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America's love affair with the automobile

American dream

ace in the hole

almighty dollar

ambulance chaser

apple-pie order

arm and a leg

armchair liberal

armchair quarterback

army brat

art imitates life

artsy-craftsy

as luck would have it

at loggerheads

badge of honor

ballpark figure

bat out of hell

battle royal

beat around the bush

behind the eight ball

best foot forward

better half

better late than never

better mousetrap

beyond the pale

bib and tucker

birds and the bees

bitter disappointment

black as coal

bleeding heart

blushing bride

booze and broads

born and raised

brass tacks

bull by the horns

bull in a china shop

bump in the night

busy as a bee

but seriously

by and large

calm before the storm

candle at both ends

case of mistaken identity

cat out of the bag

caught red-handed

checkered career

chickens come home to roost

cleanliness is next to godliness

cold shoulder

communist conspiracy

conniption fit

could care less

couldn't care less

couldn't get to first base

countless hours

creature comfort

crime in the street

curry favor

cut a fine figure

cut and dried

cut to the quick

cute as a button

darkest before the dawn

dead as a doornail

death and destruction

death and taxes

death's doorstep

dim view

distaff

dog days

dog in the manger

doubting thomas

down in the dumps

down pat

down the hatch

dutch uncle

ear to the ground

easier said than done

easy as pie

enough already

evil twin

existential angst

experts agree

facts of life

fat slob

favor us with a song

fear and loathing

fellow traveler

few and far between

field this one

fish nor fowl

for the birds

freudian slip

fun and games

fun in the sun

galore

garbage in, garbage out

get the sack

get your goat

gets my goat

gild the lily

gilding the lily

give a damn

give me a break

gives me the creeps

go him one better

goes without saying

good time was had by all

greek to me

green thumb

green-eyed monster

hair of the dog

hard to believe

have a nice day

head honcho

heart's content

hidden agenda

high on the hog

hold a candle to

home the bacon

hook or by crook

horse of a different color

i'm okay, you're okay

in a nutshell

inexorably drawn

influence peddling

intents and purposes

it was a dark and stormy night

joy and sorrow

king's english

kiss of death

knock on wood

know him from adam

last but not least

law of the jungle

leaps and bounds

let sleeping dogs lie

liberal media

life and limb

life imitates art

lighten up

like a sore thumb

like the plague

little black book

long lost love

look before you leap

lounge lizard loved and lost make my day male chauvinist man's best friend many moons many-splendored thing meaningful relationship mellow out moment of glory moment's respite monday morning quarterback monkey suit motherhood and apple pie movers and shakers moving experience neat as a pin nerd nip it in the bud nipped in the bud no love lost no stone unturned no time like the present nose to the grindstone not in my back yard not on your tintype number one fan numerous to mention off the wagon old meets new older and wiser on the bandwagon on the nose on the wagon one born every minute one foot in the grave one in a million only game in town only to be met out of the frying pan p's and q's pain and suffering panic button party pooper patter of little feet pay through the nose peas in a pod pig in a poke

pinko

poison pen poor excuse for proud possessor quick as a bunny radical chic raining cats and dogs rank and file read my lips red herring reign supreme reigns supreme remember the alamo road to hell is paved with good intentions rock and a hard place running dog lackey safe than sorry salt of the earth scared stiff scared to death screaming meemies senses reel set the record straight shake a stick should of shoulder to the wheel shouldered his way sigh of relief significant other silence is golden simon pure slept like a log small world snow job snug as a bug some of my best friends something the cat dragged in southpaw spade a spade spare the rod spitting image sprightly spring to life squeaky wheel gets the grease start from scratch stick in the mud

still waters run deep still, small voice stone fox store bought

strident feminist

stuff that dreams are made of

stuffed shirt

take the plunge

takes one to know one

talk turkey

ten foot pole

the earth moved

the final analysis

the real mccoy

the same old story

these things happen

third time's the charm

this day and age

this point in time

three strikes and you're out

through the grapevine

throw in the towel

till the fat lady sings

time and time again

to err is human

to the best of my knowledge

tongue in cheek

tongue-in-cheek

touch of blarney

tough as nails

traditional family values

trials and tribulations

tried and true

true blue

twist of fate

twists and turns

under the gun

under the same roof

understated elegance

unexpected twist

unique

up his sleeve

up the creek

up the wrong tree

very real concern

view with alarm

was my face red

web of intrigue

week of sundays

what a bummer

what the dickens

what the heck

what the hell

what you see is what you get what's not to like wheeler-dealer who has everything whole ball of wax whole hog wild oats wimp win friends and influence people wisdom of the ages without benefit of clergy wolf at the door words fail work like a dog worst nightmare wrong side of the bed years young yellow journalism you are what you eat you know what they say young and foolish yuppie