

US Slang, Idioms, or Other Frequently Heard Expressions

<i>If someone says:</i>	<i>It means this:</i>
You kill me	You are very funny OR you are making things difficult for me
Shoot	Go ahead and ask a question, OR an expression of dismay
Kicked the bucket	Died, not polite to say
Pay through the nose	Pay a lot of money
Down the road	In the future
Break the ice	Approach someone in a friendly manner, get to know them
Breaking down barriers or walls	Overcoming emotional barriers
Good to go OR we're all set	Everything is ready
Heads up	Provide someone with information
Get a sense of	Understand something
Boat load	A LOT of something
Paint yourself in a corner	Get yourself in trouble with no way out or an unpleasant result
Get your foot in the door	Find a way to get familiar with someone or a company
You bet! You betcha! & Yup!	Yes
Any time	In response to thanks
What's up?	Greeting, meaning what is happening?
Feeling blue or got the blues or blahs	A little depressed
See ya!	See you, or CU
Good to see ya—wouldn't wanna be ya!	Joke (a very OLD joke)
Let your guard down	Make yourself vulnerable
On the ball	Someone who gets things done quickly and well
Let 'er rip!	Begin! As in a race or an experiment
Give it a shot	Try
Play the blame game	Try to find someone to blame
Keep your chin up	Keep trying or don't let it bother you
Penny for your thoughts	What are you thinking
Give your two cents	Give your opinion
Chime in	Join the conversation or give you opinion
Come up short	Didn't quite succeed
Short-sighted	Does not consider the bigger picture
Tell it like it is	Tell the truth, as you see it or believe it
Get real or Oh come on! OR Dude! Really?	You can't really mean what you just said
Chip on his/her shoulder	Someone who is angry for an unknown reason