apparently, possibly* jne) või kasutatakse konstruktsiooni, mis muudab põhisõna mõttevarjundit. *She was no ravishing beauty!* *not exactly pretty* ei tähenda, et ta polnud kõige ilusam, vaid et ta oli lausa inetu; *it hardly matters* tähendab, et asi pole üldse oluline; *a little far-fetched* ei tähenda liialdust, vaid öeldu võimatust. Arukas inimene taipab ise, mida ma viisakusest välja ei öelnud.

Tänu morfoloogia primitiivsusele on inglise keele idiomatika eriti rikas. Olen inglise keele ja kultuuriga pidevalt kokku puutudes tundnud rõõmu üha uute keeleliste väljendusvõimaluste ja nüansside avastamisest ning nautinud teravmeelseid võrdlusi ja inglaslikku peidetud huumorit. Eriti on see temaatika mind huvitanud viimase 30-40 aasta kestel, mil olen mitmesuguseid tekste lugedes ja BBC-d kuulates kirja pannud väljendeid just ainevallast, mida hakkasin nimetama laiemaks idiomatikaks. Siin on valik kogutud väljenditest. Tahaksin nende kaudu juhtida ka teiste keelehuviliste tähelepanu inglase mõtteviisi spetsiifikale (millest saame aimu just keelde süvenedes) ning ka keele võimalustele seda väljendada, püüdmata anda sealjuures kõikidele esitatud väljenditele ammendavaid selgitusi või

ümberjutustust. Olgu avastamisrõõmu ka mõtleval lugejal! See on ka põhjus, miks ei ole väljenditele lisatud eestikeelset tõlget. See suunaks lugeja tähelepanu emakeelele, mitte originaali idiomatilisusele. See ei ole ka sõnastik teatmeteose mõttes, ega mõeldud ka algajale keeleõppijale.

Nende väljendite kogumisel ja tutvustamisel on veel üks tagamõte. Juba Uku Masing arvas, et just kõrgkultuuride keeled kipuvad vaesestuma ja degenereruma, sest nad nivelleeruvad teatud standardiks. See oht on muutunud eriti reaalseks tänapäevase arvutikasutajate põlvkonna meilipõhises suhtlemises, mis taandab elava kõnekeele pelgalt lakooniliseks infovahendajaks. Selles väljendavad omapoolseid hinnanguid parimal juhul mõned emotikonid. Keele võimalused on siiski suuremad.

Kirjavahemärkide kasutamisel on silmas peetud järgmisi põhimõtteid:

Kaldkriipsu / kasutatakse kas sünonüümide või samatähenduslike fraaside vahel, mil ühe asendamisel teisega väljendi mõte jääb samaks – *at intervals/occasionally/from time to time* – või osutamiseks sellele, et antud väljendit saab kasutada ka teiste põhisõnadega. Nii näiteks *a trial for theft/murder* tähistab kohtuprotsessi kas varguse või mõrva puhul, *extirpating illiteracy/alcoholism* – ühe või teise nähtuse väljajuurimist.

Mõnele väljendile on ümarsulgudes () lisatud seletavad märkused: *as you say (just so); he spoke up (took the floor)*.

Mõttepunktid ... on lisatud väljenditele, mis tähistavad mõttekatkestust ja nõuavad lause jätkamist: *There is nothing but...; For all I know...; I wonder if...;* ja eessõnadele: *I am amazed at...; in search of...;* need võivad tähistada ka ebaolulise tekstiosa väljajätmist väljendi selguse huvides: *If you mean..., well and good.*

Komad jt kirjavahemärgid väljendi ees ja/või järel sõltuvad üldjuhul selle fraasi asendist lauses ja kontekstist ning võivad olla vajalikud või mitte, seepärast on püütud nendega mitte liialdada. On muidugi kirjavahemärke, mis on antud konkreetset juhul hädavajalikud, näiteks *Naturally enough, ...* ning *provided, ...* . Või *Hear, hear!* ja *How, come?*.

Mõttekriipsu kasutatakse eri kõnelejate eristamiseks: *I won't be able to make it. – That's too bad (sad)*.

Mõningatel juhtudel on eraldi antud briti (Br.E.) ja ameerika (Am.E.) kõnepruuk. Töös on järgitud briti ortograafiat.

Väljendid on esitatud tähestikulises järjekorras, et oleks vajadusel võimalik lihtsamini vajalikku uuesti üles leida.

Ning lõpuks (last but not least), isegi lihtsalt lugedes neid näiteid ja neisse süvenedes võib tunnetada minu arvates inglise keele „hinge“, mõtlemisviisi.

Ühtlasi tahaksin avaldada suurt tänu oma pojale **Toomale** selle töö ettevõtmisele innustamise eest, abi eest nende 15 000 väljendi valimisel, korrastamisel ja sisestamisel, sõber **Rein Minkale** nende sorteerimise ning tähestikuliselt järjekorda seadmise eest ning **Ena Martinile** ja eriti **Lembe Laanestile** teksti ühtlustamise eest.

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TO THE READER

ENGLISH MIND AS REVEALED BY THE LANGUAGE

As we all know, a language consists of a certain vocabulary as its building material joined together by its grammar. However, only words united even by regular grammar do not always represent a normal, living language. Such a language is stiff, mathematical so to say. What gives a language its life, its soul, is the idiomatic application of its vocabulary as well as grammar - idiom being a characteristic feature of the phraseology of a language, specific to it and only to it.

Some idioms are clearly recognised by native speakers when they come to analyse the problem. Such idioms of the English language have already been collected into numerous dictionaries. Yet, there are other idioms in a language that are not regarded as idioms at all by native speakers of that language, although it is just this material that forms the basis of colloquial style of the language. Such idioms can be identified as idioms only from the point of view of a foreign language by comparing the corresponding expressions of both languages.

I have been interested in the idiomatic side of the English language throughout my long career as a teacher of English, and I started putting down English expressions as they struck me peculiar, comparing them with my native Estonian. And I could not help realising the difference between widely accepted idioms and the non-accepted ones. As I did not come upon this difference to be recognised in linguistics, I termed the ones I found in dictionaries as narrow idioms and the others as broad idioms. My interest centred on the last ones. During some 30 to 40 years I got extensive material to justify my conviction of the importance of its broad idiomatic side in learning any foreign language. This is a reticent part of my collection for those who might be interested to make a closer acquaintance with the English language and to find a help in feeling its soul.

Here are some examples of the broader English idioms that no Englishman would regard as idioms before some foreigner misuses them: He wanted to come along; I have not met him; We have run out of coffee; I ran into her this morning; He is not likely to make his appearance; I cannot help making mistakes; She lives in this street; I saw the mow on the street; I came here in my car; He took a bus, a train, a plane; I took a cup of tea; I must change, I am wet; There were 100 odd men; Too bad; I fully realise that; I put down your words; He walked up and down the corridor; It sounds fine; What is the matter?; Help yourself to some coffee; Here you are; Would you mind opening the window?; He is a regular thief; That's a good idea; May I leave my umbrella with you?; I cannot stand it etc.

Of course, it is not only the Estonian who might misuse or misunderstand broader English idioms, but any foreigner, so that a particular idiom may differ in translation from language to language. For instance, if an Englishman says that he puts his hat *on* (which goes about any other piece of clothing as well), then a German *sits* his hat on his head and an Estonian puts his hat *into* his head, and he puts both his boots *into* (one) leg; yet none of them realises that it has to do with broader idiomatics of the corresponding languages. So, perhaps the given collection of expressions might be of interest to people of different nationalities with analytical minds as well, not only to Estonians, if they compare the ideas expressed like that to the corresponding expressions in their own language.

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A bachelor of long standing
A bad cold kept her from a party
A bad cold laid her up for a fortnight
A bad hat all around (good-for-nothing)
A badly done up parcel
A bare century ago
A bare two months ago
A beard is fashionable to sport
A berry of caviar
A bird in the bush
A bleak future faced them
A blessing in disguise
A blur of the coast on the horizon
A boarded up recess
A boat capsized
A body of data
A bolt from the blue
A bone of contention between X and Y
A book after my own heart
A book that bears on the same subject
A book that has come my way
A book with the inside scooped out
A box with a looking-glass let into the cover
A breach of order
A breach of the frontier laws
A brisk discussion followed
A car at her disposal
A car drove up alongside them
A certain amount of self-denigration has always been a trait in his character
A certificate was given to that effect
A chained dog set up a frenzied barking
A chance to air his views
A change of heart
A character difficult of access
A charwoman did such cleaning as was necessary
A chip off the old block
A chit of a girl
A claim on her gratitude



A clever piece of acting
A close coincidence of interest
A close-knit family
A clue to a crossword
A comfortably appointed room
A complication set in
A confident smile of a child expecting approbation
A confounded nuisance
A conscience-stricken schoolboy furtively trying to cover up his delinquencies
A contradiction in terms
A converted farm-house
A country poised between East and West
A countryman by birth and inclination
A couple of hours every day sees me through (is enough)
A craving for field and forest
A crocodile of children
A cup of tea will bring you round
A cup sits on the table
A cut in salary
A dangerous man by any standard
A daunting plan (threatening)
A day was named
A day with nothing to do
A deadlock on such issues
A decided likeness between them
A deep feeling of triumph started welling up within me
A deep satisfaction at the outcome
A delightful personality if ever I met one
A dilapidated structure
A disagreeable side to her character
A dismally familiar story
A distressing ordeal to me in a variety of ways
A document turned up to the effect
A domain of next-door neighbour
A door to this room
A drink will fix me
A drink wouldn't come amiss

A fair measure of support
A fairy-tale come true
A fat lot that helps him
A fault-finding person, irritable, a blunt one
A fear of rebuff prevented him from affability
A few odds and ends were left to his sister (she got mere trifles)
A film is showing in our cinema again
A finger signpost
A flair for teaching
A flicker of light
A flight of birds
A fool's paradise
A forerunner of spring
A form to fill up (Br.E.)/fill in (Am.E.)
A former incumbent
A friend of fairly long standing
A fully-trained hospital nurse
A futile waste of time
A generalization that covers the facts
A generous estimate
A genial young man
A gift after his own heart
A girl should be well grounded in household tasks
A girl with no nonsense
A glass of water will put me right
A goal of the book is...
A good 20 minutes
A good command of the language
A good deal more
A good friend to me
A good riddance
A good sense of clothes
A graceful concession to national feeling, if you can bring yourself to do it
A grain of hope for better things
A great deal
A great deal of effort was put in it
A guidebook to the city
A gulf of mutual incomprehension

A habit he could never break her off from
A half of the total
A heart fraught with sorrow; a ship fraught with precious wares
A heavily populated area
A heavy disappointment
A heavy loss of life
A heel of a loaf
A heir to him
A horde of natives materialized out of native landscape
A host of institutions for education
A house to be maintained
A hundred odd miles away
A hunter's moon (a full moon after autumnal equinox)
A hurt to his pride
A keen attention to detail
A knight errant
A lady to see you
A lame excuse
A lapse of memory
A lapse of time
A large sense is to be given to the term
A lavish display of horticulture
A legacy to future generations
A letter came out of the blue
A letter caught his eye
A lift to our flat
A little of that sort of thing goes a long way
A little port might be in order
A little training doesn't go amiss
A long spell abroad
A long tussle over the terms (bargaining)
A long-standing illness
A lot of houses are in a fallow (empty)
A lot of red tape
A lot of Scots embraced Protestantism
A lot of self-seeking country bumpkins
A low hum of voices came to meet her
A man after his own heart

A man in a beard
A man in quest of adventures
A man of bounding conceit
A man of dignity and considerable presence
A man of my acquaintance stuck up for me
A man of note
A man of some means, though not wealthy
A man should be allowed to keep his mind
A man with a feeling for land and for soil
A man with a pleasant turn of wit
A man with a strong rationalist streak
A matter beset with difficulties
A matter of considerable controversy
A matter of supposition
A means to an end
A measure of security
A medley of intense activity
A member of the University
A member of two day's standing
A memory of it came to me
A mendacious story (untrue)
A mere matter of days
A mere whim of the moment
A mermaid is not quite at home in the haunts of men
A millionaire many times over
A minute at the outside
A mizzel fell
A momentary dismay filled her heart
A month replete with incidents
A most satisfying endeavour I had ever undertaken
A mutual interest riveted them together
A narrow trail cutting through a forest
A natural ease was established
A nest-egg against a rainy day
A new principle of integration is needed
A nose-to-tail procession of cars
A notable increase
A not-very successful harvest

A number of books came to be written around him
A pack of dogs/wolves
A party with wine galore
A peal of laughter
A perpetual delight to him
A person of small means
A personality all her own
A Peter Pan if ever there was one
A piece of good fortune
A pile of driftwood held the centre of the space
A pink flush showed in her cheeks
A pleasure always exacts a price
A poor reason to me
A population on the move
A preponderance of women
A presence of mind
A present to you
A pretentious woman lends herself to ridicule
A pretty bad shock to her
A pretty grave risk to take
A pretty hefty sum of money
A pretty kettle of fish (mess)
A principle is at stake
A production of absorbing interest
A professional dilemma of the sharpest kind
A profusion of flowers
A promise to this effect
A quarrel can always be made up
A question rooted in history
A queue seemed to present itself
A rambling railway station
A rather select class with restricted membership
A reaction set in
A rebel at heart
A recreation area backed by hedges
A regular campaign against it was mounted
A remodelled old farm
A remote chance may offer itself

A reply will be forthcoming in a few days
A reserve for such a contingency
A return on the money spent
A revenue officer let the car cross the border
A reverse process has already set in
A ride in the Tube
A right of way
A riot of contrasting colours
A riot of weeds and grass was growing all over the place
A ripple of wind
A road paved in stone
A rumpled bed with tangled sheets
A safe opportunity to speak up
A scene over it
A seasoned driver (experienced)
A seat of learning (university)
A sense of incongruity
A series running to seven volumes
A set of likes and dislikes
A ship at anchor
A ship impaled on rocks (foundered)
A shock to me
A short way off
A silence fell
A silence settled down over the party
A singularly uncomfortable frame of mind
A sinuous progress
A situation on a film
A situation unheard-of
A skeleton key
A sky hoary with stars
A slight breeze took the edge off the heat
A slip of a girl
A slip of the tongue
A small aperture to admit the hand
A small shed leaning against the house
A small token of our esteem and regard
A snag against which we have come up

A social grace (accomplishment)
A spatter of rain
A spontaneous decency of impulse and reaction
A springboard for this to come
A stamp of high denomination
A standing invitation
A staple item of his diet
A state of destitution (poverty)
A statue to his memory
A steady decrease in preference
A steamer lay at anchor
A stick of furniture
A still less interesting...
A stipulation for a job
A story bearing on the subject
A straggle of small streets
A strain of gruffness has taken the place of reason
A strategist without peer
A streak of poetry in her
A string of lies from beginning to end
A strip of woodland
A stroke of bad luck
A stroke of good fortune
A stroke of honest work
A strong feeling for Nature
A strong sense of realism
A student after my heart
A studiously informal look
A stunning distortion of fact
A subject of deep concern
A sufficient range of topics
A supremely efficient politician
A surprise to us all
A sustained note in his correspondence
A symbol for/of...
A system cut and dried (ready)
A table is to hold pots just off the stove
A talent should not be let lie fallow

A tang of onion
A tankard of beer loosened the tongue of the taciturn man
A tenacity for life
A term of disparagement
A thin drizzle started
A thousand thanks
A tier of cliff in northern Estonia
A time-lag of several years before the movement got under way
A tissue of lies /a pack of lies
A touch of the furtive in his manner
A train of events
A train of thought
A treadmill of endeavour
A tremendous sense of satisfaction
A trial for theft/murder etc.
A tug-of-war
A twinge of jealousy
A twinge of pain
A very deep division of opinion
A very heavy accent
A very straightforward arrangement
A violently disputed question
A weather-beaten affair of a house
A well-mannered bonhomie prevails
A wet blanket (a kill-joy)
A will of perfect steadfastness
A woman of 40 odd
A woman of many activities
A woman should be at her best
A woman would never make a go of it (manage)
A woodland glade intercepted by a brook
A word in season might save me from it
A work of imperative urgency
A world riddled with corruption
A writer of sorts
A year ago to the day
A yellowish tinge to the skin
A yet greater change has been going on

A zipper got stuck. Can you help me do it up, please?
About time, too
Above all else
Abreast of the time
Abundantly justified
Accept it at its face value
Accepted on sufferance
Access to the sea
Accidents will happen even in the best-regulated families
Accommodating each other's needs
According to him
Act as you see fit
Act on my advice
Acting as a go-between
Acting as intermediary
Acting on impulse
Acting on wrong knowledge
Actually what is it that makes him tick?
Addicted to the habit
Adding up figures
Adroit managers
Advantages accrue
Aeons ago
Afflicted by agricultural depression
Afflictions of professional journalism
After a fashion
After a hearty meal at lunch-time we could make only a frugal supper
After all the weeks of frustration
After due consideration she decided in favour of...
After much dissertation
After much trial and error
After my time as a girl
After she exerted pressure
After she had made a rough draft she wrote out a fair copy
After that, I shall certainly give you my undivided attention
After that, the deluge!
After the heat has abated
After the incline the lane levels out

After they came to terms with the psychological shock
After tidying up
Against all the odds
Against her better judgement
Against my express wishes
Against such a contingency (in such a case)
Against tremendous odds
Age is creeping up on me
Agrarian recession
Agree to that!
Agreement came into effect
Ah, there you have me
Air laden with dust
Air of frustration
Airing the same grievances
Akin in essence if not in detail
All along (all the time)
All and sundry (everybody)
All are a delicacy with a taste all their own
All at once it was cold
All beginners come up against that difficulty
All communication was by word of mouth
All doubts set aside
All during that time
All eventualities considered,...
All evidence points to it
All eyes turned on him
All he did will be vindicated sooner or later
All he wanted was a lead
All heroes rolled into one
All his doubts melted into thin air
All his efforts proved unavailing
All his fingers are thumbs
All his witticism fell flat
All historians concur that he was averse from bloodshed
All hung in the scales of fate
All I can say, hand over heart, is this
All I owned was what I stood up in

All in all
All in good time
All initiative was nipped in the bud
All is fair in love and war
All is for the best in the best of possible worlds
All is transient
All my suspicions came back a hundredfold
All obstacles have been brushed aside
All of a sudden (suddenly)
All of this has his unmistakable stamp to it
All one can do is to accept the facts and concoct hypotheses
All other activities were sharply curtailed
All our attempts were unavailing
All our trouble is over
All perfectly legal and above board
All right with you? - Perfectly
All set (everything arranged)
All sorts of food contribute to this
All sorts of forces begin to operate towards ruin
All such thoughts were drowned in the surge of excitement
All that ensued
All that entails routine and neatness
All the best to you!
All the chances had run against him
All the enticements have failed
All the fuss stems from the original mistake in planning
All the little things that make my day
All the more
All the more dangerous
All the more difficult to correct
All the more reason
All the more reason for you to stay
All the more so
All the old sense of wrong surged over me again
All the questions have been settled; you are beating the air
All the same
All the sense in the world
All the spoils were emptied into one basket

All the year round
All things are astray
All things considered
All things considered, not bad for eighty
All this fall far short of...
All this has opened a new line of thought
All this speculation seems to me unprofitable
All this was gained by dogged effort
All this welled up against him
All this went up in smoke
All those who have been harangued
All through the night
All to no avail/effect
All told
All too easy to read
All too familiar system
All too often
All too rarely
All too soon they returned
All traces have been effaced
All traffic is suspended on Armistice Day (Nov.11)
All was bustle and excitement
All was eloquent of neglect
All was serene on the plane of conversation
All we have to go on are...
Allocations for these purposes
Along with the information must go an urgent request for...
Alter it at needs
Altered past recognition
Although you are in a very good audience, things must be proved
Am I making myself clear?
Am I right in thinking that your name is X?
Am I right in thinking that?
Ambassador to London
An absorbing profession
An account down to the last minute detail
An act of retaliation
An act of rudeness, just discourtesy

An advance on salary
An affair of convenience
An aggressive stance
An all-out effort
An animal may take to captivity beautifully, but can never reconcile itself to bad treatment
An attempt at creative thought
An attempt at something
An authentic genius
An avid collector of art at one point in his life
An election was called
An element of surprise
An embarrassing case came to light
An end in itself
An engaging appearance
An engraved portrait was taken of her
An escalation of events
An essay at a smile
An event to excite tremor
An exceedingly comfortable room
An excellent taste for music
An experienced member of society can read them off at a glance
An expert in his particular line
An extract has been broken down into several sections
An extraordinary affinity
An eye-witness
An hour or thereabouts
An hour, if that
An hour's walk will bring us there
An icy spatter of driving sleet
An immense saving in time could be effected
An important woman in her own right
An improvement on something
An incentive to further study
An increase on this figure
An ineffable fact beyond words
An infringement of law
An insurance against the future

An integral part of school curriculum
An interesting sidelight on it
An intrinsic gentleman (real gentleman)
An oath of allegiance
An odd spot of rain
An outlook shared with us
An unavailing and half-hearted attempt to overcome a resistance to writing
An uneasy question to answer
An unimpaired view
An unprecedented combination
An unwritten law to that effect
An urchin cocked a snook
Analogous to...
And a very good at that
And above all
And all that sort of thing
And directly it was done, he left
And here is the catch
And mind you do or the chief will have my head
And nobody thinks the worse of them
And none too soon
And on top of all this...
And so it fell out (happened)
And so matters stood until...
And so on, and so forth
And the like
And this into the bargain
And this is inviolable truth
And what exactly is that supposed to mean?
And what not
And, lest the time hangs heavy on your hands, take this
And... into the bargain
Anger at her impertinence
Angry out of measure
Animal husbandry
Another method was employed
Any hint of conscious striving for effect ruins everything
Any kindness I may have shown is amply repaid by...

Any muffins to spare? I am famished
Any other conception of life was outside their imagination
Any task set before him
Any undue delay
Anybody can get at it
Anyone can get up and have a go
Anyone in his income bracket
Anything dredged out of the past
Anything goes (everything is suitable)
Anything I say may be regarded as very tentative
Anything in particular?
Anyway you say
Apart from that, she seems to...
Apart from the fact that...
Apart from this
Appallingly slow progress
Appearances can be deeply deceptive
Appropriate to the occasion
Arbiter for elegance
Arcana of Nature
Architecture all its own
Are there any grounds for optimism?
Are there any indications that...?
Are there any services that I could render?
Are we conservative when it comes down to it?
Are we not running an appalling risk?
Are we still on speaking terms?
Are you all alone at home?
Are you all right for money?
Are you all right for water?
Are you alluding to the...?
Are you game?
Are you holding up? (Can you endure it?)
Are you insinuating by this that...?
Are you making a stay?
Are you prepared to admit it?
Are you sure I am not intruding?
Are you waiting for an endorsement?

Are you...? - Not exactly
Aren't we getting away from the point?
Aren't you piling a bit thick?
Arranged in that way for convenience
Arrested by an operation
Articulating his views
As a gesture of good will
As a last resort
As a matter of form
As a matter of interest
As a possible relief to my tedium
As a result of that crash the new car is beyond redemption
As a solo instrument it has got a lot to offer
As a token of our gratitude
As befits a lady
As best we could
As brothers go, you are not a bad sort
As daring as they come
As dead as mutton (quite dead)
As deaf as a post
As dissimilar as any two men could be
As early as 2 years ago
As far as I am aware
As far as I can make out
As far as I can remember off-hand
As far as I could tell
As for me, I...
As fresh as a daisy
As he discovered to his cost
As he goes through life
As he has seen it fit to ask for
As he often gave it to be understood
As hungry as a hunter
As I have just intimated
As I knew to my cost
As I listened, half my thoughts were running a parallel track
As if nothing untoward had happened
As is my wont

As is often the case
As is only proper
As it happens (actually)
As it illustrates to perfection
As it is (actually)
As it were (actually)
As late as early in 2010
As likely as not
As luck would have it
As much as the next man
As of yore
As often as not (usually)
As one marooned on a desert island
As plain as a pikestaff
As she knew to her cost
As simple as that
As soon as I can square things up here
As soon as I get this problem out of the way
As soon as the day breaks, she will put to sea
As sure as eggs is eggs
As the afternoon wore on
As the car ate the road
As the days sped on
As the morning/year wore on
As the name implies
As the sound ebbed
As the years wore on
As things turned out, he was right to be worried
As time progressed
As time went on
As to the advantages they would be immeasurable
As we are on the subject
As you may have inferred from my saying
As you say (just so)
Aside from that
Ask her, she will know
Ask him if... - and it is an even chance he will say yes
Ask him point-blank

Asperities of a cold winter
Aspersions cast on her legitimacy
Assertive of his right
Assessment of harmful effects
Assiduous in his attentions
Assuredly, why?
At 21 they attain their majority
At a brisk pace
At a discount
At a guess
At a handsome profit
At a moment's notice
At a pinch I can do without them
At a reasonable hour in the morning
At a time of his own choosing
At all costs
At all hazards we must avoid short circuit
At an exorbitant price
At any rate
At arm's length
At best
At bottom (deep down)
At breakneck speed
At close quarters
At close range
At closer quarters
At dead of night
At first it lacked substance
At first sight it may have nothing in common
At heart they loved it
At her entreaty
At her/his instigation
At his behest
At his insistence
At his suggestion
At intervals/occasionally/from time to time
At last he paid heed to the voice that pleaded with him
At length

At long last
At long last he deigns to speak to me
At long last it will be published
At much the same time
At my dictation
At non-fancy prices
At once he set to it
At one moment, though, ...
At short notice
At somebody's beck and call
At such a short notice
At the back of her/his mind
At the best of times
At the bottom of the garden
At the bottom of the stairs
At the crack of dawn
At the crook of a finger (invitation!)
At the earliest possible convenience/opportunity
At the express wish of the Queen
At the full of the moon
At the head of the staircase/stairs
At the outset
At the peril of his life
At the top of his voice
At the touch of a button
At the urgent plea
At the very instant when ...
At the very most 4 times a day
At the very pinnacle (at the top) of success
At the wheel
At the worst, we can ...
At this critical juncture
At this junction (now)
At this juncture (in this situation)
At times
At times he can be exciting and at others just irritating
At variance with the facts
At variance with the principles of common law

At variance with these principles
At will
At your age one must be careful
At your disposal
Attention must be called to the fact ...
Attention to detail
Autumn leaves are falling to earth

Babies are often stupid over it
Bad character is his worst infirmity
Bad luck!
Bad news comes in threes
Bad temper is not conducive to good work
Badly neglected
Bail up! (Hands up!)
Balancing what is significant now against what was significant then
Bare 2 years separate it from ...
Barely enough to cover the expenses
Barely perceptible degree
Basically, it is their initiative
Be a sport!
Be as it may
Be brave and stick it out
Be careful how you go
Be careful of the stairs!
Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it
Be diplomatic, no matter what
Be firm in asserting your rights
Be in readiness
Be prepared for every contingency
Be sure to ask her to come
Be that as it may
Bear it in mind
Bearing some superficial similarities
Beat them at their own game
Bedclothes and all
Beer doesn't appeal to me unless particularly thirsty
Beer is on draught



Before he can make good his escape
Before he caught her meaning
Before he parts with his money
Before it gained its full effect
Before long (soon)
Before sleep overtook me
Before the end of the last century the National Trust had launched itself
Before the light failed (it gets too dark)
Before too late
Before we can so much as begin to...
Before you are out of danger
Beggary thanks
Behind the talk, there lurked...
Being reconciled to one's fate
Being regarded as a norm
Being up late doesn't suit me
Belated good wishes
Believe it or not
Below par
Beneath this veneer of alteration
Better and better by the minute
Better substantiated
Better to keep my own council (not to talk)
Between them, they carried it into the house
Between us we managed to...
Between you and me and the bedpost
Betwixt and between (neither one nor the other)
Beyond all endurance
Beyond all question
Beyond any possible doubt
Beyond that shimmered the river
Beyond the common
Bide your time
Birds of passage
Bitter pent-up jealousy
Bitterly cold weather
Blame lies with them
Blurring all forms and outlines

Bone of contention/an apple of discord
Both countries experience the same kind of climate
Both literally and metaphorically
Both sides were on the offensive, though both were anxious to avoid an
open war
Both things figure into it
Brace up, dear!
Brace yourself for the next question
Braking off a grape from the bunch
Bring him to his senses
Bring it along next time
Bring it into the open
Bring it to the fore
Bring up your chair, will you?
Brings into prominence
Britain avoided European involvement
Broadly speaking
Brought so close to perfection
Brush aside impediments to this
Built for some purpose or other but now in disuse
Built to standards of luxury earlier unknown
Bureaucratic expedience
Business is starting to pick up
But enough of me
But for him, we could...
But he is not wholly insignificant
But he wouldn't take it lying down
But his breath gave out
But I find something very appealing about them
But me no buts
But my funds were running short
But no matter
But not for the reason generally advanced
But not in terms spelled out
But she is overlaying her hand (is going too far)
But surely you must...
But the boy had a long start (it took him long to start)
But try as he would,...

But what with that?
But where exactly do I come in?
But you can argue it out with them
Butting in in a matter that isn't my concern
Buying a soda for the heat
By a bizarre coincidence
By a curious coincidence
By a fluke I had a cancellation
By a fluke of nature/whim
By a hairs' breath
By a long chalk (far from it)
By a majority of 5 to 2
By a stroke of cunning choice
By accident rather than design
By all accounts
By all means (definitely, certainly)
By all means. Let's do it
By an effort of imagination
By and large (in general)
By and large (on the whole)
By and large, they are delighted
By arrangement
By common consent
By comparison
By comparison, ...
By conditioned reflex
By consent
By courtesy (by kind permission) of ...
By default (as there was no choice)
By degrees
By example rather than by precept
By far the largest
By force of habit
By general consent
By good fortune
By hearsay
By hook or by crook (in one way or another)
By inadvertence

By May the brunt of his practice fell off
By mistake
By my troth (promise)
By nature he was an equable man
By no means
By our standards
By proxy
By right
By rights I ought to ...
By rights it belongs to him
By saying the reverse of what we intend
By sheer coincidence
By sheer force of will
By sight; by repute
By slow degrees did the new tradition take hold
By that time you could have done it many times over
By the doctor's orders, mark you
By the flicker of an eye I knew ...
By the happiest of coincidences
By the same token
By the short cut we reached the place very soon
By the sound of it
By the standards of the day
By the very nature of things he is doomed to disappointment
By tradition
By turns
By virtue of his work
By way of illustration
By way of thanks
By what miracle
By your fault

Calamitous for them
Calculating all the odds
Call a toast to fit the occasion
Call in on her!
Call it off!
Call on them to do just that

Call them to breakfast
Campaign for a higher wage offer
Can he see a joke against himself?
Can I ask you a favour?
Can I help you at all?
Can we make a deal?
Can you bear with me? (Can you stand me?)
Can you get the time off?
Can you give me any particulars?
Can you give me one good reason?
Can you help me to put it into perspective?
Can you improve on that?
Can you in all honesty tell me ...?
Can you not take a joke?
Can you oblige me with a light?
Can you put me in touch with your sister?
Can you spare a hand to hold this?
Can you spare me a moment?
Can you tell me what time is? – I don't know.
Can't live it down (can't forget)
Can't you bring it home (explain) to him?
Capacity for vigorous analysis
Capitalism is in death throes
Careful in its details
Carry on! (go about it)
Cast your doubts aside
Catching up on the news
Catering to the tastes of the visitors
Cause and effect
Cautious in its tone
Caviar is immensely sustaining
Celebrations were made
Census has been taken
Central to it
Certain conditions should be met
Certain factors pertaining to...
Certainly, by all means
Certainty is profoundly comforting

Challenge to prevailing attitudes
Chance overruled my decision
Chances are slim in the extreme
Change was not restricted to...
Changed out of all recognition
Changes could not be arrested
Characteristic of...
Charged with contravening quarantine laws
Charges brought against him
Charles's Wain (constellation The Great Bear)
Chatting about the vagrancies of the weather
Cheap at the price
Cheating on them
Check on it
Check up on it!
Checking his wristwatch by the vestibule clock
Children by his first marriage
Children don't stay put there
Children had taken to her in a big way
Cider on draught
Circumstances were too much for him
City life as the epitome of civilized life
Claiming special privileges
Clap on something smart, will you? (put on)
Clever enough as women go
Clever piece of work, that! (we succeeded)
Close on 20 years
Cloth of a blue ground
Clouds were building up
Cloyed with pleasure
Clutching at straws
Cock and bull stories
Cocking his head on one side
Coffee has given me a good head
Coffee is in short supply
Coffee laced with rum
Cold to the bone
Cold to the feel

Colour being lent to this last by the fact that...
Come along, you could do better than that
Come and join me in a glass of sherry
Come and sit by me
Come and take a turn with me outside
Come clean! (Speak up!)
Come hell or high water
Come in at the door
Come now, you are not one of the Nature's gifted liars
Come off it! (Just don't!)
Come on in, won't you?
Come on!
Come right out of it! (Tell all about it!)
Come to think of it
Come what may
Come what might
Common sense will prevail
Communications are badly disrupted
Complete with...
Complicity in war crimes
Compose yourself! (Pull yourself together!)
Compromise with them over it
Conceit is his middle name
Concerted action
Concerted efforts
Concomitants of the revolution
Condition can change dramatically
Confidences are safe with him
Confident of the future
Confine yourself to facts
Confirmation will be made much closer to the date
Confrontation over something
Confused ideas need straightening out
Conniving at the crime (knowing about it)
Conscious efforts made to avert it
Consign this to the flames
Constant repining at it
Constricted in their imagination

Constructed to his own design
Constructing the synopsis for a book
Consult your memory of his habits
Consumed intermittently
Continuity is one of the keynotes of our history
Contributing to the best interests of...
Controversy still rages over it
Conversations were going over his head
Conversely (the other way round)
Convey my regrets and sympathy to her
Convinced of her own righteousness
Convinced of that
Cooking is among her delights
Cooped up in concrete cities
Copied and recopied down the centuries
Coping with difficulties
Cosily ensconced in the furthest corner
Could I be selfish and have her to myself?
Could I induce you to have dinner with me?
Could I see inside?
Could it be speeded up?
Could they possibly...?
Could we scrap the preceding and start anew?
Could you be more specific?
Could you hang on (wait) a minute?
Could you make do with brandy instead of port?
Could you make yourself a bit clearer?
Could you possibly come over?
Could you put in a good word for me?
Could you use some help?
Couldn't you compose the quarrel?
Count on me if you get into a tight corner
Covered in leather
Covered in paint
Covert bargains were struck...
Cowslips were in full bloom
Craving for personal success and dominance
Crazy over it

Creature comforts
Criticism is especially directed at...
Criticism is something levelled at...
Criticism made of him
Cross my heart!
Crossing one leg over the other
Curlews call plaintively
Currently, he is at work at...
Cut down on coffee (drink less)
Cutting in on the conversation

Dangling a child between one's knees
Dark with shadow
Darkness invests the earth at night
Darkness was closing in
Day-to-day concerns
Dead these many years
Dear heart,...
Dear me!
Dear old thing, what's cooking? Or are you going to be secretive?
Declare war on...
Declining standard of workmanship
Deeply absorbed with her own problems
Deeply skeptical
Defend it tooth and nail
Definitely not/certainly not
Deflation of personality
Defying Nature/the elements
Deliberate in their progress
Delighted at the idea
Delighted to meet you
Deluding ourselves into beliefs
Demands to this effect
Demoted from his position
Deprived of friendship
Designated by numbers
Designed to his taste
Despair gave way to hope



Desperately overcrowded streets
Despising me from the heights of his erudition
Despite some imperfections
Despite the attempt to forestall it
Despite the curtailment of his income
Despite the differences over...
Despite the lapse of time
Despite the short notice
Despite your persuasiveness over the past months, some part of my mind
held out
Destitute of vegetation (none of it)
Detrimental to her interests
Devastating state of affairs
Devoid of any sense
Did everything go off well?
Did he tell you? – Not in so many words
Did he, by any chance,...
Did she go into any detail about it?
Did she tell you anything to that effect?
Did that weigh with you?
Did they eat! (they ate a lot)
Did you approve of it?
Did you do it all alone?
Did you get into hot water with the police?
Did you get the removal over?
Did you see much of him?
Diet of rats (poison)
Differences should not be overstated
Different in type
Different to it
Different to what it is
Difficult to effect an advantageous sale
Difficulties in adjustment
Difficulties over language
Directly dinner was over...
Dirt cheap
Disastrous in its consequences
Disastrous in the long run

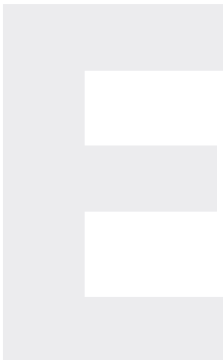
Discords of remote activity rose above the more intimate throbbing of our screw
Discoveries which ran counter to current belief
Discovery was imminent
Discrepancies of fact and theorizing
Discrepancy of age did not weigh with him
Discretion is the better part of valour
Discussion is wasted on me
Disillusionment set in
Dislike at close quarters can be very wearing
Dismissed at will
Displayed to advantage
Dispossessed from the garden of Eden
Disrupting settled patterns of life
Distinctions of this kind are subtle
Divergence of interests
Divergence of opinion
Divested of her outdoor things
Divorced from reality
Do anything to spare him annoyance
Do as you are done by
Do as you would be done by
Do it all over again
Do it forthwith (immediately)
Do it right away, will you?
Do it straight away
Do it, there is a dear!
Do not take too long over it
Do not trust him too far
Do say good-bye to her for me
Do take pot luck
Do the room up!
Do this in remembrance of me
Do try, there's a dear
Do you consider it remotely possible?
Do you follow me?
Do you gain anything by being spiteful?
Do you give thought to it?
Do you hold any hope for him?

Do you implicitly imply that...
Do you keep up with current events?
Do you mind if I ask what you do?
Do you mind?
Do you think I could come in for a moment?
Dodging the hue and cry
Does competitiveness come into this picture?
Does he stand a chance?
Does it matter?
Does it stir no chord in you?
Does my hat matter?
Does she blame me over it?
Does that make any sense to you?
Does that meet your approval?
Does your drink need refreshing?
Doing it just to annoy
Doing less than their fair share
Doing odd jobs
Doing sentry duty
Doing the chores
Don't abandon him to such a fate
Don't allow your imagination get the better of you
Don't be all day about it
Don't be all that hard on me
Don't be coy
Don't be long, there's a good fellow
Don't be miserable over trifles
Don't be petty!
Don't be put out by it
Don't be so damping
Don't be so inquisitive
Don't be spiteful
Don't be such a wet blanket
Don't come to any decision too rapidly
Don't concern yourself with the trivia
Don't count your chicken before they are hatched
Don't cut yourself adrift from your friends
Don't deject my spirits

Don't do it to me!
Don't do it, not just yet
Don't dredge up all your old grudges against me
Don't ever turn completely loose in any way
Don't forfeit my confidence
Don't get het up about it
Don't get het up over it
Don't get me wrong
Don't give yourself airs
Don't go in for accuracy
Don't harp on the subject
Don't leave it to chance
Don't let grass grow under your feet (do it immediately)
Don't let on that you are the police
Don't let your imagination go as far as that
Don't linger indoors
Don't lose your temper
Don't make a nuisance of yourself
Don't make excessive demands
Don't make me out too old
Don't mince your words, will you?
Don't overlook that aspect of the matter
Don't pull my leg
Don't pull wool over my eyes
Don't push your luck
Don't put yourself too much in power
Don't puzzle over it
Don't resent it
Don't rub it in
Don't rub it in on him, he is crestfallen as it is
Don't shove! (Don't push!)
Don't shy from showing appreciation
Don't spare me
Don't steam up over piffling little things
Don't take any notice of him
Don't take him at his face value
Don't take it on trust
Don't take it out on me

Don't take up this attitude
Don't talk through the hat (talk nonsense)
Don't talk trash
Don't think you can pit your wits against them
Don't throw in the towel
Don't try to blame it on her
Don't try to play a lone hand
Don't twiddle your fingers
Don't worry on that score
Don't you ever let up!
Don't you let her in on your private life
Don't you slight him!
Done it, but only just
Down to the last minute detail
Draw up there! (speaking of a car)
Drawing on our memories, we went through the file
Drive the best bargain you can
Driven by sheer necessity
Drug to sedate the pain
Due to his merit
Dull people always put him out (make him angry)
During his brief tenure of power
During these days I saw nothing of her
Dusk was deepening into total obscurity
Dust me down, will you?
Dusty with disuse
Duty is all-important
Dying with thirst

Each day bristled with new tasks
Each one largely preoccupied with his own professionalism
and expertise
Each was appraising the other
Each, when challenged, gave the lie to the other
Eager acclamation greeted his proposition
Eager attitude and keen interest
Eager desire for change
Earlier in the day



Early next year
Earning a very precarious living
Ease up, old girl!
East and West may not intermingle
Eat your fill!
Economic measures imposed on...
Economic problems
Economical of words
Education has cut across the class boundaries
Education helped them to come into their own
Effecting political conquest
Efforts and rewards of creativity
Either he is attracted or repelled
Either way we were deprived of it
Eminence in science
Eminently useful
Emotionally charged sensations
Employ your talents to the best advantage
Employed to its full capacity
Empty of ideas
Encouraging all the way along
Encroachment of civilization on Nature
Endeavouring to bear up under a severe mental strain
Endemic to present-day society
Enforcement of law and order
Engage her in conversation
Engaged in animated conversation
Engaged to him
Engaged with it
England is going to the dogs
England waged war on Spain in...
England will cut her commitments
England's heyday as a great industrial nation had ended
English is the language with widest currency
English pubs are eminently respectable institutions
Enjoy it to the full
Enjoyed preferential treatment
Enjoying himself wholeheartedly

Enough to get by
Enough to last us for a year
Enough to tide over the winter
Ensuring that it would not recur
Entering the spirit of the game
Enticing prospects
Entities connoted by the words
Entitled to...
Equally probable alternatives
Essentially, it...
Established on a fairly regular basis
Estimating is hazardous (risky)
Even as he spoke
Even as he thought of it,...
Even as she did so,...
Even as she reached out for it,...
Even desirable changes beget opposition
Even his enemies must have conceded that
Even his usual neatness has left him
Even if I fall short of it
Even if it is not as specified
Even more contentious were the consequences of...
Even so,... (in spite of it)
Even the stringencies of recent years
Even vaguely resembling
Even when it went against the grain
Events are playing into her hand
Eventually
Ever since
Every breath was an effort
Every contingency was provided for
Every few months I go there
Every little helps
Every man jack (absolutely every man)
Every man put to his helping hand
Every man should stick to his last
Every now and then
Every now and then he stopped

Every now and then I do get things a bit wrong
Every once in a while
Every other day
Every so often
Every stone here is redolent with history
Every woman is beautiful who puts her mind to it
Every writer should do a stint every day
Everybody is prone to error
Everybody perceived that this was the thing to do
Everybody was out of sorts (in bad mood)
Everybody who could sing joined in with a will
Everyone agreed on that
Everyone behaved with complete good sense
Everyone has to paddle his own canoe
Everyone is accounted innocent until proved guilty
Everyone to their own kind of amusement
Everything appertained to England
Everything had come all right
Everything has gone without a hitch
Everything is at stake
Everything is going along nicely
Everything is going to be plain sailing
Everything is perfect where this is concerned
Everything paled into insignificance
Everything was as it should be
Everything was at sixes and sevens (in confusion)
Everything was falling into place
Everything was plain sailing
Everything was spick and span
Everything will be to your satisfaction
Everything will come right
Everything within her reach
Everything's turned out beautiful
Evidently getting up early is bad for his temperament
Exacting a heavy price
Exaggerated proportions would make for poor judgement
Examinations are looming
Examine it at close quarters

Examples are difficult to pin down
Exceedingly grateful
Exceedingly hard
Except for...
Except for me
Exception to it
Exchanging gibes
Exchanging light-hearted banter
Exciting to me
Excruciating abandonment of cherished beliefs
Excuse me, but would you have an axe I could borrow?
Excuse me, will you... ?
Exemplified by...
Exercise your rights
Exert your authority
Exhaust fumes
Existing in their own right
Experience acquired in the interim
Experience often dumps enthusiasm
Expert on such matters
Explain to me
Explanations for this
Extensively used
Extirpating illiteracy/alcoholism
Extremely composite structure

Facetious story
Fading out into obscurity
Failing in their duty
Fair and foul means
Fair or foul
Fairly soon
Falling into cliché
Falling into the role immediately
Falling short of the required standard
Fancy your knowing the proper name for this flower
Fantasy can be indulged in food making
Far from an unqualified success



Far from madding crowd
Far in excess of the number
Farewells made
Fashion has been heading us that way for some time
Fastidiously avoided
Fate was adverse
Father hasn't the slightest use for him
Father was called upon for a story
Fear is the devil to hide
Fear takes over
Fed up with prevarications
Feeling below par
Feeling ran high
Fetch her away, will you?
Few facts were disclosed beyond that
Few have analytic ability to match his
Few people are abroad at this time
Few, if any
Fiction is peculiarly prone to this
Fie upon you! (shame)
Fields gave way to groves
Fields hemmed in by hedges
Fighting a losing battle
Figment of imagination
Finally she met him face to face
Finally they composed their differences
Financial attrition
Finder is keeper
Finesse was required if the method was not to backfire
Finish it and be done with it
Fire away!
Firing indiscriminately
First advertisements to catch the eye are those which glamorize the car
First things first
First-hand experience of reality
Fishermen were hauling in their nets
Fishermen's shacks
Flattery is meat and drink to men

Flight of fancy
Flights will be suspended until...
Flush with the surface
Follow the prescription
Following rigorous logic
Fomenting trouble
For 3 hours at a stretch
For a fleeting moment
For a long time to come
For a long, long time to come
For a moment his composure was broken
For a variety of reasons
For a while I was able to delude myself that everything was in order
For a whole quarter of an hour at a stretch
For all he cared
For all he was worth
For all her care one could feel the wheels sliding at times
For all her talk
For all his autocratic ways, he was really very much influenced by...
For all I care
For all I know, they might be
For all I know, ...
For all of that (despite it)
For all one knows
For all that
For all that (despite it all)
For all that, I was glad she was there
For all the world as if they were...
For all we know (as much as we know)
For all we know he was framed
For anything I know (as far as I know)
For as long as it lasted
For brevity's sake
For dear life
For donkey's years (for a very long time)
For ever after
For God's sake, come off it! (stop it)
For good

For good and all (for ever)
For good or ill
For heaven's sake!
For her part (as to her)
For his benefit
For his own part (as to him)
For hours and hours together on end
For hours at a stretch
For hours on end
For many a long year
For miles on end
For much of the day
For much of the rest of his life
For much of the time
For my part, I...
For myself, it was far too beautiful a night to go to bed
For myself,... (as to me)
For no apparent/good reason
For once she agreed with him (this time)
For once she didn't argue
For once you are wrong
For one thing it was widely believed
For one thing,...
For one thing..., for another...
For quite some time
For reasons that seemed cogent to me at the time
For some little time to come
For some reason best known to himself
For some time to come
For such a tiny animal it could produce an extraordinary volume of noise
For that matter (as to that)
For the 20 consecutive years
For the best part of the hour
For the express purpose
For the express purpose of...
For the first time
For the life of him he couldn't do it
For the life of me, I cannot understand how...

For the sake of convenience
For the sole purpose of...
For the time being
For the very reason
For this we crave indulgence
For this we have nothing like enough evidence for a fair assessment
For weeks on end
For weeks to come
For well over half a century
For what reason
For X and Y alike
For years at a stretch
Force of habit
Forced through necessity
Forestalling the next question
Forgive me for being blunt
Forgive me for having sprung it on you like this
Forgive me if I sound as if I was prying. - That's perfectly all right
Forgive me, but I must really press the point
Fortuitously, giving advice was not his stunt
Fostering intelligence
Found out for what she was
Free from the impact of a stronger personality
Free of mistakes
Frightened out of his wits
Frogs call
From a long way off
From across the Atlantic
From all accounts (in every sense)
From every conceivable angle/point of view
From far and near there were visitors
From force of habit
From that on, his amiability waned
From the very first
From these data one can draw inferences
From this she inferred that...
From time immemorial
From top to toe

From what I know
From what she tells me
Fulfilling his instincts
Full details will be given
Full information may be secured from...
Full marks to you
Full with fulminating rage
Fumbling against things in the dark
Fundamental of it
Funny you should say that
Furious at it
Furnish me with the facts
Furtive and unscrupulous underlings

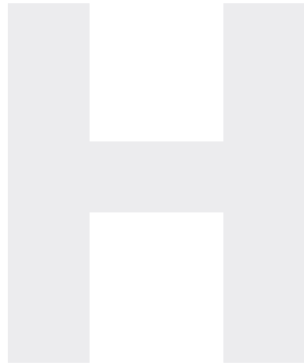
Gadding half over the country
Gaining courage for the next foray (attack)
Gathering the hay
Geared primarily to touristic requirements
Georg V had founded the House of Windsor in perpetuity
Get a good hand-hold
Get away with you! (Go to hell!)
Get down to work
Get going!
Get her off my back, will you?
Get on with it!
Get pleasure out of life against all odds
Get your hand in!
Getting the devastated country on its feet
Girls in stiletto heels
Give her my sympathy
Give him a shout!
Give him my condolences
Give him power of attorney
Give it a good oiling
Give it a proper trial
Give it an extra touch
Give it some cold water so that it will not cake
Give me a grip



Give me a hand over it, will you?
Give me a hug!
Give me a leg-up over that wall, will you?
Give me a..., there is a dear!
Give me credit for a little common sense
Give me more particulars about it, will you?
Give me X every time
Give me your name, please
Give us a clear and detailed exposition
Give us an overall picture of your life there
Given fine weather a bus affords a pleasurable mode of travel progression
Given half a chance
Given that it is true
Given that, we...
Given the right circumstances
Giving it as his excuse
Giving it too much importance
Giving lip service
Gleaning a nice harvest
Gnats infest our life in June, indeed
Go ahead!
Go and tell that to the marines! (nonsense)
Go out of your way to be still more affable
Go straight ahead!
Go straight to sleep
Go to blazes! (Go to hell!)
Go to the dickens! (Go to hell!)
God is watching over us
Going about her daily work
Going at it around the clock
Going to rack and ruin
Gone beyond recall
Good ends cannot be achieved by inappropriate means
Good for you!
Good friends one and all
Good gracious!
Good grief!
Good is a matter of moral craftsmanship

Good pitted against Evil
Good riddance!
Good thinking!
Goodness knows (nobody knows)
Goods were restricted
Gosh, you are hard!
Gradual in its impact
Granted that he...
Granted that...
Granted the facts are as reported,...
Granted! (Yes!)
Great deterrents to potential radio authors
Great issues are at stake
Grey with age
Grey with dust
Groping in the dark
Grossly underestimated
Gruelling hot weather
Gulls wheel and squawk

Habit dies hard
Half an hour alone together found them both searching
 for something to say
Halfway up the tree (halfway to achieving the goal)
Hammer it clear! (open)
Hampered by a lack of space
Hand to hand combat
Handle it with care, it may fall to bits
Hang it all! (Damn it!)
Hang on to it!
Hang on!
Hankering for freedom
Happily she was on hand to explain
Happiness at being alive
Happy and high-spirited as of all
Happy birthday belatedly!
Happy hunting grounds
Happy in your work?



Happy with that? (satisfied)
Hard and fast rules/decisions
Hard on his heels he saw a dog
Hardly knowing how it came about
Harrowing the smooth water with ripples
Harrowing years
Has anything untoward occurred?
Has he an ulterior motive?
Has it changed hands often?
Has it occurred to you that...?
Hatred for him
Hauling in nets
Have a guess at it!
Have a shot at it! (Try to guess!)
Have another go!
Have I put my foot in it? (made a blunder)
Have pity on me!
Have the grace to admit it
Have you anything to go upon? (any evidence)
Have you checked with him on this?
Have you decided on your dress?
Have you got it all right?
Have you got it all straight?
Have you got on to it? (managed to deal with it)
Have you nothing to suggest?
Have you taken leave of your senses?
Haven't heard about him
Haven't heard of him
Having a task to do gives a child a sense of identity
Having an intimate knowledge of it
Hazards of falling down
He abandoned the car in favour of the bicycle
He abhorred bureaucracy
He absorbed new ideas
He accepted my offer with alacrity
He accepted the fact with equanimity
He acted in a premeditated way
He acted on the understanding that...

He acted on this presumption
He acted the host
He adamantly refused to partake of this sustenance
He added in an aside
He administered an injection
He advanced the idea that...
He advised me against it
He affected ignorance
He agreed to handle the dues as they come in
He agreed to this readily enough
He aims for success
He allowed himself to be persuaded into optimism
He almost counts as one of the family
He always behaves with propriety
He always had to sidle and duck through life
He always paid his own way
He always puts me into good mood
He always resorted to it
He always said the obvious thing
He always sounds critical and churlish
He always sticks his neck out
He always takes the opposite side to me
He amassed a great fortune
He amused himself by taunting me
He announced his intent
He answered the description
He answered the door
He answered with deliberation
He arrested her hand in the air
He arrived at a momentous decision
He arrived, his little son in tow
He as good as told me so
He asked after her/for her
He asked it outright
He asserted it even more bluntly
He assumed the air of detached superiority
He ate a hurried breakfast
He ate gingerly

He ate his way
He ate it in his fingers
He ate it in one go
He attached no significance to the event
He attained his object
He attended to his creature comforts
He attended to these rules as laid down
He availed himself of the invitation
He avowed that he needed no help
He backed away
He backed out at the last moment
He bade farewell to them
He balks at marriage
He banged the door to
He basked in the sun
He beamed upon me as I entered
He beat me to it (stole a march on me)
He became a laughing stock
He became concerned over her
He became increasingly exasperated with it
He became short-tempered
He began calling over the names
He began there and then
He began to swim for the bank
He bemoaned the fact
He bides his time
He blamed it on the lack of time
He blamed it on them
He blamed too much on the environment
He blames it on a misunderstanding
He bore her no ill will for it
He bore the glance without flinching
He bores me stiff
He bought a camera against such a day
He bought it for a mere song
He bought it out of his pocket money
He bowed in deference
He braced himself

He braced himself for the final ordeal
He broke in his horse
He broke in on her thoughts
He broke in on this (intervened)
He broke into a smile
He broke into English
He broke into run
He broke silence
He brooks no argument (cannot stand)
He brought down his prey (killed it)
He brought her successfully to shore
He brought himself within easier reach
He brought his horse to walking pace
He brought his mind to bear upon it
He brought it off
He brought it to my attention
He brought off a big deal
He brought them under his control
He brought this argument to the conclusion
He brought up the rear (walked at the end/as the last one)
He called attention to it
He called her doings into question
He called her names
He came at a brisk trot
He came close to hitting her
He came close upon her departure
He came down like a sack of coals
He came in full view of it
He came through with flying colours
He came to a halt
He came to call on me
He came to life
He came to my rescue
He came to the conclusion
He came to the rescue
He came under duress
He came under suspicion
He came under the influence of...

He came up with a solution
He came up with an idea
He came up with one objection
He came up with them
He can be brusquely dismissive
He can be driven to the verge of an apoplexy
He can be reasonably considered likely to do it
He can certainly lay claim to a sense of humour
He can keep his head in chaos
He can only do it effectively if...
He can see the drift of your questions before you have actually asked them
He can take a joke
He can tell weather by sunsets
He can write a legible hand
He can't help being biased
He can't raise much objection to it
He cannot abide criticism
He cannot abide exaggeration
He cannot abide heat
He cannot last much longer
He cannot reasonably object to it
He cannot swim
He cannot vouch for that
He cared not a straw
He cares about it less than nothing
He carried on undeterred with his self-imposed task
He carries a British passport
He cast his mind back
He caught behind his hand
He caught her eye
He caught it deftly
He caught me in the door
He caught the ball two-handed
He caught up to her
He causes her infinite misery
He certainly falls into that category
He chaired the meeting
He changed his mind

He changed into gumboots (wellies)
He charges through the nose (very much)
He cheered me on
He chided him roundly
He claimed her for a dance
He claims to have known it
He cleared his throat
He clearly had no business to be there
He clearly was not in sympathy with this
He clings for dear life at the rail
He closed his mind to the picture
He closed the door softly
He clung to it
He clung to it for dear life
He clung to it like grim death
He collared the conversation
He comes down pretty hard on all this
He comes into the story through his son
He comes to grips with these problems
He committed a solecism in all good faith
He complimented her dinner
He conceded her point (gave in)
He confined himself to a bow
He contracted influenza
He contracted the grippe
He contradicted her flat
He contrived to unearth one piece of information
He could achieve that by the simple expedient of asking them
He could barely maintain his composure
He could be cruel if the mood should ever take him
He could buy up everything
He could chat knowledgeable
He could do it as well as the next man (anyone)
He could do it to perfection
He could feel his life ebbing steadily
He could find no fault in her demeanour at any point
He could hold his own
He could never live it down

He could not accept the attached conditions
He could not bring himself to be explicit
He could not bring himself to do that
He could not cope with such a contingency
He could not cope with the situation
He could not have been expected to...
He could not in decency refuse it
He could not set these things asunder
He could picture it in his mind
He could rally support
He could spot mushrooms with uncanny accuracy
He couldn't be more explicit
He couldn't face the complications
He couldn't get hold of him
He couldn't help being conscious of it
He couldn't induce me to do it
He couldn't live up to it
He couldn't make it out (understand)
He couldn't muster courage to do it
He couldn't stand fully erect
He couldn't tell it straight off
He couldn't tell them apart
He couldn't think two consecutive thoughts
He couldn't trust himself to speak
He couldn't tell us apart
He cowered away (evaded)
He crossed his ankles
He crossed one knee over the other
He curled up and went to sleep
He cut her short
He cut the interview short
He cut the piece of cloth into 3 lengths and knotted them together
He cuts a pitiable figure
He dared her
He dealt him a blow
He dealt with his point very aptly
He decided against it
He decided to give him a wide berth

He decided to give this road a miss
He decided to have a go
He decided to lie low
He decided to pursue a line of his own
He decided to stick to his guns
He decided to take a plunge
He declined the drink
He declined to comment
He deemed it best
He defaulted (did not come)
He deliberately held back information
He deliberately shuns a sophisticated approach to...
He delivered an address of 20 minutes
He demurred
He denied any wrong-doing
He depended on her for company
He deprecated any such suggestion
He designated his work for the future
He determined on the latter
He did a complete scan of the interior
He did a square thing by him
He did all the talking
He did away with her (killed)
He did everything with the greatest spirit
He did it at considerable length
He did it for a lark (joke)
He did it in no time
He did it on his own account
He did it then and there
He did it under protest
He did me a good turn
He did not bear a grudge against me
He did not care in the slightest
He did not elaborate
He did not fail to drive it home to us
He did not grudge the money
He did not honour this obligation
He did not like his judgement questioned

He did not press his claims
He did not press the point
He did not refer to it straight out
He did not relish that much
He did not scruple to stoop to cunning
He did not see his way clear to doing it
He did not share the memory
He did not share this confidence
He did not swerve
He did not take their part
He didn't apply himself voraciously to study
He didn't convey it (didn't say)
He didn't follow up his victory
He didn't have a ghost of a chance
He didn't know how to broach the subject
He didn't know what to make of it
He didn't say anything beyond that
He didn't say so in my hearing
He didn't stand a chance
He didn't tell me in so many words
He didn't want her unduly upset
He dined off an omelette
He disappeared into thin air
He discussed people he had run across
He dislikes inefficiency
He dismissed baseless canards
He dismissed it out of hand
He displayed it all too clearly
He disputed this question (argued against it)
He distinctly told me
He divested himself of his superfluous garments
He divulged what he knew
He dodged the blow
He does not quail
He does not readily admit defeat
He does not share her sentiments
He does not suffer from false modesty
He doesn't act his age

He doesn't approve of smoking
He doesn't confide his affairs to me
He doesn't display his emotions
He doesn't give others a chance to get a word edgeways
He doesn't know the first thing about it
He doesn't like me to be argumentative about anything
He doesn't like to be set right
He doesn't like to find himself in the wrong any more than most people
He doesn't look his age
He doesn't make an issue of it
He doesn't pull any weight with them
He doesn't see any people - not without an appointment
He doesn't seem any the worse for it
He doesn't seem to know what he is about
He doesn't speak his mind
He doesn't stand to gain anything
He doesn't take any calls
He doesn't want to be ordered about
He doted on her
He drained his glass at a gulp
He drank alcohol to excess
He drank it at a gulp
He drank it with relish
He drew a deep breath
He drew his breath
He drew up level with us
He drinks deeply
He drinks like a fish
He dropped hints
He dug his heels in
He dusted the snow off his hands
He dwelt lovingly on the idea
He eats a bad diet
He echoed the compliment
He edged behind a tree
He eggs her on
He embarked on a long speech
He emerged unscathed

He enforced harsh discipline
He engaged him in conversation
He enjoyed similar rights
He escaped in what he stood up in
He escaped unscathed
He essayed to scrape her acquaintance
He exacerbates tensions
He examined it for defects
He excused himself from her
He excused himself on the plea of work
He excused himself to visit at two other tables
He exemplifies that
He exercised great self-restraint
He exerted a significant influence
He exerted all his charm
He exerted all his power to obtain it
He expected great things of her
He experienced it first-hand
He explained it away
He expressed his confidence that...
He extended to her admirable courtesy
He extended to him a hearty invitation
He faces mounting pressure
He failed through no fault of his own
He failed to show up
He fails to appreciate their merits
He falls to imagining things
He fed the fire with two more logs
He feeds the baby on the bottle
He feels dispirited in the mornings
He fell for her (in love)
He fell for her like a ton of bricks
He fell in with her mood
He fell in with her wishes
He fell in with the plan
He fell into a reverie
He fell into step beside her
He fell out of a tree

He fell out with her
He fell readily with every suggestion
He fell silent
He fell victim to...
He fell violently ill through it
He felt a distinct sense of relief
He felt but a tepid interest
He felt deeply about it
He felt dismayed and disconcerted
He felt extremely sensitive to his surroundings
He felt faintly ridiculous
He felt for her pulse
He felt for him the most tenacious kind of parental love
He felt for the switch, assuming that...
He felt guilty twice over
He felt himself in full possession of all his ordinary faculties
He felt his difficulties mounting
He felt his heart go out to them
He felt his life was pointless
He felt hurt at the implied sneer
He felt in with the plan
He felt kindly towards the boy
He felt much better for his rest
He felt positively indignant
He felt put out by her behaviour
He felt sluggish and heavy
He felt that an introduction was called for
He finds life utterly delightful
He finished his pipe
He fitted the arrow to the string
He fixed himself a cup of coffee
He flatly denied it
He flew into a terrible passion
He flicked the ash of his pipe into the ashtray
He flung open the door the better to see it
He focused his eyes on me
He followed Arabic indifferently
He followed her lead

He followed hotly on her trail
He followed submissively
He followed suit
He forced the reality to tally with his fancy
He forfeited his pension rights
He forfeited my respect
He found a sympathetic ear in her
He found himself foiled at every point
He found his point taken
He found his way there
He found it difficult to make her out
He found it expedient
He found it hard to battle against the temptation
He found much to interest him
He found such an ordeal rather trying
He fumbled for the light switch
He futilely wooed sleep
He gained confidence
He gained the upper hand
He gathered himself and jumped
He gave a class in History (several lectures)
He gave a great pull
He gave a little laugh
He gave a quick look at her as if in complicity
He gave all the danger spots a wide berth
He gave an abrupt nod
He gave an encouraging smile
He gave an involuntary shiver
He gave express instructions
He gave full vent to his emotion
He gave grounds for hope
He gave her a free hand
He gave her a full mark
He gave her a piggiback
He gave her a thorough dressing down
He gave her an affectionate smile
He gave her face a surreptitious glance
He gave him a leg up

He gave him/us the slip
He gave himself over to his despair
He gave his age as older than he was
He gave honour where it was due
He gave it a full consideration
He gave me the address of his digs
He gave notice
He gave the situation a novel twist
He gave voice to my own impressions when he said...
He gave way to his grief
He gazed pensively at it
He generated ideas
He gives himself airs
He gives out that he is ill
He goes out in all weather
He got a document of sorts
He got cold feet
He got his back up
He got his breath back
He got into prominence in the 60ies
He got it for a song (dirt cheap)
He got nowhere with him
He got on quickly
He got sick in the plane
He got so puffed up with conceit
He got tangled up with so many people
He got the bird (was sacked)
He got wind of it in time
He grasped the main outlines
He greeted them effusively
He groped his way forward
He grumbled at it
He guided the teapot round towards me
He had a breakdown in health
He had a cruel streak in him
He had a flair
He had a gift of throwing romantic glamour over everything that happened to him

He had a girl in the soup (trouble with her)
He had a good laugh
He had a good sound right to do so
He had a kindly eye for a self-conscious hostess who needed a bit of help
He had a narrow escape
He had a paper in his hand but he didn't consult it
He had already done so on his own account
He had applied to them for money
He had backed out at the last moment
He had become his own man
He had been in low water (poor)
He had been too obtuse to recognize it
He had begun to sense her inner trouble
He had begun to take to her
He had bitten off more than he could chew
He had brain but no wit, intelligence but no sparkle
He had broken the luck (brought bad luck)
He had bungled the job
He had charisma; they all recognized it and succumbed to it
He had come far short of achieving it
He had come into title
He had come on a useless mission
He had come well in the past months
He had committed an outrageous offence
He had confessed publicly to that
He had devoted a certain amount of thought to further that end
He had devoted intense pertinacity to get himself elected
He had difference with the party
He had done everything to this effect
He had drawn quite near them without being noticed
He had drunk the best part of the bottle
He had every intention of...
He had faced up to the fact
He had failed to come up to standards
He had first claim on my attention
He had forgotten all about it
He had fought every inch of the way to where he was
He had frequent clashes of personality with his colleague

He had fulfilled his instructions to the letter
He had gone through all his money
He had good reason to be grateful
He had got away with it
He had got pretty good at it
He had had his fill
He had had no chance of devising any coherent plan of action
He had had the effrontery to do it
He had his wits about him
He had hoped to manipulate it to his advantage
He had intimate knowledge of it
He had it all pat
He had learnt it at dear cost
He had liked nothing better in his off-duty periods than to potter in the
garden
He had lost count of time
He had lost his jauntiness
He had lost his zest and purpose
He had lost the impetus
He had me to stay in the holidays
He had met his match in her
He had met with an accident
He had more than adequate opportunity
He had never betrayed any emotions
He had never seemed to mind
He had no common touch
He had no dogma of fidelity and acted like a churl
He had no notion of it
He had no option but to do it
He had no say in the matter
He had no use for God
He had no wish to be involved
He had not failed her
He had nothing beside the clothes he stood up in
He had nothing to strive for
He had only stray memories of those events
He had overslept to an embarrassing degree
He had pledged his word

He had qualms of conscience
He had rather a raw deal in marriage
He had rather a rough time of it
He had reneged in a treacherous and despicable way (backed down)
He had ruled that out
He had schooled himself not to think about it
He had second thoughts about it
He had smiled at her for that
He had some bad news to break to her
He had spruced up for the occasion
He had stalled about it (kept quiet)
He had taken his stand, not on his own advantage, but on what he held to be
a moral right
He had taken them to see it
He had tampered with the documents
He had the better of the argument
He had the feeling that he had come to an impasse
He had the power of life and death over me
He had the room to himself
He had the stamina to attend it year in year out
He had time to take it all in
He had to act as interpreter
He had to cut and run
He had to do a vast amount of reading
He had to drink straight from the lip of the flask
He had to grapple at first hand with these problems
He had to inflate his rear tyre
He had to look out for a man with a carnation in his buttonhole
He had to steady his nerves
He had to take stock of his belongings
He had told her very little about the journey, beyond asking her to be ready
by 2 o'clock
He had trained as an architect
He had trusted him with his innermost secrets
He had turned the tables on me adroitly
He hadn't all that much choice
He hadn't been able to get round to doing anything about it
He hadn't been there 3 hours before he met her

He hadn't had the face to tell it
He hadn't run to fat
He half conceded the reproach
He handed me his umbrella to carry
He hankers for the world he left behind
He harangued them eloquently (abused)
He harboured this grudge
He hardly realised how it came about
He has a blind spot in these matters
He has a bone to pick with you
He has a feet of clay
He has a friend in him/her
He has a good deal of work to catch up on
He has a great deal to do
He has a green thumb (is good with plants)
He has a grudge against me
He has a hankering for the North
He has a hard task ahead
He has a hold over her
He has a long way to go before he can do it
He has a nurse round the clock
He has a persuasive way with him
He has a quick sense of humour
He has a scornful mind
He has a sound constitution
He has a sweet tooth (is fond of sweets)
He has a thoroughly inflated sense of his own value
He has a timid way with him
He has achieved some notoriety as a...
He has advantage over others
He has already bent his mind to the task
He has always been an obdurate man
He has always been eaten up with jealousy
He has ample means
He has an eye for effect
He has attained a certain proficiency
He has become too big for his boots (too important)
He has been an eyewitness at the scene

He has been difficult all along
He has been forgetful once again
He has been heard to say...
He has been instrumental in bringing about...
He has been intransigent over it
He has been relegated to Riga
He has been right all along
He has been singled out
He has been to see me
He has butterflies in his tummy/stomach (is nervous)
He has cheated on you
He has chosen you over me
He has developed sclerosis
He has difficulty in riveting his attention to work
He has dug his heels in
He has enough sense to realise that
He has evidently conceived a great liking for the boy
He has fallen out with her
He has given ground for hope
He has gone missing (gone lost)
He has gone to the length of helping her
He has got away with it
He has got plenty of drive in him (full of energy)
He has got something up his sleeve
He has got the thing reasoned out
He has got the wind about us
He has had an accident to his eyes
He has held out promises
He has his fingertips on harsh realities
He has hooked it for good (ran away)
He has in him the making of an artist
He has it in abundance
He has just completed his first year as director
He has kept himself aloof from politics
He has little patience with bygones
He has lost his audience just as effectively
He has lost his hold on public opinion
He has lost his sons inside a year

He has lost his way here
He has made his mark in diplomatic service
He has made it his business
He has many achievements to his name
He has never done an honest stroke of work in his life
He has never learnt it to this day
He has never let it on to me (never shown)
He has never once been late
He has never set eyes on her
He has never understood any good reason for this
He has no aptitude for this work altogether
He has no fingers (is clumsy)
He has no first-hand knowledge of it
He has no influence with her
He has no personal experience to draw upon
He has no qualms about it
He has no say in this matter
He has no steady work
He has no tenacity in life
He has not a shirt to his back (so poor)
He has not all his buttons (not quite sane)
He has not made it very clear
He has not yet given me his decision
He has only spent isolated periods there
He has ordered dinner put back
He has other more pressing concerns
He has passed his driving test
He has plenty of pluck in his own way
He has positively no vices
He has probably lived to regret it
He has rats in the attic
He has reached the end of his tether
He has remained his own man
He has retained something of the impetus of his youth
He has reversed his decision
He has run into some trouble
He has run out of time
He has run up some debts

He has said as much
He has said nothing to that effect
He has said time and time again
He has seen me at my worst
He has set himself a deadline
He has set his heart on it
He has slipped up
He has some bee in his bonnet over it (fixed idea)
He has studied it to good effect
He has taken an instant dislike to it
He has taken his reprisal (avenge)
He has tentatively agreed
He has the grace to know when he is not wanted
He has to dispense with her services
He has to tell his side of the story
He has turned his back on it
He has unerring and fastidious taste
He has virtually committed himself
He has won another lease on life
He has won hands down
He has written extensively
He hasn't all that imagination
He hasn't allowed his connection with the firm to lapse
He hasn't been able to throw any light on it
He hasn't got it in him
He hasn't succeeded in ... not by a long chalk
He hates dwelling on trivialities
He hates my anxiety on his account
He hazarded a speculation
He headed towards me
He heads the list
He heard the door
He heaved a deep sigh of content
He held an unassailable position
He held fast to his ideals
He held out his hand
He held strong views on...
He held the book upside down

He held up his hands for silence
He held up his hands in sign of peace
He helped her to her feet
He helped himself to boiled potatoes
He helps a lot around the house
He hit upon a clever expedient
He hit upon a plan
He hoped his jest would pass muster
He hopes she will do likewise
He hurried his meal
He hurried through his dinner
He hushed them to silence
He immediately knows all the ropes
He immediately launched into a story of...
He imparted a feeling of honesty and straight dealing
He importuned her by his visits
He improved it beyond measure
He indulged in no vain regrets for the past
He indulged in pipe-smoking, and here he was profligate
He indulges in all these things
He infers from these facts a theory which seems rather insecure
He inherited it all lock, stock and barrel
He insists that
He instanced the case of himself
He insured his life for his wife's benefit
He intended for them to go there
He interested himself in their concern
He is a back number (not seeing progress)
He is a bad influence on you
He is a bad lot (bad person)
He is a bag of bones (too slim)
He is a bit apprehensive about the future
He is a bit round the bend (mad)
He is a bit touched in the head
He is a chip of the block
He is a connection of hers
He is a consummate tactician
He is a cut above the rest

He is a difficult man to deal with
He is a fastidious dresser
He is a grandfather several times over
He is a great favourite with her
He is a great fellow for sleeping
He is a great gun
He is a great one for the girls
He is a handful
He is a law unto himself
He is a little soft in the head
He is a man of note
He is a man of renown in his own country
He is a man of undoubted integrity
He is a mass of nerves
He is a member of a rambling association
He is a pain in the neck to his mother
He is a pretty tough egg
He is a regular thief
He is a responsibility-shirking grasshopper
He is a scientist of considerable repute
He is a scion of this dynasty
He is a snake in the grass (sly)
He is a sound man
He is a spent force
He is a spitting image of his father
He is a spoil-sport
He is a stranger to it
He is a teacher to boot
He is a trifle indisposed
He is a whale on Botany
He is able to turn his hand to everything
He is about due for retirement
He is above reproach
He is acceptable in his own right
He is afraid to fall into a responsibility
He is all bottled up
He is all for it
He is all out to get it sold

He is all the world to me
He is also an assiduous worker
He is always considerate of me
He is always good for a cake
He is always in the know
He is always keeping it up late with his friends
He is always out to shock people
He is always the one for brains
He is amenable to flattery (likes it)
He is an adept at it
He is an avid playgoer
He is an excellent choice for the job
He is an old hand at it
He is an old has-been
He is an upholder of old traditions
He is anxious to complete the work
He is apt to let himself in for just such things
He is apt to vent his feelings on a perfectly innocent person
He is as baffled as I am
He is at a loss
He is at fault
He is at her back and call
He is at odds with them
He is averse to study
He is averse to walking
He is back to normal
He is bedridden with flu
He is beneath contempt
He is bent on destroying them
He is bent on doing it
He is bent on getting on in the world
He is bent on tightening the control over them
He is bitterly opposed to it
He is blowing hot airs
He is bound to attract notice
He is bound to get into a scrape
He is bracing himself for some tough talking
He is burdened down with worry

He is close on 80
He is coming over
He is committed never to break a promise
He is completely misreading the situation
He is concerned with how the picture evolved
He is confident of it
He is cut out for the job
He is devoted to her
He is doing time (in prison)
He is dotty about her
He is driving me out of my mind
He is dull of apprehension (not too bright)
He is easily the quickest man here
He is easily the strongest man of us all
He is easily the worst bore
He is exceedingly well-mannered
He is exceptionally bright
He is fairly shrewd in his assumptions
He is fairly young
He is fair-minded
He is fallen under her spell
He is familiar to me by name
He is fast asleep
He is fastidious about his appearance
He is fastidious about his food
He is fed up with it
He is feeling sore over the matter
He is first-rate at his job
He is fond of sweetmeats
He is forced by his position
He is full of beans
He is fully restored to health
He is furious with her
He is gathering some momentum
He is getting on in years
He is given to asking extraordinary questions
He is given to deep meditation
He is giving himself up to his task with complete earnestness

He is going to spring a surprise on her
He is good at producing studied impressions
He is good at shaming bullies into submission
He is good to me
He is good with tools
He is green behind the ears (young)
He is half distraught over it
He is halfway up the tree
He is handling the arrangements personally
He is hard of hearing
He is hard up
He is high in her good graces
He is highly regarded
He is his own man (independent)
He is holding aloof
He is holding talks on...
He is hopelessly inept in the affairs of ordinary life
He is humble of heart, indeed
He is immensely rich
He is impatient of views which don't agree with his own
He is impatient with platitudes
He is important in his own right
He is in a hole financially
He is in a muddle
He is in a tight corner
He is in advance of the others
He is in awe of her
He is in bad need of it
He is in brown study
He is in conference (not available)
He is in easy circumstances (rich)
He is in great hurry
He is in his element
He is in his full health
He is in his prime
He is in his upper sixties
He is in low repute with us
He is in low water now

He is in straits for money
He is in the know
He is in trouble over his son
He is in very good shape
He is incredibly painstaking
He is just bustling about
He is keen on his work
He is keen on that
He is known for his alarmist tendencies
He is least likely to lose his head
He is little in figure
He is loath to admit it
He is looking out for us
He is making overtures to her
He is miles younger
He is more astute than I gave him credit for
He is much more on his dignity now
He is much-travelled
He is my chief at three removes
He is my size
He is never drunk to the dregs
He is never home much before 7
He is no credit to us
He is no longer a responsibility
He is no one's fool
He is not a very nice man to get on a wrong side of
He is not an easy man to forget
He is not at a loss for words
He is not easy to get on with
He is not entitled to it
He is not equal to the task
He is not given to excesses either personal or financial
He is not given to paying me compliments
He is not half bad when you know him
He is not implicated in the affair
He is not likely to do it
He is not politically committed
He is not prone to pity

He is not so old as all that
He is not such a fool as all that
He is not the man to be left in the cold
He is not tight-fisted
He is not universally liked
He is nothing short of a rogue and a swindler
He is nothing to me
He is nowhere near even half-finished
He is oblivious to the life around him
He is obsessed with secrecy
He is of a most distinguished appearance
He is of German extraction
He is of Scotch descent
He is off his head (crazy)
He is off somewhere on his solitary own
He is off the beam (crazy)
He is offering you his abject apologies
He is on call for crises
He is on probation
He is on the downward path
He is on the shelf
He is on the warpath
He is on the wrong side of 40
He is on to it
He is one of our company
He is one of our number
He is open to ideas
He is out for his own career
He is out of reach
He is out of step with this time
He is out of touch (not in the know)
He is painstakingly given to understatement
He is partial to her (fond of her)
He is past danger
He is perfectly set in his ways
He is perpetually occupied with it
He is pleasantly disposed to me
He is pretty perceptive

He is prone to personal antipathies
He is proud of it
He is pulling the wool over your eyes
He is punctilious towards her
He is quick of eye and hand
He is quite decently off
He is quite equal to dealing with difficulties
He is quite ruthless in the pursuit of his own goals
He is quoted as saying...
He is rather a fun
He is rather derelict in his duties
He is rather far gone (drunk)
He is rather high-handed in his methods
He is rather outgoing
He is rather sweet on her
He is reading for the Bar
He is really stuck up (gives himself airs)
He is reckless about money
He is recuperating from a bout of pneumonia
He is remiss in his duties
He is renowned for it
He is reserved even to me
He is running a temperature
He is running for President
He is saddled with this unpleasant business
He is scornful of if (does not approve of it)
He is senior/junior to me
He is sensitive to public opinion
He is short in the arm
He is shrewd as they come (as they are)
He is so dreadfully outspoken
He is so hard with me
He is so set in his methods
He is sold on this cause
He is sometimes rough on me
He is spreading rumours to this effect
He is squeamish about his diet
He is still in the thick of it

He is sturdy in build
He is superlatively capable of enjoying himself
He is supposed to be helping her
He is taking regular exercise by walking
He is taking the line of least resistance
He is teaching a course
He is the most travelled person
He is the person to do it, if ever there was one
He is the sole heir to it
He is the supreme example of...
He is the wrong choice for such a job
He is there for a purpose
He is thin with age
He is tolerant of the young
He is tolerant to a fault
He is tongue-tied with me
He is too big a pot (person)
He is too big for his boots (self-opinionated)
He is too fond of his food
He is too much in awe of him
He is too much of an idealist
He is too set in his ways - he has lived too long alone
He is too shrewd to commit indiscretions
He is too smart by half
He is too young to take full charge of everything
He is totally lacking in judgement
He is unlikely to do it
He is up and about rather early
He is up to no good
He is up to something
He is versed in humanity
He is very emphatic that...
He is very handy with tools
He is very highly strung
He is very keen on it
He is very single-minded in his purpose
He is virtually a stranger
He is well endowed with the wit and guile of self-preservation in a rough-

and-tumble world
He is well over 70
He is well read in English literature
He is well up in his duties (knowledgeable)
He is what he is, and he makes no bones about it
He is wise behindhand
He is withdrawn in himself
He is writing something or other
He is wrong/right
He isn't a moron, after all
He isn't all that young
He isn't anyone's fool (no fool at all)
He isn't finicky about his food
He isn't likely to have done it
He isolated two questions to be answered immediately
He jotted down random thoughts
He keeps a regular count of them
He keeps his garden trim
He keeps his own council
He keeps his wits about him
He keeps me in the dark
He keeps me properly up to date
He keeps on the right side of his father (does whatever the latter wants)
He keeps stalling (does not give in)
He kept abreast of international affairs
He kept his end of the conversation very well
He kept his head
He kept his private life locked up
He kept it in mind
He kept me on tenterhooks
He kept silence
He kept the conversation in his own hands
He kept the rota
He kept the stove going during the night
He kept to his cabin
He kept turning it over in his mind
He kept under the lea (greenery) of the hedge
He kept up a desultory chatter

He kept very silent
He kicked the hot coal to safety
He knew a story bearing very aptly upon the subject
He knew about him through his writings
He knew better than to suggest any such thing
He knew better than to suggest it
He knew he would get little sympathy in that quarter
He knew how best to turn it to his ends
He knew it for himself
He knew more than he let on
He knew nothing of my plight
He knew of the affair from its very inception
He knew straight from the horse's mouth
He knew the place inside out
He knitted his brows
He knocked on the door
He knows his mind (knows what he wants)
He knows how many beans make five
He knows it like the back of his hand
He knows the ropes
He lacks in bonhomie
He lacks individual appeal
He laid claim to it
He laid himself out to be agreeable
He laid siege to the fortress
He lashed out at them
He laughed in spite of himself
He laughed perfunctorily
He laughed so hard
He launched his opening remark with beautifully stylized fluency
He lay at full length
He lay on his back
He lay on his face
He lay prone
He lays great store by books and reading
He leant over to her and whispered...
He learned sense and kept quiet
He left her/us high and dry (stranded)

He left instruction to that effect
He left nothing to chance
He left on his errand
He left the door to slam
He lent me moral support and confidence
He let go of it
He let it pass
He let me down
He levered himself up to a sitting position
He lied outrageously
He lies in bed till all hours (very late)
He lifted the glass in toast
He liked her forthrightness
He liked the look of it
He liked to put him out of countenance
He listened to it with close attention
He listened to those sounds to repeat
He lists ... as a main asset of ...
He lived to be 82
He lived up to his ideas
He lives on his capital
He longed to join in the revelry
He looked around to see how we were faring
He looked at her with consternation
He looked at you when he spoke
He looked crestfallen
He looked easily 10 years younger
He looked her squarely in the face
He looked on you as a son
He looked round him appraisingly
He looked sideways at her
He looked the other way
He looked well cared for
He looks dauntingly fit
He looks pretty cute
He looks ten years younger and absolutely full of beans
He looks truculent (cruel)
He loses his temper with me

He loses points heavily when he...
He lost all peace of mind, all confidence in himself
He lost heart in business
He lost his hold on me
He lost his train of thought
He loved her music
He lunched off apples
He made a clean breast of it
He made a complete hash of it
He made a deliberate attempt at it
He made a great deal of apology
He made a pass at her
He made a sorry exhibition of himself
He made a stipulation that it should be...
He made a virtue of necessity
He made a wry face
He made advances to me
He made an ideal neighbour
He made cheerful small talk
He made claims on me that I refused to acknowledge
He made distinct overtures as his interest has languished
He made for safety
He made for the door
He made great efforts to entice him into talks
He made himself scarce
He made his excuses and went home
He made it all up
He made it his main priority
He made light of the matter
He made light of the whole thing
He made little secret of it
He made my blood boil (put my back up)
He made no complaint
He made no demands on her
He made no further reference to it
He made no headway
He made no mention of it
He made notes

He made persistent inquiries
He made up his mind then and there
He maintained it to be necessary
He maintained it with unflagging dedication
He maintained that he was a target to conspiracy
He makes no bones about it
He managed pretty well
He marked the time waiting for her
He marvelled at it
He may be for all we know against him
He may be hard put to tell
He means to stand no nonsense
He mentioned it in passing
He met my argument point by point, we were getting nowhere
He met with an accident
He might cut a better figure in the open
He might hastily concoct this plan
He might have taken ill
He might, in all innocence,...
He ministered to our wants
He missed his turn
He misunderstood it in the first place
He moved lock, stock and barrel (all belongings)
He must be brought to punishment
He must be sick, or something
He must have confused her with somebody else
He must keep a hold on himself
He narrowly avoided a pig
He need never know about it
He needs a life-saving transfusion
He never cared about me
He never compromised his ideas
He never cracks a joke
He never flinched
He never led me to suppose that...
He never said so in my hearing
He never speaks his mind
He never stints himself

He never took a stern line with us
He never took offense
He never turned a hair
He never veered away from his decision
He never waived
He nodded a noncommittal assent
He nodded his approval
He nourished a sanguine hope of going there
He obstructed my view
He obviously got off on the wrong foot with his colleagues
He offered a general apology for being late
He opened the door to me
He outlined his concern in a letter
He outstripped all of us
He overreached himself
He overrode whatever protest she was about to make
He overstepped himself
He overtopped the crowd by a full head
He owed himself some indulgence
He paced back and forth
He paid for this out of his kindness
He paid through the nose (too much)
He pandered to it
He parked his car on the grass verge
He passed by without deigning to notice him
He passed it as a joke
He passed muster
He passed the photograph round
He paused for breath
He performed the introduction
He persists
He personally intervened
He pestered her with his attentions
He picked his way slowly
He picked it at random
He picked up the knack of reading
He pinned his hopes on...
He played down his enhanced authority

He played his part to perfection
He played his part with gusto
He played into their hands
He played the light upon it
He played up to her idea of herself
He plays a lone hand
He plays a very good game
He pleaded guilty to it
He pleaded not guilty to it
He pleases himself
He plied her with food
He plunged me headlong into action
He poled the punt upstream
He positively refused to do it
He poured out two liberal measures of brandy
He practiced deceit on us
He pre-empted an idea
He preferred her to him
He prepared to do battle
He presented his account of his adventures
He pressed his suit very hard
He pressed the bell at the door
He pricked his ears
He prided himself on...
He professes to be interested in it
He propounds such philosophy
He protested his innocence
He pursued his own advantage at the expense of other people
He pursues his way
He put down the rough heads of the conversation
He put her in possession of the facts
He put his case to me
He put his French to good account
He put his long life down to the fact that...
He put his will to bear on everybody
He put in a remark
He put in an appearance (came) at the last lecture
He put it down as a debt against my wages

He put it on back to front
He put it point-blank
He put it quite neatly as being...
He put it to her mildly
He put me off evasively
He put me to shame
He put me wise to it
He put my back up
He put on his brakes
He put the gear in reverse
He put the rest of us to shame
He put the room to rights
He put things in train at once
He put up a better show
He put us in a tough spot
He quite sees my point
He racked his memory for it
He raised a deprecating hand to show that it was on the house
He raised hell
He raised his hand in acknowledgement
He ran at a canter
He ran for all he was worth
He ran her to earth by the bus stop
He ran his fingers through his hair
He ran his heart in his mouth
He ran out of patience
He ran over the names
He rates worldly success unimportant
He rather prided himself at his prowess at games
He reached out for a tussock of grass
He reached the place without incident
He read assiduously
He read everything without discrimination
He read with divided attention
He realised it to the full
He realised the force of her announcement
He realised the force of this argument
He really must get into training

He received a tremendous ovation
He recognised her but could not immediately place
He recovered his faculties very quickly
He refused his meals
He refused point blank
He refused the invitation
He refused to accept his failing health
He refused to cede an iota
He relapsed into silence
He released his hold
He remembered it only too well
He remonstrated with her
He rendered it rather unpleasant to look at
He replied in kind
He repudiated the charge
He resigned his charge
He resumed his activity
He retraced his steps
He retracted his evidence
He retrieved his position
He returned shortly
He returned thanks gracefully
He rose as if to go
He rose at her approach
He rose to the occasion promptly
He rounded the bend
He rounded the outhouse
He rules supreme there
He runs the Club
He runs to fat
He said as much
He said it in my hearing
He said nothing out loud
He sat on his heels
He sat there with an important air
He sauntered down the road
He sauntered down the street
He saw red (got angry)

He saw that they got what they wanted
He saw to it that it was turned down
He scored a tremendous success
He scored over me handsomely
He scrambled to his feet
He secured the key to the house
He seemed about to speak
He seemed better of it
He seemed to be heading for the village
He seemed to come out of a brown study
He seemed to think it did not amount to much
He seems a little out of sorts
He seems stuck up
He seems to be a thoroughly competent man
He seems to be rolling in money
He sees it as something of a...
He seethed with resentment over it
He seized his opportunity
He set (put) the room in order; he did the room
He set about sorting his letters
He set an example
He set great store by his friends
He set her down a little way short of her house
He set her laughing
He set himself to move the stone and he rolled it clear over
He set off for home
He set off to walk his way home
He set the ball of conversation rolling
He set the car in motion
He set the pace
He set things in motion
He set up in business on his own
He shared in this feeling
He shook his head despondently
He shot the moon (moved out on the sly)
He should be in a position to know
He should by rights (actually)
He should curb his tongue

He should have counselled me against trusting her
He should recognise her on sight
He shrugged his shoulders
He shut his eyes to it
He shut off the engine
He sided with her
He sighed in a dispirited manner
He singled her out
He sings very much out of tune
He sips at his drink
He sized me up
He sized the situation up
He skirted the tree
He slept like a log
He slowed to a more deliberate pace
He smartened himself up
He smelled a rat
He smelt at the violets
He smiled gratuitously
He smoothed the paper out
He sniffed in an interested manner
He snorted with indignation
He somehow contrives to be prepared
He soon brought the others round
He soon found himself in deep waters
He soon regained control of himself
He sounded as though he meant it
He speaks in his capacity as President of...
He speaks out of his character
He spent long hours walking
He spoke by the book
He spoke from the depth of his experience
He spoke in riddles
He spoke so highly of you
He spoke to me on the phone
He spoke up (took the floor)
He spoke with his tongue in his cheek all the while
He sponged on his uncle

He sported a beard
He sprained his ankle
He spread-eagled himself
He spurned the life belt
He squared his shoulders
He staked everything on a turn of luck
He stamped his feet
He stands 6 feet in his stockings
He stands for more than that (is more important)
He stands head and shoulders above the others
He stands no chance of escape
He stared at her with perplexed eyes
He started swimming for the island
He started to probe her for fuller details
He stated that in no uncertain terms
He stayed for inside of an hour
He stayed put
He stayed them out
He sternly repudiated this
He still doesn't come clean
He still had hold of her hand
He still has the good sense to...
He still looks a little white around the gills
He still maintains that...
He stole a march on us (overtook us)
He stood godfather to him
He stood his ground firmly
He stood me a lunch
He stood me a treat
He stood stock still
He stood there solemn with excitement
He stood us two cakes each
He stopped short
He stroked him on the shoulder
He strongly advises
He strongly denied the allegation
He struck off a little in front (went ahead)
He struck up a friendship with them

He struck up a song
He struggled at the problem
He struggled into a sitting position
He struggled into his coat
He stubbed out his cigarette
He studied it at first hand
He stumbled to it by chance
He subjected it to his scrutiny
He submitted to it with charming grace
He succumbed to temptations
He succumbs to self-pity
He sucked on his pipe
He suddenly materialized
He suffers terribly in his feet when it is wet
He suited his action to the words
He swore copiously
He takes a lofty view of it
He takes action
He takes me out of myself
He takes pleasure in deriding her
He talked at great length of...
He talked cheerfully through dinner
He talked his way into the contract
He talked inconsequently of this and that
He talked me round
He talked volubly
He taught himself to play the piano
He terminated the call
He tested the ladder for strength
He thinks and acts big
He thinks it is worth his while
He thinks otherwise
He thinks the more of...
He thought better of it (changed his mind)
He threw out little hints
He threw up a stag party
He tidied himself up
He told her this in my hearing

He told her to go on her way
He told him in very plain terms
He told me in so many words (quite clearly)
He told you to sound me out
He took a consignment of baked beans with him
He took a couple of turns up and down the room
He took a deep breath of contentment
He took a deep swig
He took a drastic step
He took a long gulp of beer
He took a package tour
He took a swig at his drink
He took advantage of my silence
He took advantage of the time (used the time)
He took all the credit to himself
He took an immediate liking to the place
He took an undue portion of the blame upon himself
He took care to dispel one of my qualms
He took charge
He took council of her
He took full advantage of it
He took her education on himself
He took her side
He took her to task
He took himself off
He took himself to travel
He took his hair out of his eyes
He took his leave
He took his stand against both
He took ill (fell ill)
He took in the state of affairs at once
He took it all out on her
He took it as a matter of course
He took it out on me whenever anything went wrong
He took it very badly (suffered from it)
He took it very hard
He took me for his maid
He took me to see it

He took no notice of me
He took pity on her
He took plenty of exercise in the country
He took the clement view
He took the initiative
He took the lead
He took the line of least resistance
He took the measure of his enemy
He took the same stance with me
He took the wheel
He took them on a guided tour, proudly pointing out the town's potentials
He took to drink
He took to his heels
He took to his room (did not leave it)
He took to it like a duck to water
He took to the bottle
He took to the idea
He took to writing
He took to writing stories
He took up all the space
He tore off in pursuit
He tossed the vodka down
He totally lost his head about her
He touched me on the arm
He touched the snapshots up
He trades on his warm personal relations with...
He treated the patient for the 'flu
He treats her abominably
He tried it, and failed signally
He tried most desperately hard to...
He tried the hat for size
He tried to get his cigar going
He tried to help iron out some of these problems
He tried to hush things up all he knew how
He tried to inveigle his companion into philosophical discussion
He tried to iron the argument away
He tried to keep on top of the paper work
He tried to placate her

He tried to work, but his heart was not in it
He tried, but of no avail
He tries to take the opposite, whatever I say
He turned a bland eye
He turned both taps full on
He turned down the proposal out of hand (immediately)
He turned down this offer
He turned in and slept like a log
He turned that over in his mind
He turned the handle. It gave
He turned to me full face
He turned up on my doorstep
He understood the position fairly accurately
He undertook to procure all the necessary commodities
He used emery paper to smooth this
He used the money for personal gain
He used to look to her for inspiration
He usually cadges lifts
He vanished into thin air
He vented his rage on her
He visited the place in tribute to its anniversary
He vouchsafed me a visit
He wagged a finger at me
He waited in patience
He waited until they were out of earshot
He walked all day into the country
He walked as if he had all the time in the world
He walked fast, dodging people
He walked in long strides
He walked in with two friends in tow
He walked on air
He walked out on her
He wanted a rise at work
He wanted to further his interests
He wanted to get it for free
He wanted to go back on his bargain
He wants to air his views
He wants to escape the world

He wants to get the better of her
He wants to hand in his resignation
He wants to succeed on his own merits
He warmed his way up - there wasn't much foothold or handhold
He was a bit down in the mouth
He was a goose (was afraid for no reason)
He was a great improvement on the picture her imagination had drawn of him
He was a light sleeper
He was a little disconcerted by the air of proprietorship she assumed over him
He was a long way ahead of his time
He was a marvellous man
He was a match for anyone
He was a snake in the grass (sly)
He was a surprise
He was a very long way from recovery
He was able to vent all his feelings on her
He was acclaimed as a genius
He was accorded an honourable welcome
He was accorded the rank of lieutenant
He was acquitted
He was adamant
He was afraid to be short-changed
He was allotted the room of honour
He was allowed the run of the place
He was amazed at the results
He was an excellent judge of time
He was anxious to be accommodated with lodging for the night
He was anything but presentable in his wet clothes
He was appalled at it
He was appalled by the prospect
He was appointed teacher
He was as good as his word
He was as withdrawn as if they were complete strangers
He was at a loss
He was at a loss for an answer
He was at fault
He was at hand to bear the brunt in person
He was at his most obstinate

He was at his wit's end
He was at pains to point out
He was at peace
He was at the ready
He was balked of his desires
He was beaten black and blue
He was becoming remarkably obstreperous when thwarted
He was beguiled out of his money
He was being overscrupulous
He was bemused (bewildered) by the colours
He was bent on annoying her
He was beset with questions
He was blackmailed into doing it
He was bleeding like a pig (very much blood)
He was bloated in figure and careless in dress
He was boiling over
He was born and raised here
He was bound to deplore such thing
He was brilliant when rightly challenged
He was brought there before he knew better
He was brought to justice
He was brought to justice on a technicality
He was brought up short
He was brusque in manner
He was cagey in his speech and finished with a quip
He was called on to make a speech
He was called up (into the army)
He was caught off guard
He was caught red-handed
He was charged with complicity
He was charged with murder
He was cheated out of his money
He was close and secretive
He was completely down and out
He was complimented on it
He was conferred a degree
He was congratulated on his tact
He was crestfallen - how could he come to overlook it?!

He was deceiving us all along
He was deep in a problem
He was deeply angered
He was deeply interested
He was desperate for a wash
He was desperate for it (wanted it badly)
He was desperately involved in it
He was determined to pursue this course
He was diffident about it
He was disappointed with the hotel
He was distraught
He was dodging awkward questions
He was doing his duty
He was doing very poorly at his work
He was domiciled in Riga
He was down and out
He was down on me like a ton of bricks (angry)
He was drained of all emotion
He was driving too hard a bargain
He was dumbfounded
He was eager for self-improvement
He was eager to impart what he knew
He was eating his heart for her
He was egged on to approach it
He was enmeshed in delusions
He was equal to the challenge
He was ever sanguine
He was excited over it
He was exhausted with running
He was exhilarated by the scenery
He was extremely gratified to hear it
He was fain to believe/comply/keep silence
He was fairly confident
He was far too aroused to sleep
He was far too much astonished
He was fascinated by the thought
He was fed up
He was feeling sore over the matter

He was ferocious (raging)
He was firmly ensconced on the throne
He was fitted out with coat and overcoat
He was flabbergasted (choked)
He was following some train of thought of his own
He was forthcoming about D's visit
He was full of bean (energy)
He was full of drink but not exactly drunk
He was fully aware to the gravity of the situation
He was getting on for 20
He was given the gist of the letter on the telephone
He was given to exaggeration
He was given to raising his voice loudly when angry
He was glad the guest he had brought was going down well
He was goaded beyond endurance
He was gone a long time
He was gone on her
He was good at catching the tone
He was good on scent
He was gravelled for lack of time (in difficulty)
He was had up for careless driving
He was half-hearted (shy)
He was hankering after her
He was hard at it
He was hard on her heels (just behind her)
He was hard put to fill his free time
He was helped first (served first)
He was helped off with his coat
He was holding her up (detaining)
He was ill at ease
He was ill-inclined to proceed
He was immersed in thought
He was impelled to defend himself
He was impressed with it
He was in a rage
He was in a tearing rage
He was in close talk with her
He was in cold control of himself

He was in for a lot of trouble
He was in for a surprise
He was in grievous straits
He was in his cups (tight)
He was in his element
He was in hot pursuit
He was in no hurry
He was in no hurry for an answer
He was in no mood for transports
He was in sore straits for money at the moment
He was in the same predicament as myself
He was in the soup (in trouble)
He was inclined to make allowance
He was incriminated up to the hilt
He was initiated to these delights
He was innocent of the crime imputed to him
He was intent on his driving
He was intent on overtaking every car
He was introduced to the game
He was introduced to this idea
He was invariably late
He was irked with himself because no new ideas occurred to him
He was just able to keep his legs
He was just blowing off steam
He was just leaving for work
He was keen to try
He was keeping back something
He was kicking his heels (waited)
He was known for his indomitable courage
He was lacking in experience
He was laid off (sacked)
He was laid up (ill)
He was late for his dinner
He was late on my account
He was left for dead
He was left in arrear
He was left to himself
He was left to his own devices

He was liberally paid
He was livid with rage
He was loath to leave them
He was lucky in his ambassador
He was lying in wait
He was made a bankrupt
He was made much of
He was making steady headway
He was more rewarding to teach than some of the students I am afflicted with
He was much below the middle height
He was much flattered
He was much like other people
He was much more circumspect
He was much the most inventive
He was nerve-ridden
He was never inhibited by qualms and doubts
He was no exception to the rule
He was no longer to be seen
He was none the better for it
He was none too happy about it
He was not above feeling flattered
He was not at the end of his devices
He was not averse to give advice
He was not far wrong
He was not given a proper chance
He was not given to hesitation
He was not given to talking much
He was not long in finding it
He was not one to suffer fools gladly
He was not pleased at it
He was not pleased by this
He was not pulling my leg (joking)
He was not put out (perplexed; abashed)
He was not quick to change such judgement
He was not to be deterred
He was not to be hurried into an answer
He was not very consistent
He was nothing if not vague about it

He was nowhere near accepting it
He was oblivious of everything
He was oblivious of her sitting there
He was off guard
He was offended at it
He was on his best behaviour
He was on pins and needles
He was on tenterhooks
He was on the alert
He was one of their number
He was only half way down
He was out of breath when they reached it
He was out of earshot
He was out of his depth before he reached the bottom
He was out of sight
He was out on the loose last night
He was out to discourage her
He was overcome by grief
He was overcome with gratitude
He was overtaken by restlessness
He was pale with anger
He was palpably amazed
He was passed over
He was perpetually talking about it
He was playing a lone hand
He was pleased at it
He was pleased indubitably
He was plied with questions
He was prepared to catch her enthusiasm
He was prepared to give it more credence
He was prepared to negotiate within reasonable bounds
He was presented with a choice
He was presumably referring to...
He was prodded into rage
He was prodigiously hungry
He was prompt to act
He was put out
He was put out of countenance

He was quick to rebuff the overture
He was quick to seize an advantage
He was quite a hit
He was quite game to back up the story
He was ranting and raving
He was rather far gone (drunk)
He was rather galling in his pride (unpleasant)
He was reckoning without the weather
He was red in the face
He was reduced to despair
He was rejoicing in her good fortune
He was reluctant to put it into words
He was rendered unconscious
He was restless with pain
He was reticent on the subject
He was revolving the idea in his mind
He was right in supposing her to be...
He was right to persist
He was roundly defeated
He was saved a reply
He was saying something beyond his words
He was scornful of it
He was seized with alarm
He was sent away with a flea in his ear (with a reproof)
He was set on the plan
He was shooting today and he brought home a head of game
He was short but he had presence
He was short in his manner
He was short with the workmen
He was shy of new surroundings
He was sick at heart
He was singularly economical of words
He was slightly taken aback
He was small of stature
He was smiling in his genial way
He was smote with remorse and smitten with repentance
He was so unreasonable
He was something of an authority on...

He was soon lost to view
He was sorry for her to go
He was spoken of in this regard
He was stark naked
He was startled out of his thoughts
He was stating the obvious
He was still cross with me
He was stumped for an answer
He was suffering in expiation (regret)
He was sufficiently astute to realise that
He was sure to be in the right
He was sweating profusely
He was taken aback
He was taken ill
He was taken on an excursion
He was taken to task (called to order)
He was taken unawares
He was taking his time
He was talking excellent sense
He was talking nineteen to the dozen
He was terribly depressed about it
He was the first to speak
He was the next best thing I had to a brother
He was the worse for alcohol
He was thinking how most felicitously to phrase his offer
He was thinking of the expression he had surprised on her face
He was to believe it
He was told to hoof the road
He was too shy to embark directly on the subject of his own perplexities
He was touched at the warmth of the reception
He was touched in his vanity
He was trembling with anxiety
He was tried on a charge of...
He was triumphantly successful
He was truthful beyond the point of self-preservation
He was trying ineffectually to conceal it
He was trying to enlist my support
He was trying to open it to no avail

He was turned amenable
He was turned down
He was upset out of all proportion
He was very accommodating
He was very good friends with them
He was very kind to me
He was very obsequious, yet underneath I felt he was cruel
He was vividly interested in it
He was vouchsafed (allowed) a glimpse
He was waiting for his flight to be called
He was want to do it (used to)
He was warm with exercise
He was warming to his subject/theme
He was warped by his misfortune
He was watching us narrowly
He was well-nigh overcome by a strong feeling of...
He was whistling under his breath
He was wide awake
He was working at his book (writing it)
He was working on his book (thinking about it)
He was worried lest the money was not forthcoming
He was worth ten of her
He was wreathed in smiles
He was wrong to do it
He washed his hands of her
He wasn't amenable to charm (it didn't affect him)
He wasn't out of the top drawer
He wasn't overly friendly
He wasn't ready to be totally put down
He watched the ground for dead branches
He waved my words aside
He waxed very enthusiastic about it all
He wears side-burns
He went about disgruntled and embittered
He went about his duties
He went all to pieces
He went and did it just like that
He went down with a fever

He went for a walk to work off his restlessness
He went for him (attacked him)
He went on and on
He went on scot-free
He went on to add...
He went out of his way to be affable
He went over the scene inch by inch
He went so far as to suggest...
He went so far as to...
He went there on his own (alone)
He went there only to find that...
He went there with an ill grace
He went through the rest of the morning like an automaton
He went to bed without more ado
He went to the bad through drink
He went up (made up his appearance)
He wheedled his way into the Club
He will be all over it
He will be brought hot-foot (immediately) from T
He will be hours and hours getting there at that rate
He will be in and out of the house all day
He will be tied up all the morning
He will be with you at 2 o'clock
He will bear me out
He will come a cropper if he doesn't do more work
He will come around (will put up)
He will come into his own
He will come to no harm
He will commit himself if he uses it at all
He will cough up the money (give it)
He will cut off his/her allowance
He will find his power ebbing away
He will get to the top of the tree
He will have it now (believes, thinks so)
He will have to eat his own words (retreat)
He will implicate himself to the fullest limit
He will lead the way
He will make short work of it (will manage it easily)

He will meet the terms (accept)
He will never bear her any ill will
He will not cheat me out of it
He will not easily relinquish his position
He will place every conceivable obstacle in the way
He will probably wriggle out of it
He will pursue and fulfil this policy
He will reimburse my bus fare
He will run a course in spring
He will see you at his earliest convenience
He will set me an example
He will soon find her out
He will stand no nonsense
He will take advantage of you
He will take charge of it
He will tell you more than I can do
He woke up to dreary weather
He won't be hurried
He won't be put off
He wore a rather nondescript sort of grey suit
He wore that suit only to the theatre
He worked against the most appealing odds
He worked everything out, down to the last detail
He worked time and a half
He worked with unfailing zeal
He works at it until the small hours
He works with the verve of a youth
He would acknowledge it as such
He would always be first with her
He would always do me a good turn if possible
He would apprise her of their dilemma (tell)
He would be on hand at the proper time
He would be raising a hue and cry after his stolen property
He would brook no nonsense
He would do it at the drop of a hat
He would endeavour to turn the tables on me
He would go a long way to avoid it
He would go the full hog (to the end)

He would go to all lengths to...
He would happily have forgone the tour
He would have been her first choice
He would have none of it
He would incur enmity if he acted like that
He would laugh his head off
He would never answer back
He would never let it on
He would never take a hint of that kind
He would not give it to her on any other terms
He would not have believed it possible that he could go through with such
an arrangement
He would not hear of it
He would not take defeat lying down
He would on no account go against her wishes
He would scramble his way round
He would sooner die than say so about it
He would stick at nothing to gain his evil ends
He would succeed in anything he undertook
He would suffer a lot on her behalf
He would take no comfort
He wouldn't have overlooked the smallest detail
He wouldn't stop short of deceiving
He wrote poetry on the quiet
He wrote the day off as a loss
He, temperamentally, likes not to exceed...
He'd fallen short of the ideal
He'd have a pretty trying emotional set upon his hands
He'd never have the gumption
He'll be along presently
He'll brood on it
He'll do it without fail
He'll make a laughing-stock of himself over it
He'll never see 60 again
He'll soon learn better
He'll tell me in his own good time
He'll try and wangle us seats
He's a lucky dog

He's a regular brick
He's been brought up to speak the language
He's done extremely well for himself
He's far too cocky by half (opinionated)
He's getting on in years
He's given it up for good
He's having the time of his life
He's knocked about a lot
He's smitten with you
He's taken his time coming
He's too much of a weight
Heading for... (going to...)
Hear, hear! (it is correct)
Hearty congratulations
Heated differences of opinion
Heavily armed
Heavily concentrated
Heavily involved
Heavily wooded slopes
Heavy and prolonged spells of rain
Heavy borrowing
Heavy mist impeded traffic
Held in high regard
Help a friend out of a scrape
Help him to work things out best
Help me to undo the zip-fastener, will you?
Help yourself to bread
Help yourself!
Hence the radical inadequacy of our statements
Henceforward the issue is no longer whether..., but whether...
Her air of melancholy was profound
Her balance was short
Her blood was up
Her boots gave out
Her chin cupped in her hands
Her cold was a fake
Her colour was high
Her curiosity runs away with her successfully

Her daughter is such a tiny little thing
Her deftness became more concerned as she became older
Her depression grew on her
Her education had been deplorably neglected
Her enthusiasm knew no bounds
Her erstwhile home was there
Her excitement knew no bounds
Her expertise to suiting manner to circumstance
Her eyes followed the winding road
Her eyes were insolent with triumph
Her eyes were screwed up
Her eyes were warm with love
Her face pillowed on her hands
Her face was wreathed in smiles
Her failings underwent a change
Her faith has never flagged
Her fingers gingerly felt her temple
Her fingers were deeply stained with nicotine
Her hand is tender to the touch
Her hands were covered in rings
Her health has given way
Her health was none too good
Her heart misgave her
Her ignorance precludes the possibility of...
Her impatience may get the better of her
Her insolence knew no bounds
Her insomnia was quickly overcome
Her instructions covered every aspect of feeding the patient
Her legs were blue with cold
Her letters were few and far between
Her life has been significantly different
Her looks belied her sizzling nature
Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to...
Her manner was largely defiant
Her mind was clear and lucid
Her mind was focused somewhere else
Her mind was in turmoil
Her name stood high

Her native vigour of mind was in no way impaired
Her nerve broke
Her nerves became taut
Her overriding emotion
Her patience was misplaced
Her possessions were meagre in the extreme
Her room was in apple-pie order
Her serenity was rather precarious
Her sleep was drawn out
Her stipulation was that...
Her strong body has always done so well by her
Her taste in art
Her tears did not spring from joy
Her thesis had tackled that question
Her views regarding X were in complete accord with his
Her voice broke in on him
Her whole life was dedicated to writing
Her wishes should be paramount
Her words did not come quite home to him
Her words held a pointed innuendo
Her youth would go for much
Here a man of letters counts for less than in any other country
Here and now (just now)
Here are commentaries on it
Here are now indications to the contrary
Here are the hard facts to contradict you
Here his plans had gone awry
Here I am safe and sound
Here is enough for all and to spare
Here is something else with a high priority
Here is the rub
Here it is for what it is worth
Here it's time to draw the line
Here my memory lets me down
Here one feels on familiar ground
Here there is nothing but...
Here we are at liberty at last
Here we are no wiser than before

Here we find it assuming a slightly more disturbing aspect
Here we go again!
Here we go!
Here you have me by the short hairs
Here, in passing, it may be remarked
Hey, there! Anybody at home?
Hide it up!
Hideous beyond description
High capital outlay
Highly improbable
Highly invective
Highly reprehensible
His abilities measured up with his good looks
His age might tell against him
His alibi holds
His ambitions/plans were thwarted
His anger got the better of him
His anger slowed away
His apologies later were all that could be desired
His ardour infected me
His argument was irrefutable
His assertion/opinion was vindicated
His attention has been diverted elsewhere
His attention was riveted on them
His attention was wandering
His attitude was much more accommodating
His behaviour throughout our conversation was perfectly rational
His behaviour was brought on the carpet
His behaviour was handsome to the last degree
His book is due to be published shortly
His brain was a genuine asset
His brows puckered
His brows rose in astonishment
His cap was at a jaunty angle
His capacity for work began to sag
His cast of mind
His chances for victory
His charm was really taking

His chief desire was to be saved trouble
His compliments were too edged
His concern resides elsewhere
His conversation is getting a bit too heady
His courage failed him
His creative life span was 30 years
His criticism never falls wide of the mark
His debts are punctually honoured
His determination was not to be set aside
His digs
His dog is formidable beyond the ordinary
His dogged determination to get his own way
His drive eased him
His driving licence was suspended
His duties are strictly confined to...
His education was haphazard
His efforts were totally ineffectual
His efforts were usually defeated
His emotions are all bottled up
His employers weren't wise to it
His empty coffee cup sat on the table
His energy never seemed to flag
His enthusiasm began to flag
His example was not lost on her
His exasperation was running high
His experiments bore his idiosyncratic imprint
His eyes came alive
His eyes quailed before her glance
His eyes stared fixedly ahead
His eyes were bloodshot
His face clouded over
His face hardened
His face was alight with indignation
His face was dark with menace
His face was wearing the same supercilious expression
His fame precedes him
His feelings had been lacerated
His fingers were a little unsteady

His frame of mind
His fretfulness subsided
His frustrated hope
His frustration over her
His fury was terrible to behold
His good nature has reasserted itself
His good repute is at stake
His grasp of the situation
His habits were simple to the verge of austerity
His hair stood on end
His hair was bleached from the sun
His hair was cut very close
His hair was sparse
His hand is being forced in this particular instance
His hand was forced
His hands were covered in mud
His happiness is staked upon it
His head is not equal to his heart
His head was cradled in her arms
His health was in a precarious position
His heart quailed
His heart stood still
His heart swelled at the thought
His heart was torn asunder
His hold on it had in no way shaken
His honour and integrity took precedence
His hopes did not materialise
His hopes were dashed
His humour had decided me
His idea tallies with mine
His ideas will come into their own in time
His imagination was fired
His impatience got the better of him
His industry was futile
His influence is paramount
His intention was foiled
His interest began to perk up
His interest was excited

His investment might go down the drain
His is a fine sense of humour
His is a rather scrawly handwriting
His is a surly character
His joy at it
His kin and kith (relations)
His kitbag was packed full
His legs are stiff with disuse
His legs crumpled under him
His life has been attempted
His life has lost its momentum
His loyalty stood firm
His luck has run out
His luck was in
His manner was nonchalant
His manners were running out
His meaning escaped me at the time
His memory for small things was going uncertain
His memory is ever so sharp
His mind drifted away
His mind hunted around for more arguments to bolster his resolve
His mind is harking back to...
His mind ranged to and fro under the influence of alcohol
His mind was not in a receptive condition
His mind was set at rest
His mind was totally occupied with it
His mind went into action
His mission drew to a curtailed end
His modesty prevents him from courting publicity
His mood once set was hard for me to break
His name carried its own authority
His name stood for...
His name was dragged through the mire
His name will go down in the record books
His nose was hurt by the fall
His nose was the one thing against him
His notion of this is all wrong
His papers are in arrear

His parents discourage the idea
His patience was running out
His pent-up feelings
His period of success has been short-lived
His pernicious views
His personal character is a by-word
His plan miscarried at the outset
His plans should stand
His plans were coming to fruition
His points were simple and consistent
His position is unassailable
His present role is abysmally ludicrous
His pride and conceit began to swell
His prime concern
His produce commanded high prices in the market
His professional mettle was challenged
His programme is unworkable
His prolonged silence had an ominous quality
His propensity for jokes
His questions soon set her going (made her talk)
His recoil had exhausted itself
His relief knew no bounds
His report is often short on explanations
His reputation stands very high
His resistance has worn thin
His resolution won its way
His revolver spoke again
His rheumatism was on again
His ringing brought no response
His second in command
His sense of duty was paramount
His services were secured
His shoes looked the worse for wear
His shoes were falling apart
His son pleaded with him
His speech carried authority
His speech was going to be curtailed
His speech was spattered with quotations

His spirits began to come back
His staple diet
His story agreed with mine in every particular
His story was extraordinarily vague and rambling
His story was substantiated by the evidence
His strength was giving out
His sweater was out at one elbow
His talk was really absorbing
His taste ran in the same direction
His teeth have come through
His unrelenting attitude to me
His unrelenting attitude went wrong
His unwarranted interference
His upbringing left a lot to be desired
His vaunted goodness
His views were not derided, denied or ignored
His vision was blurred
His visits are few and far between
His voice came very dear
His voice carries authority
His voice gave out in horse whisper
His voice trailed off
His voice was a shade higher in pitch
His walk broke into a run
His want of consideration of others is preposterous
His warning recurred to her mind
His was a humdrum job
His whipped nerves have taken their toll of mine
His whole attention was riveted on her
His whole life unfolded before him
His will pitted against hers
His wishes have no weight with me
His words applied exactly to himself
His words were vanquished by the sea
Historical conundrum (mystery)
Hitch up your trousers
Hitch your chair nearer
Hobnobbing with the famous

Hold fast to the rules
Hold her to ransom
Hold on!
Hold out a little longer
Hold out!
Hold this out for me, will you?
Hold tight to your old memories
Hold your tongue
Holding far aloof from emotion
Holding hands
Holding hands with her
Holding up banks
Honey keeps
Honour bright?
Hope became a very thin commodity
Hopes were running high
Horrendously expensive
Horses are shy at cars
Hours of attendance
Housekeeping in common
Houses are in need of face lift
How are you for cash?
How are you getting along?
How can anybody... is more than I can imagine
How can anyone in his senses...?
How can it be dispersed harmlessly before any real mischief is done?
How can one make a pattern out of this muddle?
How did he come to get the idea?
How did it come about?
How did the players side?
How did you come by it?
How do these things tie up at all?
How do you account for that?
How do you fare in this daunting situation?
How do you get going?
How do you make that out?
How do you manage to stick it out?
How do you mean? (mean by it)

How do you propose to set about it?
How does it compare with...?
How does that help me in my present predicament?
How far he was serious and how far he made a joke?
How far is it true?
How far she will succeed is to be seen
How fortunate for him
How have they got the impertinence to say it?
How I came to discover it
How I thought of you!
How is he going to save his face?
How is it possible to make good? (be successful)
How is it to be contrived?
How is life treating you these days?
How it happened, she never knew
How late does the tram go?
How long? - Oh, some little time
How many times have I to repeat myself?
How much can you take at a sitting?
How much credence do you give these rumours?
How much influence does he wield?
How often is that liable to happen?
How on earth do you know that?
How on earth/what on earth/why on earth/who on earth/when on earth
How perfectly he did everything down to eating his soup!
How perfectly lovely
How providential, in retrospect
How quaint! (queer)
How quintessentially English it is
How she ever... is more than I can imagine
How sweet of you
How to look most alluring
How to run a life
How to shake off this awful depression?
How to work this stove?
How was the design arrived at?
How will they manage for water?
How would he get out of his predicament?

How you stick it week in week out beats me
How, come?
How's the book coming along?
However disparagingly he might talk of it
However reticent he had been, the news had spread at once like bush fire
However, we'll see it out
Human endeavour
Human proclivity
Human rights violations
Humour helps the day

I ached in sympathy with her
I act fairly by those who act fairly by me
I adhered to my first impression
I admire her pluck in being determined to do it
I agree he is controversial
I agree with you there
I agree with you, as it happens
I always gave up to you
I am a bit strung up
I am a surprise to you
I am acutely aware of it
I am affected towards him
I am afraid he minds a lot
I am afraid I cannot make it as it is so late
I am afraid I don't follow you
I am afraid I have to throw the ball back to them (to let them decide)
I am afraid it is very forward of me
I am afraid it will not cut much ice nowadays
I am afraid this argument doesn't hold water
I am afraid we are in for a lengthy session
I am afraid you have to own up
I am all at sea (uncertain)
I am all ears
I am all for it
I am all in a muddle
I am all right
I am always a bad hand at hiding my feelings

I am annoyed with them
I am as sound as a bell (in brilliant health)
I am at a total loss to understand it
I am beginning to have an inkling why...
I am better off at home
I am bored stiff with it
I am bound by a promise
I am bound to admit
I am bound to admit that it is possible
I am bound to disappoint you
I am bound to say (I must say)
I am bound to state that
I am coming on (progressing)
I am content for him to continue his own pursuits
I am deep in his books
I am delighted you were able to come
I am determined to take as much enjoyment into my stay as possible
I am disposed to give more weight to your opinion
I am dog-tired
I am doing it only on the understanding that...
I am done in
I am down to one meal a day at best
I am dreadfully/terribly sorry
I am due at the café at 7 o'clock
I am due back home on Friday
I am due for a holiday
I am dying for a cup of tea
I am expecting her to dinner
I am fully alive to the danger
I am fully aware/conscious of the fact
I am genuinely concerned on her behalf
I am getting forgetful
I am giving you a free hand
I am glad for him
I am glad I know it
I am glad that you take note of what I say
I am glad things have taken this turn
I am glad to have it seen to

I am glad to know you
I am going to back my judgement of you
I am going to scramble eggs
I am grateful for the splendid work you are putting in
I am hard of hearing
I am hardly in a position to judge anybody
I am having my teeth attended to
I am heavily depending on him
I am heavily indebted to...
I am in a hurry
I am in a serious predicament
I am in earnest about it
I am in no mood for dalliance
I am in no position to dispute this
I am in the same boat (situation)
I am in total agreement with you
I am in touch with him by letter
I am kept in the dark (not informed)
I am laid up (caught cold)
I am liable to these bouts of fever
I am looking forward to it with keen anticipation
I am merely passing on the advice of...
I am most grateful
I am most interested in...
I am much mistaken if...
I am much obliged to you
I am much satisfied with the result
I am much to blame
I am much too happy
I am nervous of publicity
I am new to it
I am not a mug
I am not accorded the privilege
I am not all that good at it
I am not as young as all that
I am not at liberty to discuss it
I am not at liberty to say it
I am not blind to his failings

I am not consumed with vanity
I am not conversant with the terminology
I am not cut out for it
I am not due for a break until the summer
I am not easy about him in my mind
I am not exposing the problem very coherently, I am afraid
I am not given to stormy personal feelings
I am not going by choice
I am not going to discuss my predicament
I am not going to give way over these points
I am not going to go in the water
I am not going to let you get away with it
I am not happy with it
I am not hung up on dogma
I am not in a fit state to receive visitors
I am not in touch with things
I am not likely to forget it
I am not really sold on new ideas
I am not ruling that out
I am not so sure about that
I am not suggesting this for a moment
I am not sure that that would be an improvement
I am not totally convinced
I am not trying to excuse her over this
I am not used to giving vent to my grievances
I am not very well
I am not with you
I am nothing but proud and grateful to have been given such privilege
I am off to bed
I am often amazed at...
I am on my own
I am on my own home ground over this
I am on the job
I am only allowed there on sufferance
I am only concerned for you
I am only too happy to comply with this request
I am opposed to it
I am out of my element in posh restaurants

I am out of place
I am out of the swim
I am out of training
I am past caring
I am petrified with fear
I am prepared to stretch a point
I am pretty low today
I am quite prepared to believe that the number is far too high
I am quoting him verbatim
I am rather behind hand
I am rather keyed up these days
I am ready to do off the debt
I am ready to do your bidding
I am ready to take an oath on it
I am riddled by doubts
I am saying that with no ulterior chuckle
I am severely disappointed in you
I am short of paper
I am short of time
I am sick of being put upon (exploited)
I am so sorry for your concern
I am sold on the idea
I am sorry about him
I am sorry if I am spoiling sport (fun) in any way
I am sorry to be late
I am sorry to burst in on you
I am sorry to have kept you waiting
I am sorry to have taken up so much of your time
I am sorry, I have never thought of it / I've never thought about it
I am speaking my thoughts aloud
I am speechless
I am squirming under his cold stare
I am starving
I am still in the dark
I am strongly of the same opinion
I am subject to colds
I am sure it is very profound, but what does it actually mean?
I am sure they are on to something

I am sure we can pull it off (manage)
I am telling you this for what it is worth
I am tempted to put it to you
I am terribly sorry if I have given you offence
I am thankful to have a distraction
I am the one on whom he can work out his pent-up feelings
I am thoroughly aware of it
I am to blame for that
I am too far committed to withdraw
I am too short of time
I am touched
I am trying to compose my mind
I am trying to pursue a certain line of thought and see where it leads
I am unable to take it all in
I am unavoidably busy
I am under no obligation to...
I am very divided on that
I am very familiar with it
I am very hopeful
I am very proud to say that I am a founder member of...
I am very sorry if I am trouble to you
I am visiting with Mr. X here
I am weighed down by worries
I am willing to take a bet on it
I apologize profoundly
I argued in the negative
I asked her the time
I asked the time
I assiduously tasted it
I assumed an expression of innocent surprise
I attach great importance to it
I badgered my parents till they agreed
I balked at the prospect
I barely noticed that
I bear him no ill will
I became more confident by the minute
I became the more convinced
I beg to differ

I began to prowl around the shelves
I behaved badly to you over this
I believe that I am safe in assuming this
I belonged at the chateau
I blame myself exceedingly
I blessed my stars (thanked)
I blush for it
I bore him company
I braced myself for whatever it was
I braved his wrath
I broached the subject
I brought into question...
I brought it along for you to see
I brought it to his attention
I brought myself back to the actualities of the moment
I brought order to the chaos in my mind
I brushed my teeth
I call it downright wisdom
I call up my memories
I came at a run
I came at last to the photos I wanted to see in the first place
I came back full of confidence
I came on the mere chance
I came to appreciate
I came to find everybody gone
I came to get my breath
I can appreciate all the more
I can best sum up this effect by saying that...
I can come round whenever you choose
I can cope with it, I hope
I can dispense with the coat
I can fall back on the old story of it
I can give you the gist of it
I can handle it myself
I can hardly tell you how wisely I think you have chosen
I can highly recommend it
I can just remember
I can no longer sustain my offer

I can only indicate the trend of my reasoning
I can only record that
I can quite sympathize with him
I can see the force of your argument
I can see what's obvious
I can size up people pretty well
I can take your word for it
I can tell you here and now
I can thoroughly recommend it
I can trust him implicitly
I can unequivocally confirm it
I can very well imagine some of the repercussions to what I have just said
I can vividly recall...
I can vouch at first hand that...
I can well imagine that
I can't abide cats (can't stand)
I can't abide him (can't stand)
I can't abide to be doing nothing
I can't cope with that kind of money (too expensive)
I can't get over the fact that...
I can't get the figures to tally
I can't get the hang of it
I can't hold anybody responsible for the misfortune
I can't make any promises either way
I can't make head or tail of it
I can't make her out
I can't tell for certain
I can't tell you out of hand (immediately)
I can't think what all the fuss is about
I can't think what came over me
I can't thoroughly recommend it
I can't very well break in on his work
I can't wait for it (am impatient)
I cannot act on personal authority
I cannot agree more
I cannot be bothered
I cannot be coerced into abandoning my principles
I cannot be more explicit

I cannot be of use over this mower, I have a different one
I cannot bear to see it
I cannot bear to think of it
I cannot begrudge him his diversion
I cannot break the engagement
I cannot bring myself to believe it
I cannot bring myself to it just yet
I cannot bring myself to listen to it
I cannot bring myself to share this enthusiasm
I cannot but agree
I cannot care less
I cannot choose one over the other
I cannot conceive any other reason for wishing to come here
I cannot conceive it to be possible
I cannot find that it has any particular call on my loyalty
I cannot go through with it
I cannot help liking it
I cannot help making mistakes
I cannot humour his whims
I cannot let the chance pass
I cannot make any sense of it
I cannot make such assertion
I cannot offer you anything beyond coffee
I cannot predict without fail
I cannot pronounce on that without a detailed examination
I cannot stand it
I cannot think beyond this
I cannot think how you could be so ill-bred
I cannot vouch for the truth of the story
I care for you very much
I carried my point
I ceased to expect ordinary courtesy from him
I certainly miss it and all it stood for
I challenge you to battle
I cherish no illusions about him
I clenched my teeth
I commended my prudence
I conceded my disbelief, politely

I condole with her
I consider the matter a closed book
I consistently enjoyed it
I could but admire it
I could hold my own with her
I could never believe it if told
I could never get away with it
I could not dispute this
I could not for the life of me remember it
I could not for the life of me think of a satisfactory explanation
I could not get it to work
I could not repress a shudder
I could not wait to return
I could post it for you
I could stay there with no one being the wiser
I could understand about one word in twenty
I couldn't accept that, I am afraid
I couldn't agree with you more
I couldn't call to mind...
I couldn't figure out why
I couldn't get back to sleep
I couldn't get her interested
I couldn't hear you against the noise
I couldn't help begrudging her the use of my room
I couldn't put a label to it
I couldn't put it better myself
I couldn't puzzle it out
I couldn't rid myself of this impression
I couldn't say closer than that
I couldn't sleep a wink
I crossed him off my list of people I wanted to know
I crossed the lawn
I cudgelled my brains in vain
I dare not gainsay him
I dare say it would, under ordinary circumstances
I daresay you don't know where I live
I decided against it
I decided that I would give it a try

I defy anyone to do it
I defy anyone to tell...
I despair of describing it
I did it for a joke
I did it only to be disappointed
I did my best to urge him to stay at home
I did my utmost to prevent it
I did not burke the truth
I did not like to seem inquisitive
I did not much relish this description
I did not recognise it for what it was
I did not risk a glance at him
I did not want to draw back
I did recognise her intrinsic worth
I did stint there (casual work)
I did what I could at all events
I didn't entertain any hope
I didn't exactly enjoy it, but it wasn't too devastating
I didn't expect you to expound on him
I didn't feel up to it
I didn't get around to telling you
I didn't get much sleep last night
I didn't give it a second thought
I didn't have to reason this out to myself
I didn't know at first quite what to make of it
I didn't mean to be rude
I didn't mean to pry
I didn't miss a day on my pills
I didn't sleep a wink
I didn't want to press the subject
I disdained her flippancy
I dislike inefficiency
I disliked him on sight
I do crossword puzzles
I do not want to put you to inconvenience
I do not wholeheartedly agree
I don't approve of talking behind
I don't bear ill feelings towards him

I don't bear any malice
I don't believe it for a moment
I don't care
I don't care a fig for...
I don't care a fig one way or the other
I don't care a finger-snap (at all)
I don't care for everybody to know it
I don't care for it (don't want it)
I don't care for it more than the next man
I don't care for jam
I don't care for killing animals
I don't expect you to take me on trust
I don't feel fit for it
I don't feel quite equal to it
I don't feel sufficiently pugnacious to argue
I don't go along with that
I don't hold with all this
I don't hold with people interested in gossip
I don't hold with the idea
I don't hold you responsible
I don't intend to pursue the matter
I don't know how I got through it (managed)
I don't know how I shall get through the day
I don't know most of his existence
I don't know my own mind
I don't know that it wouldn't be good after all
I don't know the first thing about painting
I don't know the hang of things
I don't know what has come over you
I don't know what I would do if I hadn't something to fall back on
I don't know what to make of it
I don't know what will go down with him
I don't know what you are talking about
I don't know what you are thinking about
I don't know what you mean
I don't know where I stand with him
I don't like having to say it
I don't like them meddling with our affairs

I don't like to be importunate, but...
I don't like to be rude, but...
I don't mind in the least
I don't mind telling you that...
I don't mind what you do. It's your own affair
I don't profess to be impartial
I don't quite qualify on that score
I don't quite see how best to introduce the subject
I don't really believe it is as bad as that
I don't relish the idea of doing it
I don't relish the thought of it
I don't see the application of it
I don't see the force of the argument
I don't see why not?
I don't seem to have brought a handkerchief
I don't set much store by his threats
I don't set much store by it (don't care)
I don't stand on ceremony
I don't suffer fools gladly
I don't take beer
I don't think it indicates any change of policy
I don't think it is likely to happen
I don't think it is necessarily true
I don't think that is called for
I don't think that the objection will come
I don't think that's very likely
I don't think you'll get anywhere with her
I don't think your approach has to preclude mine
I don't understand why you are so set against it
I don't want to be bullied into it
I don't want to compromise my professional integrity
I don't want to do her any injustice
I don't want to force you into a premature decision
I don't want to go to extremes
I don't want to hear another word about it
I don't want to impose on you
I don't want to keep you beyond your time
I don't want to leave you with a false impression

I don't want to pursue the subject
I don't want to put my foot in it
I don't want to put you to all that trouble
I don't want to put you to any trouble
I don't want to put you to extra trouble
I don't want to raise false hopes prematurely
I don't want to shatter your beliefs
I don't want to take trouble
I don't want to wear out my welcome
I don't want you to take so much trouble on my behalf
I don't yet despair of you
I draw the line at it
I drew a complete blank (there was no success)
I drew the car into a lay-by
I dropped a brick by inquiring after her husband, not knowing that she was divorced last year
I eased the car off on the grass
I egged him on to further revelations
I expect you to take pleasure in your stay here
I exploited every opportunity
I expressly told them
I failed him
I fancy a cup of coffee
I feel a little dubious
I feel a natural complicity with her
I feel an awful discomfiture
I feel as much every bit as you do
I feel assured that...
I feel below par
I feel better just through talking to you
I feel disgruntled
I feel entitled to claim the aid of all
I feel entitled to hope
I feel fine
I feel I am butting in
I feel intensely privileged
I feel like a cup of coffee
I feel like it

I feel peckish (hungry)
I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail
I feel under the weather (ill)
I feel very strongly about it
I feel wretched about asking it of you
I fell over a year ago
I felt a little nervous of the possibility
I felt a respite
I felt an uplift of spirit
I felt distinctly better
I felt honour bound to do it
I felt I had as much as I could stand
I felt immensely relieved
I felt in clover
I felt it was really carrying friendship too far to ask...
I felt my hackles rising
I felt my throat catch with joy
I felt out of my depth
I felt something of a fraud
I felt subdued
I find her difficult to like
I find her rather overwhelming
I find him hard to take at times
I find it doleful to come back with an ordinary...
I find it hard to brake a habit
I find it hard to contain myself
I find it very unnerving
I find these stairs trying, indeed
I first became aware of this through radio production
I fixed up with her to see you
I flirted with the idea
I, for once, agreed
I, for one, wouldn't blame them
I forbore to pander to his conceit
I forgive it all a thousand times over
I found a hearing
I found it impressive, to say the least
I found myself focusing on the past yet again

I found myself in deep water
I found that to be true of most people
I frightened you awake (woke you up)
I fully admit it
I fully expect
I fully intend
I fully realise it
I fundamentally believe
I fundamentally disagree
I gave him a dressing down
I gave him good morning
I gave him wide berth (avoided him)
I gave it out (let known)
I gave them the slip
I gave way
I genuinely believe
I get by reasonably comfortably
I give in to him in everything
I give you full credit for that
I give you that for what it's worth
I go by the statement on which he relies
I got a bit shirty (angry)
I got carried away
I got her to accept that there is something unappealingly sinister about him
I got it for a pittance
I got it straight from the horse's mouth
I got my own way
I got the opportunity of tackling him on the following morning
I got the shock of my life
I got up early, for me
I grow tired rather easily
I had a cocktail as a matter of course
I had a long session with the dentist
I had a nasty fall
I had a premonition that I was getting into deep waters
I had a rough time of it
I had a slight advantage over him
I had a truly magnificent swim

I had a wild hope
I had accomplished what I set out to do
I had been shown it once too often
I had come to terms with myself
I had given it only a passing thought
I had great difficulty in containing my laughter
I had grown used to it over the years
I had half a mind to do it
I had her promise not to...
I had her there (caught her cheating)
I had lost all sense of time
I had my shoes heel-tapped
I had never seen anything to touch it
I had no clue as to what was passing in his mind
I had no clue to his excitement
I had no knowledge of it in the first place (at all)
I had no misgivings
I had nothing to occupy my time
I had quite a job to understand it
I had read it on its first appearance
I had relied very heavily on it
I had terrible misgivings about it
I had the documents to bear me out
I had time to kill
I had to handle this with kid gloves
I had to hold on to the banisters
I had to put my shoulder to it to make it give
I had to resort to some expedient
I had to square the account
I had told her as much
I hadn't liked the look of him very much
I hadn't the vestige of idea
I hanged around on the off chance of seeing him
I hankered after something sweet
I hate to contradict you, but...
I have 40 plays to my credit
I have a deadline to meet
I have a few things to attend to

I have a good mind to do it
I have a good recipe for cooking apples
I have a great mind to do it
I have a hankering to see Scotland
I have a heart condition
I have a hunch
I have a hunch I want to put to the test
I have a lifetime of practice at it
I have a request to make
I have a soft spot for her
I have a surprise for you
I have a very good mind to attend the meeting
I have a very good mind to stay away
I have always maintained that
I have an aversion from any routine drug-taking
I have an intimation that...
I have an open mind on the subject
I have another business on hand
I have been cooped up here far too long
I have been divided from my correspondence
I have been given small choice
I have been giving him my views. - You certainly would
I have been going through rather a strain lately
I have been looking all over for you
I have been looking forward to meeting him
I have been remiss
I have been waiting for upwards of an hour
I have come here on fool's errand
I have come more and more to regard it as...
I have come to hide my deepest resolves
I have come to realise that
I have confidence in your judgement
I have counselled you in so many words
I have done with her
I have every reason to believe it
I have every right to be there
I have failed to catch his name
I have fixed up with him

I have forfeited the right
I have given it up for good
I have given up on him
I have good tidings (news)
I have got a lot of time on my hands
I have got a sort of overnight bag
I have got to fall back on him
I have great misgivings about it
I have had my share of it (have had more than enough)
I have had numerous coffees already
I have half an hour to put away
I have half an hour to spare
I have heard something to that effect
I have her interests at heart
I have high hopes that...
I have imposed myself on your hospitality already far too long
I have it on my aunt's authority
I have it! (a good idea)
I have known it all along
I have known them well over the years
I have lit the fire ready for your return
I have meant to do it but have never got around to it
I have mislaid the book
I have my own reasons for not having it known
I have never addressed my mind to it
I have never been able to look back on it as a failure
I have never heard the like
I have never known him break a confidence
I have never known him do it
I have never met with any accident
I have never wished for this acquaintance
I have no further use for it
I have no idea
I have no means of forming a judgement
I have no part or parcel in their lives now
I have no right to hold you to the promise
I have no right to inflict it on them
I have no taste for alcohol

I have no truck with doctors (nothing to do with them)
I have no use for it (don't need it)
I have no wish to take a chance on that
I have not been able to find a better alternative
I have not disposed of old things yet
I have not fully decided
I have not stinted him in anything
I have not the slightest idea
I have only a passing acquaintance with current research
I have outstayed a social call
I have people I ought to be talking to
I have posed 3 questions
I have practically no business on hand
I have proved it true time and again
I have provided against every contingency
I have put my foot in it with him
I have put the matter in a nutshell
I have seen such things before now
I have set my heart on it
I have several little jobs to get through this evening
I have some inkling that it is...
I have something in store for you
I have strong misgivings
I have taken a fancy to him
I have taken it along
I have taken some care to correct such bias when it became evident to myself
I have taken some leave of absence to do the writing
I have to be very much on my mettle
I have to concede that you might be right
I have to give you an injection
I have to go and see a doctor
I have to go out and brave the cold
I have to go over the papers
I have to see you on an important matter
I have to settle up my bill
I have to smooth it out into one single sheet
I have to subsist on my age pension
I have told it time and time again

I have trouble falling asleep
I have very grave doubts
I have walked you off your feet
I have wondered and puzzled over it
I have written it afresh
I haven't a notion
I haven't authorized it
I haven't been listening very closely
I haven't got the hang of it
I haven't heard anything to the contrary
I haven't heard from her
I haven't much money to spare for theatre-going
I haven't speculated on these lines
I haven't the heart to do it
I haven't the remotest idea
I haven't the smallest idea how to set about it
I heard of her at second-hand
I heard the story at second-hand
I heartily recommend it
I held my peace (kept quiet)
I held on enough not to make the final promise
I helped all I could
I hesitate to bring it up even now
I hold an awe-struck admiration for him
I hope everything works out for you
I hope he has found his niche at last
I hope he will come to his senses
I hope I am self-sufficient
I hope I haven't chosen the most dreadfully inconvenient time
I hope I haven't taken you very far out of your way
I hope I shall be as alert at her age
I hope I won't let you down over it
I hope it comes to something
I hope it wasn't too much of an imposition
I hope it will be taken in good spirit
I hope it won't come to that
I hope that all our friends will make allowance for any lack of...
I hope that any evidence that remains is judicious

I hope that meets with your approval
I hope that was all right
I hope that's in order
I hope to make my tardy entrance unnoticed
I hope to see something of you at...
I hope you are a good hand at it
I hope you are with me there?
I hope you aren't bored by all this?
I hope you didn't wait about for me?
I hope you don't take it amiss
I hope you find everything to your liking
I hope you wouldn't take it amiss
I hope you'll soon get the hang of it (understanding)
I hoped she would take the hint
I insist upon your coming
I intended to call your attention to that
I invariably do it
I just had a sneaking feeling that...
I just want to extend my thanks to you
I keep a sharp lookout
I kept it to myself
I knew better than to argue
I knew full well that...
I knew he did not mean it that way
I knew her intimately
I knew her reasonably well
I knew him for a first-class doctor
I knew his tantrums and how to ignore them
I knew it only at second hand
I knew no peace of mind
I knew that would be you
I knew the place blindfold
I knew them by sight
I knew we'd met before, but could not place you
I know directly I see it
I know him from a long way back
I know him from of old
I know him too well to set much store by threats

I know it for a fact
I know it for what it is
I know my own mind
I know my way out
I know otherwise
I know she shares my view
I know that, but newer mind
I know what I owe you over her
I know what it signifies
I know what we are up against
I lack experience at the school level
I lay no claim to originality
I learnt to dispense with it
I leave that to the judgement of others
I left crest-fallen
I let her have her silence
I like dogs better than cats. Any day.
I like him all the better
I like it better
I like playing Patience
I like to be doing things
I like your spirit (mood)
I live on my memories
I look forward to resuming our discussions
I look to you to do it
I looked all over for you
I looked at her but she worked away
I looked for something to do
I looked him squarely in the eyes
I looked in likely places, yet in vain
I looked it many times over
I looked it up to reassure myself
I looked to see
I lost my momentum
I lost my way
I love nothing better than...
I loved him all the more for that
I made a fool of myself

I made a point of visiting his shop
I made a pretext of calling on him
I made a token appearance at the office
I made it my business
I made it my concern
I made poor show with the answer
I may as well make a clean breast of it
I may have overstayed my welcome
I mean to say...
I mentioned as much to...
I merely note it
I met her through Mr. X
I might as well talk to the winds
I might have talked to a brick wall
I might take you up on that
I miraculously blundered upon the truth
I miss his jokes
I miss you
I mistrusted her from the moment I set eyes on her
I most emphatically disagree as regards...
I much prefer
I must abide by the result
I must ask you to be fairly brief
I must ask you to bear with me
I must be getting along
I must be getting on my way
I must be going
I must concede much substance in your points
I must confess to a weakness for...
I must contravene one or two things
I must convey his message to you
I must do up my coat
I must draw the line at it
I must find a way of catching up on my sleep
I must get along
I must get him out of my mind
I must get my bearings if I don't want to get lost
I must give her that (admit that she is...)

I must give up my appointment next week
I must go over there and study the situation at first hand
I must have it out with him
I must have lost my bearings
I must have mislaid it
I must have to make do with it
I must hurry along about my private ends
I must in common decency let him know
I must keep fair weather with him
I must live up to it
I must look into the matter
I must look into the possibilities
I must look into this
I must make it do
I must not be unkind about it
I must open the subject again
I must put in a little sleep
I must really touch my boss for some extra...
I must refer you to them for more full detail
I must repair my fault
I must rig you out for the forest
I must settle up my affairs
I must smart myself up
I must start from scratch
I must stay off fried stuff
I must take full advantage of it
I must take the matter up with him
I must think again
I must think it out before I plump for it
I must turn the thing over in my mind
I mustn't digress
I mustn't keep you!
I need a clean bill of health
I need say no more
I need some medicine for my cough
I need something to take me out of myself
I negotiated the stairs carefully
I never did take to her

I never do business with anyone but principals
I never knew about it
I never knew of it
I never know where I stand with you
I never know with you
I never laid claims to being a doctor
I never met a fellow like you for talking
I never remember dinner being held back one minute for anyone
I never thought I'd care a hang
I offended her inadvertently
I only wish I had
I ought to say at the outset
I overdosed on it
I overreacted, I apologize
I owe almost as large a debt for much needed and deeply appreciated advice
and support to...
I owed him a real debt of gratitude
I parked my briefcase in the hall
I parted company with them
I particularly want to...
I perceived the drift of his thoughts
I pin my faith to that
I play tennis after a fashion
I played my ace
I plumped for it
I positively adore it
I postponed it until later on
I practiced my profession
I prefer it to the rest
I prefer my visitors one at a time
I prefer tea to coffee
I prefer to be incommunicado for a little while
I prefer to keep out of limelight
I pressed my arguments home
I profoundly disapprove of it
I prowled around the house
I put myself out to come here
I put two and two together

I quail at the prospect
I qualified from Tartu University
I quote her verbatim
I rallied myself with an effort
I ran across them years ago
I ran for it
I ran him to earth behind the house
I ran my hand along it
I ran the risk of losing it
I realised the ambition I had long cherished
I really cannot speculate as to that
I recalled myself to his notice
I refrained from it
I regard it as little short of disastrous
I relished every minute of it
I remember it vividly
I repudiated it in vain
I resent her presence
I restricted myself to two glasses
I said as much
I said that all along
I sat up with a jolt
I saved myself the journey
I savoured the absence of fever
I saw a different side to him
I saw no need to be unduly disturbed
I saw the situation for what it was
I say this to set myself right with the respectable society
I say, what's up?
I say, you are in luck!
I scented discord
I scouted out the lay of the land
I second that
I secured a couple of porters
I see no reason to quarrel with this decision
I seldom saw him of late
I sent him about his business
I sent him off with a flea in his ear (with a reproof)

I sent him packing
I set my hand to it
I set my standards much too high
I set out to do it with what dignity I could muster
I set the case before him in the most carefully guarded language
I shall be glad of it
I shall be holding myself available
I shall come within the hour
I shall feel myself amply repaid and I shall feel that I have toiled not in vain
I shall have cleared out before you are up
I shall have to merit confidence like this
I shall have to start from scratch
I shall keep you to that promise
I shall lay your fears to rest
I shall look forward to it
I shall look it out
I shall look it up (in the dictionary)
I shall look you up some day
I shall make little profit on it
I shall make no further allusion to that
I shall not expect you to concern yourselves with my movements
I shall not hold you to your promise
I shall not quibble at it (prevaricate)
I shall not recount all the harsh vicissitudes
I shall resort to it
I shall seek him out
I shall sleep on it (think over)
I shall stand sentinel
I shall stay within easy earshot
I shall strive to be worthy of your trust
I shan't be long in coming to the point
I shan't hold it against you
I share it to the full
I shirked my responsibility
I should hate it to get around
I should just about be able to do it
I should leave well enough alone
I should like my dissent recorded in the minutes

I should like to make a distinction between two terms
I should like to set your mind at ease
I should think it very unlikely
I should wish nothing better
I shrugged this feeling off as fanciful
I shut my eyes to it
I simply can't conceive how I could be so foolish
I sounded him on the subject
I stand committed to it
I stand corrected
I started it in all innocence
I stood up to him
I stopped dead
I stopped the story from reaching her
I strongly advise you
I strongly agree with it
I submitted to his will
I succeeded in eliciting from her that...
I suppose it comes down to saying...
I suppose we must dispense with the formalities
I swear to God
I tackled him about it
I take it she...
I take your point
I tarried there for a day
I thank you from my heart for your commitment
I think a talk is long overdue
I think I am on the right track
I think I am starting a cold
I think I shall take a turn in the street
I think I will have an early night in bed
I think I'll have a word with her
I think I'll turn in now
I think if you say that you probably mean...
I think it positively silly
I think it's hard cheese on him (unjust treatment)
I think the result is rather happy
I think we blow the expense

I think you are a blighted ass (fool)
I think you could do worse than go and investigate it
I think you'll do well to turn in early today
I thoroughly enjoyed myself
I thought as much
I thought better of it
I thought I'd check out with you
I thought of it straight away
I thought so much
I thought to myself...
I thought we were in for a thunderstorm
I thought you'd be overjoyed
I thought you'd settled it all between you
I thought, regrettably, that...
I throw myself on your discretion
I thrust it home
I told her as much
I told him so to his face
I took a sip at my tea
I took her for English (taught her)
I took him at his word
I took him for a servant
I took it as an indication that...
I took it for a good omen
I took it out on him later
I took notes
I took the hint
I trained in History (studied it)
I tried to hint at the truth, but you didn't take my meaning
I tried to spell it out
I tried to square him (convince him)
I tried to steady myself by recalling his words
I trust her implicitly
I trust her judgement implicitly
I trust I have caused no damage?
I trusted you to be cleverer than myself
I turned my back on her
I turned the tables on him

I turned this show off halfway through
I ultimately hope to accomplish something practical
I understand it all too well
I understood the how and the why of it
I upheld B's influence
I utterly disagree with...
I very nearly saw it
I wagered that sum with him that...
I waited for her at the bottom of the garden
I walked out with what dignity I could muster
I wandered along the streets
I want a spoon to help the gravy with
I want advice very badly
I want everything in order against her arrival
I want no truck with anyone (I don't want to do anything)
I want to bring it to your notice
I want to chuck it all up
I want to clarify my actions to you
I want to do the decent thing by everybody here
I want to drink your health
I want to follow the matter up
I want to get down to my work
I want to get through on my own
I want to go over those documents
I want to have it out with you
I want to have you all to myself
I want to impart a secret
I want to keep in with her
I want to offer you my congratulations on the occasion
I want to put a certain proposition before you
I want to put you in the picture
I want to see it badly
I want to shake your complacency
I want to stand on my own feet
I want to stand you a drink
I want to try to expiate my deceit
I want you to brake me in gently
I want you to take a run over to Nõmme

I wanted to ask how he was making out with...
I wanted to ask you something. - Ask away!
I wanted to get hold of you
I wanted to keep pace with him
I warned it out of him
I warn you against oversimplification
I was a bit sore with you for holding out on me
I was a little nervous at the prospect
I was a trifle surprised
I was a year ahead of him
I was afraid even as she was
I was afraid he would be carried there neck and heels
I was afraid of abusing her hospitality
I was apprehensive about it
I was apprehensive of his criticisms
I was apprehensive that he might be unhappy
I was at a loss for words
I was at fault
I was at home minding my own business
I was at pains
I was baffled by the question
I was balked at the price
I was bedridden
I was beyond caring
I was bleeding profusely
I was bored with him
I was bored with that
I was bowled over (in shock)
I was brought up to believe
I was careful not to ask him about it
I was coming to it
I was completely at sea as to...
I was confined to the house
I was considerably startled by what I saw
I was correct in my judgement of her
I was devastated (horribly unhappy)
I was diffident of asking
I was divided from my correspondence by a trip abroad

I was dumbfounded
I was entertained to dinner
I was entitled to it
I was equal to taking care of myself
I was flabbergasted (shocked)
I was forever in their thrall
I was genuinely curious to know
I was given full access to the files
I was glad of her help
I was goaded by necessity
I was gratified that he was invoking me
I was half of my mind
I was happy to get her off my hands
I was hard put to keep up with him
I was held up by an unexpected call
I was hoping you would chair the meeting
I was impatient to be off
I was impeded by having my gloves on
I was impressed with it
I was in for a bad bout of influenza
I was in good time for my appointment
I was incoherent with gratitude and joy
I was indulging in fantasy
I was intensely curious
I was intensely happy
I was jolted out of the routine
I was just coming to that
I was just taking a walk
I was led to believe that...
I was left to my own devices
I was listening for you (waiting)
I was listening to you
I was looking forward to taking up my work
I was moved to tears
I was much too occupied
I was near the end of my tether
I was nearly spent
I was nostalgic for what might have been

I was not about to mention it
I was not aware of it
I was not entirely aware of the full implications of what it was
I was not overly concerned about money
I was not so confident (sure)
I was not to be consoled
I was on tenterhooks
I was one too many
I was only too happy to oblige
I was out of earshot
I was over the moon (very happy)
I was overwhelmed
I was persuaded against my better judgement
I was perturbed on his behalf
I was pervaded by the deep respect
I was poring over the album
I was proceeding along the street in the westerly direction
I was quite confused
I was rather dismal by myself
I was ready only by the skin of my teeth
I was serene and content
I was short of time
I was skeptical over this
I was soon reassured over it
I was stiff with surprise
I was still bound to cherish her
I was substantially in agreement with their case against him
I was taken totally by surprise
I was taken with him
I was terrified of making a blunder
I was the only one to stand up to him
I was thoroughly convinced
I was thrown off balance
I was to leave the car at the station against my return
I was too hard on them
I was too much taken up with the contents
I was totally unprepared
I was tremendously impressed

I was trying to make her out
I was trying to think straight
I was under his spell
I was upset indeed
I was used to his temper and could let it slide by
I was very apprehensive
I was vexed with you for doing it
I was waylaid by her
I was weighed down by this information
I was well ahead of time (early)
I was worried to death
I was worrying myself sick about you
I wasn't quite happy about it (wasn't satisfied)
I wasted my breath trying to convince him that the new method is more
 advantageous than the old one
I watched her with all my eyes
I watched him out of sight
I went into hot water over it
I went over my friends
I went through this experience
I went to join him
I wholeheartedly agree
I will be your warrant
I will cadge a lift home
I will certainly bear that message
I will do anything you ask of me
I will do it first thing in the morning
I will give it to him without committing you
I will have to bring our talk to a close
I will not be a party to it
I will not bias you toward my view
I will not forget it to my dying day
I will not hinder him
I will not inflict myself on you
I will put it no higher (to say nothing else)
I will take every precaution
I wish I could put my finger on it
I wish to have nothing much to do with it

I wish to know her
I wish to meet her
I wish to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you all
I wish you all a convivial evening
I wish you well
I wish you wouldn't harp on it
I wish you wouldn't persist
I wished I could sink into the earth
I wished it were otherwise
I won't be a moment
I won't be able to make it. - That's too bad (sad)
I won't go just yet
I won't have him here and that's flat
I won't make further objections
I won't stand for it
I wonder
I wonder if his luck can last
I wonder if I may have a word with you?
I wonder if I might bother you for a glass of water?
I wonder what makes him tick
I wonder what she is up to
I wonder you don't get tired of it
I wonder you keep any friends at all
I wonder, incidentally, if...?
I wondered dismally if...
I wondered what would they turn up
I worked on the computer
I would be only too willing to do it
I would chance my luck as a creative writer
I would hardly put it that way
I would have nothing better
I would like a little relief from this duty
I would much prefer
I would not give way to my fear
I would not go as far as to say...
I would not let you run on your sword
I would not presume to give you advice
I would not say that of him

I would not set myself as a good judge
I would prefer you to form your own judgement
I would put that down as a coincidence
I would rather you said nothing about it
I would stand by him through thick and thin
I would suit my time entirely to your convenience
I would swear to it
I would think twice about it
I would urge you, most respectfully,...
I wouldn't be in her shoes
I wouldn't count this against him
I wouldn't do it for anything
I wouldn't expect it to be otherwise
I wouldn't extend to him much credit
I wouldn't go quite as far as that
I wouldn't go that far
I wouldn't have you fussing after me
I wouldn't like to say so
I wouldn't miss that for worlds
I wouldn't put anything above it
I wouldn't put it beyond you
I wouldn't put it past you
I wouldn't put you out for the world
I wouldn't stake my life on him
I wouldn't tell you for the whole world
I wouldn't trust him an inch
I wracked my brain trying to think of something suitable
I yearn for a quiet life
I yielded to impulse
I'd appreciate a few words with you in your office, if I may?
I'd fundamentally disagree with that
I'd hoped to fix it here and now
I'd invested him with qualities he didn't possess
I'd like to get even with him
I'd like to make an appointment
I'd love to, if that's all right
I'd much rather it was your choice
I'd never dream of doing it

I'd put no trust in his word
I'd rather somebody else tackled her
I'd rather stay out of it
I'd sooner you didn't mention it
I'll admit to disappointment
I'll admit to doing it
I'll ask him point blank
I'll assign you your share of labour
I'll back you up
I'll be back in two winks (in no time)
I'll be in good time
I'll be leaving for Tartu inside a week
I'll be seeing you
I'll be tied up this afternoon
I'll be worried stiff if...
I'll bear it in mind
I'll call on her immediately I leave here
I'll come, just for the ride
I'll confine myself to the main outline
I'll default if I am not better
I'll do it all in good time
I'll do it in person
I'll do it tomorrow; how's that?
I'll do it, given the chance
I'll do whatever it takes
I'll drive a bargain with you
I'll extend your invitation to him
I'll fix it
I'll foot the bill
I'll get all the skiing there is
I'll get by
I'll get something in
I'll get you in good shape
I'll give him a ring (ring him up)
I'll give it to you in a nutshell
I'll give the devil his due
I'll give you a certain amount of face
I'll give you a clue

I'll go and spy out the land
I'll go into the matter and let you know
I'll go there right away
I'll keep my word to him
I'll keep watch
I'll keep you for a couple of minutes in suspense
I'll leave you to it
I'll lend my most careful attention
I'll look into the matter
I'll make his excuses
I'll make it up to you
I'll make you an offer here and now
I'll never get the better of him
I'll put it the other way round
I'll put your name up for it
I'll put your proposition before the committee
I'll remain unvanquished
I'll run you down, I have my car round the corner
I'll scout around a bit and see what I can get
I'll see you through (save you)
I'll square her
I'll stick by you whatever happens
I'll strike a bargain with you
I'll take counsel of my pillow
I'll take you on at it
I'll take you up on it some day
I'll take you up on that generous invitation
I'll take you up on that one day
I'll take you up on your offer, if it still stands
I'll try to persuade him to our point of view
I'll wash my hands of you
I'm afraid it doesn't come yet very easily
I'm feeling very much inclined to fruit
I'm furious with you
I'm glad you haven't changed your mind
I'm much more selfish than I let on
I'm off for a bit of lunch
I'm still a bit groggy, I must say

I've become a figure of mockery on his account
I've been saying it all along
I've been to see her
I've got a double-sized appetite on me today
I've got that lot
I've got very good far sight
I've got your interests at heart
I've had my full share of food and drink
I've nearly given you up
I've never been had (caught)
I've never known him like this before
I've never taken to her
I've not been overworking myself physically
Ideas that have no natural cohesion
Identical to mine in most respects
Idleness always took precedence over activity with him
If anyone, inadvertently, will...
If anything, it is worth...
If anything, it's on the increase
If carried into effect (if led to an end)
If ever somebody was self-destructive it was him
If he doesn't do it he may as well pack up
If he looked anything at all like me
If his beliefs will ever become totally triumphant
If I am even remotely right
If I am right in that
If I can clear that particular hurdle
If I do it I should be false to the trust laid on me
If I find myself shaping that way
If I had given my mind to it
If I had my time again
If I had my time over again I should do the same
If I have an overrunning ambition
If I have any more coffee I shan't sleep tonight
If I may coin a simile
If I may digress from...
If I may say, with respect, ...
If I set my mind to it

If I were you
If it came to terms with their expectations
If it can command public confidence
If it comes to that
If it is anything to go by
If it isn't to be
If it wouldn't bore you terribly
If my memory serves me right
If need be
If nothing else, it would...
If nothing important is imminent
If only for economic reasons
If only to show willingness
If our circumstances had been reversed
If really pushed to extremes
If she had done her duty by him, the end might have been different
If she wants it like that, I'll take my cue from her
If she were to be credited
If something goes short, his neighbour will oblige
If that really comes off
If that's all right with you
If the data are accurate
If the discussion gets going
If the labour market can absorb them all
If the others will meet her part way
If the truth be known
If the weather holds
If the word goes round that...
If the worst comes to the worst
If these figures hold through
If they could accomplish their ends by any other means
If this be the case
If we are thwarted over an urgent goal
If we are to gain an objective understanding
If we don't hurry, we shall lose the boat
If you are at a loose end
If you can carry your mind back successfully
If you change your mind, my offer will stand

If you could just chat him up for a few minutes
If you could keep on the right side of him (be friendly)
If you do, you get yourself committed
If you don't mind
If you follow the directions, you can't go wrong
If you had given yourself to it
If you have a single spark of pity
If you insist
If you mean..., well and good
If you please
If you run your fingers through it
If you see what I mean
If you set your mind on it
If you take the long view
If you think that it is fair and just
If your taste lies that way
If...it would have been done long since
Ill-natured tittle-tattle
Imbued with the idea (convinced)
Immensely admired
Immorality is rife
Imparting knowledge
Impervious to arguments
Impetus runs down
Implacable enemies
Implacable towards weakness
Implausible though this appeared,...

In a little while
In a lively language
In a low voice/in a loud voice
In a matter of days
In a matter of hours
In a matter of seconds
In a peremptory fashion
In a quandary
In a restrained mood
In a sense
In a singularly exaggerated form
In a small voice
In a sort of way (in some sense)
In a tone of utter dejection and discouragement
In a trice/in a moment
In a twinkling
In abject poverty
In accordance with the powers conferred upon him
In actual fact the car never left the garage
In actual practice
In after days
In all essentials it is the same
In all honesty
In all likelihood
In all new ventures things are pretty hectic
In all probability
In all seriousness
In all walks of life
In all weathers
In an attempt to
In an hour we were due to go
In an indulgent voice
In an unobtrusive way
In any event (in any case), he finally relented
In any event, it is...
In awe of her
In bitter mood
In broad daylight

In close succession
In compensation
In conformity to his tastes
In conformity with the agreement
In contrast
In default of
In default of evidence
In deference to his wishes
In deference to your feelings
In defiance of old age
In defiance of world opinion
In desperate financial straits
In due course
In due course he will recover
In effect (actually)
In effect he bungled the problem
In essence
In every conceivable way
In every walk of life
In excess of 35%
In excess of 40 lb
In excess of the target
In fields as diverse as...
In full rig (uniform)
In full view
In fun
In good fettle (in good form)
In her bare feet
In her behalf (for her)
In her mind's eye
In her own handwriting
In high glee
In high sea
In high spirits
In his phrase
In honour bound
In hot pursuit
In ignorance and innocence I built my own confines

In inverted commas
In keeping with
In keeping with the law
In keeping with the rule
In lieu of a better theory it covers the facts
In literal truth
In low spirits/high spirits
In matters of less moment (less importance)
In minute detail
In mistake
In much that I thought, I was deceiving myself
In my estimation/judgement
In my position
In my view you should send them all packing
In neither case
In next to no time
In no uncertain terms/words
In obedience to the call of the breakfast bell
In one way or another
In order for him to do it
In order to husband our rapidly decreasing money
In other words, ...
In part
In perpetuity
In person
In pictures it comes out so well
In places as diverse as X and Y
In point of fact (in fact)
In practice, ...
In preference to ...
In principle, ...
In profusion
In proportion to their size
In proportion to ...
In pursuit of his task
In rapid succession
In record time
In remorse

In remote times
In repose
In retaliation for...
In retrospect
In search of...
In short supply
In short,...
In simple terms
In so doing
In so far as
In so far as he is a historian
In some measure I do understand
In some minutes or thereabouts
In some obscure way
In something under an hour we were there
In sore perplexity
In speaking about X, it is as well to remember that...
In spite of myself
In spite of myself I shivered
In spite of overwhelming odds
In spite of the setbacks
In state of great confusion
In strict compliance with the rules
In strict sense
In support of their demands
In terms explicit
In terms of fees
In that capacity
In that short space of time
In that they are...
In the absence
In the best tradition of...
In the bustle of departure
In the circumstances
In the course of my experience
In the course of the evening
In the daytime it loses much of its impact
In the dead of night

In the dead of winter
In the deep sense of that word
In the end, she came forward (confessed)
In the event
In the event, however...
In the face of adversity
In the face of death
In the face of difficulty (disappointment)
In the faint hope
In the flurry of the moment I have forgotten all about it
In the full knowledge
In the futile attempt to blot out the pictures
In the hearing of all the people
In the heat of the moment
In the heyday of something
In the hollow of her hand
In the interim
In the last resort
In the light of that
In the main (generally speaking)
In the meantime
In the middle of nowhere
In the nick of time
In the prime of his youth
In the proper order
In the proper sense
In the same strain (mood)
In the short run/in the long run
In the space of 3 hours
In the strictest confidence
In the swim of life
In the teeth of all the evidence
In the teeth of death
In the teeth of the wind
In the thick of things
In the throes of the strike
In the true sense of the word
In the twinkling of an eye

In the very nature of things
In the way of arms
In their hour of need
In theory it is not possible to get past the entrance door
In theory,...
In this direction
In this respect
In three months he would attain his majority
In token of the occasion
In token that her repentance was accepted
In truth
In two or on the outside three days
In unmistakable terms
In vain
In view of the fact that...
In view of the forthcoming events
In view of this (because of this)
In vindication of one's conduct
In violation of all the rules of diplomacy
In what follows I propose to examine these questions
In what order of preference
In years to come
In your case one could stretch a point
In your heart of hearts
Inaccuracies of gossip
Inauspicious (unfavourable) circumstances
Inception of the Institute
Incessantly ruminating gum
Incidental in nature
Incidentally,... (by the way)
Incoherence in policies
Incoherent with rage
Incompatible with
Inconsistent with his plans/our intentions
Increased involvement of public opinion
Increasingly elaborate
Inculcating moral values
Indemnity against...

Indian file (single file)
Indigenous inhabitants contra alien elements
Indolence will not be passed over
Ineptly handled
Inexhaustible fund of physical energy
Infant prodigy
Infinitely less likely to attract attention
Infirmities of old age
Infirmity of purpose
Inflation has been exacerbated by...
Influence out of all proportion
Information was leaking out
Information was to hand by the next day
Information withheld from them
Inherently different in character
Inherently selfish
Inspect the car for rust
Instead of admitting it, he prevaricated
Intellectual superiority of one man over the other
Intended to spur them on
Intense love of Nature
Intensely boring
Intent on his activity, he never noticed...
Interest grew through seeing it
Interest was aroused
Interestingly,...
Interests are at odds
Interests extraneous to these were discouraged
Interruption to the work
Intervention on their behalf
Intimately acquainted with...
Intolerant of all differences of opinion
Intrusion on his privacy
Inversely correlated with...
Involved in...
Iodine stings like hell
Irredeemably mad
Irreversible change in time

Is anything amiss?
Is he any the worse for that?
Is he asleep for the night?
Is he in his right mind?
Is it a deal?
Is it all right if I wait?
Is it an overstatement of the case?
Is it in colour or in black and white?
Is it of your devising?
Is it your way of saying...?
Is she willing to fall in with it?
Is that all right with you?
Is that any distance from the house?
Is that job still open?
Is that so?
Is that the lot?
Is there a gleam of hope anywhere?
Is there any limit to the extent of...?
Is this the place we are bound for?
Is this what palls on you?
Islam doesn't appeal to me
Isn't it a little far-fetched to imagine that?
Isn't it carrying it rather far?
Isn't somebody going to minister to him?
Isn't that rushing things a little?
It achieved nothing of note
It acted as a rest-home
It added a zest to our enterprise
It afforded none too secure foothold
It alerted me to the fact that...
It all added to his knowledge
It all adds up to...
It all boiled down to that
It all falls into shape
It all fitted in
It also applies to...
It always came back to that
It amounts to that

It amply illustrates the fact
It amused him to exercise a certain astuteness to gain his aim
It annoyed her beyond due measure
It appears to have no direct relevance to the problem
It applied even more forcibly to...
It applied to his artistic sensibility
It argued a nice nature in him
It assumes a very different aspect at night
It atoned for his lack of years
It attracted adhesion to my ideas
It attracted considerable support
It augured well for his skill
It barely shows
It bears out the comment
It bears up the story
It beats me
It beats me how you manage to do it
It became blotted from my memory
It became clearly pronounced after...
It became increasingly more necessary
It became inexorably pronounced
It began roughly from...
It began to dawn on me
It beggars description
It belied his feelings
It bled profusely
It bore no relation to the rest
It brings all its merits into evidence
It brings us in close touch with...
It brought about a general deterioration of taste
It brought him back to the realities
It brought him to ruin
It brought him up with a start
It brought in its train a...
It brought it out and made its symptoms manifest
It brought it to an end
It brought it virtually to a standstill
It brought up him short

It called for more labour
It calls for (demands)
It calls for congratulation
It came as a surprise to me
It came as a total surprise
It came fairly nearly to being useful
It came in well up on time
It came into effect
It came through unscathed
It came to a close
It came to a standstill
It came to an end all too quickly
It came to his attention
It came to me like a flash one day
It came to me with the force of a revelation
It came to nothing
It came to the for in...
It came to very much the same in the end
It came true
It came under attack
It came under special scrutiny
It can banish our anxiety
It can be classified into two main heads
It can be classified under three main heads
It can be considered conveniently in three categories
It can be done by proxy
It can be done fairly easily
It can be enlarged to requirement
It can be mistaken for...
It can be roofed over with creepers
It can be taken to mean...
It can best be exemplified by...
It can do all the harm in the world
It can give rise to...
It can hardly be overestimated
It can make or mar the day
It can never be superseded
It can reach alarming proportions

It can't be that bad
It cannot be condemned out of hand as evil
It cannot be dismissed at will
It cannot be divorced from history
It cannot be gainsaid (argued against)
It cannot be helped
It cannot have been the prime cause
It cannot impose itself on the attention
It carries with it the implication that...
It casts a serious doubt
It caused him a keen delight
It certainly boosted my morale no end
It challenges your curiosity
It changes with temperature
It collapsed at the first touch
It comes apart at the seams
It comes back to me
It comes natural to him
It comes so natural
It comes to much the same
It comes to nothing
It comes to the same thing
It comes tumbling down
It commands a magnificent view over...
It commands respect
It commonly gives the greatest difficulty
It completely slipped my mind
It comprises all...
It comprises some 80 people
It concerns us both
It confirmed his hold on power
It confirms what has been long apparent
It constitutes a radical change
It contains upwards of twenty gallons
It continues to hold its own
It continues unabated
It convinced him otherwise
It cost a fortune

It cost them a pretty penny
It cost them dearly
It costs me a lot of mental anguish
It could augment the income of the crofters
It could be carried into excessive interpretations
It could be detrimental to the talks
It could be done into English (translated)
It could be left there, for all he cared
It could be misconstrued
It could give you a nasty turn
It could have been more telling compressed into 10 minutes
It could not have rested solely on...
It could precipitate the process
It could turn out to be a liability
It couldn't be helped
It counts a great deal
It created a sensation
It crossed my mind, too
It crystallised my intentions
It darted away at full speed
It dates to the beginning of the previous century
It dawned on him
It decided me to intervene
It defies classification
It defies description
It defies reason
It defies time
It depends
It deprived him of joy
It deserves more than a passing word
It did not abate his prejudice
It did rather look like it
It didn't come to much
It didn't create a tug of war
It didn't keep me immune from hurt
It didn't register with me (I didn't feel)
It didn't take very well - a year and a half and it was done with
It didn't really catch on (become modern)

It differs profoundly from...
It dimly occurred to her
It discloses the fact
It disintegrated into dust
It does credit to you
It does make one's temper rise
It does not accord with the fact of history
It does not altogether deserve its reputation
It does not amount to anything
It does not amount to much
It does not behave you to act like this
It does not convey sufficient respect
It does not cover a large area
It does not fit in with my plans
It does not hinder them from short cuts
It does not hold water
It does not require much imagination to picture what it must be like
It does not square in with this theory
It does the trick
It doesn't add up
It doesn't call for technical skill
It doesn't come for free
It doesn't come up to my ideas of...
It doesn't enter into it all that much
It doesn't make the experience any less rewarding
It doesn't mean he wasn't wise to the problem
It doesn't promise well
It doesn't rest with me where I shall be tomorrow
It doesn't sound much good to me
It doesn't suit my book
It doesn't take any skin off my bones
It doesn't take much prompting for me to become quite lyrical about it
It doesn't take much to interpret
It drastically curtails our ability to make a just assessment
It draws in money (makes it)
It drives me to despair
It drives me to desperation
It dropped by its own weight

It drove him nearly to distraction
It easily lends itself to reading aloud
It effected a cure
It enabled him to take long views
It ends on a note of sadness
It engaged her on a serious level
It entails inevitably...
It enters considerably into this narrative
It entitles him to all the consideration
It escaped damage
It escaped my notice
It expands as a snowball
It explains in part
It failed to alleviate the pain
It failed to reflect the situation
It falls short of perfection
It falls short of the high standard she demands
It falls short of the mark
It falls short of this ideal
It falls to me to do it
It falls very far short of truth
It feels almost like years
It fell in with all her inclinations
It fell into their hands
It fell on lean times
It filled me with exhausted dejection
It finally came home to me
It first came to be used in...
It fits these conditions very aptly
It follows as a matter of course
It frightened them out of their wits
It furnishes the key to a mystery that is puzzling me
It gained immense acclaim
It gathered momentum
It gathered pace
It gave her a claim to life
It gave her a sudden start
It gave him goose-flesh to think that

It gave him much concern
It gave him much food for reflection
It gave it universal validity
It gave me a turn (shock)
It generated a great lot of excitement
It gets one down (makes nervous)
It gives an insight into his character
It gives me a great pleasure to proclaim X open
It gives me the shudders
It gives no promise of relief from rain
It gives point to his plea
It goes against all better advice
It goes against the grain
It goes by default (is not fulfilled)
It goes with it
It goes with the place
It goes without saying
It got out of control
It had a crippling effect on...
It had a heart-catching quality
It had a profound effect on subsequent events
It had a salutary effect on me
It had become an obsession with him
It had been a near shave
It had been pleasurable when I lived there
It had been steady throughout
It had enormous resonance
It had entailed several happenings
It had goaded/egged her on
It had indelible effect upon...
It had materially diminished her charm
It had no use for him
It had not been said in so many words
It had not come up to expectations
It had set its mark on him
It hadn't worked out quite the way it was supposed to do
It happened all right
It happened way back in 1991

It happens in even the smoothest organization
It hardly justified the time and stationary devoted to it
It hardly matters
It has a charm all its own
It has a negative connotation
It has a profound effect
It has a solitary effect on...
It has a strand of truth in it
It has a venerable history
It has actually come to an open breach
It has all but disappeared
It has all the fascination of medieval heresy
It has aroused international concern
It has aroused widespread resentment among...
It has astonished me exceedingly
It has become all too familiar
It has become popular in its own right
It has been adversely affected
It has been argued that...
It has been attended to
It has been blandly ignored
It has been called into existence
It has been carried out to the letter
It has been child's play to this
It has been coming on for some time
It has been done away with
It has been falling into disuse
It has been fully justified
It has been gaining ground
It has been put to good use
It has been the focus of much attention
It has brought a certain bonus
It has brought courage as well as strength
It has brought her to her senses
It has brought in its train...
It has brought it to a virtual standstill
It has brought nothing but misery
It has changed dramatically

It has changed out of all recognition
It has come as something of a surprise
It has come full circle
It has come in for so much criticism
It has come in very handy
It has come loose
It has come to life
It has come to my attention
It has come to nothing
It has come to pass
It has come up to expectations
It has come upon me as a complete surprise
It has commanded renewed interest in the last two decades
It has dealt an irrevocable blow
It has developed over the years
It has done me worlds of good
It has dwindled into the conservative reaction
It has fired the imagination of poets
It has given new emphasis to speculation
It has got to be assimilated along with, and as part and parcel of, the whole
of our mental experience
It has grown in volume
It has had a very good effect on him
It has had much to do with the disasters that have overtaken us
It has helped me to pull through
It has its own intrinsic value
It has kept them rigorously apart
It has little else to commend it
It has long-term consequences
It has lost much of its appeal
It has met with little success
It has much to recommend itself
It has never come to his attention
It has no bearing on the matter
It has no business to be here
It has not been proved beyond reasonable doubt
It has not been spelled out in detail
It has overcome my scruples

It has paralleled this
It has proved a blessing in disguise
It has put paid to your ambition
It has ruined her figure
It has sent the young man's senses reeling
It has slipped my memory
It has stood the test of the intervening years
It has stood the test of time
It has stood up to it all right
It has succeeded beautifully
It has taken further toll of her strength
It has taken my fancy
It has taken the edge off all my reasoning powers
It has to be made good
It has to be seen to be believed
It has to fall back on her (be satisfied with her)
It has undergone a change for the better
It has virtually disappeared
It hasn't come my way
It haunted me for years
It heavily relies on it
It held no fascination for him
It held them at their mercy
It held true
It helps things along
It hindered the exchange
It holds a lesson for us. The reasons are very diverse
It holds a mystery of its own
It holds a strange fascination for me
It holds good
It impaired his judgement
It impelled me to a dashing step
It imposes great artistic responsibilities on them
It impressed me enormously
It in no way calls into question the...
It incurred a heavy bill for repairs
It incurs considerable expense
It involved expenditure

It irked him to be confined to such petty talk
It is a bit of a gamble to arrange for... with a climate like ours
It is a bit of a trial to me
It is a challenge to his wits
It is a complete delusion
It is a constant refrain with him
It is a convenience
It is a craze for speed which brings everything to a standstill
It is a different kettle of fish (different altogether)
It is a disgrace
It is a distinct possibility
It is a far cry from the other one (utterly different)
It is a far-fetched theory
It is a favourite haunt of mine
It is a feather in his cap
It is a full-scale affair
It is a genuine, hallmarked product
It is a gift denied to many
It is a good story even so (all the same)
It is a great comfort
It is a habit with me
It is a harsh thing to say of anyone
It is a home truth
It is a lark to be left on one's own
It is a little far-fetched (improbable)
It is a little late in the day for that
It is a matter for conjecture
It is a matter of common knowledge
It is a matter of necessity
It is a misnomer
It is a mixed lot who go there
It is a moot point
It is a nagging anxiety
It is a passion with her
It is a pity all this will go to waste
It is a pity you omitted to do so
It is a positive outrage
It is a presage of death

It is a question with wide implications
It is a regular bee
It is a revealing sign of the times
It is a select body
It is a serious understating in itself
It is a shame (pity)
It is a shame that she is not here (a pity)
It is a sharply undulating country
It is a sort of hobby with him
It is a stone's throw from...
It is a subject for discussion (nothing is clear!)
It is a subject in itself
It is a tedious chore
It is a thing of the past
It is a tougher proposition than she realised
It is a very difficult challenge
It is a very hard question to answer fully
It is a word very frequent with you
It is a year to the day
It is about time you do it
It is about to take effect
It is absolutely stunning
It is abundantly clear
It is accurate to say that...
It is admittedly a synopsis of existing knowledge
It is all a pack of lies
It is all but inevitable
It is all but invisible
It is all cut and dried (no doubt)
It is all dubious
It is all for the better
It is all important
It is all in all to him (most important)
It is all lost on me
It is all of a piece
It is all part and parcel of it
It is all right with me
It is all square

It is all the more so
It is all the rage (top fashion)
It is all the vogue
It is all the worse for you
It is all to the good
It is all too confusing
It is all too easy to believe in a story
It is all very well, but...
It is all-important
It is almost frightening in its mere bulk
It is always the way with her
It is an asset to anyone
It is an evil springing from human minds
It is an expedient
It is an eyesore
It is an isolated incident
It is an outrage
It is an outrage on good taste
It is anyone's guess (nobody knows)
It is as much fun as drudgery as we care to make it
It is as well to be sure
It is at the root of...
It is bad as it is
It is bare minimum
It is barely possible
It is barely worth the labour expended
It is beginning to get under way
It is beyond all recognition
It is beyond description
It is beyond dispute
It is beyond his little ken
It is beyond me
It is beyond our means
It is beyond redemption
It is beyond salvage
It is beyond the wit of man
It is beyond their grasp
It is born in upon him

It is bound to be done
It is bound to be repeated
It is bound to cause difficulties
It is bound to have repercussions
It is bringing people down to earth
It is by no means accidental
It is central to the argument
It is certainly an improvement on the last one
It is changing in a good many ways
It is clear indication of...
It is clearly not the case
It is close by
It is clouding up
It is common knowledge
It is commonly thought
It is completely at variance with...
It is completely disastrous
It is consistent with...
It is contrary from his character to do anything for mere amusement
It is covered by insurance
It is customary with me
It is dazzling on the eyes
It is decidedly better
It is deeply foolish
It is definitely ruled out
It is deliciously refreshing
It is difficult not to agree with them
It is difficult to access
It is difficult to be steadfast
It is difficult to know how reliable his memories might be
It is difficult to pass judgement upon...
It is difficult to say what it is, apart from...
It is difficult to stamp it out
It is difficult to sustain it for 50 years
It is difficult to tell his age
It is disheartening
It is distinctly successful as things go
It is done with

It is double Dutch to me
It is doubtful in retrospect
It is downright ugly
It is downright unjust
It is drawing inexorably nearer
It is due for repair
It is easier said than done
It is easily flouted
It is enormously relevant to the present day
It is entirely beside the point
It is entirely likely
It is essentially a ...
It is every bit as important
It is exactly because of this that...
It is exceedingly important
It is extensively damaged
It is fairly manifest that...
It is fairly obvious
It is fairly regular with him
It is far too good to be true
It is far too long since you were my guest
It is fine by me
It is for all practical purposes nonexistent
It is for me to be sorry
It is foredoomed to failure
It is fundamentally different
It is generally understood that...
It is getting out of hand
It is given extra height by its position on the hill
It is glaringly plain
It is good as novels go
It is good enough as it is
It is good for me
It is good of you to humour me
It is gradually gaining ground
It is grist to the mill
It is hard by the theatre
It is hard luck on him

It is hard to come by
It is hardly appropriate for this weather
It is hardly music for my ears
It is here to stay
It is high time we did it
It is highly appropriate
It is highly commendable
It is highly desirable
It is highly irrelevant
It is highly questionable
It is highly unlikely
It is his by right
It is his for the taking
It is hopelessly beyond his reach
It is immaterial for the present purpose
It is immensely rewarding
It is immensely satisfying
It is imminent, with hindsight
It is imperative
It is implemented in good faith
It is important to hold fast to this
It is important to know what we are in for
It is in most frequent use
It is in progress
It is incompatible with...
It is inconceivable to me
It is increasingly evident
It is incumbent on everyone
It is indicative of...
It is ineffable
It is ingrained in his nature
It is instantly apparent
It is intensely real
It is intrinsically good
It is intrinsically more elaborate
It is just a stepping stone for...
It is just a vicious circle
It is just as well

It is just as well to have some supply of petrol in a tank
It is just like old times
It is just my cup of tea
It is just on 12 o'clock
It is little short of miraculous
It is lost on me
It is manifest (clear)
It is merely a conjecture
It is more than we had bargained for
It is more to his interest
It is mortifying in the extreme to find on arrival that doors are closed
It is most disturbing
It is most gratifying
It is most stunning for me
It is most unlikely
It is much in demand
It is much in evidence
It is much the best
It is much the same thing
It is mutually acceptable
It is natural to her
It is nearer to being the truth
It is neither here nor there
It is new to me
It is no easy matter
It is no good
It is no mean achievement
It is no surprise
It is not a free handout
It is not a matter of common knowledge
It is not a question to answer out of hand
It is not a trifling matter
It is not always precisely understood
It is not as bad as you make it out
It is not beyond his capacity
It is not by palliative symptoms that you can effect a real cure
It is not compatible with our objectives
It is not conductive to any work

It is not confined to us
It is not crystal clear that...
It is not easy for him to get his own way
It is not far wrong
It is not for me to speak so
It is not in the market
It is not in tune with our character
It is not my intention to...
It is not negligible
It is not offered as more than possible
It is not often that such a chance comes their way
It is not quite appropriate
It is not readily forgotten
It is not ruled out
It is not so stupid as it appears on the face of it
It is not that important
It is not the end and aim of life to him
It is not to be found there
It is not too far-fetched, it certainly has an element of probability about it
It is not true by a long chalk
It is not up to me to criticize it
It is not worth a fillip
It is nothing short of a miracle
It is now so unfashionable as to be thought eccentric
It is nowhere near finished
It is nowhere near it
It is nowhere near the truth
It is of doubtful value
It is of great importance
It is of momentous significance (very great)
It is of no consequence
It is of paramount importance
It is off the point
It is on the cards
It is on the decline
It is on the increase
It is on the tip of my tongue
It is on view

It is one too many
It is only a conjecture of mine
It is only a matter of time
It is only fitting that...
It is only his due (his right)
It is only natural
It is open to doubt
It is out of date
It is out of my depth
It is out of my usual run of things
It is out of place here
It is out of the question
It is outrageous
It is particularly hazardous to public health
It is past and done with
It is perfectly all right
It is perfectly hopeless
It is perfectly innocuous
It is pointless
It is popularly supposed
It is possible to over-colour the general picture
It is pouring with rain
It is precarious inference, I should say
It is preposterous
It is pretty clear
It is pride of place which spurred him on
It is probably safe to say that...
It is profoundly significant
It is prone to corrosion
It is put out of action
It is quite a plausible reason
It is quite a success on her side
It is quite beyond me
It is quite comfortable enough
It is quite the reverse
It is rather a compliment than otherwise
It is rather a vague concept
It is rather difficult to brake off once we start

It is rather inconvenient
It is rather more than I had bargained for
It is rather unintelligible in his pronunciation
It is rather unsporting thing to do
It is ready to crumble at a touch
It is really remiss of me
It is really self-evident
It is reasonably new
It is right up your street
It is rooted in ancient cruelty and superstition
It is ruled out
It is ruled out on identical grounds
It is savouring of deception
It is secluded from view by those trees
It is second-best, I'm afraid
It is sheer madness
It is shortly to be opened
It is showing up very strongly
It is significant, however
It is simply not coming across
It is small and ineffectual
It is small wonder
It is so interesting that it takes one's breath away
It is something of a surprise
It is somewhat inaccurate
It is special to me
It is still a live issue (not solved)
It is still a moot point
It is still the rule rather than the exception
It is stripped of everything superfluous
It is substantially true
It is such a loss for you
It is suggestive of...
It is tantamount to...
It is the back of beyond
It is the busiest man who has time to spare
It is the busiest people who always manage to make time
It is the more necessary for me to state this fully

It is the nearest thing to straw
It is the next best thing to...
It is the prime condition
It is this that causes me concern
It is to all intents and purposes (actually) a backwater
It is to be hoped
It is to his taste
It is tomato juice laced with vodka
It is too arduous for me to be social
It is too much of a burden
It is too much of a coincidence
It is torture to him
It is totally at odds
It is totally obvious
It is under guarantee
It is under way (being carried out)
It is unlike to impede contacts
It is unnecessary to labour the point any further
It is unrealistic to credit it to any one man
It is unsound
It is unusual/usual with me
It is up to you
It is utterly pointless
It is utterly repugnant to me
It is very difficult to lay down any rule
It is very fulfilling
It is very gratifying
It is very hard on her
It is very hard to make headway now
It is very much more toxic
It is very much to his credit
It is very unfortunate
It is virtually finished
It is virtually impossible
It is virtually nothing
It is wanton to spend so much money on a mere...
It is weighing on my mind
It is well worth doing it

It is with great pleasure that we would like to extend through you an invitation to...

It is within easy walking distance
It is working round the clock
It is worth while
It is yours for the asking
It is, perhaps, not amiss to declare...
It isn't all by any means
It isn't all that far from London
It isn't as bad as you make out
It isn't born out by the facts
It isn't easy to come by
It isn't even as though she were English
It isn't everyone's cup of tea
It isn't fair on you
It isn't my notion of the thing at all
It isn't too much to ask, is it?
It isn't up my street
It jars on my nerves
It just about sums it up
It just came into being
It just isn't possible within the time
It just slipped my mind
It just so happens that...
It kept her wakeful at night
It kept my mind occupied
It kindled their interest
It lasted a solid hour
It lasted for two hours on end
It lasted full 10 minutes
It leaves you with all your options open
It left him at a loose end
It lends grandeur to the occasion
It lends itself beautifully to computerization
It lends itself to limitless variety
It lends itself well to this explanation
It lends to the following interpretation
It lies in wait

It looks as though he...
It looks none too good
It looks to me as if...
It lost nothing in the telling
It made a nice contrast to...
It made her catch her breath
It made him feel larger than life
It made him impossible to dislike it
It made him the odd man out
It made it all but impossible
It made me feel so ineffectual, so stupid
it made my blood run pretty cold
It made my head reel
It made the hackles rise on my neck
It made the task increasingly harrowing
It made us cringe with embarrassment
It made your gorge rise (sick)
It makes a stepping stone in the development of...
It makes a very poor showing indeed
It makes all the difference
It makes her gorge rise
It makes it less likely to happen
It makes me creepy
It makes my holiday complete
It mattered beyond everything
It may be construed as superiority
It may be not fair to draw too close a parallel
It may be obtained with vastly less trouble
It may be turned to that use
It may come in useful
It may happen and nobody is the wiser (it can't be helped)
It may happen of its own accord
It may have an important bearing on the case
It may have been implicit in the fact
It may have substance
It may jeopardise the entire future of the talks
It may leave us astray (lost)
It may repay closer investigation

It may sound far-fetched, but tests have been carried out
It may sound trite, but...
It may work out that way
It meant, in the long run,...
It merely states the underlying principles
It merits your attention
It met with approval
It might be appropriate, perhaps, to savage hordes
It might become general knowledge
It might cast a doubt
It might disrupt scientific research
It might do him a world of good
It might have been such fun. - So it might
It might lead you astray
It might not come off
It might precipitate the solution
It might provide a basis for an agreement
It more or less fits the facts
It must be done right away
It must be painful to her
It must be rather a nuisance to you
It must be subjected to stringent analysis
It must be way past your bedtime
It must bear proof of sensible usage
It must have been his subconscious wish that had externalised itself
It must have been taken (stolen)
It must have worked loose
It must needs depend on...
It must not be taken for granted
It naturally rested with him
It necessarily has its repercussions in human lives
It necessitated that
It need hardly be said,...
It needn't be confined to...
It needs a lot doing to
It needs a vast amount of courage
It needs extension, but I don't think it is up to me to extend it
It never deterred him from doing it

It never entered my mind
It never materialized
It never rains but it pours
It never seemed to come to much
It never took root
It obviates the necessity for it
It occupied a considerable proportion of the day
It occurred to her that she might be overlooking an opportunity to glean a
 few facts of interest regarding it
It occurred to me
It offered an insurmountable obstacle
It offers only a partial explanation
It offers the only plausible explanation
It only brings out hostility
It only goes to show that...
It opens your mind
It ought to be by rights
It ought to be rather good value
It overwhelmed me
It owed much to circumstance
It owes little or not at all to it
It owes little or nothing to...
It paid off
It panders to his taste
It passed all belief
It passed for normal
It passed muster
It passed my mind in less time than it takes to tell
It passed off without incident
It pays dividends to do it regularly
It pays to fall in with his wishes
It placed him in the full glare of public attention
It plays havoc with the work
It presented a problem
It presupposes a reasonable amount of work
It prevails almost universally
It proved far too expensive
It proved many times over that...

It provides at least partial answer for...
It provides only a partial explanation
It purports to be a novel
It put her on her mettle
It put me in a melancholy mood
It put me off for a moment (surprised)
It put me off right away
It put me on my mettle
It put paid to all hopes (ended)
It puts me in mind of a dog
It rained steadily all the day
It ran into severe difficulties
It rankled in his mind and led to reprisals
It reached a fine point of perfection
It reads,...
It received great acclaim
It reduces the possibility
It relieves my feelings
It remains arguable
It remains in force
It remains no more than possible
It remains to be seen
It rendered discovery unlikely for some time
It rendered him persona non grata
It represents for me the only refuge in a frightening world
It required more capital than I could outlay
It rests on the integrity of my word
It rests squarely with her
It reveals a hotchpotch of styles
It riled her (angered her)
It runs in our family
It runs to seed (deteriorates)
It saves a lot of hassle (saves useless activity)
It seemed a positive age before they came (long time)
It seemed in no way different
It seemed prudent to walk in and chance to luck
It seemed unlikely to the point of impossibility
It seemed worth trying, on the off chance

It seems a delightfully apt name for him
It seems a very outside chance
It seems cold to me, to say the least of it
It seems faintly unlikely
It seems I dropped a brick
It seems more likely
It seems only right to make mention of this
It seems to be a bit of petty spite
It seems to be a most crippling liability
It seems to be a road to dead end
It seems to be the order of the day
It seems to be the thing just now
It seems to be X's most crippling liability
It seems to compare quite favourably with...
It seems to lead you on a wild goose chase
It seems to stand in a class of itself
It seems to take on added importance
It seems too much to think beyond that
It served him right
It serves as a catalyst for our emotions
It set me thinking
It set me wondering
It sharply increased
It should be available under certain circumstances
It should be noted
It should be possible to treat any one section in isolation
It should be regarded as an outside possibility
It should be useful if judiciously applied
It should be very appropriate if...
It showed up only in retrospect
It shows from under the cover
It shows her figure to advantage
It shows in his walk
It shows it only too clearly
It shows some presence of mind in them
It signalled his intention
It signifies impending trouble
It slipped my mind

It smacks of interference
It sounded a good prospect
It sounded an excellent plan
It sounded as though...
It sounds attractive
It sounds convincing and illuminating
It sounds daft
It sounds intriguing
It sounds like quite good sense
It sounds rather daunting
It sounds thin to me
It speaks most forcibly on this point
It spreads of necessity
It squares with his ideas
It stands in contrast to...
It stands out by contrast
It stands to reason
It startled me full awake
It steadied my nerves
It stems from the fact that...
It stood me in good stead
It strikes me
It struck a chord in me
It struck me as a great incongruity
It struck me as unusual
It struck me speechless
It stunned me
It succeeded beautifully
It suffers for want of use
It suggested itself as a case for study
It suits him down to the ground
It suits my particular bent of thought
It suits your book, doesn't it?
It surprised me into laughter
It survived almost intact
It sustained heavy damage
It tainted what had just gone before
It takes a minute to drive it home

It takes a while to get used to the new ways
It takes all sorts
It takes all sorts to make a world
It takes doing
It takes forever (much time)
It takes him all his strength to do so
It takes it out of me
It takes my breath away
It takes on a completely new aspect
It takes one out of oneself
It takes some people that way
It takes the edge of enjoyment off it
It takes two to make a quarrel
It tends to be forgotten
It tends to reduce nearly all our statements to the level of tentative guesses
It testifies strongly to it
It threw them into the wildest excitement
It threw things into proper perspective
It took all her willpower not to lash out at him
It took an ever-increasing hold on my thoughts
It took away from his good looks
It took me some time before I knew what I was up against
It took me some time to realise what he meant
It took me some time to summon the courage
It took precedence over...
It took their united efforts to...
It took us some time before...
It touched a cord with her
It transcends all the laws
It travestied the true parts played in it by all concerned
It turned a great deal colder the next day
It turned out to be dangerous
It turned to be wrong
It unleashed a new impetus
It unsettled me
It upsets me no end
It used to be a smallholding (a very small farm)
It used to be thought important

It vanished into thin air
It varies over time
It verged on despotism
It vindicates the drive for reconciliation
It virtually amounts to...
It virtually came to an end
It virtually disappeared
It wants 5 minutes to 11
It warmed the cockles of my heart
It was 10 minutes before she came
It was 5 days away
It was a big house with a lot of empty rooms to it
It was a bit of a nuisance
It was a common enough ruse to get her out of the way
It was a concession to old age
It was a curious and interesting sidelight on history
It was a damned near thing (Wellington, after Waterloo)
It was a deliberate attempt on his life
It was a display of courtesy
It was a fair-sized room
It was a hell of a time
It was a long time coming
It was a longish trip that I did not relish
It was a marvel to me
It was a mismatch from the start
It was a neatly tended garden
It was a new work for me and I bungled it (made a mess of)
It was a nightmare for me
It was a real pleasure to hear from you once again
It was a relief all the same
It was a revelation to me
It was a setback to my theory
It was a sort of rebound
It was a standing joke with them
It was a subdued affair
It was a tall order
It was a tough life
It was a tribute to my fur hat

It was a very small return for his kindness
It was a welcome diversion
It was a windfall
It was accepted without demur
It was acclaimed as a great success
It was aeons ago (very long ago)
It was all at a cost
It was all but ignored
It was all but unknown
It was all I could do to be civil to the man
It was all in keeping
It was all to the good
It was always cold when the dark fell
It was an absurd risk to take
It was an astute move
It was an excellent plan on the assumption that...
It was an exhausting but exhilarating trip
It was an odd thing of him to do
It was as well that he did so
It was at its most conspicuous in the capital
It was at variance with...
It was atrociously cold
It was awful for her
It was bad luck
It was bad luck on him
It was bad timing
It was barely audible
It was becoming an obsession with me
It was bizarre and nerve-racking
It was blown up out of all proportion
It was born in upon me
It was bound to happen
It was brought off successfully
It was brought to a standstill
It was built to endure
It was built way back in 1890
It was carried through in the teeth of a good deal of opposition
It was close on 20 years since...

It was close on 7 o'clock
It was close upon midnight
It was cold to the touch
It was confusing, to say the least
It was constantly born in on us that...
It was denounced in the press
It was designated as...
It was devoid of life
It was different from what I had visualized
It was different in a good many ways
It was difficult to come to terms with such requests
It was disconcerting for me
It was dismissed as irrelevant
It was distinctly bright of you
It was eminently readable
It was engineered with her connivance
It was far too long
It was far too repugnant to me
It was genuine enjoyment
It was getting badly on his nerves
It was getting on for 9 o'clock
It was good for them if for no one else
It was handed down from the ancient times
It was he who recovered himself first
It was held up to mockery
It was highly informative
It was his for the taking
It was immaculately turned out
It was impossible to quench her enthusiasm
It was in full view
It was in keeping with...
It was in the making
It was instrumental in achieving this
It was intended in due course to become...
It was just a fluke (a piece of luck)
It was just as well
It was just touch and go with him
It was left in the dilemma

It was little to what followed
It was lost to sight
It was maddening, but it was worth it
It was meticulously described in...
It was more difficult than I was led to believe
It was most awfully kind of you to invite us
It was most disconcerting
It was most remarkable! - Quite so
It was most unfortunate
It was my turn to do it
It was never much to boast of
It was no go
It was no time for half measures
It was no use gainsaying her
It was nominated for Oscar
It was not a propitious beginning
It was not all plain sailing
It was not an instant too soon
It was not given formal recognition
It was not lost on me (I noticed it)
It was not materially improved
It was not quite cold enough
It was not restricted to one class
It was not to his advantage to do so
It was not to his liking
It was nothing if not personal
It was nothing remotely resembling...
It was odd and out of character
It was on his suggestion that I...
It was one of the things she resented about him
It was only a subterfuge to break the silence
It was only just sinking in
It was only to be expected
It was organized to perfection
It was out of keeping with his age and appearance
It was past time for him to come home
It was perfectly timed
It was plain to all

It was possible to see at a glance
It was precious little
It was pressed to my notice
It was put out of action
It was quite an ordeal
It was quite in keeping with his reputation
It was quite one of the most unrewarding tasks I have ever undertaken
It was quite the thing
It was quoted verbatim
It was rather a clever touch
It was rather cold outdoors
It was rather hard luck on her
It was rather heavy going (complicated situation)
It was rather late in the day
It was rather spectacular
It was rejected on the grounds that...
It was sent to me on approval
It was served up
It was singular to behold
It was so sweet of you to take all that trouble
It was something of a relief
It was something of a shock to read that...
It was something startling
It was spotlessly clean
It was stamped all over his face
It was still in being (still existed)
It was still in progress
It was stuffed to capacity
It was suddenly born in on me that...
It was supplied to us
It was sweet of you to think of it
It was tantamount to...
It was the last lap of the distance
It was the last leg of our journey
It was the most exhilarating time for us
It was the performance of a lifetime
It was the time of my life
It was this on which her hopes were pinned

It was thrown to the ground
It was time I made more of my leisure
It was to all intents and purposes (actually)
It was to this spot that they bent their steps
It was too hard to bear
It was touch and go
It was tough on you
It was treated flippantly
It was uttered in malice
It was very decent of him
It was very nearly nothing
It was very neatly and simply arranged
It was very remiss of him
It was virtually unknown
It was virtually unknown in science
It was worth it for all that
It was written with one eye on...
It was you all along
It was, as it were,...
It wasn't all plain sailing
It wasn't any of my business
It wasn't for the first time, not by a long chalk
It wasn't in all conscience very inspired
It wasn't quite good enough
It wasn't all that much
It wears down one's nerves
It well might be
It went by the board (failed)
It went clean out of my mind
It will be called into question
It will be gathered from the foregoing
It will be given highest priority
It will be implemented sooner rather than later
It will be looked on as money well spent
It will be out of keeping with...
It will blow over
It will bring a little colour into my life
It will come in handy

It will come to be
It will come to light in due course
It will continue far into the night
It will happen all right
It will heal of its own accord
It will inevitably betray a personal bias
It will last for anything up to 20 years
It will make things easier for you
It will never come off
It will not affect the issue
It will not be an advantage
It will not be long in fading away
It will not be tolerated for an instant
It will not help them one little bit
It will prove the contention
It will put paid to all rumours (put an end)
It will send shivers of apprehension through them
It will somewhat offset the cost of...
It will take a great weight off my mind
It will take you a week to work everything off
It will work out somehow
It will, to a large extent, determine...
It won by a wide margin
It won't bear your weight
It won't go far (will not last long)
It won't come right without a large pat of butter
It wore him out before his time
It would be a drain on his resources
It would be a great privilege
It would be a long time coming
It would be a pity if it were left at that
It would be an exaggeration to say
It would be best council to...
It would be best in their keeping
It would be better for being that
It would be dear for £3
It would be gratifying to steal a march on them
It would be idle to pretend that we know all we should like to know

It would be inappropriate
It would be mere waste of breath (he doesn't answer)
It would be one worry the less
It would be out of place
It would be preposterous
It would be rather a drain on her resources
It would be scarcely feasible
It would be the better for a coat of paint
It would be very useful towards the expenses of the household
It would break his heart
It would break my heart to part with it
It would cost every penny of six thousand
It would do him no good
It would fall in
It would have added up to the same thing in the end
It would have left me out of pocket
It would have overwhelmed him but for his energy
It would just go to feed his vanity
It would manifest itself
It would never do
It would not be amiss
It would not fit in with the concepts of current science
It would not yield any result
It would strongly suggest that...
It would suit him down to the ground
It would take a stunt driver to come out of it safely
It would the better enable us to...
It wouldn't be fair to them
It wouldn't be long in coming
It wouldn't do anyone a little bit of good
It wouldn't have done
It wouldn't have mattered terribly much
It wouldn't have worked. Not in the long run
It wouldn't surprise me in the least
It wreaked havoc (caused havoc)
It yielded no result
It'll be remembered
It'll never amount to anything

It'll stop of itself
It'll suit him to a T
It'll take his mind off things
It'll take some time to heal the breach
It'll take you a good bit out of your way
It'll turn to rain later
It's a bad job (hopeless)
It's a bargain
It's a bit of a guess
It's a bit thick (it's much too much)
It's a bit thick to be expelled for that
It's a burden to be born with resignation
It's a clear-cut problem
It's a far cry from that (quite different)
It's a favourite with her
It's a good read
It's a good weight (rather heavy)
It's a great strain on me
It's a landmark for miles
It's a little off the beaten track
It's a matter of biding one's time
It's a mistake keeping things bottled up
It's a most disheartening experience
It's a most salient point
It's a nasty thing to happen
It's a pack of lies
It's a shame (pity)
It's a tip of an iceberg
It's about time we went there
It's all a mare's nest
It's all in the day's work
It's all past and done with
It's all right for you to talk
It's all right with me
It's all right, all things considered
It's amazing the way it...
It's an appalling record
It's an easy walk (it is not far)

It's anyone's guess
It's appalling, the bureaucracy is
It's as easy as anything
It's become an obsession with her
It's been gathering momentum ever since
It's been quite a day
It's been very much on my mind
It's beginning to tell on me
It's beyond words
It's brand new
It's coming open
It's consistent
It's controversial
It's done up in string into a parcel
It's downright generous
It's excessively dusty in there
It's extremely unreasonable of you
It's far more important
It's fastened on the inside
It's for good and all
It's getting me down
It's getting out of trim (needs renovation)
It's going to be uphill work
It's got to you, hasn't it? (affected you)
It's high time you were in bed
It's hold on reality is too slight
It's inimitable
It's irretrievably lost
It's just marvellous to be back
It's like her all over
It's lovely to have you back
It's maddening for you
It's most kind of you to say so
It's most terribly sweet of you to suggest it
It's much nearer home
It's much the best to have
It's no earthly use to me
It's no good dwelling on it now

It's no good having false hopes
It's no joking matter, I am actually in a bit of a spot
It's no use trying to figure out exactly how it would go
It's none of my business
It's not all cut-and-dried for me
It's not all feasting and fun
It's not all that bad
It's not an idle compliment
It's not cold, only bracing
It's not going to be an immediate panacea
It's not how I should have put it
It's not really convenient
It's not to be sneezed at
It's not too cold for you?
It's of no consequence
It's one's duty to exude optimism
It's only a long stone's throw from here
It's only gone three (o'clock)
It's over and finished with
It's part and parcel of it
It's perfectly glorious out today
It's pouring with rain
It's pretty clear
It's pure waste of time
It's putting an awful strain on me. - So I gather (understand)
It's quite a feat, isn't it?
It's rather a lark
It's scarcely a matter of humour
It's second nature to him
It's sheer waist of breath
It's sink or swim for us
It's the intention that counts
It's the most ripping way of making money
It's the only thing that keeps me going
It's the other way round
It's the wife who wears the breeches
It's time I took myself in hand
It's time someone took a firm line

It's time to draw the line
It's to their interest
It's too bad of me to talk about my concerns
It's too exasperating
It's too much of a good thing
It's turning a little cold
It's under way
It's unfair on her
It's very kind of you to have me to stay
It's very thoughtful of you
It's very well worth seeing
It's we who let everyone on the secret
It's well nigh impossible
It's without rhyme or reason
It's written all over you
Its effect is short-lived

J disliked the people in the Club, but he held a candle to the devil
J is not fit to hold a candle to her sister
Jack-a-dandy
Jerk the lid!
Join in the conversation
Join me for a cup of coffee
Join us for a swim
Jointly with him
Jollifications were in full swing
Journalistic invectives (abuse)
Judge for yourself
Judged overall, it is this...
Judging from the sun
Just a fact of life
Just about
Just as well
Just cast your eye over this, be so good
Just for the fun of it
Just for the sheer pleasure of it
Just how easily
Just keep at it!

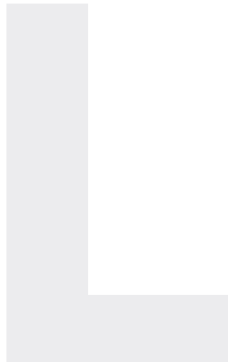
Just leave well alone
Just let me dump my stuff
Just like that (simply)
Just like that, out of the blue
Just moving is the thing (useful)
Just opposite that window, there was a tree growing there
Just state your business
Just the same
Just to be on the safe side
Just to break the monotony
Just to mention a few...
Just to think that he was worried
Just tucking in a loose end
Just why it is so defies analysis
Justified in doing it

Karepa showed up on a signpost
Keep a check on it
Keep a close watch on it
Keep a low profile for a while
Keep a sharp look-out
Keep a stiff upper lip
Keep an eye on him
Keep clear of it
Keep fingers in your ears to thrust out the sound
Keep going, you can't miss it
Keep it at bay
Keep it out of your mind altogether
Keep off the grass
Keep on the alert
Keep out of sight
Keep still
Keep the feet of the letters parallel
Keep to the right
Keep to your side of the bargain
Keep trying and you'll do fine
Keep trying!
Keep what I told you under your hat



Keep your head! (stay calm, don't panic)
Keep your own counsel
Keep your shirt on (keep calm)
Keep your voice down
Keeping emotions on a tight rope
Keeping to the inside of the pavement
Keeping up a humorous banter
Keeping up appearances
Keeping up to scratch
Kids get hooked on the computer
Killed with impunity
Killing two birds with one stone
Kindness is the rule
Knight of the Rueful Countenance (Don Quixote)
Knitting her brows
Knowing full well

Lack of sleep disagrees with me
Lackadaisical/dreamy attitude
Lacking in duty
Lacking in taste
Lamb impaled on spits
Language rife with maxims
Large loans were advanced to them
Largely
Larking about at leapfrog
Lassitude of the will
Last week the acquaintance was picked up again
Laugh your head off
Laughing up one's sleeve
Lay the issue to rest
Laying out what he intended to do
Least said, soonest mended
Leave it alone
Leave me in peace
Leave me to my peace
Leave the light on!
Leave well alone



Leaving in his wake
Leaving no clue beyond this
Legend has it that...
Lesser Wain (constellation)
Lest there be any misunderstandings
Let a few examples suffice
Let alone
Let bygones be bygones
Let it alone
Let it go
Let it go to waste
Let it remain at that
Let me brief you about...
Let me have a go (try)
Let me help you to negotiate the steps
Let me make clear that...
Let me refresh your glass?
Let me see
Let me show you what the computer came up with
Let me, I can carry this perfectly
Let momentary problems take care of themselves
Let that be concluded
Let the matter rest
Let the world take care of itself for good or evil
Let them cut each other's throats if they are so minded
Let things take their natural course
Let tomorrow take care of itself
Let us avail ourselves of it
Let us do full justice to Rutja
Let us have a coffee against our wait
Let us risk a few generalizations
Let us send it in our joint names
Let well alone
Let your hair down (relax)
Let's call it quits
Let's cut across here (go straight)
Let's cut down the compliments
Let's decide it once and for all

Let's do it. Shall we?
Let's draw lots
Let's drink to it!
Let's explain the lie of the land to him
Let's get down to brass tacks
Let's get down to business
Let's get down to it
Let's get going!
Let's get it over with
Let's give him credit for that
Let's go halves
Let's go in to tea
Let's go into it now
Let's go outside
Let's go over it just in case
Let's have a spot of dinner together
Let's have another shot at it
Let's have tea on the strength of it
Let's hear it
Let's keep in touch
Let's leave it at that
Let's make a joint effort
Let's make amends
Let's make up a foursome
Let's not crow over his mistakes
Let's not dilly-dally about it (procrastinate)
Let's not fly off the handle
Let's not retire into uninspired selfishness
Let's relegate it to some immensely far-off future
Let's see how the scores stand
Let's see how things stand
Let's share and share alike
Let's size him up (see what he is like)
Let's start the day on the right foot
Let's take our bearings (look where to go)
Let's take turns
Let's talk shop/Let's get down to brass tacks
Let's talk, let's try to work things out

Let's wait for the rain to abate a little
Lethal to children
Leverage of power
Liable to get up to mischief
Libelling me to you
Life at the sea suited him
Life has toughened him up
Life is dull enough without coffee deprivation
Life is not all beer and skittles
Life is so drab - that's why humour
Life on land suited her
Life went smoothly enough with them
Like it or lump it
Like so many things these days
Likely to meet stiff resistance
Lingering over the meal, they talked on and on
Little by little
Little hope of salvaging it
Little is known to his credit
Little knowing that...
Little love is lost between them
Little wonder
Live-and-let-live creed
Living a quiet unassuming life
Lo and behold! (O, horrible)
Local opinion has been brought to bear
Lock, stock and barrel (one's all belongings)
Look at the bright side of it instead of the gloomy one
Look out for him
Look sharp! (be quick)
Looked at in longer perspective
Looking to him for strength and support
Lopping the branches from a newly-felled tree
Love cannot be produced to order
Lovely beyond words
Loyalty is not one of his make-ups
Luck doesn't enter into my calculations
Luck was with her

Ludicrous in the extreme
Lust for power
Lying in wait

Made under licence
Magazines stacked helter-skelter on tables
Make a beeline to the palace
Make a decent job of it
Make a sporting guess
Make good your promise
Make it plain from the very first
Make the best of a bad job
Make the best of the here and now
Make the most of it
Make your own shot at seeing history in perspective
Make yourself useful
Makes one pretty wistful and envious, that
Making a virtue of necessity
Making everything neat and tidy
Making the best of daylight
Male prerogative is no longer in
Man proposes, God disposes
Man's ability to redeem himself
Man's erect carriage
Many agreeable qualities stand to his credit
Many another man
Many happy returns all round
Many improvements were effected
Many of my suspicions took firm root
Many people have an open mind
Many thanks for your kindness
Many things have been found amiss
Many years ago I chanced on...
Mark my word
Mark my words
Marking the 20th anniversary
Marriages of convenience
Married by proxy

Marvelling at the mildness of the morning
Masterminding the meeting (conference)
Maternal drive is very strong
Matter of taste
Matters of deepest concern
Matters of dwindling importance
Matters should be brought to a head
May be glad of a few general indications
May he continue long in health and prosperity
May I bring it to a point?
May I help you with your coat?
May I rely on your discretion?
May I sit by you?
May I trouble you to...?
Maybe later on
Maybe other solutions will present themselves
Maybe we can arrive at a workable compromise
Maybe we should think again
Means of livelihood
Measure for measure, it was meted out to them
Memorable for one or two unusual features
Men are fallible
Men lent a hand with ropes
Men of that stamp
Mention must be made of...
Mere tinkering with trifles
Meticulous attention to detail
Milk doesn't agree with me
Mind if I sit down?
Mind the clock!
Mind what you are doing!
Mind you do it!
Mindless energy as a substitute for true intelligence
Minimum of subsistence (reduced substance, comfortable substience)
Minor infraction of regulations
Miscarriage of plans
Misery that we inflict on ourselves
Misleading information

Missing the rush and bustle of life
Mist formed on the inside of the windscreen
Mistaken identity
Misuse of funds
Moderately successful
Modern diplomacy is more variegated
Modesty always was your besetting sin
Money begets money
Money does not enter into it
Money goes a long way with everyone
Money is short
Money matters
Money was hard to come by
Money was the ruling passion of his life
Mongolian cast of feature
Moral principles have been flouted
Mordant wit is his trademark
More as a request than an order
More interesting in some ways
More money is coming his way
More of that later
More recently
More than all the others put together
More than enough and to spare
Moreover,...
Mortification of the flesh
Most intrusive personal remarks were made
Most notably
Most of the boats had been laid up for the winter
Most often (very often)
Most regrettably we were unable to...
Most ruthless action
Most times I can't...
Most unusual, to say the least
Most vociferous protest
Motivated by the best intentions
Mounting anguish
Move it if it is at all in your way

Movement keeps you healthy
Movements are inhibited
Moving at a gradually increasing rate
Moving him to rapture at her tact
Mr. X, for one
Much as he disliked it, he...
Much as I would like to...
Much as usual
Much can be done with the hearty co-operation
Much has been allowed to go to rack and ruin
Much headway was made
Much more often than not
Much more scope for individual initiative
Much of her scorn was lost upon him
Much the same is true of...
Much to his annoyance
Much to his curiosity, I...
Much to his delight
Much to his surprise
Much to my annoyance
Much trouble and time has been given to it
Much vaunted acumen
Mulling the facts over in her own mind
Murky water of the lake (dark, gloomy water)
Music holds her spellbound
Music of his choice
Must have been rather an unpleasant business for you
Must of necessity
Mustering all my presence of mind
Mustn't take up your time
My advice is invariably treated with scorn
My amusement rubbed him the wrong way
My attention had its lulls
My blood curdles when I think of it
My broken leg gave me excruciating pain
My complaint can be put down to nerves
My concentration eluded me
My condition leaves something to be desired

My contribution is but small
My credit rose in consequence
My curiosity had been aroused
My dilemma gained in dimensions
My ears must have played me false
My emotions were numbed, they ceased to exist
My enquiry has got nowhere
My evening is pre-empted
My eyelashes iced up
My first reaction was a pang of regret
My food disagrees with me
My foot has gone to sleep
My guess is
My guess was verified and proved to be correct
My hair needs washing rather badly
My hair was my best beauty asset
My hands are sticky from the jam
My head aches abominably
My headache has eased
My health cracked at 85
My heart bleeds for him
My heart leapt into my mouth
My heartbeat was pent up
My hopes began to falter
My hunch has been a delusion
My imagination has played a trick
My inquisitiveness got the better of me
My leg has gone to sleep
My life has been forfeited by a false step
My life is bound up in that of my son
My lips are sealed
My luck was in
My luck was not to run in that direction
My mathematics is lamentable
My memory has played me false
My memory is at fault
My mind is wandering
My mind must be set at rest on the matter

My mind was released from all constraint
My misgivings proved to be well founded
My nerves are all in pieces
My occupation at hand is ...
My offer is still open
My only concern is for you
My only option is...
My own experience, indeed, tends to prove the exact opposite
My own guess is that...
My passport has run out
My patience is frayed
My plans were upset
My pleasure
My pride is playing me false
My principal distraction is reading
My question is of deep concern and not of curiosity
My regimen for health
My request took some time to understand
My respect for him has become considerably enhanced
My results did not tally with his descriptions
My senses are quite collected
My shoes are much the worse for wear
My shortcomings are many
My stomach was full of butterflies (I was nervous)
My teacher gave me a lot of leeway
My temper flared
My thoughts will take some handling
My throat is sore with shouting
My time is running short
My view exactly
My words fell on dead ears
My work did go to pot and they were always on at me
My worst fear had fallen short of the truth
My worst fears were realised
My wrongs rankled within me

Narrowly avoiding bumping into people
National sentiment was beginning to take shape
Naturally enough
Nature takes a hold on me
Nauseated at the very sight of it
Nearly everybody had a crack with him
Neatly disposed against the wall
Necessary for her
Ned was, by his speech, German
Needless to say
Negotiations are in progress
Neither more nor less
Nelson is reared on a high column
Never could she - in all her life - do such a thing
Never fear! (don't worry)
Never has the sheer chance in history more dramatically revealed...
Never in all my life
Never letting up for a moment
Never surpassed for glory and beauty
Never voice any criticism of him
New evidence has come to light
New ideas are being promoted
New ideas began to occur to him
New towns were planted
Newspapers had given it a prominence
Newspapers were held up sedulously in front of the faces
Next of kin
Nexus of interest (connection)
Nice girl that she is
Ninety-nine out of a 100
No amount of coaxing or cajoling induced her to come nearer
No breach of good taste
No commitment, just experiment
No decent person ever indulges in it
No definite commitment has been made
No deviation from this rule
No dialogue between them apart from vigorous recrimination
No doubt there are omissions due to oversight

No end to it
No event will be complete without...
No evidence to substantiate her accusation
No exception to this rule
No getting out from it
No hard and fast rules
No hard feelings
No headway (no go)
No help was forthcoming
No help was to be had from that quarter
No kind of food is complete on its own
No light showed
No man can tell with total accuracy
No matter how hard she tried
No matter how trivial
No matter how unpleasant it will be
No matter how...
No matter what anyone says to the contrary
No matter what...
No matter!
No more, no less
No need for the early concern
No need to labour your point where she was concerned
No need to practice economy
No news from her
No news is good news
No news of her
No offence meant
No one can gainsay it
No one could have thought, with hindsight...
No one in his senses
No one would admit to it
No quarter!
No real reason for me to hang around
No reference to the fact
No sort of day would come much amiss to him
No such thing is in prospect
No suspicion would fall on her

No thought was given to it
No trouble has come my way — touching wood
No trouble!
No two people give the same meaning to...
No universal yardstick can be applied to it
No use beating about the bush
No use crying over spilt milk
No wonder
No, by a long shot (not at all)
No, I can't place Mr. X
No, not really
Nobody came forward
Nobody displayed any interest in it
Nobody had informed on him
Nobody is going to tell me different
Nobody knows how it came about
Nobody knows it for sure
Nobody paid any heed to me
Nobody thinks anything the worse of it
Nodding acquaintance
None of all this came to utterance
None of his reasons held water
None other
None the less it could be argued that...
None the less/nonetheless
Nor was he..., for that matter
Normal life goes on unheeding
Not a big one at that
Not a bit/not at all
Not a happy remark
Not a scrap (nothing at all)
Not a very alluring prospect
Not a very prepossessing picture
Not a whit (not at all)
Not a wisp of wind stirred in the trees
Not all, to be sure
Not always to the same degree
Not as a supposition but as a fact of experience

Not as bad as she made out
Not as much as she is making out
Not at all/don't mention it (Br.E.)/You are welcome (Am.E.)
Not attained this standard
Not bad as a cover story (criminal)
Not being otherwise engaged at the moment, I...
Not enough to pass muster
Not even if he begged me on his bended knees
Not everyone accepted his face equably
Not giving him the benefit of any doubt
Not good enough by a long chalk
Not in a frenetic panic
Not in the least
Not invited as a matter of course
Not just yet
Not least because...
Not men to be browbeaten into surrender
Not much chance of that
Not nearly so well
Not necessarily
Not of his own volition
Not on my life (never)
Not one near as good as
Not quite yet
Not really (not absolutely)
Not really?
Not so... as she would have had us to believe
Not that I have noticed, at any rate
Not that I trust to that
Not that ill
Not that it mattered one way or the other
Not that it would have made much difference in the long run
Not that that was important
Not through choice
Not till we get the whole thing worked up
Not to be deterred by the danger of...
Not to get into a rut
Not to have a bean (no money)

Not to know a B from a bull's foot (naive)
Not to mention
Not to my knowledge
Not to see the forest for the trees
Not to that extent
Not too bad
Not turning a hair (calm)
Not unless (not if)
Not unreasonable
Not very well up in these things
Not when it comes to it
Not with excessive haste
Not without my leave
Notably those connected with them
Notably, it took shape
Nothing could conceivably emerge from...
Nothing could rob him of this dignity which was his
Nothing flawed his self-sufficiency
Nothing had set me so free
Nothing in particular
Nothing less than that
Nothing less than... will satisfy them
Nothing momentous happened in between
Nothing much to go upon
Nothing of importance
Nothing of what they say is to the point
Nothing on earth would make him admit to it
Nothing out of the ordinary
Nothing out of the way happened
Nothing seemed to worry her unduly
Nothing short of perfection is good enough
Nothing to fall back on
Nothing untoward seemed to happen
Nothing ventured, nothing gained
Nothing vexes me more these days
Nothing was amiss (nothing was the matter)
Nothing will break a habit so firmly embedded
Nothing will deflect her

Nothing will make me budge
Nothing will please me better
Nothing worthy of attention
Nothing would avail on such a scale
Nothing would induce her to admit it
Nothing would induce me to...
Notification to the effect (pointing out)
Novels of suspense
Now and then/occasionally/from time to time
Now comes the cream of the jest
Now for my most interesting item
Now I am with you with undivided attention
Now I come to the crux of my story
Now I feel almost myself again
Now it is in style to be working-class
Now it makes good sense to...
Now or never
Now she has the full use of her faculties
Now she was wide awake
Now that you have called it to my attention
Now we can talk turkey/talk shop
Now, with regards to...
Nudging him vigorously in the ribs
Numbed of all feeling

Obliterating all else
Oblivious of it
Oblivious of the term
Oblivious of time
Occasionally he is very flush of money
Odd man out
Of her own free will
Of intellectual bent
Of its own accord
Of late (recently)
Of marginal significance
Of necessity (necessarily)
Of paramount importance



Of their own accord
Of this I am all but sure
Off and on
Off the beaten track
Off-hand, I'd say... (without considering too much)
Oh dear!
Oh, I daresay!
Oh, I say, dash it! Not again?
Oh, lovely, lovely!
Oh, my!
Oh, not again!
Oh, rot! (never mind)
Oh, the hell with it!
Oh, what a relief!
Old age has no debilitating effects on her
Old friends as we are
On a daily basis
On a large scale
On a long lease
On a long view
On a par (equal) with...
On a par with or below something
On a pebbly beach he likes pitching stones into the sea
On a permanent basis
On a smaller scale,...

On a visit
On a wild goose chase (for no good)
On all fours
On an appalling scale
On an average
On an empty stomach
On an equitable basis
On an impulse
On an unprecedented scale
On and off/occasionally/from time to time
On any pretext
On average
On board ship

On business/for pleasure
On closer examination
On consideration I decided that it was unlikely
On credit
On demand/request
On display
On each visit he liked her the more
On early acquaintance
On economic grounds
On edge
On false pretences
On first acquaintance
On first meeting
On full stomach
On grounds of expedience
On her advice
On her behalf (instead of her)
On her own admission
On his insistence
On his instructions
On his own admission
On his own initiative
On his own terms
On impulse
On inquiry she learned...
On inspection, it turned out to be...
On my honour
On my last visit
On no account
On occasion
On offer
On one occasion
On pain of losing their jobs
On payment of a heavy fine
On perfectly friendly terms with each other
On rare occasions
On reflection
On second thoughts

On some pretext
On such a short notice
On such slight acquaintance
On Sundays she makes calls
On that there is no prejudice
On that they are right
On the assumption...
On the BBC/TV news
On the brink of tears
On the brows of the precipice
On the cheap
On the contrary
On the defensive
On the evidence
On the face of it
On the face of it, he was all right
On the face of the water
On the fringe of Europe
On the frontier between fact and fantasy
On the lips of a volcano
On the morning after the event
On the off chance (just in case)
On the one hand/on the other hand
On the phone
On the plane of reason his criticism was accurate
On the plea (on the pretext)
On the plea of a headache
On the premises
On the pretence
On the prowl
On the scales it touched 8 lb
On the scrap of paper
On the sly
On the spree
On the spur of the moment
On the strength of his achievement
On the strength of it, ...
On the understanding

On the whole, I think...
On this note we may finish
On this occasion
On this point he has been adamant
On this point I hold my own opinion
On this reasoning it is hard to believe even allowing that...
On top of that, ...
On whose word reliance could be placed?
Once again
Once again he warmed to her
Once and for all
Once for all (finally)
Once the initial whim wears off
Once we find it, we...
One and all were ready to start
One at a time
One can be reasonably certain
One can easily lose oneself in the wood
One can enjoy anything but never to excess
One can safely say
One cannot arbitrate in the matters of taste
One comes to hold life and death very lightly
One could go wrong
One could propound several theories
One failure after another robs them of their nerve
One gets affected by the atmosphere
One has to accept this occupational hazard
One has to dress against the winter
One has to keep any advantage one has
One has to show one's commitment to it or resign
One in a thousand
One indictment at a time, please
One is coming up against the prejudice
One is not allowed to voice one's thoughts
One is weak in matters of habit
One may easily be taken for a robber or some such
One may speak glibly of...
One meets all sorts

One must be thankful for small mercies
One must have something as a standby
One must make allowance for that
One must move with the times
One must show perspicacity in selecting assistants
One mustn't shirk one's responsibilities
One never can tell with you
One of life's bitter ironies
One of our number
One of the fascinating things is that...
One of the finest...in existence
One of the foremost authorities
One of the highlights of the gathering
One of the most perfect examples extant
One ought to be prepared for all eventualities
One person in command
One seat is as good as any for me
One should never dismiss what one doesn't understand
One should never struggle against the inevitable
One should not reject them unless one can show good cause
One shouldn't hold it against him
One tries this, that and the other
One version of the story has it that...
One, two, three, and away!
One's education should involve a grounding in Latin
One's got to come to terms with reality
One's sheet anchor (safety belt)
One-time officer
Only ... can accomplish that miracle
Only a certain degree of jocularity could carry it off
Only for a matter of minutes
Only just in time
Only the most necessary repairs have been undertaken
Open indiscriminately to all
Open to harsh foreign competition
Or else
Or, to be more accurate, ...
Oriented to it

Original to it
Ostensibly... in fact
Other girls had gone through with it
Other troubles piled up
Other..., notably
Otherwise
Our acquaintance is rather limited
Our climate used to be rather clement
Our esoteric Club functioned for 40 years
Our guests are getting rather peckish
Our immediate objective
Our knowledge of the place is culled from pictures
Our luck held at every point
Our luck held good
Our luck was in, for once
Our mutual friend
Our observations fail to bear it out
Our own lives are apt to be colourless by comparison
Our paths have diverged
Our plans received yet another dent
Our reflections might be pooled as follows (may be summed up)
Our reputation for it is preeminent
Our rivers are practically denuded of crawfish
Our shoulders were padded liberally
Our summer resort is way down in the country
Our wine will soon be running low
Out of all proportion
Out of all proportion to their numbers
Out of character (not like him at all)
Out of consideration for his heart
Out of consideration for the family
Out of courtesy
Out of habit
Out of hand
Out of hours
Out of keeping with the general mood
Out of keeping with the rest
Out of malice

Out of office hours
Out of proportion
Out of the blue
Out of the ordinary
Out of the tail of his eye
Out of touch with the rest of the world
Out with it! (speak!)
Outcrops of bare rock
Outstanding differences were narrowed down to a few facts
Over the next 4 days (during these days) he will...
Overcome by curiosity
Overwhelmed with delight
Overwhelmingly difficult
Overwhelmingly sad
Overwhelmingly successful

Packed to overflowing
Pain long since drained out
Pandemonium is the word that springs to the lips
Pandemonium went loose
Panegyric of progress/eulogy of...
Paper work is elastic in its demands on time
Pardon my ignorance
Part and parcel
Pass me over my bag, will you?
Pass me the salt, please!
Patently conflicting desires
Patience is the first requisite of a producer
Pattern your conduct on hers
Pencil at the ready
People are apt to go there on a Sunday
People clamoured for bread
People died in large numbers
People going about their business
People have such a weak hold on reality
People running the show
People sat or stood where they could or would
People start from that premise



People used to be more amiable
Performed by proxy
Perfunctory as it was
Perhaps between us we could arrive at some logical conclusion
Perhaps he will come around
Perhaps I may let you into the secret
Perhaps I'd better run you part of the way home
Perhaps it will right itself
Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that...
Perhaps their belief might rub off on me
Perhaps with hindsight you may remember...
Peril looms ahead
Permission was withheld/readily granted
Perpetual loneliness is hard to bear
Perpetually on the move
Personal relations are a key to life
Personally, I have a rooted objection to it
Personally, I have never been...
Peruse it at your leisure
Photographs taken of her
Picking up momentum again
Pinning so much of their hopes on...
Pins and needles (the tingling over a limb after it has been "asleep")
Planning so often goes astray
Plants may wither away
Playing for time
Plead extenuating circumstances
Please accept my belated thanks/apology/congratulations
Please be sure to destroy this letter
Please convey my best wishes to...
Please don't pass it on
Please sound down the TV
Pleased as Punch
Pledge me your word to leave it there
Plenty and to spare
Plenty of room to spare
Plodding up the road
Plunged into a blank despondency

Poetic childhood evocations of the period
Poetic licence
Point of departure
Pointing at me
Pointing it to me
Poking about where they are not wanted
Police with batons at the ready
Poor thing!
Poor wretch!
Poorly endowed countries
Popular with us
Population at large
Possible members were approached and persuaded to join
Practices consistent with his ideas
Precious little
Predictably
Pregnant with subdued laughter
Preoccupied with yourself
Present my compliments to her, will you?
Presently he applied himself to some work he had in hand
Presumably
Presumptuous inroad upon their prerogative
Prevented by law to...
Prize it loose!
Problems are bound to arise
Proclaiming it to all and sundry
Prof. X, to give him his full title, ...
Profoundly convinced
Promises have been broken
Prone to afflictions
Propaganda to the contrary
Propensity towards high value
Propositions put forward by...
Protested over the...
Protests over this
Protracted bad weather might...
Provided she can have her own way
Provided you do it

Provided your stamina holds out
Provided, of course, that...
Provisions are giving out
Prowess at games gave the school an edge over others
Prowling the woods
Psychology is your province
Public acclaim
Public at large
Public misdeeds could easily be matched by private ones
Pull the door to
Pull your socks up
Pull yourself together!
Punctually to the time mentioned
Punishments are meted out by Proctors
Punishments in store for him
Pure conjecture
Pursue it with greater perseverance
Push off! (get going)
Put across what you want to say
Put an end to it
Put it away for a rainy day
Put it away for safety
Put it by
Put it in writing
Put it on alert
Put it right side up again
Put it this way
Put it to the test
Put me wise about all this
Put that to rights
Put the children to bed
Put the sum in his own bank account
Put the wood on the fire
Put these flowers in the water
Put to the best use
Put your foot down
Put your idea forward, by all means
Putrefaction has not yet set in

Puttering about the house
Putting her present plight at its worst
Putting on an act
Putting the cart before the horse
Putting the world to rights

Qualified both by knowledge and experience
Quarrelling avails nothing
Quest for higher ideals
Questions at issue
Quite a line-up
Quite so
Quite the reverse

Race me!
Race you round the pond
Ragtag and bobtail
Rain did not daunt them
Rain has played havoc with my clothes
Rain is badly needed locally
Rank and file (ordinary people)
Rank with weeds
Rashers of bacon
Rate of growth
Rather a pity
Rather injudiciously he brought this up
Rather sad, that
Rather the reverse
Rather the reversible
Rather to his surprise she said...
Ravages of war
Reaction to it
Read it in full
Read that out
Reading was beyond her
Ready for the kind of eventuality
Ready to perfection
Real enough for all that

Reckless of the danger
Reconciled to the fact
Recovering herself with an effort
Red-hot iron was smitten on the anvil
Redolent of perfume
Redolent of the tensions of the age
Redouble your efforts
Redressing the economic balance
Reduced to
Refer to
References should be forwarded at once
Refresher course
Regulations have been tightened up
Relation deteriorated
Relations on a friendly footing
Relegated to him
Relegating it to the second place
Relentlessly going on and on
Relevant to us
Remission for good conduct
Remorsefully surveying his wasted years
Repairs come very heavy nowadays
Repairs to the roof
Repeat it by word of mouth
Repeat it from memory
Repeat this maxim to yourself
Repressed suspicions haunted our brief encounters
Reproduced by the gracious permission of...
Research into high technology
Resentment at being interrupted
Resign yourself to the inevitable
Resistance to diseases
Rest assured
Restatement of his question
Restored to order
Restrictions on something
Results are very rarely clear-cut
Retain it at all costs

Retribution is delayed
Reverting to the main theme
Rich in gold
Richard III was a perfidious uncle (treacherous uncle)
Riddled with curiosity
Riding him piggyback
Rifts within his own administration
Right as rain
Right from the beginning
Right from the very beginning
Right to the end
Right up to the very end
Ripe for redevelopment
Rooms of varying sizes
Rosy about the gills (healthy)
Roughly the same things
Rub it in
Rubbish!
Rumour has it (rumour goes)
Rumours started to get about
Rumours were running riot
Run for your life
Running back to remote antiquity
Running with the hare and hunting with the dogs
Rupturing long-standing social relationship
Russia is slow to honour its debts
Rutja might cheat my sorrow

Salient features of an agreement
Sarah is hard to be matched
Sarcastic, trying to bring you down
Satisfactory or otherwise
Say it out loud!
Say it straight away
Say when (is enough)
Saying the same things over and over again
Scales had fallen from his eyes as regards...
Scandal began to hum



Scared out of one's wits
Scatter it to the four winds
School has broken up for holidays
Science is the reduction of diversity to identity
Scratching a living
Scrupulous in account
Search me! (I don't know)
Searching far and wide
See if you can do anything to my hair, will you?
See if you can salvage it
See that she comes to no harm
See you soon! Until then - keep happy and take care!
Seemingly unaware of his presence
Seen in a wider perspective
Seldom have they been so at variance
Self-indulgent to a ludicrous degree
Sense of purpose
Sentimentality is out
Serious beyond his years
Serious setbacks
Serried ranks of gun-toting policemen
Serve him right
Set yourself a target
Setting too much store in it
Seven days hence
Seven full days
Seven years to the day
Several people essayed to scrape an acquaintance
Severe laws were enacted
Severe winds have caused havoc
Severely reduced majority
Shake off the cares of domesticity
Shakespeare drew Hamlet from him
Shall I do? (do I suit)
Shall I freshen your drink?
Shall we go in the car?
Shall we set out for Tartu?
She abstained from asking it

She accepted it as though it were in the order of things
She accepted the offer with alacrity
She accepted the offer with every manifestation of delight
She acted in good faith
She adopted his attitude
She agreed to everything
she agreed with a bad grace
She allowed him to close up on them (come nearer)
She always knew what she wanted, and she went for it
She always took her little grievances to him
She amended her remark
She appeared out of the blue
She appears to think that I must urge it
She applied herself to her soup
She applied lipstick to her lips
She applied to his sane judgment
She arrested their departure by raising her hand
She asked for you by name
She asked him point-blank
She attended the classes with assiduity
She backed him up and urged him on
She bade us enter
She balked at this drastic measure
She bears a grudge against him
She bears me no ill will
She became obsessed with the idea
She believed it implicitly
She blasted his prospect
She bore him no ill will for his failings
She bought something against his return (on that occasion)
She breaks all the rules
She brings her intellect to bear on it
She broke into a run
She broke loose from her family
She brought it back from Italy
She brought it off (did it)
She brought it on herself
She burst into some long rigmarole of how...

She cadged an invitation to lunch
She came clean
She came first with him
She came into a fortune
She came out top of her form
She came to feel that it was her home
She came to make her apologies
She came to the rescue
She came to us as a temporary relief when we were short of staff
She can be easily hoodwinked (cheated)
She can bring oblivion at call
She can hold her own with anyone
She can't bear him, not even a mite
She cannot carry her request any further
She cannot fend for herself
She cannot hold a candle to her
She cast about in her mind for something to say
She caught the tenor of his thoughts
She caught the train with plenty of time
She chattered away
She closed her eyes, the better to think
She cocked her ears towards the sound
She coined pretexts to go there
She comes daily to do for him
She conceived the idea
She concurred with this suggestion
She confessed herself done up
She consumed an enormous meal
She contented herself by saying...
She continued to consult him, but now it was almost perfunctory
She continued to hedge
She contracted pneumonia and died
She contrived to do very well
She contrived to escape
She contrived to make it clear that...
She coolly appraised him and it made him a little self-conscious
She could be counted out
She could be trusted to do it again

She could catch fleeting glimpses of the sun
She could hazard a guess
She could meet you on level terms
She could not abide the noise
She could not confide in anyone
She could not decide upon her line of action
She could not own up to her action
She could not read her watch
She could not sleep for cold
She could not speak for sneezing
She could see herself at full length in this mirror
She could think of no excuse that would turn him from his purpose
She could walk where she would at will
She couldn't assert herself
She couldn't bear to give it up
She couldn't get a word edgeways
She couldn't tell the time
She couldn't take that stack of magazines at one go
She cowed into submission
She craved for company
She cried at the misery of her own thought
She curbed her impatience
She cut herself adrift from her friends
She cut me dead (gave me up)
She dared him to deny this
She daubed her face liberally
She decided against it
She decided to bide her time
She decided to give him his head
She decided to let it pass
She decided to miss out on that morning's sightseeing
She declined tea, declined to remove her coat
She defied him
She delights in springing surprises
She demurred, feeling that she could offer little competition to...
She denounced him as traitor
She deplored it all
She deprecated his jesting tone

She did it on purpose
She did it with a very ill grace
She did not avail herself of the opportunity
She did not choose to admit it
She did not deign to reply
She did not grudge him a penny
She did not like me and she made no bones about showing it
She did not press the point
She did not qualify
She did not return his smile
She did not return my greeting
She did not rise to the bait
She did not sound as though she agreed with us
She did not want to be done out of her story
She did nothing of the kind
She did the dishing up
She didn't commit herself to one answer rather than to another
She didn't dare to argue the point
She didn't give way to this emotion
She didn't make any bones about it
She didn't pay any heed to it
She didn't realise what was on foot
She didn't shop locally
She didn't take much account of anything he said
She didn't trust to memory
She didn't like being found fault with
She discarded it disdainfully
She disliked it intensely
She dispersed drinks to the men
She does it off and on
She doesn't approve of him
She doesn't know him from Adam
She doesn't make the best of herself
She doesn't put any heed to it
She doomed herself to such a life
She drank it down
She drank some soup
She dressed at leisure into a dress of subdued blue

She dressed warmly against the wind
She drew a deep breath
She drew closer to me
She drew the shutter to
She enlisted his help
She entreated me to stay
She examined him from head to foot
She expertly parried all his questions
She expounded the pictures
She expressed it to perfection
She extended an invitation to me
She eyed him to silence
She faced him squarely
She failed miserably
She fainted outright
She falls short of it (is not up to the mark)
She feigned interest
She fell under its spell
She felt a tingle of anticipation
She felt at a loose end
She felt attuned to everything
She felt deeply embarrassed
She felt forlorn
She felt herself called on to do it
She felt in her pocket for her handkerchief
She felt it incumbent on her
She felt perplexed
She felt remorseful for criticizing him
She felt the weight of the question
She felt very deeply on the subject
She felt vitality surging up
She felt wakeful
She filled the thermos full of coffee
She flagged down a taxi
She flared up
She flinched at the thought
She flouted traditions
She flushed at the rebuke

She folded the paper in two
She followed the doctor's instructions explicitly
She forbore to say so
She fought a desire to doze off induced by the comfort of the car
She fought the idea tooth and nail
She found solace in mental activity
She fumbled for her handkerchief
She gardens in all weathers
She gave a little bow
She gave a rueful laugh
She gave an all but imperceptible shrug
She gave her a talking to
She gave her imagination full rein
She gave herself up to dreaming
She gave him a bird
She gave him a new lease of hope
She gave him an indulgent smile
She gave him an injection
She gave him his head
She gave him the raspberry/the bird (negative answer)
She gave it a very careful wording
She gave me a truly splendid repast
She gave me this money towards the cost of...
She gave the place a good cleaning
She gave them a sweet each
She gave way to her objections
She gives me the creeps
She gnashed her teeth with fury
She goes in for being modern
She goes on and on about it
She got her due of praise
She got rather a kick out of it
She got the better of him
She grasped the instructions well enough
She had a breakdown in health
She had a good go at him (charmed him)
She had a most endearing habit of greeting you
She had a terribly near escape

She had an eye for talent
She had an inkling of the tension
She had been misled by imagination
She had been unfortunate in the people she had met
She had cold feet (was afraid)
She had deeply resented it
She had done her homework (read up)
She had every intention of being present
She had every intention to...
She had forfeited her wager
She had gone over it with her friend
She had had a raw deal
She had her family to mind
She had him to herself
She had hoodwinked him properly
She had invited me to help myself to tea
She had laid 3 places at the table
She had learnt better than to give advice
She had made a good start to the day
She had made her way down the full length of the corridor
She had made much of the fact that...
She had never cut much ice at it
She had no better success
She had no sympathy with the attitude
She had read it in books
She had read widely and deeply
She had reverted to her maiden name
She had something up her sleeve
She had stolen a march on him
She had taken steps to deal with the situation
She had the freedom of the house
She had the good grace to laugh
She had to admit as much
She had to decide the claim
She had to find what alleviation she could
She had to stand her ground
She had wheedled herself the Friday off
She hadn't complained in so many words

She hadn't taken very kindly to the idea
She handed in her notice
She handled it well
She has a bee in her bonnet about it
She has a core of steel beneath her softness
She has a crush on him (is in love)
She has a delicate stomach
She has a flair for the right choice
She has a flair for writing
She has a good head for heights
She has a keen mind
She has a lively sense of fun
She has a penchant for clothing
She has a soft spot for him
She has a strong partiality for expensive dresses
She has a thing about him
She has a wonderful presence of mind
She has advanced a solution tentatively
She has always taken a vicarious pride in it
She has been as good as her word
She has been on at him for doing that
She has been pestering me to accompany her to...
She has been placated (reassured)
She has changed over the years
She has come to the end of her tether
She has completely broken with him
She has every detail at her fingertips
She has far and away the best knowledge of the subject
She has flair for clothes
She has given him up as a bad lot
She has gone back on her decision
She has got the lie of the land
She has great tact
She has green fingers
She has had an awful time of it
She has had the measure of it by now
She has her own way about everything
She has just this effect upon me

She has kept her figure
She has kept it a profound secret
She has lapses into cordiality
She has let her cat out of the bag
She has lost the ability to marshal her thoughts coherently
She has made a satisfactory recovery
She has made a set at him
She has never given it a thought
She has never left off doing it at that rate
She has never occupied the limelight
She has never set any store by it
She has never succumbed to his personality
She has not a penny to her name
She has not been a party to that
She has nothing but her beauty to recommend her
She has set her heart on it
She has strong artistic leanings
She has stuck with me through thick and thin
She has taken a dislike to him
She has taken it without a blench
She has taken special pains with it
She has the pluck of fifty
She has the upper hand
She has to concede that there are grounds for optimism
She has to mark the student's papers
She has ventured on a moderate remonstrance
She has won hands down
She has won renown
She has worn well
She hasn't fallen into decrepitude
She hasn't got a bean (no money at all)
She hasn't so much as noticed it
She hates his guts
She hedged
She held her dignity rather cheap
She held herself in control
She held him in great affection
She held it over him and blackmailed him

She held on to him for all the world
She held out her hand
She held out no hope for him
She helped them to her cake
She hesitated - as well she might -...
She hit upon the truth
She holds him in the hollow of her hand
She holds me responsible for it
She hurried over her meal
She indulged her son to the limit
She insisted with particular emphasis on...
She insists on going there
She inspired them with confidence
She inveigled him to do as she wanted
She is (on) banting (on a slimming diet)
She is a bit given to overstatement
She is a bit long in the tooth (getting old)
She is a cool customer
She is a dark horse
She is a fully-fledged doctor
She is a good mimic
She is a great deal too inquisitive
She is a horrible sticker for punctuality
She is a hostess of long standing
She is a personality to be reckoned with in her own right
She is a rich woman in her own right
She is a scientist in her own right
She is a sturdy specimen by the look of her
She is a teacher to boot
She is a whizz with a needle (good at sewing)
She is a writer in her own right
She is all affability
She is all for adventure and seeing the world
She is all of a dither
She is all on edge
She is always impeccably dressed
She is always somebody you can fall back on
She is an endearing woman

She is as fond of it as the next girl
She is as strong as a horse
She is at pains to... (wants very much)
She is at the bottom of this
She is back, all right
She is biased in his favour
She is bound to find it amusing
She is careful of money
She is clear of all suspicion
She is constantly on the alert
She is consumed with envy
She is doing pretty well out of him
She is done up with the heat (it affects her badly)
She is doomed to bitter disappointment
She is down to earth all right
She is enchanted with it
She is entitled to protection
She is equal to anything
She is excused all that
She is extremely given to superstition
She is far too young
She is forever on the receiving end of his hospitality
She is generous to a fault
She is getting dressed
She is hard to please
She is held in very high esteem
She is hot on the conventions
She is housekeeper to Mr. X
She is implacable in her tactlessness (cruel)
She is in for observation
She is in full possession of her senses
She is in imminent danger
She is in very poor health
She is incapable of sustained thought
She is just putty in his hands
She is keen on it
She is known to him all right
She is liable to make mistakes

She is making her goodbyes
She is married to him
She is much too intelligent to be fooled
She is my best bet (it must be she)
She is never one to let silences grow
She is never one to waste time in pursuing lost causes
She is no favourite with me
She is no ravishing beauty
She is not intimate with me
She is not quite all there
She is not totally daft (dotty), she can do something else in the interim
She is obviously in comfortable circumstances
She is off the wall (crazy)
She is on the verge of a nervous breakdown
She is on the way to recovery
She is one of those quiet well-contained people who feels things intensely
She is out of temper today
She is overwrought
She is possessed of a considerable income
She is pretty eye-catching
She is prone to moods of despair
She is quite a hand at that
She is rather self-effacing
She is remarkable for details
She is set on a career
She is set on it (wants it very much)
She is severe on human frailties
She is shy by nature
She is single-minded where love is concerned
She is slightly out of touch
She is slim beyond hope of imitation
She is so easy on the eyes (lovely)
She is so small-minded
She is still worthy of admiration
She is suffering from a lapse of memory
She is taking her defeat in good heart
She is that all right
She is the one to throw her weight about

She is to blame
She is under the weather (ill)
She is versed in the follies of the young
She is very accommodating
She is very careful about money
She is very much in the social swim
She is very well brought up
She is well off (rich)
She is well within her rights to do so
She is word perfect
She is worried stiff
She isn't easy to know
She isn't easy to like
She jumped for joy
She jumped to her feet
She just cut her losses
She just took advantage of him
She just took pot-luck
She keeps her own counsel
She kept a tight control on herself
She kept back all mention of him
She kept her visit a profound secret
She kept it to herself
She killed herself over him
She knew from of old
She knew her Rome
She knew his failings
She knew this for a fact
She knew what I had been through
She knows him inside out
She knows quality when she sees it
She lacks social know-how
She lagged behind
She laid out cups
She lavished her attention on the kitchen
She learnt it by hearsay from others
She led a drab uneventful life
She led an austere, hard-working life

She left him in the lurch
She left me to pursue my course to the bank
She lent her authority to the meeting
She lent me a sympathetic ear
She let her looks run to seed
She let him in on her secret
She let the matter drop
She liked the room that we proposed to allot her
She likes her food
She lived there all her life
She lives on her own
She lives out towards Piritá
She locked the briefcase against all prying eyes
She looked a bit downcast
She looked around in great surprise
She looked at herself in the mirror
She looked down the road for him
She looked in the direction at which he was pointing
She looked particularly fresh and wholesome
She looked so put out (sad)
She looks after him
She looks down her nose at you
She lost conscience but came to pretty soon
She loved her son to distraction
She loves it there
She made a bet with him
She made a strenuous effort to learn French
She made an appeal for the remission of his sentence
She made attempt at it
She made attempts to draw him out
She made better time later (drove at greater speed)
She made good time in her car
She made it up
She made no answer
She made no bones about her delight
She made no comment
She made no complaint
She made the most of it

She made up her mind she would go back and face the music
She makes herself useful about the house
She makes living at it
She managed the ladder well
She married him as his second wife
She marvelled at the profound quiet
She means well
She might have ... and no one have been the wiser
She might have a temperature coming on
She might have been making the most ordinary statement in the world for
 all the emotion she showed
She might live to regret it
She moved as though a foot above the earth
She moved the button on her coat
She must be careful of it
She must come to terms with her jealousy
She must have heard it but she didn't take it in
She must have taken some initiative over that
She must keep her head
She must make her home with us
She narrowly avoided it
She needs a little inducement
She negatived these ideas very strongly
She never did take well (was non-photogenic)
She never looked at me
She never overtly accepted the proposal
She never owned up to it
She never said you would be here
She objects most strongly
She obliged him
She opened the door for me
She opened the subject again/broached the subject again
She overrated her means
She paid up her bills/paid out damages
She paled into insignificance beside her
She pandered to his self-importance
She panders to his every whim
She persisted in it

She perspires too freely
She pestered him with her silly reminiscences
She picked her way carefully
She played it cool
She played reasonably well
She pleaded with him without success
She pleads for them to save it
She pleads innocence
She plied him with questions
She plucked him by the sleeve
She plucked up courage
She podded peas
She pointed out all the notable places
She pondered his attitude
She potters about quite happily
She poured out the cups and distributed them
She pre-empted a seat
She prepared for bed
She prides herself on her coffee
She pulled the curtains rather more fully
She pulled up short (stopped talking abruptly)
She pushed back her hair in a tired gesture
She put her finger to her lips for silence
She put him wise
She put his needs before her own
She put me at ease
She put on an act
She put the key in the lock
She put the time to good use
She put up a good show
She puts no end of side on...
She racked her brain
She raised a hand in greeting
She ran into debt
She rather cottoned to the idea
She readily agreed to rescind her decision
She reads everything she can lay her hands on
She rebuked me sharply

She rejoiced in the storm
She released the brake
She remembers me with a Christmas card
She remonstrated with him
She replaced her cup in the saucer
She replied very obliquely
She resented to have to put out herself like that
She resolved not to give way
She responds with too much alacrity
She returned his love
She reverted to her maiden name
She rolled back the hearthrug in case of fire
She rose to the occasion
She rubbed him down with a towel
She rushed to tackle the problem
She sang out of tune
She sat back on her heels
She sat with us for coffee
She saved me the trouble
She saw him for what he was
She saw the cold reality for what it was
She scowled at me
She screwed up her eyes
She scrounged a bite from the larder
She seems to be bearing up wonderfully
She seems to be extending her devotion to you
She sent him packing
She set about making me some coffee
She set everything right
She set great store by getting her own way
She set her dog on him
She set out to walk her black mood off
She set the lift in motion
She set the tone
She settled herself at her ease beside him
She shared their zest for the adventure
She shouldn't forever be breathing down his neck
She shouted for help

She showed no fear
She shunned personal publicity
She shut the door in his face
She sided with him against her sister
She sipped the last of her tea
She sits bolt upright
She sized him up
She skirted the pools
She slept with her overcoat across her
She slid home the bolt
She smiled her way through the introductions
She smoothed the crumpled paper open
She sniffed the air happily
She softly closed the door on herself
She spoke beneath her breath
She spoke without rancour
She stated it on oath
She steps up food whenever the guests come
She sticks to it through thick and thin
She still contrived to look beautiful
She still had some days of her leave in hand
She stood at a great disadvantage
She stood there with the stick at the ready
She stood up to him in debate
She stopped after she had put a clump of trees between herself and the house
She stretched herself full length on the bed
She succumbed to his influence
She succumbed to the temptation
She suddenly fancied it (wanted it)
She suffers from a propensity for shyness
She sustained the part throughout the journey
She sympathized with his plight
She takes charge of the house
She takes herself for granted, I am afraid
She takes it as a matter of course
She takes pretty good care of him
She takes those concerns more deeply
She takes too much time over it

She talked of it perpetually
She talked with relish and pleasure
She thanked me profusely
She thinks of having a try at it
She thought on higher plane
She thought to herself
She threatened them with no tea at all
She threw herself on his generosity
She threw herself on his mercy
She threw tantrums
She told him the true use of it
She told me to do likewise
She took a key off a nail
She took care not to show provincial surprise
She took fright
She took her frustration out on him
She took her revenge
She took herself for granted
She took him to task
She took hold of my hand
She took in her surroundings
She took it down at his dictation
She took mighty good care of that
She took my temperature
She took no heed (paid no attention)
She took offence at this
She took on all the chores
She took pains to do it
She took stock of her immediate neighbours
She took the plunge
She took to it
She took to long walks
She took us for an outing
She traced the rim of her coffee saucer with a fingertip
She treats this as a personal affront
She tried not to gasp out loud
She tried to fall back on other pleasures
She tried to flick the fly away

She tried to give herself up to immediate sensation
She tried to put a good face on it
She tried to put some effort into it
She tried to walk in step with him
She trusts my judgement implicitly
She turned a blind eye on it
She turned her back on the picture
She turned tail at the last moment
She turned the cat off the chair
She waited just inside the door
She waited on him hand and foot
She walked out on him (left him)
She walks around in bare feet
She wanted me to back her up
She wanted to be brought up to date
She wanted to get the hang of it
She wanted to know how her father was keeping
She wants me to give her a hand with something
She warmed her way into the place under false pretences
She was a bit aloof, but it soon wore off
She was a kindly woman, if neurotic
She was a little under the weather
She was adored by one and all
She was afflicted with cancer
She was all but unrecognizable
She was all set for trouble - she knew she was ditched
She was almost beside herself
She was already up and doing
She was always put on the defensive by his teasing
She was anxious to atone for it
She was anxious to be of use
She was applied to for her approbation
She was apprehensive of what lay ahead
She was as good as her word
She was at a loose end
She was at a loss for words
She was at a loss with her tangle of hair
She was badly off

She was baffled
She was beautifully turned out
She was beside herself with gratification
She was beside herself with grief
She was beyond noticing anything
She was beyond the doctor's aid
She was bitten by curiosity
She was brave after a certain fashion
She was caught unawares
She was cautioned against passing on that story
She was coaxed to do it
She was commended to me
She was composed all right
She was conscientious over the details
She was cooling on the plan
She was crippled in legs
She was cut out to be a mother
She was deeply ashamed
She was deeply shivering
She was demurely dressed and gave herself out to be a...
She was desperately unhappy
She was determined to hold her own
She was distracted
She was doubtful of my meaning
She was dressed quite up to the occasion
She was easily the most...
She was emotionally spent
She was fancied for a witch
She was far the greater beauty
She was far too astute to repeat her sister's blunder
She was fascinated by the thought
She was fearful of getting a cold
She was flattered at it
She was footsore and weary
She was framed
She was full in sight of the hill
She was getting on her 40
She was getting on in years

She was given a standing ovation
She was glad of a hand with the digging
She was going about things in her usual way
She was gratified at his agreement
She was hard on his heels
She was hard put not to cry out
She was hard put to find it
She was hard put to it not to...
She was heavily made up
She was hoping for it to peter out
She was hysterical with delight
She was impressed with his credentials
She was in a very agreeable frame of mind
She was in for it (through with herself)
She was in full possession of her faculties
She was in her element
She was in no socializing mood
She was in pain
She was in two minds
She was incredulous
She was intent on nothing but...
She was intent on the road ahead
She was knocked about, ill-treated
She was left to fend for herself
She was left with too much time on her hands
She was long in dressing
She was looking forward to it
She was lost in her thoughts
She was mortally ill
She was much too old for such a thing
She was nervous of me
She was never lacking in good taste
She was never tired, for all her delicacy
She was none the worse for it
She was not a flapper
She was not affectionate by disposition
She was not far to seek
She was not given to making unnecessary rules

She was not given to thinking
She was not looking quite herself
She was not sold on the idea
She was not to be turned aside
She was nothing if not romantic
She was numbed of all feeling
She was nursing him through a sharp attack of illness
She was oblivious of danger
She was oblivious to everything
She was obviously entering into the spirit of the thing
She was occupied in knitting
She was of Irish extraction
She was on her best behaviour
She was on her last piece of toast when...
She was on tenterhooks
She was on the verge of breakdown
She was out of sorts (ill)
She was over the moon (very happy)
She was overawed by him
She was overcome by the beauty of the view
She was overcome with shame
She was overwhelmed by it all
She was pale and subdued
She was past reasoning
She was perfectly composed
She was pining her heart away
She was playing for me as an ally
She was plied with tea and cakes
She was positive that...
She was positively heartbroken
She was pouring out cups of tea
She was proficient in English
She was profuse in her relief
She was prompt to retaliate
She was put out
She was put out of countenance
She was quiet for once
She was quite diverted by this skilful red herring

She was quite unruffled
She was radiant with health and vigour
She was rather delicate from a child
She was rather pretty when I first knew her
She was really at sea
She was red in the face
She was responsible for a really exhilarating evening
She was revelling in that life in the country
She was riddled with frustration
She was right in her surmise
She was scared out of her wits
She was seeing the town at its loveliest
She was seething with anger
She was serenely unconscious of her self-betrayal
She was set on going there
She was shaking for fear
She was shrill in protest
She was slender from the large amount of exercise she took
She was slow to answer
She was so short with me
She was solicitous for him
She was standing about waiting for him
She was standing in bare feet
She was startled to hear some noise
She was struck dumb
She was stung to indiscretion
She was stunned by the information
She was stunned by what he had told her
She was swindled out of her money
She was taken aback
She was taken unawares by...
She was taut with terror
She was tenacious of her own opinion
She was terminally ill
She was the spearhead of the movement
She was there on sufferance (on quiet agreement)
She was ticking off the items on her fingers
She was too astute to be deceived

She was transformed with happiness
She was transported with delight
She was under the weather (sad)
She was up in arms for him
She was very affable
She was watching his face for reassurance
She was worried by the way things were shaping
She was writhed with smiles
She was, with qualifications, in favour of the plan
She wasn't altogether to blame
She watched him out of the tail of her eye
She watched him surreptitiously
She waved away our apologies
She went for a walk no matter how inclement the weather
She went home her usual cheerful self
She went in search of the ball
She went into a raging fury
She went on and on, a long way (was speaking)
She went on to think...
She went sick when she fell ill
She went to bed, yet she couldn't go to sleep for a long time
She went to pieces (collapsed)
She went to the other room and changed
She wept for joy
She wept with joy
She wheedled him into that purchase
She will be after my blood
She will be with you shortly
She will come to terms with it
She will not make a go of it
She will pull round
She will repay you in kind
She will see him in a matter of hours
She will stop short of nothing
She wished she could be more lenient over her diet
She wished she had never done it
She wished that time might be turned back
She wondered at this

She wondered how to bring up the subject
She wondered if the realization of what it meant was breaking through
She wore an air of importance
She worked herself into quite a state about it
She works beyond her strength
She would be dropping in again
She would be here promptly at 6
She would bend him to her will
She would clothe others with all her own attributes
She would dig her toes in (be obstinate)
She would do it at will
She would do the talking
She would have none of it
She would have opted for this rather than...
She would have to chance that
She would never acknowledge an insurmountable obstacle
She would never defy her father
She would never go there, let alone...
She would not attempt anything rash
She would speak her mind
She would take him at his word
She would waylay me in the street
She wouldn't for the world do it (never do it)
She wouldn't put up with it
She wouldn't shirk her duty
She's enormously independent
She'd fly into a rage
She'd readily obey
She'd stop at nothing
She'll come to her senses
She'll come to no good
She'll never make a go of it
She'll pull through
She's come a cropper
She's got a light hand with pastry
She's got her own life to lead
She's hot on the conventions
She's never one to be afflicted with shyness

She's rather keen on art
Sheer loathing everything Turkish
Ships flying the British flag
Shivering with cold
Short of lying, I will say what I can for you
Short of taking his life
Shortly after he came
Shortly after that
Shortly before
Should the necessity arise
Shrouded in indecision
Shrouded in mystery
Significant elements in the modern British culture and consciousness
Silence was broken
Silhouetted against the sky
Similar examples might be cited indefinitely
Since he came out of school
Since he took office
Since the inception of the Club
Since their accession to fortune
Since then it has been a totally different story
Since when have you taken to this habit?
Since you have brought it up
Single children are intensely self-absorbed
Sit back and let everything take its course
Sitting right through the night
Sitting stock-still
Skeins of geese flew over
Sleep on it
Sleep proved to be elusive
Sleep tight! (well)
Slices of bread
Slightly worse for wear
Slowly wending their way up to the hills
Small wonder
Smaller in size
Smoke is still billowing from the area
Smoking there was confined to one room

Snap out of it!
Snatches of conversation came to her ears
Snatching at a chance to turn the conversation
So as not to hurt their feelings
So as to be able
So be it!
So everyone's face is saved
So far all has gone swimmingly
So far as I can see, it is this
So far his story is amply borne out
So far, so good
So far, so good. But the trouble is that...
So good of you to come
So I am informed on good authority
So I gather
So it came about
So it had come to pass with him
So it would appear
So much of that
So much so
So much so that we no longer know what...
So much the better
So runs X's argument
So the world wags
So to speak
So we need a varied diet to supply our needs
So what?
So, that's that
So, there!
Soaring heights of Gothic
Society at large
Solemn word
Solution to...
Some are more explicitly so
Some attention should be given to it
Some day you must know him
Some fled the country
Some friend! (he is no good as a friend)

Some instinct told me that we were on the right scent
Some intimation of your feelings might be helpful
Some miles short of T
Some of the creases will fall out
Some of their own number
Some people are impervious or just embarrassed
Some people have good grasp of technology (know a lot)
Some people need humour just to keep them going
Some people profess to be able to tell a person's character by his handwriting
Some remarkably consistent trends emerge
Some rudimentary awareness that not all...
Some wicked chemistry working between us
Some work has come his way
Some would rather maintain that King Arthur did exist
Somebody got wise to it
Somebody has been through my belongings
Somebody has got a down on you
Somebody started up a song
Somebody told on him
Somehow or other a way would be found if I still persevered
Somehow or other the idea appeals to me
Someone's walking over my grave
Something curious about it struck him
Something has caught his eye
Something hot would be a comfort
Something in him touched my sympathies
Something in me wishes it would last
Something is bearing down on me (stress)
Something of an achievement
Something or other has happened
Something underhand is going on
Something usually turns up when you are in a hole
Something was afoot
Something's come up
Sometimes she takes herself off abroad
Somewhere in the recesses of her mind
Sons are preferred over daughters

Soon he came to, however
Soon they grew hardened to it
Soon we struck a road (reached it)
Sorely in need of...
Sorry I gave you a fright
Sorry to have butted in
Sorry! It was excessively stupid of me
Soul affinity
Sounds like (perhaps)
Speak one to one
Speak up!
Speaking with much point
Speech failed him
Speech filled with invectives
Spices fetched high prices
Spirited abroad
Spoken with one voice
Spoon-feeding the audience with background detail
Spring-cleaning one's home
Spur him into action, unleashing his energies
Stabbed to death
Stage writers manage to get away with flabby writing under the cover of
 visual business
Stand by
Stand off a little, will you?
Stand up for yourself
Standing at the ready
Standing in full view of...
Starkly realistic
Stay in readiness
Steady on! (wait a bit)
Steady the ladder!
Steady, old man!
Stemming from it
Stick to the truth
Stiff with old age
Stimulus of mind and body
Stop being chicken-hearted (don't be scared)

Stop it, for pity's sake
Stopping every now and then
Strange bedfellows, indeed
Strictly speaking (to tell the truth)
Strictures on him have been relaxed after he came off age
Striving for a high office
Strongly worded resolutions
Struck by a lightning the old tree came down like a thousand of bricks
Structurally the house is sound
Stuck with the harsh realities
Students must be encouraged and not deterred
Stuff and nonsense!
Stupid things (fools)
Stupidity could be carried too far
Sturdy as he looks
Subordinated to a purpose
Subverting established authority
Success is not always measured in terms of money
Success was to be my fortune
Succession was vested in the senior male line
Such a hue and cry
Such a promise doesn't carry conviction
Such a thing comes amiss to nobody
Such a trick will not be outside his range
Such limitations have been recognized from the start
Such matters are extraneous to science
Such problems persistently haunted my mind
Such proved to be the case
Such things received scant attention
Such things will happen!
Such was the power of habit over him
Suffice to say that...
Suitable for ages four through seven
Suited to the interests and objectives
Sundry inconveniences have thereupon ensued
Superb!
Supplies are running low
Support for him dwindled

Suppose they are leading you up the garden path (mislead)
Suppose you come along tomorrow afternoon
Suppose you tell me the rest
Suppose, for the sake of argument, ...
Supreme command is the loneliest post there is
Sure of that
Surely she can improve upon instruction
Suspend your own pursuits for an unexpected urgency
Sweating on the top line
Sympathy has never been his strong point

Tackle him about it
Take a few examples
Take a leaf out of his book (take his example)
Take a rest, sit down
Take an umbrella against the rain
Take down at my dictation
Take it in your stride
Take it or leave it
Take it out of the house for the sun
Take it with nonchalance
Take notes from my dictation
Take proper care of yourself
Take some trouble over your hair
Take the line of least resistance
Take these things as they come
Take your choice
Take your time!
Taken as ends in themselves
Taken in isolation
Taking a swig of cognac
Taking as ever the short-term view
Taking her on was an experiment
Taking holidays abroad
Taking out all his frustrations on her
Taking the air, it's good for the soul
Taking the common-sense view
Taking the question at the face value



Taking the rough with the smooth
Talk about extravagance!
Talk of the devil ...
Talk of this (if we start this talk)
Talk to me, tell me this and that
Talking nineteen to the dozen
Tartu gives me a curious tang every time I visit it
Taut with anticipation
Tautly drawn curtains
Taxes were levied
Tea is all ready
Tea laced with rum
Teaching a grandmother to suck eggs
Teaching in terms of physical contact
Teaching is the most exhilarating work in the world
Tell me how you stand with her
Tell me instantly!
Tell the truth without bias
Tell to his face
Tell us in general terms
Ten minutes at the outside
Ten minutes of slow walking brought us to the place
Ten minutes steady tramping brought us within sight of it
Ten minutes were allocated to him
Tension was building up in him
Testing and retesting each foothold
Thank you for being so amenable
Thank you for being so concerned
Thank you for my present
Thank you once again
Thank you very much for your best wishes which I reciprocate most heartily
Thank you very much. - Not at all/Don't mention it (Br. E.) - You are welcome
(Am. E.)
Thank you! - My pleasure
Thank you. It is most kind of you. I shall be very pleased to come
Thank you. That was lovely
Thank you. That's sweet of you
Thanks to E, I was able to talk without linguistic constraint

Thanks, but I won't put you to such trouble
That and all it entailed
That argues great conscientiousness on your part
That bears out my idea (supports it)
That brings immediate relief
That brings me to a bit of criticism
That bus covers this neighbourhood
That can be put right
That child has been the very joy of their life
That clinched it (decided it)
That clinched the case
That could never be
That day it came to a head
That decided him
That describes him down to the ground
That did him in (killed him)
That doesn't amount to much
That doesn't come in it
That doesn't come into it
That doesn't lie among her duties
That dress lost you a few years
That established a magnificent precedent
That goes a long way
That goes down well (is successful)
That goes for virtually all the...
That goes without saying
That has been proved time and time again
That has never come my way
That I can hardly tell you just at present
That idea stands a good chance of success
That interest had continued unabated
That is a dig at me
That is a very serious statement to make
That is all that matters
That is all there is to it
That is all very well in theory
That is as far as I am willing to go
That is bound to put you at a disadvantage

That is covered by the former notion
That is gross exaggeration
That is highly embarrassing
That is no place to find yourself in at all
That is not actually the case
That is not the case with us
That is not to say that...
That is not very consistent after what you just said
That is one to my liking
That is rather too much
That is ruled out
That is the matter of opinion
That is to say
That is very neatly put
That is why we find ourselves in our present predicament
That job fell to me
That just about takes care of everything
That leaves us in the lurch
That led him astray
That made us rejoice
That makes all the difference
That means it on the face of it
That might get you into a tight corner
That must be very trying for you
That must spell trouble
That patient has first claim to my attention
That portrait is an excellent likeness
That preposterous person
That prospect is somewhat way off
That seems a remote possibility
That seems about right, isn't it?
That seems eminently reasonable
That seems to be a washout
That selfsame day
That set all their considerations aside
That settles me
That single incident remained isolated
That smarts!

That smell seemed always to go with her
That sort of thing
That sounds absolutely the right thing
That sounds like a really good idea
That sounds like her
That stiffness soon wore off
That street is closed to traffic
That suggests itself offhand (at the moment)
That table held only two
That tendency is apt to be allowed too much scope
That treatment will always stand its ground
That undermined her faith in him
That was 2 years ago to be exact
That was a really good piece of news
That was a slight understatement
That was all play-acting
That was an isolated case
That was her most wonderful trait
That was his maxim
That was my doing
That was my idea. - Good for you!
That was nearest I came to a kind word
That was the point I tried to elucidate
That was what rankled
That was where I was wrong
That was, to say the least, unexpected
That wasn't to be
That will be still better
That will be the last resort
That will cook her goose (ruin her plan)
That will cut no ice with him
That will do
That will do perfectly
That will do very nicely
That will do you the world of good
That will land you in the soup (in trouble)
That will never do
That would argue an intimate acquaintanceship

That would be all of a piece
That would be inappropriate
That would be the last straw
That would be the line to take with her
That would be the outside limit
That would be wishful thinking
That would cook his goose (ruin his plans)
That would get the man into a funk
That would have stopped her for good and all
That would never do
That would obviate the danger
That would send her into ecstasy
That would set us on the right track
That wouldn't be exactly a penance
That wouldn't have been reasonable
That yellow holds all the light
That's a bit tough
That's a brainwave
That's a fib (a lie)
That's a load off my mind
That's a moot point
That's a perfectly good explanation covering everything
That's a reasonable assumption to make
That's a skill in its own right
That's about all there is to it
That's all cut and dried (as it should be)
That's all surmise
That's all the more reason
That's all there is to it
That's all to it
That's an evasion
That's as it may be
That's as much as I can take in at a go
That's better
That's beyond me
That's carrying things too far
That's easy to mistake the one for the other
That's flat (final)

That's frightfully decent of you
That's grossly unfair
That's him all over
That's him every time
That's his stock in trade (goes with the profession)
That's how I figured it out
That's how it came about
That's how it started out
That's just as well
That's just where you have been wrong
That's just your cup of tea
That's men all over
That's more like it
That's more than I can say for you
That's my bus. I think I can get it
That's neither here nor there
That's nice of you
That's not all by a long way
That's not at issue
That's not far off the mark
That's not the point, of course
That's only hearsay
That's politeness taken too far
That's possible but wildly improbable
That's rather a Victorian hangover
That's rather well put
That's reasonable
That's settled
That's sweet of you
That's tenable
That's terribly kind
That's the bare bones of the theory
That's the full story
That's the last I saw of him
That's the least I can do
That's the one
That's the solid truth
That's the whole point

That's too bad (pity)
That's unfair
That's unfortunate
That's very gratifying
That's very thoughtful of you
That's what all the bother is about
That's what he wanted above anything
That's what it amounts to
That's what you are driving at
That's where I come in
That's where the shoe pinches
That's where you are wrong
That's why we ratted on them
That's my fay (on my honour)
That's precisely what I mean
Thatched roof is a mark of beauty
The abuse was flagrant
The accident of her death had frustrated their plans
The accuracy of it is not its strongest point
The action in the play is justified throughout and realistically sustained
The actor took his curtain call
The affair was more or less hushed up
The affection of the artificer for his handy work
The aisle ran the length of the hall
The amusement flared in his eyes
The analogy must not have been very close
The analogy struck me also
The ancient floor groaned under their tread
The answer could mean little other than...
The answer lies elsewhere
The answer was near at hand
The antidote operated successfully
The appeal of such a thought to them was obvious
The apple fell to earth
The apple of discord
The apple-tree in full bloom
The apple-trees were too ancient to crop
The arable field was grassed down

The ardour of youth
The area is sparsely populated
The argument that is usually put forward
The argument was immensely strengthened
The arguments died down after that
The arguments they advanced
The artist needs good light to work by
The assignment is long overdue
The astonishing sequel to the humble beginnings
The atmosphere seemed tinged with evil
The attack was wide of the mark
The attraction it holds for me
The audience was gripped from beginning to end
The aura he exuded
The authority reserves the right to exclude any student who infringes the regulations
The baby would lash out its feet
The ball bounced somewhere to the right of me
The bane of his existence (punishment)
The bank of the river rises at this point in a cliff of sandstone
The bare essentials of convenience
The bare necessities of life
The barest prudence obliged him to...
The bark of the tree trunk was riven off
The basket tipped up and its contents found a resting place in a ditch
The bathos of stupidity
The battery has run down
The battle was an even chance
The bear is still at large
The beautiful panoply of autumn
The beauty of the day was lost upon her
The bed swings with your movement
The bells rang up exuberantly (for joy)
The bells tolled funereally (sadly)
The berries were few and far between
The best antidote to depression is gardening
The best cannot be enemies of the good
The best hated man (most hated)

The best part of a whole day
The best way to clarify this difference
The bias tends to run with the first view
The bike falls over
The bill of attainder (deprivation of rights)
The birds took to the air
The blood was singing in his ears
The boat gradually steadied itself
The bond between them is firmly established
The bone of contention
The book enjoyed a ready sale
The book falls into 3 parts
The book fell to the floor
The book has a ready sale
The book has been changing hands
The book is on the way to completion
The book that first came to hand
The boot is on the other leg
The boot is on the other leg from all I can see
The bottle was getting low
The box was used as a vegetable store
The boy always takes a dare
The boy didn't relinquish his hold of her hand
The boys seemed to be all agog for mischief
The boys were beautifully behaved
The boys were engaged in a fight
The brake refused to act
The break in the weather made outdoor pursuits impossible
The bridge commands one of the most exquisite views
The bridge showed up
The British don't care for foreigners
The broach will come undone if not properly fixed
The buds came into leaf
The building is an eyesore (ugly)
The building is going up for sale
The building is under construction
The building was allowed to fall into disuse
The buildings fell far short of the magnificence of their contents

The bullet had gone wide
The burden we have shouldered
The bushes are slow of growth but heavy of yield
The business justified another secretary
The bustle of preparing for...
The café had changed hands
The cakes might run short
The callousness of youth
The car appeared to have taken no harm
The car blew a tyre
The car came to a halt
The car came to a stop
The car is at the local garage for a service
The car is being serviced
The car is drawn up beside the kerb
The car reversed out and drove away
The car stopped some yards short of us
The car was doing 120
The car was parked out of his view
The car was running at low gear
The car was taken in tow
The careless atmosphere pervaded the whole house
The castle dominated the landscape for miles around
The cat waiting to pounce
The catch of the window/door
The ceremony was over save for inevitable tea
The chair was broken beyond repair
The chance is a remote one
The chances are much against it
The chances are very much loaded in favour of her
The change was clearly pronounced
The changes were momentous
The char lady is doing for me once a week
The charges were levelled against him
The charm of it always lays hold on me
The check won't be honoured
The children are homeward bound
The children are much work

The children were bribed to silence with some biscuits
The chill of the near water communicated itself to me
The choice was clinched
The city is virtually back to normal
The city was constituted the capital
The claret exerted its influence
The climate of opinion
The clock said 2
The Club was wound up in 1993
The coal fire flickered and fell
The coast seems clear
The coat was padded out at the shoulders
The coat will iron
The coffee is running short
The coincidence is far too great
The cold held
The cold weather had broken at last
The collage was in recess
The commonplaces of everyday existence
The company was not a great deal to one's liking
The competition was thrown open internationally
The computer cannot replicate human thought
The conductor beats the time
The constitution has to run up to 2030
The contract expired
The control was never complete
The conundrum was too much for him (he was puzzled)
The conversation was wearing thin
The converse does not hold
The corroboration of the hypothesis rests with him
The cost is impossibly high
The cost of it would be prohibitive at present
The Council will wield enough power
The country was gently undulating
The country was his for the taking
The country's economic performance
The court acquitted him
The crazy story gained credence

The crime had been planned between them
The crisis came to a head
The criticism has reached a new level of effectiveness
The critics wrote her down as a have-been
The crowd fell back
The crowd had dispersed
The crunch came in...
The crux of the problem
The cupboards are stuffed to bursting point
The current way
The curtains at the windows
The custom has fallen into disuse
The custom of men deferring to women is on the wane
The daily problems hold absolute sway
The dance terminated
The dance was called
The date has not been set yet
The dawn was not far off
The day was already far advanced
The day was bright with sunshine
The day was overcast
The days are lengthening out
The days ran into weeks
The dead leaves ran riot about the street
The deadline will be met
The debt has been honoured
The decision could go either way
The decision has been thrashed out beforehand
The decision was taken
The decline must be arrested
The degree of commitment
The degree of emotional involvement is excessive
The description is accurate enough
The desk was forced open
The determination had held good
The dinner surged on
The discontent rankled under the surface
The disease swept across the country

The doctor has gone on a call
The document to the effect
The dog beat his tail with a good deal of exuberance
The dog was slow to take strangers into his acceptance
The dog's hairs settle all over the place
The dogs had the run of the house
The dogs may be dangerous where strangers are concerned
The dogs wagged their tails in greeting
The door closed on her
The door did not budge
The door gave on the corridor
The door stood open
The door stood wide open on a darkness
The door was locked on them
The drainage went out of use
The dress showed up her dark beauty
The drink has begun to get back on me
The driver will give a few minutes grace
The dust was atrocious
The effect is harmless if bizarre
The effect is nothing short of magical
The effects of the liniment caused no smarting
The efficacy of medicine
The effort is inseparable from the desired effect
The election was called
The elections are to get under way again
The emergency has subsided
The end of the evening has proved too long in coming
The end of the trip was most harrowing, frustrating
The enemy fell back in panic
The English set a special value on humour
The ensuing respite
The essential idiom of his style
The Estonian ear is more offended by...
The Estonian universities fell far short by this yardstick
The evening progressed without a hitch
The evening should be brought to a close at this point
The evenings and days off drag a bit

The evenings are drawing in (are shortening)/out (are lengthening)
The event has been called off
The evidence favouring it was steadily mounting
The exams are coming on
The excellencies of this dish defy description
The expense is nugatory
The expense of keeping it up is prohibitive
The experiment began to misfire
The extent of the damage
The extent of the problem
The extreme discretion shown here over this visit
The extreme inanity of the remark
The eye is at its sharpest, the mind is at its clearest
The face of the water was full of scattered leaves
The fact cries aloud to heaven
The fact is that, somehow or other...
The fact merits some consideration
The fact was manifest (evident)
The fact would argue in favour of its being sound
The factory has to be run under pressure (for urgent produce)
The failure of the financial effort bears more heavily on the wife
The father is completely wrapped up in this child
The feature that it brings to bear
The feeling grew stronger moment by moment
The fertility of my imagination has given out
The fickle moods of British weather
The field of his endeavour
The figure probably running into thousands
The figurines were set into the cabinet
The fire burned uproariously
The fire needs seen to
The fire was arrested
The firm is on its last legs
The first proponents of this theory
The first shock has receded
The first stage towards it is awareness
The first step to undertake
The first thing that springs to mind

The flat is in very easy reach of anywhere useful
The flat was crammed
The flight was called (was announced)
The flowers were drooping with the heat
The flue was choked with soot
The fog got thicker with every yard of distance
The folly of disputing
The force of habit is overriding
The fortress was heavily defended
The fountain didn't play
The fountain is playing
The French windows are giving out to the terrace
The future here looks bleak
The game must be played to certain rules
The game was abandoned because of rain
The garage must not be an afterthought but a planned place
The garden has been let go a bit
The garden has gone down
The garden is waterlogged
The garden never came to much
The garden would take a lot of cleaning
The gear would not engage
The general atmosphere was on the brink of the pandemonium
The general impression I formed was...
The germ is there all along
The girl fell flat
The girls accepted the invitation with alacrity (joy)
The girls were becoming quite deft
The glass he was holding to his lips
The glass was in smithereens
The gong sounded for tea
The government resorted to desperate expedients
The gravity did not dissemble
The great cry of the period was...
The greatest feat of engineering
The greatest known to history
The greatest number at any one time
The greatest problem we had to contend with

The grievance ran far and wide
The grip that caught the hand said more than any words could convey
The group as an entity
The group broke up
The group dispersed, but the girl was hanging back
The guest of honour
The guests must be plied with the right drinks
The guests who had overstayed their welcome
The guilt lies between two people
The guilt rests on him
The gust has spent itself to a whisper
The habit is growing on her
The habit of relentless activity is hard to break
The hair stands on end
The hammock was strung between the trees
The hangings are dropping to pieces
The hard weather did not materialise
The harvest is 30% per cent down on last year
The hay was all got in
The head of the creek
The heel of the hand
The heels of his palms gave him pain
The high road and the open country
The highjacker was overpowered
The hint was taken
The honours are with you
The horrors are mine, I think
The horse balked at the leap
The horse broke into a gallop
The horse turned to eating grass
The horse was swishing its tail to ward off the flies
The horse was twitching its tail against the flies
The hotel is full up
The hotel was not particularly prepossessing
The hours at which meals are taken
The house did not run to neatness or flower-beds
The house has a south aspect
The house has been standing empty these eight months

The house has settled (sunk)
The house is edged in by the towering blocks of flats
The house is going to rack and ruin
The house is still extant but greatly modified
The house is up for sale
The house must be lived in
The house stood where the trees gave way to the fields
The house was added to several times
The house was banked in by trees and shrubs
The house was comfortable if gloomy
The house was full in sight
The houses bore numbers
The houses flanked the road
The hurly-burly of the bazaar
The hurly-burly of the post-war years
The hypothesis is advanced
The hypothesis is found to be tenable
The hypothesis is plausible
The idea generated/spurred up 10 years ago
The idea might even come to fruition
The idea might lend itself to comparative freshness of treatment
The idea still persisted that...
The idea took on in America
The idea took on tremendously
The idea will gain increasing acceptance
The impact was exacerbated by...
The impedimenta of the new trade
The implication is that...
The important point to bear in mind
The incongruity of handling the material and the purpose of it
The inference from this will be...
The inference is that it didn't exist
The information does not tally with reality
The initiative rested with her
The integrity of the system is at stake
The interest charges on the debt
The interest waned
The interpretation of these data calls for...

The intricacies leave me floundered
The invitation doesn't suit my book
The irksomeness of routine
The issue is coming to a head
The issues are fundamental
The issues at stake
The job carried a salary of...
The joke fell flat
The joke recoiled upon her own head
The journey drew to an end
The journey has taken it out of me
The joy in store for me
The jumble of narrow streets
The key factor of this
The knowledge is all but completely lacking
The knowledge sinks in
The laces in your shoes are undone
The lady outdid us every time
The lamps have been changed over
The land is in a very bad state with all this rain
The land went out of cultivation
The last leg of our journey
The last revenants of my unconscious
The last time he has been to see me was...
The last years were tainted by the cumulative strain of...
The Latin script (letters, alphabet)
The laugh was on her
The law is in force
The law was repealed
The lawyers grew rich on the proceeds
The legend lingers on
The legend upon the sign
The legs of her glasses
The less likely
The lessons don't have much effect
The letter continues over the page
The letter had never arrived
The letter in question

The letter was held up
The level of discussion was too jejune for him to temp his participation
The lid would not budge
The life and soul of the party
The lift has got stuck
The light caught her diamonds
The light was already failing
The likelihood is that they would revert to...
The likes of him
The line of least resistance
The line went dead (telephone line)
The lip of the quarry
The lips of the wound
The list may be extended indefinitely
The little pain will never go
The location is no accident
The lock has not caught properly
The lock held firm at her tug
The logic running through it
The logs were burning low
The long and the short of it is that...
The long traumas of adolescence stamp deep
The look was not returned
The losses should be kept to a minimum
The love she accorded to him
The lower/upper reaches of the river
The lust for power, the passion to bully and domineering
The magic of the night began to take hold of them
The main body of the company
The main door is set on the road
The main street was densely thronged
The mainstay of this policy
The man is an empty windbag
The man is lost to all shame (is no longer ashamed)
The marvel of being able to see...
The masked men overpowered the guards and forced their way into the bank
The mastermind for it
The matter in hand

The meadows were running down to water
The measures were enacted in...
The medicine cannot make head against this disease
The medicine has taken effect
The meeting has been called off
The meeting is in progress
The memory of it lingers
The mental approach to each is different
The mental climate is slow to modify
The message conveys greetings
The message you want to get across
The mice have been and eaten it
The milk is slightly turned
The money has changed hands
The money was converted to his own use
The money will be made over to you
The mood was ripe for strife upon this issue
The morality was put on par with the contemporary underworld
The more of ginger in it the better for its taste
The more pertinent fact is that...
The more the better
The most dominant item on the agenda
The most gratifying moment in my life
The most plausible interpretation
The motor chugs
The murderers attempted his life
The murky future of the world's economy
The nail was carefully varnished so as not to show
The nails on his hands were rimmed with grime
The name he is passing under
The nation was transported with relief and pride
The nature of things is implacable towards weakness
The nearest thing to good news
The need of action was upon him
The nervous atmosphere was giving way to...
The news had broken my concentration
The news rippled out
The news would get round

The newspaper carried the story
The nexus of interest
The night is still young
The noise blots out all other sound
The noise level will be brought down
The noise vanquished his words
The noise will down out her voice
The notables of the town
The novelty will wear out/down
The object of my happiest thoughts
The odds against us were too overwhelming
The odds are I shall not be free (most probably it will be so)
The odds were heavily against it
The offer still stands
The officer in mufti
The old coot (man)
The old man was failing fast
The old maxim is to...
The only area where they were able to hold their own
The only hypotheses to which I can see no manifest objections are these
The only mode of life within her reach
The only one as things stand
The only stipulation is...
The only stipulation she made
The only things desirable as ends
The only time when we were at one
The onset of a scene
The opening decades of the last century
The opportunity has never come my way
The opportunity presented itself quite soon
The other way round
The others, respecting his lofty rank, gave ground
The outcome will be the same
The outlines are blurred
The outlook seemed brighter after that
The overweening narcissism
The pain is amenable to treatment
The pain left him

The pain was overwhelming
The panic subsided
The paper was lying face downwards
The paper was torn in pieces
The pardons had been repealed
The Parliament was summoned to convene
The party had not been an uproarious success
The party numbered seven
The party was in full spate
The party went off to perfection
The party will fall flat without him
The past can yield us a lot
The path opened out
The path she was pursuing might be a perilous one
The patience is wearing thin
The pavement was hard on her feet
The pendulum has swung to the opposite extreme
The people fell back to allow her to leave
The people were standing too deep for me to see anything
The performance went with a swing
The permit has been marked invalid
The person in question
The petrol in the car is down to empty
The petty side of people
The picture persistently clings in my memory
The pictures are set at an angle
The pile of wood was to be set alight
The place blazed with light
The place has run to seed
The place is going to rack and ruin
The place is of great scenic beauty
The place must be a shambles
The place wants doing up
The place was deserted of people
The place was infested with gnats
The place was peopled by strangers
The plague could readily be transmitted to...
The plan has been laid to waste

The plan has grown in substance and complication
The plan on which this work operates
The plan visualizes...
The pleasure is mine
The pleasure steamer plies up and down
The plot is given up for lawn
The point I am going to arrive at will offer you no difficulties in comprehension
The point of special interest
The policy wavered to and fro
The poor things will get lost
The population in excess of 50,000
The possibilities are removed
The possibility is pretty remote
The possibility must be faced
The post had been redeemed
The powers that be
The precise bearing of the word (its meaning)
The present appearance of it cannot be taken for its only reality
The present system puts a premium on those things
The presentation was incessantly marred by the noises
The President has pledged his people that...
The President took office
The pressure of events can easily decide otherwise
The pressure of his hand carried the message
The previous incumbent
The problem can be the reverse
The problem has been all along
The problem is coming to a head
The problem narrows down to it
The problem we aired last week
The problems that beset us all
The procedures were laid down
The profession brands one
The programme in many facets
The programme which I laid out
The progressive is laced with the traditional
The project has suffered a major setback

The project is suspended for a while
The proof of the pudding is in its eating
The property demised to the heirs
The prospect aroused no enthusiasm in her
The prospect had suddenly a new appeal
The prospect is none too good
The prospect is pretty grim
The prospects were jeopardized
The pursuit of pleasure
The puzzle was pieced together
The Queen took the salute
The quest for originality
The question at issue
The question brooks no delay
The question of money did not arise
The question was brought to a head
The questions are set by
The questions were falling dead
The rain came on with great vigour
The rain eased a little
The rain had thinned out to a fine drizzle
The rain has abated a little
The rain held off
The rain is easing off
The rate of inflection
The rate of obsolescence is rapid and accelerating
The rattle of a reaper
The reason for this is not far to seek
The reasons we advanced were genuine enough
The rebellion was quelled
The reception he was accorded
The redemption of the plan
The redolence of a grocery store
The relation is at best fragile
The relations suffered a setback
The remark is confusing
The remission of the country's debts
The report is very wide-ranging

The response was a resounding No!
The responsibility is with him
The responsibility lies at your door
The responsibility was mine and mine alone
The result is an excessive simplification
The result is very effective
The result was vastly satisfactory
The results are attained (arrived at)
The results were in line with...
The revelry was in full swing
The reverse effect
The reverse is going to happen
The rights were conceded to Dissenters
The rim of the glass
The river curved sharply round the point almost turning back on itself
The river is in thaw
The river was alive with bathers
The road is covered in tarmac
The road petered away
The road runs close to the sea
The road was deep with mud
The road was desolate
The road was just wide enough to take a car
The road was little more than a lane
The roof showed above the trees
The roof was a good distance from the ground
The room boasted a fire-place
The room catches the sun throughout the day
The room is lit with candles
The room isn't made up for the night yet
The room was bare of furniture
The room was heavily hung with cobwebs
The room was in total disarray
The room was redolent of fried food
The room was scrupulously clean
The rope began paying out fast
The rumours persisted
The run of the houses in Pikk Street

The ruthlessness of his scientific detachment
The salient points of his speech
The same approach persists despite the opposition
The same holds good of...
The same might apply to her
The same story all over
The same system was invariable pursuit
The saying goes: out of sight, out of mind
The scale of the catastrophe is unimaginable
The scampering of the sea
The scene is laid in the 16th century
The scene went up (began)
The scents were wafted to him
The scrunch of footsteps
The scruples she surmounted
The sea is choppy
The sea was dancing
The sea was shimmering in the sun
The seat fell vacant
The secret could not be unravelled
The secret was not divulged
The secretary was taking down the words
The selection I have made will inevitably betray a personal bias
The sentries are relieved every hour
The shadows were far more telling now
The ship foundered
The ship impelled by the wind
The ship put to sea
The ship was set on fire
The ship went ploughing the waves
The ships lay at anchor
The ships plied regularly from Tallinn to Helsinki
The shock began to wear off
The shop is closed, they are stock-taking
The shot went home
The shoulder of the road
The shrub gave way to pine trees
The sight jarred unpleasantly

The signal for the party to break up
The signature tune
The silence was unbroken
The simile was apt
The situation has deteriorated
The situation is too difficult to cope with
The situation was getting too much for him
The skirts of the coat
The sky was a steady blue
The sky was studded with stars
The sleepless hours have taken their toll
The sleeves were all too long
The small of my back gives me pain sometimes
The smell came downwind
The smell hangs on for days
The smoke made my eyes smart
The snow squeaks beneath one's feet
The solution rests with him
The sooner the better
The sound ebbed
The soup is on the boil
The space had been built over
The speech went down pretty well
The spell was broken
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak
The splash of waves
The squirrel was eating away with me looking on
The staircase turned a sharp corner in the middle of the run
The staple of the demand
The state of affairs
The stem of his pipe
The stiff upper lip
The stipulated first instalment was paid
The stones are wet with the rain
The story goes back a long way
The story goes that...
The story was on the dull side
The strain has taken its toll

The street is hard by (near)
The street is thronged at all hours
The street was densely thronged
The street was noisy with traffic
The streets are thronged with people
The stripe of his pyjamas was bold enough to show in the dark
The students are swotting for their exams
The stuff has taken effect
The subject in hand
The subject is not abstruse (complicated)
The subject is one of compelling interest
The subject of much comment
The subject was well-nigh exhausted
The success was short-lived
The sum total
The sun beat down on us
The sun burns away the mist
The sun came out in glory
The sun is peeping through
The sun is trying to break through
The sun's in my eyes
The sunlight was filtering through the window
The supplies had given out
The suspicions are well founded
The sway of fashion
The swimmer gained the shore
The symptoms abated
The table opened in the middle to admit extra boards
The table supported a candlestick
The table was sagging under all this abundance
The table was set up daintily with flowers
The tables stood three deep
The tale differs with the teller
The talks were abortive
The task set to you
The taste for poetry flags a little
The tea is on the house
The telephone whirred

The tendency persists even long after...
The tension sustained to the last chapter
The tension was building
The territory of an Embassy is unviolated
The theory fell to the ground
The theory grew increasingly coherent
The theory that I'd been advancing to you
The thermometer reads +25°
The thieves have been traced
The thing died down
The thing has gone obsessive with him
The things got mixed up
The things that matter most
The thought has crossed my mind all right
The thunderstorm is coming on
The time hangs heavy on my hands
The time is not propitious for it
The time seems to be running out with appalling speed
The topic upon which I have ventured to touch
The total population stands about 1.000.000
The town boasts an excellent drama theatre
The track petered out
The traffic grows sporadic
The traffic jam loosened up
The traffic must follow a circular course
The tragedy had left him desolate in his personal life
The train gathered momentum
The train is due at 8 o'clock
The train was due in at 2 o'clock pm, but it was past due
The trauma was inflicted on me
The trees are still in leaf
The trees began to sprout new leaves
The trees bent inland
The trees block the sea horizon here
The trees cut off the view
The trees swayed in blustering wind
The trend of his thoughts
The trouble with him is that...

The true significance of it was only just coming home to her
The truth forced itself on him
The truth is infinitely obvious
The truth is out
The truth lies somewhere between these two arguments
The tunes remain impervious
The twelve winds blow us
The two activities interfered with each other
The two of them rubbed each other the wrong way
The two of them were at cross-purposes
The two were not in keeping
The typhoon has dissipated
The tyre went flat
The uncertainty might blow over
The undue proportion of time and interest taken by the search for food
The unrest is mounting
The upshot/result was...
The usual bickering as to who should carry what
The vagaries of the artistic temperament
The very latest thing in hats
The vessel made no headway
The view that met the eye
The view was obscured by the trees
The village was carried (won over)
The village was overwhelmed by the sea
The villages were few and far between
The violation of human rights
The walls are taken up with pictures
The walls were covered in wallpaper
The war was imminent
The wash of the passing boat
The wash of the sea
The water brawled over the stones
The water was heavily polluted
The way forward lies with the more productive use of land
The way was blocked up in cars
The weakness of this theory is all too obvious
The weather cleared up

The weather has turned rather cold
The weather is forbiddingly hot
The weather is much brighter
The weather was coming up black and grey
The weather was mixed, with sudden downpour and brilliant sunshine
The weather was of high promise
The wheel came full circle
The wheels lost traction for perilous seconds
The wheels of this car will not bite
The wheels were engaged in low gear
The whole caboodle
The whole idea is preposterous
The whole incident must be sealed off
The whole issue could not have been raised at a less auspicious time
The whole laborious process has to be endured once more
The whole position hinges on her
The whole process took better than two hours
The whole quest had been unreasonably sanguine
The whole structure crumbles down
The whole thing is cast in doubt
The whole thing may be nothing but a mare's nest (nonsense)
The whole thing will fizzle out
The wild place had no kinship with human activity
The will of the people will prevail
The will to live
The wilting roses should go into the water
The wind cut the morning heat
The wind has dropped
The wind has got up
The wind ripped off the roof
The wind was coming up in gusts
The wind was playing havoc with her hair
The windcheater was a shade on the large side
The windows are all open
The windows gave on the street (faced the street)
The windows running with water
The winter closed in
The women here are working alongside the men

The women went about their housework
The women were carrying their own weight in farm produce
The wood rang with laughter
The woods ran off in all directions
The word rests with you
The words spoken in the heat of the moment may be misleading
The work has gone dead on me
The work is nowhere near completed
The work was done fastidiously
The world at large
The world has lost something through his going
The world is too much with me
The wrong she has suffered at his hands
The years have dealt kindly with her
The zip has jammed
Their airy-fairyness in matters of real importance
Their attitude was less than warm
Their constant repinings at...
Their correspondence soon lapsed
Their courage in the face of adversity
Their delight knew no bounds
Their differences over so many questions
Their eyes met and held
Their eyes met in an insistent stare
Their fortunes swayed to and fro
Their fury broke out in war
Their hopes were dashed
Their incomes have dwindled
Their intentions are avowedly bad
Their knowledge is only skin-deep
Their land was laid waste
Their love for her
Their luck is still holding
Their minds reached towards 8 o'clock
Their needs must not be overlooked
Their number considerably extended
Their numbers were much depleted
Their numbers were prodigious

Their origin is wrapped in obscurity
Their overriding objection is that...
Their partnership was thus impaired
Their paths have seldom crossed
Their paths soon diverged
Their plight is made worse by...
Their position was fairly consistent
Their priorities lie elsewhere
Their relations were congenial
Their resources were stretched to the uttermost
Their span of life was cast in that period
Their staple food
Their tolerance wore dangerously thin
Then he got his legs under better control
Then he put on full speed
Then he took up with another girl
Then I had a brainwave
Then it came to a head
Then it's a go
Then say it and have done with it
Then she breathed her last
Then, to our relief...
Theories are put forth
There are 100 cents to an euro
There are 15 of them all told
There are a few minutes to go
There are a good many reasons
There are all kinds of hazards
There are bound to be clashes
There are bound to be misunderstandings
There are considerations which preclude belief in...
There are critical times where pollution is concerned
There are genuine reasons for it
There are haunts in the very heart of the town
There are limits
There are literally hundreds of...
There are many people, but few human beings
There are multiple causes

There are no easy answers
There are no facts to go on
There are no lengths to which you would not go to help a friend
There are no letters in his hand
There are no limits on grants
There are no two ways about it
There are others of the same predicament
There are powerful forces at work
There are slim hopes that...
There are still 3 days of it to run
There are too many perplexing questions to ponder
There are two great rules to be remembered and acted upon
There are two sides to everything
There can be little doubt that he is at one with them
There doesn't seem much for me to do round here
There has been some tampering with the facts
There have been tears over it
There I should have given myself the benefit of the doubt
There is a catch (difficulty)
There is a choice of additive to your coffee
There is a distinct possibility
There is a flat thrown in with the job
There is a good deal to be said for it
There is a great deal of emphasis on...
There is a growing call for it
There is a law to that effect
There is a lot of the disease about
There is a lot to be said for it
There is a marked tendency
There is a need for long overdue reforms
There is a pressing need to maintain the memory
There is a soft side to his nature
There is a solid economic reason for it
There is a stud farm in our neighbourhood
There is a very strong possibility that...
There is all the difference in the world
There is an early plain on
There is an element of some strangeness in him

There is an overriding presumption that
There is another joke to the effect that...
There is another side to the medal
There is bound to be...
There is certain testimony with which one cannot afford to disagree
There is certainly more to this man than meets the eye
There is every indication that...
There is every likelihood of your making it
There is good reason for it
There is good reason to believe that
There is hardly anything he couldn't do
There is just a bare chance
There is less energy in the wind now
There is little doubt that...
There is little in it to suggest...
There is more in it than meets the eye
There is more style to it
There is more ways than one
There is more window than wall
There is much cry but little wool
There is much to be said for it
There is no complete answer
There is no denying it
There is no doubt in my mind about it
There is no evidence to substantiate it
There is no further need for it
There is no gainsaying it
There is no going back in the first place
There is no good in rushing things
There is no good shirking it
There is no great hurry for this
There is no inherent reason why...
There is no knowing what it might lead to
There is no love lost between us
There is no middle way
There is no need for you to...
There is no need to add to her worries
There is no need to make heavy weather about it

There is no one I love so well
There is no one when you come down to it
There is no other way to effect cures
There is no pleasing you, is there?
There is no point assuming the worst
There is no point in delay
There is no point in laying the blame here or there
There is no point in taking him to task
There is no point in taking risks
There is no question of that
There is no realistic chance
There is no residue of doubt
There is no room to swing a cat in
There is no saying when he comes home
There is no saying when it will happen
There is no sense in playing down the situation
There is no shadow of doubt
There is no significant hazard
There is no telling
There is no telling how...
There is no time to be lost
There is not a breath of wind
There is not a scrap of confirmatory evidence
There is not much call for it at this shop
There is not much lost between us
There is not much opportunity for going wrong
There is nothing beyond the fact that...
There is nothing for it (nothing doing)
There is nothing for it but to go on
There is nothing for it but to walk
There is nothing for it now but to make the best of it
There is nothing I should like better
There is nothing mean about him
There is nothing more difficult to combat than truth
There is nothing to know it by
There is one inference we must draw
There is one standing rule
There is only a sporting chance that it is drinkable

There is small prospect that...
There is some doubt about its authenticity
There is some logic to it
There is some meaning to it
There is something disconcerting about him
There is something distinctive in this civilization
There is something I cannot get hold in you
There is something preying on my mind
There is something rather urgent to do
There is strong evidence
There is surely no room for doubt?
There is the rub
There lies a world of difference
There may be something in this
There may be something to be said for it
There might be an off-chance that you might know something about it
There must be a catch to it somewhere
There must be a lot of ins and outs to this business
There must have been the best part of 200 people
There now!
There seems to be a discrepancy in statements
There seems to be a generous allowance of fools in my family
There the matter rests
There used to be more deference to class distinction
There was a breaking-up party, and I was asked to come
There was a broad sweep of lawn
There was a fair amount of chaos
There was a heavy price on it
There was a rise in temperature and a shift in wind
There was a rush for the door
There was a scattering of bluebells
There was a throwback to winter in May
There was a traffic hold-up
There was always something wanting
There was an air of expectancy about them
There was an evident disparity between style and content
There was another side to it
There was brandy on his breath

There was every indication that...
There was exactly one apiece all round
There was never much love lost between them for all I know
There was no change one whit (at all)
There was no doubt from the outset
There was no end to it
There was no indication as to...
There was no issue of the marriage (no children)
There was no mistaking the expression on her face
There was no one to touch her (no equals)
There was no one to touch her in music
There was no possibility of being overheard
There was no response at the door so she explored around
There was no telling where he would land
There was no time to be lost
There was none of that
There was not a stick of furniture in the room
There was nothing else for it (nothing doing)
There was nothing for it but to do one's best
There was nothing I could usefully add
There was nothing on him (no accusation)
There was nothing to be done
There was nothing untoward in his behaviour
There was one alternative, bizarre as it may seem
There was one snag
There was plenty to take in (to notice)
There was so much to see of Paris
There was some badinage
There was some doubt about it which I overruled
There was some personal angle to this assignment
There was something eerie in the stillness
There was something set and peaceful about it
There was subdued triumph in his manner
There was the gist of the matter
There was wind in the sky but not on ground level
There was yet another...
There wasn't much I was likely ever to have known
There were a lot of berries and they could pick their fill

There were great preparations in train (going on)
There were high words on both sides
There were no precedents to guide them
There were no signs of wear
There were not nearly so many
There were several vacancies in the new plant, but he missed the bus
There were three flights of steps to be negotiated
There were too many things that did not add up
There will be nothing for it but...
There will be nothing standing in your way
There will never be another like her
There you are!
There you go!
There you have the crux
There's a catch in it
There's baked apples for afters (dessert)
There's no getting away from that
There's no cause for concern
These aims were consistently pursued
These are the things we have to look out for
These are two sides of the same coin
These are weighty arguments to the contrary
These bacteria are responsible for his death
These bitter things caught us on the raw
These blasted windows are misted out
These books are in short supply
These branches will take kindly to a flame
These dangers pale into insignificance as compared to...
These days are gone for good and all
These differences persisted across centuries
These difficulties are not invincible
These features must be traced in unison
These goods have skyrocketed in price
These motives figure only too frequently among...
These observations brought it home to me that...
These people are impossible to deal with
These people were enserfed (turned into serfs)
These plans should only be transferred from the realm of theory to that of fact

These plays cannot be discounted as juvenilia
These plays found their early outlet in Estonian Radio
These problems are not so far apart as you might think
These questions are touched upon but not probed to the bottom
These resolutions are not binding
These results are very much with us today
These rights are rigorously protected
These rooms are all too limited in size
These sculptures are spectacular
These shoes cut my heels
These suspicions were not allayed when...
These tactics paid off
These things are capable of no real explanation
These things are made to last
These things are only marginally important
These things are studied with different terms of reference
These things were done with for good and all
These titles stay put
These traits have been misconstrued (interpreted wrongly)
These were his very words
They actually set the pace
They add up to an organic whole
They all conform to this type of plan
They all take a different view
They almost came to blows over it
They always try to cadge free advice/a lift
They amass for themselves a huge private fortune
They answer to their names
They appeared in a body
They ardently hoped for it
They are a familiar sight here
They are a long way short of reaching agreement
They are alike in many respects
They are all in a dither
They are all of a piece
They are always at odds
They are always expected to be on call
They are apt to overlook it

They are as thick as thieves (great friends)
They are at loggerheads
They are at risk
They are bad bedfellows
They are bent on ferreting out his secret
They are bent on revenge
They are bound to be hurt
They are cast in the same mould
They are ceaselessly trying to whittle down expenditure
They are close to extinction
They are currently being investigated
They are dead these many years
They are deeply reserved
They are definitely banned there
They are delighted with him
They are doing it of their own free will
They are good at all kinds of contrivances
They are hand-in-glove with them
They are happy with their lot
They are hard to come by
They are hard up for money
They are hardened to this weather
They are in for a disappointment
They are in need of economic boost
They are just ahead
They are keenly involved
They are liable to be misunderstood
They are merely shirking the real issues
They are moving house
They are not averse to the extra leisure
They are not everybody's idea of...
They are not just starting up
They are not of one mind
They are not particularly knowledgeable
They are notoriously weak-willed
They are now to all intents and purposes (actually)...
They are nowhere near ready yet
They are of my own creation

They are on personal terms
They are on the alert
They are on the move
They are overmuch given to it
They are perpetually falling into this shallow mistake
They are pessimistic over their chances to get it
They are placed within easy reach of her
They are powerful evidence
They are prone to accidents
They are proud of it
They are pulling against one another
They are roughly of a size
They are saying so very forcefully
They are seas apart (very different)
They are similar to that one
They are small beer
They are so designed as to...
They are spending heavily
They are split on the subject
They are still capable of being put into a state of repair
They are still vainly offered for sale
They are sure to lose their way
They are truly special to me
They are unique of their kind
They are up to their eyes in this work
They are wise to it
They argued amicably
They asked after you (for you)
They ate their way through the fried fish
They attach great significance to...
They beat us all to nothing (surpassed us)
They became more fastidious in their living
They began to make headway
They bent their footsteps to that cottage
They blend happily together
They both were as it were in their natural element
They bought it in bulk (en gros)
They broke with these traditions

They called it a draw
They came in a body
They came in quick succession
They came into existence
They came through college together
They came through with flying colours
They came to a baffled halt
They came to an agreement
They can be excused from bothering about anything else
They can bring most of themselves to bear on whatever they are doing
They can just about do anything
They can't express themselves with fluency
They cancel each other out
They cannot make head or tail of it
They cause no end of trouble
They change ends at tennis
They chatted for a good 20 minutes
They chatted over drinks
They cherished these relations
They choose to conform to local standards
They claim it completely harmless
They collected a glass apiece
They compare favourably
They concerted a rebellion
They contrived to live with reasonable comfort
They co-operated to their maximum
They could be counted upon to act with discretion
They could not arrest him for nothing to go upon
They could not help but notice him
They could stretch a point
They couldn't save all their goods and chattels
They cut for partners
They danced cheek by jowl
They decided to stay behind
They defied legal forms with impunity
They defied solution so long
They demonstrated in favour of reform
They depended heavily for their appeal on...

They deplored his death/mourned his passing
They deserve better
They did it turn by turn
They did not cede it with good grace
They did not consent to this
They did not enquire about that, even by implication
They did not stand by him
They did us down (cheated us)
They did very well
They didn't raise any outcry
They didn't take to each other
They didn't try to speak against the noise
They died of hunger
They dispensed with his services
They disregarded her
They do a tremendous job
They do not come into unofficial contact to anything like the extent that
they do with the ...
They do not dare to laugh at him to his face
They don't care a rap
They don't hand out change for the jukebox
They don't set much value on human life
They don't spare any cost or effort
They doubled the pace in pursuit
They doubled up with laughter
They drew extensively on the emotional support of...
They drew extensively on...
They drew up an address
They drew upon E for these articles
They emerged from the heavy cover and swarmed across the road
They entertained a profound respect for it
They equate happiness with possessions
They escaped by the skin of their teeth
They exclaimed in unison
They expressed their approbation
They face some tough questioning
They fail to convey an accurate idea
They failed to show up

They fall into 2 categories
They fall into groupings
They fared no better
They favoured the motion (it was carried)
They fell into 2 groups
They fell on evil times
They fell out over that
They fell silent
They fell to looting and pillaging the city
They fell to work
They felt bound to keep silent
They fired her out (sacked her)
They follow suit
They followed in rapid succession
They fought about a girl
They found nothing but commonplace things to say
They found themselves in desperate straits
They framed him up
They furnished the pretext
They gave me to understand
They gave went to their frustration
They get a very sound training in... and a very solid foundation
They get back at those who incurred their displeasure
They get the better of you
They got held up in Rome
They got their way with the...
They got themselves into a mess
They got to talking together
They granted his wish
They greatly welcome a diversion of any kind
They had 10 apples between the two of them
They had a pull
They had a tiff (beer)
They had an aged look to them
They had first call on the place (were preferred)
They had given him up for dead
They had guests to dinner
They had hit it off very well over X

They had inadvertently gate-crashed an impromptu concert
They had little to say for themselves
They had me up for dangerous driving
They had much in common
They had no business to be there in the first place
They had not agreed over the matter
They had picked on him (chosen him)
They had solid grounds for that
They had succumbed to the economic pressure of the times
They had taken their toll
They had the unselfconscious assurance of comfortable social status
They had three square meals a day
They had to practise the severest economy
They had too heavy dinner eaten close to bedtime
They hardened their hearts
They hark as far back as...
They harp on the usual theme (repeat on and on)
They have a lot of time on their hands
They have abandoned subsistence farming, thinking only of cash
They have asked for it (earned it)
They have been arguing all along
They have been edged off their top
They have been to see us
They have been trying to get in on it
They have cobbled it up between them (repaired somehow)
They have given handsome returns on the investment
They have given him the sack
They have given their full backing to it
They have gone to great lengths
They have got him under lock and key
They have had it here (got fed up)
They have jointly produced it
They have long memories
They have made a start on the language
They have made their way to safety
They have no more of it in stock
They have no right to inflict their miseries on others
They have no standing army

They have no superiority except in numbers
They have ruled out all other possibilities
They have to stand by their commitment
They have vied with one another for power
They haven't left very happy memories
They haven't met their target
They headed for home
They held half the world in fee
They insisted on running him to his hotel (in a car)
They joined forces to edge him from power
They just cannot cut the mustard (cannot manage)
They keep it up into small hours
They keep themselves to themselves
They kept open house and gave hearty welcome to the strangers
They kept up a desultory conversation
They knew less than we do
They knew much of her
They knocked up a little place for him at the bottom of the garden
They know no better
They laboured from sunup till sundown
They lashed out as hard as they could tear
They laughed uproariously
They leaned forward in their chairs, intent to catch his every word
They let her be
They let him in on their plan
They let me hang around while they worked
They let on that they know it
They lie under suspicion
They live beyond their income
They live in this country without being of it
They lived in perfect amity
They lived on the farm
They lodge themselves in the memory
They lodged a strong protest
They made a lovely couple
They made a surly impression
They made little progress in narrowing down their differences
They made the point very strongly

They maintained their allegiance
They make no distinction
They managed to escape with their lives
They managed to extinguish fire as well
They marched in the van (in front)
They marked it down so they could find it later
They matched the height of a man
They may be just putting brave face on things and keeping a stiff upper lip
They may lock you out
They met head-on
They met with general satisfaction
They mustered support in Parliament
They negotiated the mountains
They never got on
They numbered no less than...
They operated under stringent regulations
They owed him no grudge
They packed up bag and baggage
They paid heavily for it
They paid little heed to the drawbacks
They parted at that
They parted company
They parted ways
They pass no criticism
They paused for breath
They played with great flair
They pleaded with him to come at once
They pondered the issue
They positively ate out of her hand
They practice incessantly
They pushed on through the dense tangle of underbrush
They put in to shore at high tide
They put out in a boat
They put their elders on their mettle in this race for good deeds
They put up the rent
They quarrelled over it
They raced each other
They raked up old scores

They ran helter-skelter for home
They ran into more problems
They range very widely
They reached the top of the mountain in the last sun
They repudiated the invasion
They resented it, for it disturbed their fixed opinion
They rode abreast
They rounded the headland
They run a business from home
They run their own affairs
They sang in different parts
They sat down across from each other
They sat down to table
They screamed for joy
They seem a very nice lot (people)
They seem to have run out of conversation
They seemed to have struck on almost uninhabited stretch of the country
They send me on an errand
They set a fast pace
They set a tone to the place
They set about doing things
They set off at a smart pace
They set out together
They settled down for the night
They share the concerns
They share the same ends
They shared one characteristic in common
They should bury the hatchet
They should coincide in the main
They shoved him round from pillar to post
They showed no disposition to chat
They showed no haste
They shuddered at the word
They signed him up for the competition
They singled him out
They slackened their pursuit
They slant the news
They slept two to a bed

They sought to effect radical changes in the system
They sounded him discretely
They speak in whispers lest I overhear
They split on the issue
They spun me some yarn (story)
They still bear firm witness to that
They still wrangle over it
They stipulated the minimum prices
They stood eight deep
They stood her in excellent stead
They stood on the brink of pulling off the finest win
They stood to attention
They stood two deep round the table
They succumb to the temptation
They succumbed to his charm
They suffered a setback
They sustained it for the sake of peace and pleasantness
They take a totally different view
They take fancies and persist in them
They take the line of least resistance
They take the most vicious advantage of the plight of the weaker ones
They talked very little over their meal
They tend to take an easy way out
They think the world of each other
They thought better of it
They thought otherwise
They threw their weight behind her (backed her)
They took it as a matter of course
They took leave of each other
They took new heart
They took wing and soared into the sky
They trailed off in her wake (after her)
They tried to be obedient to the traditions of the town
They try to evoke sympathy from anyone who would listen
They turned a deaf ear
They turned for home
They turned out in full force
They vanished into thin air

They vary in numbers
They vary with one's taste
They veered from each other
They vented their feelings in yells
They vie for influence
They vie with each other for it
They vied with each other in the time
They vied with the neighbours over this sandpit
They walked into the wind
They want to be given a free hand
They want to forestall us
They wasted much time over the job
They went away lock, stock and barrel
They went for ducks-and-drakes game
They went in a body (all together)
They went into action
They went off in a body
They went on an errand of mercy
They went out of their way to be nice to us
They went solid for it
They were accused of inciting unrest
They were all making free with the wine bowl
They were always at cross purposes
They were approaching all unconscious (not realising)
They were at leisure to resume the conversation
They were at their most virulent in the case
They were bent on sightseeing
They were bound to split up
They were busy propounding mysteries and giving solutions
They were conspicuous by their absence
They were consumed by anxiety
They were crestfallen
They were crippled with anxieties
They were down to the last bottle
They were drinking a cup of coffee
They were expected to walk two and two in a crocodile
They were falling behind the others
They were far too well-mannered to say so

They were few and far between
They were foiled in their plot
They were gaining on him
They were given over with secrets (had many)
They were given to understand that...
They were hanging back diffidently
They were hard to find
They were ill at ease
They were killing birds on the wings (flying)
They were leaving the move with me
They were loath to admit it
They were marooned on a desert island
They were much too far
They were mutually incompatible
They were nonplussed
They were not asked their business
They were not particularly squirmish about it
They were not to retract the invitation
They were on their way through
They were out of sight
They were paid both in kind and in money
They were paid for services rendered
They were perfectly amenable to have it played down
They were placed on alert
They were present by invitation
They were pretty evenly matched
They were put to work their hardest
They were rivals over the girl
They were rubbing along
They were running an affair
They were sailing close to the wind - financially
They were screaming their heads off
They were set on the run
They were shuffling their feet nervously
They were shy of me
They were silhouetted sharply against the sky
They were sitting one on each side of the fire
They were slow in coming

They were sound asleep
They were sprawling full length on the grass
They were spying on him
They were stark naked
They were swept by deep emotion
They were talking politics
They were the first to do it
They were there all and sundry (without exception)
They were to be found
They were to uphold the honour of...
They were told in writing
They were unable to bring the sides together
They were under sustained attack
They were virtually self-sufficient
They were warming to his smile
They were welcomed with eager greetings
They were well into the bay
They will be exempt from...
They will be in directly
They will be most trying to deal with
They will corroborate my statement
They will do you no good
They will exact their pound of flesh (get something)
They will make short work of it
They will not yield any addresses to anybody
They will try hard for it
They withdrew their services
They won't send it on chance
They work a 3-hour day
They work at piece rates
They worked at a loss of a profit
They worked by trial and error
They worked short-handed
They would accept nothing short of...
They would always be one step ahead
They would be foolhardy to try to do...
They would climb sturdily
They would give him short shrift

They would go to immense lengths
They would not submit, yet they should not hold out either
They would warm to that
They, notwithstanding, were a very good group
They'll be sitting to tea
They'll never get over that lot
They'll tell more if you lead them on
They've got it wrong
They've never had it so good
Things always happen in pairs and triples
Things are getting out of hand
Things are looking up
Things at large
Things being what they are
Things didn't turn out exactly as I thought they would
Things got better over the years
Things had drifted for long enough
Things have come to a climax
Things might even out
Things must come right
Things were in keeping with their surroundings
Think out what you have to say
Thinking of this and that
This agreement expires in 3 years
This agrees with my recollection
This all goes to show that
This apple-tree always does very well
This argument doesn't hold water
This arose his worst suspicions
This bag bulges to any extent - a very comfortable bag to get things out of
This bears more directly on the present problem
This belief is now discredited
This boat is prone to leaking
This boded bad luck
This boils down to two important factors
This book gives pleasure to all the ages
This book has been very highly acclaimed
This book has consistently maintained its popularity

This book sends me to sleep
This brought back our spirits
This brought me up with a start
This brought the conversation back to its point of departure
This building is in disrepair
This building was added to later
This calls for a celebration
This came to my notice
This came to nothing
This can be envisaged as...
This can be overlooked
This can hardly be held to count
This castle is substantially intact
This caused an upheaval
This chandelier was adapted for electric light
This chicken is getting high (bad)
This coat is lined against our winter
This coat is past being worn
This comes high on the list of...
This comes more natural to me
This comparison should work in his favour
This conclusion has been challenged
This conclusion, from all the above facts, is inescapable
This confined space is just a rumpus room
This conflict was not confined to...
This constrained them to obey the rules
This continued to exert a tenacious hold on...
This conversation is rather beyond me
This cooled the liquid to drinking point
This correction passed unheeded
This dallying irked him
This dates me hopelessly
This day was at hand
This decided her
This decree was a dead letter
This description tallied exactly with the other
This did not render him popular
This didn't appear to weight with him

This disability gradually overshadowed the whole of her life
This disease comes on fairly suddenly
This displayed it to advantage
This disregard can be dismissed no longer
This distinction is very generally disregarded
This doesn't preclude me regarding him a little touched
This dog has got under his skin (became a pet)
This dog welcomes one and all
This dress doesn't become you
This dressmaker agreed to run me up a couple of dresses
This eclipses everything
This effort decided the issue
This effort has been misplaced
This effort is carried too far
This episode had a rather unpleasant sequel
This explanation seemed a little thin to me
This fact acquits it from any snobbish intentions
This fact is against the assumption that...
This fact seems to bear that out
This fact was not lost on him
This field is continuous to your garden
This film gave off the atmosphere of talent
This fine weather will not hold much longer
This flower is shorter in stem and thicker in leaf
This flower is too full-blown to pick
This formed the topic of conversation
This gave him a head start
This gay manner marks an indomitable purpose
This had escaped notice
This had no effect upon him
This has always engaged his interest
This has been exacerbated by...
This has fallen into disuse
This has given her heart
This has much to recommend it
This holds on us
This horse shies at everything
This house is in a bad state of repair

This house is in the market (on sale)
This idea burgeoned in my mind in 1963
This idea has to be discarded
This idea is very close to mine
This idea took me
This idea was not lost on him
This inflicted punishment
This infused new life into it
This is a case in point
This is a chink of light
This is a conjecture
This is a down payment
This is a fairly recent development
This is a far cry from...
This is a great strain on my nerves
This is a happy dispensation of nature
This is a hope worth sustaining
This is a logical point at which to pause
This is a passing fad (whim)
This is a real piece of news!
This is a real tax on my forbearance
This is a tentative observation and needs to be substantiated by empirical studies
This is a work of art in its own right
This is all above board
This is all that counts
This is all-important
This is also under close surveillance
This is an enormous improvement
This is an indication of...
This is an odd opinion coming from you
This is an understatement
This is another matter
This is anybody's guess
This is at the core of the problem
This is best done on a fine day
This is deeply discouraging
This is disgraceful! (shameful)

This is due partly to...
This is effective only in so far as...
This is especially true with regard to...
This is exactly what I had in mind
This is given further emphasis
This is going to call for as much toughness as you can find
This is hardly fair of you
This is her greatest mainstay
This is her usual time for bed
This is just a side remark
This is just it
This is killing two birds with one stone
This is markedly true of...
This is more susceptible of explanation
This is more than I can tell you anyway
This is neither here nor there
This is no fortuitous coincidence
This is no longer the case
This is no trivial consideration
This is nonetheless true
This is not as easy as it may sound
This is not consistent with what you said yesterday
This is not to deny it
This is not to say that...
This is nothing less than a fraud
This is of marginal importance
This is often the case
This is one small indication
This is one thing we haven't allowed for
This is only to be expected
This is over and done with
This is overpowering, this heat
This is particularly true of...
This is precisely what I wanted to talk to you about
This is quite an absorbing story
This is quite in the picture
This is quite out of my line
This is rather a setback to my theory

This is susceptible of another interpretation
This is the adjunct. What is the essence?
This is the crux of the matter
This is the first time I ever knew you were interested in that
This is the idea many people fondle
This is the point I wanted to come on to
This is the ultimate/highest compliment
This is very disheartening
This is very much the question of...
This is what friendship is all about
This is what I've come about
This is what is salutary
This is what the war brings in its train
This is what they are playing for (what they hope)
This is wide of the mark
This just about sums it up
This keeps life here distinct
This keeps me in good fettle
This kettle whistles when it comes to the boil
This law provides for...
This law was enforced to a limited extent
This leadership has been conceded to...
This leads me to believe that
This leads to many aspects
This lies at the heart of the problem
This logical flaw is not of crucial importance
This loss was bitterly resented
This made excellent hearing
This makes a notable achievement
This material wants a lot of overhauling
This may be a trifle forced
This may have momentous implications
This means above all (first and foremost)
This measure proved much more efficacious
This medicine is supplied on prescription
This memory has not ceased to rankle yet
This method has fallen in disuse
This method might be used to advantage

This moment never seemed to present itself
This movement petered out with ...
This multiplied his misery
This narrows the field
This news affected us deeply
This news seems to have become commonplace
This news was filling a want long felt
This noise is distracting
This occasion demands peculiar forbearance
This occupied his attention to the exclusion of everything else
This offers the only plausible explanation of it
This outweighs my earlier misgivings
This paper contains just written rubbish and trash
This period is notable for...
This permeated all cultures
This picture hangs in pride of place
This place is conducive to work
This plant was trained along the wall
This poses problems
This position falls far short of his merits
This presents no difficulty
This principle has been implicitly accepted
This problem had been laid to rest long ago
This provided an additional impulse
This put an end to our suspense
This put her at a disadvantage
This put me in awe of her
This put me into an awkward position
This puts me in mind of...
This quarrel is not of much moment
This question gets front-page prominence
This rapid climb will peter out soon
This remark is in exceedingly bad taste
This restores my belief in the basic sweetness of human nature
This road is fallen into long disuse
This saved the day
This school has a very high profile
This score of music has just one bar too many

This scores heavily in his favour
This secret is not to be divulged
This selfsame man
This shamed him into silence
This shock had told adversely on her health
This shoe is rather a tight fit
This shop caters to our wants
This should be nipped in the bud
This should work out very neatly
This sight outrages the eye
This slight defect was wholly outweighed by...
This sounds so very calculated
This state of things can be remedied
This statement is shrouded in some ambiguity
This story has a strong hold on me
This strawberry field has probably been picked over already, there are no
berries here
This struck home
This subject lay very close to his heart
This suggestion is unsound
This suit confers dignity on the wearer
This sum is large enough to meet the just requirements of life
This supplied a wealth of evidence
This table is an exact partner to one in the hall
This table is in the way. Just take it out of the way, will you?
This takes a bit of believing
This takes the edge of his potential viciousness
This tells against him
This theory lays claim to universal validity
This thin coat doesn't keep the cold out
This touched his imagination
This tradition is still very much in evidence
This trait is both a strength and a defect
This trend did not gain momentum until...
This trust could be misplaced
This unsettled life
This unsettled us for the evening
This was a clue for our future guidance

This was a clumsily added afterthought
This was a course her delicacy shrank from
This was a well-pitched ball
This was as near as he ever came to making a sharp point
This was clear conformation
This was no joking matter
This was not so easy as it might seem on the face of it
This was nowhere near the reasons
This was of major significance
This was ruled out in advance
This was unprecedented in its extent
This wasn't the time to speculate
This watch doesn't keep good time
This way, if you please!
This went against his grain (he couldn't stand it)
This will be outside your experience
This will clinch the point
This will involve you in considerable expense
This will only be answered as the years unroll
This will put down the doubters
This will put her on her guard
This will ultimately end in disaster
This wind will hold all day, but in the evening it will fall light
This wine goes agreeably with beef
This wine is on the house
This wine lacks age
This won him the day
This work is congenial to him
This work is long overdue
This work takes precedence before everything else
This would not come into being but for their help
This would provide an additional advantage
This, above all things, he was anxious to avoid
Thoroughly authenticated news
Those fears have receded
Those not in the know
Those pure in heart
Those were the days

Those within reach
Though you might not be aware of the fact
Three at the outside
Three times in as many days
Threefold approach to the overall matter
Through clenched teeth
Through lack of use
Through my own fault
Through sheer desperation, I managed it
Through the tracery of tree branches we could see...
Throw your weight to the left!
Thus accentuating the need
Tick, tack, tock
Tickets 2 euro a head
Till all hours (very late)
Till he is in a better frame of mind
Till she perks up a bit (recovers)
Time added to the problem (aggravated)
Time and again
Time flies
Time is a heeler
Time is on hold when we are happy
Time is running out
Time is up
Time means everything where he is concerned
Time will tell
Tired?! I am dead beat
To a certain extent
To a large extent
To a rather startling extent
To a very great extent
To abuse somebody's complaisance
To accord an honourable place
To accord him suitable burial
To achieve an enormous amount
To acquire a proficiency in sports
To acquit oneself of a promise
To act in concert

To act on his advice
To act on this conclusion
To adulterate milk with water
To advance divergent opinions
To advocate the obvious solution
To air our grievances
To alert the authorities
To all and sundry
To all appearances (evidently)
To all appearances things went well
To all intents and purposes (actually)
To all intents and purposes (in every sense, entirely)
To all who have made this glorious event come true
To allay her pain
To allay his miseries
To allay the fears/suspensions
To allay the mistrust
To allay your fears
To alleviate our pains
To alleviate their hard lot
To allude to it
To ameliorate poverty
To an extent hardly true of...
To answer the door
To any large extent
To anybody whom it might concern
To applaud one's choice
To approach/achieve something piecemeal
To arrest the decline of population
To arrive at a conclusion
To ascertain the cause of the noise
To associate with other like-minded people
To atone for smth
To attain an academic degree
To attract attention
To attribute responsibility to...
To avert suspicion from himself
To balk one's turn

To be a good mixer
To be ages
To be at great pains to...
To be at leisure
To be at loggerheads over it
To be at variance
To be avenged on them
To be comforted in one's affliction
To be consigned to misery
To be constantly on the alert
To be cooped up indoors
To be exercised with deliberation
To be handed to him on a platter
To be in a person's good books
To be in a stew
To be in a tight box
To be in a tight corner
To be in arrear (debt)
To be in the heart of things
To be in the wrong box
To be more accurate
To be on a duty tour (on a mission)
To be on call in case something happens
To be on tenterhooks
To be on the alert
To be on the dole
To be on the safe side
To be perfectly frank with you
To be precise
To be sure,... (certainly)
To be taken in hand
To be thick with somebody
To be under the sway of passion
To bear rancour
To bear the blame at his door
To bear the brunt of the attack
To bear up against affliction
To bear witness to that

To beard a lion in his den (to oppose him bravely)
To beat time to the music
To begin with
To beguile a man to do it
To beguile one's hopes
To beguile the monotony
To beguile the time
To beguile weary hours with music
To behave with genuine decency
To bestow somebody's favours on somebody
To bide one's time
To bilk transport (to go without ticket)
To blear the eyes
To blend happily together
To blow hot and cold
To boost their morale
To borrow money off his friends
To brake the record
To brave the elements
To break a butterfly on the wheel
To break the monotony
To break the news
To break their wit on him
To break up the demonstration
To bring a thing home to a person
To bring him to justice
To bring his influence to bear
To bring in the crop
To bring one to his marrowbones
To bring out the gist
To bring the culprit to book
To broach a discussion
To broach the subject
To browbeat somebody
To browse among the sports news
To build a fire
To burn the candle at both ends
To butter somebody

To buttonhole some acquaintance
To buy over one's head
To call on somebody (to visit)
To call to account
To canvass opinion
To cap it all, ...
To carp at a writer
To carry out his duties
To cast a horoscope
To cast doubt on its veracity
To cast lots
To cast some doubt on it
To catch cold
To catch up on what I have missed
To cavil at the terms
To chafe against restraints
To check the post office for letters
To churn up dust
To clear up points of conflict
To climb the hill in one go
To clinch the deal
To cling to somebody like a burr
To coin a term to fill the gap
To come into contact
To come of age
To come on a possible clue to it
To come to grasps with ...
To come to grips with this dilemma
To come to terms
To come to the conclusion
To command attention
To comment on something
To commit a solecism in all good faith
To commit depredations
To commit mayhem on somebody
To commute death penalty for life imprisonment
To compensate in some measure
To comply with the conditions

To comply with the dictates of...
To compound a medicine
To concede a point
To concede to the people of Africa their full independence
To conclude a treaty
To confer an honorary degree on...
To confirm something amply
To congratulate somebody on something
To connive at it
To connive at the violation of the rules
To consider the question in all its bearings
To convey a message
To cope with it single-handed
To cope with the situation
To crack jokes
To cringe with shame
To cry with alarm
To cudgel one's brains (to rack)
To cut down on labour force
To cut lectures (not to attend)
To cut somebody short
To cut the long story short
To dance attendance on somebody
To defile the woods
To defray the expenses
To defy the law
To delete out-of-date idioms
To demonstrate incontrovertibly
To deprecate hasty action
To design experiments
To deter such attacks
To develop better relations
To devise criteria for membership
To die by violence
To die of starvation
To disclose the fact
To discuss something freely and explicitly
To dispose of her

To divert attention/suspicion from X
To divert his mind
To divert to the other side
To do a crossword
To do a thing to perfection
To do away with it
To do away with somebody (to kill somebody)
To do cartwheels
To do helpful offices
To do her in (to kill her)
To do his bidding
To do justice
To do something by the left hand (carelessly)
To do the chores (cleaning)
To do things by halves
To doctor the drink
To dodge major problems
To dodge the conditions
To double up one's knees
To draw a comparison with...
To draw a salary
To draw conclusions
To draw inferences about the general nature of things
To draw the curtains
To drink health in wine
To drink soup
To drive a busy trade
To drive a nail
To drop a curtsey
To dub one knight
To earn one's keep
To ease our stiffening joints
To eat out of somebody's hand
To elaborate on this
To elect a President in succession to...
To embark on a policy of...
To embark on an affair
To embark upon such a discussion

To endure their ordeal
To enhance his future prospects
To enhance international prestige
To enter into its meaning
To entertain doubts
To entertain the notion that...
To enunciate a general truth
To escape from the cramping limitations of their ego
To even out disparages
To even things up
To evince interest
To exacerbate the problem
To exercise one's influence
To exert his influence
To exert one's power
To expatiate on somebody's excellencies
To explain away the event
To express deep sympathy in your terrible loss
To express myself clearly, in explicit symbols
To extend a loan
To extend hospitality
To face arraignment
To fall back on it (to get support from)
To fall back on the authority
To fall in with somebody's plans
To fall in with the new ideas
To fall into exaggeration
To fall victim to them
To fare sumptuously
To fare well
To feel at such a disadvantage
To fend off starvation
To fight a losing battle
To fight like Kilkenny cats
To fill in forms
To find fault with...
To find out the extent of his injuries
To fish in turbid waters

To flounder in an explanation (to mix up everything)
To flounder in the snow
To flout somebody's advice
To fly into a rage
To fob a thing off on a person
To fob them off with pleas of pressure of work
To foot the bill
To force a window
To force compliance on the population
To forestall further...
To forfeit all claims of respect
To forfeit the happiness
To form a habit
To form a three-sided quadrangle
To form an idea
To form some idea of it
To foster learning
To frustrate development
To furnish information
To further his ambitions
To fuss over somebody
To gain access to something
To gain experiences
To gain revenge on him
To gain some idea
To gain the end in view
To gather to a climax
To give them twinges (attacks of pain)
To get a few things off my chest
To get away from it all
To get in harvest in time
To get it under control
To get something for nothing was a chance not to be missed
To get the better of it
To get them to agree
To give a fair share where it is needed
To give a person credit for a thing
To give a whole-hearted backing to...

To give airs
To give free rein to...
To give him the benefit of the doubt
To give somebody a run for his money
To give somebody the cold shoulder
To give the impression
To give umbrage to somebody
To give utterance to the ideas
To give utterance to...
To give way
To go along with each and everything
To go balmy
To go down from the University
To go on strike for their rights
To go the whole hog (to go to the end)
To go through hellfire and brimstone
To go to any length
To go to town
To grant clemency to...
To grapple with issues as they arrive
To grasp nettle (to overcome difficulties)
To gratify her every wish
To grin like a Cheshire cat
To grow in size
To hang fire (to prevaricate)
To hanker for sweets
To hanker for the simplicity
To harp continually on this
To have a penchant for (liking for)
To have a profound effect on...
To have cold feet (to be shy)
To have everything under control
To have great sway
To have no truck with...
To have open land for leisure pursuits
To have the exclusive right
To have their fantasies indulged
To have their say

To have wider ramifications
To hazard a conjecture
To head them off
To heal the breach
To heal the rift within the community
To heed somebody's words
To hell with it
To her credit she knew exactly what I was talking about
To hide one's candle/light under the bushel
To hinder the process
To hint at something
To his considerable mortification
To his delight
To his dismay
To his intense embarrassment
To his intense relief
To his own detriment
To hold a degree
To hold a driver's licence
To hold a meeting
To hold him up to ridicule
To hold negotiations
To hold sway (to bear power)
To hurt through ignorance
To husband domestic animals
To hush it up
To hush up a scandal
To impel somebody to do something
To implement our programme
To improve her mind
To improve upon the idea
To inculcate mildness and mercy
To incur an amount of responsibility
To incur considerable financial loss in order to...
To indemnify somebody for all the expenses incurred
To indite a petition
To indulge in something to his heart's content
To inquire for you (to ask for)

To inquire into the practicability of the method
To instruct the child into the truth
To intercede for him
To intercede with the chief
To inveigle somebody's affections
To invoice a precedent
To jog along
To judge the gold from the dross
To jump at the opportunity
To jump the gun (to act before necessity)
To jump to conclusion
To keep a check on it
To keep abreast of what was going on
To keep at bay
To keep her company
To keep his hand in
To keep it ticking over
To keep one in suspense
To keep pace with...
To keep records
To keep the ball rolling
To keep the mean between the two extremes
To keep the worry at bay
To keep them at arm's length
To keep these thoughts at bay
To keep things at bay
To keep track
To keep up with one's reading is quite a task
To key up expectation/courage
To kindle the fire
To labour this point further would be to stray into irrelevancy
To launch a new tradition
To lay a wager
To lay claim to something
To lay down rules
To lay down the law
To lay hold on this land
To lay out a recreation ground

To lay the ground work for...
To lay waste
To lead a life of leisure
To lean against something
To learn by experience
To leg it (to run away from somewhere)
To let yourself go
To level it out (to make it even)
To levy taxes
To list them in one's notebook
To little avail
To live at a most expensive rate
To live in a fool's paradise
To live in college
To live on the pittance (frugally)
To live with her on good terms
To lodge a complaint against him
To look on the bright side
To lose oneself in conjectures
To make a balk of good ground
To make a comeback
To make a generalisation that would cover the facts
To make a good fresh start
To make a long story short
To make a random list
To make allowances for...
To make assurance doubly sure
To make big profit
To make efforts to that end
To make judgements
To make matters worth it
To make merry
To make no bones about it
To make small talk
To make some excuse
To make sweeping statements
To make the best of a bad job
To make the house viable

To make the most of it
To make up a misunderstanding
To manage to make ends meet
To march with the Latvian border (to side with it)
To mark the anniversary
To mark the occasion
To mark time (to march without moving forward)
To me, it sounds outrageous
To measure other people's corn with one's own bushel
To measure out coffee
To meet production targets
To meet requirements
To meet the bill
To meet the costs
To meet the demand
To meet the requirements
To meet their needs
To meet this difficulty
To melt imperceptibly
To mention them in the same breath
To mitigate her loneliness
To mitigate the hardships
To most people any radical change is odious
To mount an attack
To move at a snail's pace
To move house
To muck up his life
To my knowledge
To my relief
To my shame
To my taste
To name but a few
To nip it in the bud
To nip the problem in the bud
To no effect
To no purpose (in vain)
To obliterate the distinction between town and country
To obstruct the plans

To obviate the difficulty
To obviate the trouble (to prevent)
To obviate this inconvenience
To our annoyance
To our great amusement
To our mutual advantage
To our mutual satisfaction
To overhaul oneself
To overlook essential points
To pack a pipe
To pack up one's traps (belongings)
To paint something red
To pamper a child
To parry problems
To part in enmity
To pass judgement on somebody
To pass muster
To pass the time of day
To pass up the chance
To pass up the opportunity
To pay a small sum towards their upkeep
To pay for my keep
To pay hefty tribute to...
To pay homage to...
To pay in one's check
To pay lip service to...
To pay somebody a call
To perfection
To perpetrate a breach of good taste
To pick the lock
To placate an ill-tempered patient
To placate his anger
To play down deficiencies
To play for time
To play from memory
To play havoc with something
To play opossum (to pretend to be dead)
To play Solitaire

To play truant
To pluck up courage
To plunge into totally alien environment and culture
To ply a trade (to sell)
To poise a question
To poke fun
To poke fun at everything
To pose the question
To precipitate in her decision
To prepare a composite account
To prepare for bed
To present a problem
To present the Estimates
To preserve some semblance
To prevent it from icing up
To prevent them from perpetrating cruelty
To prize the lid open
To probe the matter to the bottom
To proclaim a state of emergency
To propound ingenious problems
To propound the view
To proscribe fat from a diet
To prove one's point
To provide for her
To provide the information
To pull facts together
To pull wool over trusting eyes is easy, indeed
To pursue these policies
To put a constraint on him
To put a project/policy into effect
To put an end to it
To put down firm roots
To put him out of his suspense
To put his theory to the test
To put it into effect
To put it on a proper footing
To put one's trust into something
To put somebody in the right frame of mind

To put something into practice
To put the axe in the helve (to solve the difficulty)
To put the matter succinctly
To put the plan into action
To put them out of the temptation
To put this fear to rest
To put to sea
To put up a fight
To quarrel on it
To quarrel with one's bread and butter
To quash a rumour
To quell an uprising
To quell the riot
To quote a relevant passage
To raise a regular hue and cry
To raise false hopes
To rake up old memories
To rally fears
To reach outlying districts
To read the thermometer
To readjust one's ideas
To receive degrees on the strength of examinations
To receive the brunt of his anger
To reckon in dollars
To recoil from such a thing
To rectify one's errors
To redeem the mistake
To redress a wrong
To redress grievances
To redress such wrongs
To redress the balance
To reduce everything to a single principle
To rekindle past glories
To relieve the mind of its contents
To render first aid
To render innocuous
To report for duty
To resolve the situation/issue at a stroke

To restrict freedom
To retain historical value
To retaliate against...
To retrieve the tea things from the garden
To return a good deed
To right the injustice
To rise above the sway of things
To rub in the message
To rub salt in the wound, we should say that...
To run errands
To run for the presidency
To run it to earth (to discover, to catch)
To run the risk
To run two jobs
To run/put up a ladder
To rustle something up for supper (to try to find)
To salvage the ship and recover the treasure
To save a long detour
To save costs
To save face
To save one's bacon
To say nothing of...
To say the least
To score extra points
To screen one's nefarious operations
To secure a place/a seat
To see eye to eye
To see her in the flesh
To see it through to the bitter end
To see justice meted out to innocent and guilty alike
To see something at close range
To see something of the world
To see that no misbehaviour was in progress
To see the full benefit of it
To see the old year out and the new year in
To seek asylum
To seek his approval
To seek solace

To send a person to Coventry (to disregard)
To send to Coventry (to exclude from society)
To set a deadline
To set a trap
To set an example
To set eyes on something
To set foot there
To set one's cap at a person
To set the current key
To set the fire alight
To set the tone
To set them thinking
To set up a hypothesis
To set up a new record
To set up business
To settle the state on a sound and lasting basis
To shiver with cold
To shoot the moon (to move out at night to avoid paying the debt)
To shoulder responsibility
To shrink from the fact that...
To sift the grain from the chaff
To sing in tune or out of tune
To single out a number of...
To single out something
To sink into complacency
To sit 3 a side (together)
To size up and bring out his capabilities
To skip flat stones
To skip pebbles on the water
To skip the meal
To slow down
To slow up (to drive and come nearer)
To some extent
To speak at inordinate length
To speak extempore
To speak in conundrums
To speak on the telephone
To speak one's mind

To spend on it
To spill the beans
To split hairs
To sponge on one's father
To spread any risk
To square one's shoulders
To square the shoulders and face the inevitable
To stand at attention
To stand at bay (not being able to decide)
To stand bond for something/somebody (to give a good word)
To stand for Parliament
To stand out stave and bare
To stand somebody a drink
To stand trial
To stand verisimilitude to the idea
To start from scratch
To state a hypothesis
To staunch the blood
To stave off crisis
To stave off disaster
To stave off the boredom
To stave off the hopelessness of it
To stay for good
To steal a march on somebody
To step up the efforts
To strike a blow for a person
To strike a deal with somebody
To strike up conversation
To struggle against universally recognized evils
To study something at close quarters
To subdue the virgin lands
To subscribe to a paper/newspaper
To succumb to temptation/superior power
To succumb to the emotion
To sue for libel
To suit his private ends
To supplicate for degrees
To supply an answer

To sustain a lengthy fight
To sustain himself in power
To sustain it with amiability and composure
To sustain the expenses
To swat mosquitoes
To swear fealty to the King
To sweep it under the carpet
To swerve from the course
To swot for an exam
To tackle the problem
To tackle the problem head on
To tailor facts to fit a theory
To take a degree
To take a hitch (to have no ticket)
To take a keen interest in the proceedings
To take a momentous step
To take a stand against it
To take a trip
To take action
To take an instance ready to hand
To take charge (to control)
To take charge of children
To take charge of things
To take control
To take cover behind a tree
To take exercise
To take full advantage
To take heed
To take him on the rebound (at his weakness)
To take my mind off things
To take offence
To take one's bearings from...
To take precedence over something
To take pride in something
to take revenge
To take shelter
To take some post-prandial exercise (after a meal)
To take some trouble on his behalf

To take something in hand
To take stock of one's surroundings
To take stock of the situation
To take stock of...
To take the air
To take the appropriate steps
To take the bull by the horns
To take the cake (to win)
To take the day off
To take the floor
To take the offensive
To take the same view
To take the strongest precautions
To take the sweet with the sour
To take the trouble
To take to flight
To take total charge
To take umbrage at somebody (to be offended by somebody)
To take up a job
To take up residence
To take vengeance
To talk against time (to waist the time)
To talk of this and that
To talk shop
To talk through one's hat (to talk nonsense)
To tap into any information we need
To teach by example rather than by precepts
To tell a lie
To tell the truth
To tend wounds
To tender an apology
To tender one's resignation
To testify to the fact
To that extent
To the annoyance of...
To the best of her ability
To the best of her calculation
To the best of my knowledge

To the contrary
To the detriment of...
To the point of absurdity
To this day
To this end (for this)
To thread the needle
To thrive on it
To throw a party (to organise it)
To throw himself into harmony with new environment
To throw his best features into prominence
To throw one's weight about
To throw reserve to the winds
To throw them off course
To thumb one's nose
To thwart his plans
To tick off the plus and minus scores
To tighten discipline
To till the land
To tot up points
To touch him for a subscription
To track down the enemy
To translate knowledge into action
To traverse a subject in a lecture (to treat explicitly)
To tread on a person's corns/toes
To trust to luck
To try and pinpoint their difficulties
To try to heal the rift over...
To turn a deaf ear to it
To turn a somersault
To turn down the offer
To twist somebody round one's little finger
To unburden my worries to her
To undertake the task
To unravel the mystery
To uphold an ideal
To uphold the good name of the University
To upset a person's appplecart (plans)
To use it is unsporting

To use it to the best advantage
To utilise a spare hour
To vanish from sight
To voice a grievance
To walk abreast
To ward off the disaster
To watch over cows
To watch over it
To weave a wreath
To weld them into a harmonious whole
To what end?
To what extent?
To what purpose?
To whet the appetite
To whom any student of the period is perforce indebted
To wield the pen
To wield their arms freely
To work for ultimate rather than immediate returns
To work properly
To work with a will
To write in capitals or in lower case
To X, in acknowledgement of the service he has rendered to...
To your heart's content
Toast: I give you X!
Today he was at his best
Today, 40 years on
Tom, cut it out! (stop it)
Tomorrow at the earliest
Tomorrow we will get under way
Too bad (too sad)
Too much deference to authority
Too much is at stake for us
Too much of a burden
Too proud to face up to things
Too sweeping a statement
Top priority
Toss a coin!
Totally at a loss

Totally irresponsible
Totally unable
Totally unprepared
Touch and go (he barely escaped)
Touch him for money!
Touched to the quick of his being
Touching as many pieces of wood as possible
Touching wood
Traces of our early bickering were forgotten
Trades were severely hampered
Traffic congestion
Travelling by a roundabout rout
Trees in bloom and in fruit
Trimming dead heads off his plants
True love is not smooth
True measure of the catastrophe
True sleep eluded her
True to the precepts handed down to her by her mother and grandmother
Trust her to do the right thing (as she will certainly do it)
Trust her to get it all wrong
Trust him to be always in the right
Trust me (believe me)
Trust to luck
Trust you to... (you certainly...)
Truth is stranger than fiction
Try as I might
Try me!
Try not to let your feelings run away with you
Try though she had she was unable to...
Try to keep out of harm's way
Try to talk him round
Try to turn over a new leaf
Trying to foresee the likely order of events
Turbulent existence
Turn a topic over in your mind
Turn it inside out
Twenty, all told
Two at a time

Two consecutive hours
Two days before he is due here
Two days running
Two days to go
Two hours to put in before lunch time
Two men are heading this way
Two more hours at the worst
Two points stand out
Two walls were covered in books
Typical of her
Typically of...

Ultimately, I think it can be done
Undaunted we proceeded on our way
Under cover of darkness
Under false pretences
Under his supervision
Under no circumstances
Under the auspices of...
Under the care, the garden showed to its best advantage
Under the circumstances it's a perfectly natural thing to do
Under the dead weight of routine material
Under the harrow (dejected)
Under the mistaken notion that he was...
Under the old regime
Under the spur of this alarming idea
Under the treaty, ...
Underhand dealing
Understanding has been reached
Undeterred by his sardonic comments, she...
Undeterred by the weather
Undeviating emulation of his scholarship
Unflagging courtesy and optimism
Unhappy over this
Unimpeded progress
Unless he led the conversation, it was hard to get him to attend
Unless I hear to the contrary
Unless it can be confirmed or corroborated



Unless it is proved twice over
Unless one holds to the theory that...
Unless reforms were instituted
Unless the situation is remedied
Unless this condition is met
Unless you have a valid reason for so doing
Unpredictable quirks of his mind
Unpromising start to the day
Unremitting pursuit of the task
Unrivalled for beauty
Unruffled by his irony
Until fairly recently
Until he saw fit to do so
Until he was well into his twenties
Until he will be old enough to take over
Until her style came into its own
Until quite recently
Unwavering tenacity of the very taciturn
Up and down the country
Up in the mountain the scrub petered out
Up to a point he was right
Up to a point, no doubt, there is some truth in what he says
Up to now
Up to now it had slipped my mind
Up to par (in a normal state)/below par/above par
Up to this point
Ups and downs
Upsetting to you
Upsurge of violence
Urging it on him
Use it to dab on cuts to your hands
Used to this end
Using whatever stern method may suggest itself
USSR crumbled
Utter lack of principle
Utterly blank of mind as to what was next to be done
Utterly disgraceful

Vague hints were thrown out
Values inculcated into them
Vanished into thin air
Vanished never to return
Vengeance upon the vanquished
Vengeance was wreaked
Veritable mines of information
Very aptly put
Very crude, very vulgar
Very dashing of you
Very lucky, as things go
Very much so
Very proper that you agreed...
Vested interests
Victors and vanquished alike
Viewed as a whole
Vilely exploited
Vindictive to her
Violence got out of hand
Virtually everywhere
Virtually no need to...
Virtually nothing is known
Virtually useless
Virtue incarnate

Wages calculated in terms of hours of labour
Wail of a siren. The wail dies
Waiting in vain
Waiting on pins and needles to learn what...
Waiting with every sense alert
Walking a tight rope
Walking round with his head in the air
Waltz music is in three-four time
Warblers flitted and squatted
Warned by precept
Was he sounding you out?
Was he up to it?
Was it mentioned, however obliquely?



Wasn't that our original purpose?
Water was welling over the surface of the ice
We all feel for you
We all share in it
We are all liable to error
We are all tarred with the same brush
We are all too liable to be penalized of excessive optimism
We are all too ready to be down on them
We are at their mercy
We are dumbfounded
We are dying to go there
We are face to face with iron necessity
We are familiar with it
We are going to have a day after your own heart
We are in a fix
We are in complete agreement
We are in dire straits
We are in for a storm/thunderstorm
We are in for a wet night
We are in for some hard weather
We are in for troubled times
We are in luck
We are in the clear
We are in the same plight
We are just filling up time
We are justified in inferring that
We are keenly aware of it
We are led completely astray by assuming that
We are letting some of our best chances go by default
We are made of the same cloth
We are more observant when away from home
We are no near where the end
We are not all made to one pattern
We are not on speaking terms
We are not to go into it
We are not yet completely out of the wood
We are of a like mind
We are out of coffee

We are putting a lot of effort into it
We are running low
We are shoulder to shoulder
We are still at cross-purposes
We are supposed to take alternate weeks
We are too deeply involved
We are up against a serious problem
We are utterly ignorant of it
We aren't out of the woods yet
We arrived in good time
We availed ourselves of our rights
We began on the wrong foot
We braved the wet weather
We brought every possible pressure to bear on them
We built a fire to make tea
We came across it by accident
We came in sight of a house
We can call it a day
We can cope with that
We can dismiss that possibility
We can enlist their aid
we can have the place to ourselves
We can live with that
We can meet on no other footing
We can sum up the findings so far by formulating two principles
We can testify to it
We can't afford to humour his whims
We can't get away from the fact
We can't have this sort of thing going on
We cannot bring ourselves to sell it
We cannot entertain the idea of...
We cannot fail to be impressed
We cannot overlook the fact that...
We cannot pick and choose
We cannot step up the number
We cannot turn it down out of hand
We carried it between us
We come now to the heart of the matter

We compare pretty unfavourably
We continue to observe it, however
We correspond by mail
We could both use a brandy
We could do with an immense amount of improvement
We could do with an update
We could explicate it half away
We could go under our own steam
We couldn't do much less
We dangled our toes in the water
We delude ourselves
We desperately need to do so
We did our marketing before breakfast
We didn't get down to details
We didn't hit it off frightfully well
We didn't realise our predicament
We dined on fried chicken
We dispensed with it
We dispensed with the gas in favour of electricity
We do have a pull
We do it for free
We dolled up
We don't see eye to eye over this
We don't want them getting under our feet, do we?
We don't want this to dominate our get-together
We drew to a standstill
We drove behind them for some way
We enjoyed a spell of fine weather
We fall for this
We fall in with this pattern
We feel strongly about crime
We fell in with a bit of bad weather
We felt close to panic
We go ahead
We go through the hedge here. Be careful of your clothes
We got into the habit of...
We got up in a body
We had 3 apples between us

We had a bet as to who...
We had a pretty thin time (bad time)
We had an understanding
We had better get going
We had coffee out of doors
We had long tramps on foot
We had no earthly right to do it
We had old scores to settle
We had people to see us
We had rather dawdled over our lunch
We had some talk and he mentioned it
We had the room to ourselves
We had to stand our watch
We hadn't an inkling of what to expect
We have 10 minutes to go
We have 3 flights of stairs
We have a goose for dinner
We have a little while to ourselves
We have a long way to go
We have a tradition to perpetrate
We have a weekend retreat at Rutja
We have acted for her for a number of years
We have already taken a close look at...
We have an active interest in ...
We have been kicking our heels for two hours
We have been talking our heads off
We have come from our workaday existence into a romantic and exciting world
We have come to take it for granted
We have eaten more than one grain of salt with him
We have enough to get along
We have gravitated to each other from the first moment we met
We have in effect taken that into account
We have many ribs to the backbone (smaller problems in addition to the main)
We have never known him do it
We have no evidence that the children are an improvement on their ancestors
We have no need for shame
We have no valid reasons to put forward
We have the inside of an hour to relax in

We have the urge to express our emotions
We have to be careful not to assume that...
We have to call in some workmen to put it in order
We have to do the right thing by them
We have to ease up on it
We have to hold our own
We have to regard only the wider issues
We have to use every resource to play it down
We have very little deep knowledge
We haven't got much to go on
We haven't heard from him
We haven't the foggiest idea
We headed home
We just can't bear that
We kept indomitably going
We know beyond question
We know that to be the case
We lack the stamina of our grandparents
We laugh as if in duty-bound
We look forward to the possibility of...
We made a good pace
We made good time
We made our way to the address given us
We may say as much for...
We may term it as such
We might as well buy it
We might be tempted
We might decide on some course of action
We might have it painted up
We must abide by the rules of the game
We must allow for exceptions
We must avoid too wholesale an approach
We must be there within the hour
We must dismiss it instantly
We must face facts
We must give credit where credit is due
We must give him a square deal
We must go with the times

We must have another go
We must keep abreast with the events
We must keep to our timetable
We must not flatter ourselves with the belief that...
We must not underrate
We must perceive when his work comes short
We must put the matter in hand without delay
We must rate it at its proper value
We must set up a discussion concerning that question
We must stand up to those facts
We must take note of it
We must work out a balanced diet
We mustn't let it run to riot
We mustn't part on hard terms
We mustn't wander from the point
We need a few sticks of furniture
We need not go into all that now
We need not make heavy weather of it
We never got round to doing it
We never managed to make a go of it
We never ought to have done it in the first place (at all)
We never touch wine midday
We nod affably to each other
We ought to let him take away a good impression
We overruled his doubts
We parted company
We paused for breath
We place human values first
We posed the question
We pressed along in their wake
We pride ourselves on it
We put first, and by a long way, any...
We recognized its great potential
We regard it as a great asset
We renovated a former smallholding
We reserved seats in advance
We retraced our steps to the house
We ruffed our feet when we approved of something

We sat down ten at Christmas
We sat down to excellent coffee
We sat with baited breath
We sauntered hand in hand
We scoured the countryside together
We searched high and low
We seem to be of the same mind
We seem to be talking at cross purposes
We seem to have reached an impasse
We shall be back in plenty of time for tea
We shall be in plenty of time for it
We shall be one person short
We shall certainly go ahead with that
We shall find out in due course
We shall have to hack through it
We shall never really excel at this business
We shall reap as we sow
We shall reflect on these ideas
We shall take to gardening
We shall weather it as we have weathered other storms
We shook hands twice over
We should be careful of electricity (economical)
We should be consistent on this
We should hold it as it is
We should not be misled by externals
We should not grow weary of reiterating those ideas
We should retain the charm of the Nature
We showed up quite unexpectedly
We speculate in the abstract
We spent the inside of a week there
We spoke English throughout
We started on the soup. It was excellent
We started to walk gingerly over the ice, testing our steps as we went
We startled the birds
We stay put
We stayed on and saw it out
We still await your final verdict
We strained our ears

We subscribe to some journals
We succeeded against tremendous odds
We take a pride in our work
We take in "Sirp"
We take it for granted
We take this paper in (subscribe to it)
We talk at cross purposes
We talked into the early hours
We tend to covet things we've never had
We tethered the horse to a tree
We took with us only the bare essentials of travel
We used to split a bottle of wine
We visit it on a weekly basis
We visited his dig at the University
We want to be at our best
We want to be in on it
We went on with him bringing up the rear
We were able to inspect it at our leisure
We were all cooped up in some office
We were all getting rather heated
We were all in high spirits
We were at liberty to do it
We were beset by the violent weather typical of these parts
We were born just over a year apart
We were considering doing it
We were doing a steady 70 miles per hour
We were drinking cups of coffee in the kitchen
We were due to set out at 7
We were each silent
We were fated to remain there
We were glad to change into dry clothes
We were greeted by the pandemonium of noise
We were hard put to it for food (had difficulties with food)
We were having smashing time
We were in all readiness
We were in shape again next morning
We were in the middle of a cup of tea
We were in the middle of conversation

We were not problem-oriented
We were out of our way
We were regaled with anecdotes
We were soaked to the skin
We were still in sight of shore
We were still quite ten miles from the house
We were stood a delectable lunch
We weren't many as numbers go
We will certainly avail ourselves of your hospitality
We will cross that bridge when we come to it
We wished him at the bottom of the Red Sea
We worked the most arduous hours
We would be most frightfully obliged to you
We would find it very hard to dispense with
We wrangled for the wages
We'd be in a pretty mess
We'd do it on our heads
We'd take up just where we left off
We'll be doing our bit towards the fund
We'll go along with everything they suggest
We'll have to hoof it (to go on foot)
We'll have to keep it dark, you know
We'll have to make do with it
We'll just make it in time for dinner
We'll just sit tight and wait
We'll keep in touch
We'll keep our fingers crossed
We'll let it pass for the moment
We'll remedy that
We'll rope you in for the play
We'll see about that
We'll see it out (endure it)
We'll stand ourselves a little treat
We're hard put to explain
We've been forestalled
We've got 6 hours to get through
We've got another few minutes before we...
We've only got his word for it

We've quarrelled irrevocably
We've to take full advantage of it
Wealth tells
Weapons at the ready
Wearied with waiting
Weariness with life
Weeds swarmed up in this forsaken garden
Weighed down with doubts
Well away from city life
Well before 8 o'clock
Well spaced out in time
Well thought of at his job
Well, hand it over here, there is a good fellow
Well, hardly that
Well, here goes!
Well, I am not quite clear what...
Well, I grant you that
Well, I never!
Well, I'll be getting along
Well, it is about as much as I can stand
Well, of all things!
Well, so long and the best of luck
Well, that's one way of looking at it
Well, to bed with you!
Well, to continue my surmises
Well, to go on with my story...
Well, two at the very outside
Well, what is the verdict?
Well, you have been a time! (long time)
Were it not for you, ...
Were you much hurt?
What a blissful alleviation
What a blowout! (spread-out)
What a contrast they offered to...
What a good thing you remembered it
What a lark to do so!
What a lark! (fun)
What a pity

What a predicament!
What a pull
What a spread! (rich table)
What a time she is cutting up that cake
What an amazing thing to happen
What an extraordinary thing to do
What are the implications?
What are the real priorities?
What are the sorts of pitfalls you can get into?
What are they up to?
What are you doing here in the first place?
What are you getting at?
What better?
What business is afoot?
What can you infer from it?
What can't be cured must be endured
What constitutes power?
What credence can we put in it
What currently passes for goodness
What did the menu comprise?
What did they derive from the event?
What did you take those words to mean?
What do dreams signify?
What do they want of me?
What do you do for a living?
What do you have in mind?
What do you make of it?
What do you mean by that?
What do you propose to do?
What do you want from me?
What do you want me to do? - Whatever it takes
What do you want with it?
What does it all add up to?
What does it amount to?
What endows it with such potency is...
What exactly do you mean by that?
What exactly does your job comprise?
What exactly...

What exquisite ideas she had
What finally spurred him into action was definitely not this
What gives with you?
What good do you expect to get of it?
What happened to them?
What happened with it? – It died
What has been the matter with you all the while?
What has brought about the change?
What has brought you acquainted?
What has come over you? (What's the matter?)
What has happened to it? – The cat got kittens
What has led you to such a conclusion?
What has possessed her to do it?
What have you got to say for yourself?
What ho! (What a...!)
What I am coming to is this
What I personally think is beside the point
What is he up to? (What does he plan?)
What is his rates?
What is in store for him?
What is it to me?
What is she holding over him?
What is the issue?
What is the news?
What is the population in Great Britain?
What is the upshot of it all?
What is to be assumed is...
What it all comes to is this
What it comes down is...
What it comes to, fundamentally, is...
What little money we had was spent
What made them do it in the first place?
What makes people tick?
What makes the world tick?
What makes you say a thing like that?
What makes you say that?
What makes you so sure?
What might be in store for her?

What must be stressed immediately is...
What name is he going under?
What of it?
What of its side effects?
What of me?
What one eventually settles down into is the life one prefers
What possessed them?
What possesses her anyway to do such a thing?
What presumption!
What profession are you going to follow?
What purports to be
What put you on to her in the first place?
What reason can you advance for it?
What set you off in the first place? (What made you...?)
What should I tackle first?
What should you be if you had your time over again?
What stands here for definite likes and dislikes?
What stood you in such good stead?
What the future holds
What they win on the swings they lose on the roundabouts
What this solution may open up
What warrant has he for his threatening?
What we need above all is a sense of proportion
What we need above else is...
What will this entail?
What with all the problems to be solved...
What with her also gone,... (as she was gone)
What with his mother, he is impervious to what you say
What with it all
What with one thing and another, I... (because of these things)
What with the money angle... (as to the money)
What with them, you'd be surprised
What with this and that...
What with... (as to)
What would I want with all that money
What would you have me do?
What you probably have in mind is...
What's all the news?

What's come over you?
What's in a name? (no information!)
What's in the wind?
What's most annoying is...
What's so novel about it?
What's that supposed to mean?
What's that to you?
What's the crab in it?
What's the criterion by which we judge?
What's the joke?
What's the other side of the bargain?
What's the sum total of your life?
What's the time?
What's up?
What's wrong with...?
What's your book?
Whatever else he is, he isn't a liar
Whatever else, he was his brother
Whatever else?
Whatever hours he kept, he was punctual
Whatever other merits they may abundantly possess
Whatever their political affiliation
Whatever you might say to the contrary
Whatever you say (as you say)
Whatever... you might have, just put it behind you (forget it)
Wheedling information out of them
When a boy
When all is said and done (finally)
When do you have to be in?
When dusk fell
When he asked for more money, he was turned down flat
When he chose he could make himself extremely pleasant
When he had run into physical trouble I was mildly surprised
When he is around
When he reached the beams he got a bit of a breather
When I came to my senses
When I feel like it
When I first knew him (got acquainted with him)

When I heard his foolish arguments, I set my bristles up
When I weigh one thing against another...
When is he due?
When it came to paying...
When it comes to it
When night fell
When occasion arises
When one is on edge
When opportunity offered itself
When she had got to this point in her argument
When something happened to annoy him he used to bluster
When submitted to careful study
When the shock had abated
When the sun comes up
When they saw me, the boys turned tail
When things come to a head
When this hurly-burly is done
When we are out for a walk
When will he put in an appearance?
When you are in a better turn of mind
When you come to think of it
When young, he...
Whenever he finds himself in London
Whenever he goes for her
Whenever I had an odd moment
Whenever they take a step
Where are you putting up? (staying)
Where did you get your clothes in such a state?
Where did you go to school?
Where did you pick it up?
Where do I come in?
Where do you hurt the most?
Where does the advantage lie?
Where he would do the most good
Where is it, on your theory?
Where lies the risk?
Where on earth has he been?
Where she is concerned

Where the responsibility lies
Where the river is at its narrowest
Wherever her tastes lie
Whether they'll come round to doing more
Whether to wait in vain or to some point, she had no idea
Whether we want it or not, we're lumbered with it
Which comes to the same thing
Which he rated so highly
Which in effect are little more than...
Which is more than I can say about...
Which is more than you did
Which is no more than she deserves
Which is precious little
Which is so much more
Which is taken to mean that he...
Which reminds me
Which, broadly speaking,...
Which, I suppose, it is!
While he was off his guard
While the light holds
While we live, we learn
White paper void of all characters (tabula rasa)
Who else is there who could touch him as an actor?
Who is responsible for carrying out this work?
Who is responsible for this? (who did it)
Who tipped you off? (told you)
Who was to blame for the rift between us?
Wholly unprepared to deal in an intelligent way with the facts of life
Whom does the quarrel really lay with?
Why are you so persistent in this idea?
Why did he buy it in the first place?
Why do people take to drugs?
Why do you bring it up?
Why do you do it in the first place?
Why ever didn't you telephone?
Why ever not?
Why have you taken so long over it?
Why make a song and dance about it?

Why must she needs do it?
Why must you keep bringing that up?
Why not let the matter rest?
Why on earth should I?
Why on earth...?
Why rake up past history?
Why should I stick my neck out?
Why should you do it in the first place? (at all)
Why this raking up of the past?
Why was she doing it anyway?
Why worry?
Why, if that isn't too bad
Why, yes
Wide enough to admit two walking abreast (side by side)
Widely distant from each other
Wild animals subsist on potatoes
Wildlife is put at risk
Will go Dutch on them
Will he be in a fit state to do it?
Will it take glue?
Will she hold it against you?
Will that do you?
Will they go in with us on the idea?
Will you back me up?
Will you bring me up to date?
Will you care to wait here?
Will you come to town today?
Will you do me justice at all?
Will you do something for me in return?
Will you give me a hand out of the car?
Will you give your mind to the problem?
Will you help me undo this zip-fastener, please?
Will you join me in a cup of tea?
Will you kindly feed the fire, please?
Will you let me have another cup?
Will you present your credentials?
Will you show me all over the place?
Willingness to be more forthcoming

Winter was at hand
Wishful thinking
With a certain measure of impunity
With a cynic twist to his lips
With a full measure of brains and charm of his own
With a highly professional touch
With a jaunty optimistic air
With a pensive air
With a touch of remorse
With a view to providing a...
With all that it implies
With all the undergraduates milling around
With an affectation of nonchalance
With an air of nonchalance
With an eye on the weather, I put on...
With as much unconcern as I could muster
With candour
With commendable British restraint
With dismay
With enormous accuracy
With ever greater insistence
With ever present fear of falling into error
With good cause/reason
With great inconvenience to everyone else
With half his mind (almost)
With him duty comes first
With him, humour is never far away
With him, to think is to act
With hindsight
With its drawbacks as inherent as its advantages
With luck and pluck he might do
With me, it is the... that comes first
With me, it would be different
With me, it's all or nothing
With meticulous care
With my passport at the ready
With none to turn to for immediate help
With nothing but a token resistance

With old age coming on, I will...
With one thing and another
With one thing and another I have only just got down to it
With only the moon to give her a bearing
With perfect equanimity
With precious little to go upon
With profound anguish we must announce that...
With regard to...
With respect to...
With respect,...
With salt and pepper it made a truly delicious meal
With so much at stake
With that in mind
With the careless courtesy which I find so lacking in these people
With the express objective
With the express purpose of...
With the least possible delay
With the profit in excess of... (more than)
With the rising affluence (wealth)
With the utmost ease
With their guns at the ready
With this in mind
With time
With time to spare
With undertones of remorse
With varying degrees of ingenuity and success
With windows giving on the street
With X thrown in
With your consent
Withholding the facts
Within a matter of hours
Within a matter of months
Within a stone's throw
Within an hour
Within constitutional bounds
Within easy reach of the theatre
Within easy reach of the window
Within hail

Within immediate future
Within limits
Within the bounds of probability
Within the framework
Within the grasp of intelligent reasoning
Within the space of two months
Within walking distance
Without any unpleasant repercussions
Without anyone being the wiser
Without breaking step
Without deigning to give a reply
Without delay
Without demur
Without detriment to...
Without fear or favour
Without further comment
Without further delay
Without further mishap
Without having to do a hand's turn of work
Without him we should have been in desperate straights
Without incurring a reprimand
Without inducing envious daydreams
Without more ado
Without more ado, we started for...
Without much delay
Without necessarily going through it
Without overt malice
Without prompting from me
Without rhyme or reason (senseless)
Without so much as a headache
Without tangible reasons
Without their full knowledge
Without turning a hair
Without undue difficulty
Witnesses to the accident
Woe betide him (he'll be damned)
Woefully inadequate
Women are far better at keeping even head

Women are more versatile
Women are mostly short-listed
Women have a raw deal
Won't it be ripping if...
Won't they resent my being there?
Wonderful all the way through
Wooden supports held the roof
Woollen garments chafe my skin
Wordy contention
Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion
Working against time
Working in concert
Working on the restoring it
Worry tugged at him
Worse than useless to...
Worth, at a rough estimate, about...
Worthy of mention
Would he live here from choice?
Would it be a great imposition to ask you...?
Would she comply with such a summons?
Would the proposition be more tenable?
Would you care for a cup of coffee?
Would you care to hear it? - Very much
Would you care to make up a four at the game?
Would you fly off the handle if I forgot something?
Would you have me do anything else?
Would you like to come along?
Would you like to come and...? - Not really
Would you like to come in?
Would you like to have a look round?
Would you like to have a look?
Would you mind if I joined you?
Would you mind my opening the window?
Would you mind opening the window, please?
Write in pencil
Written indelibly into the annals
Wrongs suffered at his hands

X and the like
X and y alike (both x and y)
X aside, there were 4 of them
X vented his anger at Y

Year by year
Years and years ago
Years didn't appear to have aged him at all
Years of bickering
Years of wear and tear are telling
Yellow with age
Yes, I do hold every hope
Yet again
Yet this was also attended by some uncertainty
You always look the thing
You always see more than you let on
You and X must have been very close
You are a bit of a marvel
You are a bit overdone/done up
You are actively present in my thoughts
You are an absolute novice about human nature
You are being unfair
You are blinding yourself to the truth
You are carrying more weight
You are casting me into an impossible role
You are catching on
You are confusing the issue
You are correct in this assumption
You are cute
You are dead right
You are doing very well, carry on
You are duffers not to... (fools not to...)
You are excessively difficult to do to
You are giving me too much credit
You are hard as nails
You are hard to satisfy
You are holding something back, this is excruciating
You are in duty-bound to do it

You are incorrigible
You are keen about people
You are keeping something back
You are letting yourself in for more unhappiness
You are like me for all that
You are looking your old self again
You are low in petrol
You are making a mistake over this
You are much too modest
You are naturally qualified for it
You are not a bit my idea of a scientist
You are not as bad as all that
You are not giving full scope to your capabilities
You are not going to refuse that, surely? - No, indeed
You are not looking the thing (not up to the mark)
You are not quite accurate
You are not serious?
You are not the man I took you for
You are not to say things against him
You are offered the option
You are old enough to paddle your own canoe
You are on the right tack
You are on your oath
You are pretty sharp
You are quick on the uptake
You are right there
You are satisfied that... (believe that...)
You are sure to catch cold
You are sweet on him
You are talking rot (nonsense)
You are talking through your hat (nonsense)
You are the obvious man for it
You are thrown back on personal decision
You are to keep that secret, no matter what
You are to take the floor next
You are usually pretty ready with reasons
You are very far from the highly desirable condition of having caught up
You are very flattering

You are very much in my thoughts
You are very welcome to share my biscuits
You are victim of hallucination
You are with me?
You aren't putting your heart into this
You attend to the drink question, I'll do the rest
You bet! (I am sure)
You better watch your step
You can be easy if your food is well balanced
You can cast your mind forward
You can count on me
You can get it straight away
You can make what inference you please from this
You can pin your hopes on him
You can please yourself whether you go or not
You can rest assured on that
You can run over it quickly
You can say that again (you are mistaken!)
You can see for yourself
You can skip the bath today
You can starve in the gutter for what I care
You can take it from me that...
You can thank your lucky stars
You can use it right up to the end
You can't bring yourself to believe it
You can't feel more strongly about it
You can't get against the custom
You can't get anywhere without money
You can't get away with it
You can't go far wrong
You can't help it
You can't help speculating about it, though
You can't influence people by remote control
You can't judge it from a brief inspection
You can't make bricks without straw
You can't rely on the faculties of a person of that age
You can't see it for what it is
You can't throw your weight about

You can't, as it were, ...
You cannot back down
You cannot catch an old bird with chaff
You cannot change it at a stroke
You cannot condone the fact
You cannot confine yourself to it
You cannot fool me
You cannot go far wrong
You cannot help the way you are
You cannot introduce dogs into the church
You cannot just decree merriment
You cannot say such things in such offhand manner
You could be her, for all I know
You could have kept your temper
You could have knocked me down with a feather
You could improve yourself by reading
You could knock off a paper on... (write up)
You could not do a shoddy thing, could you? (dishonest thing)
You could pursue no better course
You could see it at a glance
You could touch him for this sum all right
You couldn't chuck one of the lectures?
You cut a dashing figure
You daren't admit to having done it
You deserve better than that
You did me a good turn, you know
You did me a great favour and I am proud to acknowledge it
You didn't take my meaning
You do hit on the truth
You do it to perfection
You do likewise
You do make sense
You do your father great credit
You don't do her justice
You don't happen to be related by any chance? - I suppose I am
You don't know where you are with him
You don't make sense
You don't need me to tell you

You don't really suppose I'd leave you in the lurch just when you need me most?
You gave me the creeps
You gave the show away
You got it smartly
You got your nerve with you
You had better ask why I... in the first place
You had better restrict your conversation to...
You had better suspend judgement
You have a rather guilty look about you
You have all my sympathies
You have all the time in the world
You have been most helpful to me
You have been reported as saying...
You have been treated abominably
You have every facility for this task
You have given zest to my existence
You have got to hear the sequel
You have great influence with him
You have hit the nail on the head
You have immeasurably enriched my life
You have missed the point completely
You have my attention
You have my full approval
You have no earthly right to...
You have profited by his advice
You have reminiscences into which I don't enter
You have set your heart on it
You have started it in the first place
You have the service (in tennis)
You have the wrong person for a quiet comfortable coexistence
You have to do without it
You have to go through with it
You have to hurry so as not to be late for dinner
You have to pay the earth (very much)
You have to put something down
You have to take my word for that
You have to talk her out of it
You have what it takes

You have worn very well
You haven't had a return lunch off me
You just wait and see
You know her? - Not to speak to
You led me to believe...
You let your emotions get the better of you
You look a perfect wreck
You look all in
You look done up (exhausted)
You look sick to me
You mark my word
You may beat them to it yet
You may depend on my not mentioning it
You may do it once but not as a constancy
You may do it with impunity
You may go there by bus or by Tube, it's as broad as it is long (Metro in London)
You may help her to bear up under the shock
You may like to know
You may well ask
You might be spared the trouble of doing it
You might change your mind about it
You might overbalance, don't lean over the rails!
You might prefer to take another view
You miss the point
You mistake me entirely
You must admit that
You must be out of your mind
You must certainly give her credit for that
You must control your transports
You must do as you please
You must employ your talents for the best advantage
You must forgive me if I sound parochial
You must get him to show you round some time
You must have had a very hard time of it
You must have had quite a night
You must not be so severe on yourself
You must pull yourself together
You must set your teeth to that

You must take it by the horns
You must take it in your stride
You must tell me how he is
You mustn't be depreciative
You mustn't give way
You mustn't let on I told you
You mustn't let yourself get disheartened
You need not enlarge on your point
You needn't be so proud as all that
You needn't go very far afield
You persist in error
You put too much reliance on his importance
You put us all to shame
You put your finger on it
You read too much into things
You really must not take it amiss
You see people for what they are
You seem peeved this morning
You seem to be none the worse for it
You seem to be preoccupied
You seem to be spoiled for choice
You seem to be under some apprehension
You seem to have all the time in the world
You seem to have utterly overlooked one point, namely...
You should be on your guard against him
You should check the urge before it gets too strong a grip on you
You should have the modesty to laugh at yourself
You should know better than to go there
You should not come down on her about anything
You should not treat sacred subjects with levity
You should restrain yourself (keep calm)
You should set an example
You should take a break
You shouldn't attach too much importance to it
You shouldn't break your heart over him
You shouldn't hide your light under a bushel
You shouldn't rub him up the wrong way
You show insistence in calling it so

You sound as if you were...
You sound rather disapproving
You sound very resourceful
You spoke out of concern
You stand a chance to...
You stand the risk of it disagreeing with it
You stole a march upon me
You take a very lenient view
You take precedence! (you go first)
You thwarted my plans
You took your time coming back
You used to be rather well up in these things
You were late for it
You were right on every count
You were saying...?
You were up to no good
You will be able to show of what mettle you are made
You will be gratified by this support of your theory
You will be in my thoughts
You will be well advised to do it
You will come to grief
You will do me credit
You will do nothing of the kind
You will find a way of getting around him
You will find me all attention
You will not have forgotten it?
You will remember it sometime or other
You will remember, ...
You won't budge from it
You won't face facts
You won't fly out at him over it, will you?
You won't steal a march on me in a hurry (easily)
You won't take my warning
You would like to? - Above everything
You would risk grave embarrassment
You'd be hard pressed to tackle it
You'd better nip down to the house
You'd better not let your decision become stale

You'll be a month learning it
You'll be around when I come back
You'll feel better for it
You'll find a precious lot of nothing there
You'll find him a bit trying
You'll find him out some day
You'll find it very liberating
You'll have to get round it somehow
You'll have to take my word for it
You'll most certainly qualify
You'll never get it if you don't give your mind to it more
You'll never know what I have been through about you
You've been the goods (splendid)
You've given yourself away
You've got a point there
You've got the key all right?
You've got to look out with them
You've had it rough, but now things are on the mend
You've made it up
You've put one over on us
Your accusations are misplaced
Your affair, I believe, stands thus
Your attempts at sarcasm are not very happy
Your basis for right and wrong falls flat
Your buttons are done up askew
Your card had your address notified on it
Your cardigan is misbuttoned
Your collar is aslant
Your ear must become attuned to it
Your guess is as good as mine (nobody knows)
Your guess is as good as the next one's
Your hair is in need of a brush
Your imagination runs away with you
Your instructions will be done
Your interest in English has become more subtle
Your memory is playing tricks on you
Your pince-nez are here
Your point escapes me

Your resolution must never falter
Your secret is safe with me
Your voice carries
Youth calls to youth

Zest for life

