Folksy. See also like (as) scarce as hens' teeth and scarcer greased lightning.) Jane can really run. than hens' teeth ... istent. (An exaggeration. Chickens don't have teeth.) I've never seen one of

... as quick as a flash Go to (as) quick as red as blood. a wink. (as)

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... as a fruitcake used to be fit as a fiddle. Look at him now!(as) easy as rolling off a log. (as) flat as a board very flat.

This is an important and powerful than anything else. Bill was a slave to the almighty dol-

... as a cucumber. (as) drunk as a lord and (as) drunk as(as) crazy as a betsy bug loony. TOM: a skunk very drunk. He came

... as a stack of black_floor is bright as a new pin since I started using this new floor wax.(as) very broad. (The sweep is a chimney sweep.) After Jim's backside is as broad as a barn door. playing in the mud all

... as a button intelligent; quick-minded. (Usually used to describe chil-

... is as bright as a button. You can't fool as a skillet down there. The bruise Mandy. She may be only six years old,

... as gold. (as) free as (the) air completely free; without obligations or

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and it's time I was about  Most of the class was a million miles away in my homework. Good-bye, Jane. I must go away in the hot sun...someone to be...be a heartbeat away from something...for one has not heard before and that one is someone to be...You simply can't be...all things...bawl someone out to scold someone in a The candidate set...all men and came off looking very wishy...a threat. Jane backed down from her position on the budget. I would one's course. (Originally nautical, refer-...a person to be socially active...at length.at play [at this moment] involved in playing...be pleasant to here too, you know! It was a fine hotel. There were dozens of maids and waiters at our beck and...Bill is always at sixes and sevens when he's home by himself. a long illness, ...at face value from outward appearance; sitting. from what something first appears to be. (From the value printed on the "coin" which a snail's pace...as wise as Solomon very wise. Grand-...as warm as toast very warm and cozy. strong! It's thick as pea soup. The baby will be warm as toast in that...close-knit; the side of the fire. friendly; allied. Mary, Tom, and Sally are as thick as thieves. They go everywhere...bail out of [a boat] to remove water from the bottom of a boat by dip-...Tom has to bail the boat out before we get in. T You...at face value. Don't just accept watch a clock, time seems to move at a...as wise as an owl (as) wise as an owl very wise. Grand...as toast in that noon...as smooth as silk very smooth. Your skin is as smooth as silk. as silk. 3. [for a surface] like or suggesting...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...as soft as velvet told that the part needed for my car is...
it, I'll brain you. ward.  Okay, everyone. It's time to break camp. Take those tents down and fold them... bread and butter letter a letter or note (See also break someone

Good luck.)  proposed project bowled everyone over. Before the play, John said to Mary, "Break a leg!"  Saying "Break a... is an old theatrical tradition. that boys seem to do.; That's the kind of silly behavior that boys and men exhibit.

the law, you will never get bow out at the normal retirement age. arrested.bowl someone over to surprise or over- Break a ...  The atrical slang. This is said to actors before news bowled me over.  The details of the a performance instead of

don't have time to listen to the whole story. police.  The gangs were getting very bad. Please boil it down for me. T... so I can read it on the plane.

blow up to fall apart or get ruined.  The whole project blew up. It will have to be bold

blood, sweat, and tears the

pitch.bite someone's head off to speak sharply black as the ace of spades Go to (as) and angrily to someone.  There was... ace of spades. she was five minutes late.  The boss has been biting everybody's head off since his black out to faint or

ness, he's considered beyond the pale and place. is never asked to parties anymore.between you, me, and the lamppost... completely without doubt. (Said of a fact, not  Just between you, me, and the lamppost, a person. See also

grades are below average. Go to the best-laid plans of mice and

your explanation. a bit behind the times.beginning of the end the start of the fi-

or you gave me, but beggars can't be choosers. awkward position. (Informal. Refers to  It doesn't matter whether people...
eggs.)  Bob broke his wife's crystal vase and is really behind the eight ball.  I ran

beat the pants off someone 1. to beat c
decided to beef the army up by... hundreds of new tanks. T Okay, let's beef up physical violence, not the removal of the opening song. Please, everyone, sing

a situation or way of life I'll beat the living daylights out of you.  that is always happy and comfortable.  The last...

bears. (Also literal for fruit-bearing plants andbe the spit and image of someone and be trees.)  I hope your new plan bears... to be with someone to be on someone's side; me.  All these problems will be the death to be allied with someone. (Also

negative factors. (Literal in reference be with someone to be in a situation or be surrounded by someone. (Slang.)  She always believed... be for the death of someone to be on someone's side. me.  All these problems will be the death

experience.  This is something new on me. He always seems to have... successor.)  The vice president is just plenty of money.  The city's
calls the meeting to order. cannot stomach someone or something Go to not able to stomach someone or something. [can't] ... listed below. can't carry a tune [to be] unable to sing a simple melody; lacking musical ability.60carried away (Almost
[34x299]collect or pick up a person or a thing. to bawl someone out.  The teacher had (Used especially when you are to pick to ... an escort.)  "I wish you wouldn't call me down in  I will call for you about eight this eve- public," cried Sally. ning.
[34x659]itself with the help of nothing else; mail over a year ago. Please check your without the addition of anything else.  ... house by itself ? by shank's mare by foot. (Shank refers to the shank of the leg. Folksy. See also goby leaps and bounds
[34x688]hates to eat by himself. It makes him class in college. feel lonely. 2. with the help of no one else.  Can he do it by
[34x717]else present; by a show of hands.  Bob wanted us to alone.  She hates to go to strange places vote on paper, not by a ... a table that we could have a secret ballot. big enough for six people. 2. with the help of no one else.  She can do it by
[34x746]By fits and starts, the old car fi- lots of care. nally got us to town.by any means by any way possible.  I by guess and ...  I help of God. (Folksy. Golly is a disguise must win this contest by any means, fair or of God.)  They managed to get
[34x904]way home and get something to go.  Jane to tell them that the mail had come. No, I don't want to sit at a table. I'll ... go. was in the mail? by a hair('s breadth) and by a whiskerbutter someone up to praise and flatter just barely; by a very
[34x947]as popcorn on a skillet Go to (as) thing without seeing it first. (Compare this with buy a pig in a poke.)  I bought busy ... so rocky.  It isn't usually safe to buybut for someone or something if it were not for something sight unseen. someone
[34x1019]driving it is like gut to get there on time.  I busted a gut buying a pig in a poke.  He bought a pig to get there the ... ring one there. by mail.busy as a beaver Go to (as) busy as a buy someone off to bribe someone; to win someone over by
[34x1034]oneself to do something. Canada.  Even if I am completely wrong, (Slang. Gut is considered impolite in please don't burst ... an informal this with buy something sight unseen.)  form of burst.)  I don't intend to bust a Buying a car without test-
[34x1120]tears.)  After the last notes  I wish Mr. and Mrs. Franklin would of her song, the audience burst into tears, bury the ...  The brother and sister burst into tears on hear- business as usual having things go along ing of the death of their
[34x1221]someone at the stake 1. to set fire to burned to a cinder burned very badly. a person tied to a post (as a form of ex- ... witches at in the sun too long, and I am burned to a cinder.  This toast is burnt to a cinder. 53burned upburned up very
[34x1336]you are leaving, ensuring that considered a famous leader. you'll never be welcome to return.  If you get mad and quit... burn burning your bridges behind you.  No someone or something totally or very sense burning your bridges. Be polite and
[34x1566]the beam with wide hips or large under Bill, so he finally went out and got budgies. (From a maximal point of view; a maximal point of view.)  to break the ice to start a friendly chat or a friendly chat.  break someone's heart to cause someone emotional
[34x1610]me up-to-date on John. I want to mention or show something to someone. hear all the news.  And bring me up-to-  I would ... there is something I should know about, please bring it to mybring something about to make something attention. happen.
[34x1653]between man- date by changing his hairstyle, but he still ag- ment and the union has brought mat- looked like the same old ... now.  It's a relief that things havebring someone to to bring someone to con-
[34x1898]to get out of here here on time tomorrow, bright and early, and get a breath of fresh air.  I believe I'll or you're ... ling. 3. a new, bright as a button Go to (as) bright as a fresh, and imaginative approach (to something). (Usually with
[34x1970]or something into smaller parts; to di- rounding the disease and found the cause. vide something into its component parts.  ... someone) to end a love af- sentences. T The chemist broke down the fair or a romance.  Tom finally broke up compound into
[34x2027]the bushes broke his fall.  The ing. He's always the first one to break the old lady slipped on the ice, but a snowbank ... formal events.  Sally broke the ice by bidding $20,000 for the painting.break something to someone to tell bad news or to tell bad news.  I bought a pig to break the back of something to end the run better after I break it in. domination of something; to reduce the
[34x2099]something down; to destroy something.  They used an ax to breakbreak one's word not to do what one said the door down. T ... one's promise. with big hammers. (The opposite of keep one's word.)  Don't say you'll visit your grandmother if break
[34x2142]or something down.) written to follow up on a visit; a thank-  The air-conditioning broke down, and you note.  When I got ... I took two days to write in the parking lot. 2. [for one] to lose con-
[389x2114]gling, shouting, etc.48breaking and entering break in a new worker. 2. [with some- break something to someone to tell bad news thing] to make something fit by wearing to someone.  I hated to break the news or using it. T I'll be glad

A nice many different places. Everyone was cool. Drink would come in handy about there. They came from far and wide. We... in out of the rain to become alert. Come from nowhere to come as a surprise and sensible; to come down to earth. With no... personal position or financial standing. Mr. (See also The chickens have come home) Jones has really come down in the... 

have to talk louder. Come by something honestly: 1. to get something in an honest, straightforward way. Farmer looked at me and said, "Come... cation. 2. to inherit. Come and get it! Dinner is ready. Come something—a character... have a feeling she didn't come by it honestly. 

She really came a cropper. Come away empty-handed to come away without gaining or achieving anything. (See also go away across someone or something to find something.) All right, go gambling. One or... un- come apart at the seams suddenly to lose feeling. (Informal or slang. Preceded by one's emotional self-control.)

hopes that are insubstantial. When you talk of inheriting money, coffee, tea, or milk a choice of beverage. You... personnel not a real solution to the problem. You are when offering something to drink to the just clutching at straws. 

A horror of a hurricane face to face, that sort... gets you... to someone fond of someone; very good friends with someone. Tom is cock-and-bull story a silly, made-up story; a lie. 

To sing for them is to cast pearls before swine.  To serve them French... one's pearls before swine. really caught it from the teacher. cast one's vote to vote; to place one's ballot in a ballot box. 

job if you don't want to do it. cheesed off bored; depressed; annoyed. He was cheesed off with his job. She was...  and poor Bobby, their son, was caught me off my guard, and I told the... cook's.  I can't stomach your...
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