

Is that your best shot? 13.53

We set them down and we step away 14.05

Everybody gives a little 14.17 ► **noun**

❶ *they reached a compromise*: AGREEMENT, understanding, settlement, terms, deal, trade-off, bargain; middle ground, happy medium, balance.

❷ *a happy marriage needs compromise*: GIVE AND TAKE, concession, cooperation.

Opposites

intransigence.

► **verb** ❶ *we compromised*: MEET EACH OTHER HALFWAY, come to an understanding, make a deal, make concessions, find a happy medium, strike a balance; give and take.

❷ *his actions could compromise his reputation*: UNDERMINE, weaken, damage, harm; jeopardize, prejudice; discredit, dishonour, shame, embarrass.

I suddenly snapped 15.03 ❷ *she snapped after years of violence*: FLARE UP, lose one's self-control, freak out, go to pieces, get worked up; *informal* crack up, lose one's cool, blow one's top, fly off the handle; *Brit. informal* throw a wobbly.

She's got a pulse 15.54

I called you as courtesy 18.12 ► **noun** POLITENESS, courteousness, good manners, civility, respect, respectfulness; chivalry, gallantry; graciousness, consideration, thought, thoughtfulness, cordiality, urbanity, courtliness

Backlog of open cases 18.18 ► **noun** ACCUMULATION, logjam, pile-up.

After-hours illegal gambling hall 18.32

You are so full of shit 19.31

Pick out a style 19.49

Wow a 97% conviction rate 20.27

You traded all your losing cases to other DDA's 20.35

Arraignment's at 3.00 with judge Moran 22.04 ► **verb**

❶ *he was arraigned for murder*: INDICT, prosecute, put on trial, bring to trial, take to court, lay/file/prefer charges against, summons, cite; accuse of, charge with; *N. Amer.* impeach; *informal* do; *archaic* inculcate.

❷ *they bitterly arraigned the government*: CRITICIZE, censure, attack, condemn, chastise, lambaste, rebuke, admonish, remonstrate with, take to task, berate, reproach; *informal* knock, slam, blast, lay into; *Brit. informal* slate, slag off; *formal* castigate, excoriate.

If they want to squabble, they can take it outside 22.36 ► **noun** *there was a squabble over which way they should go*: QUARREL, disagreement, row, argument, contretemps, falling-out, dispute, clash, altercation, shouting match, exchange, war of words; *informal* tiff, set-to, run-in, slanging match, shindig, shindy, stand-up, spat, scrap, dust-up; *Brit. informal* barney, ding-dong; *N. Amer. informal* rhubarb.

► **verb** *the boys were squabbling over a ball*: QUARREL, row, argue, bicker, fall out, disagree, have words, dispute, spar, cross swords, lock horns, be at loggerheads; *informal* scrap, arguify.

The people of the state of California Versus Theodore Crawford 23.03

California penal code 23.19 ► **adjective**

❶ *a penal institution*: DISCIPLINARY, punitive, corrective, correctional.

❷ *penal rates of interest*: EXORBITANT, extortionate, excessive, outrageous, preposterous, unreasonable, inflated, sky-high

Waive further reading of the complaint and complete statement of rights 23.22 ► **verb**

❶ *he waived his right to a hearing*: RELINQUISH, renounce, give up, abandon, surrender, yield, reject, dispense with, abdicate, sacrifice, refuse, turn down, spurn.

❷ *the manager waived the rules*: DISREGARD, ignore, overlook, set aside, forgo, drop.

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Do you wish to **enter a plea** at this time? 23.28

1 *a plea for aid*: APPEAL, entreaty, supplication, petition, request, call, suit, solicitation.
2 *her plea of a headache was unconvincing*: CLAIM, explanation, defence, justification; excuse, pretext.

Waive my right to a counsel and represent myself 23.31

7 *his solicitor represented him in court*: APPEAR FOR, act for, speak on behalf of.

I believe I am **within my rights** 23.51

Lack of counsel will not be **grounds** for an appeal 23.55

5 *grounds for dismissal*: REASON, cause, basis, base, foundation, justification, rationale, argument, premise, occasion, excuse, pretext, motive, motivation.

Negotiate a plea 24.16

That's pretty **damning** evidence 24.19

adjective INCRIMINATING, condemnatory, damnatory; damaging, derogatory; conclusive, strong.

This is gonna **turn into** a **circus** 24.23

2. [singular] *informal* a situation in which there is too much excitement or noise:

The first day of school is always such a circus.

The trial has turned into a media circus.

I appreciate your concern for the dignity of the court 24.26

You got one foot out the door already 26.15

10 **get/have/keep your foot in the door**

to get your first opportunity to work in a particular organization or industry

You have been circling this lobby nonstop like a shark 27.10

I need to know the mystery man Burt **plucked out of nowhere** 27.38

1 *he plucked a thread from his lapel*: REMOVE, pick (off), pull (off/out), extract, take (off).

2 *she plucked at his T-shirt*: PULL (AT), tug (at), clutch (at), snatch (at), grab, catch (at), tweak, jerk; *informal* yank.

3 *the turkeys are plucked*: DEPLUME, remove the feathers from.

4 *she plucked the guitar strings*: STRUM, pick, thrum, twang; play pizzicato.

► **noun** *the task took a lot of pluck*: COURAGE, bravery, nerve, backbone, spine, daring, spirit, intrepidity, fearlessness, mettle, grit, determination, fortitude, resolve, stout-heartedness, dauntlessness, valour, heroism, audacity; *informal* guts, spunk, gumption; *Brit. informal* bottle; *N. Amer. informal* moxie.

I'll supervise and **steer** you **through** the office politics 28.05

1 *he steered the boat*: GUIDE, direct, manoeuvre, drive, pilot, navigate; **Nautical** con, helm.

2 *Luke steered her down the path*: GUIDE, conduct, direct, lead, take, usher, shepherd, marshal, herd.

1 ■ **steer clear of** KEEP AWAY FROM, keep one's distance from, keep at arm's length, give a wide berth to, avoid, avoid dealing with, have nothing to do with, shun, eschew.

A rising star 28.25 3 *a star of the world of chess*: CELEBRITY, superstar, big name, famous name, household name, someone, somebody, lion, leading light, VIP, personality, personage, luminary; *informal* celeb, big shot, big noise, megastar.

Shell casings 32.40

The guy is **screwing with** us. He is **stacking the deck/cards** 32.50

to arrange something in a dishonest way in order to achieve the result you want

The gun grew little gun legs 33.16

I'm **all for it** 33.23

► **verb** *heart specialists advocate a diet low in cholesterol*: RECOMMEND, prescribe, advise, urge; support, back, favour, uphold, subscribe to, champion, campaign on behalf of, speak for, argue for, lobby for, promote.

He wants you **up to speed** 34.53

1 ► operating at full speed or capacity.

2 ► *informal* fully informed or up to date.

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1 ► You paid your way through east Okie cow shit college 37.31

I have **hit the mother lode** 38.36 *informal* to produce or find something that will make you very rich, happy, or successful:

They hit the mother lode with their second album.

That's not grounds for an appeal 39.51 **grounds for dismissal**: REASON, cause, basis, base, foundation, justification, rationale, argument, premise, occasion, excuse, pretext, motive, motivation.

Jury of my peers 39.54

I used to candle eggs at his farm 40.08

Cracked or flawed eggs 40.16

Fine hairline cracks 40.31

You bet your a.... old sport 41.02

Carport 41.54

I tried to establish contact through the front gate intercom 42.52 **foreign diplomats were asked to avoid all contact with him**: COMMUNICATION, correspondence, touch; association, connection, intercourse, relations, dealings; *archaic* traffic.

he had many contacts in Germany: CONNECTION, acquaintance, associate, friend.

Establish a perimeter 43.00 **the perimeter of a circle**: CIRCUMFERENCE, outside, outer edge.

the perimeter of the vast estate: BOUNDARY, border, limits, bounds, confines, edge, margin, fringe(s), periphery, borderline, verge; *poetic/literary* bourn, marge.

The bullet inflicted grievous and irreparable injury 43.38

On what ground do you wish to object? 44.47

If you don't know the legal terminology, explain it in layman's terms 45.07 **it's really pretty simple**: STRAIGHTFORWARD, easy, uncomplicated, uninvolved, effortless, painless, undemanding, elementary, child's play; *informal* as easy as falling off a log, as easy as pie, as easy as ABC, a piece of cake, a cinch, no sweat, a doddle, a pushover, money for old rope, kids' stuff, a breeze; *Brit. informal* easy-peasy, a doss; *N. Amer. informal* duck soup, a snap; *Austral./NZ informal* a bludge, a snack.

simple language: CLEAR, plain, straightforward, intelligible, comprehensible, uncomplicated, in words of one syllable, accessible; *informal* user-friendly.

Bailiffs! Order! 46.01

We're in recess 46.06 ► **noun**

❶ *two recesses fitted with bookshelves*: ALCOVE, bay, niche, nook, corner, hollow, oriel.

❷ *the deepest recesses of Broadcasting House*: INNERMOST PARTS/REACHES, remote/secret places, heart, depths, bowels.

❸ *the Christmas recess*: ADJOURNMENT, break, interlude, interval, rest; holiday, vacation; *informal* breather.

► **verb** *let's recess for lunch*: ADJOURN, take a recess, stop, (take a) break; *informal* take five.

This is getting out of hand 46.39 ► **adjective** DISORDERLY, disordered, in disorder, in chaos, in disarray, disorganized, topsy-turvy, in pandemonium, in turmoil, in uproar; in a muddle, in a mess, messy, in a shambles; anarchic, lawless; *Brit. informal* shambolic.

Don't make me come across this table 'cause I will 47.17

The confessions are out because he was under duress 47.48 ► **noun** COERCION, compulsion, force, pressure, intimidation, constraint; threats; *informal* arm-twisting.

❷ *smoking is out*: FORBIDDEN, not permitted, not allowed, proscribed, unacceptable; *informal* not on.

❸ *he was slightly out in his calculations*: MISTAKEN, inaccurate, incorrect, wrong, in error.

Excluded as "fruit of the poisonous tree" 47.54

Coerced confessions 48.07

With thanksgiving around the corner 48.12 ❷ *the final judgement is near*: IMMINENT, in the offing, close/near at hand, at hand, (just) round the corner, impending, looming.

Don't push it Mr. Crawford 48.14

We will reconvene on Monday morning 48.24 ❶ *he convened a secret meeting*: SUMMON, call, call together, order; *formal* convoke.

❷ *the committee convened for its final session*: ASSEMBLE, gather, meet, come together, congregate; *formal* foregather.

Your head was on the fast lane 49.18 ❶ **the fast lane** *informal* an exciting way of life that involves dangerous and expensive activities:

Brenda is a lady who loves life in the fast lane.

Give the devil his due 50.41 **v. phr.** To be fair, even to someone who is bad; tell the truth about a person even though you don't like him, *I don't like Mr. Jones, but to give the devil his due, I must admit that he is a good teacher.*

Put in some face time with mine 52.49 **1.** time that you spend at your job because you want other people, especially your manager, to see you there, whether or not you are actually doing good work:

Here we reward performance, not face time.

2. time that you spend talking to someone when you are with them, rather than on the telephone

face time with

In return for his donation, he wanted face time with the President.

Repair your ego 54.25 ► **noun** SELF-ESTEEM, self-importance, self-worth, self-respect, self-image, self-confidence.

Someone has got to put him away 54.42 ► **verb** IMPRISON, put in prison, send to prison, jail, lock up, put under lock and key, put away, intern, confine, detain, hold, immure, put in chains, clap in irons, hold prisoner, hold captive; *Brit.* detain at Her Majesty's pleasure; *informal* send down, put behind bars, put inside; *Brit. informal* bang someone up.

Heads gotta roll 55.09

You got a DOB on that? 55.42

I got the media all over my front lawn 56.15

I'm a little under the gun here 58.13

It's not over till it is over 1.05.26

I'm not off the case. I'm back on it 1.05.42

He has to do some damage control 1.05.45

You pulled a stunt 1.06.35 to do something silly and risky:

What did you want to pull a stupid stunt like that for?

You got your foot in the door 1.06.36

I went out on a limb 1.06.59 **1** *the portrayal of Scotland as being out on a limb:* ISOLATED, segregated, set apart, separate, cut off, solitary.

2 *the government would not go out on a limb:* IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION, vulnerable; *informal* sticking one's neck out.

He planned everything down to the hat 1.11.01 **(right) down to**
even including the following minor things or people:

*Amalie was dressed completely in black, right down to black lipstick and a black earring.
Everyone, **from** the Director down to the secretaries, was questioned by the police.*

He is getting worked up 1.1120 *informal* very upset or excited about something
worked up about/over *You shouldn't get so worked up about it.*

That is a cop-out 1.12.00 ■ **noun informal** an instance of avoiding a commitment or
responsibility.

Get a restraining order 1.25.03 ■ **noun chiefly N. Amer.** a temporary court order issued to
prohibit an individual from carrying out a particular action, especially approaching or
contacting a specified person.

► **noun** SUMMONS, subpoena, warrant, arraignment, indictment, citation, court order

I gotta challenge his health care proxy 1.25.11 ► **noun** DEPUTY, representative, substitute,
delegate, agent, surrogate, stand-in, attorney, go-between.

Drop it 1.26.12

You had one shot and blew it, and he walked 1.26.44

This restraining order probably won't hold up on appeal 1.27.59 ***the argument doesn't
hold up:*** BE CONVINCING, be logical, hold water, bear examination, be sound.

Whatever happened to "Heads must roll"? 1.31.25

The preferred etiquette when declining a gift 1.36.39 ► **noun** PROTOCOL, manners,
accepted behaviour, rules of conduct, decorum, good form; courtesy, propriety,
formalities, niceties, punctilios; custom, convention; *informal* the done thing; *formal*
politesse.

Walk the murder weapon out of the house 1.38.33

Personal Weapons

See also [bomb](#), [bullet](#), [gun](#), [projectile](#).

axe

Backsword

Battleaxe

knobkerrie

Knuckleduster

Kris

Kukri

Bayonet	Lance
Bilbo	Lathi
Bill	Mace
Blackjack	Machete
Blade	nulla-nulla
Bludgeon	Panga
bowie knife	Parang
brass knuckles	Partisan
broadsword	Pike
Chopper	Poleaxe
Claymore	Poniard
Club	Quarterstaff
commando knife	Rapier
Cosh	Sabre
Cudgel	Scimitar
Cutlass	Shillelagh
Dagger	Skean
Danda	skean-dhu
Dirk	slung shot
Épée	small-sword
Falchion	Snickersnee
flick knife	Spear
Foil	Staff
Gisarme	Stave
Gun	Stick
Halberd	Stiletto
Harpoon	Sword
Hatchet	Swordstick
Javelin	Tomahawk
Kleywang	Truncheon
Knife	Yataghan