

Themes

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Confrontational

Believe it or not
Caught in the middle
Choose up sides
Come and get it
Don't hold your breath
Enough is enough
Face to face
Get the message
Get the picture
Get to the point
Get what's coming to you
Have it your way
Have the last laugh
Have the last word
Knock it off
Make something of it
More than one can play at this game
No buts about it
No laughing matter
Not on your life
On the contrary
What are you driving at?
What goes?
What makes us tick?
What's going on?
What's the idea?
What's the point?
Who cares?

Fun loving

All over but the shouting
All over the place
Couldn't have done it without you
For keeps
For the moment
From the heart
From time to time
Fun and games
Get carried away
It's a deal
It's a good time
Just one of those things
Live and learn
Live it up
Make nothing of it
More or less
Move on
Move out
Name of the game
Not knowing whether one is coming or going
Play it cool
Pop the question

Pride/Spirit

A cut above
A good thing going
As good as gold
Beyond words
Bound and determined
Everything from A to Z
First and foremost
First things first
Fit to a "T"
Get the blues
Goes without saying
Good and ready
Have it made
Have what it takes
In no uncertain terms
In our prime
In our right mind
In the limelight
In the line of duty
In the prime of life
In the red
In the spotlight
Join forces
Know it inside out
Know one's place
Know the ropes
Know the score
Make a great show
Make no mistake about it
Make oneself at home
Never had it so good
No doubt
No ifs, ands, or buts about it
No two ways about it
On target
One and only
One for the record books
One in a hundred
One in a million
Our way
Out of the blue
Out of the ordinary
Over the top
Second to none
Settle the score
Show off
Show our colors
So far, so good
Stand for something
Stand up and be counted
Stand on our own two feet
Stop at nothing
To the last
To the letter
To the nth degree
Too good to be true
Too much of a good thing
We know a thing or two

With flying colors
Without question
You can count on it
You said it

Laid Back

All's well that ends well
As far as anyone knows
As far as it goes
As far as we're concerned
At a loss for words
At face value
Change your tune
Every now and then
Far from it
For whatever it's worth
In any event
In passing
In so many words
Inquire inside
Keyed up
Little by little
Make a face
Make a fuss
Make fun of it
Make the best of it
No kidding
No matter what
No problem
One and (not) the same
Piece of the action
Quick as a wink
Red in the face
Run wild
So it goes
Stretch a point
Take it easy
Take it or leave it
You can't take it with you

Back in Circulation

Before you know it
Better late than never
Break new ground
By all means
Come to life
Cut loose
Easy come, easy go
From scratch
From start to finish
From the ground up
From the word go
Get a head start
Get a move on
Get down to business
Getting to know our way

Grow by leaps and bounds
In a world of our own
In due time
In less than no time
In the first place
It's about time
It's all over town
Keep pace
Make a comeback
Move up in the world
New ball game
Nothing to it
Now or never
Of our own free will
Off the beaten track
Off the wall
On the spur of the moment
Out of place
Out of the red
Rise to the occasion
Sign on the dotted line
Signed, sealed, and delivered
Sit up and take notice
So much the better
Sooner or later
Start from scratch
Strike it rich
Take a chance
Taken by surprise
Things are looking up
This will blow your mind
Time will tell
Up to date
What's done is done
You be the judge

Quotational

Actions speak louder than words
As big as life
Beyond the shadow a doubt
By word of mouth
Easier said than done
Give credit where credit is due
Know all the tricks of the trade
Out of sight, out of mind
Read between the lines
Say the word
See the handwriting on the wall
Small talk
So to speak
Talk big
The word is out
To whom it may concern
Who says
Word for word
You can quote me on that
You can say that again

Directional

Actions speak louder than words
As big as life
Beyond the shadow a doubt
By word of mouth
Easier said than done
Give credit where credit is due
Know all the tricks of the trade
Out of sight, out of mind
Read between the lines
Say the word
See the handwriting on the wall
Small talk
So to speak
Talk big
The word is out
To whom it may concern
Who says
Word for word
You can quote me on that
You can say that again

Same here

Seeing is believing
So be it
True to form
Your guess is as good as mine

Geographical

Close to home
End of the line
Go to town

Here and there

In all directions
In our own backyard
Know your place
On common ground
Right here, right now

Serious

All in one piece
All worked up
All-out effort
As a matter of course
As a matter of fact
At it again
Case in point
Count on someone
Down for the count
Every last one
Every minute counts
For the record
In black and white
In favor
In the know
In the right

It figures
Last but not least
Learn the ropes
Made to order
Make the grade
Make the scene
Mind over matter
Mix it up
Nothing of the kind
On the double
On the job
On the level
On the money
On the take
Put to the test
That takes care of that
The bottom line
The inside track
To a great extent
Too close for comfort
Under wraps
Within limits

Newness

All at once
All better now
As good as done
At first glance
At long last