

Common Phrases 09

Everyday conversations are filled with common sayings and idioms, which are phrases with meanings different from the literal interpretation of the words. Using them makes conversation sound more natural and authentic. Common [Phrases 09](#) (an idiom in conversation): A group of two or more words that functions as a single unit in a sentence. It doesn't usually contain both a subject and a verb (unless it's a verb phrase). They are the basic building blocks of sentences, like "on the table," "a big, green dragon," or "walking quickly." They often function as descriptions (adjective phrases) or explain how, where, or when (adverbial phrases). Below there are 20 common phrases used in many conversations, shown as pictures.

What meaning do you get from them, what is the phrase conveyed, they might have regional variations?

			
word on the street	pick a fight in an empty room	smell a rat	cold-hearted
			
Cut to the chase	What's the magic word	inching forward	Build a case
			
Food for thought	have me for breakfast	selfish streak	weigh (one's) words
			
Digging a hole	Go with the flow	war of words	cock and bull story
			
Be on solid ground	Bought a lemon	Bright spark	fill your boots