

Common English Sayings

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Expression	IPA	Meaning	Example
It is what it is	/ɪt ɪz wʌt ɪt ɪz/	Accept a situation that cannot be changed.	We lost the game, but it is what it is.
Been there, done that	/bɪn ðɛr dʌn ðæt/	I have experienced that before.	A: Let's go bungee jumping! B: Been there, done that.
Easier said than done	/ˈiːziər sed ðæn dʌn/	Something is more difficult to do than to talk about.	Losing weight is easier said than done.
So far, so good	/soʊ fɑr soʊ gʊd/	Things have gone well up to now.	How's the project? So far, so good.
Long story short	/lɔŋ ˈstɔri ʃɔrt/	To summarize a long story.	Long story short, we missed the flight.
At the end of the day	/æt ði end əv ðə deɪ/	Ultimately; when everything is considered.	At the end of the day, we just want to be happy.
To be honest	/tu bi ˈɒnɪst/	Used to express frankness.	To be honest, I don't like the movie.
Fair enough	/fɛr ɪ ˈnʌf/	That is reasonable or acceptable.	A: I can't go tonight. B: Fair enough.
No worries	/noʊ ˈwʌrɪz/	It's not a problem; don't worry.	A: Sorry I'm late. B: No worries.
My bad	/maɪ bæd/	My fault; I apologize.	I forgot to call you. My bad.
You know what I mean	/ju noʊ wʌt aɪ min/	Do you understand what I'm trying to say?	It's just one of those days, you know what I mean?
I hear you	/aɪ hɪr ju/	I understand your point of view.	A: This is really frustrating. B: I hear you.
Tell me about it	/tɛl mi ə ˈbaʊt ɪt/	I agree; I have experienced that too.	A: The traffic is terrible. B: Tell me about it.
Same here	/seɪm hɪr/	I feel the same way.	A: I'm tired. B: Same here.
Sounds good	/saʊndz gʊd/	That seems like a good idea.	A: Let's meet at 6. B: Sounds good.
Sounds like a plan	/saʊndz laɪk ə plæn/	That is a good plan.	A: We'll grab dinner then see a movie. B: Sounds like a plan.
That makes sense	/ðæt meɪks sɛns/	That is logical or understandable.	A: I was stuck in traffic. B: That makes sense.
I guess so	/aɪ ges soʊ/	I suppose that is true, but not certain.	A: Is it going to rain? B: I guess so.
Not really	/nɒt ˈriːli/	No, not exactly.	A: Are you hungry? B: Not really.
Kind of	/kaɪnd əv/	Somewhat; to some extent.	A: Do you like it? B: Kind of.
Sort of	/sɔrt əv/	Somewhat; to some extent.	A: Are you ready? B: Sort of.
For real	/fɔr riːl/	Really; seriously.	A: I won the lottery. B: For real?
No way	/noʊ weɪ/	That is impossible or surprising.	A: She's moving to Japan. B: No way!
You're kidding	/juːr ˈkɪdɪŋ/	You are joking.	A: I quit my job. B: You're kidding!
Are you serious	/ɑr ju ˈsɪriəs/	Are you being serious?	A: The meeting is canceled. B: Are you serious?
What are the odds	/wʌt ɑr ði ɒdz/	That is very unlikely.	We ran into each other in Paris. What are the odds?
Go figure	/goʊ ˈfɪɡjər/	That is ironic or unexpected.	I studied all night and failed. Go figure.
Oh well	/oʊ wɛl/	Used to express resignation.	It started raining. Oh well.
Whatever works	/wʌt ˈɛvər wɜrks/	Do whatever is effective.	A: Should I email or call? B: Whatever works.
If you say so	/ɪf ju seɪ soʊ/	I accept your statement, though I may not agree.	A: This is the best pizza. B: If you say so.
I'll take your word for it	/aɪl teɪk jɔr wɜrd fɔr ɪt/	I believe you without proof.	A: The movie is great. B: I'll take your word for it.
That's the thing	/ðæts ðə θɪŋ/	That is the main point or problem.	I want to go, but that's the thing—I have no money.
Here's the thing	/hɪrz ðə θɪŋ/	Used to introduce an important point.	Here's the thing: we need to leave now.
The thing is	/ðə θɪŋ ɪz/	The main issue is.	The thing is, I don't have time.
To make a long story short	/tu meɪk ə lɔŋ ˈstɔri ʃɔrt/	To summarize a long story.	To make a long story short, we got lost.
Believe it or not	/bɪˈlɪv ɪt ɔr nɒt/	It is true even if surprising.	Believe it or not, I've never seen snow.

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Guess what	/gɛs wʌt/	Used to introduce surprising news.	Guess what? I got the job!
Don't get me wrong	/dɒnt get mi rɔŋ/	Don't misunderstand me.	Don't get me wrong, I like him, but he's messy.
Just saying	/dʒʌst 'seɪɪŋ/	Used to soften a comment.	That shirt is ugly. Just saying.
Not gonna lie	/nɒt 'gɒnə laɪ/	To be honest.	Not gonna lie, that was scary.
To be fair	/tu bi feɪr/	Used to present a balanced view.	To be fair, he did warn us.
In other words	/ɪn 'ʌðər wɜːdz/	Said differently.	He's frugal. In other words, he's cheap.
That said	/ðæt sɛd/	Nevertheless; however.	The plan is risky. That said, it might work.
Having said that	/'hævɪŋ sɛd ðæt/	Nevertheless; however.	It's expensive. Having said that, it's worth it.
On that note	/ɒn ðæt noʊt/	Related to that topic.	On that note, I think we should end the meeting.
By the way	/baɪ ðə weɪ/	Used to introduce a new topic.	By the way, did you see the news?
Speaking of which	/'spiːkɪŋ ʌv wɪtʃ/	Related to what was just mentioned.	We need milk. Speaking of which, I'll go to the store.
Come to think of it	/kʌm tu θɪŋk ʌv ɪt/	Now that I think about it.	Come to think of it, I left my keys at home.
Now that you mention it	/naʊ ðæt ju 'menʃən ɪt/	Because you brought it up.	Now that you mention it, I do feel tired.
For what it's worth	/fɔr wʌt ɪts wɜːθ/	Used to offer an opinion that may not be valued.	For what it's worth, I think you're right.
If I'm honest	ɪf aɪm 'ɒnɪst	Used to preface a frank or sincere statement.	If I'm honest, I didn't enjoy the movie much.
Truth be told	truθ bi təʊld	Used to admit something honestly.	Truth be told, I forgot about the meeting.
As I was saying	æz aɪ wəz 'seɪɪŋ	Used to resume a topic after an interruption.	As I was saying, we need to finish the report by Friday.
Anyway	'eni ,weɪ	Used to change the subject or return to a main point.	Anyway, let's get back to work.
Alright then	ɔl'raɪt ðen	Used to express agreement or acceptance.	Alright then, I'll see you at 8.
Sure thing	ʃʊr θɪŋ	An enthusiastic yes or agreement.	Q: Can you help me? A: Sure thing!
You bet	ju bɛt	An emphatic yes or affirmation.	Q: Are you coming? A: You bet!
Why not	wʌz nɒt	Used to express willingness or lack of objection.	Q: Want to try sushi? A: Why not?
I suppose	aɪ sə'pəʊz	Used to express reluctant agreement or assumption.	I suppose we could leave early.
More or less	mɔːr ɔr les	Approximately; mostly.	The project is more or less finished.
Sooner or later	'sʊnər ɔr 'leɪtər	Eventually; at some point in the future.	Sooner or later, you'll have to make a decision.
Every now and then	'evri naʊ ænd ðen	Occasionally; from time to time.	Every now and then, I like to go hiking.
Once in a while	wʌns ɪn ə waɪl	Occasionally; not often.	Once in a while, we go out for dinner.
All of a sudden	ɔl əv ə 'sʌdn	Suddenly; unexpectedly.	All of a sudden, the lights went out.
In the meantime	ɪn ðə 'mɪn ,taɪm	During the time before something happens.	The repair will take an hour; in the meantime, you can wait in the lobby.
For the time being	fɔr ðə taɪm 'biɪŋ	Temporarily; for now.	For the time being, we'll work from home.
As usual	æz 'juːʒuəl	In the typical or expected way.	As usual, he was late.
As always	æz 'ɔl ,weɪz	In the typical or expected way; as usual.	As always, thank you for your help.
Same old, same old	seɪm ould, seɪm ould	Used to say that things are unchanged, often boringly so.	Q: How's work? A: Same old, same old.
Here we go again	hɪr wi gou ə'ɡen	Used when something unpleasant is about to repeat.	Here we go again, another argument about chores.
There you go	ðer ju gou	Used when giving something to someone or confirming something.	There you go, your coffee.

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There you have it	ðer ju hæv ɪt	Used to indicate that something is finished or explained.	And there you have it, the final result.
That's life	ðæts laɪf	Used to accept an unfortunate situation as inevitable.	We lost the game, but that's life.
That's how it goes	ðæts haʊ ɪt ɡoʊz	Used to accept a situation as typical or unavoidable.	Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. That's how it goes.
It happens	ɪt ˈhæpənz	Used to say that something is not a big deal.	I spilled my drink. It happens.
Could be worse	kʊd bi wɜrs	Used to say that a situation is not as bad as it could be.	I lost my wallet, but it could be worse.
Could be better	kʊd bi ˈbɛtər	Used to say that a situation is not great.	Q: How are you? A: Could be better.
Not too shabby	nɒt tu ˈʃæbi	Pretty good; not bad.	Your score is not too shabby.
Not bad at all	nɒt bæd æt ɔl	Quite good; surprisingly good.	The movie was not bad at all.
Pretty good	ˈprɪti ɡʊd	Fairly good; satisfactory.	The food was pretty good.
Not my problem	nɒt maɪ ˈprɒbləm	Used to say that something is not one's responsibility.	If he's late, that's not my problem.
Not my circus, not my monkeys	nɒt maɪ ˈsɜrkəs, nɒt maɪ ˈmʌŋkɪz	Used to say that a situation is not one's concern.	Their argument is not my circus, not my monkeys.
That's on you	ðæts ɒn ju	Used to say that something is someone's responsibility or fault.	If you miss the bus, that's on you.
That's on me	ðæts ɒn mi	Used to accept responsibility or blame.	I forgot to call. That's on me.
My treat	maɪ trɪt	Used to say that one will pay for something.	Let's go out for dinner, my treat.
Your call	jur kɔl	Used to say that the decision is up to the other person.	We can go now or later. Your call.
Your move	jur muv	Used to say that it is someone else's turn to act or decide.	I've made my offer. Your move.
Deal	dil	Used to confirm an agreement.	Q: I'll pay \$20. A: Deal.
Done	dʌn	Used to confirm that something is agreed or finished.	Q: Let's meet at 5. A: Done.
Agreed	ə ˈɡriːd	Used to express mutual consent.	Agreed, we'll start tomorrow.
Works for me	wɜrks fɔr mi	Used to say that a plan is acceptable.	Q: How about 3pm? A: Works for me.
I'm down	aɪm daʊn	Used to express willingness to participate.	Q: Want to go hiking? A: I'm down.
I'm in	aɪm ɪn	Used to express agreement to join an activity.	Q: We're ordering pizza. A: I'm in.
Count me in	kaʊnt mi ɪn	Used to say that one wants to be included.	If you're going to the beach, count me in.
Count me out	kaʊnt mi aʊt	Used to say that one does not want to be included.	Count me out of the bungee jumping.
I pass	aɪ pæs	Used to decline an offer or opportunity.	Q: Want another slice? A: I pass.
Hard pass	hɑrd pæs	A strong refusal.	Q: Try this spicy dish? A: Hard pass.
Big deal	bɪɡ dil	Used to emphasize that something is important (often sarcastically).	So he won a prize. Big deal.
No big deal	nəʊ bɪɡ dil	Used to say that something is not important.	I made a mistake, but it's no big deal.
Big picture	bɪɡ ˈpɪktʃər	The overall perspective or main idea.	Don't focus on details; look at the big picture.
Long shot	lɒŋ ʃɒt	An attempt or guess that has very little chance of success.	It's a long shot, but I'm applying for that scholarship anyway.

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Short answer	ʃɔrt 'ænsə	A brief, direct response without extra details.	Q: Why did you quit? A: Short answer: I wasn't happy.
Bottom line	'bɒtəm laɪn	The most important or final point; the ultimate result.	The bottom line is we need to cut costs by 20%.
Top priority	top praɪ 'ɔrəti	The most important thing to deal with first.	Safety is our top priority.
Game changer	geɪm 'tʃeɪndʒər	Something that significantly alters the current situation or outcome.	The new software was a game changer for our productivity.
Deal breaker	di:l 'breɪkər	A condition or issue that causes a negotiation or agreement to fail.	For me, smoking is a deal breaker in a relationship.
Wake-up call	weɪk ʌp kɔl	A startling event that makes someone realize a problem or need for change.	Failing the exam was a wake-up call to study harder.
Reality check	ri 'æləti tʃek	An occasion to consider the true facts of a situation, often to correct unrealistic expectations.	His criticism was a much-needed reality check.
Plot twist	plɒt twɪst	An unexpected development in a story or situation.	The movie had a huge plot twist at the end.
Mic drop	maɪk drɒp	A gesture of triumph or finality after making a strong point, as if dropping a microphone.	He ended his speech with a mic drop.
Touché	tu 'ʃeɪ	Used to acknowledge a clever or effective point made by someone in an argument.	A: You're always late. B: You were late yesterday. A: Touché.
Say no more	seɪ noʊ mɔr	I understand completely; no further explanation is needed.	A: I can't go because of my curfew. B: Say no more.
Say less	seɪ les	I agree or understand; you don't need to explain further.	A: That party was wild. B: Say less.
Enough said	i 'nʌf sɛd	No more needs to be said; the point is clear.	He's never on time. Enough said.
Point taken	pɔɪnt 'teɪkən	I understand and accept your argument or perspective.	A: We should focus on quality over quantity. B: Point taken.
Fair point	fər pɔɪnt	Acknowledging that someone's argument is reasonable or valid.	A: But it costs too much. B: Fair point.
Good point	ɡʊd pɔɪnt	An expression that someone has made a valid or insightful observation.	A: We should consider the environmental impact. B: Good point.
Valid point	'vælɪd pɔɪnt	A statement that is logically sound and relevant.	She raised a valid point about budget constraints.
I see your point	aɪ si: jʊr pɔɪnt	I understand your argument or perspective.	I see your point, but I still disagree.
I take your point	aɪ teɪk jʊr pɔɪnt	I accept your argument as valid.	I take your point about the risks involved.
That tracks	ðæt træks	That makes sense or is consistent with known information.	A: He's been working late all week. B: That tracks with the deadline.
That checks out	ðæt tʃeks aʊt	That is verified or consistent with the facts.	His alibi checks out with the security footage.
That adds up	ðæt ædz ʌp	That makes sense or is logical.	If she left at 5, she'd arrive at 6. That adds up.
That figures	ðæt 'fɪɡjəz	That is typical or expected, often with mild frustration.	A: The train is delayed again. B: That figures.
Typical	'tɪpɪkəl	Used to express that something is characteristic of someone or something, often negatively.	He forgot my birthday. Typical.
Classic	'klæsɪk	Used to describe something that is a perfect example of a type, often humorously.	A: I locked my keys in the car. B: Classic.
Classic you	'klæsɪk ju	That is exactly what you would do; typical of you.	You forgot your wallet again? Classic you.

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Classic move	'klæsɪk muv	A typical action or behavior, often used sarcastically.	He showed up late. Classic move.
Old story	ould 'stɔːri	A situation that has happened many times before; a familiar problem.	He quit after a week. Same old story.
Same story	seɪm 'stɔːri	The same thing keeps happening; a recurring situation.	The project is behind schedule. Same story as last time.
Different day	'dɪfərənt deɪ	Each day brings new challenges, but the routine is the same.	Different day, same problems.
Another day, another dollar	ə'nʌðər deɪ ə'nʌðər 'dɒlə	A routine workday; life goes on with the same mundane tasks.	I'm tired, but another day, another dollar.
Living the dream	'lɪvɪŋ ðə dɪrɪm	Used ironically to describe a less-than-ideal situation, often work-related.	Working late again. Living the dream.
Dream on	dɪrɪm ɒn	Used to dismiss someone's unrealistic hopes or ambitions.	You think you'll win the lottery? Dream on.
In your dreams	ɪn jʊr dɪrɪmz	That will never happen; you're fantasizing.	A: I'll beat you at chess. B: In your dreams.
Get real	get ri:l	Be realistic; stop being naive or delusional.	You expect to finish in one hour? Get real.
Get a life	get ə laɪf	Used to tell someone to find more interesting or meaningful activities.	You've been gaming for 12 hours. Get a life.
Get a grip	get ə grɪp	Regain control of your emotions or composure.	Stop panicking and get a grip.
Get over it	get 'oʊvər ɪt	Accept and move on from a disappointment or problem.	You lost the game. Get over it.
Move on	mʊv ɒn	To stop dwelling on the past and continue with life.	The relationship is over. It's time to move on.
Let it go	lɛt ɪt ɡoʊ	Release your attachment to something; stop worrying or being upset.	He insulted you, but just let it go.
Let it be	lɛt ɪt bi	Leave things as they are; don't interfere or worry.	You can't change the past. Let it be.
So be it	səʊ bi ɪt	Acceptance of an undesirable outcome; 'if that's how it must be.'	If you refuse to help, so be it.
What can you do	wʌt kæn ju du	Rhetorical question expressing resignation to an unavoidable situation.	The flight is canceled. What can you do?
What are you gonna do	wʌt ɑː ju 'ɡɒnə du	Same as 'what can you do'; expressing helplessness.	It's raining on our picnic. What are you gonna do?
Such is life	sʌtʃ ɪz laɪf	An expression of philosophical acceptance of life's disappointments.	I didn't get the job. Such is life.
C'est la vie	seɪ la vi	French for 'such is life'; used to accept a minor misfortune.	We missed the bus. C'est la vie.
That's the way the cookie crumbles	ðætʃ ðə weɪ ðə 'kʊki 'krʌmbəlz	That's how things happen; sometimes things don't work out.	I lost my wallet. That's the way the cookie crumbles.
That's the way it is	ðætʃ ðə weɪ ɪt ɪz	Acceptance of an unchangeable fact or situation.	Life isn't always fair. That's the way it is.
That's just how it is	ðætʃ dʒʌst haʊ ɪt ɪz	Emphatic version of 'that's the way it is.'	You have to pay taxes. That's just how it is.
Rules are rules	ru:lz ɑːr ru:lz	Rules must be followed regardless of circumstances.	I know you're upset, but rules are rules, so we can't let you in without a ticket.
Business is business	'bɪznəs ɪz 'bɪznəs	Personal feelings should not interfere with professional decisions.	I like him, but business is business, so I had to let him go.
First world problems	fɜːrst wɜːrld 'prɒbləmz	Trivial complaints from people in privileged societies.	My phone battery only lasts 10 hours — such a first world problem.

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Rich people problems	rɪtʃ 'pi:pl 'prɒbləmz	Issues that only wealthy people face, often seen as trivial.	She's complaining that her yacht is too small. Rich people problems.
Hate to break it to you	heɪt tu: breɪk ɪt tu: ju:	Used to preface bad news or a disappointing truth.	I hate to break it to you, but your flight has been canceled.
Not to burst your bubble	nɔ:t tu: bɜ:rst jɔ:r 'bʌbl	Said before shattering someone's illusion or excitement.	Not to burst your bubble, but that 'antique' is a replica.
Brace yourself	breɪs jɔ:r 'self	Prepare for something shocking or difficult.	Brace yourself: the boss is in a terrible mood today.
Spoiler alert	'spɔɪlər ə 'lɜ:rt	Warning that upcoming information reveals plot details.	Spoiler alert: the butler did it.
Hot take	hɔ:t teɪk	A deliberately provocative or unconventional opinion.	My hot take: pineapple belongs on pizza.
Unpopular opinion	ʌn 'pɒpjələr ə 'pɪnjən	An opinion that most people disagree with.	Unpopular opinion: I think the movie was better than the book.
Just my two cents	dʒʌst maɪ tu: sɛnts	Humble opinion offered without expectation of agreement.	That's just my two cents, but I think we should wait.
Food for thought	fu:d fɔ:r θɔ:t	Something worth thinking about seriously.	His speech gave us a lot of food for thought.
Think about it	θɪŋk ə 'baʊt ɪt	Consider this idea carefully.	Think about it: if we leave now, we'll avoid traffic.
Sleep on it	slɪ:p ə:n ɪt	Delay a decision until after a night's rest.	I'm not sure about the offer. Let me sleep on it.
We'll see	wɪ:l si:	Uncertain outcome; wait and find out.	Q: Can we go to the park? A: We'll see.
Time will tell	taɪm wɪl təl	The truth or result will become clear in the future.	Whether this investment pays off, only time will tell.
Only time will tell	'əʊnli taɪm wɪl təl	Emphasizes that only the future can reveal the answer.	Will they succeed? Only time will tell.
Stay tuned	steɪ tu:nd	Keep paying attention for more information.	We'll announce the winner tomorrow. Stay tuned!
More to come	mɔ:r tu: kʌm	Additional things will follow.	That's the first episode. More to come next week.
To be continued	tu: bi: kən'tɪnju:d	The story will continue later.	And then the door creaked open... To be continued.
Watch this space	wɑ:tʃ ðɪs speɪs	Look for updates here in the future.	We're working on something exciting. Watch this space.
Mark my words	mɑ:rk maɪ wɜ:rdz	What I say will happen; remember my prediction.	Mark my words, he'll win the election.
You heard it here first	ju: hɜ:rd ɪt hɪr fɜ:rst	This news is exclusive to this source.	The band is reuniting — you heard it here first!
Don't quote me on that	dəʊnt kwəʊt mi: ə:n ðæt	Said when unsure or not wanting to be cited.	I think the meeting is at 3, but don't quote me on that.
Off the record	ɔ:f ðə 'rɛkərd	Information not for public attribution.	Off the record, the CEO is stepping down.
Between you and me	bɪ'twi:n ju: ənd mi:	This is a secret shared only with you.	Between you and me, I think she's lying.
Strictly between us	'strɪktli bɪ'twi:n ʌs	Emphasizes absolute confidentiality.	Strictly between us, they're getting divorced.
Need to know basis	ni:d tu: nəʊ 'beɪsɪs	Information shared only with those who require it.	The details are on a need-to-know basis.
Long time no see	lɔ:ŋ taɪm nəʊ si:	Greeting after a long separation.	Long time no see! How have you been?
How have you been	haʊ hæv ju: bɪn	Asking about someone's well-being since last meeting.	Hey, how have you been? It's been ages.
Good to see you	ɡʊd tu: si: ju:	Pleasure in meeting someone.	Good to see you again!
Take care	teɪk keə	Farewell wishing someone well.	Thanks for coming. Take care!
Drive safe	draɪv seɪf	Wish for safe driving.	Drive safe, and text me when you get home.
Stay safe	steɪ seɪf	Wish for general safety.	With the storm coming, stay safe.
Have a good one	hæv ə ɡʊd wʌn	Casual farewell wishing a good day.	See you later! Have a good one.
Have a nice day	hæv ə naɪs deɪ	Polite farewell.	Thank you, have a nice day!

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Make yourself at home	meɪk jɔːrˈself æt hoʊm	Invitation to relax as if in one's own home.	Come in, make yourself at home.
Help yourself	help jɔːrˈself	Take what you want without asking.	There's food on the table. Help yourself.
Be my guest	biː maɪ ɡɛst	Polite permission to do something.	Q: Can I use your phone? A: Be my guest.
After you	ˈæftər juː	Polite gesture to let someone go first.	After you, sir.
Ladies first	ˈleɪdiz fɜːrst	Polite rule that women go before men.	He held the door and said, 'Ladies first.'
Age before beauty	eɪdʒ bɪˈfɔːr ˈbjuːti	Humorous way to let an older person go first.	Age before beauty, so you go ahead.
Mind if I join you	maɪnd ɪf aɪ dʒɔɪn juː	Polite request to sit with someone.	Mind if I join you? All other tables are full.
Do you mind	duː juː maɪnd	Polite request for permission or to express annoyance.	Do you mind if I open the window?
Would you mind	wʊd juː maɪnd	Polite request.	Would you mind helping me with this?
If you don't mind	ɪf juː doʊnt maɪnd	Polite preface to a request.	If you don't mind, I'll leave early today.
No offense	nou əˈfɛns	Said before a potentially insulting comment.	No offense, but your cooking needs improvement.
No offense meant	nou əˈfɛns ment	Clarifying that no insult was intended.	I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. No offense meant.
None taken	nʌn ˈteɪkən	Response indicating no offense was felt.	Q: No offense, but that's ugly. A: None taken.
Don't mention it	doʊnt ˈmenʃən ɪt	Polite response to thanks, meaning 'you're welcome'.	Q: Thank you so much! A: Don't mention it.
Think nothing of it	θɪŋk ˈnʌθɪŋ əv ɪt	Don't worry about it; it was no trouble.	A: Thanks for helping me move. B: Think nothing of it.
Anytime	ˈeniˌtaɪm	You're welcome; I'm happy to help at any time.	A: Thanks for the ride. B: Anytime.
You got it	ju ˈɡat ɪt	I will do that; certainly.	A: Can you send me the report? B: You got it.
On it	ən ɪt	I am taking care of it right now.	A: We need to fix this bug. B: On it.
Will do	wɪl du	I will do as you ask.	A: Please lock the door when you leave. B: Will do.
Can do	kæn du	I am able and willing to do that.	A: Can you finish this by Friday? B: Can do.
Roger that	ˈrɑːdʒər ðæt	Message received and understood (from radio communication).	A: We need to change course. B: Roger that.
Copy that	ˈkɑːpi ðæt	I heard and understand the message.	A: The meeting is at 3 PM. B: Copy that.
Loud and clear	laʊd ænd klɪr	I hear you perfectly; I understand completely.	A: Do you understand the instructions? B: Loud and clear.
Message received	ˈmesɪdʒ rɪˈsɪvd	I understand what you are saying.	A: I don't think that's a good idea. B: Message received.
Got the message	ɡat ðə ˈmesɪdʒ	I understand the hint or information.	A: I've been dropping hints all day. B: I got the message.
I get it	aɪ ɡet ɪt	I understand now.	A: The joke is that he's a cat. B: Oh, I get it.
I got it	aɪ ɡat ɪt	I understand; I will handle it.	A: Can you take care of this? B: I got it.
I got you	aɪ ɡat ju	I understand what you mean; I've got your back.	A: I need you to cover for me. B: I got you.
I feel you	aɪ fil ju	I understand and empathize with your feelings.	A: This project is so stressful. B: I feel you.
I'm with you	aɪm wɪð ju	I agree with you; I support you.	A: I think we should invest in marketing. B: I'm with you.
I'm on board	aɪm ən bɔːrd	I agree to participate or support the plan.	A: We're starting a new project. B: I'm on board.
I'm not on board	aɪm nɑːt ən bɔːrd	I do not agree or support the plan.	A: Let's change the deadline. B: I'm not on board with that.
Hard agree	hɑːd əˈɡri	I strongly agree.	A: This is the best pizza in town. B: Hard agree.

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Hard disagree	hard ˌdɪsəˈɡri	I strongly disagree.	A: The movie was great. B: Hard disagree.
Soft yes	soft jɛs	A tentative agreement; yes, but with reservations.	A: Can you help with the event? B: Soft yes, but I need to check my schedule.
Soft no	soft nou	A polite or indirect refusal.	A: Want to go hiking? B: Soft no, I'm not feeling well.
Maybe later	ˈmeɪbi ˈleɪtər	Not now, but possibly at another time.	A: Let's go for a run. B: Maybe later.
Not today	nɒt təˈdeɪ	I decline for today.	A: Want to grab coffee? B: Not today, thanks.
Not now	nɒt naʊ	I am busy or unwilling at this moment.	A: Can we talk? B: Not now, I'm in a meeting.
Another time	əˈnʌðər taɪm	Let's do it on a different occasion.	A: Sorry I missed your call. B: Another time.
Rain check	reɪn tʃɛk	Postpone an invitation to a later date.	A: Want to see a movie tonight? B: Can I take a rain check? I'm swamped.
I owe you one	aɪ ou ju wʌn	I am grateful and will return the favor.	A: I covered your shift yesterday. B: Thanks, I owe you one.
You owe me one	ju ou mi wʌn	You are indebted to me for a favor.	A: I'll help you move. B: Great, you owe me one? A: No, you owe me one!
We're even	wɪr ˈi:vən	No one owes anything; debts are settled.	A: Thanks for paying for dinner. B: You paid last time, so we're even.
We're square	wɪr skwɛr	We are even; no debts remain.	A: I gave you \$20 earlier. B: Here's the \$20 back. Now we're square.
All square	ɔl skwɛr	Everything is settled; no outstanding issues.	A: Did you pay him back? B: Yes, we're all square.
All good	ɔl gu:d	Everything is fine; no problem.	A: Sorry for the delay. B: All good.
We're good	wɪr gu:d	There is no problem between us; situation is resolved.	A: I apologize for my mistake. B: It's okay, we're good.
We're cool	wɪr kul	We have no hard feelings; everything is fine.	A: I'm sorry we argued. B: Don't worry, we're cool.
No hard feelings	nou hard ˈfɪlɪŋz	No resentment or anger after a disagreement.	A: I'm sorry I beat you. B: No hard feelings, good game.
Water under the bridge	ˈwɔtər ˈʌndər ðə brɪdʒ	Past events are no longer important or worth arguing about.	A: I still feel bad about what happened. B: Let it go, it's water under the bridge.
Ancient history	ˈeɪnʃənt ˈhɪstəri	Something that happened long ago and is no longer relevant.	A: Remember that fight we had? B: That's ancient history.
Old news	ould nuz	Information that is no longer new or surprising.	A: Did you hear they're dating? B: That's old news.
That's old news	ðæts ould nuz	That information is already known and not current.	A: The company is merging. B: That's old news, everyone knows.
Breaking news	ˈbreɪkɪŋ nuz	Very recent news that is just becoming known.	A: Breaking news: the president has resigned. B: Wow, that's huge.
News to me	nuz tu mi	I didn't know that; that's surprising information.	A: The meeting is canceled. B: That's news to me.
Tell me something I don't know	tɛl mi ˈsʌmθɪŋ aɪ daʊnt nou	I already know that; give me new information.	A: The sky is blue. B: Tell me something I don't know.
Tell me about yourself	tɛl mi əˈbaʊt jɔrˈsɛlf	Please introduce yourself and share personal information.	A: Nice to meet you. Tell me about yourself. B: I'm a software engineer from New York.
Nice talking to you	naɪs ˈtɔkɪŋ tu ju	Pleasant conversation; used when ending a conversation.	A: I have to go now. Nice talking to you. B: You too.
Good talking to you	gu:d ˈtɔkɪŋ tu ju	Enjoyed the conversation; polite farewell.	A: Good talking to you, see you later. B: Same here.
Pleasure meeting you	ˈpleʒər ˈmɪtɪŋ ju	It was nice to meet you for the first time.	A: Pleasure meeting you, John. B: Likewise.
Pleasure is mine	ˈpleʒər ɪz maɪn	The pleasure of meeting was mine (polite response).	A: It was great meeting you. B: The pleasure is mine.
Likewise	ˈlaɪk waɪz	Same to you; I feel the same way.	A: Nice to meet you. B: Likewise.

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Ditto	'ditou	Same as above; I agree or feel the same.	A: I had a great time. B: Ditto.