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AN ABSTRACT

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This is a study of phrasal patterns in current American English. Such locations as well to do, "rich," in bulk out, "to withdraw," at hand, "available," etc., constitute the common coin of our language which everyone who speaks it recognizes and uses instinctively. By lexicographers, these patterns are generally designated "idioms" to indicate locutions which seem, for the most part, to defy the laws of grammar. In this study I use the term "phrasal pattern" for these locutions, much less disturbing than "idiom," and I define a phrasal pattern as a "fixed group of two or more words whose composite meaning does not equal the separate meanings of the conjoined words or whose function has come to be to express, vividly or economically, some stereotyped notion." The stereotyped notion is some idea that recurs inevitably countless times in daily life and therefore countless times calls for linguistic expression. Dictionaries, inasmuch as they are primarily concerned with the individual word as the smallest unit of intelligible utterance, have been rather lax in the collection and defining of idioms or phrasal units. When they do enter them, they frequently present them in such a way as to imply that they are subsidiary to the word.

The word and phrasal patterns presented in this study were gathered from the following sources: James Cain, Mildred Pierce (1941), Erle Stanley Gardner, The Case of the Rolling Bones (1940), The Best from Yank (1945), Ernie Pyle, Brave Men (1943), J.P. Marquand, So Little Time (1943), the New Yorker, and American Speech. It seemed advisable in the interest of a thorough investigation to restrict the study to a limited number of sources, rather than spread it over a wider area and run the risk of more sampling.

The glossary of phrasal patterns, which thus results and which constitutes the greater part of the study, contains some eight thousand entries supported by about twenty thousand citations from the sources studied. All these eight thousand patterns were characteristic of American English, literary as well as colloquial, within the decade 1940 - 1950. By far the greater number of entries involve phrasal units, but there are a few individual words, not many, however, particularly words with meanings not generally recorded in the current dictionaries. The patterns are listed in the glossary under their first word. This departure in procedure from the dictionaries, which enter such idioms as they list under "the most important word," seemed advisable in view of the fact that one can never be absolutely certain which word is the most important, considerable uncertainty thereby resulting in locating the idiom, and in view of the fact that the patterns become more patently significant where they are presented under the first word. The definitions given for the entries reflect the meanings in the citations submitted. When the citations show several meanings, the various definitions are differentiated. No definition appears without supporting citations: in fact there are no entries in the glossary without supporting citations from the sources examined. Curiously the entries represent a minimum of locations, regionalisms, nonce terms, etc.; by all odds the greater number of them are locutions widely current throughout the whole country.

Two important interpretations regarding these fixed patterns seem to suggest themselves, and these are discussed in the opening introduction. The first is that the nature of idioms or phrasal patterns makes the traditional grammatical analysis by parts of speech practically impossible;

words join themselves together in what seems to be, in spite of their semantic usefulness, grammatical hodge-podge. The only way out of the difficulty seems to be to consider the fixed patterns as units in any grammatical analysis of the sentence. The second interpretation follows naturally from the first. No satisfactory classification of idioms has yet been achieved. If, however, these fixed patterns are taken as units, they fall very easily into well established grammatical categories according to their grammatical function in the sentence: 1. nominal function; 2. adjectival function; 3. verbal function; 4. adverbial function; and 5. the prepositional function. To these categories I have added two others, which, while they cut across the five already enumerated, I found it advisable, for purposes of this study, to consider separately: 6. the orientation particle, and 7. the proverbial saying.

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INTRODUCTION

I

This study of phrasal patterns in current American English had its inception in the fall of 1946 in a class of English for foreign students. They represented a regular duke's mixture of nationalities: Chinese, Greeks, Norwegians, South and Central Americans, Italians, and one or two others. They were intelligent enough, and eager to learn American English in order to get on, as fast as possible, with their particular studies in engineering, agriculture, chemistry, etc. Generally they had little trouble with the formal English of textbooks. Their difficulties came with the daily give-and-take of conversation, and with the language of their lecturers, who as often as not, in spite of their professed deference to formal English, relapsed regularly into the colloquial. In an attempt to help them I assigned for study copies of the New Yorker, a mine of excellent colloquial contemporary speech, and Ernie Pyle's Brave Men, unsurpassed in its naturalness, which reads almost as if one were listening to Pyle speak. It became abundantly clear that current idiom was the one great obstacle in the way of their mastery of English. The traditional analysis of to step on it, to walk out on, a fool's paradise, to get on the beam, to go off half cocked, etc., left them baffled and, what is worse, as innocent as before of the intended meaning. It became equally clear that such phrases defied traditional analysis and had to be mastered, one by one, as units. Out of this experience came the idea of compiling a glossary of idioms for use of foreign students learning English.

Very shortly the wider implications of such a study began to suggest themselves. Current English abounds in phrasal patterns, other



than the idioms already referred to, - patterns that even to the native speaker of the language offer more or less difficulty, chiefly because they are not amenable to the traditional grammatical analysis. I have in mind such phrasal patterns as "to look at askance," "the food had all been used up," "the house had not been lived in," "the records were hurriedly leafed through"; [1] or "in back of the house," "all through the field," "by the side of the garage stood an oak"; [2] or "to be averse to," "to be different from", "to be desirous of," "to be eager for"; or "a piece of pie," "a lot of airplanes," "a pound of butter," "many a G.I.," etc. All of these patterns differ from the idioms already mentioned in that they do not involve figurative extensions of meaning. They all nevertheless offer more or less difficulty, even to the native speaker of American English, when it comes to grammatical analysis. The collecting, defining, categorizing, and analyzing of the patterns I had collected led me to re-interpret the formal treatment of idioms (to be discussed in sections II and III): the only defensible approach to the problem is that they are units, and they must be considered as units in any realistic grammatical analysis.

For the purpose of this study of phrasal patterns in current American English I set up a program of research. It seemed advisable, as likely to be more profitable, to examine intensively a few items

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[1] These verb plus particle combinations are called "two-word verbs" by Dr. C.C. Fries and "the verb-adverb combination" by Dr. Arthur G. Kennedy.

[2] Such compound prepositions are frowned upon by the handbooks, but they are everywhere current. See Grant Turnblom, Prepositional Usage in Present-Day English, 199 ff.

rather than sample superficially a great many. I limited myself therefore to Ernie Pyle's Brave Men (1943), James Cain's Mildred Pierce (1941), Erle Stanley Gardner's The Case of the Rolling Bones (1940), The Best from Yank (1945), J.P. Marquand's So Little Time (1943), the New Yorker, and American Speech. All of these appeared in the decade 1940-1950. The files of American Speech, to be sure, go back to 1925, but most of the material from this source included in the glossary dates from the last decade.

I tried to select writers representing various grades or levels of style, or usage, from Marquand who represents, in my opinion, a rather right wing position in reference to language, to Cain whose language is often uninhibited. The New Yorker reflects, in its colloquial language, simplicity and clarity of expression. Ernie Pyle hardly needs an introduction in present day America. His columns printed widely in newspapers over the United States before World War II expanded in circulation greatly during the time he was a correspondent in England, Africa, Italy, and France. His column was the first thing the American soldier in the African and Italian theaters read when he got a copy of the Stars and Stripes. Pyle had the rare facility of seeming to speak in his writings. The Best from Yank was written rather hurriedly for the popular consumption of the American soldier who is notorious for his ability to detect fraud or an air of patronizing. The soldiers liked Yank and they read it from cover to cover. James Cain has a reputation for writing unrestrainedly. His language is the language of the streets with little or no polish, and it is this free use of many terms not often found in written material that makes Cain's book so important to a study of this

kind. Erle Stanley Gardner is one of the most popular of the mystery writers in America today. His writing is colloquial and unstilted for the most part, and his use of idioms is such as to justify his inclusion in this study. Finally, I have included much material from American Speech, particularly from the column, "Among the New Words," edited at first by Dwight L. Bolinger, and later by I. Willis Russell.

The net result of this search was a collection of some thirty thousand citations, on file in my office, which, I assume, represent the kind of informal everyday American English currently used and universally understood in America. The glossary which follows, which constitutes the major part of this dissertation, lists some twenty thousand of the citations under eight thousand entries. All these eight thousand patterns were characteristic of American English, literary as well as colloquial, within the decade 1940 - 1950. By far the greater number of entries involve phrasal units, but there are a few individual words, not many, however, particularly words with meanings not generally recorded in the current dictionaries. The patterns are listed in the glossary under their first word. This departure in procedure from the dictionaries, which enter such idioms as they list under "the most important word," seemed advisable in view of the fact that one can never be absolutely certain which word is the most important, considerable uncertainty thereby resulting in locating the idiom, and in view of the fact that the patterns become more patently significant when they are presented under the first word. The definitions given for the entries reflect the meanings in the citations submitted. When the

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Two important interpretations regarding these fixed patterns seem to suggest themselves, and these are to be discussed in Sections III and IV. The first is that the nature of idioms or phrasal patterns makes the traditional grammatical analysis by parts of speech practically impossible; words join themselves together in what seems to be, in spite of their semantic usefulness, grammatical hodge-podge. The only way out of the difficulty seems to be to consider the fixed patterns as units in any grammatical analysis of the sentence. The second interpretation follows naturally from the first. No satisfactory classification of idioms has yet been achieved, but if these fixed patterns are taken as units, they fall very easily into well established grammatical categories according to their grammatical function in the sentence: 1. nominal function; 2. adjectival function; 3. verbal function; 4. adverbial function; and 5. the prepositional function. To these categories I have added two others, which, while they cut across the five already enumerated, I found it advisable, for purposes of this study, to consider separately: 6. the orientation particle, and 7. the proverbial saying.

II

The phrasal patterns in the glossary are various. The purpose in this section is rather to illustrate than to classify these patterns. A proposed classification will be presented in Section IV.

Of these patterns many are what the grammarians call "idioms." The term "idiom" is variously, and frequently ambiguously, understood. It comes to us from the French, which in turn had it from the Latin, which had it from the Greek, where its essential meaning was "one's own." [3] I distinguish here two principal meanings in current English. First, "idiom" may be used synonymously with language or dialect, the sum total of its characteristics, as when we speak of "English idiom" in contrast to "French idiom" or "Southern idiom" as distinct from "General American"; for example, our use in English of the progressive tense (the copulative verb plus the past participle) to express past, present, or future action. Or, secondly, it may mean, as it most often does in English, an anomaly or oddity of expression within a language, transcending either the grammatical structure or the combined meanings of its separate elements; as when we say it's me or neither of them are to be trusted, to step on it or to go off half cocked. In this last sense an idiom is held by dictionaries and scholars alike impossible of translation into another language. And it is patterns of the second type that are included in the glossary. Many of these idioms occur so frequently as to become stereotypes. For the term "idiom" I prefer the term "phrasal pattern," as less ambiguous and troublesome, and I define a phrasal pattern as a more or less permanently fixed group of two or more words whose combined meaning does not equal the meanings of the conjoined

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[3] Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1949.

words or whose function is to represent most economically a stereotyped notion.

Let us take some instances. The idiom to put one's best foot forward has long since become an established pattern. Some may have had, and may still have, their qualms about it, since propriety might require to put one's better foot forward, unless the idiom grew up in days when were still quadrupeds. At any rate the comparative today makes no sense whatever. Than whom, whenever it is used, pays no respect whatever to formal grammatical requirements. In some of these patterns, as in stark naked, the first element was probably an intensifier. The patterns a gentleman's gentleman and a man's man appear to be constructed in the same way, in American English at any rate, yet they are worlds apart, the first meaning "a valet" and the second "a virile man." In contrast to both a ladies' man is "one who is, or fancies himself to be, attractive to women." To get under way, meaning "to begin," is certainly more forceful than the simple verb. More recent is to step on it, in the sense "to hurry," from the early days of the automobile. In the same way to go off half cocked, in the sense "to act without adequate information or preparation," stems from the days of the muzzle-loader with its flint and powder fuse. Dead pan, in the sense of "a face that shows no reaction," derives from the same milieu. All of these patterns involve figurative extensions of meaning from a specific to a more general application. I heard an American say to a foreign student during the Michigan State College International Club's International Festival, April 20, 1951, they are going to put on a take off.

It left the student dumbfounded. To put on a take off, in the sense "to produce a burlesque," illustrates very well the impossibility of analyzing logically or verbally such fixed patterns. Mr. Osmond Palmer reports that a Japanese student, having heard that a girl had set her cap for a boy, repeated the story to others saying she had put on her hat for a boy. The idiom to set one's cap for another is full of meaning, but the student's translation of it into other English equivalents is absolutely meaningless. Last spring a Greek student in detailing an automobile accident he had been in said he had passed by for a few minutes after the wreck. It took me some seconds to realize he meant that he had passed out.

But there are a great many, more or less fixed, patterns represented in the glossary besides the idioms. Verbs appear with particles, as to break up, to bank on, to cash in, to act out, or with other verbs in set patterns, as to come and go, to give and take, to watch and wait, to wait and see. Nouns are derived from the verb and particle, as a check up, a bust up, a fill in, a flash back, or appear with a fairly fixed prepositional phrase, as an ace in the hole, a man of means, a dog in the manger, a house of ill repute. There are patterns formed of adjective and noun, as in double talk, dead center, breathing spell; or of noun and adjective, as in he was ankle deep in mud, he was ankle high in grass, combat wise, heart sick; or of adjective and preposition, as in adverse to, afraid of, open to, considerate of, different from, the best of; or again of adjective and prepositional phrase, as dry as dust, cross as a bear, sick as a dog. Compound prepositions, while they have been re-

cognized only reluctantly, if at all, by grammarians, are everywhere gaining currency, as in he came out from in under the house, stay away away from in between parked cars, in regard to, in accordance with, in consideration of. Increasingly common in informal intimate language is the orientational particle (see more particularly Section IV), as in he's out in the yard, he's down at the doctor's, the store's over on the avenue, back in the States, back in the eighteenth century. These are some of the examples illustrative of the patterns included in the glossary.

Many of these patterns are what the grammarians and rhetoricians call "cliches." They are stereotypes and are frowned on as overworked and worn out from hard use. That they are used often is true, but that they are worn out is open to some question. The cliche is a pattern, idiom, or formula which most economically expresses a notion, and as long as it expresses the notion it will remain in the English language, the rhetorician notwithstanding. In everyday speech certainly stereotypes are inevitable. If, as we all agree, one of the main functions of language is the clear statement of thought, then the cliche is indispensable in that it expresses by common consent a notion known generally throughout a large area of English speaking people. Freshness and variety have their places in style without question, but when sense is sacrificed by the omission of all stereotypes there remains little transference of thought. To substitute a phrase for last but not least one might have to say "at the end in order of presentation, but not the least in degree or importance."

Eric Partridge, in the introduction to his Dictionary of Clichés, has the following interesting paragraph:

> In an address delivered in December 1938 to the Institute of Journalists, Mr. Frank Whitaker remarked, 'As to clichés, I daresay we are all in agreement'. But are we? If you ask the averagely well educated person, 'What is a cliché?', he will look at you in pity and say, 'Oh, well I know what a cliché is', and hesitate, and stumble, and become incoherent. In November 1939, there met in conference a body of learned and able men: someone brought up the subject of clichés: everyone's opinion was different: what one included, another excluded: what one excluded, another included. In short, it is a vexed question (cliché). [4]

Partridge, however, where others have been unable to define the cliche, finds no difficulty. He says:

> A cliché is an outworn commonplace; a phrase, or short sentence, that has become so hackneyed that careful speakers and scrupulous writers shrink from it because they feel that its use is an insult to the intelligence of their audience or public: 'a coin so battered by use as to be defaced' (George Baker). Clichés range from flyblown phrases ('much of a muchness'; 'to all intents and purposes'), metaphors that are now pointless ('lock, stock and barrel'), formulas that have become more counters ('far be it from me to...') -- through soubriquets that have lost all their freshness and most of their significance ('the Iron Duke') -- to quotations that are nauseating ('cups that cheer but not inebriate'), and foreign phrases that are tags ('longo intervallo', 'bête noir'). [5]

If these patterns were removed by some fiat from our speech, the English language would be immeasurably impoverished, for it is through the use of such cliches that man commonly communicates with his fellow

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[4] Eric Partridge, A Dictionary of Clichés, 1.

[5] Ibid., 2.

man. Moreover, if this is a definition, and from the form of it we must assume that it is one, it is so thoroughly confusing that it is of little use. The definition is full of loaded, slanted, subjective words which are in themselves not proper for the scientific definition of a linguistic phenomenon. Furthermore, it is impossible to take this definition and apply it to any locution to determine objectively whether or not the locution is a cliche. Certainly this is a definition which does not define, or, Partridge-cliche-wise, it is neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring.

I must confess that I have great admiration for Partridge's dictionary because I find in it a good source of idioms, patterns, or formulas, but I am sorry to say that I do not use it for the purposes Mr. Partridge obviously intended it. Let us examine at random some of the phrases Mr. Partridge has condemned as cliches. Abject terror is defined as panic," and, Mr. Partridge notwithstanding, "panic" is not wholly what is meant by abject terror. The idiom carries more meaning, has more force, gives a greater sense of terror, than the word "panic." For accidents will (or do) happen he gives the rather tame equivalent "these mishaps will occur no matter how careful one may be." Most freshman English teachers would mark such a sentence verbose or stilted, and chide the pompous student for trying so hard for effect. Aching void Mr. Partridge defines as "a sense of loss and emptiness," which is probably a close equivalent. But what feeling there is in aching void, and what vacuity there is in a sense of loss and emptiness! Does to be "wholly under a person's influence" give the full implications and

overtones of to be tied to someone's apron strings? Or is armed to the teeth the same as "fully armed?" Does "unanimously" have the force of as one man? Who would substitute "ultimately" for at long last, -- besides, of course, Mr. Partridge? And, finally, can "to be grateful for one's good luck" approach to bless (thank) one's lucky star(s)?

III

Grammarians have traditionally made their analysis of English sentences in terms of the individual word. That is, the word, being the smallest element of intelligible utterance, has served as the basis of grammatical analysis. In other words, the sentence is considered as composed of a series of individual words so related to each other within the sentence and to the sentence as a whole that their separate functions are apparent.

Several concepts seem to have operated in regard to the English language in eighteenth century England when grammarians were turning their attention in large numbers for the first time to the English language. The concept of the word as the functional unit was accepted by the scholars of the period. They considered Latin a superior language and felt that English should follow laws which applied to Latin. The Latin word was a fixed part of speech which obeyed the Latin rules of syntax, and the relationship of the word to other words in the sentence was clearly demonstrated by inflectional endings and a fairly simple system of prepositions. Another important linguistic concept of the eighteenth century was the belief that at the time of the creation when God gave

language to man, He presented man a perfect language which since that time has gradually, through error and sin, become progressively corrupt. Latin, then, being a much older language than English, was closer to the original perfect language of God. Such beliefs led Dryden to assume that, since he found no prepositions at the end of Latin sentences, he should remove those at the end of his English ones.

If Latin could be analyzed in regard to the word, then English should also be analyzed in the same way -- reasoned these men. The linguistic science which has been developed in the last century and a half has shown that each language must follow its own genius and develop according to its own needs and abilities. And to insist on the analysis of one language in terms of another is patently a great folly.

One excellent example of the necessity of not analyzing the English sentence in terms of the individual words is found in the quantifying phrase. In the rather simple sentence I saw a lot of airplanes we may say that I is a pronoun in the nominative case serving as the subject of the sentence, that saw is the third person preterit indicative of the verb to see, that a is the article, that lot is a noun serving as the direct object of the verb saw, that of is a preposition introducing the prepositional phrase of airplanes, that airplanes, a plural noun, is the object of the preposition of. But can this analysis stand? The answer must certainly be that it cannot. The direct object of the verb is most certainly airplanes since that is what is seen, and a lot of must be construed as an idiom serving as an adjective meaning "many." Take a similar sentence: I saw many an airplane in which the analysis

becomes even more difficult, in that many an is an idiom meaning "many" and implies a plural in the singular noun that follows. There are many of these quantifying phrases in the English language: a bunch of, a bottle of, a glass of, a bit of, a herd of, pound of, a load of, a dish of, a case of, a carton of, a sight of, a box of, a ton of, ten cents worth of, a flock of, a dream of, a slip of, some of, none of, a batch of, a devil of, a hell of, a package of, a plate of, and many a. In the sentence I want a bottle of milk by traditional analysis the direct object of the verb is bottle. Logic, however, and the meaning of the sentence tell us that what one wants is "milk in the quantity of one bottle." Similarly, when one asks for a pound of butter, he is not asking for that abstract thing, a pound, which in itself he could never get, but he is asking for "butter in the amount of one pound." The quantifying phrase, it seems, must be considered as a grammatical unit; otherwise the sense of the sentence is lost.

But there are other patterns which must be considered as units because the sense of the locutions is dissipated otherwise: ladies' room, landing craft, landing barge, the last minute, a last resort, a late comer, lawn mower, layer cake, a lay over, a left-handed monkey wrench, left overs, leg work, life guard, life jacket, life preserver, life raft, a little magazine, the little things in life, living room, loaded dice, a loose woman, a love affair, loved ones, a love nest, a lovers' moon, the low down, a machine gun, a mad scramble, a Mae West, maid service, mail order, male nurse, a man about town, manna from heaven, a man of few words, a man of the world, a man's man, master at arms, matter of

fact, mealy mouthed, medicine cabinet, Melba toast, men only, mental defective, a mess hall, middle aged, the Middle West, a might have been, military brushes, military age, a milk run, Molatov cocktail, money order, monkey wrench, a moonlight requisition, mosquito bar, mother in law, a mother plane, motor pool, mourner's bench, movie star, Mr. Anthony, a mule train, muscle bound, and my foot.

The verb-particle combination represents another instance of patterns that might better be treated as grammatical units. In the sentence Add that column of figures up we find that the verb is add up even though the two words are separated by the length of the sentence. Should one insist on a literal, word for word, explanation of the sentence the meaning would be "add the column of figures upward." In the sentence Look over these figures, should over be construed as a preposition, the meaning of the sentence would be almost ridiculous in that the sentence would be asking that one look above some figures. Over in this sentence and up in the preceding sentence are particles by whose addition to the verb we can, in countless instances, create new verbs or change drastically the meaning of verbs. Other examples of this phenomenon are: to pass by, to pass away, to pass down, to pass for, to pass in, to pass off, to pass on, to pass out, to pass over, to pass through, to pass on to, to pass up, to pin down, to pin on, to pin up, to play against, to play around, to play at, to play off, to play on, to play out, to play up, to play to, to play with, to pull about, to pull at, to pull down, to pull for, to pull in, to pull off, to pull on, to pull out, to pull over, to pull through, to pull up, to pull with, to push along, to push for,

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There are finally the prepositional phrases which might be considered as units. Just between you and me I think he is a careless person serves to show that the literal analysis is not sufficient; if the sentence is construed literally, it has no meaning whatever. If, on the other hand, between you and me (between us girls, between us, between ourselves, or between you and me and the gatepost) is accepted as a pattern meaning "secretly, confidentially," the sentence is perfectly clear. For further examples see Section IV.

Jesperson calls all of these "formulas," and he has this to say about them:

> There is an important distinction between formulas (or formular units) and free expressions. Some things in language are of the formular character -- that is to say, no one can change anything in them. A phrase like "How do you do?" is entirely different from such a phrase as "I gave the boy a lump of sugar." In the former everything is fixed: you cannot even change the stress or make a pause between the words, and it is not natural to say, as in former times, "How does your father do?" or "How did you do?" The phrase is for all practical purposes one unchanged and unchangeable formula, the meaning of which is really independent of that of the separate words into which it may be analysed. [6]

If, then, there are formulas, patterns, or idioms which are independent, and they certainly exist, we must recognize them for what they

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[6] Otto Jespersen, Essentials of English Grammar, N.Y., Holt, 1933, 18.

are and what they do, and we must analyze them not into their component parts but treat them as a whole. It happened in the past that phrases did consolidate into words, as lord which comes from the Old English phrase hlaf weard; alone from O.E. eal ane; Canterbury from O.E. Cent wara byrig; afoot from O.E. on fotum; between from O.E. be tweon; and so on. Within my own lifetime I have seen the spelling change from to-day to today, from to-night to tonight, from to-morrow to tomorrow, from rail-road to railroad. The tendency generally, however, has been not to form written words from phrasal units but to treat them as speech units in speech and writing. But would it not be wiser, as also more clarifying, for us to recognize the pattern as an independent unit, sufficient unto itself and beyond traditional analysis, and treat it as a unit instead of attempting to make it fit the procrustean bed of prescriptive grammar?

IV

It is just as difficult to classify these many patterns as it is to analyze them, and in a sense the second of these has followed upon the first.

Perhaps the fullest attempt at classification of idioms in English is to be found in Logan Pearsall Smith's Words and Idioms, 1925, which is in reality only a notice of the vastness of the field. While Mr. Smith presents here an enormous number of idioms, he does not offer citations in support of them, nor has he wanted to, for he intended his study to be but an introduction to the subject. Mr. Smith's system of classification is not wholly consistent, nor does he categorize

consistently.[7] He includes semantic and psychological categories as well as grammatical. With a view to comparing his system of classification with the one I shall offer below, I have taken the liberty to rearrange and regroup some of his materials, clarifying particularly the lines between his categories. Accordingly I offer the following summary.

I. Prepositional idioms

A. Certain prepositions occur in fixed patterns with certain verbs, as to tamper with, to tinker at, to find fault with, to find fault in, to act on the spur of the moment, to act at a moment's notice.

B. Certain prepositions occur in fixed patterns after certain adjectives, as insensible to, unconscious of.

C. The preposition in is used with larger places, in London, in Rome, in Paris, or with one's home town; the preposition at with smaller, as at Oxford, at Rouen.

D. Idioms in form of terse prepositional phrases without article in an adverbial sense, as at hand, at length, at leisure, by chance, by fits, for instance, in fact, in truth, of course, on hand, by far, for once, for ever, for good, in general, of late.

II. Verbal idioms, involving verbs and prepositions, which Smith calls "phrasal verbs," Kennedy calls "verb-adverb combinations," Fries "two-word verbs," as to keep down, to set up, to run through, to fall out, to take away, to gather up, to root up, to lie under, to go under, to take over.

III. Nominal idioms formed from phrasal verbs, as breakdown, setback, drawback, go-between, turnout, show-up, talking to.

IV. Adjectival idioms formed from phrasal verbs, as grown up, put-up, done-for.

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[7] L.P. Smith, Words and Idioms, 171 ff.

V. Idioms involving fixed comparisons, as as bold as brass, as cool as a cucumber, as cross as two sticks, as dead as a doornail, as deaf as an adder, as dull as ditchwater.

VI. Idioms involving traditional doublets, for emphasis or contrast, as at beck and call, to cut and run, down and out, dust and ashes, enough and to spare, again and again, by and by, miles and miles, more and more, neck and neck, bag and baggage, with might and main, fair and square, high and dry, by hook or crook, heads or tails, hit or miss, to kill or cure, for love or money, fast and loose, first and last, give and take.

VII. Idioms in the form of proverbs, as all's well that ends well, better late than never, familiarity breeds contempt, no fool like an old fool, a friend in need is a friend indeed, handsome is as handsome does, he who laughs last laughs best.

Smith is too conscious of prepositional usage, and for that reason he omits many patterns that I include. He shows nothing like dead center, cold war, or dry run.

The fact that his categories are not clearly differentiated is obvious in the case of the first subdivision of prepositional usage. The six examples given represent three separate categories, so treated in the system of classification offered below: 1. The verb and preposition which actually should be under phrasal verbs; 2. The third and fourth examples represent the verb plus noun idiomatic pattern; 3. The fifth and sixth examples represent the prepositional phrase, since there is no fixed relationship between the verb and the preposition.

Smith's analysis fails to include many types which may well be included, as, for example, the nominal pattern, the adjectival pattern, the quantifying phrase, the compound preposition, the phrasal preposition-

al compound, and the orientation particle and preposition (all discussed later in this section). His category "Doublets" includes many different functions, and he ignores under "Prepositional Usage" the function of the prepositional phrase as an adjective. As worthwhile as this study is, then, additional analysis is still necessary.

It is possible, and I believe, advisable, to analyze these patterns according to their function as a unit within the sentence, and to omit the psychological or semantic analysis due to the almost limitless number of categories which they would require.

Grammatical analysis, then, must be made according to the context of the sentence. That is to say -- one must know what the sentence is about before one can make an analysis of it. One of the elementary principles of English grammar is that a word may serve as any of several different parts of speech. One may dissect a Latin sentence according to the word because in Latin the inflectional endings of the different words, as I have said before, indicate clearly the function of the word within the sentence. English, an analytical language, depending but little on inflectional endings to show the relationship between words, indicates meaning and word relationships by means of word order within the sentence (including prepositional usage). It may, therefore, be well to categorize idioms by their function in the sentence rather than by their form.

A careful study of the idiom in American English shows six functions: 1. nominal, 2. adjectival, 3. verbal, 4. adverbial, 5. prepositional,

6. orientational. [8] The orientational function orients the speaker to his statement as a whole. I have accordingly set up six categories for the classification of idiomatic patterns. In addition, I have, for the sake of convenience, set up a seventh category, of proverbial statements, usually clausal in form, which, while they function as grammatical units in terms of meaning, are more conveniently treated together. On subsequent pages I list these categories with examples and some brief comments. I should add that this discussion of idiomatic patterns is subsidiary to the collections of idioms in the glossary.

A. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS THAT FUNCTION AS NOUNS. [9]

1. another woman

   atomic bomb

   a bad streak

   bandy legs

   a big baby

   a big shot

   bitter tears

   a blind spot

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[8] Jespersen, in an attempt to square grammatical theory with actual practice, recognizes the nominal, verbal, adverbial, adjectival functions and groups the other parts of speech under the term "particle." I recognize two other functions: the prepositional and orientational. For a fuller explanation of Jespersen's theories see Otto Jespersen, Oc. Cit., 66-69.

[9] The article appears with some and not with other patterns. The problem of the use of the article is still unsolved in English.

a bright idea

a casual officer

a cold war

common ground

counter offensive

constitutional rights

cutthroat competition

dead center

a dead duck

dead pan

double talk

deep South

down cer

a dry run

a dumb cluck

an eager beaver

false teeth

a far cry

the far East

a firm believer

a first night

front office

full moon

glad hand

good times

a good time

gray market

green peas

a green light

2. cancelled check

fixed price

betrayed husband

cracked ice

evaporated milk

framed motto

fried chicken

covered wagon

enlisted man

frozen food

canned stuff

3. bowling alley

breathing spell

closing time

diving mask

consuming passion

driving rain

a festering sore

a dying statement

a driving license

a fighting front

a calling card

an appraising eye

the asking price

bathing suit

blinding flash

carving knife

cutting edge

chewing gum

communicating doors

dining room

doubting Thomas

dressing gown

filing cabinet

fleeting instant

folding cot

folding money

forwarding address

a going concern

4. Adam's apple

aid station

air line

alley cat

April fool

arm band

atom bomb

band leader

bank stock

base pay

beach bag

bean shooter

beauty sleep

bedside companion

bee line

beer joint

birthday suit

blood brother

a bomb run

brass hat

bread board

brick red

bull's eye

cab driver

cash customer

chain store

charcoal broiler

check book

church supper

city hall

cocktail party

college man

contact lens

cookie pusher

crab grass

crow's foot

daisy chain

death mask

dog tags

a dog's age

drug store

dude ranch

dust storm

Dutch oven

fairy tale

felt hat

the fight game

fireside chat

a fist fight

a flag stop

a fool question

a fool's paradise

a fountain pen

fruit salad

garden hose

glee club

gold bricker

grammar school

grass skirt

graveyard shift

ground floor

guard house

guest room

5. belly landing

blood poisoning

book learning

crap shooting

6. a bust up

a bawling out

goings on

a blow out

a break up

the brush off

a brush up

a check up

a cut back

a drive in

a fill in

a flash back

a foul up

a get together

7. an accompaniment to

an account of

an asset to

an attitude toward

an average of

a ban on

bitterness toward

a bunch of

the care of

a cross between

a credit to

a denunciation of

a disgrace to

an element of

an end to

a far cry from

a glimpse of

8. an ace in the hole

anything in particular

attorney at law

a bag of bones

bill of fare

bit by bit

a breath of spring

the bridge of one's nose

center of gravity

a change of heart

a chest of drawers

chest on chest

a chew of tobacco

coat of arms

coat of tan

a cold in the head

the crack of dawn

a crime against nature

the dark of the moon

the dirty end of the stick

a drop in the bucket

the end of the world

the fact of the matter

a flash of lightning

a fraction of a second

9. aches and pains

bacon and eggs

bag and baggage

blood and thunder

the duration and six (months)

facts and figures

fits and starts

Here then are some very common patterns which may be used as nouns.

An examination of them shows that many are formed of expected combinations of parts of speech where the adjective, the past participle, or the present participle modifies the noun. It must be remembered, nevertheless, that these patterns, for the most part, are fixed regardless of the formation. In a cold war (A1), for example, we can see the adjective cold preceding the noun war which it modifies. The meaning of the idiom, however, in no way, shape, or form can be derived from the lexical meaning of cold plus war. So it is with a dead duck, dry run, and dumb cluck. In A2 the past participle, in its adjectival function meaning "who/which is, has, or has been," is used with a noun: A cancelled check is "a check which has been cancelled"; a betrayed husband is "one who has been betrayed (by his wife)"; evaporated milk is "milk which has been evaporated"; an enlisted man, however, "is a soldier below the rank of a commissioned officer whether enlisted or drafted into the service." In A3 the present participle when it accompanies a noun to form an idiom seems to have the meaning of "for" or "that which," as in bowling alley, "an alley for bowling"; closing time, "time for closing"; breathing spell, "a spell, time, for breathing"; consuming passion, "a passion which consumes"; a festering sore, "a sore which festers"; a dying statement, however, is "a statement of one who believes himself to be dying"; and asking price is "the price which the seller sets in an attempt to receive as much as he can."

The combination or pattern formed of two nouns (A4) is similar to the adjective and noun in that the first noun will act in an adjectival manner. With the two words appearing together so often they form a

fixed pattern with a single meaning in which the noun is, in actuality, not modified by the other, the two rather taking on one meaning. Examples are atom bomb, base pay, bean shooter, beer joint, birthday suit. In some instances one noun will be in the possessive case so that the genitive is performing a rather ancient function as adjective: Adam's apple, bull's eye, crow's foot, a dog's age, a fool's paradise. Similarly, certain nouns combine with a gerund to form idioms (A5), as in belly landing, blood poisoning, book learning.

In A6 a noun has developed out of a verb and particle without formal modification of the verb: a bust up, a blow out, a break up, a cut back.

In A7 are nominal patterns involving specific prepositions with specific nouns, as an accompaniment to, an account of, an asset to, a cross between, a glimpse of.

The pattern of the noun followed by a prepositional phrase (A8) is quite a common form in English. In some cases the prepositional phrase seems to serve an adjectival function, as a breath of spring, a chew of tobacco, a coat of tan; in others the first noun and the preposition following it seem to have adjectival force to modify the following noun, as an ace in the hole, attorney at law, bill of fare, center of gravity, chest of drawers, cold in the head, crack of dawn; in still others the whole phrase is an idiomatic unit, as a drop in the bucket.

Finally, in A9 nouns appear in pairs joined by and or or to produce a pattern. Sometimes the idiom is redundant, as aches and pains, bag and baggage, fits and starts; sometimes it presents a pair, as bacon and

eggs; the duration and six (months) is neither, but is still an idiom.

B. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS THAT FUNCTION AS ADJECTIVES

1. blood curdling

   blood sucking

2. bare faced

   black haired

   cold blooded

   cold sober

   cross legged

   dirty gray

   double breasted

   fair sized

   far reached

   flat heeled

   full fledged

   goggle eyed

   good looking

   good natured

   good sized

   all set

   all gone

   all told

   all wrong

   almost any

clean cut

close cropped

close knit

dead broke

far removed

3. ankle deep

ankle high

beetle browed

beet red

bone dry

brand new

cherry red

chest deep

combat wise

dog faced

fish eyed

golf pro(fessional)

gun shy

4. absent from

afraid of

aloof from

careful of

ashamed of

allergic to

crazy about

crazy for

fond of

5. drive in

dress up

6. all of which

full of fun

full of tricks

7. alive and well

all and sundry

dead or alive

big and little

fast and furious

first and last

good and evil

good and sufficient

good or bad

8. as bright as day

as busy as a one-armed paper-hanger

as clean as a bone

as cross as a bear

as cunning as a fox

as different as day from night

as dry as dust

as good as the next

as hungry as a bear

as neat as a pin

as scarce as hen's teeth

as sick as a dog

as silent as the grave

as sound as a nut

as straight as a ramrod

as stuffed as a pig

as thin as a rail

as tight as a drum

as wise as an owl

not as young as one used to be

9. a bit of

a bunch of

a bottle of

a lot of

10. blood and thunder

cloak and sword

11. against the law

for rent

for sale

The adjectival patterns show as much variety almost in the composition of their units as the noun patterns do. The noun and the present

participle (B1) join to indicate the meaning "which performs the action of the verbal on the noun": blood sucking, blood curdling. Two adjectives appear together (B2) in what may be considered as an adverb adjective formula: cold sober, dirty gray; in double breasted, fair sized, full fledged, goggle eyed, good natured the second adjective is in form a past participle; in good looking it is in form a present participle. In B3 the pattern is a noun plus an adjective, the noun specifying in a way the degree of the adjective, as in ankle deep, ankle high, chest deep, brand new, combat wise, golf pro(fessional). In B4 the pattern is an adjective in the predicate plus a preposition, each adjective being almost invariably associated with a specific preposition, the whole unit serving to mediate between the subject and the noun following, as absent from, afraid of, aloof from, careful of, ashamed of, allergic to, crazy about, crazy for. The pattern in B5 is a verb in the infinitive plus a particle, the whole unit adjectival in function, as in: dress up, drive in. In B6 an adjective is followed by a prepositional phrase, the noun in the phrase being part of the idiom, as in full of fun, full of tricks. In B7 the pattern is two adjectives joined by and or or, expressing emphasis or contrast, as in alive and well, all and sundry, big and little, fast and furious, first and last, dead or alive, good or bad. Similarly, in B10 two nouns form a stereotyped pattern with adjectival function, as in blood and thunder, cloak and sword. In B11 the pattern is the prepositional phrase, with adjectival function, which has become fixed as an idiom, as against the law, for rent, for sale.

In B8 the simile presents us with one of the most picturesque

types of phrasal patterns we have. In some of these comparisons there is a deliberate attempt at accuracy or vividness in description, as in as bright as day, as dry as dust, as silent as the grave, as straight as a ramrod; frequently there is humorous exaggeration, as in as busy as a one-armed paper-hanger; and frequently references to animal lore, as in as wise as an owl, as hungry as a bear, as cross as a bear, as cunning as a fox, as scarce as hen's teeth, as stuffed as a pig.

In B9 the pattern is the quantifying adjectival phrase. To this pattern I have already referred in the discussion of the inability of traditional grammar to cope with it analytically. It generally consists of a noun in the singular or plural, and the preposition of. The phrase as a unit indicates the quantity or amount of the object expressed in the noun which follows the preposition. The idiom can often be troublesome, especially when the noun modified (i.e., following the preposition) is in the plural and the noun of the idiom is in the singular. In such instances the traditional analysis can, to say the least, be very disconcerting. Traditionally "a flock of sheep goes down the road" is preferred to "a flock of sheep go down the road," since traditionally "flock" is considered the subject and the verb must agree with it in number. In actual fact the subject is sheep, and a flock of is a quantifying adjectival phrase. I have already pointed out the difficulty with the traditional analysis, in accordance with which the first noun is treated as the direct object and the second as the object of the preposition, when the quantifying phrase appears in the predicate. The fallacy appears in such a sentence as "He drank a

bottle of milk," in which the sense must be that he drank, not the bottle, but the milk. A bottle of then must be an adjectival phrase modifying milk. Other such quantifying phrases are a bit of, a bunch of, a lot of, a pound of, a group of, a piece of.

C. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS THAT FUNCTION AS VERBS.

1. to act up
   to act out
   to back out
   to ball up
   to bank on
   to bear out
   to beat down
   to bed down
   to black out
   to blurt out
   to bog down
   to bone up
   to break up
   to bring out
   to brush up
   to bunk down
   to butter up
   to butt in
   to buy up
   to call down

to care for

to cart off

to cash in

to catch up

to cave in

to cheer up

to chime in

to clam up

to climb in

to close up

to connect up

to cook up

to count on

to crop up

to cuss out

to cut up

to dash off

to dig in

to dish up

to divide up

to do in

to do over

to drift in

to drop by

to drum up

to dwindle off

to ease up

to ease off

to face up

to fade out

to feel out

to fight down

to figure on

to find out

to finish up

to fit out

to gas up

to get back

to give out

2. to act in good faith

to appear over night

to arrive at a decision

to begin at the beginning

to beg of one

to blow to bits

to burst into sobs

to camp on one's trail

to come into money

to come to a stop

to cross against the lights

to cut to ribbons

to double in brass

to draw on reserves

to draw to a close

to drop into one's lap

to eat like a king

to fall in love

to fill in the gaps

to fight like a wildcat

to flash through one's mind

to get away from it all

to get in shape

to get over the hump

to go in swimming

3. to add insult to injury

to arouse one's curiosity

to ask directions

to ask too much

to bang one's fist

to bear a cross

not to bat an eye

to beat the band

to beat time

to blow off steam

to blow one's top

to bode no good

to break a fall

to call a bluff

to call signals

to carry the ball

to catch a bus

to change hands

to clear one's throat

to cost money

to count cash

to cut a swath

to do business

to do a job

to draw a breath

to drop anchor

to face the fact

to face the music

to feel one's way

to fill the bill

to find work

to flip a coin

to follow suit

to foot the bill

to frame a question

to gain ground

to get cold feet

to get the feel of

to get a crack at

to go nuts

to grab hold of

to grope one's way

to give hope

to give it a whirl

to give good measure

4. to back and fill

to be born and raised

to bind and gag

to come and go

to do or die

to fall down and die

to give and take

to grin and bear it

5. to bring to bear

to come to be called

to come to call

to come to pass

to come to see

to come to stay

to come to work

to get to know

to get to be

to go call on

to be going to be

to be going to go

to go on to tell

to go to show

to go to work

to go to work on

6. to get all set

to get caught

to get done

to get dressed

to get drunk

to get fed up

to get fixed up

to get lost

to get married

to get mixed up in

to get rid of

to get settled

to get started

to get tired of

to get trimmed

to get used to

7. to come clean

to come true

to fall asleep

to fall flat

to fall ill

to feel proud

to feel sorry

to get busy

to get nervous

to get ready

to get stick

to get wise

to go bust

to go insane

to go sour

to grow tense

8. to break loose

to break open

to call aside

to come forth

to cut loose

to do fine

to draw near

to drink dry

to drop past

to get ahead

to get somewhere

to go slow

to go together

to go well

to go wrong

9. to die young

to die disillusioned

to return disappointed

to go full of hope

to die happy

to die game

The verb-particle pattern, abundantly illustrated above, is one of the most interesting and most extensive types in English today, and is in a sense the characteristic of current colloquial speech. It is called by Smith "the phrasal verb," by Kennedy "the verb-adverb combination," and by Fries "the two word verb." Fries' designation seems to me the more accurate, inasmuch as he makes no attempt to analyze the elements of the idiom. It is however somewhat inaccurate since there are many of these verbal phrases involving more than two words. Kennedy's study is virtually the only full-length consideration of the verb-particle idiom, but unfortunately he has no body of citations to offer, and frequently comes to no very satisfactory conclusions. There is, I understand, a dissertation in progress at the University of Michigan on the verb-particle in oral speech under the direction of Dr. Fries which should when completed add materially to our information on the subject.

I distinguish seven different patterns of the verb-particle idiom.

The pattern in C1 involves a verb and a preposition. The function of a particle normally recognized as a preposition or an adverb with a simple verb, usually native English, so completely modifies the meaning of the simple verb as to form a new verb. Certainly to act up, "to misbehave," means something more than to act; to back out, "to withdraw," something more than to back; to bear out, "to corroborate," something more than to bear; to dig in, "to begin to work vigorously," something more than to dig; to drop by, "to make an informal unannounced call," something more than the simple verb; to give out, "to be exhausted," something more than to give; to dash off, "to write hurriedly without much preparation," something more certainly than to dash. In these instances it is impossible to derive the current meaning from the simple verb and the particle.

In some of these idioms the particle may be separated from the verb without any change in the meaning, but in other instances it may be separated from the verb without change in meaning only by certain intensives. Clearly a shift in the position of the particle up in add this column of figures up: add up this column of figures does not appreciably alter the sense. The verb-particle combination to run over offers a good example of rigidity. When we say he ran over the child, we mean either that "he browbeat the child," or that "he operated a vehicle which struck the child and moved over its body." But if we separate ran and over, and say he ran me over to the doctor's office, we convey the meaning that "he took me in his automobile to the doctor's office."

In either case, however, intensives like right, on, straight, etc., can always separate the verb from the particle without changing the meaning, as, for example, in he ran right over the child, he ran me right over to the doctor's office.

An oddity worthy of special mention is the paradox of to burn up and to burn down. It is almost impossible to distinguish between the two, since they both mean "to destroy, or be destroyed, wholly by fire," and no doubt they are on many occasions perfectly interchangeable. At times however an object seems to need height in order to burn down, since it is impossible in American English to say to burn down a piece of paper.

The pattern in C2, in many respects similar to the verb-particle combination, is a verb plus a prepositional phrase, in which the phrase serves to particularize or vivify the meaning of the verb or to extend or change its meaning altogether, as in to act in good faith, to cut to ribbons, to eat like a king, to appear over night, to camp on one's trail, to come into money, to fall in love, to beat about the bush.

The pattern in C3, currently very common, is a verb plus a noun (or substantive), where the noun was no doubt originally the direct object of the verb, as in to blow off steam, to bear a cross, to change hands, not to bat an eye, to beat the band, to blow one's top, to break a fall, to face the music, to foot the bill, to get cold feet, to give good measure. Sometimes the pattern involves a preposition, as in to grab hold of, to get the feel of, to get a crack at.

The pattern in C4, traditionally very common in English, is the compound verb. The two verbs are joined by and or or, and may express related, alternate, or alternative actions, as in to back and fill, to bind and gag, to be born and raised, to grin and bear it, to come and go, to give and take, to do or die, to put up or shut up, to sink or swim.

In C5, also very common, the pattern is two verbs, but the second follows the first without conjunction and takes the form of the infinitive usually, though not always, with to, as in to bring to bear, to come to be called, to come to pass, to get to know, to go to slow, to go to work on, to go call on.

The pattern in C6, if anything gaining in currency, is the verb to get in its copulative function plus a past participle to express passive voice, as in to get caught, to get dressed, to get drunk, to get lost, to get fixed up, to get married, to get started, to get trimmed, to get used up.

In C7 the pattern is a copulative verb plus a predicate adjective, as in to fall asleep, to fall ill, to feel sorry, to get wise, to go sour, to grow tense. Curme lists, in addition to to be, some sixty-three verbs that can be used as copulas as well as full verbs. [10]

In C8 the pattern is a verb plus an adverb. One of the functions of the adverb is to modify the verb, and frequently this function leads to the formation of a pattern, as in to come forth, to draw near, to drop past, to go slow, to go together, to break loose, to call aside, to drink dry.

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[10] George O. Curme, Syntax, N.Y., D.C. Heath, 1931, 27

In C9 the pattern is a full verb plus an adjective, where the adjective characterizes the subject, as in to die young. The verb die appears in many of these idioms, as to die disillusioned, to die happy, to die game, etc. While it is impossible to say to die old, one can say to die old and worn out. The pattern may involve other verbs, as to return disappointed, to go full of hope, etc.

D. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS THAT FUNCTION AS ADVERBS.

1.a. after all

about time

at all

at college

above ground

after dark

at dawn

at hand

at home

at least

at last

at peace

at war

at work

before dark

beyond control

by accident

by candlelight

by chance

by God

by mistake

by rote

by weight

for instance

for keeps

for long

for once

for sure

for years

from now on

from right to left

from start to finish

from then on

from time to time

1.b. around the house

after a while

at the door

at the hands of

by any means

by the day

by the look of things

by the moment

by the skin of one's teeth

by the way

for the life of me

for the hell of it

for the worse

from beginning to end

from here on in

from miles around

from the start

2. day after day

face to face

all in all

all of a sudden

best of all

first of all

flat on one's face

3. again and again

back and forth

better and better

bright and early

down and out

every now and then

far and away

front and center

The pattern in D1 is preposition plus a substantive. The substantive

may be a single word without the article as in after all, about time, at hand, or at peace. In other instances the substantive may take the article as in by the day, after a while, by the moment, or for the hell of it. Here it is interesting to point out the difference in meaning the article may make, as in by day, and by the day.

The pattern of D2 is either a noun or an adjective plus a prepositional phrase, as in face to face, best of all, all of a sudden, first of all, or flat on one's face.

The pattern of D3 involves doublets (usually of adverbs but sometimes of adjectives and nouns) in which the word is either repeated or varied with a synonym, the purpose being to intensify, as in again and again, better and better, bright and early, down and out, or far and away.

E. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS THAT FUNCTION AS PREPOSITIONS.

1. The pattern in E1 consists of two prepositions, sometimes more, functioning as a unit. The fullest list of such prepositional compounds, though not necessarily complete, of course, is that compiled by Turnblom, under the direction of Dr. Anders Orbeck, and for the list presented here I am indebted to his study. [11]

about:	after about	on about
	at about	to about
	for about	with about

[11] Grant Turnblom, Prepositional Usage in Present Day English, 206 ff.

about:	in about of about	within about
across:	back across	out across
after:	after about	
against:	up against	
ahead:	ahead of	
akin:	akin to	
along:	along with	
among:	around among down among	up among
around:	around behind around among around through	around to close around up around
at:	at about back at down at off at	out at over at up at
away:	away from away off	away out in
back:	back across back at back down back from back in	back into back of back on back to back with
behind:	around behind behind on	down behind in behind
between:	from between	
by:	down by	over by
close:	close around	close to
down:	back down down among down at down behind down by	down from down in down into down off down on

down:	down onto	down to
	down out of	down upon
	down over	from down
	down through	on down
for:	except for	for about
from:	away from	from out of
	back from	from up
	down from	in from
	from between	of from
	from down	out from
	from out	up from
in:	back in	in from
	down in	off in
	in about	over in
	in behind	up in
into:	back into	out into
	down into	over into
	off into	up into
	on into	
of:	ahead of	instead of
	back of	of about
	because of	outside of
	inside of	regardless of
off:	away off	off into
	down off	off on
	off at	off to
on:	back on	on over
	behind on	on through
	down on	on to
	off on	on up
	on about	on up to
	on down	out on
	on from	over on
	on into	up on
onto:	down onto	out onto
	over onto	up onto
out:	from out	out on
	out across	out onto
	out at	out over
	out from	out to
	out into	out toward

out:	out under	out of
	out with	down out of
	away out in	from out of
over:	along over	over in
	down over	over into
	on over	over onto
	over at	over to
	over by	up over
through:	around through	on through
	down through	through with
to:	according to	down to
	accredited to	next to
	akin to	off to
	around to	on to
	back to	out to
	close to	over to
	compared to	to about
toward:	out toward	up toward
under:	out under	up under
up:	from up	up into
	up against	up onto
	up among	up on
	up around	up over
	up at	up to
	up from	up toward
	up in	up with
upon:	down upon	
with:	along with	through with
	away with	up with
	out with	with about
	back with	
within:	up to within	within about

2. The pattern in E2 is a prepositional phrase plus another preposition, the whole functioning as a unit, as at the foot of the hill, in addition to the supplies, in contact with the enemy, in

the direction of town, in reply to your letter, in the thick of the fight, in line with the house. The list of these phrasal prepositional compounds presented here is not intended to be complete; it could no doubt be almost indefinitely extended.

PHRASAL PREPOSITIONAL COMPOUND

at the foot of
at the hands of
at the head of
at the thought of
in addition to
in advance of
in answer to
in arriving at
in back of
in a burst of
in care of
in case of
in charge of
in contact with
in contrast to
in the course of
in danger of
in the direction of
in excess of
in keeping with
in the light of
in line with
in love with
in a matter of
in the middle of
in the midst of
in need of
in payment of
in place of
in the possession of
in praise of
in the presence of
in regard to
in reply to
in return for
in right with
in search of
in spite of

in exchange for
in the face of
in favor of
in front of
in full view of
in the heat of
in the hope of
in the humor for
in store for
in terms of
in the thick of
in time to
in touch with
in tune with
in the way of

F. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS WITH ORIENTATIONAL FUNCTION

In my analysis of grammatical functions I have come to regard the orientational function distinct from the functions so far listed. While it is, in effect, adverbial, its use is somewhat broader and looser than the adverb as normally defined. It serves to relate the speaker to the sentence as a whole. Strictly speaking the orientation particle is a single word, such as back, down, out, over, up, but it normally joins with a preposition and thus forms a pattern. It is so listed here.

back at
back down
back into
back on
back over
back through
back to
back to
back toward
back up
down across
down along
down below
down by

down from	over at
down into	over along
down on	over by
down through	over in
down to	over on
down onto	over to
down over	up above
down towards	up around
down upon	up at
out across	up by
out along	up from
out in	up in
out by	up into
out at	up on
out on	up onto
out through	up over
out to	up to
out toward	up with
up within	

The orientation particle back in a st tement indicates that the speaker at some previous time was in a given place but is no longer there. When I say back in Arkansas there are more quail than pheasants, I imply that I have been in Arkansas but I am no longer there. Strangely enough the meaning of the sentence is not altered significantly when the orientational particle is omitted, as in Arkansas there are more quail

than pheasants, but the personal relation of the speaker to the sentence is no longer implied. It can be said, I think, that the orientation particle is particularly characteristic of speech and informal English.

The particle down may mean "at a place some distance away from the speaker." In such a sentence as "My wife is down at the doctor's" down implies that I am quite a distance away from her. Even though the doctor's office is on the highest floor of the building, the particle down is used. Were I near the building I should say my wife is up at the doctor's. As with back, when the particle is omitted from the particle is omitted from the sentence, the essential meaning remains, as "my wife is at the doctor's."

The particle combines with prepositions in the same manner. In the sentence John is out in the front yard out signifies that John is not in the house or that he is not with the speaker of the sentence who is himself not in the front yard. Had the speaker been in the front yard, he would probably have said John is in the front yard, or John is here in the front yard, or John is out here. A strict rhetorician might object to out in this use, protesting that it is redundant, but it is current and perfectly normal.

Over also, as with down, is used to indicate some intervening distance or to emphasize the distance between the speaker and what it is he is talking about. It would seem that down implies a greater distance than over. Should I say to another the drug store is over on Michigan Avenue, the sentence would mean, among other things, that I, the speaker, was not on Michigan Avenue. When I call my wife on the telephone and

tell her I'm over at school. Will you come after me? I am emphasizing the distance between us.

Up may be used to indicate position forward of the speaker. They took the ammunition up to the front is not greatly different from they took the ammunition to the front, except that up indicates a forward motion or place. Up may also indicate "approaching near to," as the child ran up to me, or we rushed up to the speaker.

The particles back, down, out, and up serve also to orient the speaker and his sentence geographically in relation to direction. All English speaking persons are acquainted with up north, and down south, while the speaker of American English has in addition the terms out west and back east. Up north and down south are probably attempts on the part of the speaker to orient himself and his listeners to the earth as normally portrayed on maps with north at the top and south at the bottom. Out west and back east have no reference to the compass and seem to have developed from the westward expansion of the United States. The frontiersmen and the explorer were literally going out of the country when they went into the great American west, and the east was always to their backs or to their rear, or in a place where they had been but were no longer.[12]

A further characteristic of these words is their ability to join with the spatial preposition to indicate direction from the speaker with no direct reference to the compass. If I should say I am going down to St. Louis, one would naturally infer that I was to the north of St. Louis

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[12] James Truslow Adams, The Epic of America, passim, Boston, Little, Brown, and Co., 1931

and that I should have to travel south to arrive there. On the other hand were I to say My daughter is up at Sault Sainte Marie, one would infer that I am at a place to the south of the Soo. By the same token a Denverite goes back to Chicago, whereas a Chicagoan goes out to Denver.

Up and down also locate the speaker in relation to the level. The book is down on the first floor indicates that the speaker is not there and that the book is below the speaker. The child is up in her room, on the other hand, means that the child is at a place higher than the speaker. The speaker may use these words differently to indicate this relation. One may say in answer to the question where are you?, I am down in the basement, indicating that one is below the person to whom he is speaking. Similarly he may say I am up on the roof to indicate that he is at a higher place than the person to whom he is speaking.

Back has at least one further use in that it may emphasize a reference to a point in past time. Back in 1824 is not greatly different from in 1824, but the back emphasizes the sense of the past time as perhaps no other word could do.

G. IDIOMATIC PATTERNS INVOLVING STATEMENTS, CLAUSES, PROVERBS, etc.

This category is not a logical parallel to the preceding six. I set it up chiefly to take care of miscellaneous patterns that have become widespread and stereotyped: clauses, statements, proverbs, clipped proverbs, quotations, etc. In many instances the idioms perform one or other of the six functions already listed, but it seemed best to assemble them altogether in a

supplementary category.

all is fair in love and war

all one is good for

almost before you know it

any friend of his is a friend of mine

any way you look at it

as the case may be

as God is my witne s

as the saying goes

before one knows it

before you could say scat

the best that can be said

blood is thicker than water

to be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth

can you beat that?

the coast is clear

come what may

the die is cast

don't take any wooden nickels

a drink is called for

the end is in sight

the end justifies the means

the first thing you know

it's not a fit night out for man or beast

five will get you ten

the going gets tough

one's goose is cooked

to go so far as to say

GLOSSARY

Abbreviations

Cain -- James M. Cain, Mildred Pierce, Penguin Books, Inc., New York, 1948

Gardner -- Erle Stanley Gardner, The Case of the Rolling Bones, Pocket Books, Inc., New York, 1947

Marquand -- John P. Marquand, So Little Time, Little, Brown and Co., Boston, 1943

Pyle -- Ernie (Ernest T.) Pyle, Brave Men, Henry Holt and Co., New York, 1944

Yank -- The Best from Yank, The World Publishing Co., New York, 1945

to abandon --- to. To yield oneself completely and without restraint. (See also: with abandon.)

...she abandoned herself to the last few days before the concert (Cain, 238).

Able day. Atom bomb day; the day an atom bomb was exploded at Bikini, July 1, 1946. (Also attributive.)

...the Able Day atom bomb is now resting inside a fenced enclosure in a restricted section of this island... (New York Times, June 30, 1946, 3).

to be able to tell a mile away. To be proficient at, to be highly capable of, to be good at, recognizing, detecting.

...they could speak German like natives and could tell a German accent a mile away (Pyle, 123).

A-bomb. The atomic bomb; atom bomb.

A-bomb Believed to Eliminate Navy (Omaha World Herald, Aug. 15, 1942, 2).

about all.
1. The finish; the end.

"And now," Walter said, "that's about all..." (Marquand, 41).

2. Not the whole but almost completely all.

About all she was able to tell him was that she "liked maple" (Cain, 227).

to about face. To turn oneself in the opposite direction; to turn to the rear.

Then he about-faced and marched smartly out again (Yank, 200).

about things in general. About anything; about nothing in particular. (Used to avoid giving specific information.)

We sat and talked for a long time about things in general (Pyle, 215).

to be about time. Less abrupt form for "it is time" or "the time has come."

So you finally got here. Well, it's about time (Yank, 163).
Mother, it's about time you got it through your head... (Cain, 201).
I guess it's about time (Yank, 95).

above all. Chiefly; preeminently; most importantly.

Above all he loved to tell stories on himself (Pyle, 318).
And above all he was honest (Pyle, 209).
And, above all, you learn that the greatest menace to your safety is you (Yank, 65).
Don't talk, and above all don't try to explain (Gardner, 205).

above everything else. More than anything else; chiefly; most importantly; most to be considered.

...a cold cruel coarse desire to torture her mother, to humiliate her, above everything else, to hurt her (Cain, 73).

above ground. Above the surface of the earth; not beneath the earth.

...so he slumbers peacefully in his cot above ground as the Mitsubishis do their worst (Yank, 41).

above sea level. Higher than the water of the ocean; higher than the usual level of the sea.

...men saluted their flag -- on Burma soil 3,800 feet above sea level (Yank, 177).

to be absent from. Not to be present at; to be away from.

On one occasion during maneuvers, the general was absent from headquarters for two days (Yank, 131).

to accept an invitation. To receive an invitation and agree to it.

...you can't accept invitations all the time without giving any in return (Cain, 167).

accessory after the fact. One who knowing that a crime has been committed by another person helps him, hides him, or gives him any assistance to escape arrest. He then becomes guilty of the crime.

If she gives aid to a murderer to shield him, she becomes an accessory after the fact (Gardner, 161).
...I don't know, perhaps material witnesses, perhaps as accessories after the fact (Gardner, 185).

accompanied by. In the company of; with.

...Levantines of indeterminate origin accompanied by their high-priced "companions" (Yank, 212).

an accompaniment to. That which goes with or is added for symmetry or ornament, as a musical accompaniment to a vocal solo.

Mildred told about the...accompaniment to the violin selection (Cain,138).

to accompany --- on the piano. To play the subsidiary part of the music for another instrument or singer on the piano.

...Mr. Treviso accompanied her on the piano (Cain, 241).

according to.

1. Consistent with; suitable to.

According to regulations, service stripes can be worn by those "who have served honorably"... (Yank, 172).
According to the English wording on each pack, they were manufactured by the "Eastern Virginia Tobacco Company" (Yank, 176).

2. As said, reported by. (Used when one is quoting another.)

According to Bert...it had been a magnificent job of promotion... (Cain, 238).

to account for.

1. To explain; to give reasons for.

Then she noticed he was heavily sunburned all over, but even this didn't account for a slightly Latin look about him (Cain, 88).

2. To be able to count; to total; to make up.

This Tommy Clayton, the mildest of men, had killed four of the enemy for sure, and probably dozens he couldn't account for (Pyle, 449).
...at least half that, and furniture, and linen would account for the rest (Cain, 76).

an account of. A story about; a history of.

...the papers were full of the nuptials...lengthy accounts of her career ... (Cain, 229).
...just as lengthy accounts of his career (Cain, 229).

to be accustomed to. To have the habit of; to be used to.

If Veda's accustomed to wealth and position... (Cain, 194).

an ace in the hole. Hidden reserves; strength which is not obvious.

But if a depression should come he had an ace in the hole (Pyle, 331).

aches and pains. General bodily discomfort, not a serious illness.

During the time I lay at the clearing station with my own slight aches and pains, hundreds of wounded soldiers passed through on their way back to the hospitals in the rear (Pyle, 47).

ack-ack. Anti-aircraft artillery; anti-aircraft shrapnel. (Also attributive.)

Some of the boys from the ack-ack outfit down the road were over one night ... (Yank, 139).
...we got hit by ack-ack... (Yank, 119).
The Germans began to shoot heavy, high ack-ack (Pyle, 435).
Long before, the German ack-ack guns had gone out of existence (Pyle, 438).
The ack-ack men said that not more than two out of ten planes... even made their bomb runs over our shipping (Pyle, 382).
Just an example of the effectiveness of our ack-ack, one four-gun battery shot down fifteen planes... (Pyle, 382).
Once an unexploded ack-ack shell buried itself half a stone's throw from my tent (Pyle, 382).
The job...was given over to antiaircraft artillery, or ack-ack (Pyle, 381).
...the ack-ack wasn't needed to protect the landings from air attack (Pyle, 383).
Our ack-ack was commanded by a general officer... (Pyle, 382).
Our ack-ack men said they thought German pilots were yellow... (Pyle, 382).

ack-acker. An anti-aircraft artilleryman.

...a crew of ack-ackers had knocked out a German 88... (Pyle, 383).

to be acquainted with. To know a person, thing.

"You are acquainted with Alden Leeds?" the lawyer said (Gardner, 29).
...Mildred became acquainted with theatres... (Cain, 234).

across at. (This term indicates that the speaker or the subject is separated from some person or object named in it.)

"We'll not try to connect it up for the present," Kettering said, scowling across at Perry Mason (Gardner, 146).
Glancing across at Della Street, Mason said, "They may not be worth much" (Gardner, 76).
Judge Knox stared across at Perry Mason (Gardner, 210).

across from. Opposite to with some little space intervening.

She sat down on the extreme edge of the big leather chair across from Mason's desk... (Gardner, 2).
The three pushed their way into an ornate little lobby, across from which a mahogany door bore the legend, "Manager" (Gardner, 158).
Phyllis Leeds sat across from Mason in the big leather chair, her eyes darkened by apprehension... (Gardner, 80).
...the small library, across from the big living room... (Cain, 231).

across to. Towards or to when there is something intervening. (The distance need not be great.)

Barkler said, "Uh huh," and walked across to the exit door (Gardner, 59).
Kittering tossed the remark across to Perry Mason as though daring him to rattle this witness (Gardner, 148).
Marcia Whittaker walked directly across to Perry Mason, holding a manila envelope in her hand (Gardner, 76).
He passed it across to Emily Milicant who read a few lines and crossed over to kneel... (Gardner, 107).
He slid it across to the detective... (Gardner, 157).

across the way. Not adjacent but nearby and across a passageway, street, or the like, as "across the hall" or "across the street."

...from the music department across the way he could hear the ceaseless tinkling of pianos (Marquand, 287).

to act about. To behave; to perform, in regard to.

...she could never shake off the feeling that if he accepted her as his social equal he would act differently about it (Cain, 142).

to act in (good, bad, ill) faith.

1. good. To behave, act, sincerely believing it to be the right, proper, and correct thing to do.

YANK acted in good faith in publishing Pfc. James Scott's letter (Yank, 211).

2. bad, ill, etc. To perform an act with an ulterior motive, for some reason other than that which is apparent.

...it was James Scott who acted in ill faith in submitting a letter... (Yank, 211).

to act like. To behave like.

Now what's the use of acting like that? (Cain, 210).

to act on an assumption. To do something having assumed something else is true; to act, proceed, on the belief.

But when I act on that assumption it does seem to me you could give me credit for some kind of decent motives... (Cain, 201).
Acting on the assumption that dinner was served at eight-ten (Gardner, 131).
"Acting," Mason said, "on the assumption that dinner was served and eaten at eight-ten?" (Gardner, 131).

to act on orders. To act in accordance with orders; to do what one is told to do by another in authority.

The orders, as finally acted on by Company K... (Yank, 241).

to act out. To imitate, to represent, to perform, as in a play.

The fliers on the ground began acting out comically exaggerated scenes... (Pyle, 175).

to act the part of. To pretend to be another and imitate his actions, as in a play; to make believe; to feign.

The captain...acted the part of the grim field soldier. (Yank, 193).

Adam's apple. The lump on the neck, usually most prominent in men, made by the larynx.

The sergeant pointed to his throat, from which protruded a large decorous Adam's apple (Yank, 29).
Several of them tried to do the trick themselves but, not having Adam's apples, were unsuccessful (Yank, 29).
His Adam's apple slid down his throat... (Yank, 29).

A-day. (Cf. able day.) Atom bomb day; the day on which an atom bomb was exploded; July 1, 1946.

...mere experts were washed out by the brutally rugged standards as the 509th Composite Group trained for A-day (Sat. Eve. Post, June 8, 1946, 18).

to add insult to injury. To hurt another repeatedly, usually through sarcasm, irony, or other mental torture.

Insult was added to injury when the infantry found itself being shot at... (Yank, 5).

to add to. To make a part of; to include with.

This, added to my earlier service, gives me three full years in the Army ... (Yank, 171).
The whole thing...was a little stuffy...as she kept adding to it (Cain, 160).

to add up. To total; to find the sum or balance.

When it was all over and everything was added up we found four planes had been shot down (Pyle, 7).
Added up over the days and weeks, however, they made a man sized war... (Pyle, 441).
...if she had an hour, she drove to the restaurant supply house on Main Street, in Los Angeles, and priced, calculated, and added up (Cain, 76).

to add up to.

1. To total; to amount to.

...action enough to add up to eight solid months of fighting (Yank, 122).

2. To mean; to imply; to signify.

"What does that add up to, Chief?" she asked (Gardner, 91).
...what it added up to was that he had shown his independence of one woman ...by...letting another woman keep him... (Cain, 253).
There was too much of everything, and he certainly could not tell what it added up to and no one else could either... (Marquand, 54).
And what does it all add up to? (Marquand, 460).
It adds up to some little poop from the Podunk High School getting on a Clipper... (Marquand, 460).
...in his opinion the net result of their efforts added up to almost nothing (Marquand, 231).
...everyone listened avidly for such bits of gossip, all of which added up to nothing (Marquand, 509).
What does it all add up to? (Marquand, 460).

to adjust to. To arrange (one's mind) to accept certain facts, conditions, and the like.

Mildred...tried to adjust herself to this astounding revelation. (Cain, 201).

to admit as much. To admit it by implication; to admit it indirectly.

In fact, Mr. Merriwell admitted as much himself with rueful humor that made the tables rock with sympathetic laughter... (Marquand, 27).

advantage in. The gain, the profit, the benefit, involved in.

...she asked what advantage there was in going to the studio... (Cain, 211).

to be advocated by. To be urged by; to be recommended by.

...two readers supported the point of view advocated by Pvt. Luckey. (Yank, 212).

aerosol bomb. (For definition see the first citation.)

The contents of the Army insect killing device known as the aerosol bomb included 3% DDT, 2% of a 20% pyrethrum concentrate, 5% cyclohexanone, 5% lubricating oil, and 85% Freon gas as carrier. (Science News Letter, Mar. 30, 1946, 204).
Today every soldier in mosquito country is armed with an 'aerosol bomb' -- a specially designed container about the size of a hand grenade... (Readers Digest, May, 1944).

to afford it. To have sufficient money, means, for something; to be able for reasons other than money to do something.

"I can't afford it, Minot," he said (Marquand, 389).
"If Milton says we can afford it, it must be all right," she said... (Marquand, 402).

to be afraid of. To fear; to have a fear of; to be frightened by.

They always were impressed by and afraid of our artillery... (Pyle, 142).
...who talked like a college professor, but they were afraid of Lew Brown (Marquand, 278).
Jeffrey never understood why he was not afraid of her (Marquand, 257).
Charley was used to expressing himself, and he was not afraid of grownups (Marquand, 213).
"Why darling," she said, "what are you afraid of?" (Marquand, 472).
...Minot had spent a good deal of his time and thought and money in not being afraid of dying... (Marquand, 371).
We were afraid of being spotted by a Jap sub... (Yank, 203).
"I was afraid of that," he admitted (Gardner, 179).
"Just what I was afraid of," Mason growled... (Gardner, 69).
And she was afraid of something that seemed always lurking under Veda's bland, phony toniness... (Cain, 73).
She was afraid of Veda, of her snobbery, her contempt, her unbreakable spirit (Cain, 73).

after all.

1. (after and all appear with each other in phrases and clauses introduced by after, but there is no idiom in this construction. Read following for after in the citations quoted below.)

...that conductor could very well have allowed Veda to sing an encore after all that applause (Cain, 240).
He couldn't have done that," she said slowly, "simply couldn't -- not after all I've done for him" (Gardner, 54).
It certainly would seem, after all that work -- (Cain, 187).

after all.

2. In spite of all that has been said or done.

He survived and went back to America in rotation, so I guess he saw Junior after all -- and how he deserved to (Pyle, 186).
And after all, they are damned goodlooking (Cain, 166).
After all, Mother...Monty's shoes are custom made (Cain, 157).
After all, they've got some rights (Cain, 142).
After all, Judge, that's one thing a detective should guard against (Gardner, 211).
"After all," she said, "you can't eat dessert all the time, Chief" (Gardner, 1).
After all, men are scarce... (Yank, 155).
After all, I've done nothing I should be ashamed of (Yank, 172).
After all, it wasn't every day you had a snort with two captains... (Yank, 165).
...glad to be kind to someone, and after all, it might be that Gloria and all of them did not have much time (Marquand, 369).
Madge and I are having a nice visit, and after all, you're not as clever as you think (Marquand, 361).
After all, Ethel was his sister (Marquand, 362).
After all, he was a college man (Marquand, 184).
...she wanted one who would be receptive to her ideas, and Fred's too, since after all, it was going to be their house and not the architect's wasn't it? (Marquand, 109).
Madge used to say she did not mind variety because it kept her young, but after all, Madge had not seen as much of it as he had (Marquand, 356).
And after all, how had he ever done it? (Marquand, 19).
After all, there was no reason why he should not have, but he knew that Madge had heard him (Marquand, 530-1).
After all, Jim was her son as much as his son (Marquand, 581).
After all, he did not have implicit faith in Milton's judgment... (Marquand, 399).
From all this you might draw the conclusion that war isn't hell, after all (Pyle, 258).
...he hadn't burned up the film, after all (Pyle, 264).
After all we were still at war... (Pyle, 31).
After all, there should have been some fireworks by now... (Yank, 191).
...we got hit by ack-ack after all (Yank, 119).
After all, you can't count a man AWOL when he's in plain sight (Yank, 138).
Most American soldiers, after all, are just civilians in uniform... (Yank, 51).
After all, it's not a matter of you and me going out... (Yank, 88).
After all a guy back in the States is waiting to be called for overseas duty... (Yank, 217).
He hesitated, for after all, it was Jim's business and not his, but still he had to ask (Marquand, 442).

...had never heard of it except as a mire in The Hound of the Baskervilles but after all, this made no difference (Marquand, 337).
After all, they had to meet somewhere (Marquand, 262).
...a horrible feeling came over her that God had had her number, after all (Cain, 97).
...after all, these things happen... (Cain, 183).
...after all, I, and not you, am the main figure in this little situation ... (Cain, 201).
...it finally wound up that the planes never went out after all (Pyle, 212).
After all, Mother, it was you that said I couldn't lie around here all the time (Cain, 191).
After all, it wouldn't have been much of a novelty (Cain, 174).
I believe in doing my bit to help the servicemen because after all, some of them are so far from home... (Yank, 83).
After all, we haven't seen you in six months (Yank, 160).
"After all," one of them said, "if you can get used to that old bastard's voice, you can get used to anything" (Yank, 111).
After all, he paid the bills and he might as well get something out of Albert... (Marquand, 62).
After all, it was difficult to explain to anyone the vagaries of literary creation... (Marquand, 491).
After all, the bill isn't large (Gardner, 159).
After all, how is anyone ever taken on a paper? (Marquand, 16).
...it was comforting to remember that, after all, Ethel was four years older than he (Marquand, 357).
After all there was no reason why she should have followed his thoughts (Marquand, 587).

after dark. After it has become dark; in the evening; an indefinite time in the evening.

It was after dark when we backed away from the dock (Pyle, 230).
I went to the regimental command post in a jeep after dark one night (Pyle, 181).
"Meet me," little cards read, "downstairs at the Rockwell after dark" (Marquand, 273).
If you went downstairs at the Rockwell after dark, you would run a very good chance... (Marquand, 273).

after effects. Effects, results, not immediately noticeable, as a weakness of the eyes may be an after effect of measles.

...it would have after effects worse than the ailment itself (Yank, 170).

after a moment. Soon; within a short time.

After a few moments, Barkler went on, "That crowd sure must'a thought Alden was getting simple" (Gardner, 56).

after --- own heart. According to one's deepest desire, wish.

You're a girl after my own heart (Gardner, 44).

after a while. Soon; within a very short time.

His captain...came in after a while... (Yank, 193).
After a while he came to... (Yank, 124).
After a while she would burst out laughing... (Yank, 188).
They pulled the bodies...up again after a while (Yank, 27).
After a while we made out the outlines of a wooden shack (Yank, 168).
Then, after a while, he said, "Don't you remember your own brother, Alden Leeds?" (Gardner, 141).
But after a while she said: "Get in, Bert" (Cain, 198).

again and again. Repeatedly; often; many times.

...he was likely to see it again and again... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1942, 20).
"We all say it," Buchanan said, "again and again." (Marquand, 352).
"Jeff," Madge said, "why do you keep saying that again and again?" (Marquand, 535).
...worked out some problem to his satisfaction when he was young, and had kept working it out again and again... (Marquand, 382).
He had said it again and again, and Willkie had said the same thing again and again (Marquand, 134).
I've told you again and again (Marquand, 7).
She played...it again and again... (Cain, 216).

against --- judgment. Not according to what one believes to be correct; not in agreement with one's beliefs.

...the Chief thinks you'll do, so against our better judgment we're going to give you a trial (Cain, 49).

against the law. Not according to the law; in violation of the law; illegal.

It's against the law for a toilet to open into the kitchen, you know (Cain, 121).

against --- will. Without one's permission; in opposition to one's desires.

The petition alleges on information and belief that Alden Leeds is being detained against his will (Gardner, 27).

to agree to. To offer to; to assent to. (The second to may be either a preposition or it may be the introduction of an infinitive.)

Mr. Epstein...agreed to deliver the meat (Cain, 245).

to agree with.

1. To be in agreement with; to have a meeting of the minds with; to have the same opinion as.

...you'll agree with me, Mrs. Pierce... (Cain, 194).

2. To be pleasant for; to be healthful for.

"Well, well," Walter said, "it agrees with you here, doesn't it?" (Marquand, 459).

ahead of. Forward of; in front of; before; in advance of.

Just a few feet ahead of us was a brick-red American tank... (Pyle, 452).
Most of the French farmers evacuated ahead of the fighting... (Pyle, 443).
They struck in orchards ahead of us (Pyle, 437).
I remember worrying about War Correspondent Ken Crawford...who was several hundred yards ahead of me (Pyle, 437).
The French tanks that went ahead of us pulled over to the sidewalks... (Pyle, 458).
...we could always tell how recently the battles had swept on ahead of us (Pyle, 451).
...the Air Force was up there banging away ahead of us (Pyle,
I'm glad we're ahead of the Air Corps (Pyle, 439).
...we'll just forget that anyone's ahead of him if he brings it back on Monday (Marquand, 180).
He had a chair on the four o'clock to New York and time lay ahead of him (Marquand, 575).
...we saw only an occasional plane ahead of us through the clouds... (Yank, 118).
...all ratings filled by men ahead of me... (Yank, 164).
The gunner ahead of us strained forward... (Yank, 14).
Two of his sergeants were ahead of him... (Yank, 17).
I took a position ahead of a little waddy (Yank, 21).
Sgt. Sherman Legg...was...1000 yards ahead of the Ranger advance party (Yank, 123).
Their observers crept forward ahead of the infantry... (Yank, 33).
As the men began their march they could see the mountains ahead of them, covered with snow (Yank, 50).
And ahead of me I could see him walking along... (Cain, 231).
Why should I recommend you ahead of any of them? (Cain, 38).
Mildred was so resentful that they should be dealt with ahead of her... (Cain, 33).
But there's not a chance I'd slip you ahead of any of them (Cain, 39).
Then ahead of her she saw that the rubble stopped... (Cain, 172).

aid station. A military medical post, highly mobile, with certain medical supplies, usually located close to the front line and the fighting. It serves the purpose of giving early medical assistance to the wounded before they are taken to hospitals farther in the rear areas. (Also attributive.)

...carrying wounded men to an aid station (Yank, 145).
The aid station...moved to the other side of the hill... (Yank, 6).
Aid station medics sitting on the back steps... (Yank, 197).
I called out to ask if it was an aid station... (Yank, 168).
A couple of Navy kids had set up a temporary aid station... (Yank, 168).

air base. A military installation of more or less permanent construction for the maintenance and repair of airplanes, for the headquarters of the air units, for the housing of the air men. (Also attributive.)

...the construction of the air-base system... (Yank, 119).
Specifications for the China air-base system were especially rigid... (Yank, 120).
The air-base labor draft hit the Chinese farmers hard (Yank, 120).

air conditioned. Supplied with air which is cleaned, humidified, and circulated in a building for the greatest comfort of the human body.

The office was very large and completely air-conditioned (Marquand, 418).
Hal Bliss was sitting with his coat on because the place was air-conditioned... (Marquand, 419).
...they too, were wearing coats because the office was air-conditioned (Marquand, 419).

air line. A hose which carries compressed air. (Also attributive.)

...the air-line hose and jack hammers were put on the job... (Yank, 178).

air mail. Mail which is transported by airplanes from one place to another. (Also attributive.)

...the clerk, whom he had known quite well in the past years, handed him a letter with an Air Mail stamp and he saw that it was in Sally's handwriting. (Marquand, 555).
It was an Air Mail letter and the postmark was San Barnardino, California (Marquand, 586).
...mark that letter... "Air Mail"... (Yank, 173).
"Any replies you receive," he said, "are to be sent at once by air mail to this address (Gardner, 120).
Air mail envelopes came second (Pyle, 368).

air raid. An attack, usually with bombs, made by airplanes. (Also attributive.)

...there were so many air raids I forgot to count them (Yank, 24).
...there are lights sparkling gaily over bridge games until sirens give air raid warnings (Yank, 39).

air raid warden. One whose duty it is to police an area during an air raid. He is also expected to report violations of air raid precautions; such as, the failure to cover lights.

In previous raids we had dropped leaflets, but the German air-raid wardens always swept them up... (Yank, 127).

air strip. A hurriedly prepared small landing field for airplanes, usually small ones.

Then...further airstrips for landing the transport planes were built by the troops as they went along the jungle trails... (Newsweek, Dec. 7, 1942, 27).

a la carte. A menu on which each separate item of food is individually priced, and from which one orders only those things one wishes. (Also attributive.)

And then I wouldn't have to fool with all those a la carte prices, or bookkeeping... (Cain, 77).

alien to. Not in harmony with; foreign to.

...the realization that she was in the presence of a point of view completely alien to her... (Cain, 185).

alive and well. Healthy; well; not ill, sick.

...that you had a business matter to discuss; that you left him alive and well; that you won't discuss anything else... (Gardner, 117).

alkali flat. A plain saturated with alkali, usually having little or no vegetation.

...and one of a covered wagon train, plodding through an alkali flat. (Cain, 2).

all about.

1. Concerned with; related to.

The conversation that went on...ran anywhere from the number of flies in a bottle of local vino clear up to conjecturing on what the war was all about (Pyle, 103).

Some of them have just got a little fuzz on their faces, and don't know what it's all about... (Pyle, 196).
...the soldiers didn't have a very good idea of what the war around them was all about (Pyle, 179).
That's what this is all about... (Cain, 200).

2. Those things concerning; regarding.

It was all about Mrs. Biederhof, and in a way this was a relief (Cain, 14).
"I presume," she said, "that Phyllis has told you all about me" (Gardner, 5).
He forgot all about radio etiquette (Yank, 91).

3. Surrounding; encircling; covering.

...standing there in the dark, with the smell of paint all about them (Cain, 97).

all aflutter. Excited; agitated; nervous.

I ran into Private McCoy again and he was all aflutter (Pyle, 94).

all ages. Many different ages; not homogeneous in regard to age.

They were all ages, through youth to middle age... (Marquand, 35).

all alone. Alone; completely by oneself; with no one else.

...the dead man lay all alone outside in the shadow of the wall (Pyle, 155).
His mother lived there all alone (Pyle, 166).
Then...he walked away down the road in the moonlight, all alone (Pyle, 156).
He made for the coast all alone... (Pyle, 162).
Beyond the tank about two blocks was a German truck, sitting all alone in the middle of the street (Pyle, 406).
...a tiny black dot fell through space, all alone (Pyle, 436).
...it was spooky just sitting in the house all alone and hearing the rain on the windows (Marquand, 205).
"You see," says he, "I'm all alone and looking for a date..." (Yank, 156).
Now Pfc. Shea was spending Christmas all alone in camp... (Yank, 183).
What's the idea of leavin' him all alone over there in the library hut? (Yank, 226).
Two jack-hammer operators were working all alone up near "The Point" (Yank, 178).
You living up here all alone? (Cain, 21).

all along.

1. From one end of something to the other; throughout.

The idea all along the way is to do as little actual surgical work as possible, but at each stop merely to keep a man in good enough condition to stand the trip on back to the hospital... (Pyle, 51).
But mostly the hedgerow pattern was this...infantrymen hidden all along the hedgerows with rifles and machine pistols (Pyle, 440).
...all along the dock was a chicken-yard bedlam of "Hey Joe"... (Pyle, 227).
American soldiers were posted...all along the trail... (Pyle, 144).
...the MP's hid armored cars and tanks all along their route... (Pyle, 380).
...the bar was intimate and continental with high stools all along it, so that no one needed to stand to have a drink (Marquand, 273).
Russian resistance continues all along the front with heavy fighting in the vicinity of Moscow (Marquand, 532).
And the news ran quickly all along the river... (Yank, 13).
The Dead End Kids jumped into their holes all along the riverbank (Yank, 92).

2. From the first; from the beginning; throughout all the time.

...we said all along: "Well, country people always fare best..." (Pyle, 461).
...he suddenly suspected that Madge had known it all along (Marquand, 575).
He'd promised it all along, and then his family... (Gardner, 19).
I've known it all along (Cain, 146).
...quite as though he would have done so all along... (Cain, 159).
I've been knowing it all along I had to have a showdown about them pies, and now it's coming (Cain, 65).

all along the line. In every particular; in every way.

I want to mix this case up so much and rush it through so fast that he'll be one jump behind us all the way along the line (Gardner, 128).

all and sundry. Everyone; everybody; all the people concerned.

...he...told all and sundry about Veda... (Cain, 212).

all around.

1. Surrounding; enclosing; encircling.

There was the roar of big guns all around us... (Pyle, 358).
All around me officers were cussing... (Pyle, 354).
Shells struck all around it (Pyle, 401).
Explosions were going on all around us (Pyle, 398).
Our own big guns were all around us... (Pyle, 397).
Our own heavy artillery was crashing all around us... (Pyle, 435).

...the infantry all around them were crouching... (Pyle, 388).
When I came to, they were shelling all around me (Pyle, 454).
All around my hut were similar ones, connected by concrete or cinder paths (Pyle, 327).
Our battery wasn't firing, but the valley and the mountains all around us were full of the dreadful noise of cannon (Pyle, 106).
You have that still sense all around you of something that's bound to happen (Marquand, 271).
He could feel his own utter insignificance and the imminence of danger all around him... (Marquand, 140).
Then you went into a little cubbyhole and opened up the box, and all around you was the rustling of heavy paper and the soft snipping of scissors ... (Marquand, 403).
...she had sat laughing, with stockings and lace nightgowns all around her (Marquand, 409).
...the spray fell all around us like thin rain (Yank, 247).
Enemy flak was bursting all around the planes, and the infantrymen sweated out the flyers at every burst (Yank, 106).
Shells burst all around us... (Yank, 252).
The mayor's family sat all around them, the old people mute in a corner (Yank, 180).
Everything was still all around us (Yank, 58).
His buddies were all around him, silent in the dark (Yank, 19).
I could hear voices and moans all around me (Yank, 169).
...about the 600 pounds of steam coursing through the pipes all around them. (Yank, 47).
Then came a hell — great black balls of flak all around us (Yank, 16).
Up in the tree some of the lead knocked off Pung's canteen and splattered all around him (Yank, 92).
It was a tiny bald spot, with black hair all around it, but it was a bald spot just the same (Cain, 42).
She was a tall woman in flowing negligee, who wafted graciousness all around her, putting the world at its ease (Cain, 42).

2. With, to, all those present.

But he stopped and said good-bye all around again... (Pyle, 197).
We traded guns all around, so I could try them all (Pyle, 188).
...they shook hands rapidly all around... (Pyle, 379).
We raised them, touched glasses all around... (Pyle, 378).
...shook hands all around and stepped into the darkness (Yank, 61).
...that would kind of ease the pressure all around (Cain, 247).

3. Everywhere nearby; throughout the area.

Planes were throbbing and droning all around in the sky above the light (Pyle, 391).
At night, after a salvo, we could hear the farmers' dogs all around yelling in fright as though they had been kicked (Pyle, 116).
...despite shells all around (Pyle, 235).

There were rifle fire, mortars, and hand grenades all around... (Pyle, 186).
She said there were Germans all around... (Pyle, 376).
There was smoke all around... (Pyle, 404).
...they could hear voices all around... (Pyle, 375).
There's snipers all around and they'll shoot at a cigarette (Pyle, 427).
There was machine gunning all around... (Pyle, 445).
Dead cows lay all around in the fields (Pyle, 432).
One of my pilot friends told me that on one mission, when the flak was breaking all around, he didn't think much of the danger... (Pyle, 223).
...water kept shooting up all around... (Yank, 116).
...field wire was tripping the feet of GIs digging in all around (Yank, 144).
They're driving all around in that car of Veda's... (Cain, 191).

4. In all directions about.

He looked all around him as he talked (Pyle, 433).
The entire nose of a B-26 is Plexiglass, and a man can see straight down, up and all around (Pyle, 324).

5. In all respects; in every way.

All in all, my first impression was that England was better, all around (Pyle, 297).

6. Complete; whole; adequate.

The first day we had snipers firing into our perimeter (an area with all around defense) with explosive bullets... (Yank, 9).

all at once.

1. Suddenly; quickly and without warning.

And all at once there was a dull sort of soundproof silence — and Walter cleared his throat (Marquand, 122).
All at once his life and experience seemed compressed between two wars, like books between two book-ends (Marquand, 253).
All at once the friendship seemed indestructible (Marquand, 249).
All at once, Jeffrey realized that he had gone further than he had intended... (Marquand, 393).
They must have talked for some time, for all at once when he looked at the clock on the mantel... (Marquand, 206).
All at once he wished that Jim were there, for Jim had never seen that side of his life (Marquand, 427).
All at once, even Walter Newcombe had assumed a tragic shape... (Marquand, 351).
All at once he felt very weary, for his time had not been severed suddenly in one grand sweep... (Marquand, 533).

...by cutting across town to the West Side Highway and then taking the new Parkway and cutting back to the Sound, but all at once he felt the way Madge must have (Marquand, 90).
All at once he felt very warm, and kindly (Marquand, 323).
It was inconceivable to Jeffrey to think of Minot Roberts in a patronizing way, but now all at once it came over him... (Marquand, 74).
Wherever they might be, all at once the field and the woods and even the cozy brook assumed a sinister aspect (Marquand, 546).
There she was and there he was and all at once he did not want to waken her... (Marquand, 307).
All at once he saw that Madge was not thinking about Mr. Gorman... (Marquand, 519).
When you got good and ready, go at it, all at once (Marquand, 502).
There was that same lapse into unconsciousness and all at once you were there again (Marquand, 492).
All at once he felt much better (Marquand, 369).
All at once he was face to face with Marianna Miller (Marquand, 354).
All at once that draft of his had a spurious sort of significance (Marquand, 328).
All at once he was glad that she had asked him (Marquand, 587).
The Foreign Correspondent, it all at once appeared, was not a stoop-shouldered man... (Marquand, 25).

2. At the same time; together; simultaneously.

Sometimes the whine of the shell, the geyser, the explosion, and the concussion come all at once (Pyle, 278).
They told funny stories about how four and five men came out of a burning tank all at once... (Pyle, 264).
They flew so close together that as many as twenty dive bombers could be seen in a dive all at once... (Pyle, 160).
The beach wasn't big enough to handle them all at once, so they'd come in at signals from the command ship, unload, and steam back out to convoy for a second load (Pyle, 28).

all but. Almost; nearly.

His perfect conditioning dates back to West Point...when vest pocket gridmen were all but unknown (Yank, 130).
They all but get a cheer when you appear with them... (Cain, 166).
"Well — you don't mean he actually left the money on the bureau, do you?"
"All but." (Cain, 31).

to be all — can do. To require all of one's abilities, facilities, strength.

The bags were terrifically heavy, and it was all the boys could do to handle them (Pyle, 226).

all clear. No danger; no obstruction; no entanglements.

...they had radioed back the "all clear" signal (Yank, 202).
In previous raids we had dropped leaflets, but the German air-raid wardens always swept them up before sounding the "all clear"... (Yank, 127).

all day. Throughout most of the day; the most part of the day.

At any rate, he was there all day and he couldn't do enough for us (Pyle, 119).
...overhead all day our planes roared comfortingly (Pyle, 420).
...the skies had been roaring all day... (Pyle, 388).
...a waterglassful of rum...put the colonel in a merciful stupor all day (Pyle, 282).
We drove all day (Pyle, 355).
It interested Jeffrey to learn that the Newcombes, who must have been there all day, had not achieved a first-name basis yet (Marquand, 116).
"It's a poem," Minot said, "it's been running through my head all day " (Marquand, 71).
I've thought about it all day (Marquand, 92).
"We've been working all day," Beckie said, "and you've missed it" (Marquand, 114).
All day there has been the muffled sound of gunfire from beyond the mountain (Yank, 69).
All day...they watched proceedings at the outpost... (Yank, 123).
Doctors who had to work at top speed all day... (Yank, 146).
Fortresses had dropped supplies and ammunition all day... (Yank, 145).
...the Dead End Kids had been begging all day for permission to attack Walawhum (Yank, 91).
...there had been only three casualties all day (Yank, 93).
...but Greek men and women -- working all day on their own... (Yank, 218).
...the colonel sweated over the pinball machine all day (Yank, 225).
All day listening to the radio (Yank, 71).
You'll trot all day and you'll never get done! (Cain, 48).

all day and all night. Throughout most of the day and the night; most of the day and the night; around the clock.

And it was thrilling, too, to see the incessant hurry-hurry-hurry of the supply trucks through the streets all day and night, despite anything and everything (Pyle, 235).
Then all day and all night vehicles of the regiments from miles around lined up... (Pyle, 60).
All day and all night they crouch in their cliffside caves... (Yank, 180).

all day long. Throughout the whole of the day; all of the day.

Before the sun was two hours high our troops had built prisoner-of-war camps, out of barbed wire, on the rolling hillsides, and all day long groups of soldiers and civilians were marched up the roads and into the camps (Pyle, 30).
All day long Spitfires patrolled above... (Pyle, 42).
Three women did nothing all day long but roll butter into little round balls (Pyle, 341).
All day long he rode around in an LCVP... (Pyle, 276).
All day long the dock was a riot of Italians... (Pyle, 226).
All day long the waters...around Anzio,..were churned by big and little ships... (Pyle, 272).
"All day long," Jeffrey said, "someone has been asking me if I don't want to wash my hands" (Marquand, 115).
...he remembered what Jim had said: that you could stay there all day long just looking at the people (Marquand, 593).
You'd have just stood around some store, all day long, waiting for the chance to make a living, and not making it (Cain, 50).

all during. Throughout; the whole time of; all of.

All during the long trip over, I had a vague feeling that something bad was going to happen (Pyle, 92).
All during the afternoon we exchanged fire with them... (Yank, 9).
...Archibald Damaskinos...to stand firmly for the rights of his people against the Germans all during the occupation (Yank, 221).
...all during the following week Archie was raging at the inferior quality of the top sirloins... (Cain, 245).

allergic to. Easily made ill by, as by certain foods, pollen, dust, and the like.

...he must not be allergic to...heat rash, malaria... (Yank, 142).

all evening. Throughout most of the evening; for the most part of the evening.

You've been worried all evening (Marquand, 149).

alley cat. A cat of no particular breed; a cat of mixed breeds.

...it is possible to get less costly furs, such as alley cat... (Yank, 227).

all gone. Used up; dissipated; finished; ceased to exist.

The whiskey and gin were all gone... (Pyle, 337)
Waldo had been kind to Jeffrey back there, and now it was all gone (Marquand, 33).
Her freckles were all gone... (Cain, 190).

all hands. Everyone; all the people concerned.

He cut off pieces about six inches long for all hands, American and French (Pyle, 377).
All hands clambered to the guns... (Yank, 254).

to be all --- has to do. That which is required of one; that which one must do. (The implication is that that which is required is not difficult but rather easy or simple; ironic negative.)

...as long as a man was in uniform all he had to do was to walk in and sit down... (Pyle, 172).
All the Germans had to do was take easy aim... (Pyle, 405).
These sections were laid across the road and all we had to do was pick them up and lay them aside (Pyle, 29).
A layman would think all we had to do was hook a chain to the tank... (Pyle, 429).
All he has to do is to press a button when he wants anything (Gardner, 36).

all hours. Most of the time without any fixed schedule.

During those days the men in our little repair shop worked all hours... (Pyle, 421).

all in. Worn out; extremely tired; exhausted.

I'm all in (Yank, 209).

all in all.

1. In view of everything; all things considered.

All in all, my first impression was that England was better, all around (Pyle, 297).
All in all, it was one of the most merry Christmases Pfc. Shea ever experienced... (Yank, 184).
All in all, it was a cheap victory (Yank, 147).
All in all, I should be a happy guy (Yank, 101).
All in all, he thought the Japs were "pretty slick" fighters... (Yank, 54).
All in all, Mildred was sure she detected one of Veda's fine schemes (Cain, 132).
All in all, we did manage... (Pyle, 343).

2. In full; as a total; in the whole sum.

All in all, the city has two million trees at the moment... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).
How much, all in all? (Cain, 151).

all in --- work. That for which a person is being paid; that which might be expected to occur in one's work.

It was all in his line of work, he had appeared at ten as he said he would... (Cain, 50).

all is fair in love and war. A lover and a soldier may be expected to do almost anything to accomplish their aims.

...but I am figuring that all is fair in love and war (Yank, 162).

all --- is good for. That which one is capable of; that which one can do. (The implication is that one is incapable, not good for anything; ironic negative.)

That's what they've been telling me, the employment people, everybody, that all I'm good for is putting on a uniform and waiting on other people... (Cain, 51).

all kinds. Of different varieties; of many kinds; heterogeneous.

Dance hall girls were all kinds, straight and crooked. (Gardner, 112).

all kinds of. (Cf. kind of, sort of.)

1. Many different varieties; many different classes or groups.

...there was a large collection of rusting farm implements -- all kinds of plows... (Pyle, 413).
Clayton had worked at all kinds of things... (Pyle, 449).
...I saw the pilots do all kinds of things after their last flights (Pyle, 172).
They sent up all kinds of weird things from their ack-ack guns (Pyle, 168).
But men ought to be trained to set up their guns on all kinds of terrain (Yank, 150).
It will take all kinds of dirty treatment and still fire when you need it (Yank, 148).
...to be duly inscribed on the nose of a Fort by some weary Joe who has seen all kinds of names tagged on to B-17s... (Yank, 86).
...leading a mule pack train loaded with all kinds of ammunition (Yank, 93).
...he asked me all kinds of fool questions... (Yank, 217).

2. Much; many; a lot of.

She has all kinds of dough... (Yank, 209).

all --- life. Throughout one's life; during one's lifetime.

I have been reading books about gold all my life, and trying to understand it... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

all morning. Throughout, during, most of the morning.

...didn't seem to have anything to do with the walking, fretting, and quarreling she had done all morning (Cain, 44).

all night.

1. Throughout, during most of the night. (Also attributive.)

That's the way it was all night (Pyle, 391).
He stayed up all night too... (Pyle, 387).
...bullets were singing around them all night (Pyle, 388).
Every day he'd buy $1.50 worth of three-cent newspapers and then read them all night (Pyle, 47).
It seemed like all night to me (Pyle, 429).
...we had driven all night in a dust storm (Pyle, 393).
They hoped they would stay up there all night... (Pyle, 443).
Within half an hour they had run into a new fight that lasted all night (Pyle, 442).
...they fired all night (Pyle, 397).
...they were up all night firing (Pyle, 385).
The boys worked all night... (Pyle, 385).
The Americans had attacked all night... (Pyle, 379).
He worked all night along with the rest, and he never got cross or raised his voice (Pyle, 72).
We put the horse in Uncle Brick's cabin and left it there all night (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
I read it all night at the hotel (Marquand, 52).
...looked very limp, with deep circles under his eyes because he had been up all night -- but all night... (Marquand, 419).
They may be going all night (Marquand, 5).
They marched all night... (Yank, 125).
You sit up all night (Yank, 116).
I was up all night (Yank, 209).
All night the printing presses hummed (Yank, 128).
...the end of an all night mission... (Yank, 253).
All night or until we telephone you (Gardner, 69).
Do I wait here all night? (Gardner, 69).
I've been looking at that damned costume all night (Cain, 129).

2. Open for business all night, as a cafe, gasoline station, and the like.

They ...were now in a little all-night cocktail bar in Santa Monica (Cain, 249).
They drove a dozen blocks before Mason found an all-night restaurant with a public telephone (Gardner, 80).

all night long. Throughout all of the night; during all of the night.

And all night long the litter bearers would be coming and going with new wounded (Pyle, 47).
All night long the valley beside us and the mountains and the valleys over the hill were dotted and punctured with the great blasts of the guns (Pyle, 98).
All night long the sky above us was full of the drone of planes... (Pyle, 322).
Our guns kept up their booming all night long... (Pyle, 370).
After three solid weeks of being kept awake all night long by the guns... that was not hard to believe (Pyle, 381).
They wandered around all night long... (Pyle, 382).
All night long the outfit remained silent... (Yank, 20).
...kept on crawling deeper into our area all night long, creeping from bush to tree... (Yank, 54).

all of an instant. Suddenly; instantly without warning; quickly.

And then all of an instant the universe became filled with a gigantic rattling... (Pyle, 436).

all of a sudden. Suddenly; quickly; instantly.

...and all of a sudden came that familiar and rapid whine (Pyle, 151).
We had just started eating when all of a sudden...came a shell right over our heads... (Pyle, 192).
And then after the third day, all of a sudden there was never an enemy plane again (Pyle, 34).
Then all of a sudden around four o'clock General Quarters sounded (Pyle, 7).
All of a sudden he said, "Say, where's this Normandy beachhead it talks about in here?" (Pyle, 381).
...all of a sudden a couple of shells would smack the water just offshore (Pyle, 235).
But there in that plane, all of a sudden, things did seem romantic (Pyle, 295).
All of a sudden a bunch of dogs came yowling down the street... (Pyle, 403).
We were just ready to start when all of a sudden bullets came whipping savagely right above our heads (Pyle, 400).
...I decided all of a sudden that I couldn't face C rations that evening (Pyle, 408).
Then all of a sudden they found themselves on a transport... (Yank, 32).
He'd been drinking pretty heavy, and, all of a sudden, he straightened up and threw the whiskey bottle to one side (Gardner, 113).
Wally said by God he had a notion to find out, when all of a sudden he was standing there with open mouth... (Cain, 125).

all of which. All of that which has been previously stated or implied.

He would not remember, because he had seen too much -- too many people, too many faces, all of which were merged in the trivialities of every day (Marquand, 382).

all out. Exerting complete effort and ability; a giving of all the facilities and energies. (attributive.)

That afternoon our High Command had called for an all-out bombardment of the city (Pyle, 80).
...the coming United Nations all-out offensive in Burma and China (Yank, 177).

all outer. One who wants an all-out policy of aid for another country for national defense.

Do the all-outers remember what they said then? (Sat. Eve. Post, Jan. 25, 1941, 26).

all over.

1. A repetition, a duplication of something.

Does girl, she is a coloratura...all over (Cain, 217).

2. Finished; ended; stopped.

They'll get little glory back home when it's all over, but they had some recompense right there in the gratitude of the men they treated (Pyle, 57).
When it was all over and daylight came with a calm and unnatural quiet, a rainbow formed over the mountain ahead of us (Pyle, 116).
Hence the new men would have to...inhabit those foxholes ahead of us until it was all over (Pyle, 271).
She knew it was all over when she put down the picture, but there should be regret, a certain tenderness (Marquand, 293).
And the Admiral had said that the American fleet could meet the Japanese fleet any morning and it would all be over in time for lunch (Marquand, 510).
It will all be over, dear (Marquand, 472).
Maybe it'll be all over without our being in it, I don't know (Marquand, 300).
Just think when this is all over and the cameramen back on the lot in Hollywood start bragging... (Yank, 200).
When it's all over we'll go back to our lace-trimmed undies... (Yank, 215).

3. Recovered from; well of.

He was carried back, and ten minutes later was all over his sudden attack and as chipper as anybody (Pyle, 57).

4. Throughout one's body; in all parts of one's body.

Some of the coats...will keep a woman warm all over (Cain, 227).
...when they got mad...they trembled all over... (Yank, 245).
Mildred felt prickly all over... (Cain, 145).
Then she noticed he was heavily sunburned all over, but even this didn't account for a slightly Latin look about him (Cain, 88).
And the cannoneers said that sometimes a dog would just stand and shake all over with fright after a big gun had gone off (Pyle, 116).
...I began to get sore all over... (Pyle, 437).
A man with this ailment aches all over and has a high temperature (Pyle, 46).

5. Almost everywhere (in); throughout (almost all of).

They ran all over... (Pyle, 405).
I had been weak all over Tunisia and Sicily... (Pyle, 233).
So he had been running around all over Algiers telling people what a wonderful person I was because I turned down $1500 at home but did one for nothing over there (Pyle, 94).
People rode on top of the cars and hung all over the sides (Pyle, 135).
The remainder splattered themselves all over the rice paddies of China (Pyle, 316).
The Germans would be dug in all over the woods... (Pyle, 442).
He hooked it by loud-speakers into barracks all over the place (Pyle, 336).
He had run restaurants all over America... (Pyle, 341).
...pieces of flak were falling all over the orchard (Pyle, 370).
...personal belongings were strewn all over those bitter sands (Pyle, 360).
...they were throwing rocks all over you (Pyle, 365).
Kids were all over the tanks like flies (Pyle, 460).
They pinned bright little flags and badges all over you (Pyle, 458).
The ship ran with lights on all over it... (Pyle, 287).
All over the bushy slope...you saw little groups of men... (Pyle, 270).
There was debris flying back and forth all over the room (Pyle, 247).
Every now and then he would miss the stake with the helmet and would squash mud all over himself (Pyle, 396).
...I prepared a large box for myself, with horseshoes tacked all over it (Pyle, 351).
...all over it were engraved names and places (Pyle, 216).
...when she came romping back to camp after a whirl with some gay Italian dog she would jump all over the old time sergeants and lick their faces ... (Pyle, 191).
...some of their very best friends were critics and book page editors, not only in New York, but all over the country (Marquand, 338).
...the hay had been fireproofed by something that had been squirted all over it (Marquand, 110).
...was now held in place by some sort of lotion which Jim always spilled all over the bathroom (Marquand, 59).
The band of Partisans to which Serrano belonged was evidently only one of many bands operating all over Italy... (Yank, 26).
From all over the ship came the excited voices of talkers... (Yank, 45).

Yes sir, no one can say that the Old Company is not well represented in the foxholes and trenches of our fighting fronts all over the globe (Yank, 84).
He...flew all over the state... (Yank, 166).
There were a lot of wounded all over the place now... (Yank, 168).
Ammo boxes and everything else were flying all over the plane (Yank, 207).
Who the hell's going to chase all over Britain counting dogs? (Yank, 208).
By Saturday night there were reports all over the lines that a U.S. division had... (Yank, 109).
...but his boundless energy and tremendous vocal powers were well known all over France (Yank, 110).
They feed on the dead and run all over the place at night (Yank, 61).
We...stumbled all over ourselves (Yank, 186).
...German shells began falling all over the place (Yank, 241).
...cylindrical clay shingles all over its roof... (Yank, 188).
...Jane and I used to walk all over it in the blackout (Yank, 187).
He threw the sumos all over the mat (Yank, 186).
...inspirational posters tacked up by special squads of GIs all over liberated territory (Yank, 128).
...thousands of boxes lay purposely unclaimed on wharves all over the combatant world... (Yank, 140).
Jerry was all over the country... (Yank, 12).
From all over the port side of the ship... (Yank, 223).
...the ol' boy had phone calls from all over the country... (Yank, 225).
...glass bottles all over the kitchen (Yank, 239).
Paul Drake...relaxed all over the big, leather chair in Mason's office (Gardner, 9).
Papers were all over the floor (Gardner, 49).
Mason said, "I know now why you like to sprawl all over our office, Paul (Gardner, 60).
I stood right there with cold sweat breaking all over me... (Gardner, 171).
Mason said, "Your fingerprints are all over the place" (Gardner, 178).
If he had done that, he would have been far too cautious to have left his fingerprints all over the apartment (Gardner, 211).
He went back to the den, snapped on the light, and looked all over the floor where he had been playing with Ray (Cain, 60).
...I really don't know a great deal about it, except that it's all over Pasadena, and you hardly hear anything else (Cain, 141).
...lights went up all over the first floor... (Cain, 230).
So we go used to working together, and don't commence bumping and stepping all over each other's feet? (Cain, 119).
...he does come home with chalk all over him (Cain, 177).
...all travel together, all over Europe... (Cain, 217).
He was painstaking about this too, shooting the water all over the trees, down on the spaded circles of earth... (Cain, 1).
...a string of beads that broke and went bouncing all over the room (Cain, 254).
In a voice that could be heard all over the house, he bellowed... (Cain, 58).
One day there was three inside, sitting all over the girls' laps... (Cain, 191).

all over again. Once again; another time.

Then Bert said it all over again, and then a pause fell between them (Cain, 85).
Start all over again (Cain, 77).
...suppose you had to do it all over again (Yank, 221).
...and next day we'll go back and do it all over again (Yank, 55).

all over the place. Everywhere within a restricted area.

I called him a fighting name, and we mixed all over the place. (Gardner, 113).
We...vived la France all over the place... (Pyle, 378).
This one went in a dozen directions, branching all over the place like a pear tree (Yank, 31).
Books...were scattered on tables all over the place... (Pyle, 258).

all over town. Everywhere in the city; generally; widely.

...and people came from all over town to join those already on the hill (Yank, 105).
It was something you did not shout all over town (Marquand, 584).

all over the world. Throughout, to many parts of the world.

He doesn't like to talk about his adventures, but he's been all over the world. (Gardner, 3).

to allow for. To make allowance for; to give due consideration to; to concede.

...even allowing for all that, she quite bowled me over (Cain, 226).

all put together. All of which considered as one, as a unit.

...the American Legion conventions and the receptions for Lindberg in 1927 all put together (Yank, 218).

all ready. Completely ready; in absolute readiness.

The Italians were not so quick and efficient as we were, and about the time Savino got a pack train all ready, everything collapsed and chaos reigned (Pyle, 146).

all right.

1. Well; not ill; not sick.

She had a nice night, temperature constant and we thought she'd be all right in a few hours (Cain, 100).

Say I'm all right, and the funeral is tomorrow at twelve, and be nice to her (Cain, 107).
I'm all right (Cain, 111).
He had thought that something would be broken, but he felt all right (Marquand, 232).
Tell her I've seen her uncle; that he's all right and wants to be remembered to her (Gardner, 122).
He'll be all right, of course... (Yank, 193).
Are you all right? (Marquand, 367).
"Yes, I'm all right", he heard Jim say (Marquand, 367).
Mildred said he was all right, and listened while Mrs. Gessler added a few more details... (Cain, 31).
Oh Bert's all right (Cain, 10).
Bert's all right (Cain, 10).
Ask them to please send someone out to the apartment to make sure he's all right (Gardner, 78).
He wanted me to tell you that he was all right and not to worry about him ... (Gardner, 58).
It would be a lot better if I thought Uncle Alden was all right (Gardner, 24).
"Yes, they've been all right, thanks," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 96).
"I'll be all right in a minute," she said... (Marquand, 99).
"I'm all right now," she said... (Marquand, 99).
Are you all right? (Marquand, 260).
"Yes," he called back, "I'm all right" (Marquand, 260).
...he had assured himself I was all right... (Pyle, 345).
...most of them were... "exhaustion" cases and would be all right after a few days rest (Pyle, 289).
But after they saw I was all right they began to laugh... (Pyle, 249).
Sergeant Donadeo looked a little thinner than he used to, but he was still all right (Pyle, 259).
"Are you all right?" I asked stupidly (Pyle, 453).
He still had some pain in his back, but she guessed he was all right... (Pyle, 304).

2. Good; satisfactory; well (as a predicate adjective).

If it was just his heart, that would be all right (Cain, 81).
She spoke to them, asked if everything was all right, received their congratulations... (Cain, 124).
It's all right to be proud, and I love you for it (Cain, 51).
Because that grass widow, she went back to the kitchen, where all women belong, and that makes it all right (Cain, 24).
Is everything all right upstairs? (Cain, 179).
It's all right to talk about respectability if you've been educated so you can get by... (Gardner, 73).
They'll hand you a line and tell you...that if you don't hear from them, it'll be all right (Gardner, 79).
That may be all right for older people (Cain, 168).

"It's all right," Jeffrey said, and something made him repeat it (Marquand, 367).
"It's quite all right," Buchanan said (Marquand, 145).
He could almost hear Minot saying that Jews were all right if there were not too many of them... (Marquand, 391).
As soon as he had spoken to Sinclair Merriwell, it would be all right to leave, if he and Madge could find their coats (Marquand, 344).
It's quite all right, if that's how it happened, but you can take it off now (Cain, 69).
But, soon as you shake Bert, you're all right (Cain, 81).
Was that all right? (Cain, 87).
If you recommend him, then it's all right (Cain, 104).
I have one that's all right (Cain, 107).
...once he was in his kitchen regimentals he was absolutely all right (Cain, 115).
After the first few bars, when she sensed that Veda was all right... Mildred relaxed... (Cain, 240).
"You were all right," Mr. Fernald said, "as soon as you got to taking a drink" (Marquand, 196).
"You were clumsy," Mr. Fernald said, "but you were all right. (Marquand, 195).
It was all right when the motors were going (Marquand, 220).
Would it be all right if we had a couple of bottles of Scotch tonight at the barracks? (Yank, 87).
"Never mind, Madge," Jeffrey said, "that's all right." (Marquand, 366).
But if you drop me by Maggie's it's all right (Cain, 61).
It's perfectly all right, but on little things, especially with an inexperienced woman... (Cain, 42).
It's quite all right (Cain, 37).
But it's perfectly all right, my dear... (Cain, 35).
Oh, I guess it's all right (Gardner, 196).
"It's all right," Mason said carelessly (Gardner, 196).
Hell, that's all right (Cain, 31).
...everything was all right... (Cain, 145).
Jeffrey told himself that the room was all right because it was a part of his friend... (Marquand, 386).
"It was all right," Jeffrey said, "but -- never mind" (Marquand, 113).
He did not know whether you should have said "it" or "he" but it must have been all right (Marquand, 183).
"It's all right," Jim said, "relax, Pops..." (Marquand, 59).
It's going to be all right (Marquand, 85).
"That's all right," Elise said, "I can stand it if you can" (Marquand, 431).
Several times that summer Jeffrey had told Madge to let him handle Mr. Gorman, that Mr. Gorman was all right (Marquand, 502).
It had a pretty good start before I found it, but it's all right now (Gardner, 43).
It simply seemed all right for him to think of it but not all right for Madge (Marquand, 522).
"Perhaps if you just told Jim it would be all right to -- live with her" ... (Marquand, 522).

And then he said, "Well, that's all right then" (Gardner, 103).
"It's all right, Minot," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 559).
Everything's going to be all right (Marquand, 48).
It's going to be all right (Marquand, 48).
It was still all right to think of it that was because he had not read the play aloud... (Marquand, 494).
"It's going to be all right, Jeff," she said, "of course it's going to be" (Marquand, 493).
"He's all right," Mason said (Gardner, 24).
Ike's all right, if he gets half a break (Gin, 244).
"That's all right," Jeffrey answered, "go ahead and cry" (Marquand, 99).
"He's all right," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 398).
...she made him feel that he was all right the way he was, and she always made him feel that way (Marquand, 258).
"Darling," she whispered, it's all right" (Marquand, 289).
These books are all right but a lot of my friends are not reading them (Yank, 96).
So I knew it was all right (Yank, 123).
...she was speaking the way she did when she knew that everything would be all right if she wanted it to be (Marquand, 440).
It's all right and I like it all right, but it's a rough life and it don't get you nowhere (Pyle, 195).
But if a man can keep a sense of the ridiculous about himself he is all right (Pyle, 319).
Well, I can tell you our morale is all right (Pyle, 319).
...the other fellow was all right in his own peculiar way (Pyle, 329).
...it would be all right for them to write in their letters home that I was staying with them... (Pyle, 387).
No, the Army's all right, but I've had enough of it... (Pyle, 212).
We...decided it was all right to keep going as long as there were crowds (Pyle, 457).
...I just finished reading your book. It was all right (Pyle, 275).
Well, when I went with the general, I told him I couldn't find me leggings, and I didn't like to wear a steel helmet, and was it all right? (Pyle, 313).
It was all right to smoke in the gun pit... (Pyle, 109).
Hero stuff is all right, but it doesn't give people at home the whole picture (Pyle, 254).

3. Satisfactorily, agreeably, well.

H Troop did all right (Yank, 1 5).
...they were working the thing out all right without fragacks (sic) or interphones (Yank, 186).
...he could expect the planes back in time for dinner if everything went all right (Yank, 229).
...there are quite a few of them but I think we can do it all right (Yank, 108).

He just had a few in the icebox, not enough to put on the mama, but he made up an order for two all right (Gardner, 144).
They began sleeping with their wives, and I guess it worked all right (Cain, 37).
...just for a little while I seemed to be doing all right (Cain, 39).
I like it all right, but I'm really not used to it (Cain, 27).
Oh, we're getting along all right -- no need for you to worry (Cain, 18).
He was out for twenty minutes but got back to the lines all right (Yank, 54).
Why, they get along with Uncle all right -- that is, they did... (Gardner, 28).
He flew a wing position, and he did all right (Pyle, 205).
...she admitted that if a girl gave references that sounded all right... she seldom wrote to the references (Gardner, 10).
...this guy got the cycle started all right... (Yank, 123).
He was doing all right (Pyle, 370).
He thought he would do all right and make a little money on the side (Pyle, 190).
"Well," Jeffrey said, "it tastes all right to me" (Marquand, 244).
"All right," he said quietly, "we're going to have company" (Gardner, 116).
All right, go ahead and tell me (Marquand, 347).
All right, you can wear them... (Cain, 128).
All right, but you've got to take it (Cain, 86).
All right, Mildred, you run along, and I wish you all kinds of luck... (Cain, 89).
All right, go ahead, get personal (Yank, 89).
All right, let's do it (Cain, 225).
All right -- but this time, don't come back (Cain, 259).
Then all right, and when you get done with that... (Cain, 28).
All right, eleven years and eight months... (Cain, 250).
All right, but at least let's wait a few minutes... (Cain, 26).
All right, I'll see him Monday (Cain, 20).
"All right, all right," said the sergeant (Yank, 138)
All right, I work (Cain, 147).
Then presently he said: "Oh, all right" in what was intended to be a lofty resigned way... (Cain, 4).
All right, I decided, I would see the chaplain (Yank, 164).
All right, then I'll be out (Cain, 248).
All right. Let's begin fr m there (Gardner, 179).
"All right, I will," she said defiantly, "and don't think... (Gardner, 163).
Serle pushed his pie to one side, and said, "Oh, all right! Have it your own way" (Gardner, 100).
"All right," Mason said, "we'll assume that it wasn't your Uncle Alden" (Gardner, 81).
All right. I'll tell him about me (Gardner, 112).
"All right, Walt, you win," she said (Marquand, 122).
All right. I didn't know (Marquand, 61).
"All right," Mrs. Newcombe said, "I'll call you 'Jeff' and you call me 'Mildred'." (Marquand, 120).
All right. Since you want to mess around... (Gardner, 19).

All right, Paul, be seeing you (Gardner, 13).
He said, "All right," into the second transmitter and translated the metallic sounds which came through the receiver... (Gardner, 60).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "I'm going to talk to him" (Marquand, 503).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "ring it" (Marquand, 62).
"All right," Mason said, "suppose they were right?" (Gardner, 21).
Mason said, "All right. Go on back home" (Gardner, 24).
Then all right (Cain,
"Oh God," Jeffrey said. "All right, all right" (Marquand, 6).
"All right," Jim said, "if you want to look like a hostess, that's all right with me " (Marquand, 66).
"All right," he said, "we'll take a bottle of wine" (Marquand, 544).

5. Sure enough; truly; really; in reality.

It's a Jap all right... (Yank, 254).
But she is my Jane all right, she is my Jane (Yank, 188).
...it was his kid all right (Yank, 224).
They knew who we were all right (Yank, 54).
Shorty knows me all right... (Yank, 137).
"Yeah, it's soft all right," Artie said (Yank, 101).
...the kid had stuff in her all right... (Cain, 210).
Because it was a big chance all right (Cain, 211).
She put that one across all right (Cain, 212).
But that's just what Hogarty told me all right... (Gardner, 194).
She'd been in Yuma all right, and probably mailed you the letter telling you... (Gardner, 184).
If she likes him, all right then, she's got him (Cain, 10).
All right then, you had your chance and you've lost it (Gardner, 99).
He was Hogarty all right (Gardner, 168).
He was lucky with dice all right, and the game was on the square (Gardner, 72).
You can prove that Jason Carrel is her boy friend all right (Gardner, 72).
Guess he thought Alden was nuts all right, but he figures it wouldn't do no harm to let me know where he was (Gardner, 56).
Found out what the bird's selling all right and got his address (Gardner, 12).
It had the position, all right (Yank, 48).
Your uncle will show up all right (Gardner, 50).
The people knew, all right (Yank, 28).
Our men were going to get to Rome all right (Pyle, 142).
He said if ever a kid deserved to be in heaven she did, and that's where she was all right (Cain, 105).

6. Now then; for the next thing; next.

"All right," he heard Minot call, "let's go" (Marquand, 221).
All right, boys, let's go (Marquand, 221).
All right, let's get along (Pyle, 200).
Mason said, "All right. Take it easy" (Gardner, 50).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "you go and keep on trying" (Marquand, 405).

"All right, let's go," a second lieutenant was calling (Marquand, 76).
"All right," Mason said, "let's have it" (Gardner, 13).
Mason said, "All right, I'll fix that in short order" (Gardner, 13).
...adeptly scraped a match along the sole of one of her Chinese shoes, and said, "All right, let's have it" (Gardner, 18).
"All right," Minot said, "you'll be sorry" (Marquand, 560).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "why do you think it's going to last for twelve years?" (Marquand, 506).
All right, keep the violin part in front of you... (Cain, 135).
"All right," Mason said, "Give me the papers" (Gardner, 76).
"All right," Mason said, "let's have it" (Gardner, 71).
"All right, Mason," he said, returning to the table, "I have a free hand" (Gardner, 99).
All right, now throw your legs over my arm... (Cain, 172-3).
All right, now take a look at something that does concern you (Cain, 38).
All right, you wanted to know why that lady offered you a job as waitress ... (Cain, 41).
"Awright" we could hear the sergeant shouting, "come out wit' yer light ..." (Yank, 102).
"All right," he said, "How about a drink?" (Marquand, 199).

all right guy. A regular fellow; a good sport; a dependable person.

These are business friends of Ike's with their lady friends, all right guys, trying to make a living... (Cain, 22).

all right with. Satisfactory, well for.

"Jeff," Jesse asked, "is everything all right with you?" (Marquand, 270).
However, if he Spanished it up, it's all right with me (Cain, 91).
"All right," Jim said, "if you want to look like a hostess, that's all right with me" (Marquand, 66).
...it was certainly all right with her (Cain, 211).

all round. Completely; wholly; in every respect. (Cf. all around.)

They weren't as all round hard in outlook. (Pyle, 4).

all the same.

1. Exactly alike; a duplicate (of); no essential difference (in).

"You knew Leeds up in the Klondike, didn't you?" "Tanana", Barkler corrected. "All the same, isn't it?" Mason asked. (Gardner, 57).
Not all-the-same thingamajigs that women see (Marquand, 514).
...Veda stared in the mirror and said it was all the same thing (Cain, 237).

2. Nevertheless; notwithstanding; in any case.

But all the same, we kept a sharp alert, for at any moment we could be attacked... (Pyle, 16).

all set. Completely arranged; well in order; well prepared.

...the kid was all set, and before long she'd be pulling off something big (Cain, 139).

all settled. Completely arranged; decided.

And you can tell her it's all settled about the house... (Cain, 225).

all smiles. Cheerful; pleasant; happy. (This often implies that one does not expect the other to be cheerful.)

Mr. Simons was all smiles. (Cain, 204).

all sorts of. Many varieties of; all kinds of. (Cf. sort of; kind of.)

There were all sorts of things that Jeffrey wanted to ask him but he could not ask them then (Marquand, 529).
There are all sorts of things that would drive you crazy and that's why I've never worried... (Marquand, 536).
...they must have talked for a long while about all sorts of things (Marquand, 451).
...having been built in the days when people had learned that you could do all sorts of things with turning lathes (Marquand, 170).
The doors of all the bedrooms were open...and all sorts of people kept coming in (Marquand, 169).
All sorts of memories came to him of her kindness, and yet that afternoon he had another thought (Marquand, 386).
It stopped him from saying all sorts of things he might have (Marquand, 229).
They seemed to be saying in that silence all sorts of things that they probably never would say (Marquand, 298).
Then Jeffrey felt completely relaxed and anxious to go on with it, anxious to sort out all sorts of half formed thoughts (Marquand, 271).
...secondhand shops filled with bronze statuary and Arab pistols and all sorts of other articles... (Marquand, 266).
...when Jeffrey had lived in Cambridge and yet all sorts of attitudes which he had outgrown remained (Marquand, 296).
All sorts of thoughts like that passed through Jeffrey's mind (Marquand, 180).
There are all sorts of little things about her that you seem to miss (Marquand, 535).
"All sorts of little things," Madge said (Marquand, 535).
She was interested in all sorts of things which would never have interested Madge (Marquand, 86).
All sorts of elements seemed to have combined into a sort of chaotic discontent... (Marquand, 249).

...began to call upon Jeffrey, after he had paid his income tax, with all sorts of questions which he could not answer... (Marquand, 400).
I'll go to all sorts of things that you don't want to go to, and Jim'll be coming down (Marquand, 408).
There was a ping-pong table in the Rumpus Room and all sorts of indoor games such as slot machines (Marquand, 126).
All sorts of tricks kept creeping in, artificialities of motivation, easy ways of drawing character... (Marquand, 471).
He was thinking of all sorts of things and none of them came together (Marquand, 586).
...he discovered that there were all sorts of people in the room whom he did know... (Marquand, 343).
...now the whole country was being filled with all sorts of people who wanted to get away from the city (Marquand, 210).
At any rate, that dated picture of Luella and himself on the sofa would tangle itself irrationally with all sorts of thoughts and moods (Marquand, 207).
...someone...who remembered all sorts of things which he had forgotten (Marquand, 32).
He was thinking of all sorts of things that were as disorganized as those sights and sounds (Marquand, 591).
There were all sorts of things in the shop on the Bremen... (Marquand, 225).
He had not thought of Marianna for some time, but now all sorts of things that he had said and she had said were running through his mind (Marquand, 591).
It was an old trick which you could use in all sorts of ways (Marquand, 140).
...setting out pie plates, flour, utensils, cans of supplies, all sorts of things, for removal to the model home (Cain, 115).
"In all sorts of ways," she answered (Marquand, 131).

all summer. Throughout, during most of the summer.

A suspense had been in the air all summer and it was here now with the humming of the crickets (Marquand, 509).

all that glitters is not gold. Appearances are deceiving; things may not be what they seem to be.

All that glitters, she told me, is not gold, and appearances are deceiving. (Yank, 228).

all that matters. Only that which is significant, important, necessary.

Jeffrey, darling, all that matters of you is here (Marquand, 450).
He was more conscious than he ever had been before that Madge and the children were all that mattered and all that he had left (Marquand, 542).

all that (saves, helps, etc.). The only thing, the single thing that saves.

A notebook which he was always carrying in his left shirt pocket was all that saved him (Pyle, 130).

all that time. During all of the time; the while.

And all that time the great flat ceiling of the sky was roofed by all the other planes... (Pyle, 436).

all there is to it. The sum total of it.

Which is a lousy way to end the story, but that's all there was to it (Pyle, 412).

all this. All of this; that which has been discussed before.

Why am I telling you all this? (Pyle, 414).

all thought of. All considerations of; all ideas of.

Mildred...gave up all thought of a little light twitting on the subject of "Sir" (Cain, 138).

all through.

1. Throughout; from one end of to the other.

John was an artilleryman and had been overseas more than two years, all through Africa and Sicily (Pyle, 412).
He fought all through Tunisia (Pyle, 127).

2. During; all during; throughout.

All through the night, Mildred kept working... (Cain, 198).
All through the night one or the other of them was on it (Marquand, 577).
Both had worked all through the previous day and all night too, examining a steady flow of prisoners (Pyle, 124).
They were men who had fought all through a long and bitter battle at the top of the mountain (Pyle, 143).
All through those terrible days... (Pyle, 144).
...a mother who fried things in the kitchen and kept bringing in plate after plate of them all through the acts, for the family to eat... (Marquand, 553).

all the time.

1. Continually; repeatedly but with interruptions.

I sell them all the time (Cain, 64).
Since Matt was on duty all the time... (Yank, 199).
"Willkie's building up," Mr. Sales said, "he's building up all the time" (Marquand, 133).

I was firing with a machine gun at one fellow, and dirt was coming out all the time (Yank, 54).
And all the time they were doing a job (Yank, 33).
All they give you in these speaks is smoke, and a guy's taking his life in his hands, all the time (Cain, 26).
Mr. Gorman said that all the time there were more and more things to do and he was busy as a one-armed paperhanger (Marquand, 502).
I'm awfully busy all the time and I must dash off now with Mrs. Jason... (Marquand, 555).
Is it raining all the time? (Marquand, 583).
Everybody must sit down all the time (Marquand, 449).
They browbeat me all the time (Pyle, 187).
...they kept every foot of our territory drenched with shells all the time (Pyle, 233).
The soldiers hugged the walls on both sides of the street, crouching all the time (Pyle, 403).
I told him that was what I tried to do all the time (Pyle, 400).
There came another little flurry of orders for cakes and pies, and she filled them, but all the time she was thinking... (Cain, 31).
Mr. Mintz had a lovely home in Beverly Hills...and Mr. Mintz stayed there all the time. (Marquand, 418).
They were most attentive, and grinned all the time, apparently because they were so happy in their jobs (Pyle, 93).
He and I talked to each other all the time without either of us knowing what the other was saying (Pyle, 119).
...he informed us that nearly a million species of insects have been identified throughout the world so far and that more are being discovered all the time (New Yorker, XXIII, September 13, 1947, 26).
He got jobs of this sort all the time... (Cain, 203).
Hal had a low, white bungalow in Palos Verdas where he stayed all the time, except when he went East in summer (Marquand, 418).
...does everybody in the States say 'rugged deal' all the time? (Yank, 226).
...I couldn't lie around here all the time (Cain, 191).
I thought I'd sort of be bothering you if I stopped in all the time (Marquand, 200).
...he'll have to wash glasses for me all the time... (Cain, 157).
You should write all the time (Yank, 143).
...she tells the little kids in her class stories about me all the time (Yank, 189).

2. Continuously; without ceasing, stopping.

They were with you all the time and you could not get away from them (Marquand, 491).
That's practically all the time, if you ask me (Cain, 4).
The planes had to fly in constant "evasive action" which meant going right, going left, going up, going down, all the time... (Pyle, 163).
All the time fear lay blackly deep upon our consciousness (Pyle, 353).

But I was asleep all the time... (Pyle, 392).
I arrived in my Army coveralls and left in my coveralls, and I never once had them off all the time I was there (Pyle, 47).
All four guns were connected to the battery's executive post by telephone, and the chief of each crew wore a headphone all the time he was in the pit (Pyle, 100).
...you can't eat dessert all the time, Chief (Gardner, 1).
"Madge," Jeffrey told her, "you can't have Jim to yourself all the time" (Marquand, 67).
I hope you think of me as often as I think of you, which is nearly all the time (Marquand, 217).
...all the time throughout the room there was that atmosphere of feeling alive and the intense beauty of living (Marquand, 219).
But the Gun fired every time they wanted it to fire, and that was practically all the time (Yank, 33).

3. From the beginning; from the very first.

...he knew about Mildred's pies all the time, and had already made up his mind to take them (Cain, 68).

4. Increasingly; progressively.

You're better all the time (Marquand,

all together.

1. In total; as a sum.

Fourteen grand all together, and if we let you have it for four, there's a loss of ten thousand dollars... (Cain, 79).

2. As one; completely together, unified.

...the only way out of the war was to fight our way out, and they did it willingly and with spirit and all together (Pyle, 321).
I only mean you can't keep them all together (Marquand, 31).

all told. Altogether; as a total; wholly.

I won't be more than two weeks, all told (Marquand, 458).

all the way.

1. Completely; wholly.

That means it's cut away, all the way down the front. (Yank, 228).
"Should I bring her in," she asked. "Yes," Mason said. "All the way" (Gardner, 79).

...these must be pleated approximately every three feet all the way around... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19-20).
He is for the Dutch, all the way (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947,22).

2. From the beginning to the end; from first to last.

...that old B-26 went screaming across the field at 250 miles an hour — only a foot above the ground all the way (Pyle, 330).
Minesweepers had swept wide channels for us all the way (Pyle, 358).

3. For the distance. (Here this is an intensive used to emphasize the distance involved.)

It's all right, turn around, face front, but oh, no, they back out all the way to the door (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
...at last the lighters came, forwarded all the way from Italy (Pyle, 303).
...our patrol planes had to come all the way from England... (Pyle, 390).
...but the tree is empty all the way up to the branch... (Yank, 162).

all weather (highway). A highway that is usable throughout the whole year; a highway that is unharmed by rain, snow, freezing, etc.

...and then motored inland along a four-lane all-weather highway that would rate a blue line on a gasoline map back home (Yank, 39).

all well and good. Good; well. (This is used as an expression of satisfaction and approval.)

If he'll let you get a divorce on the ground of cruelty, do it nice and quiet, all well and good (Cain, 81).

all the while. During all of the time; all the time.

...all the while the explosions kept getting bigger and bigger (Yank, 168).

all winter. During most of the winter; for the most part of the winter.

...he had made the round trip nightly all winter... (Pyle, 330).
...planes had been flowing across the South Atlantic all winter (Pyle, 156).

all wool. Genuine; real; 100%.

...they were genuine, all wool mosquitoes (Pyle, 413).

all wrong. Wholly, completely, absolutely wrong.

Listen, this is just one woman's opinion, and it may be all wrong (Cain, 41).

all year. During most of the year; for the most part of the year.

We follow them all year in Current Events, but it doesn't seem to me that those men have quite the weight of Baldwin (Marquand, 507).

all yours. Wholly, completely belonging to you.

It would be all yours.

almost any minute. Immediately; quite soon; within a very short time.

Now almost any minute Gwen might marry -- one of the elevator boys... (Marquand, 68).

almost before you know it. Suddenly; quickly; with surprising suddenness.

Play it an octave higher and put a couple of trills in it, it would be Listen to the Mocking Bird almost before you knew it (Cain, 137).

to be almost gone. To be almost dead; to be certainly dying.

When a man was almost gone, the surgeons would put a piece of gauze over his face. (Pyle, 50).

along about. At approximately; near; within a short space of.

Along about midnight, Wally lit a cigarette (Cain, 29).
Along about ten, the Tschopiks began to weaken... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
Along about then, he perceived that he was being watched and, with a smile of good-fellowship, offered an explanation (New Yorker, XXIII, 29, Sept. 26, 1947, 22).

along (the, this, that) line.

1. Of the same nature; of similar kind.

Along the same line are the vicious local cousins of poison oak and sumac (Yank, 42).
To avoid a technical discussion, I told him that for all practical purposes they were somewhat along the same line (Pyle, 76).
The strangest case of self-consciousness along that line that I'd run into was Captain Waldo Lowe of Los Cruces (Pyle, 62).
...he had nothing to worry about along those lines... (Pyle, 267).
Yes, I did give a little dissertation along those lines one afternoon (Cain, 167).

2. Similarly.

Along this line one of the boys said the worst trouble they had was with the new officers (Pyle, 110).
Along that line a bunch of us were sitting around conjecturing about how much it costs to kill one German with our artillery (Pyle, 113).

along toward. Near; at approximately.

Mildred had intended to pay no attention to the affair at all, but along toward 8.25, curiosity got the better of her (Cain, 212).
Along toward evening, we all threw our medicine away... (Pyle, 358).

along the way.

1. As one walks, rides, travels, and the like.

Hutch and I talked along the way (Yank, 242).
The boys made wisecracks along the way... (Pyle, 372).

2. During a journey, trip, movement from one place to another.

The first bottle tasted fine to the cold kids at the front, but when the second and third ones came the boys found they had been opened and drained along the way, then carefully resealed and continued on their journey (Pyle, 126).

along with. In company with; together with.

I hate to see the whole damned country dying along with me (Gardner, 115).
...the Navy issued me a Navy mask, along with all the sailors (Pyle, 9).
He took more than a dozen pieces of bone and steel out of Dick's brain, along with some of the brain itself (Pyle, 121).
We finally got that guy, along with all his shoes (Yank, 26).
He worked all night along with the rest, and he never got cross or raised his voice (Pyle, 72).
It was a long afternoon, and after seven innings of the second game we had had our fill of baseball and, along with a great many other spectators, left the park (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
They were afraid of burglary, fire, or their wives' throwing the securities out along with old Irish Sweepstakes (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

aloof from. Disinterested in; disdainful of.

...it was the possession of money that enabled him to be aloof from it (Cain, 144).
He had been born to a way of life that included taste, manners, and a jaunty aloofness from money, as though it were beneath a gentleman's notice (Cain, 144).

amazement grows. One becomes more and more amazed; one becomes increasingly astonished.

When he finally discovered he was being treated exactly like everybody else, his amazement grew (Pyle, 56).

America Firster. A member of the America First Committee.

It exploits all the emotions aroused in the U.S. by the war -- even to political gags at which America Firsters clap (Time Air Bp. Ed. Sept. 22, 1941, 23).
America Firsters and the numerous American-fascist outfits (New Republic, Jan. 5, 1942, 7).

the American way. The American manner of living: its ideals, standards, hopes, pleasures.

He must have been like all the other thousands who came to New York from somewhere else and who were educated in what might be termed "the American Way" and who were totally oblivious of what politicians now term "the inequities". (Marquand, 287).

to amount to. To be worth; to be esteemed; to be successful.

... it was hard to imagine that he ever could amount to much (Marquand, 19).
You and I may not amount to much, but we're alive (Marquand, 142).
...now she's developed complexes and wants the family to amount to something (Gardner, 71).
You saw the Saleses and you know they don't amount to anything (Marquand, 311).

and all. And everything; and everything else.

"God bless us, Mr. Wilson," said Tilly, "the white pants on him, and all" (Marquand, 158).
...all that is mortal of Bill Hogarty lies in a Southern California mortuary undoubtedly quite dead, frostbitten foot and all (Gardner, 123).
...somebody else was carrying it, picture and all (Pyle, 423).

and all that. And similar things; and like things.

...the girls hadn't left any forwarding address and all that (Gardner, 10).
The idea that generals are the only kind of Army personnel capable of figuring out ways and means and all that stuff is unsound (Yank, 137).

and how. Very well; very good. (An exclamation of appreciation which is used also as an intensive.)

What's more our artillery prevailed — and how! (Pyle, 142).

and the like. And similar things; and things of similar, like nature.

...I had noticed that his books were Shakespeare and the like (Pyle, 121).

and so forth. Et cetera; and similar things; and other such things.

Since our beginning, law and government by law have been generally venerated as the bulwarks of our liberties, the pride of our democratic heritage, and so forth (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

and so on. And other similar things; and so forth; et cetera.

...issued in banknotes scaling from 5 to 10 to 20 to 50 to 100 and so on up (Yank, 66).
...they took a lot of hillbilly razzing about not wearing shoes till they got in the Army, and so on (Pyle, 422).
There were numerous paintings of beautiful girls, and so on (Pyle, 388).
Meaning let's conscript all the clerks, drivers, waiters, MP's, office workers, and so on... (Pyle, 150).
Tomlinson was clean-cut and bighearted, and he insisted on going back to his ship and bringing me stuff like a roast chicken, canned ham, and so on (Pyle, 95).

and things like that. And similar things; et cetera; and so forth.

She wanted an architect who of course would have ideas about vistas and stairs and halls and sinks and things like that... (Marquand, 108).

and what have you. And similar things; et cetera; and so forth.

...benches that you could stand in front of the fireplace to put things on, such as cigarettes and cocktail glasses and what have you (Marquand, 108).
She wanted the barn to be full of the things that those dear old people used...and a part of a hay rigging and what have you... (Marquand, 108).
Someday, perhaps, they would really have cows...and all those other things that go with a farm, and what have you (Marquand, 108).
...a corner of the place for a real farm, and it was going to be surrounded by sheep barns...and what have you... (Marquand, 108).

and who is. (The implication here is, when the stress is heavily upon who, that the person is of no consequence, not worthwhile, unimportant.)

..."And who is Monty Beragon?" (Cain, 125).

to be angry at. To be made at; to be infuriated with.

You found he was angry at being dragged out of the car (Gardner, 32).

ankle deep. That which is as deep as one's ankle bone; about four inches deep.

The general...started walking through ankle-deep mud... (Yank, 179).
The ankle-deep mud had worked crotch high... (Yank, 196).

ankle high. That which is as deep as one's ankle bone; about four inches deep.

...horses grazed contentedly on the ankle-high grass... (Pyle, 421).

to be annoyed at. To be disturbed by; to be troubled by; to be displeased by.

"...I'm getting damned annoyed at you" (Cain, 149).
He went on, a little annoyed at her stupidity... (Cain, 150).

to be another story. To be different; to be something else that happened.

...if they happen to bump into the prune-picker who first dreamed up that colorful catch-phrase, it might be another story (Yank, 193).

another thing. One more observation; one more point (usually used in an argument.).

"And another thing, he says a pretty warlet is always agreeably grateful ..." (Cain, 157).

another time. A different time;

Another time he ran onto a mule that was down and crying in pain... (Pyle, 195).
Another time our bombers couldn't find their principal target because of bad weather (Pyle, 168).

another woman. A woman who is not one's lawful wife or one's recognized fiancee with whom one is associating intimately.

...I started living with another woman (Yank, 173).

to answer an ad. To write, phone, call on, one who has placed an advertisement in a newspaper in an effort to comply with the desire expressed in the advertisement.

It was none of my business, but all the time you were answering those ads and trying to get hired on as a saleswoman... (Cain, 50).

to answer back. To reply; to answer disrepectfully.

...by some weary Joe who has seen all kinds of names tagged on to B-17s that can't answer back (Yank, 86).

to answer a charge. To plead guilty or not guilty in court to a crime.

...Alden Leeds, who is at present held a prisoner in Seattle, be returned to Alaskan authorities to answer to the charge of murdering Bill Hogarty... (Gardner, 122).

to answer a knock. To go to the door to see who has knocked at the door, and to find out, discover, what he wants.

Their knock was answered by a short, fat woman... (Cain, 183).

the answer lies in. The answer is found in, occurs in.

Maybe the answer lay in mind over matter (Pyle, 253).

to answer a question. To make a response to a question, interrogation.

Mildred didn't answer his question (Cain, 167).

antique shop. A store which deals in very old articles which are usually quite expensive.

...and retired colonels were all buying Connecticut farms and setting up roadhouses and tearooms and antique shops and camps and schools (Marquand, 111).
...but the old house beside it had been turned into an antique shop with a cradle...on its lawn (Marquand, 112).

antique store. See: antique shop.

...Fred had found a bar in an antique store in New York... (Marquand, 126).

to be anybody in particular. To be famous, wealthy, notorious, well known.

It was the first she had known that Monty was anybody in particular, but she was too busy to be excited much (Cain, 125).

any day. Soon; within a few days; in a short time.

...as I am expecting to be shipped out any day now -- to North Carolina (Yank, 84).

any friend of --- is a friend of mine. So much does one think of another, so friendly are they, that one accepts as a friend any person who is a friend of the other's.

It showed that he was a friend of Minot's, and that any friend of Minot's was a friend of theirs (Marquand, 244).

any longer. Still; yet.

...instead he had a feeling that was almost like relief that he was not there any longer (Marquand, 209).
"I won't need to keep you any longer, Mr. Milicant" (Cardner, 23).

any minute. Momentarily; very soon; immediately.

"Any minute, the law may walk in through that door (Gardner, 77).

any moment. Without warning; at any unspecified time.

...bombing raids...might come any moment of the day or night (Pyle, 272).

any more.

1. Further; thereafter.

...which used to give them an automatic trip to America, but didn't any more... (Pyle, 329).
He used to get seasick but it didn't bother him any more (Pyle, 40).
Jeffrey could hear the conversation, but he heard it from a distance because he did not belong there any more (Marquand, 193).
...there was nothing else of him left in Bragg any more (Marquand, 170).
...hardly able to speak any more, or to drive, she told about Mr. Lenhardt (Cain, 198).
...tell her not to worry any more" (Cain, 226).
...you won't be seeing them any more... (Yank, 170).
"But not any more (Cain, 96).
Now go to sleep and don't think about it any more (Cain, 62).
...and he didn't see me any more (Yank, 124).

2. Some more; more; something additional.

You won't want to know any more (Gardner, 69).
There was no need to say any more, and it was better to leave it there in silence (Marquand, 143).
"I'll say if there are...any more of these tricks she's been playing -- I shall have her arrested..." (Cain, 195).
"If you, or that girl...employ any more tricks..." (Cain, 195).
...she hadn't put on any more weight... (Cain, 221).
The better the Gun (sic) does its work the more chance it has of coming through the war without ever being under any more fire (Yank, 32).
She hated to wash the dirty linen in front of any more people than she could help... (Cain, 20).
"There isn't any more to tell, darling" (Marquand, 11).

...we don't want any more White Rock if I'm going to hop the plane" (Marquand, 457).

3. Nowadays; at the present time; presently.

They don't make so-and-so's like that any more (Marquand, 197).
...they didn't make newspapers like that any more, and maybe it was just as well (Marquand, 195).
They didn't make newspaper men or newspapers like that any more (Marquand, 195).
He had not been there since his Aunt Martha's funeral...for the simple reason that no one wanted it any more (Marquand, 169).
John wasn't young any more (Gardner, 72).
"...they had no idea anybody knew how to make them any more..." (Cain, 127).
...The world doesn't care any more (Pyle, 365).
...I didn't feel the least bit ashamed any more (Pyle, 300).
The answer was, of course, that he didn't have to write letters for practice any more (Pyle, 127).
He remembered the side of the transport painted crazily in the camouflage that they did not use any more (Marquand, 584).
There was nothing in that room that anyone in his right senses would want any more (Marquand, 98).
"...I can't roll a hoop any more" (Cain, 188).
We reminded him that United States currency isn't redeemable in gold any more, at least not by us (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
No one seemed to wear those things any more... (Marquand, 16).
Nobody pays any attention to that uniform stuff any more (Cain, 57).
...the watch on the panel wasn't running any more (Yank, 16).
...should begin making advances the moment he found out she had no husband any more (Cain, 21).
He -- he's not living here any more (Cain, 20).
"I don't know anybody in the company any more" (Yank, 245).
Girls never wore stockings any more (Marquand, 547).
The whole thing must have cost the taxpayers a great deal more money than was necessary, but no one cared about money any more (Marquand, 103).

any more than. (usually with the negative, hence the negative definition).. With no greater reason, plausibility.

It made no sense, because America was not like France any more than Jeffrey was like Captain Bouchet (Marquand, 343).
.. it was an effort, and one which he did not believe Ethel liked any more than he did (Marquand, 169).
Nobody cared much for stripes back there any more than they do over here now (Yank, 244).
...he did not seem to belong to the present any more than that portrait of Minot's mother, and Minot did not, either (Marquand, 396).
...he could not explain them to her clearly any more than she could explain to him what had happened to her the year she had come out (Marquand, 32).

Now that he had seen her, he did not know what to do next, any more than she did (Marquand, 320).
...but it never worked -- bringing those people around -- any more than explaining them ever worked (Marquand, 32).

to be any of --- business. To concern one; to relate to one; to have great interest for one (This usually implies that the subject is not of interest to the other.)

..."I don't know that it's any of your business where I was, or anybody else's" (Cain, 98).

any place. An unspecified place. (This is used when the name of the place is not important.)

Act on the assumption that you can pull a rabbit out of the hat any time any place (Gardner, 203).

anything but. Not; not in the least.

The Italian prisoners seemed anything but downhearted (Pyle, 31).

anything in particular. Something precisely. (This is used to get a definite response naming something.)

Is there anything in particular that you object to? (Cain, 156).

not to be anything like good enough. Not in the least good enough.

...what she was already doing, by Pasadena standards, wasn't anything like good enough (Cain, 132).

anything under the sun. Absolutely anything; anything without restrictions.

He was just a natural born center of any stage, a leader, and one of those gifted, practical men who could do anything under the sun and usually did it better than the next fellow (Pyle, 73).

any time.

1. At one's convenience; at one's desire; when one wishes.

"Come back any time," Miss West said (Yank, 133).
Glad to see you any time (Yank, 143).
What caused the most comment among the Americans was the Jap knack of digging in anywhere, any time (Yank, 54).
...Jesse Fineman had wanted to see him any time that afternoon in his office off Broadway (Marquand, 266).
Act on the assumption that you can pull a rabbit out of the hat any time any place (Gardner, 203).

2. Momentarily; soon; shortly.

The river was due to start freezing almost any time (Gardner, 114).

3. When; whenever; at what time.

I've had this war and they can have it back any time they want (Yank, 116).
...I can throw an "11" any time I desire (Yank, 173).

A 1, A-1, A one. Of the first quality; very good.

It was to the interest of all...that she become the A 1 customer that she had been in the past (Cain, 246).
I wouldn't call you a raving beauty, but you've got an A 1 shape (Cain, 39).
Here are salespeople, men and women, every one of them with an A 1 reference -- they can really move goods (Cain, 39).

any way --- looks at it. From any viewpoint; under all conditions.

...for keeping up the grounds, which cost more than renting a summer house, any way you looked at it, any summer (Marquand, 211).
Of course any way you look at it, it's unpleasant (Cain, 85).

"A" picture. A first class cinema; a very good motion picture.

It was a part of the system that too many people usually worked on a single picture, particularly on an "A" picture (Marquand, 419).

to apologize for. To acknowledge with regret one's offense.

...there'll be no more money for you...until you take back everything you've said, and apologize for it (Cain, 158).

to apologize to. To acknowledge with regret one's office to another.

I? Apologize to you? (Cain, 236).

to appeal to. To act upon one so as to call forth a sympathetic response from.

It doesn't appeal to his stomach, except incidentally (Cain, 84).
It appeals to his higher nature, and in Bert, that means his vanity (Cain, 84).
It...appealed to her so much that she went around meditating about it... (Cain, 228).

to appear in court. T come into court to be tried for a crime, to sue or be sued, or to serve as a witness.

Under those circumstances, you get a subpoena to appear in court tomorrow morning... (Gardner, 162).

to appear on a program. To take part, perform, sing, speak, and the like along with others doing similar things, before an audience.

Veda didn't appear again on the Snack-O-Ham program.

to appear over night. To come, arrive suddenly, unexpectedly.

...swelling protruberances that had appeared almost overnight on the high, arching chest (Cain, 133).

to appear upon the scene. To arrive, come, to a place.

You appear upon the scene. (Gardner, 32).

to apply for. To request; to ask for. (This implies a rather formal application.)

...my legal wife is going to apply for an allowance also (Yank, 173).
...not long ago she applied for...a family allowance as my wife (Yank, 173).
...she applied for allotment (Yank, 174).

to apply it to. To make use of it in, to adapt it to; to employ it in.

...thinking how she could apply it to her restaurants (Cain, 228).

an appraising eye. Appraisingly; with an eye for the possibilities. (When this is used in reference to a woman, it means: 1. a man is thinking of the woman's physical attractions; 2. that another woman is carefully looking at her clothing, make-up, hair-do, and the like.)

He looks the girls over with an appraising eye, and makes passes at the pretty ones when he thinks he can get away with it -- cashiers in restaurants, girls at cigar counters, manicurists, and janes like that (Gardner, 127).

to approve of. To sanction; to have a good opinion of; to think well of.

Freeman keeps him under his thumb, won't let him have a car, doesn't approve of... (Gardner, 25).

April Fool. One who is imposed on, made a fool of, tricked, on April Fool's Day, or April 1.

And boyish laughter ringing "April Fool!"
When someone took their bait
(Yank, 151).

to be apt to. To be inclined to; to be given to; to have a tendency toward.

...just as its treasurers were apt to lose the account books (Marquand, 34).

to argue --- out. To settle by argument; to argue through all the points concerned.

We've argued this out a hundred times... (Yank, 138).

to argue with. To dispute with; to disagree openly with.

On two drinks she'd argue with Jesus Christ... (Cain, 165).

arm band. A piece of cloth worn around the upper arm. It may be sewed to the coat or shirt, or it may be tied around the arm.

The Partisans had no special insignia but they always wore something red... A red scarf, or handkerchief, or a red arm band (Yank, 29).

armchair officer. An officer of the armed forces who is assigned to office work, and is therefore, one who does not actively fight.

...General Stilwell was no armchair officer even then (Yank, 131).

the armed forces. The generic name for all the fighting services of the U.S.: the army, the air corps, the navy, the marine corps, the coast guard.

The Psychological Warfare Branch works with all the armed forces (Yank, 128).

arm of a chair. (also: chair arm) That part of the chair on the side, which serves as a support for one's arm.

...now shifted his position so that the notebook rested on the arm of her chair (Gardner, 164).
...Mason noticed that her hands were gripping the arms of the chair (Gardner, 54).
His feet were propped against the arm of the chair (Gardner, 9).

armored car. A military automobile, usually with thick steel sides, carrying a machine gun or a small cannon.

Furthermore, the Australian armored cars were not able to get through... (Yank, 31).

around behind. On the perimeter, circumference, to a position behind. (see: around on.)

I moved quickly around behind the barn (Pyle, 428).

around the corner. Near in time; almost here; soon to come.

Election Day was just around the corner, and the Democrats were saying the Republicans had... (Marquand, 303).
Jeffrey always felt tired in February with March and the income tax around the corner (Marquand, 326).

around front. On the perimeter, circumference, to a position in front. (See: around on.)

Then he went around front and examined his trees to make sure the water hadn't drawn the slings too tight (Cain, 1).

around here. Here; at this place. (around in this instance is used as an intensive.)

I don't see anybody working around here but me. (Cain, 4).
And hereafter, remember I'm giving orders around here, not Miss Veda (Cain, 69).
Well -- don't see there's much else I can do around here (Cain, 3).

around the house. Within the boundaries of the house and yard; in the yard or in the house.

He's so helpful around the house (Marquand, 131).
From childhood Jim had always faded out when there was anything to do around the house (Marquand, 131).

around on. On. (from this place to that there is something intervening that must be partially encircled.)

Or would you prefer a bathhouse, around on the other side? (Cain, 92).

around to.

1. To. (See: around on).

...the soldier...led us around to the side (Yank, 247).

2. To. (This implies making a trip, visit, to.)

I went around to Jason's house (Gardner, 13).

around town. Throughout the city; generally within the city.

It was a joke around town about the poor brigadier generals' being so low and common they couldn't even get into the generals' mess (Pyle, 342).

to arouse in. To stir; to rouse within; to excite in.

...inferiority that he had aroused in her... (Cain, 130).
...excitement that Monty aroused in her seemed...shameful... (Cain, 129).

to arouse --- curiosity. To cause (one) to become curious; to excite (one's) curiosity.

Hell, Perry, don't try to arouse my curiosity (Gardner, 48).
She has my curiosity aroused (Gardner, 2).

to arrive at. To reach; to come to.

...he was sombre again when they arrived at her house (Cain, 225).

to arrive at a decision. To make a decision; to come to a decision; to decide.

I merely commented on what I thought had happened, in order to assist the court in arriving at a decision (Gardner, 208).

to arrive home. To come home; to get home. (home very often does not use a preposition. Like Roma in Latin it seems to carry in itself the relationships expressed in the prepositions.)

...practiced at her Grandfather Pierce's, where there was an ancient upright, and on this account always arrived home from school somewhat later than Ray (Cain, 11).

(as ---) as hell. (hell is a word with little or no actual meaning in such expressions. It implies 'exceedingly', 'extraordinarily', etc. As mad as hell means 'very, very mad'; as big as hell means 'extraordinarily big'; as little as hell means 'exceptionally little', etc.)

Me and my buddies sure were mad as hell... (Yank, 211).
She was lonesome as hell (Yank, 209).
Serle seems sore as hell about something (Gardner, 62).
I'm sorry as hell (Cain, 29).

as best --- can. With the best effort, ability, facility, that one has; as well as one can do (it); to the best of one's ability.

"In that event," Mason said, "I'll fill in the gaps as best I can, and do as I see fit" (Gardner, 180).
...the men decorated the trees as best they could with the few materials at hand... (Yank, 202).
Medical corpsmen attended the wounded as best they could (Pyle, 362).
He wanted to be himself again, managing as best he could in the limits of the social system he had known (Marquand, 353).
...they got themselves cleaned up as best they could... (Pyle, 270).

They crawled out...and patched up their wounds as best they could (Pyle, 217).

as bright as day. Brightly; brilliantly; with an extraordinary amount of light. (This is most commonly used in reference to night.)

...the sky lighted up with flares bright as day... (Pyle, 234).

as busy as a one armed paperhanger. Very, quite, exceptionally busy. (Jocular usage.)

Mr. Gorman said that all the time there were more and more things to do and he was busy as a one-armed paperhanger (Marquand, 502).
Louis was busy as a one armed paper hanger, answering the telephone, and scribbling a bunch of figures (Gardner, 102).
"Busy as a one-armed paperhanger," Mr. Gorman said (Marquand, 528).

as --- calls it. As it is named; as it is known; as it is designated.

...it unscrewed itself enough to become a plunger and "arm" the bomb, as they called it (Pyle, 211).

as the case may be. Whichever may be true; whatever really is true.

...that you intended to call Bill Hogarty, or Louis Conway, as the case may be, at ten o'clock, you nevertheless told these men... (Gardner, 196).

as clean as a bone. Very, quite, exceptionally clean.

"Nothing left?" "Clean as a bone" (Gardner, 149).

as clean as a hound's tooth. Very, quite, exceptionally clean, honest, upright morally.

...the thing had to be clean as a hound's tooth when he sold it to me (Gardner, 101).

to ascribe --- to. To attribute the reason, cause, source to.

...neither lawyer pressed her for an exact amount of what the quarrel was about, and let her ascribe it to "a question of discipline" (Cain, 256).

as cross as a bear. Very, quite disagreeable; in a bad disposition; very cross.

Her expression was just as it had been when she was telling Beckie that he was as cross as a bear (Marquand, 568).
You know the way they are dear...just as cross as bears (Marquand, 567).

as cunning as a fox. Very sly; very cunning; very keen; very skillful.

His long experience at warfare had made him as cunning as a fox (Pyle, 140).

as different from --- as night from day. Totally different; absolutely not alike.

They fought three separate actions, each as different from the other as night from day (Yank, 5).

ad dry as dust. Very, quite, exceptionally dry; unutterably dull.

...would have listened to Milton's advice, but now it sounded futile and as dry as dust (Marquand, 405).

as easily (easy) as all that. Very, quite, exceptionally easily, easy.

They said Jerry didn't scare as easily as all that... (Pyle, 193).

as easy as not. Quite easily; quite simply.

...kind of slack around here in the winter, I could motor you out just as easy as not to Hollywood (Marquand, 517).

as ever. As it was in the past; as it has been.

The hips were as slim as ever, but had taken on some touch of voluptuousness (Cain, 133).

as for. In one's case; in regard to one.

As for you, Doctor, I feel that your refusal to produce Allen Leeds in court was an act on defiance of the court's order (Gardner, 39).

as far as.

1. To the degree; to the extent.

Sniping, as far as I know, is a legitimate means of warfare (Pyle, 373).
...they had to rid upper France and the Low Countries of German fighters as far as possible, to clear the way for our heavy bombers on their long trips into Germany (Pyle, 321).
As far as anyone could tell, he never seemed to get around anywhere, but knew the city inside out (Marquand, 278).
The thing was wonderful but, as far as I could see, a complete failure (Pyle, 244).

Major Frankel spoke about eight languages but, as far as I could see, a man with his luck didn't need to speak anything (Pyle, 242).
As far as he could see, Madge looked upon that ruined fort as another sort of church (Marquand, 227).
This was all right as far as it went... (Yank, 29).
The walls were decorated with excellent replicas of tapestry or they might have been originals, as far as Jeffrey knew (Marquand, 384).
But being as I never stood in the way of true love, I got an idea as far as you're concerned (Yank, 99).
"As far as I can gather," he said, and he could sound intelligent about it, "the War Department is..." (Marquand, 368).
As far as I know, not a man was lost by drowning in our section of the operation (Pyle, 28).
As far as I know (Cain, 21).
As far as I could giure out he had captured them all (Pyle, 377).
As far as that's concerned, why didn't Alden? (Gardner, 164).
As far as I could learn, practically all other gun crews felt the same way (Pyle, 385).
As far as I knew, he and I were the only two correspondents with the Fourth Division (Pyle, 437).
Go as far as you like (Gardner, 124).
Beckie was not sure, for instance, that she agreed with Dr. Canby's taste, at least as far as she could gather it from his writings... (Marquand, 100).

2. To. (This implies that one is known to have gone this far.)

He had been traced as far as Seattle where he had married a girl who had been employed in the 'M and M Dance Hall' at Dawson (Gardner, 91).
Hogarty got as far as Seattle and vanished (Gardner, 65).

3. At, and at places between here and there.

As far as Chicago, they're selling something... (Marquand, 414).

4. The total distance; the total length.

It was like a huge water spray, filling the air as far as the eye could see (Pyle, 164).
As far as you could see the ocean was infested with ships (Pyle, 358).

as free as a bird. Wholly, completely free; without obligations.

It suddenly occurred to her that for the moment she was as free as a bird. (Cain, 89).

as God is my witness. Truthfully; on my honor; what I have said or am about to say is wholly true.

As God is my witness I am sorry to read of the way two American soldiers treated the enemy... (Yank, 211).

as --- goes. Not wholly bad but not as (good, bright, well, etc.) as one could wish.

It was a bright day, as days go here (Yank, 242).
We didn't get them because it was a quiet day as the Infantry business goes (Yank, 196).
...it was a good position, as positions go here (Yank, 196).
The wound itself wasn't much to see as wounds go (Yank, 193).

as good as. To all intents; practically; almost.

They were as good as gone already (Marquand, 583).
Ther were on the pier but they were as good as gone already (Marquand, 584).
You were as good as gone already and no one everyknew (Marquand, 584).

as good as the next. Of average quality; not exceptional but not bad.

Now, Spanish houses are a little outmoded, but at the time they were considered high-toned, and this one was as good as the next, and perhaps a little bit better (Cain, 1).

to be ashamed of. To have a feeling of guilt, shame, about; to feel that one has done something wrong and feel sorry for it.

...I've done nothing I should be ashamed of (Yank, 172).
You're ashamed of me... (Cain,146).
She said he had deliberately tried to set Veda against her, to hold her up to ridicule, to make the child think of her as an inferior, somebody to be ashamed of (Cain, 167).

ash can. A receptacle for ashes from a stove or furnace, and for other refuse. When full they are often placed near the street for a collector to empty into a truck.

There was the clatter of ash cans from a truck, on which was written the admonition about... (Marquand, 590).

as high as. As much as; as many as.

They used as high as a thousand pounds of explosives to a bridge, and on one long, seven span bridge they blew all seven spans (Pyle, 59).

ash receiver. Ash tray; a dish or tray specially designed to receive tobacco ashes.

...there were comfortable leather chairs with chromium ash receivers beside them... (Marquand, 267).

ash tray. A dish or tray especially designed to receive tobacco ashes.

...tapped ashes from the end of the cigarette into the ash tray... (Gardner, 20).

as hungry as a bear. Very, extremely, ravenously hungry.

Other men were as hungry as bears (Pyle, 57).

as if. As though; as it might;be; that the supposition is. (This often implies a situation contrary to fact.)

It seemed as if we were the only mechanized travel (Yank, 57).
He felt as if he were going away for a long time, as though he might never seeher again... (Marquand, 409).
He saw Japs...puttering around as if there were no war within a thousand miles (Yank, 7).
He said it felt as if some giant had hit him with his fist (Pyle, 336).
All the people standing up looked as if they belonged in those chairs (Marquand, 116).
He kept touching the younger man, putting his head on his shoulder as if for support (Yank, 69).
As if in answer to Bogart's crack, the 88 began to belch fire (Yank, 109).
There were slits made by a knife just as if an artist had taken pride in an act of torture... (Yank, 212).
Officers...looked as if they woudn't mind rubbing shoulders with other ranks (Yank, 212).
It looked as if they had just had breakfast 'Yank, 55).
A man who looked as if he might be the town banker asked what he was supposed to do... (Pyle, 377).
...the Italians disappeared into their foxholes as if by magic (Pyle, 146).

as it is. As the case truly is; according to reality; what actually happens.

It would have been ifferent if the man had seen him first, but as it was, the face was turned sideways... (Marquand, 236).
As it was he saw that he had a mental equipmentas good as anybody's there (Marquand, 221).
As it was there was no opportunity to consider either action or consequence (Marquand, 237).
...I'm in enough trouble as it is and do not want to lose the one girl I will really ever love (Yank, 174).
As it is, half the time I don't know what is being done... (Yank, 137).
As it was, he knew that he was better than the other writers who had sat in that office... (Marquand, 426).
They were out too far as it was, thrust forward in one of those positions that... (Yank, 48).

as it turned out. What finally happened was; what occurred was.

As it turned out, T/5 Berg merely snorted... (Yank, 30).

to ask --- around. To invite another to visit one; to ask another to come as a guest.

Why don't you ever ask him around? (Marquand, 33).

to ask directions. To ask for directions; to request information regarding directions.

The Jerries stopped me three times, but only to ask directions (Yank, 27).
I find the best way to get lost is to ask directions from an MP (Yank, 97).

to ask a favor. To request that another do one a favor; to ask that another do something for one.

Bert, can I ask a favor? (Cain, 139).

to ask for. To request; to petition.

...ragged, unkempt, and asking for a meal, do you think you would have forthwith recognized him as your long-lost brother? (Gardner, 140).
They had a tough job getting some rat poison we asked for (Yank, 61).
She won't like it when she finds out you asked for a divorce and he wouldn't give it to you (Cain, 84).
...I think you can nick her for one fifty if you get tough, but you'd better ask for two hundred and come down (Cain, 40).
They'fe developed a reputation of throwing high explosive for anyone who asks for it... (Yank, 1340.
...Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek asked for a U.S. general to direct military activities in China (Yank, 131).
I can't ask her for money, Bert (Cain, 250).
The requirement that soldiers must ask for packages is not...an effort to limit the number of packages (Yank, 140).
...the soldier must ask for a package to get it (Yank, 140).
All that the Negro is asking for is to be given half a chance... (Yank, 213).
...there would be certain expenses, and he would have to ask for an advance (Cain, 203).
...and asked you for money (Cain, 170).
I ask for Jane (Yank, 188).
...our commander asked for volunteers to go into an area believed to be occupied by the Japs (Yank, 9).
We were fighting a horrible war that we didn't ask for... (Pyle, 39).
My family begged me to aske them for something, but thruthfully there was nothing I wanted (Pyle, 305).

She usually asked for references... (Gardner, 10).
Then I asked the manager if she gave apartments to every tramp who showed up without asking for references (Gardner, 10).
Tag served for three months in the British Commandos when volunteers were asked for out of his company... (Pyle, 185).

to ask for it. To do something to incite another to retaliate; to egg one on; to taunt another.

They asked for it — and we're just the guys to give to them (Yank, 84).

to ask help. To request help; to ask for help, aid, assistance.

Now, Mother, nobody was asking any help from you... (Cain, 201).

asking price. The price which a seller puts on his goods. (This implies that the seller will probably reduce the price if someone bargains with him.).

She...called an agent, and...got the latest asking price on the Beragon mansion (Cain, 220).

as --- knows it. As one understands it; as one believes it to be.

...Jeffrey could scarcely give credence because it seemed so remote from human behavior as he knew it (Marquand, 106).

to ask --- out. To invite another to accompany one; to ask another to go somewhere as one's guest.

Why don't you ask her out to lunch sometime? (Marquand, 301).
I asked her out to lunch (Marquand, 393).
Hal's asked me out for the night... (Marquand, 430).

to ask --- over. To invite another to visit one; to ask another to come as a guest.

...as he so often does...when we have a little party going on, he asked her over... (Cain, 193).

to ask permission. To ask for permission; to request permission.

He asked permission to hang some of the paintings of his ancestors... (Cain, 228).

as --- pleases. As one wishes; as one desires; as one wants.

He comes and goes as he pleases (Gardner, 24).

to ask a question. To make a query which requires an answer from another.

Do you mind if we ask him a question? (Yank, 211).
Mildred, you mind if we ask a few questions about your home finances? (Cain, 246).

to ask time. To request, petition, seek more time, additional time.

...Mildred was asking time on other bills... (Cain, 245).

to ask too much.. To ask, request, seek, more than is possible, feasible, reasonable.

To ask the women of Texas to place their daughters on the altar of sacrifice to the evil that will come...is asking too much (Yank, 210).

to ask the way. To request directions; to ask directions; to ask to be directed to a place.

Once in Servigliano a Jerry stopped me on the street and asked the way to a certain road (Yank, 27).

as long as.

1. While; during the time that; for the time that.

...as long as a man was in uniform all he had to do was walk in... (Pyle, 172).
I'd go on away and never come back again as long as I lived... (Pyle, 417).
...Madge would read aloud as long as Jeffrey did not go to sleep (Marquand, 544).
"As long as you think you think you do," Jeffrey said, and he cleared his throat (Marquand, 441).
"As long as you enjoy yourself," Jeffrey said, "as long as you have a good time" (Marquand, 539).
I told her you'd stand back of her as long as she kept her mouth shut (Gardner, 118).
He was always trying to bridge those unbridgeable gaps, and as long as he lived, or Jim lived, he would always be trying (Marquand, 582).
They did like it, however, as long as they had to be in the Army (Pyle, 377).
So then we stall the customers along, and hold them just as long as we dare (Gardner, 150).

2. Inasmuch as; since; because.

We...decided it was all right to keep going as long as there were crowds (Pyle, 457).
"All right, all right -- as long as it isn't the names of rivers, and as long as I don't have to be tongue-tied... (Marquand, 6).
"Well," Jim said, "as long as you're not sore" (Marquand, 441).

"I told you --" Jeffrey told him -- "as long as you've done it, I think it's fine" (Marquand, 441).
...but it did not matter as long as you were not sorry for yourself... (Marquand, 330).

3. For as long a time as.

I wanted to delay the discovery of the body as long as possible so we could clear out (Gardner, 171).

as luck would have it. Luckily; fortunately; unluckily; unfortunately.

As luck would have it, Gen. Wheeler...chose that day to make an inspection (Yank, 179).

as many more. Twice as many; the same number again.

Mildred now had six boxes, with more than twenty guests expected, and as many more invited to the supper she was giving... (Cain, 238).

as a matter of fact. Really; truthfully; honestly; factually.

As a matter of fact, I felt exactly about it as you do, and I certainly would never have taken this job... (Cain, 74).
I am going to ask you if you have ever seen her before -- if as a matter of fact, she wasn't seated at the table next to you... (Gardner, 201).
As a matter of fact, Leeds had never told me that he discovered the body. (Gardner, 208).
As a matter of fact," Mason said, "you were shrewd enough to realize... (Gardner, 194).
...think of war as all shooting and Commando raids, when as a matter of fact it is nine-tenths ordinary grind with... (Yank, 48).
...as a matter of fact, they did have us dislodging gum... (Yank, 236).
As a matter of fact, I have that, too, and am writing this story in a bed at the clearing station (Yank, 42).
As a matter of fact, I feel very close to the 'Lissimo (Marquand, 458).
As a matter of fact, I would have beaten Shipwreck Kelly's old record one week... (Yank, 96).
As a matter of fact there was a full canteen on the douboy's belt (Marquand, 236).
As a matter of fact, there is a tool firm in Pennsylvania... (Yank, 172).
"As a matter of fact," Mason said, "didn't you say words to this effect" (Gardner, 142).
As a matter of fact, he is as Irish as Paddy's Pig (Yank, 183).
As a matter of fact that part of France was difficult for any fighting... (Pyle, 374).
As a matter of fact he hadn't seen it for himself... (Pyle, 406).
As a matter of fact, a couple of them did have that bright idea (Cain, 80).

As a matter of fact. I have never been yours... (Yank, 174).

as a matter of form. As that which is customarily, usually, done; as that which is expected of one.

...but he had felt obliged to go out and observe as a matter of form (Yank, 49).

as much as.

1. Just the same as; as well as; no less than.

After all Jim was her son as much as his son (Marquand, 581).
...Ethel loved her electric sewing machine as much as she loved her washing machine that washed and dried everything... (Marquand, 357).
"Just remember," Madge said, "he's my son just as much as yours" (Marquand, 523).
He was taking the first boat over there because it was his fight as much as hers (Marquand, 424).
...they had turned into jovial old gentlemen who loved a good joke, just as much as you did (Marquand, 412).

2. To the extent that.

Of course, I haven't put my mind on it as much as you have, but I thought Baldwin rather discounted the Russians (Marquand, 507).
He had never liked Bill Swinburne as much as he did then (Marquand, 565).
The sound of the thunder was not alarming as much as it was insistent (Marquand, 533).

3. The equivalent of.

...was started, and was soon producing as much as a mile of lumber a day (Yank, 40).

as near as --- can make out. To the extent that one can learn; as far as one knows.

The Governor did not, as near as we could make out, visit the Cincinnati dugout (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947) 19).

as neat as a pin. Very, exceptionally, quite neat.

He had it fixed up with sponge-rubber cusions...and kept it neat as a pin. (Pyle, 309).

as of. Officially at the time of.

We can put him back on squadron-area duty as of tomorrow's morning report (Yank, 139).

as often as not. Frequently; occasionally; often.

Before a word was spoken they could indicate the whole spirit, the atmosphere and as often as not, the theme... (Marquand, 496).

as a pretext. As an excuse; as a reason which is not wholly true or valid.

...some of the GIs were using the over-38 discharge rule...as a pretext to get back to the States (Yank, 171).

as a result of. Because of; due to the fact of.

Thousands of prisoners came in as a result of this leaflet barrage... (Yank, 128)
...suffered only the amputation of four toes from his right foot as the result of thirty-three years' internment in an icy grave in the far north (Gadner, 123).
For the last few months, perhaps as a result of the woe that had weighted her down... (Cain, 221).
As a result of this neglect in the Mediterranean, the Ninth laid careful plans... Pyle, 396).

as a rule. Generally; usually; most often.

...now particularly women novelists, were, as a rule, not physically attractive (Marquand, 344).
As a rule he stayed at his desk... (Pyle, 394).

as the saying goes. According to the saying, proverb.

And of course some cows committed suicide, as the saying used to go in Tunisia (Pyle, 239).

as scarce as hen's teeth. Very, exceptionally, quite scarce; infrequent; few.

Hose is going to be as scarce as hen's teeth and that's something else I want to take up with you (Marquand, 512).

as --- sees it. As one understands it; as one comprehends it.

...that is, the novel as I see it, is more of an eventless stream of time than drama (Marquand, 345).

assembly line. An arrangement of tools, parts, equipment, and men in a line so that the manufacture of a product is speeded up by having one man do one job and pass the product on to another for the next addition to the product.

She produced beautiful pups practically like an assembly line... (Pyle, 338)

an asset to. A credit to; a source of honor; worth, value.

...our enlisted men in Cairo...would be an asset to any of the...clubs... (Yank, 212).

as sick as a dog. Very, quite, extremely sick.

Soldiers were lying on the floor, sick as gogs (Pyle, 365).

to assign to. To transfer to; to give to.

...relieved herself of every detail she could possibly assign to others (Cain, 179).

as silent as the grave. Very, quite, exceptionally silent; noiseless.

The night had become as silent as a grave (Pyle, 392).

to be assisted by. To be helped by; to be aided by; to get assistance from.

...Letty, assisted by Arline and Sigrid... (Cain, 230).

as soon as. Immediately that; right after the time that.

Almost as soon as the attack ended, Jap artillery boomed several hundred yards back in the jungle (Yank, 92).
As soon as I heard about it, I beat it to the post office the very first thing and left a change of address (Gardner, 101).
As soon as I get the damned house sold... (Cain, 147).
I expect more details as soon as my Seattle agency runs down a couple of leads (Gardner, 47).
Baker says he'll try and get him on at the Blue and White as soon as there's a vacancy (Gardner, 126).
If Baker had any crooked dice from Conway, we was wise enough to ditch them as soon as he read about the murder (Gardner, 126).
She had everybody's name as soon as she heard it... (Cain, 230).
"Call me up as soon as you get there," she said (Marquand, 355).
Minot's man...must have come to the door as soon as he heard Minot's latchkey (Marquand, 384).
"Yes," he answered," as soon as I got hold of the beginning" (Marquand, 493).
As soon as he spoke her expression changed and he was old and she was young (Marquand, 547).
As soon as he asked it, he realized that he was always asking Charley why he was not somewhere else (Marquand, 505).
...the attendant in his white coat, waiting to open the drink as soon as the train was moving (Marquand, 413).
As soon as I saw him (Gardner, 141).
As soon as one team was hit, another ran out and grabbed its gun... (Yank, 93).

as sound as a nut. Perfectly sound, solid, firm, reliable.

"...you and I know this place is as sound as a nut underneath, don't we, Mr. Wilson?" (Marquand, 514).
"How do you mean it's as sound as a nut?" Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 514).

as straight as a ramrod. Perfectly straight; thoroughly straight.

You have to sit straight as a ramrod to keep your feet from slipping out of the office during the middle of a conference (Gardner, 60).
He was an oldish man, thin, white haired, and straight as a ramrod (Gardner, 63).

as stuffed as a pig. Completely full of food and drink; satiated with food.

He was feeling stuffed as a pig... (Pyle, 425).

as such. In itself; within the limits of the thing.

Yet the possible consequences, as such, weren't that frightened her (Cain, 93).

as sure as fate. Certainly; absolutely; positively.

As sure as fate they must have, long ago. (Marquand, 527).

as sure as hell. Certainly; absolutely; positively.

You keep on this way yer gonna make corproal, sure as hell (Yank, 103).
I sure as hell don't (Pyle, 428).

as sure as you're born. Certainly; positively; absolutely.

You're going to wind up in the bastille as sure as you're born... (Yank, 102).

as thin as a rail. Very, exceptionally, quite thin; not having any fat.

Gertrude Lade, tall, thin as a rail, her figure angular, her face plain ... (Gardner, 45).

as though. (See: as if) As if; as it may have been; as it might be.

Feeling as though she were starting a well-tuned machine, she took out four of each... (Cain, 120).
...a bit too loud, a shade too clear, as though intended for the company in the living room, rather than God (Cain, 113).
Yes, he acts that way -- as though it were his fault (Marquand, 566).

He wished that she did not look as though she did not believe him (Marquand, 568).
It's just as though you've always been waiting for it (Marquand, 569).
Mr. Beragon set his brake, started to get out, and said, as though he had just thought of it... (Marquand, 92).
...who was now yawning as though the whole subject were a bit of a bore (Cain, 205).
...he and Madge were having breakfast just as though the world were on its way to peace (Marquand, 586).
He ambled out through the outer door, moving as casually as though he had all the time in the world (Gardner, 51).
And you don't have to sit over there yelling at me, as though I was deaf (Cain, 223).
It looks as though he's broke again... (Marquand, 12).
...and then they all suddenly came out as though shot from a gun (Pyle, 332).
He hurled two grenades into the Jap position as though he were stoning a snake... (Yank, 17).
It's just as though you didn't like any of us, as though -- (Marquand, 569).
Judge Knox said...and looked down as Mason as though expecting an objection (Gardner, 187).
Mrs. Book suddenly got red, and began to talk as though she didn't quite know what she was saying (Cain, 35).
...the door, as though of its own accord, swung slowly open... (Cain, 230).
Kettering crossed the remark across to Perry Mason as though daring him to try to rattle this witness (Gardner, 148).
"Looks as though you'd bitten off a little more than you can chew, Perry," ... (Gardner, 173).
They spoke quickly, as though they were saying things that scalded their mouths... (Cain, 5).
For a moment the squint appeared in her eyes, as though she knew this was no ordinary night in her life... (Cain, 17).
Mason said, as though the point were of no great importance... (Gardner, 196).
"Ida...looked as though she was going to cry..." (Cain, 127).
She rather pointedly didn't refer to Wally until she was leaving, and then, as though she had just thought of it, asked how he was (Cain, 31).
Then, as though walking to the electric chair, she turned around, headed for the kitchen (Cain, 45).
...he crossed to the door, and opened it as though Mildred were the queen of Naples (Cain, 215).
Mildred felt prickly all over, as though the blood were leaving her body. (Cain,145).
To all of this, Mr. Chris made no reply whatever, merely hunching over his desk, and acting as though he was deaf (Cain, 67).
It is as though Alden Leeds, having murdered Bill Hogarty in the Klondike in 1906... (Gardner, 123).
Whereupon, as though to illustrate the maxim of, if at first, you don't succeed, try, try, again... (Gardner, 123).
It sounds as though we've struck pay dirt, Paul (Gardner, 125).

A guy hands a paper to you as though it was nothing (Pyle, 334).
Of a morning it would look as though we were about to break through... (Pyle, 455).
...that wasn't as dispassionate and matter-of-fact as though he had been sitting comfortably... (Pyle, 455).
He seemed to hold his breath for a moment as though thinking rapidly... (Gardner, 6).
...it was across the door, in a curious way, as though to bar her from the room (Cain, 253).
He knew he couldn't draw twenty thousand in cash without making it look as though he were running away (Gardner, 117).
He had been born to a...jaunty aloofness from money, as though it were beneath a gentleman's notice (Cain, 144).
...you even invited that Levinson to be there, as though he meant anything to me (Cain, 259).
It looked as though she'd dropped in, fixed things up with Milicant, andwas back.. (Gardner, 63-64).
He...moved the ruler slowly over the North Sea into Belgium, as though he himself were exerting a tremendous effort... (Yank, 14).
...we deel as though you have failed us... (Yank, 210).
Veda was...looking at them both as though to make sure they got things straight (Cain, 232).
"It looks as though you've been holding out on me," Mason said (Gardner, 152).
...Monty...stared as though he could hardly believe his eyes (Cain, 163).
Within a week, the Beragon mansion looked as though it had been hit by bombs (Cain, 227).
The broken palings of the front fence and the yard and the large elm all looked as though they belonged to someone else (Marquand, 192).
Bill Strike would be wearing afaint anticipatory smile as though he had a secret to tell them... (Marquand, 219).
It was as though he were trying to read through someone else's glasses (Marquand, 222).
The store looked as though it had always been there... (Marquand, 112).
She was speaking as though nothing at all had happedn (Marquand, 168).
Don't act as though you haven't been to houses (Marquand, 122).
It was exactly as though she owned Jim and yet as though they both owned him, and as though they both knew a great deal more about Jim... H (Marquand, 547).
He looked as though I had said something dirty about his mother (Mank, 221).
She was smiling at him as though she were a pretty girl he was going to take somewhere -- as though he and she were going somewhere alone (Marquand, 547).
...Ethel looked at him as though he were not her brother but more as though he were one of her girl friends' boy friends (Marquand, 158).

as tight as a drum. Very, quite, exceptionally tight. (also figuratively)

"...the whole town was going guarded as tight as a drum" (Yank, 199).

as time goes on. During the passage of time; as time passes.

Jeffrey had always heard that one became set in one's opinions as time went on, but he could never... (Marquand, 97).
But as time went on other types of merchandise came out of hiding and went on sale (Pyle, 119).

as to. In regard to; about.

...and the odor left you in no doubt as to the latter function. (Yank, 59).

as usual.

1. As is the custom, habit; as is usual.

As usual you could distinguish between a German machine gun and ours... (Pyle, 199).
...as usual, it is strictly GI. (Yank, 35).
...I decided to get a new car and as usual I wanted a convertible (Pyle, 164.).
As usual, whenever we heard a radio, one of our diversions was listening to "Axis Sally" (Pyle, 243).
As usual, those Americans most deserving of seeing Paris will be the last ones to see it, if they ever do (Pyle, 463).
The night before we sailed the crew listened as usual to the German propaganda radio program... (Pyle, 10).
I had got out of bed at 3 A.M. as usual to stumble sleepily up to the radio shack to go over the news reports... (Pyle, 7).
As we went by, he was, as usual, out of patience (Yank 10).
...Veda...reported as usual at the broadcasting studio... (Cain, 256).
...and the answers were, as usual, laconic (Yank, 87).
I began smoking twice as much as usual... (Pyle, 304).

2. Normal; nothing unusual; nothing out of the ordinary.

Everything was about as usual (Marquand, 308).

as well. In addition; also; too.

...missing a good part of the action and the English dialogue as well (Yank, 73).
But when it was transformed into an A-36 by the addition of diving brakes it became a grand dive bomber as well (Pyle, 159).
...year-round residents as well (Cain, 176).

as well as.

1. In addition to.

...the furniture matched it, in size as well as elegance (Cain, 184).

Mason said, "Well, we'd better get this whiskey away before Drake comes in, or he'll mooch our booze as well as our cigarettes (Gardner, 46).
...as well as a vivid recollection of the $40 he had contributed to the expense (Cain, 160).
...the eyes themselves, as well as the set of the resolute mouth... (Cain, 190).
...a slight stoop, as well as streaky white hair, hinted at the illness... (Cain, 134).

2. To the same extent, degree, as.

"You know just as well as I do that most people don't like ideas (Marquand, 31).
He knew her about as well as anyone, and yet there was no way of knowing what was attitude and what was not... (Marquand, 435).
...the Mei-Kau fi Chi knew as well as they that he could not live for long (Yank, 13).
If he were in uniform he could show up as well as a lot of them and perhaps better (Marquand, 570).

as well --- might be. As one should; as one is expected to be.

He and the other doctors were pround of pulling Dick through -- as well they might be (Pyle, 121).

as a whole. Generally; mostly; for the most part.

...Rangers as a whole spearheaded drive after drive across Africa... (Yank, 122).

as wise as an owl. Very, quite, exceptionally wise. (Jocular and ironic usage.)

"Hell," he said, "that bozo is as wise as a treeful of owls" (Gardner, 46).

as yet. To the present time; up to now; to this moment.

I can't give you a lot of reasons backing up my conclusions as yet, but the letter dated... (Gardner, 92).
I tried to cover taxicabs, but can't find anything as yet. (Gardner, 125).

not as young as --- used to be. No longer in one's youth; mature, (ironic usage).

For one thing, novelists, particularly women novelists, were not as young as they used to be... (Marquand, 344).
...they never seemed to know that they were not as young as they used to be (Marquand, 344).

at about. At approximately; in the neighborhood of.

You were there at just about the time the murder must have been committed (Gardner, 108).
Ah about four thousand feet the pilot released his bombs (Pyle, 160).
The P-38's would go over at about 8000... (Yank, 188).

at all.

1. Whatever.

This was later corrected until there was almost no kick at all about cigarettes (Pyle, 126).
And nothing happened at all (Pyle, 92).
If you feel that way about it there's no use fighting at all (Pyle, 110)
...there wasn't any such man at all (Pyle, 357).
They had found nobody at all (Pyle, 27).
Out of some came no chutes at all (Pyle, 436).
For a long time they didn't have any names at all... (Pyle, 159).
Ironically enough, he had not collected any guns at all in Normandy... (Pyle, 423).
It made the waste on the beachhead seem like nothing at all....really nothing at all (Pyle, 376).
I have no idea at all why he went to sleep (Pyle, 368).
...we heard no explosion at all (Pyle, 233).
"I can write you a motet...anything at all..." (Cain, 187).
If it isn't good...there won't be any reason for you or me, or any of this at all (Marquand, 472).
You talk and talk and you don't get anywhere at all... (Marquand, 436).
There was no way at all of telling what went on behind that pale facade (Marquand, 98).
Anything that Mr. Wilson wanted, just come to see him, that was what he was there for, just anything at all. (Marquand, 429).
You never tell me anything at all (Marquand, 15).
He could be in uniform again, but he could not get anywhere at all (Marquand, 574).
...besides, the idea of influencing a book critic -- that is, a book critic who had any following at all -- was perfectly absurd... (Marquand, 338).
...it almost seemed as though she felt nothing at all (Cain, 208).
...she actually had been told nothing at all... (Cain, 141).
Mildred had intended to pay no attention to the affair at all... (Cain, 212).
...there was nothing to talk about at all... (Marquand, 30).
"No trouble at all," Mr. Gorman said (Marquand, 418).
Don't you know anybody at all?" (Marquand, 342).
"No," Jeffrey told her, "no harm at all" (Marquand, 549).
There was no time at all now, since you were face to face with something that was very close to zero (Marquand, 220).
...if she got any business at all (Cain, 176).
She was speaking as though nothing at all had happened (Marquand, 168).
"I don't want it as a gift, nothing like that at all" (Cain, 140).

"Tell me, do you know anything at all about a Bill Hogarty?" (Gardner, 82).
...a man of practically no talent at all... (Yank, 136).
...if she had been put in Mrs. Biederhof's care, I wouldn't have had any objection at all (Cain, 111).
...she hadn't much confidence in Bert, and none at all in Monty (Cain, 150).
They got no troubles at all (Yank, 102).
"We haven't talked about anything at all," Louella said (Marquand, 187).
He waved his arm anywhere at all (Marquand, 229).
A person would have had to make a long tour clear around the big pasture... in order to realize that anything was going on at all (Pyle, 420).
"Don't be silly, it's no trouble at all (Cain, 27).
It's on account of the children, and I don't want anybody at all to know it... (Cain, 52).
And if he pays anything at all, I'd meet the price and make him some... (Cain, 64).
"...how good you have to be before you're any good at all" (Cain, 137).
...there would be no one in this sector at all (Yank, 241).
...there was no wood in its construction at all (Yank, 239).
He has no kicks at all (Yank, 232).
"Anything at all" (Yank, 229).

2. To any extent, degree.

In those instances, it was impossible to bypass at all, so traffic had to be held up until an emergency bridge could be thrown across the gap (Pyle, 59).
He didn't seem to mind being shot at all (Pyle, 139).
That wasn't true at all (Pyle, 400).
Nothing at all was heard from him (Pyle, 166).
...he didn't look like a warrior at all (Pyle, 260).
It...had straw on the floor, but no furniture at all (Pyle, 265).
He drank almost not at all (Pyle, 307.
The general didn't smoke at all (Pyle, 307).
Zippos are not available at all to civilians (Pyle, 303).
He hadn't done any war paintings at all since the invasion (Pyle, 448).
...I didn't see anything of the enemy at all (Pyle, 4040.
There was no blackout at all (Pyle, 291).
...yet often those close bursts didn't damage the plane at all (Pyle, 163).
It's not at all elegant work... (Cain, 147).
The rest of the Army wasn't needed at all (Pyle, 363).
Our best friends had not been heard from at all... (Pyle, 364).
"I don't know why I'm alinve at all" he said (Pyle, 364).
...the Germans didn't use their planes at all... (Pyle, 383).
...they might as well not be there at all (Pyle, 363).
Men worked sixteen hours a day...men who didn't have to be there at all (Pyle, 418).
I'll bet they haven't been in the line at all (Pyle, 270).
The few who escaped had never expected to survive at all (Pyle, 259).

We couldn't gauge distance at all (Pyle, 233).
So he walked around the front...never...appearing to be concerned at all (Pyle, 395).
Jeffrey's mind was not where he wanted it, at all (Marquand, 11).
He could see that Hal was trying to fit it into a formula, and it was not what he emant at all (Marquand, 430).
"And your own good, your own advantage, didn't enter into the matter at all?" Mason asked suavely (Gardner, 134).
Later he sometimes suspected that the picture he had always kept of her in his mind was not accurate at all (Marquand, 258).
I didn't high-hat him at all, did I? (Marquand, 35).
...Madge said she liked the little one named Norman Phelps and Jeffrey could not remember Norman Phelps at all (Marquand, 102).
You're not pregnant, at all (Cain, 205).
It hasn't been on my mind at all... (Marquand, 14).
...if you knew anything about social conventions at all... (Cain, 147).
At first the leaflets didn't work at all in the Tunisian campaign... (Yank, 128).
...that the divisions had never been lost at all (Yank, 127).
...he made a beautiful build up by...never acting at all suspicious, and by going right on about his business (Gardner, 46).
It was not the way he had intended to talk to her at all (Marquand, 332).
"It wasn't the same thing at all," she answered... (Marquand, 312).
It did not bother him at all, (Marquand, 468).
...but then, perhaps the old gentleman was too old to think at all (Marquand, 93).
If he had not met Minot Roberts years before in France he would not have been where he was at all... (Marquand, 69).
...Gwen isn't the type that attracts men at all (Marquand, 68).
For a long time we didn't move at all (Pyle, 403).
...Sinclair wanted you to know that he was not that sort of fellow at all (Marquand, 335).
Her voice was not bad at all (Marquand, 551).
It isn't the same thing at all (Marquand, 522).
War Bond booths close early (or do not open at all)... (Yank, 217).
...the colonel was...not at all sweet (Yank, 224).
...I doubted whether it would fire at all (Yank, 12).
...which did not displease the artillery liaison officer at all (Yank, 49).
It wasn't a bad suit at all...it cost me fifty-eight dollars (Marquand, 263).
If there was anything at all romantic about the operation of Model M2A1, it was in the work of the three-man observation crew... (Yank, 33).
And then she added something...about his not having changed at all (Marquand, 171).
...he would never have been where he was at all, if he had not run away from Louella Barnes (Marquand, 174).
There was no permanence and no very tangible evidence that it was a tonw at all (Marquand, 92).
How they survived the dreadful winter at all was beyond us... (Pyle, 142).
"Now, sweet," Walter began, "it isn't that way at all" (Marquand, 122).

I'd have to have two fifty before I can start at all (Cain, 203).
It was in the nature of offering an excuse for being there at all... (Marquand, 241).
...I was able to tell Private Mainwaring that our respective home towns were still there and thriving and hardly missing him or me at all (Pyle, 95).
I hardly slept at all (Pyle, 354).

3. (Used as an intensive.)

I...had not planned to go ashore at all for several days (Pyle, 26).
We weren't...permitted to cable our offices where we were going or even that we were going at all (Pyle, 1).
These roadside merchants preferred not to sell to the Italians at all... (Pyle, 135).
...if never a shot had been fired at all our northern march would still have been slow (Pyle, 142).
Some would never go at all (Pyle, 352).
He didn't have to be over there at all (Pyle, 221).
Sometimes they wouldn't come out at all (Pyle, 441).
...he didn't have to be over there at all (Pyle, 411).
"I'm not worried at all," he said (Marquand, 451).
"I don't want to talk at all," she said (Marquand, 451).
Jeffery wondered why Alf had asked him there at all, but not for long (Marquand, 285).
"I wouldn't mind some iced tea at all," he said (Marquand, 182).
I often wondered why I was there at all... (Pyle, 294).
...I don't remember my walls coming down at all... (Pyle, 249).
"Well," Hal said, "it's better than having none at all" (Marquand, 431).
No, not at all (Cain, 161).
...not at all, not at all... (Cain, 156).
...Mother, not at all... (Cain, 156).
Not at all (Cain, 145).
None at all, Mason said (Gardner, 127).
No mistake, no mistake at all (Cain, 216).
Maybe none at all (Marquand, 404).

4. Wherever.

...it might have been anywhere at all because the present was away, somewhere, just behind him (Marquand, 492).

at all times. All the time; always.

...all U.S. troops working on the new road keep their guns within reach at all times (Yank, 178).

at anchor. Anchored; fastened by an anchor.

She was lying at anchor out in the harbor... (Pyle, 1).

at an angle. Not squarely; at an angle of other than 90° or 180° degrees.

...to kill the Jap occupent with a rifle was to get behind the hole and shoot in at an angle (Yank, 54).

at any moment. Momentarily; at an undisclosed time in the very near future.

...I expected him to take a bow at any moment (Pyle, 377).
...and since I was at the age where hardening of the arteries might whisk me off, at any moment... (Pyle, 136).
But all the same, we kept a sharp alert, for at any moment we could be attacked by a submarine, surface ship or airplane (Pyle, 16).

at any one time. At a particular time.

The Manual of Courts Martial...protects a man from having more than two-thirds of his pay taken away at any one time (Yank, 174).

at any rate. In any case; in any event; however; moreover.

At any rate, you took it (Cain, 206).
At any rate, that dated picture of Louella and himself on the sofa would tangle itself irrationally... (Marquand, 207).
...not like the ones they show in the movies, at any rate the Second Battle of Bougainville was not (Yank, 51).
"At any rate, we'll get to the office," she said (Gardner, 41).
At any rate it was better (Marquand, 524).
At any rate, from two in the afternoon until darkness around ten, we few Americans in Paris...were kissed... (Pyle, 457).
At any rate it was not a bad place (Marquand, 550).
At any rate I was so startled...that I fumbled a second... (Pyle, 239).
At any rate, Walter used to sit at the telegraph desk... (Marquand, 16).
They would be moving up the Merritt Parkway to adjust themselves to something else, and at any rate he had never liked the word (Marquand, 99).
He wished that he were there, or at any rate in someplace where the news was coming in, but he was not (Marquand, 78-9).
...friends of Monty's...who...didn't seem offended when she had to excuse herself, in the afternoon at any rate, to go to work (Cain, 229).
...his family lived there too, or at any rate his mother and sister, who seemed to be all the family he had (Cain, 94).
For a while after that, Mildred didn't think of Wally, at any rate to know she was thinking of him (Cain, 25).
At any rate, I was grateful... (Pyle, 414).
At any rate, the beachhead was so dug up... (Pyle, 251).
At any rate, he was there all day and he couldn't do enough for us (Pyle, 119).
...Shorty spends the greater part of his time dreaming of women -- or at any rate, women dogs (Yank, 136).

At any rate, he enlisted... (Cain, 131).
At any rate he hoped she did not want to be looked at, because it would have been better... (Marquand, 344).
At any rate, good or bad, it was not her taste, and she did not want that of someone else imposed upon her (Marquand, 100).
At any rate, she now sent him a telegram... (Cain, 220).
...he was certainly very sweet, or seemed so at any rate... (Cain, 197).
...she herself knew all about them, at any rate all that was necessary to know (Cain, 175).
At any rate, Albert did not use the expression "Formal or informal, sir?" (Marquand, 63).
At any rate, the sixth one thrived and became cute and gay (Pyle, 412).
At any rate, at the end of some unbelievably long time one of them suddenly blinked out. (Pyle, 22).

at any time. Without regard to a fixed time; at all times.

Correspondents who come with the Ninth could get a meal, a place to write, or a courier to the rear -- and at any time they asked (Pyle, 397).
...there was never at any time in your presence any conversation whatever as to the material advantages... (Gardner, 136).
...a stray enemy group may at any time swoop down on the American engineers... (Yank, 177).
Jeffrey felt that it could all be folded up and tucked away at any time... (Marquand, 431).
If at any time the fighting ahead of them got rolling faster than this rate, the ordnance companies began leapfrogging each other... (Pyle, 420).

at arm's length. Away from one by the length of one's arm.

The landlady...held it out at arm's length... (Pyle, 463).
Toward the end the boys were clowning, holding the guns out at arm's length and shutting their eyes like girls... (Pyle, 188).

at around. At approximately; near to.

...and took occasion to tell them that you were going to call Hogarty at around ten-thirty (Gardner, 200).
...you nevertheless told these men that you were going to place the call at somewhere around ten-thirty? (Gardner, 196).

at close range. Closely; at a short distance; near by.

They had gone out to observe the effects of their fire at close range and had strayed... (Yank, 49).
Knee mortars started clicking out grenades at close range (Yank, 93).

at college. Enrolled in a university or college as a student (see: at school).

It's a pretty big class at college (Marquand, 183).

at the curb. Beside the curb. (This implies no motion).

...Veda's car pulled up at the curb (Cain, 182).

at dawn. When dawn arrives; at daybreak; at the first light of day.

They were moving out...at dawn (Pyle, 354).
At dawn our destroyers moved closer... (Yank, 250).
At dawn our planes always came over... (Pyle, 371).

at a distance. Quite far away; not near.

She preferred to remain at a distance to enjoy this child as she seemed, rather than as she was (Cain, 241).
She covered it up herself and then sat down at a safe distance to watch (Yank, 71).

at the door. In front of the door; within the door frame.

When she turned to dash out, Veda was at the door (Cain, 205).

at dusk. At nightfall; when the daylight is about gone.

The action -- the Battle of Savo Island -- began at dusk... (Yank, 43).

at ease. Comfortable; no nervous, irritable.

...he realized that they were more at ease than he was (Marquand, 296).
He felt they were not at ease with him and that they did not like him (Marquand, 226).
The war had been over long ago, but he was not at ease (Marquand, 226).

at first. Firstly; in the beginning; at the start.

At first I thought it meant they were all communists... (Yank, 27).
He said: "Well, at first I was too scared..." (Pyle, 448).
At first, as he stood by the radio, he did not believe what was being said... (Marquand, 563).
At first they thought I had dysentery, but the little laboratory showed no dysentery (Pyle, 5).
We were so stunned at first we didn't know what to do (Yank, 185).
Mr. Tschopik tells us that at first the seven hundred and fifty inhabitants of the town treated him and his wife with consideration... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).
To this not unflattering harangue Mr. Chris at first returned a blank stare (Cain, 67).
At first she didn't quite know what to do about them... (Cain, 63).
At first we just looked up interested-like (Yank, 168).

At first, she had resented Mom's taking charge in this high-handed way... (Cain, 109).
At first the leaflets didn't work at all in the Tunisian campaign... (Yank, 128).
At first I thought they were gnats... (Pyle, 413).
They did at first, but they learned better (Pyle, 441).
...no matter how self-conscious and silly they might have been at first, always ended up by... (Marquand, 339).
"...I could see that they were wondering at first just what the hell I was doing..." (Yank, 200).
He...thought at first that he was somewhere in Arizona (Yank, 201).
Then he tried another that did not work at first, either (Yank, 201).
Ida...said at first she wouldn't even listen to such a thing... (Cain, 248).
...I thought at first they did not see the Japs... (Yank, 203).
They fear him at first, get to like him when they know him and end by... (Yank, 111).
Charley was looking at the map case; at first Jeffrey thought that Charley would want to play with it, but he did not (Marquand, 223).
At first this made him surprised and indignant -- until he realized that she could not notice as much as he did (Marquand, 227).
His eyes were grayish like the coat and at first the whole suit had felt loose, too light, and too easy (Marquand, 254).
At first her silence gave Jeffrey acute uneasiness, until he saw that it had a distrait quality (Marquand, 519).
At first, she had been self-conscious about them... (Cain, 228).
"Did you tell the district attorney at first that the time was ten o'clock?" Mason asked (Gardner, 196).
At first Jeffrey told himself that he had always respected the privacy of other people... (Marquand, 315).
All of them were sort of diffident at first... (Pyle, 333).
At first they were the merest dots in the sky (Pyle, 434).
We couldn't find it at first (Pyle 444).
She was smaller than Jeffrey had thought at first, and she stood very straight (Marquand, 262).
At first he thought she did not mean it (Marquand, 264).
It was true that the book told him that he might be disappointed at first ... (Marquand, 191).
At first I had a little trouble... (Yank, 227).
At first you both waited uneasily for someone to bark you out into some detail or formation... (Yank, 64).
...then the spell was broken and the room was just the way it had been at first (Marquand, 463).
He did not know at first what she meant by the "World of Tomorrow" (Marquand, 321).
At first we thought they must be having a practice jump... (Pyle, 174).
At first I couldn't seem to make up my mind... (Pyle, 295).
At first he thought he was crazy... (Pyle, 348).
At first he thought that Louella herself could not have heard the poem... (Marquand, 168).

at first glance. Upon the first casual inspection; on a not very thorough, brief examination.

At the first glance it didn't look as though much had been accomplished... (Pyle, 69).

at first light. At dawn; when daylight begins.

The patrol had hunted around most of the night and at first light had attacked again (Yank, 59).

at the foot of. At the bottom of; at the lowest point of.

...seven verified plus "a lot banged up" with his light machine gun at the foot of Hill 260 (Yank, 54).
I was at the foot of a mule trail the night they brought Captain Weskow down (Pyle, 154).
They were bivouacked in an olive grove alongside a highway at the foot of the mountain (Pyle, 145).
At the foot of the hill they ran into a paratrooper (Yank, 135).

at the front. Where the actual fighting is; the place of combat between armies.

If you had any brains, they said, you were not wanted at the front, but then perhaps the Army was right (Marquand, 531).

at full speed. At top speed; with all possible speed; very rapidly. (Cf. at top speed.)

We would run at full speed and make terrifically sharp turns and churn up an alramingly bright wake in the phosphorescent water (Pyle, 34).

at hand. Available; near by; within reach.

...the men decorated the trees as best they could with the few materials at hand... (Yank, 202).
...men were too busy to think of anything but the business at hand (Yank, 6).
Now he had Molotoff cocktails, made from the materials at hand (Yank, 19).
...Seeger voluntarily slept at the motor pool in a tent in order to be near at hand in case of emergencies (Pyle, 166).

at the hands of. By; by means of; through the agency of.

Time and again as I lay in my tent I heard wounded soldiers discussing among themselves the wonderful treatment they had had at the hands of the medics (Pyle, 57).

at the head of. Leading; at the foremost position of; in the front of.

We walked until we were at the head of the column (Pyle, 399).
Standing at the head of the line, he had been forgotten when the word was passed (Yank, 46).

at heavy cost. With great loss of men or materials.

...the passage to Venafro was won at heavy cost by direct assault. (Yank, 167).

at home.

1. Within or at one's house.

It reminded him of the years when he had to work at home because he could not afford to work anywhere else (Marquand, 328).
...he had looked forward for a long time to those ten days when Jim would be at home (Marquand, 542).
Madge could never understand why he did not want to to work at home (Marquand, 327).
He turned to Phyllis Leeds and said, "I think you'll find that your uncle is now at home" (Gardner, 39).
...Simply for my own satisfaction, I'd be glad to know if you find your uncle at home (Gardner, 39).
He could see the dining room at home again... (Marquand, 362).
It reminded him of a Sunday, long ago, at home... (Marquand, 144).
Everything is fine at home (Marquand, 270).
It was a warm day in late August,..whereas at home at Bragg there was already a hint of autumn (Marquand, 260).
...so Veda can practice at home... (Cain, 140).
"Phillis Leeds will probably telephone us that her uncle is at home (Gardner, 40).
Ringing a bell at home had always seemed to him like ringing for the curtain... (Marquand, 305).
He wanted to be convinced that he was back at home (Marquand, 306).

2. Within one's own country.

At home it wouldn't be considered adequate (Pyle, 158).
As far as I could gather, the German soldiers in Italy were pretty well aware of their disasters in Russia and on their bombing front at home ... (Pyle, 123).
Italian trains were running again, and they had some electric trains out of Naples that were as modern as ours at home (Pyle, 135).
...we have had magnificent top leadership, at home and in our Allies and with ourselves overseas (Pyle, 465).
The streets were lined as they are by Fourth of July parade crowds at home... (Pyle, 456).

Our next few months at home will be torn between the new spiritual freedom of half peace and the old grinding blur of half war (Pyle, 465).
Bud played football at home... (Yank, 244).
...friends at home had sent him some brown liquid... (Pyle, 128)).
We would like them...if they did their part...at home... (Yank, 214).
Not much like Christmas at home... (Yank, 184).

3. In one's milieu; within one's own province of knowledge of skill.

He was as much at home discussing philosophy...as he was describing the best way to take cover from a machine gun (Pyle, 139).
He...was at home in conversation about art and literature (Pyle, 294).
Thus it gave a mistaken idea of the luxury of Walter's surroundings, for only a few cynics realized that Walter was not comfortably at home (Marquand, 22).
It seemed to Jeffrey that he was the only one who was not completely at home, completely a part of it (Marquand, 250).
Jeffrey realized suddenly that he was not at home with Minot or with any of those people (Marquand, 249).
...Beckie always wanted her children to be perfectly at home with her friends (Marquand, 118).

at home and abroad. Within one's country and out of it.

When one has been in the army for two years, at home and abroad... (Yank, 164).

at intervals. Occasionally; sporadically; now and then; off and on.

In the V of a tree was a Jap with a BAR which he let fly at intervals... (Yank, 6).

to be at it. To be doing something already mentioned.

...and the poor colored boys who waited tables were at it nearly every waking hour (Pyle, 11).

at last. Finally; in the end.

At last...the home field came into sight. (Yank, 119).
...at last I began to have some feeling of relief... (Pyle, 240).
...that big tears rolled down his face when Rosie's Riveters showed at last over the tower (Yank, 85).
This was the kind of talk she wanted, at last (Cain, 219).
She had got in through her head at last... (Cain, 188).
It had come at last, the old Colonel told them... (Marquand, 151).
...the truth at last was out... (Cain, 246).
At last she knew they were getting somewhere (Cain, 203).
There came torrential...sobs, as at last she gave way to this thing she had been fighting off... (Cain, 115).

At last came the landing (Yank, 86).
At last she was open, at last she had her own business (Cain, 120).
That was when the Foreign Correspondent at last came into his own (Marquand, 25).
At last it began to dawn on him that something was wrong (Pyle, 169).
At last we came to our own hedgerow gate (Pyle, 430).
At last the sound died down... (Pyle, 437).
At last the day drew near... (Yank, 202).
A think I had always feared in war zines happened at last -- my typewriter broke down (Pyle, 136).
We bow our heads in memory
And know at last that you are free from earthly care (Yank, 156).
...her mind darted at last to the only way she could get the money... (Cain, 151).
At last Christmas Day dawned (Yank, 203).
At last our own airstrip on Amchitka was completed... (Yank, 203).
...Mrs. Lenhardt saw at last that this might not be pretense (Cain, 193).
At last, nearly at midnight, the phone rang... (Pyle, 199).
But at last they became plentiful (Pyle, 243).
They were relieved of paper work at last... (Pyle, 355).
At last American strength pushed the Germans back... (Pyle, 454).
I think he's turned around at last (Yank, 138).
The military experts were saying that at last something was clearly wrong with Hitler's timetable... (Marquand, 326).
At last they decided to put it up in a raffle, and use the proceeds... (Pyle, 112).
At last we passed through a village and stopped on the far edge to rest.. (Pyle, 203).

at the last minute. At the latest possible time; at the eleventh hour.

...at the last minute Mildred had dashed downtown... (Cain, 154).

at least.

1. At the minimum (of).

But at least a third of the less severely wounded men asked if they couldn't return to duty immediately (Pyle, 48).
There is at least one soldier hitting the beach.... (Pyle, 367).
At least half the people they met thought Charlie was the one who captured the German (Pyle, 120).
By the fifth week 3,500 soldiers were seeing movies at least once a week... (Yank, 39).
...the doctor had insisted upon absolute rest and quiet for at least two days (Gardner, 13).
It'll save you at least one girl. At least (Cain, 122).
A range, icebox, steam table, and sink were going to cost at least half.. (Cain, 76).
Oh yes, at least a dozen people came to Bert, and warned him what you were doing... (Cain, 30).

His verdict was "at least two inches, maybe three" (Cain, 53).
The walls of the house were at least a foot and a half thick... (Yank, 59).
...there is probably no camp...which does not have at least one dog... (Yank, 136).
There was at least one thing you could do, Madge always said... (Marquand, 101).
Mac gets a letter from Lorraine at least once, sometimes twice a week... (Pyle, 22).
Beckie was not sure...that she agreed...with Dr. Canby's taste, but at least as far as she could gather it from his writings... (Marquand,100).
That suffering has made the people of Yugoslavia, at least, bitterly definite... (Yank, 72).
...one machine-gun company and one rifle company at least (Yank, 17).
As a sign that the long-awaited buyers' market may at least be in sight.. (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
...they thought they had been running the channel at least half the night (Yank, 43).
It seemed that one of the main characters of this Higgins family, or at least the one who lived most vividly with the memories.. (Marquand, 107).
...got the information out of the hairdresser -- at least that much information (Gardner, 155).
At least one of them is vacant (Gardner, 77).
But the Japs kept coming -- at least a company of them (Yank, 92).
...she'll learn something, and at the very least get some of the conceit knocked out of her (Cain, 137).
This time there was at least a battalion of Japs attacking the Dead End Kids (Yank, 93).
She had to have at least $20,000... (Cain, 242).
...each kill to be witnessed by at least one other club member (Yank, 55).
Give the boy at least a week end (Yank, 89).
Another hour at least (Yank, 230).
If it was out of date, at least it stood for the more recent days of 1929 ... (Marquand, 397).
"Jim," she said, "at least you might see that Daddy has his pipe when he comes home tired" (Marquand, 66).
...I think Maggie Biederhof might know, at least how to reach him (Cain, 20).
...I find pictures a bore. At least Nelson Eddy pictures (Cain, 196).
These are stenographers -- a dime a dozen, but at least they can do something (Cain, 38).
...as there was at least a whiff of juniper in all the glasses, they usually decided to agree (Cain, 55).

2. At any rate; in any case.

Well, cheer up, at least you'll be able to spend Christmas with us (Pyle, 124).
One officer had a bottle of champagne he had been saving for some occasion and since this seemed to be at least a good imitation of an occasion he got it out and we passed it around (Pyle, 82).

At least...we did not have to be forced... (Yank, 215).
Monty, not much more of an authority...than Bert was, but at least a little more of an authority... (Cain, 240).
All that, said Monty, in his understanding at least, was reserved for the end (Cain, 240).
...I find pictures a bore. At least Nelson Eddy pictures (Cain, 196).
Well -- at least let me take off my hat (Cain, 196).
Oh, at least, to the B-- (Cain, 128).
At least, that's the way I see it; so I'm sure I don't know whether The Book can make a play or not (Marquand, 345).
At least, I hope you are (Marquand, 479).
The third act's beginning to fit now -- at least I think it is (Marquand, 471).
At least I think so (Marquand, 479).
At least I think so (Marquand, 471).
At least I think he might have told one of us and not just sent a telegram (Marquand, 521).
...at least a man could call his soul his own (Yank, 122).
At least paste it in your mind (Pyle, 432).
At least Jeffrey hopes that was what they thought, for she was as young as that (Marquand, 319).
...painful, but bearable, for at least it was she that was being screamed at (Cain, 189).
Mildred...had told the whole story, or at least the whole story beginning with Veda's return home (Cain, 249).
At Mrs. Gessler's look, Mildred pulled herself together, at least tried to make intelligible her violent outburst (Cain, 51).
...it had caught her ear these last few weeks, and at least it had an authoritative sound to it (Cain, 36).
...would give you plenty of time with your own children , and home -- and at least it's a job (Cain, 35).
...she felt if she didn't have a job, at least she had a friend (Cain, 33).
At least, nobody friendly (Yank, 177).
All right, but at least let's wait a few minutes, in case this rain'll let up a little (Cain, 26).
Unquestionably she was becoming a little important, in her own eyes at least, a little conceited, a little smug (Cain, 69).
Bert at least had plans, grandiose dreams that he thought would come true (Cain, 95).
It was all pathetic like every fallacy, but at least it was not new (Marquand, 266).
...and that seemed sufficient reason, at least to him, without doing any fancy sleuthing about it (Cain, 125).
Gwen is a lady, at least she ought to be (Marquand, 534).
...at least Veda wouldn't know what she had done (Cain, 219).
At least that's the way it was with one battalion of Infantry... (Yank, 48).
.. at least there wasn't any harm in trying (Pyle, 254).
...this echo from Germany had the effect, upon me at least, of a war of nerves (Pyle, 294).
At least this was what his old friends on the paper told Jeffrey (Marquand, 17).

At least the bullets couldn't reach me (Yank, 21).
At least it was a form of engraving (Pyle, 216).
There isn't anything else I can tell you yet, at least I don't think so, but perhaps there will be at Christmas (Marquand, 555).
At least that's how ours was taken (Pyle, 407).
Gee, maybe a little combat patrol would be better than this -- at least you're moving (Yank, 20).
There's nothing open right now, but...if anything comes up at least I'll know where to get hold of you (Cain, 33).
...Bert lived with his dreams and at least they kept him mellow (Cain, 144).
...in theory at least they owe you $468 (Yank, 171).

at length.

1. Lengthily; for a long time; fully.

These attentions Bert received gravely, and discussed the pie at length, saying he thought it would be a knockout (Cain, 84).
Veda went on at some length... (Cain, 157).
He replied seriously, and at some length, for he regarded such inquiries as signs of high mentality on Veda's part (Cain, 56).
He testified at length concerning the finding of the body, introduced photographs... (Gardner, 129).

2. Finally; at last.

At length, he said, "I'll see Miss Leeds anyway" (Gardner, 2).
At length, he said, "Mason, your mind is certainly not geared to a conventional groove" (Gardner, 207).
At length, the hour came for the afternoon adjournment (Gardner, 152).
Freeman Leeds became silent for several uneasy seconds. "No," he said at length (Gardner, 139).

at loose ends. Untidy; not well cared for; in a mess.

"Jeff's so careless," Madge said, "he always leaves things at loose ends" (Marquand, 406).

at a loss to (infinitive). Unable to do something because one does not fully understand.

Our admiral decided there was some possibility they couldn't see us through the slight haze although he was at a loss to explain why all five lights stopped on the ship if they couldn't see it (Pyle, 22).

at lunch. Eating lunch, the noontime meal; while eating lunch.

At the Home Kitchen Cafe, they were waited on by the same waitress who had waited on Mason at lunch the day he had interviewed Serle (Gardner, 156).

at midnight. At the hour of twelve o'clock midnight.

...and too much food, and Christmas parties and church at midnight (Marquand, 326).
Madge always wanted to go to church at midnight (Marquand, 326).

at a minimum. The fewest possible; very few; small in number.

..."officers only" restrictions are at a minimum (Yank, 130).

at the moment.

1. Presently; at the present time; now.

...the city has two million trees at the moment, Schweizer told Stanley (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).
At the moment Sidney and Marianna were themselves, probably quarrelling ... (Marquand, 79).
...couldn't quite accept Mrs. Gessler's interpretation of life, however they might amuse her at the moment (Cain, 30).
Ida was married, to a former plasterer, not working at the moment, and Mildred suspected that a pie might help with the Sunday night supper (Cain, 65).
...I don't seem to see it at the moment (Cain, 136).
"So do I", he answered, "at the moment, but you know --" (Marquand, 142).
At the moment that's the general idea behind all our movements in this theater (Yank, 147).
At this moment the enemy attacks (Yank, 204).

2. Then; at a certain time.

At the moment I walked up, one soldier had his pants down... (Pyle, 375).
He had never been more conscious of silence than at the moment when he put down that telephone (Marquand, 442).
It was simply that he did not belong with them at the moment (Marquand, 138).
But nobody happened to be around at the moment... (Yank, 194).
It was curious that he felt closer to his sister than he did to Madge at the moment (Marquand, 367).
Monty said he had no car at the moment.... (Cain, 221).
Although he was busy at the moment, he got up right away and walked to the uncomfortable cubicle... (Marquand, 279).

at most. For the most part; at the highest; for the longest; etc.

The average patient stayed in the clearing station only a few hours at most. (Pyle, 45).

at night. During the night; after dark; during part of the night; in the night.

...he remembered his grandfather's barn at night with its welcome restless stirrings of animals inside... (Marquand, 141).
At night drivers rushed their bulldozers into rock and dirt;.. (Yank, 178).
The way we caught..."Mad Morgan"...was by posting a guard around the bulletin board at night (Yank, 247).
They don't like to fight at night... (Yank, 249).
At night they would sit around their tents and bitch about "parade-ground soldiering"... (Yank, 91).
It was answered immediately by the 75s which had moved into the valley at night (Yank, 50).
...she took to driving past Veda's house at night... (Cain, 214).
...men would beg me to let them make the long, dangerous haul down and back for rations at night... (Yank, 150).
I slipped in here at night and worked on it (Cain, 118).
...he has to find something to do with himself, at night (Cain, 177).
"We want the girl who flashes a signal light at night," said the MP (Yank, 105).
At eleven o'clock at night (Gardner, 143).
But at night the tent had to be tightly closed for the blackout and it became deadly stuffy (Pyle, 47).
They entrucked at night... (Yank, 123).
At night they gathered in their homes... (Yank, 28).
A..Wong was the Chinese cook who always went home at night after he had done the dinner dishes (Marquand, 469).
...the Arab population...made a fortune collecting British-American surrender leaflets at night and selling them...by day (Yank, 128).
It gave Jeffrey the same sort of feeling that he sometimes experienced when he awoke at night in a strange room -- ... (Marquand, 144).
Men had no chance to get medical aid when they were wounded at night (Yank, 146).
There's no way in the world...of keeping the Japs from coming in at night ... (Yank, 145).
The same way when flares drop and bombs "Baroom" down at night (Yank, 148).
But at night, when she thought about it... (Cain, 257).
...and at night there was La Rue where you met everybody you knew, and if you were too broke for La Rue... (Marquand, 324).
...all they had time to do at night was dig a hole, drop a poncho in the bottom and let it rain in (Yank, 42).
It would have been difficult in the daytime and it was virtually impossible at night (Yank, 44).
The Gela landings were made at night... (Yank, 124).
The American outfit, wise in jungle combat, makes a habit of remaining silent and stationary at night... (Yank, 19).
Especially along the hedgerows at night, they were ferocious (Pyle, 413).
It was 11:15 at night (Pyle, 390).
It was close to impossible for a German bomber to pick out this position at night... (Pyle, 385).
...they can't see their targets at night... (Pyle, 385).
The job of protecting the beaches at night was given over to the anti-aircraft artillery (Pyle, 381).
It was only at night that the Germans had a chance (Pyle, 381).

...three locusts in the daytime and with the insistent clamor of katydids at night (Marquand, 260).

at no time. Never; not ever.

At no time had the enemy answered the Navy's bombardments (Yank, 250).

at odd moments. Infrequently; now and then; off and on; with no schedule.

Madge should have seen that you could not get over loving a girl simply by going to bed with her at odd moments (Marquand, 522).
You knew he was a composer because he kept ticking a metronome at odd moments during each act... (Marquand, 553).
After three solid weeks of being kept awake, and having to snatch a little sleep at odd moments, that was not hard to believe (Pyle, 381).

at odds. Not in agreement; of different opinions.

...he and fate were at odds... (Yank, 164).

atom bomb. An atomic bomb. (Also verbal.)

The atom bomb is the most powerful and terrific technical surprise in military history... (Lincoln Journal, Aug. 12, 1945, 2).
The Japanese ship Nagato is to be taken to the U.S. as a 'show piece' and not atom-bombed 500 miles out to sea (London Evening News, Sept. 20, 1945, 1).

atomic age. The period of time after Aug. 6, 1945 when the first atomic bomb was dropped.

Forty-eight hours after the historic announcements proclaiming the dawn of the atomic age, officials felt soberly constrained to point out that the new era has yet to reach its zenith (TN, Aug. 8, 1945, 1).

atomic bomb. A new type of bomb utilizing the atom's nuclear binding energy, which is released by chain bombardment of the nucleus by neutrons.

The atomic bomb dwarfs by 2,000 times the blast power of the British 'grand slam' bomb... (Lincoln Journal, Aug. 6, 1945, 1).

atomic (atom) bombing. The bombing with use of the atomic bomb; dropping an atomic bomb or bombs.

Although the second atomic bombing was carried out on the same day Russia declared war, there was no indication these two great blows were planned to coincide (TN, Aug. 9, 1945, 1).

at once.

1. Immediately; right away; without delay.

He got the checks for me at once (Gardner, 6).
Of course, it all came back to Jeffrey's mind at once (Marquand, 398).
Uncle Freeman would pounce on it at once as an excuse to show that Uncle Alden couldn't be trusted... (Gardner, 6).
I grant at once that she's nothing but a tramp (Cain, 191).
All men who have used the latrine during the past 36 hours will report at once to the hospital (Yank, 182).
Mildred pulled up a chair and sat down beside Mrs. Gessler who at once began making queer noises (Cain, 126).
The first order went out smoothly, with Letty passing the dirty dishes to Pancho, who went to work at once (Cain, 121).
She vaguely remembered them as Pierce Homes buyers of six or seven years ago, but her waitress training came at once to her aid (Cain, 121).
Services were to be conducted at the house, by the Rev. Dr. Aldous, whom Mr. Murock said he knew very well, and would call at once (Cain, 106).
She didn't, however, go home at once (Cain, 90).
Some of his principles she adopted at once in making her pies... (Cain, 75).
So Mildred didn't act at once (Cain, 71).
Almost at once she amended it by bending one knee. (Cain, 17).
...it seems a pity not to let them know at once, so they can call at the other stores, and perhaps have a little luck (Cain, 33).
Mrs. Boole answered at once; "Oh, nothing very exciting" (Cain, 35).
...if they could just be patient a minute or two, she would see they were served at once (Cain, 47).
At once they began amusing themselves by calling her January and Slewfoot (Cain, 48).
She was pleased to find that there was considerable rubber left, so that new ones wouldn't be needed at once. (Cain, 62).
The deputy sheriff will drive you there at once (Gardner, 39).
I suggest that you go there at once (Gardner, 39).
Jeffrey did not answer at once and he saw Alf watching him rather anxiously (Marquand, 386).
"Any replies you receive," he said, "are to be sent at once by air mail to this address" (Gardner, 120).
They said it's very important, to get you at once (Gardner, 104).
...Los Angeles restaurants, opened a place not far from Mr. Gessler's place, and at once did a thriving trade (Cain, 244).
...a few oak pieces with leather seats, which she identified at once... (Cain, 223).
...Mildred didn't communicate with Monty at once (Cain, 220).
At once there were sounds from within (Cain, 184).
You have to go there. At once. (Cain, 181).
They didn't get in to Mr. Treviso at once (Cain, 183).
...she...returned no answer at once (Cain, 181).
...all that setting showed at once, if anyone should see it, that he and Marianna were not married... (Marquand, 468).

She was seeing everything at once (Marquand, 531).
At once, she hated the big stuffy mansion... (Cain, 130).
He knew at once that they were not asleep (Marquand, 233).
...an order for them to return to their positions at once (Yank, 241).
They were tousle-headed, florid-faced...and they put you at ease at once, just like you and me (Marquand, 26).
If this is the sorry case, we urge Secretary of Defense Forestal at once to start a speech school... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 8).

2. At the same time; together; simultaneously.

The music always made Jeffrey nervous because it came from everywhere at once and yet from nowhere (Marquand, 274).
Everything in the vininity cut loose on him at once (Pyle, 34).
Then the consussion of the blasts of a dozen guns firing at once would strike the far mountains across the valley... (Pyle, 99).
They didn't all eat at once (Pyle, 101).
She brought two extra uniforms, so she could launder all three at once, over the weekend (Cain, 68).
Their conjugal quarrels and their reconciliations, all going on at once, formed an odd and slightly hysterical background (Marquand, 455).
Jeffrey had often explained to Madge that you had to live two lives at once at such a time... (Marquand, 491).
He must have thought of all those things at once and then he thought of Jim (Marquand, 563).
...the entire caboodle came back at once! (Pyle, 174).
The volume of sound, and the supernatural illusion that his voice came from everywhere at once, demanded a solemn and world-shaking pronouncement (Marquand, 38).
Instantly everybody in the crowd started talking at once (Pyle, 376).

to atone for. To make amends, reparations, for one's offense against another.

She had done Veda wrong, and there was but one way to atone for it (Cain, 257).

at one glance. At one quick looking over; in a casual examination.

We saw more ships than any other human being had ever seen at one glance. (Pyle, 358).

at one point. Once; at one time.

At one point, I ran up against a Russki secret-service man... (Yank, 199).
At one point they tunneled under the barbed wire and kept on crawling... (Yank, 54).
At one point it sounded to me... (Yank, 228).

at --- side. By one; next to one; with one.

Perry Mason, with Della Street at his side, drove rapidly toward the city (Gardner, 39).
But as I wasn't at her side, she gave the baby this fellow's name (Yank, 170).

at one time.

1. Once; at a particular time.

He had read "The Enormous Room" by E.E. Cummings, which at one time he had looked upon as... (Marquand, 231).
At one time our convoy was pushed along by the wind... (Pyle, 359).
At one time, he said that he'd been in a shooting scrape over a woman (Gardner, 138).
He had thought at one time that he had nothing left to give her, but now he knew that there was always something... (Marquand, 593).
At one time Hot Jeep had been Dutch Schultz's chauffeur... (Yank, 139).

2. At once; simultaneously; together.

Too many get killed at one time (Yank, 52).

at the other end of the line. At the other telephone; at the telephone of the person to whom one is talking.

He was getting ready to slam up the receiver when the man at the other end of the line said something else... (Gardner, 5).

at peace. Peaceful; restful; at ease.

Hal was still feeling very tired, but as he sat there in the car, something made him feel at peace... (Marquand, 431).
A cigar on top of this dinner would make you feel at peace with the world, generous, kindhearted, and impulsive (Gardner, 158).

at the point of a gun. With a gun; by means of a gun pointed at one.

He had beat up Hogarty and then drove him out of camp at the point of a gun, without blankets... (Gardner, 168).

at present. Now; presently; at this time.

At present, they confine themselves to a small area... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
However, the law at present says he doesn't have to (Gardner, 207).
It had as little to do with what was going on at present as Minot himself or the Prince or the horse.... (Marquand, 383).

...confidences a bit too heady for you or me at present (Marquand, 26).
Since the Germans at present occupy most of Dalmatia, the paper has to be circulated secretly (Yank, 68).
At present, rice is in desperately short supply (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
At present...the table of organization -- (Yank, 237).

at the present time. Now; at present; presently.

Right at the present time, the court is trying to find out something about the family affairs... (Gardner, 27).

at random. Without schedule, method; aimlessly; without following a method, procedure.

Take Hemingway, or Faulkner, or Steinbeck, just to pick a few names out of the hat at random, and he was not making a pun... (Marquand, 335).
...it had been a lot of fun, just talking at random and he didn't mean Random House... (Marquand, 336).
...the Germans shot 14 people taking them at random from street cars... (Yank, 221).

at the ready. In readiness; fully prepared; alert.

Taormina did the driving and the other two held tommy guns at the ready, looking for snipers (Pyle, 30).

at the same time. Simultaneously; in synchronization with; concurrent with.

...the interest, taxes, and installments involved, frightened her, and at the same time excited her (Cain, 88).
Yet, at the same time Jeffrey could understand why Madge and everyone like her thought Jesse was terrible (Marquand, 275).
Waldo was asking him to lunch, and at the same time he was telling him to go to hell if he did not want to come (Marquand, 33).

at school. While enrolled in a school; while studying in a school. (Cf. at college.).

It taught him more about geology and astronomy and history than he had every learned at school (Marquand, 324).
Then they talked about Charley at school, and they both agreed they ought to... (Marquand, 102).

at sea. On the ocean; on the sea. (By extension this means to be in the navy or in an occupation which requires almost constant traveling on the ocean.)

Commander Ederer had been at sea for more than a quarter of a century (Pyle, 39).

at some length. Quite a long time; lengthily; at length. (Cf. at length.)

The autopsy surgeon was called and testified at some length (Gardner, 129).

at (that, this) stage of the game. At that point in the development of things; at that time in the process.

...at that stage of the game we had little contact with other American forces... (Pyle, 30).

at a stretch. Without interruption; without stopping.

I can stand for sixteen hours at a stretch and never feel a bit of hurt (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).

to be attached to. To have a feeling of deep affection for; to like very well.

Monty is so attached to it... (Cain, 226).

atta girl. Good work! Well done! (This is an exclamation of appreciation.)

"I think I'll get tight." "Atta girl!" (Cain, 59).

to attend to. To take care of; to give careful attention to; to care for.

She was grateful to Bert when he patted her hand and said he would attend to all that (Cain, 106).
Mildred listened, pleased that all this had been so well attended to, but kept hanging around... (Cain, 117).
Then you attend to it (Cain, 106).
Out attending to some business (Gardner, 58).
The people took him up gently and carried him to a house and attended to his wounds... (Yank, 13).

attention to. Observance of; consideration for.

Simple friendliness, coupled with exact attention to his wants, seemed to please him most... (Cain, 63).

at that. Too; also; moreover. (This is most frequently an intensive.)

But at that it's far from being the worst place in the world to soldier (Yank, 66).
...but what kind of planning can you do with a dog, and a sleepi one at that... (Yank,137).
But at that time it was a village, and a pretty scrubby village at that (Cain, 6).

At that the captain moved us farther out (Pyle, 231).
I guess I was the luckiest man in the house, at that... (Pyle, 249).

at (that, this) point. (cf. at one point) At that stage, degree, of development; at that time.

At this point Jeffrey found it simpler to do what he had done before... (Marquand, 30).
But -- and at this point she saw herself putting out a graceful hand... (Cain, 160).
They became very coy at this point (Yank, 70).
At this point they didn't care much what was in front of them or whom they had behind... (Yank, 50).
Corporal Camal Meena spoke up at that point... (Pyle, 190).
The war seemed beautiful at that point (Yank, 15).

at that time. Then; at a particular time in the past.

What happened at that time? (Gardner, 191).
I was away at that time, too... (Yank, 170).
At that time I was about 300 yards inland... (Yank, 168).
At that time, the only green things in sight were Lucky Strike wrappers (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947).

at this late date. At a particular time which is late in relation to another time; at the eleventh hour.

At this late date -- the article was dated 1912 -- the police had been unable to find any further trace of either party (Gardner, 91).

at the thought of. Upon, on thinking of; being reminded of.

"Dad insisted on Vassar," she said, and she smiled affectionately at the thought of Dad (Marquand, 267).

at a time. At any one time; during any one period.

...all four motors would stop for about five seconds at a time... (Pyle, 348).
Gradually we moved on, a few feet at a time (Pyle, 403).
For three weeks the Gun (sic) was not silent for more than six hours at a time (Yank, 32).

Correspondents were dribbled out of sight a few at a time in order not to give a tip off to the enemy by a sudden mass exodus (Pyle, 1).
...she hadn't the skill to carry more than two dishes at a time (Cain, 48).
But the trick of balancing half a dozen dishes at a time was beyond her (Cain, 48).
Three went at a time from each crew, since the guns were never left, day or night, without enough men to fire them (Pyle, 101).

We took off one at a time, about thirty seconds apart (Pyle, 323).
For pies one at a time she had charged, and still charged, eighty-five cents (Cain, 68).

at the time. Then; at a specified time in the past.

I did the only thing that seemed logical at the time (Gardner, 11[illegible]).
...at the time he was quite rich... (Cain, 206).
But to us there on the spot at the time it was known simply as the "break-through" (Pyle, 430).
Most of the prisoners coming in at the time were from a captured German hospital (Pyle, 375).
...but at the time, that monologue had the scintillating effect that Jesse intended (Marquand, 284).
It was a fake but they did not know it at the time (Marquand, 58).
He was pretty sore about it at the time... (Pyle, 349).

at times.

1. Occasionally; sometimes; off and on; now and then.

He's a little peculiar at times, just a little eccentric (Gardner, 22).
...and yet at times it seemed desperately inevitable (Pyle, 445).
It was different with Jim because he had been obliged at times to take care of Jim himself... (Marquand, 213).
At times, his voice was so low that even the court reporter had difficulty in hearing it (Gardner, 190).
At times, he spoke more freely (Gardner, 190).
The soldiers said at times he had kept them from going nuts (Pyle, 284).
I had no idea at times whether we were going up or down a slope... (Yank, 58).

2. At particular times; at definite and specified times.

At all times one member of each gun crew had a telephone to his ear (Pyle, 389).
The radio listed the homes the Fascist lived in at different times... (Yank, 26).

an attitude toward. Feelings, moods, emotions, actions toward, concerning.

I have never known of a Christian person with such a nasty and unconsiderate attitude toward the men...that are serving their country... (Yank, 211).

at the top of --- (lungs)(voice). Loudly; with great force and volume.

...she jumped up and began spinning around in the middle of the floor, laughing at the top of her lungs (Cain, 56).

Veda screamed at the top of her lungs... (Cain, 158).
...each boy crying at the top of his lungs to call attention to himself (Pyle, 227).
The Jap soldiers came forward in bunches...yelling at the tops of their voices (Yank, 6).

at top speed. Very rapidly; as fast as possible; with all speed. (Cf. at full speed.)

...the PTs...made tracks for home at top speed (Yank, 255).
After the bridges were done, the sawmill was kept going at top speed... (Yank, 50).
Doctors who had to work at top speed all day... (Yank, 146).
We sailed at top speed for about three miles, firing several times a minute (Pyle, 24).

attorney at law. Attorney; lawyer; one of a group in a profession licensed to do busines in the courts, to sue and defend, etc.

Perry Mason, attorney-at-law, eh? (Gardner, 42).

at war. Engaged in war; warring; in war.

Even though we are at war, don't forget that they are still able to get you for violations of the Mann Act (Yank, 97.).
This is the South Sea island at war (Yank, 76).
Wescott was at war for the first time... (Pyle, 370).
He didn't know he was at war (Pyle, 339).
There were not any Nazis stepping on Americans yet, and we weren't at war and you didn't want... (Marquand, 421).
After all we were still at war and these people, though absurd and pathetic, were enemies and caused us the misery of coming a long way to whip them (Pyle, 31).
...the United States would be at war with Japan by Dec. 12). (Yank, 23).

at the wheel. Actually driving, operating (an automobile).

He was within a few feet of her, at the wheel of a big blue Cord (Cain, 91).
At the wheel was T-5 Martin Simmons... (Yank, 133).
Why strain yourself at the wheel of a motor car, and risk the horrors of the highway... (Marquand, 412).

at work. Working; doing one's job; at one's place of business.

...half a million passersby, all highly amused at seeing the Soldier at Work (Yank, 236).
Mildred was still at work on the cake, which by now was a thing of overwhelmong beauty... (Cain, 8).

...Alexander already at work lopping branches... (Yank, 232).
...I saw machines at work... (Pyle, 418).
We had scores and scores of separate ordnance companies at work there ... (Pyle, 418).
The Seamen's Bank of Savings, near the corner of Forty-fifth and Madison has in one of its windows a three dimensional model of a counterfeiting ring at work (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

audible to. Heard by.

If there was any pain, any tragic overtone, to this recital, it was not audible to the ordinary ear (Cain, 197).

an average of. Averaging; usually; most frequently.

...dentists were calmly making false teeth at an average of one set a day (Yank, 40).

to await --- turn. To wait for one's scheduled opportunity in the due course of things.

We just settled down to await our turn (Pyle, 359).

to award to. To give to one as a reward for something well done.

...the Purple Heart may be awarded to personnel wounded in action... (Yank, 173).

aware of. Cognizant of; knowing about; conscious of; informed about.

...for the first time really becoming aware of the rain... (Cain, 165).
...she became aware of Monty's arm (Cain, 252).
...she became furiously aware of taxes... (Cain, 131)
...she became aware of a throbbing silence... (Cain, 145).
Mrs. Forrester...obviously aware of her advantage... (Cain, 193).
He was wondering how much Kim might be aware of, as they all three walked up the steps... (Marquand, 530).

to be away at (school)(college). To be attending school, college, a university, which is not located in one's home town. (Cf. at school, at college.)

"It's because we've been away at college," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 183).
Jim had been away for years at school and college, and yet they had a sort of relationship... (Marquand, 294).

away from.

1. From; out from.

...600 yards away from their objective (Yank, 123).
...I started away from the battery (Yank,31).
Get your goddam smart talk the hell away from my office! (Yank, 90).
Instead he backed slowly away from Miss Jacob's desk and gazed intently at two posters... (Marquand, 180).
That drew the fire away from us right away (Yank, 180).
Jeffrey stepped away from the desk, holding Diana of the Crossways (Marquand, 179).
They took turns diving down on the Jap troops and beating them away from Kimball, who was helpless... (Yank, 194).
...the possibility that it was slipping away from her caused a baffled, frustrated sensation... (Cain, 144).
But when the transport moved away from the dock, Lou was aboard (Yank, 110).

2. Not at; not in; not with.

It's just like a regular job, only we're away from home (Pyle, 212).
...he would run into his own private foxhole, -- or any foxhole, if he was away from home (Pyle, 240).
He was going into a world again which he had left for years -- a world away from women (Marquand, 566).
But both times the funnel of the consussion was away from him... (Pyle, 448).
...he had told her that he had to have a room where he could be by hemself, away from the children, where he could keep his desk and a few papers... (Marquand, 508).
You were away from the cabin at the time (Gardner, 179).
...while we are away from home... (Yank, 213).
...we are away from camp working in the jungles... (Yank, 213).
It was the second Christmas he had spent away from home (Yank, 203).

3. In another direction than at.

...a task force of the Big Bastard and seven other battleships and destroyers cut away from its carrier for a little show of its own (Yank1 43).
He stopped and looked away from Madge and out of the window (Marquand, 521).

away off. Very far away; not anywhere near.

It was away off, over there (Marquand, 229).

baby blue. A very light shade of blue.

...a little girl with eyes of baby blue (Yank, 156).

baby flat top. A small ship used for carrying and launching airplanes.

That beats a previous high scorer: the escort carrier 'B'...another baby flat top (Time, Nov., 22, 1943, 26).

back across. Returning and crossing.

And I will stroll once more back across the cow lane (Yank, 157).

back among. Returned to and among.

They were back among the aircraft buildings and the planes were still droning overhead (Marquand, 490).

to back and fill. To be undecided, irresolute, uncertain, to be in favor of something for a short time and then to be against it.

...I don't know what you're backing and filling about (Cain, 150).

back and forth.
1. Forward and back; going and returning; from one direction to the opposite.

It was just like three teams of horses plowing a cornfield -- back and forth, back and forth -- the plows taking alternate rows (Pyle, 24).
They would go for days...being up and at it hours before daylight to shuttle back and forth across the Channel (Pyle, 328).
...native troops with their gaudy headgear and even gaudier green striped khaki shorts pace back and forth on post before military installations (Yank, 76).
His head went back and forth as though watching a tennis match (Pyle, 348).
As he saw the people move back and forth his interest did not flag (Marquand, 572).
Those ships ferried back and forth (Pyle, 287).
...one fearless GI business man trotted back and forth, bringing out fallen Jap rifles and selling them (Yank, 52).
There was debris flying back and forth (Pyle, 247).
Louella, with her little brown shoes, was pushing the hammock softly back and forth (Marquand, 200).
Jeffrey began pacing slowly back and forth across the room (Marquand, 150).
...an infantry battle surged back and forth around them (Yank, 135).
...on her way back and forth to Laguna (Cain, 220).
...tiny boats moved back and forth between shore and ships at anchor (Pyle, 274).

Lonely doors and shutters banged back and forth (Pyle, 403).
He saw Japs running back and forth on the beach with flashlights (Yank, 45).
...as he watched the captain and the navigator walk calmly back and forth in the narrow steel walled compartment (Yank, 44).
...Jack Pierson rocked back and forth with his hands locked around his knees (Pyle, 187).
The lights swept back and forth across the dark water (Pyle, 21).
...she could hear him behind her, walking back and forth (Cain, 155).
Two Mustang fighters...patrolled back and forth, back and forth (Pyle, 438).
As Hagenbuch groped his way back and forth the guns went off with another mighty roar (Yank, 46).
...out on deck several half-tracks broke their moorings and charged back and forth with a frightening sound (Pyle, 231).
Then the two destroyers went in as close as they could get and resumed their methodical runs back and forth (Pyle, 24).
In the days that followed the landings our headquarters vessel patrolled back and forth between the American sectors (Pyle, 33).
...big and little ships moving constantly back and forth (Pyle, 272).

2. From one to the other.

For days afterwards the field in which he lay passed back and forth between German hands and ours (Pyle, 454).
...ground was changing hands back and forth (Pyle, 189).
There was a little talk back and forth, a little kidding (Marquand, 14).
Men started shouting back and forth above the din: "Hey, you got a spare clip of M1?" (Yank, 93).
We called back and forth to each other (Yank, 21).
German and American tracer bullers were streaming back and forth... almost hitting each other (Pyle, 161).

back at.
1. When at; while at (in the sense that one has been away and returned).

Back at Monty's house, she would watch the Ewings take their departure (Cain, 160).
Back at the restaurant, she inspected the kitchen, found it fairly satisfactory (Cain, 116).
We had dinner at the Cove tonight and are now back at your apartment (Yank, 83).
He was back at home, but much of him was away from home already (Marquand, 526).
...Sweeney was back at his guns (Yank, 16).
By dawn they were back at the French outpost (Yank, 123).
It was three days later, back at camp, that I learned that Lieutenant General McNair and AP photographer Bede Irvin had been killed (Pyle, 438).

2. At (in the sense that one has been at a place but is no longer there).

"I got a letter just now," Jeffrey answered, "back at the hotel (Marquand, 558).
...no one back at home had known where Alf was, when Jeffrey had been there last (Marquand, 279).
"Back at home," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 102).
His personal gear was in the same room I had been living in back at the base camp (Pyle, 121).
He had avenged the loss of his camera back at Sidi-bou-Zid (Pyle, 260).
Back at the Dead End Kids' CP, Maj. L. L. Lew...received a message (Yank, 93).
Back at the CP the colonel and his staff sat before the fire (Yank, 49).
...back at the Assam Dragon base, Lt. Lussky volunteered to attempt a rescue (Yank, 195).
Back at the landing point a whole platoon of photographers went by (Yank, 147).

3. Returning (it) to; in return to. (This implies that the action is alike to that already done and is a result of it.)

He took it out, with an annoyed grimace and pitched it back at her (Cain, 143).
...he picked it up, started to pitch it back at her again (Cain, 143).
Throw thermite bombs, and they'll throw them right back at you (Yank, 54).
He grabbed his .45 and fired back at them (Yank, 194).
...saw a calculating, confident, woman's face squinting back at her (Cain, 74).

to back away. To move in reverse from; to move backwards from.

It was after dark when we backed away from the dock (Pyle, 230).
...they will back away a bit and throw in hand grenades (Yank, 10).

back door. The door at the back of the house, apartment, or the like (also figurative).

Pvt. W. G. Atkinson...was the guard on the back door of the embassy (Yank, 201).
And if he'd appeared at your back door with a roll of blankets over his shoulder, ragged, unkempt (Gardner, 140).
They went out the back door (Cain, 155).
...hated the feeling she had been smuggled in the back door (Cain, 130).
But now, as a foot crunched on the gravel, the conversation stopped, and then Veda burst in the back door (Cain, 125).
Then came the bust-up...and out he got, through the back door near Urga (Marquand, 372).

to back down. To retreat from a position, usually in an argument or the like; to give in; to abandon an opinion in an argument.

...Mildred wanted to back down... (Cain, 206).
This would have been enough to make Mildred back down... (Cain, 207).

back down. Returning to a place lower (than).

Finally sickness and exhaustion overtook many of those who were left, so they were sent back down the mountain under their own power (Pyle, 144).
Every night they would take up sacks of mail, and every night they'd bring a large portion of it back down... (Pyle, 144).
All day long he rode around in an LCVP, climbing rope ladders up the sides of ships, snaking back down on single ropes...(Pyle, 267).

back drop. In a theater a large curtain, usually painted to represent a scene, covering the back part of the stage. By extension a background.

...the rustling of restless motion on the part of the spectators, combined to furnish a back-drop of sound, against which the whispers ...(Gardner, 186).

back East. The eastern part of the United States, particularly the eastern seaboard around New York City.

Mrs. Newcombe is going back East. (Marquand, 456).
Solly will be back East by Christmas. (Marquand, 582).

back from.
1. Returning from.

The clearing station was a small tent hospital of the Forty-fifth Division, a sort of flag stop for wounded on the way back from the lines (Pyle, 45).
Back from the battle front today came Pvt. Floyd Pringle...(Yank, 175).
Then they fought their way back from Munster to the French coast... (Yank, 86).

2. Returned from.

A friend of mine, a captain back from Africa...(Pyle, 298).
...I am back from a nearby rehabilitation center... (Yank, 227).
Correspondents were snapped back from Europe... (Marquand, 24).
These young guys back from the war want to... (New Yorker, XXIII, 19, June 28, 1947, 21).
I didn't get any Christmas packages, but then I hadn't been back from America very long (Pyle, 125).

He hired Jeffrey because Jeffrey was a Harvard man himself and back from the war with previous newspaper experience (Marquand, 278).
...who had seen the President or who had a friend who was back from England or the Orient (Marquand, 509).
Occasionally in the evenings, when Jeffrey was back from college, his father would talk to him about getting ahead (Marquand, 177).
He's a West Ender who dusts books and tidies, when he's back from Dartmouth (Marquand, 181).
They had been back from Oran an hour or two... (Yank, 140).
When Hogarty laughed at those demands, Serle planned to get his money back from Hogarty (Gardner, 214).
Repair parties back from the beaches brought souvenirs... (Pyle, 35).

3. To the rear in relation to.

The two cities...extend only a few blocks back from the waterfront (Pyle, 234).
A couple of hundred yards back from the shore line, was an immense ditch (Pyle, 361).
The farther back from the lines the bigger become the outfits... (Pyle, 418).
It was Marianna Miller with a Quaker girl's sunbonnet pushed back from her bright gold hair... (Marquand, 117).
A bluff back from the beach had great concrete gun emplacements... (Pyle, 361).
She brushed her hair back from her forehead and drew her silk kimono more closely over her shoulders (Marquand, 312).
...she was...standing, a few feet back from the big round table (Cain, 346).

back home.
1. At home (which see): (The implication here is that one is nowhere near one's home, that one is away from his home.)

Back home...he and Mrs. Bradley probably took one drink a month... (Pyle, 307).
He had married a beautiful Indian girl back home (Pyle, 48).
Soldiers at the front can't stomach flag-waving back home (Pyle, 172).
They'll get little glory back home when it's all over, but they had some recompense right there in the gratitude of the men they treated (Pyle, 57).
...the people back home were aware of the fine job they were doing here (Yank, 201).
...so he took his typewriter with him and wrote scads of letters to the folks back home, just to keep his hand in (Pyle, 127).
One of the meanest stunts I heard of was a Christmas envelope full of clippings that a practical joker back home sent a soldier (Pyle, 125).

He would be rough even back home (Pyle, 186).
If you should ever run into him back home... (Pyle, 217).
When I read your column back home, I never supposed we'd ever meet (Pyle, 198).
My wife back home... (Pyle, 288).
The corporal had a girl back home... (Pyle, 267).
There was a controversy...over the pin-up girls versus the girl back home (Pyle, 180).
The food was about what we had back home... (Pyle, 340).
This is better than it was back home... (Pyle, 212).
Back home he owned a drugstore... (Pyle, 386).
...they would appreciate even a picture of our gals back home (Yank, 214).
How's everything back home? (Marquand, 582).
Nothing to compare with it back home (New Yorker, XXIII, 29, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
I know the folks back home were disappointed... (Pyle, 141).
In November, after a two month's leave back home in the States, I headed again for the Mediterranean theater. (Pyle, 92).
...it just reminded me of the fireworks at the Stutsman County Fair back home... (Yank, 24).
In a stack of letters from the gal back home... (Yank, 177).
...some people back home are knocking down everything we are fighting for (Yank, 213).
...highway that would rate a blue line on a gasoline map back home (Yank, 39).
...she had the picture taken with one of the boys back home... (Yank, 141).
Before the public back home even knew of the Adak occupation... (Yank, 19).
There were snapshots of families back home (Pyle, 367).
...nobody back home knew anything about it (Pyle, 396).
...a publcc report to the folks back home...(Pyle, 396).
Back home he was known as Tommy (Pyle, 448).
Things got even wilder back home later on... (Yank, 159).
I learned to do it...back home in Ellenville, N. Dak. (Yank, 173).
There were craftsmen...who used to make $30,000 to $40,000 a year back home in their own established businesses (Pyle, 418).
Why don't you tell the folks back home what this is like? (Pyle, 399).
...he was an old reader of my columns back home... (Pyle, 402).
...he used to work in a brewery back home... (Pyle, 402).
Composed of the guys whose gals back home have decided "a few years is too long to wait," the club has only one purpose... (Yank, 35).
I began to think of what I had to do and of the redhead back home (Yank, 21).
Back home he had a wife and a five-year-old daughter (Pyle, 27).
It's good for that ethereal something that the USO hostesses, advertising copywriters and sundry other civilians back home call morale (Yank, 83).

Not today, Junior -- this ain't Main Street back home, you know (Yank, 75).
...roads, some of them much busier than Main Street...back home... (Yank, 231).

2. Returned home; at home after being away from home.

Her husband was...back home after two years and a half as a German prisoner (Pyle, 457).
...he had pulled his missions and was back home (Yank, 243).

back in.
1. In. (This implies that one has been in a place but is not there at the present.)

I can just visualize us on some far day when we cross each other's paths back in America... (Pyle, 259).
Back in America he "missed" a couple of trains... (Pyle, 332).
...back in the States they had a number of pigs for pets (Pyle, 347).
Whenever they brought us fruit juice in cans he would take a good gander to see if it was a product his partner was selling back in the States (Pyle, 46).
Then I told them about my bath experience back in America (Pyle, 111).
...they were in camp back in America (Pyle, 387).
His family spoke French in their home back in New Hampshire (Pyle, 386).
He said each one of the gun collectors back in Ohio had a different specialty (Pyle, 422).
...I saw machines at work that would have been housed in a $50,000 shop back in America (Pyle, 418).
No wonder you're back in the States (Yank, 177).
I'm sure that back in England that night other men -- bomber crews -- almost wept... (Pyle, 439).
Even in the Army back in America he had to beg doctors to waive the ear defect... (Pyle, 448).
Nearly every day the men of the tank crews back in bivouac had a detail starting just at dawn (Pyle, 265).
...he gave me something to send to that girl back in America (Pyle, 314).
One plane...back in England had to make a forced landing... (Pyle, 338).
Chief used to be a clerk with the Aetna Life Insurance Co., back in his home town... (Pyle, 330).
Clayton had worked at all kinds of things back in the other world of civilian life (Pyle, 449).
--and back in London, even Winston knows about it (Marquand, 18).
The Rangers were back in the States (Yank, 122).
...the same drug I remembered using back in school to keep awake for my final exams (Yank, 118).
...a guy back in the States... (Yank, 217).

...more USO soldiers over here than there are back in the States (Yank, 216).
Back in the barracks... (Yank, 119).
Back in camp Derrano met his old buddies (Yank, 28).
Back in the States now they talk about it fondly (Yank, 123).
I thought you were dead a long time ago, back in Tunisia (Yank, 25).
He recently got a six page letter from his fiancee back in Texas (Yank, 35).
...only twice the size of black ants back in the States... (Yank, 42).
These GIs were men...who had left their horses back in the States (Yank, 144).
...I saw my first game back in the States... (Yank, 173).
...there is a couple of guys back in camp that owe me dough... (Yank, 162).
And back in London one more woman learns
To count no more the bombers as they fly (Yank, 153).
...although in training back in the States he had failed to win an expert rifleman's medal (Yank, 53).
...and I thought for a minute that I was back in basic training (Yank, 52).
After six years back in the States Gen. Stilwell returned to China... (Yank, 131).
Rumors can be wilder on the battle front than in any barracks latrine back in the States... (Yank, 109).
That was back in the States (Yank, 243).

2. In. (This implies a time in the past.)

And I remember worrying about War Correspondent Ken Crawford, a friend from back in the old Washington days... (Pyle, 437).
...the three of us laughed at our inexperience and nervousness back in those days (Pyle, 260).
Back in February of 1943... (Pyle, 258).
Back in the days of desert fighting around Tebesse... (Pyle, 236).
Back in those days Walter Newcombe had looked like a young clerk in a general store... (Marquand, 16).
Jeffrey recalled that no one had called him "Jeffie" except back in the past (Marquand, 33).
It stood up against the Germans back in 1940 and early 1941... (Yank, 218).
Back in the last war it would have been obvious that any bar was a men's bar... (Marquand, 575).
...Veda began the song about rainbows that had been Mildred's favorite back in the happy days... (Cain, 241).
...the charge of murdering Bill Hogarty, his mining partner, back in the later days of the Klondike gold rush (Gardner, 122).
He knew you back in the war or somewhere (Marquand, 61).
Back in those days, Jeffe could not have helped selling himself if he had tried (Marquand, 283).

You're really Bill Hogarty, who assumed Leed's identity back in 1907 (Gardner, 111).
Photostatic copies of hotel registers back in October of 1907, the Regina Hotel at Dawson, the Golden North Hotel... (Gardner, 90).
...back in the days when I worked in Washington (Pyle, 108).
Back in the days when Jeffrey had first come to New York... (Marquand, 32).
...he called his staff in for a little pep talk, back in the 1770's... (Yank, 236).

3. Returned in, to, after having been in.

He expected to be back in action in 1944 (Pyle, 122).
When I was back in the harbor area writing, I ate at a mess for staff officers (Pyle, 240).
Those words were back in his mind when he was in the front hall of the apartment... (Marquand, 589).
Explain to Phyllis Leeds that everything is okay, and that I'll be back in the office Monday morning (Gardner, 122).
"Insects are like people," he said, neatly retrieving the beetle from our hand and putting it back in a cigar box (New Yorker, XXIII, 30, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
...we wanted to get them repaired and back in action for ourselves (Pyle, 423).
He's scared as hell while he's in it, but get him back in garrison and he'll start longing... (Yank, 91).
The Dead End Kids were back in their element (Yank, 94).
He was back in the car again (Marquand, 490).
Is Minot back in Washington? (Marquand, 568).
...Madge thought it was perfectly just and right for Minot to be back in the army.. (Marquand, 568).
Back in the swing, you are just trying to remember what it was you... (Marquand, 73).
Alden Leeds started to get to his feet, dropped back in the chair, and said... (Gardner, 107).
Dear Corp — I am back in Dayton for another furlough and I am looking after Lula... (Yank, 83).
Everyone was back in town again and there was the same feeling of anticipation in the air (Marquand, 88).
Back in his office, Mason paced the floor, puffing away at his cigarette... (Gardner, 65).

4. Returning in, into, after having been in.

...he...flung her back in the chair (Cain, 169).
But unexpectedly, as she ran back in the house after waving them goodbye, she began to cry... (Cain, 19).
If I have to take this cleaver to you, you're not coming back in this house (Cain, 5).

5. At a place to the rear in.

He had a big chin, and his eyes were set back in his head (Pyle, 128).
For the take-off, I sat back in the radio compartment on some parachutes (Pyle, 323).
Back in the kitchen he could hear Mr. Barnes's voice (Marquand, 308).
...I was back in Gafsa... (Yank, 31).
A few miles back in the country from the Massachusetts town where Jeffrey had been born... (Marquand, 93).

(In the following instance back in seems to imply 'straight ahead'. What is probably the explanation is that the writer considered the jungle as beginning with the place where he was, and consequently the Japs were back in.)

...Jap artillery boomed several hundred yards back in the jungle (Yank, 92).

back into. Returning into after having been in.

The form said, "Yes, sir," and faded back into the darkness (Pyle, 199).
I had intended to work bafk into the war gradually (Pyle, 95).
...some of the headquarters men were digging back into caves they'd lived in before (Yank, 196).
...every German attempt to...knock U.S. forces back into the sea (Yank, 125).
No, left just as though people had eaten hurriedly and dropped the dishes back into place (Gardner, 170).
...and the Japs dived back into their holes (Yank, 52).
He climbed back into the saddle and took off his coat... (Marquand, 380).
...who had stood in the doorway when Mason brought Harold Leeds back into the room (Gardner, 172).

back is to the wall. (Also: to have one's back to the wall.) One is in a desperate situation; hence by extension to mean: One is struggling to hold on to, to keep, one's property, etc.

It's just ridiculous that you should have your back to the wall... (Cain, 250).
They wanted America in the war because their backs were to the wall... (Marquand, 248).

back number. Being old fashioned; being out of date.

They're going to tag you for a back number... (Cain, 149).

back of.
1. Behind; in back of.

The artillery was usually a few miles back of the front line infantry ... (Pyle, 97).

Suppose our plane made a big circle back of the German lines... (Pyle, 162).
Back of each tent was a can of 100 octane gasoline... (Pyle, 207).
But suddenly there were such whoops from the back of the house that any further discussion... (Cain, 53).
Back of the lines...men could dig deep into the ground (Pyle, 252).
They...had dug in on a little slope three miles back of the perimeter (Pyle, 251).
The attacking airplanes left, but then the Italian guns opened up on the hills back of the beach (Pyle, 23).
But everywhere back of that the men had dug underground and built themselves homes (Pyle, 237).
The man seated back of him is Uncle Freeman (Gardner, 25).
A low hill covered thick with tall cedar trees rises just back of them ... (Pyle, 234).
...I compromised and picked a farmyard about 800 yards back of the 8 kickoff line (Pyle, 434).
I stood with a little group of men--back of the stone farmhouse (Pyle, 435).
Mason said, "John's life must have been a closed book back of a certain date (Gardner, 119).
...bombing supply dumps and strafing roads just back of the enemy lines (Pyle, 157).
Governor Dewey...was sharing a box back of first base with four young boys (New Yorker, XXIII, 29, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
There is really only one main street, which runs along the low blocks just back of the first row of waterfront buildings (Pyle, 234).
Most of the hospitals were usually more than eighty miles back of the fighting (Pyle, 236).
Practically everybody who was back of the outer defense line had his home underground (Pyle, 256).

2. Instigating; developing; causing.

...hints that Monty might have been back of the "question of discipline" ... (Cain, 256).

3. Supporting.

...back of it...was her determination that Veda...would have to make the first move (Cain, 214).
...when you have nothing back of you, you have to take things as they come (Gardner, 73).

to back off. To reverse; to move backwards.

Mildred's eyes blazed, and Mrs. Lenhardt hastily backed off (Cain, 194).
Mildred backed off and sat down (Cain, 207).

the back of neck. The part of the neck opposite to the larynx; that part of the next adjacent to one's back.

...rolling her into bed with a loud whoosh and a final blow down the back of her neck (Cain, 71).

back on.
1. Again on. (This has a sense of 'returning'.)

we picked up the kid and put him back on the stretcher... (Yank, 168).
The boys learned to change their socks very quickly, and get their shoes back on... (Pyle, 252).
After five days he was back on guard duty... (Yank, 24).
Finally somebody got the boy back on the job... (Pyle, 341).
Thirty minutes later he was back on his feet, volunteering to climb to the top of a smokestack... (Yank, 46).
...but when the reconstructed sandwich was back on the counter he gave her a curt nod (Cain, 45).
His eyes were back on the road again when she spoke (Marquand, 490).
Across the world, the retrogressing waves
Force back on Man his ancient love of caves (Yank, 198).

2. On. (This implies that the place is where one has been but no longer is.)

Back on the beach... (Yank, 147).
...the cameramen back on the lot in Hollywood start bragging... (Yank, 200).

3. In the past on.

...says he doesn't, and I'm inclined to believe him, but I'm checking back on him (Gardner, 126).

to back out.
1. To withdraw; to say one is not going to do what one had said one would; to refuse to go through with something.

...giving you one last chance to back out if you want to (Cain, 161).
It was too late to back out... (Pyle, 356).
You can back out if you don't (Marquand, 290).
No one backed out (Yank, 86).

2. To move backwards; to reverse. (out here implies 'leaving' also).

Not so bad in an ordinary room, I grant you, but backing out of one of those long royal rooms takes doing. (New Yorker, XXIII, 29, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
My friend, people leaving my presence must back out (Ibid, 23).
It's all right, turn around, face front, but oh, no, they back out all the way to the door (Ibid, 23).

to back out of.
1. To move backwards; to reverse. (see to back out, 2).

But when she heard the car back out of the garage, she gave a low, frightened exclamation... (Cain, 8).
...I was able to back out of the place without being discovered (Yank, 12).
...that was just enough to back the car out of the garage... (Yank, 155).

2. Out of again; again from. (this implies that one was once not here).

...our buildup of men and material had to pass in sufficient masses to roll the Germans clear back out of France. (Pyle, 381).

back over. To, in the rear and over.

...a gentle breeze was drifting the smoke line back over us! (Pyle, 436).
He got the plane back over our lines... (Pyle, 167).

back pocket. A pocket on the back of a pair of trousers, pants.

...I take the packet of matches and stick them in the Jap's back pocket... (Yank, 162).

back road. A road which is not a main road; one that is not traveled much; a road not connecting cities.

...German Panzer outfits...attacking...the back roads (Yank, 245).

back room. A room in the back of the house; a room behind the main room. (This often implies a sense of privacy that is not in the word 'room'.)

Then we went into the back room of the local pub and sat around a big round table... (Pyle, 333).

back seat. The rear seat; a rear seat.

...the station wagon was out by the front door already with the picnic in the back seat and with Sally waiting to get in (Marquand, 547).

back slapper. One who slaps another on the back; a hail fellow well met; an extrovert.

"Roosevelt -- Stalin -- good, yes?" the Red Army back-slapper asked (Yank, 165).

backstage view. A position of advantage where one is able to watch more closely than most others.

...he had a good backstage view of the conference (Yank, 199).

back steps. The steps, stairs, at the back of a house, apartment, or the like.

Aid-station medics sitting on the back steps... (Yank, 197).

back street. An unimportant btreet; a street that does not have much traffic. (Also attributive.)

You've taken me to...back-street speakeasies... (Cain, 146).

back there.
1. At a time in the past.

"Before the whole show started," Jeffrey said, and his mind was back there on that October morning. (Marquand, 587).
In his thoughts he was back there in Bragg in the last war (Marquand, 525).
...there never was such an old so-and-so as old So-and-so back there on the City Desk (Marquand, 197).

2. At a place in the rear.

He was back there in the study which he had thought yesterday he was going to leave for good... (Marquand, 585-6).
...Madge would ask him why he hadn't stopped back there -- miles back where she had thought of stopping (Marquand, 545).

3. At a place where one has been but is no longer.

Nobody cared much for stripes back there any more than they do over here now (Yank, 244).
Back there they'd just drop one span with explosives (Pyle, 58).

back through. Returning through.

...the outfit...went back into action by leading the American drive back through Feriana... (Yank, 124).
...a shell...blew Legg back through the alley... into a building (Yank, 124).

back to. Again to, at; returning to (this implies a place where one has been but no longer is, or a situation that no longer exists).

But no transportation was back to pre-war proportions, and everything was packed with masses of humanity (Pyle, 135).
...I began to crawl back to my own men... (Yank, 11).
One German...finally ran back to the door... (Yank, 221).
Back to Lt. Harmon -- why are we over here... (Yank, 217).
Mason paused only long enough to take the Leeds file from the filing case, then walked back to his private office (Gardner, 59).

Now it was a question of taking up where he had left off, to putting it behind him, and of going back to the other room (Marquand, 443).
Then the conversation would shift back to home (Marquand, 570).
It's a nice cool ride back to camp in the truck, long enough for sober thought (Yank, 73).
Ethel's voice brought back to Jeffrey too a picture of her house in West Springfield... (Marquand, 362).
...he...waited...for the first morning boat back to Atkinson Field (Yank, 201).
...then ran back to her car... (Cain, 214).
...Tommy carried the things back to the car (Cain, 182).
...then they were back to the corporation and its general problem (Cain, 249).
...and the room back to normal, the people concerned, interested, turning the dial for news... (Marquand, 72).
She came back to Colorado Boulevard... (Cain, 163).
But the clock was ticking inexorably on, and she hurried back to work as soon as he left... (Cain, 118).
It was the gilt crown and fairy wand that broke Bert up again, and Mildred once more had to pat him back to normal (Cain, 106).
She recited it back to him, with his own intonation, and they laughed again (Cain, 89).
...they could still pull me...back to duty (Yank, 226).
We're going back to mud knee deep... (Yank, 156).
When a customer came in and sat down at Anna's station, Mildred motioned Anna back to her coffee (Cain, 88).
Ida went over to the desk, picked up the blue pensil, came back to the door, and added... (Cain, 66).
...Mildred went back to her chair... (Cain, 167).
More chocolate and then back to the Marx Brothers (Yank, 73).
Judge Knox glanced swiftly at Serle's white, drawn face, then looked back to Perry Mason (Gardner, 199).
He chased around to twenty or thirty addresses, then beat it back to the East Manchester address (Gardner, 16).
...two weeks later he pulled Jeffrey back to the office to work on rewrite... (Marquand, 278).
Her mind had moved back to the present (Marquand, 588).
Somehow the term put them back to where they really were, two old men looking at a boy (Marquand, 72).
...how to get the passengers back to earth (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).
...on the long trip back to America they were a godsend... (Pyle, 290).
...because we figured we might get back to the States for training first (Yank, 91).
...they were gathered up and put in boxes for eventual shipment back to America... (Pyle, 389).
She...had not been back to America since 1935 (Pyle, 457).
Before any man can be rotated back to the States his replacement must arrive and take over (Yank, 225).
"He isn't going back to his house?" Mason asked (Gardner, 58).

...she drove back to the house, picked up her pies, and made the rounds of delivery (Cain, 116).
Around eleven she drove to the theater, took Letty home, and held tight to Veda's hand on the way back to the house (Cain, 114).
...as the three of them went back to the dining room... (Cain, 258).
...he...will be packed off in the first shipment heading back to his old command (Yank, 171).
I'll take a taxi back to the office (Gardner, 173).
They'll send me back to hell (Yank, 156).
Joe walked back to the mess hall (Yank, 229).
...Finance has to ship $50,000 worth of paper money back to Washington ... (Yank, 233).
Be sure to get those pictures back to the office (Yank, 252).

2. Rearward to; towards the rear to.

...wounded soldiers passed through on their way back to the hospitals in the rear (Pyle, 47).
And going north were...fast liners speeding back to England... (Pyle, 358).
An Italian volunteered as guide and showed him the way back to the base (Pyle, 215).
My ship had been back to the States three times since it first crossed ... (Pyle, 287).
Attendants gave me morphine and put me on a jeep, which carried me back to a portable hospital (Yank, 11).
One of my men helped me back to the command post where litter bearers took me back to a dispensary (Yank, 11).
...they strung a telephone line all the way back to the battalion (Yank, 135).
...a GI, who turned around and shouted back to his companions: "Hey, look! Duck hunters!" (Yank, 129).
The old woman got up, walked back to the Partisan headquarters, told them what had happened... (Yank, 71).
They phoned the coordinates of the tank back to the battalion and took chances dashing up to the top of the hill... (Yank, 135).
When she got back to the den... (Cain, 200).
Then Hodgson yelled back to Klongslie... (Yank, 107).
Hey — you go back to the kitchen, then... (Cain, 117).
When the pies were made, they sat with Ray for a time, then went back to the den (Cain, 110).
Mildred and Bert went back to the children's room (Cain, 106).
As they were walking back to the headquarters hut... (Yank, 226).
Letty went back to the kitchen, and Veda broke into loud sobs (Cain, 104).
Mildred dashed into the house and back to the den... (Cain, 97).
...Ida took charge of them herself, hurrying back to the kitchen with them like a spy carrying bombs (Cain, 66).
He went back to the den... (Cain, 60).
Mildred went back to the kitchen... (Cain, 50).

...the hostess husted Mildred back to the lockers... (Cain, 45).
They went back to the den... (Cain, 27).
...she went back to the kitchen... (Cain, 24).
Then he strolled back to the kitchen... (Cain, 2).
He...went back to a bedroom... (Cain, 2).
...he raked the twings and dead branches into apile,carried them back to the garage... (Cain, 1).
As soon as he has recovered...we will be on our way back to civilization... (Yank, 142).
...Mildred want back to her bedroom... (Cain, 154).
It...moved back to...where the mechanics were waiting for it (Yank, 229).
...a steady stream of American casualties flowing back to the aid stations... (Yank, 252).

3. To a time in the past to.

His mind went back to the Barnses' front porch that first time he had called on Louella... (Marquand, 260).

back toward. In the rear toward.

The stars are back toward the end of the corridor (Gardner, 169).

back to work. Concerning a plan or movement of men to return to work in the face of union opposition to such a plan.

Slusser announced the back to work plans...relented in an earlier decision to bar...workers (Topeka Capital, Nov. 20, 1937, 1).

back trail. A track, trail, or evidence of having been at a place which one may leave behind him.

"Any back trail?" Mason asked (Gardner, 10).

back up.
1. Again up (this implies a sense of 'returning').

I started back up the river (Gardner, 114).
I walked out of that convent and back up the hills to camp (Yank, 27).

2. To the rear up.

They asked the soldier to take the Germans back up about fifty feet... (Pyle, 152).

to back up.
1. to support; to give credence, reliance, to.

Its...job in theory was to back up only one division... (Pyle, 419).

Emily can't back you up (Gardner, 118).
I thought Emily could back me up (Gardner, 118).
I can't give you a lot of reasons backing up my conclusions as yet... (Gardner, 92).
...where Lou roared his way through the battles of Guadalcanal and Tulagi and did much to back up the Marine contention that he is far and away the most expert mortar sergeant in any branch of the service (Yank, 110).

2. To reverse; to move backwards.

Several times a day an ammunition truck...backed up to the gun pit and unloaded another truckload of shells (Pyle, 100).
It started backing up (Pyle, 404).
They decided to back up... (Pyle, 405).
We had to back up... (Pyle, 428).
...Sgt. Regan as he backed up the gangplank... (Yank, 226).

back upon. Into the past time upon.

They were always...just a little tired, just a little wistful as they gazed back upon their achievements... (Marquand, 26).

back way. The back door; the door for the servants' entrance (hence by extension of meaning; the entrance for those who are not equals).

She saw Veda, haughty, snobbish Veda, being told that she had to come in the back way, and she couldn't fraternize with the Forrester offspring (Cain, 43).
Then he noticed she had no car, and froze, "Housekeeper?" "Yes, I was sent by—" "Back way." (Cain, 42).
Tiptoeing in the back way, she would stand in the hall... (Cain, 180).

back when. In the past when.

That was back when we first landed in Africa (Yank, 139).

back with. Again with after having been separated from.

Cpl. Jimmy Martin is...back with the New Friends of Rhythm (Yank, 165).
He was back with the play again (Marquand, 490).
...and eventually landed back with their own outfit (Pyle, 153).

back yard. That yard space which is behind the house; that part of the lot which is behind the house.

He was digging a dugout in the back yard of a place... (Pyle, 242).

bacon and eggs. (A very popular breakfast in the United States as well as in other parts of the world. The bacon is usually broiled, but the eggs may be prepared in any of many different ways.)

The woman, whose name he believed was Hulga, made good coffee, and there had been bacon and eggs for breakfast (Marquand, 212).

bad blood. Hatred; active hostility, strife due to intense hatred.

...for the purpose of showing motivation, malice, or bad blood between the parties... (Gardner, 159).

a bad break. A stroke of bad luck; an unfortunate thing.

It was a bad break for both of us (Yank, 31).

not to be too bad(ly) off. Not to be badly situated and yet not well situated (this implies somewhere between bad and good with a position closer to good than to bad).

...the boys weren't too badly off (Pyle, 289).

a bad streak. A bad characteristic; a characteristic of evil.

She had a real bad streak in her a little like my Di'mond Lil (Yank, 132).

a bad time of it. A difficult time; a hard time; a difficult job.

...he was having a bad time of it (Pyle, 396).

a bad word. A word which is taboo in polite society.

On the third step I went down into a ditch and said a bad word (Pyle, 200).

bag and baggage. With all one's possessions, all one's goods.

He packed up and left, bag and baggage (Gardner, 82).
In Washington, huge staffs worked on it until the last minute, then moved bag and baggage over to Africa (Pyle, 16).

baggage truck. A special, four wheeled, high cart or wagon, used at railroad stations for carrying mail and baggage to and from the trains. Most usually it is pulled by hand although in the large cities one may see electrically operated ones.

He watched...the baggage trucks roll down the platform with the mail (Marquand, 256).

a bag of bones. A very thin person; one who has no fat on him.

...an old Italian...a virtual bag of bones... (Yank, 241).

to bail out. To leave, get out of, an airplane in flight (this implies that one descends by means of a parachute).

He got the plane back over our lines, but finally it went into a spin and he had to bail out (Pyle, 167).
...he could see the 190 spiral down and the pilot bail out (Yank, 16).
...the crew of the two bailed out (Pyle, 316).
Some of the crews bailed out (Yank, 16).
...Lt. William A. Wendt who had bailed out near Jap territory en route home from a strafing mission (Yank, 195).
There were no self-sealing gas tanks, no metal wings, only yellow fabric, and there was no way of bailing out (Marquand, 230).

to bail out. To put up valuables, money, as security to the police authorities to guarantee that someone will return for trial and so not be kept in prison awaiting trial.

You knew that even if you were bailed out, you'd never be allowed to reopen your business (Gardner, 199).
With that money in his jeans, Conway was going to bail Serle out (Gardner, 87).
He said he'd bail me out, that the thing had been clean... (Gardner, 101).

Baker Day. The day, July 25, 1946, the second experimental atomic bomb was exploded.

...the Baker Day atomic bomb on July 25 will be suspended and detonated by radio impulses from outside the lagoon (NY Times, July 19, 1946, 8).

bald head. A head with usually little or no hair (the implication usually is that the head belongs to a man).

His bald head shone like a freshly peeled onion in the light reflected from the plate glass window... (Gardner, 94).
The place was full of bald heads (Pyle, 342).

bald spot. A spot usually at the back of the head on which there is no hair, most often on men.

She paid little attention to the customer, except to wonder whether his bald spot was brown by nature, or from sunburn (Cain, 88).
His bald spot was bigger; it had grown from the size of a quarter to the size of a big silver dollar (Cain, 220).
She reached over and rubbed his bald spot (Cain, 170).
It was a tiny bald spot, with black hair all around it, but it was a bald spot just the same (Cain, 88).

ball bearings. A shaft, axle, enclosed by a housing containing hardened steel balls on which the shaft rests and moves. The purpose is primarily to reduce the friction between the shaft and the housing.

...and ball bearings are important to Hitler (Yank, 15).
"Half of Germany's ball bearings," the Captain went on, "are produced at Schweinfurt..." (Yank, 14).

ballet skirt. A very short, frilled, fluffy skirt commonly worn by female dancers in classical ballet.

...looked tired, carrying his rifle, and he was wearing a ballet skirt as those Evzones did (Marquand, 350).

to ball up. To make a mess of; to do entirely wrong on!

You have balled up the biggest chance anybody could ever have (Pyle, 316).
...he had balled up half the mission he had gone on... (Pyle, 216).

band leader. One who directs a band, either marching or dance.

Fred still had that handsome band-leader look that went with his particular time in Yale... (Marquand, 576).
He waved his hand airily like a band-leader when he said it (Marquand, 577).

a band strikes up. A band begins to play a piece of music energetically.

Somewhere in the rear a band strikes up and you're off to your last camp in the States (Yank, 64).

to band together. To form a band, club, with very strong ties on its members.

...the Club had only one purpose — to band together for mutual sympathy (Yank, 35).

bandy legs. Bow legs; legs which bend outward.

Mr. Hannen...was a squat man...with bandy legs... (Cain, 134).

to bang around. To go here and there making noise, as slamming doors, dropping things and the like.

"Don't bang around so," Madge said (Marquand, 124).

to bang away. To shoot repeatedly artillery, rifles, pistols, or the like.

One side would bang away for a while, then the other side (Pyle, 404).
...the Air Force was up there banging away ahead of us (Pyle, 431).
But even that didn't stop the Jerries -- they kept banging way (Pyle, 164).

banged up. Damaged; hurt; injured.

...but that didn't keep him from getting seven verified "a lot banged up" with his light machine gun at the foot of Hill 260 (Yank, 54).

to bang --- fist. To strike with the bottom of one's fist (often this is used as a gesture for emphasis).

...he banged his fist on the arm of his chair... (Cain, 170).

bank account. A record of the money kept in personal accounts in a bank (by extension of meaning: "the money in the bank in a personal account").

An office of the court will also be empowered to seize your...bank account... (Yank, 142).
...I handle Uncle Alden's financial matters -- keeping his bank account in balance... (Gardner, 6).
No, I don't care one hoot about the bank account (Uank, 163).

bank night. A device used by motion picture theaters to increase business: on certain nights each person entering the theater is handed a ticket with a number on it. At the end of the performance all of the stubs of tickers are placed in a container and from this one or more are drawn. The number of the stub is read and the person in the audience holding a ticket with the same number wins a prize. This is a form of lottery. (also attributive.)

...wanted to know what the hell they meant by raiding his joint, said his business was just as legal as any of the bank-night schemes... (Gardner, 87).

to bank on. To depend on; to rely on; to trust.

It's not a report that he'd swear to, but it'll be something you can bank on just the same (Gardner, 90).

bank stock. A part interest, ownership, in a bank.

He didn't have any bank stock (Cain, 141).

a ban on. A prohibition of; the forbidding of.

...one of the men complained about the ban on pets at the post (Yank, 130).

baptism of fire. An initial subjection to enemy artillery, rifle, pistol, machine gun fire.

That very night the raiders came and our ship got her baptism of fire... (Pyle, 7).

barbed wire. A strand of wires twisted together containing at intervals sharp, short projecting pieces of wire.

The captain briefed us, explaining that our load would be rations and barbed wire (Yank, 57).
Cpl. Bob Havelick and Pfc. Leroy Chilson...opened the barbed wire gate ... (Yank, 24).
We had a barbed wire enclosure... (Pyle, 369).
There were abandoned rolls of barbed wire (Pyle, 366).
...eau de vie is a savage liquid made by boiling barbed wire... (Pyle, 378).

bare faced. Bold; unashamed; forthright.

...yet he had never felt that way about the Elgin Marbles in the British Museum, a much more bare-faced piece of appropriation (Marquand, 226).

bare foot. A foot without a shoe; an unshod foot.

He stood there holding one bare foot off the hot deck, groping in the dark (Yank, 45).

bare hand. A hand with no covering of any kind.

...brought her bare hand down on Veda's bottom with all the force her fury could give her (Cain, 73).

bare handed. With no tools, no implements; without assistance from tools, arms, etc.; with only the hands.

The Jap officer played dead until Lt. Ross approached and then leaped at him bare-handed (Yank, 55).

bare legs. Legs with no covering such as stockings, socks.

She had on a short flannel skirt and her legs were bare (Marquand, 547).

bar fly. One who spends much time in a bar, drinking place, drinking liquor.

There was a name for this General Krivitsky. It was 'Schmelka Ginsberg', a bar fly (Common Sense, June 11, 1940, 11).

to bar --- from. To prohibit; to keep from.

...because you were under age does not bar you from wearing a service stripe (Yank, 172).

bargain basement. A part of a store in the basement where goods are sold very cheaply.

It stopped as often as a woman in a bargain basement (Yank, 115).

to bark at. To speak sharply to; to speak roughly and without feeling to.

But Mr. Jenks was always kind to the young men. He never barked at them the way Mr. Fernald did (Marquand, 18).

to bark on the wrong track. To be wrong; to be misled; to follow the wrong path.

Well, you're barking on the wrong track, Mr. Detetcive (Gardner, 162).

to bark orders. To give orders in a sharp, rough, manner.

...Lt. (jg) John Dromey of Boston, Mass...barked orders (Yank, 254).

bar none. Without exception; including everyone, everything.

...he's still the best steak man in town, bar none (Cain, 178).
...Shorty makes himself available to any man in uniform, bar none... (Yank, 136).

bar of candy. (See candy bar.) An individually wrapped piece of candy usually selling for five or ten cents.

Each colonel was eating a bar of candy... (Yank, 205).

baseball cap. A particular kind of cap worn by baseball players; a tightly fitting cap with a bill.

He has that long baseball cap on (Yank, 149).

to base on. To found on; to establish on.

A third class E allotment, based on an incorrect serial number... (Yank, 171).
...his strategy is based on sound politics... (Yank, 248).

base pay. The initial salary of a service man without additions for length of service, food, quarters, and the like.

A guy susceptible to this dramatic acting would part with the greater portion of his base pay (Yank, 66).

to bash --- on the head. To strike one on the head with enough force to crack the skull.

The Jerry took his pistol out of its holster, bashed the Fascist on the head and killed him (Yank, 27).

to bask in. To feel good as a result of.

...she lingered, patting Ida's hand, basking in her approval (Cain, 122).

to bat the breeze. To talk idly; to gossip; to participate in a bull session.

I...batted the breeze with the gunners... (Yank, 119).

not to bat an eye. To show no fear; to give no indication of emotion.

Consequently, a high-ranking general never ducks or bats an eye... (Pyle, 380).
...he would say to the Army officer in charge, "No excuse for this, sir," and never bat an eye (Pyle, 277).

to bat --- head against. To struggle against fruitlessly, futilely, without avail.

I've been batting my head against one... (Yank, 236).

bathing suit. The clothing, apparel, one wears when swimming.

...window displays of skis and bathing suits and sun glasses... (Marquand, 326).

to bat out. To write; to prepare in writing.

...Mr. Wilson had batted out a terrific job for them... (Marquand, 453).

battered up. Well worn and not in the original shape, condition.

...cheap furnished apartments with the furniture all battered up, and the thin mattresses having a ridge down the center (Gardner, 72-3).
I felt big and important, driving a rusty and battered-up old truck ... (Pyle, 275).

battle cry. A shout, cry used by men in battle.

No one even muttered the battalion's now-famous battle-cry which goes "Rommel -- count your men"... (Yank, 134).

battle scarred. Scarred, wounded, as a result of battle; veteran.

Instead of tired runners and battle-scarred pigeons carrying messages ... (Yank, 39).

a bawling out. A reprimand; a scolding; a harsh reproof.

Mr. Chris, who took all bawlings out with a martyred shrug... (Cain, 63).
...and then gave them a good bawling out for permitting such sloppy work (Yank, 71).
They didn't get the traditional Army bawling-out from him, but they did get the gate (Pyle, 308).

to bawl --- out. To reprimand; to reprove; to scold.

...Heuser bawled me out for using too much ammunition (Yank, 16).
My mommy will bawl me out for coming home so late (Yank, 209).
But in the restaurant she held her peace, until one day she heard Ida bawling out Mr. Chris (Cain, 63).
He bawled out some people even though he was only a second lieutenant ... (Pyle, 277).
He bawled people out (Pyle, 335).

beach bag. A bag, suitcase, grip, in which one carries one's bathing suit, towel, sun glasses, and other accessories one wishes to use at a bathing beach.

She ripped open the new beach bag, stuffed her purchases into it (Cain, 90).

beach head. An area on a hostile shore which, if taken, will serve as a position for landing men and supplies as well as a place for maneuvering.

The second theory (of the Germans) to harrass communications and airports and beachheads so effectively that landings could be undertaken (Common Sense, Sept. 18, 1940, 18).

beach shoes. Very light, comfortable shoes like sandals to be worn at play.

He was dressed slacks and beach shoes and one of those striped Norman sailor shirts... (Marquand, 468).

bean shooter. (Also called: pea shooter.) A small tube, six to twelve inches long, from which beans and peas and other small objects may be blown by air from the mouth; hence "small cannon".

They couldn't harm the tanks, not with the bean shooters they had... (Yank, 54).

to bear the brunt of. To receive the violence, the stress, the strain of.

...the tough Infantry outfit that has borne much of the bitter brunt of the Italian fight... (Yank, 148).

to bear the burden of. To have the responsibility of; to carry the weight of.

Meantime, the 12th Air Support Command bore the burden of the close in fighting in Italy (Pyle, 157).

to bear a child. To give birth to a child; to have a child, as a woman gives birth to a baby.

Her hips were small, like Veda's, and suggested a girl, rather than w woman who had borne two children (Cain, 17).

to bear a cross. To have great problems and difficulties.

Being messengers and clerks again's
A mighty cross to bear (Yank, 154).

to bear down on. To cause grief, woe, suffering in.

It bore down on our hearts like an all consuming weight (Pyle, 353).

to bear in mind. To remember; to remember clearly and well.

It is to be borne in mind that the contention of the authorities that Alden Leeds is the murderer... (Gardner, 124).

to bear off. To deviate; to leave the course.

...part of the feminine mind that it can tack indefinitely upwind, each tack bearing off at a vague angle... (Cain, 220).

to bear out. To validate; to verify; to show the truth of.

The receipts bore her out. (Cain, 176).

a beast of the field. A beast; a wild beast; a wild animal.

She lived like a beast of the field... (Pyle, 350).

to beat about the bush. To use circumlocution; not to speak directly and to the point; to avoid being direct in speech.

...Jeffrey wished that they would tell the truth instead of beating about the bush (Marquand, 248).

to beat around the bush. (See to beat about the bush.) To use circumlocution; not to speak directly and to the point; to avoid being direct in speech.

...when she did broach it, she did so after considerable beating around the bush (Cain, 82).

to beat the band. (This expression is an intensive.)

...he used such expressions as "fighting to beat the band"... (Pyle, 307).

to beat down. To descend with force; to come down heavily.

...the morning rain that beats down endlessly upon the bleak Italian countryside (Yank, 148).

to beat --- down. To get one to lower the price of something.

There was a little difficulty about price, he trying to beat Mildred down to thirty cents, but she held out for thirty-five... (Cain, 68).

to beat the gun. To start before one should; to begin too early.

You'll get your names in this marble orchard soon enough without trying to beat the gun in any way (Cain, 155).

to beat it. To leave hurriedly; to depart quickly and without ceremony.

Then let's beat it for home (Yank, 255).
"Beat it?" Serle echoed (Gardner, 95).
...she'd left before midnight last night, took a suitcase with her, and beat it (Gardner, 95).
Beat it down to Paul Drake's office (Gardner, 59).
Now beat it (Gardner, 145).

to beat the hell out of. To administer a severe beating, thrashing, to.

The University of Naples was closed after a group of students who had failed their examinations beat the hell out of their professor (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

to beat off. To keep another away by force; to keep another at a distance by striking at him.

After the Japs were beaten off, the Dragons landad for refueling... (Yank, 194).
An enemy force of 200 was beaten off recently by Chinese troops... (Yank, 177).
They had been beaten off and three prisoners taken (Yank, 59).

to beat the rap. To be acquitted; to be set free; to be released from obligation.

...he told friends that he'd arranged to get cash bail and was going to surrender, that he could beat the rap hands down (Gardner, 86).

to beat time. To keep time; to move some part of one's body in time; to show rhythm by moving.

...the wounded...beat time to the music... (Yank, 223).

beat up. Damaged; not in good condition; well worn.

The boys had a pin-up of Marguerite Chapman, salvaged from a beat-up British magazine (Yank, 60).
We had to...run our old beat up trucks like they were never run before (Yank, 199).
...I felt very old and "beat up"... (Pyle, 250).

to beat up. To whip in a fight; to give one a thrashing; to fight and to win.

He beat up Hogarty and then drove him out of camp at the point of a gun... (Gardner, 168).

a beautiful young thing. A beautiful, pretty, young girl, woman. (See: a sweet young thing.)

...he also got more than his share of embraces from the beautiful young things (Pyle, 459).

beauty sleep. A nap; a short restful sleep other than the regular sleep one gets at night.

...for God's sake not to wake him sooner, because he wanted to get his beauty sleep (Marquand, 219).
I wasn't supposed to come on until eleven, and he got me out of my beauty sleep (Gardner, 95).

to be becoming to ---. To attractive on one as clothing; to bring out one's best qualities of beauty as a color.

She was already in the brick-red uniform, which was quite becoming to her, and obviously wanted to be part of the show (Cain, 120).

to bed down. To settle more or less permanently for the night; to fix as if permanently in one place, as for sleeping.

Occasionally the tanks bedded down in the flats would fire a mission ... (Yank, 58).
A major was bedding down near a pillbox (Yank, 145).

bed light. An electric lamp, light, attached to the head of a bed, or just above that on the wall, to give illumination principally for the purpose of reading in bed.

...she snapped on the bed light... (Cain, 252).

bed(ding) roll. A rather large bundle comprising one's blankets and a canvas covering. It is about two feet and a half long when rolled up for transportation.

Sitting on a bed roll... (Yank, 239).
Jeffrey had finally carried the map case in his bedding roll... (Marquand, 215).

bedside companion. A book or magazine which one keeps beside his bed for the purpose of reading before going to sleep.

...and down to Altman, where the only real book in the place was a restful bedside companion entitled "The Lamentations of a New Jeremiah" (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1957, 21).

bee line. A direct line; shortest distance by a straight line, route. (Also attributive.)

We were to make...a bee-line journey from England to France (Pyle, 358).

beer joint. A saloon, bar, where beer is sold by the glass or mug and where one drinks the beer on the spot. (A beer joint is not usually a high class place.)

But he'll open up on the subject if football or his home town or his neighborhood beer joint (Yank, 36).

beetle browed. Having thick, heavy, usually dark colored, eyebrows which almost meet or do meet above the nose.

Sussky, a beetle browed youngster who joined the Air Force... (Yank, 195).

beet red. A very dark red; a red the color of ripe beets; a deep red.

Jeffrey felt himself growing beet red (Marquand, 159).

before --- can turn around. Almost immediately; very quickly.

She said the lemon was gone before she could turn around, and one customer wanted a second cut... (Cain, 67).

before dark. At dusk; at twilight.

Just before dark the colonel assembled the battalion keeping them under cover (Yank, 50).

before the days of. Before; before the time of; previous to the time of.

That was before the days of taxis dancers as we know them nowadays (Gardner, 112).

before a fire. In front of a fire; with the fire opposite; facing a fire.

The rest of the section sat before the fire and listened to the major's family (Yank, 48).

before --- knows it. Almost immediately; very quickly.

You've dropped a fast deuce in a friendly crap game and before you know it the evening's spent (Yank, 65).
...and before you know it YANK will be coming around regularly to cheer your spirit... (Yank, 212).
...before he knew it he was posted outside the door of a small room... (Yank, 200).

before long. Soon; quickly; in a short time.

Tom said that when he first went into the Navy the sailor's profanity shocked him, but before long it rolled off his back like water off a duck (Pyle, 38).
Before long we could see the tanks let go at the town (Pyle, 24).
Before long, good liquor was almost exhausted... (Pyle, 119).
...pretty soon somebody started to snore and before long all of us were asleep... (Pyle, 199).
Even the dizziest of us knew that before long many of us stood an excellent chance of being in this world no more (Pyle, 5).
They knew it would be lots rougher before long (Pyle, 345).
...before long there wasn't a correspondent who didn't swear by him (Pyle, 308).

...but all the time her choler was gaining pressure, and she knew that before long it would have to come out (Cain, 58).
...and before very long she'd be pulling off something big (Cain, 139).

before now. Before this time; previous to this time.

You will have realized, before now, that our marriage was a mistake (Yank, 173).

before the(year, week, day, month) is out. Before the end of the month, etc; by the end of the month, etc.

Wally would have every damned cent of it before the year was out... (Cain, 209).

before you could say scat. Almost immediately; very quickly.

Clayton shot him three times in the chest before you could say scat (Pyle, 450).
...he was out in front getting shot at before you could say scat (Pyle, 139).

to begin at the beginning. To begin telling a story, instructions, etc., at the first of the action, directions, and the like.

Shall I begin at the beginning, Mrs. Pierce? (Cain, 193).
It's perfectly all right, but on little things, especially with an inexperienced woman, I find it well to begin at the beginning (Cain, 42).

not to begin to. (This is used as a negative intensive modifying the infinitive which follows it.)

He was forty-two years old, but didn't begin to look it (Pyle, 73).

to beg of ---. To request of one; to ask one sincerely; to plead with one.

I beg of you to put an end to this mistake... (Yank, 173).

be a good (boy, girl). (Imperative.) Be obliging; be helpful; be accomodating.

Come on, be a good girl, and tell me about the clients (Gardner, 1).

to beg --- pardon. To ask another to forgive one's offenses; to request another's forgiveness.

"I beg your pardon," Dr. Londonberry observed... (Gardner, 37).

behind --- back. When one is not present to hear; without one's knowledge.

...had all the time been sneering at her behind her back...(Cain, 157).

to be behind the eight ball. To be unable to move, to do anything; to be stymied; to be checkmated.

It's you that's behind the eight ball, not us (Cain, 246).

behind the scenes. Backstage; behind the curtain of the theater; behind the set on a stage.

Gloria, would you like to go behind the scenes in the theater? (Marquand, 369).

not to be able to believe --- eyes. Not to be able to believe what one sees; to be hardly able to give credence to; to be almost beyond one's belief.

The railroad men...couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the crowd of celebrities... (Yank, 199).
...Monty...stared as though he could hardly believe his eyes (Cain, 163).

to believe in. To have faith in; to put confidence in; to have trust in; to give credence to.

Their talk might be tiresome, but it was what she accepted and believed in (Cain, 95).
...he had never taken out more because he didn't believe in insurance as an investment preferring A.T. and T. (Cain, 60).
...she"didn't believe in beating children for very little things" (Cain, 73).
It was the coming true of all she had dreamed for Veda, all she had believed in, worked for, dedicated her life to (Cain, 214).

believe it or not. One may believe or not believe what has been said or is to be said but that is the truth; what has been said or is to be said is the truth although it may sound strange or untrue.

Believe it or not, our average age is 23 (Yank, 214).
Believe it or not, he even dug his fingers in the Dairy (Cain, 233).
He actually thought...that Mr. Newcombe's manuscript...believe it or not...was just another of those books (Marquand, 24).
"Believe it or not," Mason said, "we don't have any." (Gardner, 19).
Montgomery, believe it or not (Cain, 91).
...well, believe it or not, he even likes the flowers (Cain, 179).
The progression from a liquid to soft to regular diet was one of the great experiences of my life, for believe it or not, all three diets were exactly the same thing -- soup and canned tomato juice (Pyle, 47).

believe me. What I have said or am about to say is the truth; I can assure you that this is true.

And, believe me, during the first few days of our invasion men at the front needed those rifles (Pyle, 421).
When assault troops are being attacked by land, and waiting ships are catching it from the air, believe me the speed of unloading is mighty important (Pyle, 15-6).
But believe me, lady, unless you got to get there tonight, it'll be a whole lot better to turn back (Cain, 163).
Believe me, this war is too tough for you old guys (Yank, 177).
The last two don't sound spectacular but, believe me, they're imporaant (Pyle, 80).
Believe me, after seeing these soldiers aboard, my hat's off to the Army, the poor bastards (Pyle, 4).

belly dancer. A female dancer who amnipulates the muscles in her belly, rotates her abdomen and hips.

Floor show lousy — belly dancers couldn't get even a trial on a Minsky circuit (Yank, 212).

belly landing. The landing of an airplane without the use of wheels, especially when the landing gear of the plane, the wheels, are disabled and cannot be used. (This implies an emergency landing, one that is not normal, one that is dangerous.)

...Lt. Melvin Kimball...made a belly landing in Burma... (Yank, 194).

to bend down. To bend over; to stoop.

In one room I bent down and looked at some letters... (Yank, 220).
I have seen big men...bend down to whisper goodbye... (Yank, 137).
She lifted the mask of the oxygen apparatus, bent down, kissed Ray on the mouth, and pulled the sheet over her face (Cain, 103).
She indicated that she wanted to whisper to him, and Mason bend down so his ear was close to her lips (Gardner, 25).
Jeffrey walked over to her chair and bent down to kiss her (Marquand, 589).

to bend over. To stoop; incline the upper part of the body as in a bow.

Dr. Gale was bent over, peering intently at Ray (Cain, 101).
He was followed by Dr. Collins...who bent over Ray and studied her... (Cain, 102).
Then a soldier came and stood beside the officer and bent over... (Pyle, 155).

to be bent on. To have a strong inclination, desire, will, to be (doing something).

But he seemed bent on pleasing Mildred... (Cain, 227).
I'm a rabid one-man movement bent on tracking down and stamping out... (Pyle, 5).

be seeing you. Goodbye; so long.

Mason said, "All right, Paul, be seeing you." (Gardner, 13).

to be beside the point. Not to be a point of the discussion, argument; to have no direct relation to the discussion, argument.

Of course, mailing them in the first place is illegal, but that's beside the point (Pyle, 126).
"Thass beside the point," Artie said. (Yank, 98).

the best --- can. In the best way, manner, method, possible.

That's a post-operative case, and I carried on the best I could (Gardner, 38).

best friends. Very close friends; very good friends.

And Beckie would never tell Madge, although they were best friends, what it was she remembered... (Marquand, 105).

best medicine. The best thing; the best remedy.

Also, he had a theory that the best medicine you can give to a wounded man is some warmth and comfort (Pyle, 153).

best of all. Better than anything else; better than the other things.

...and best of all, hidden on a shelf I noticed two nice brown eggs (Pyle, 258).
...best of all, the Chinese understood why they were working so hard... (Yank, 120).
...something by Chopin, that she liked best of all (Cain, 181).
Best of all, I had eggs (Pyle, 343).

the best of it is. The best part of, thing about, it is.

She had held his hand, and the best of it was that she had said nothing ... (Marquand, 594).

the best part of. The most of; the majority of; the maximum part of.

For the best part of a week our ship had been lying far out in the harbor, tied to a boyu. (Pyle, 7).

the best that can be said is. The best statement which can possibly be made concerning this is. (This implies generally unsatisfactory conditions.)

The best that can be said is that the project is not going in the red as fast as it used to (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

betrayed husband. A husband whose wife has been untrue to him; a husband whose wife has been intimate sexually with other men.

...I didn't want to saddle you with the role of betrayed husband (Yank, 174).

to betray --- presence. To give away one's presence; to let another know inadvertantly where one is.

...our attack on the first barge had betrayed our presence (Yank, 254).

better and better. More and more; better; still better; still more.

As I got to know the A-20 gunners better and better, they began to tell me their inner feelings... (Pyle, 223).

the better class. The upper class; the superior class.

Unfortunately it is representative of what the "better class" of moguls really think (Yank, 210).

better days. A time in which affairs, finances, the situation in general is better than at the present time.

All three of us had seen both of them in better days (Yank, 29).
...he's marking time for better days (Yank, 36).

to be the better for. To be improved as a result of; to be better for having had (something).

It was necessary to convey the impression...that this effort had meant something...which you understood and rere the better for (Marquand, 146).

better off. Wealthy; comparatively rich; well to do.

There was more to buy in the shops and the better-off people seemed to have a greater variety of food (Pyle, 119).

to be better off. To be in an improved situation; to be in a better situation than otherwise.

...Jeffrey really knew that he would be better off without Jesse (Marquand, 275).

But he's better off where he is now, trying to learn something and maybe he hasn't got much time (Marquand, 369).
If she'd had a little dough when Pierce Homes began to wobble...she'd be better off, wouldn't she? (Cain, 250).
...they are a good deal better off than they'd be in a small apartment ashore (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
Aboard ship, we were somewhat better off than the troops on land... (Pyle, 41).

the better part of. The most of; the maximum part of; the majority of. (Of, the best part of.)

Of pedestrians there were none, and she plodded around for the better part of an hour, peering at each street sign... (Cain, 41).
You knew that he had the better part of twenty thousand dollars in his possession... (Gardner, 199).
It took most of them the better part of a day to get two-thirds of the way down... (Pyle, 144).

better than. More than; in excess of.

...they weighed better than forty pounds (Pyle, 389).

a better time. A more auspicious time; a time better suited to (something).

He was saving himself for something else, perhaps waiting for abetter time (Yank, 6).

to be between --- selves. To be secret; to be told to no one else.

...agree it should be between themselves, with nothing said to Wally... (Cain, 204).

between them (the two of them). The two of them together; the two as one; together.

Between them they saved the crippled Fort from destruction (Yank, 16).

to be between you and me. To be secret; to be told to no one else.

"And that's between you and me," Jim said, "just you and me." (Marquand, 442).
I don't mean that exactly...but if you want to, this is between you and and me (Marquand, 552).

beyond --- control. Out of one's control; so that one can not control, manage.

...a guy was entitled to some peace, instead of a constant nagging over things that lay beyond his control (Cain, 5).

to be beyond --- ken. To be too difficult for one to understand; to be so that one cannot understand.

His bland assumption that the whole subject was a bore, not worth discussing, was beyond her ken (Cain, 95).

to be beyond repair. To be in a condition so that it cannot be repaired; unrepairable.

...the barrel was beyond repair... (Pyle, 424).

to be beyond the scope of. To be outside the limits of; not to be proper in.

The subject matter would seem beyond the scope of proper cross-examination (Gardner, 198).

to be beyond --- wildest dreams. To represent more happiness than one has ever thought possible.

Gentlemen, the opportunities your letter presents are beyond my wildest dreams (Yank, 142).

be your age. Act according the maturity of your age; don't act as though you were a child. (Imperative.)

Be your age, you big oaf. (Gardner, 80).

to bide (one's)time. To wait for an auspicious time; to wait for a better time.

He bided his time... (Cain, 236).
...they cling to the crags overlooking our camp areas and bide their time (Yank, 181).

big and little. Large and small; of all sizes and kinds.

And then after lunch we looked out again, and the sea was once more veritably crawling with new ships -- hundreds of them, big and little (Pyle, 35).

a big baby. A big, large, thing.

There's another one, a big baby, over to starboard... (Yank, 254).

big boned. With bones larger than normal; having bigger bones than the average.

The animal was bony -- big-boned, Jeffrey supposed the technical term would have been... (Marquand, 374).

big boy. (A term of address showing familiarity or attempted familiarity.)

"What's the matter, big boy?" he heard Mrs. Newcombe ask (Marquand, 351).
"Where do you think he is, big boy?" Mrs. Newcombe said. (Marquand, 346).
"Well, hi ho to you, big boy," Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 353).

a big man. An important man; a leader.

I had heard Allied officers refer to Tito as a "big man", and I could see what they meant (Yank, 248).

big name. An important man; a leader; a prominent character.

...those national figures known to the trade as "big names"... (Marquand, 34).

a big rush. Great attention; much making over.

After the big rush they gave me, with Pa breaking his neck to get me a screen test... (Cain, 196).

big shot. An important person; a famous person; a prominent character. (Also attributive.)

...a rat-faced punk who thinkg he's a big shot because he's peddling phoney dice, but he may lead to something (Gardner, 13).
But I guess those big shots understood that duty is duty (Yank, 200).
...maybe the big shots can read what you're thinking... (Yank, 218).
...he became a subdivider, a community builder, a man of vision, a big shot (Cain, 6).
Well, these black-market operators were all big-shot Fascists (Yank, 26).
Serrano recalls one order about catching a big-shot Fascist... (Yank, 26).

a big thing. An important thing; a necessary thing, item.

You have no idea what a big thing some practical little device...is in the life of a man at the front (Pyle, 242).

a big time. Much pleasure; a lot of fun; a good time.

You guys over there in Italy must be having a big time with all those little dark-eyed signorinas (Yank, 84).

big time. Important, famous; prominent.

I know you're big time, baby (Marquand, 483).

bill fold. Usually a piece of leather folded and sewn somewhat larger than a piece of paper money. It is used to carry, hold, paper money, identification cards, etc.

He hauled out the few items I possessed: a broken pencil, a fountain pen, a notebook, a billfold containing three genuine American gold-seal 10 dollar bills... (Yank, 12).

bill of fare. A menu; a list of the food served in a restaurant.

When I went back to talk with the cook, I found out we did although they weren't on the bill of fare that night (Gardner, 144).

to bind --- over. To hold one for trial in a court.

If we'd followed this case along conventional lines, Alden Leeds would have been bound over on that fingerprint evidence (Gardner, 207).
The judge is going to bind you over on a charge of first degree murder (Gardner, 152).

to bind up. To wrap; to cover; to bandage.

If another man has had his leg shattered by shrapnel, they bind it up in a metal rack, but the operating and setting aren't done till he gets back to the hospital (Pyle, 51-2).

birthday suit. Nakedness; state of being naked; having no clothes on.

...when one of the martial nudists goes by in his birthday suit, riding on the running board of a truck (Yank, 42).

bit by bit. Gradually; a little at a time.

Instead his time had been cut off bit by bit without his having noticed, painlessly but surely (Marquand, 533).
Each Sunday she saved the New York Times Book Review so that she could read it bit by bit through the week... (Marquand, 100).

to bite --- head off. To speak sharply, roughly, impolitely, to another.

You might think we were going to bite each other's heads off because we look at things differently (Marquand, 360).

to bite --- lip. To place, usually, the lower lip between the teeth (this usually is a sign of nervousness of concentration).

He saw Madge bite her lip, but Madge was still composed (Marquand, 523).
And she bit her lower lip again (Marquand, 523).

to bite --- nails. To cut one's fingernails by biting (this is considered almost certain sign of nervousness).

He sat down behind the first sergeant's desk and began to bite his nails, starting with the third finger, left hand (Yank, 98).

to bite off more than --- can chew. To attempt that which one is unable for one reason or another to do.

Looks as though you'd bitten off a little more than you can chew, Perry (Gardner, 173).

a bite to eat. Something to eat; a meal; prepared food.

We could go to the Rockewell for just a bite to eat, and just talk (Marquand, 272).
He had not had a bite to eat or a drop of water (Pyle, 453).

a bit of. Small part of; a particle of; a small portion of.

One might almost say I was a bit of a sap (Cain, 197).
This bit of recklessness restored her to a touch of her old self... (Cain, 257).
The dining room was a bit of old Spain, and there were three Japanese houseboys... (Marquand, 432).

bitterness toward. A feeling of hatred for; a feeling of animosity for.

He retained something that he thought of as his pride, but it had no meaning and exhibited itself mainly in mounting betterness toward Mildred (Cain, 144).

a bitter pill. An almost inescapable experience which humiliates one, deflates one's pride.

'Tis a bitter pill to swallow... (Yank, 154).

bitter tears. Crying, tears, caused by humiliation, injured pride.

For in spite of mishaps, blunders, and catastrophes that sometimes reduced her to bitter tears... (Cain, 129).

black cat. A cat whose fur is black (this is supposed by many to be the symbol of bad luck and conversely by others to be the symbol of good luck).

They wouldn't trade it (the number thirteen) for a dozen black cats... (Pyle, 350).

black coffee. Brewed coffee without cream or milk; cafe noir.

When the briefing was over, a soldier brought the colonel a canteen full of black coffee (Yank, 109).
He could see Madge's orange juice and her Melba toast and her black coffee, which she always took without any cream or sugar (Marquand, 585).

black haired. With hair colored from a very dark brown to black.

...Bill Watson, black haired... (Yank, 243).

to blackmail --- into. To persuade one to do something through the use of blackmail.

She said Veda was trying to blackmail her boy into marrying her... (Cain, 195).

black market. The illegal buying and selling of goods; a place where illegal goods may be bought and sold. (Also attributive.)

Practically everything in the city was bought and sold in the black market... (Yank, 219).
And the black market is about the only place where American cigarettes may be bought (Yank, 65).
A few are...patronizing the black market... (Yank, 217).
...the Germans themselves created and fostered the Paris black market ... (Pyle, 415).
In a way, these black-market operators were the meanest of all the Eyetie Fascists (Yank, 26).
...if they were black-market operators, then they were sure to get strung up (Yank, 26).
Well, these black-market operators were all big-shot Fascists (Yank, 26).

black (marketeer, marketer). One who poerates a black market.

The most skilled black marketer...is the sort of man who used to be a confidence man or other City hanger on (New Republic, Apl. 13, 1942, 490).

to black out.
1. To lose consciousness (see citation).

...to describe the process of losing consciousness in a swiftly moving aerophane. My guess would have been that the fliers created the verb 'to black out' because it describes their symptoms: their vision fails, the world becomes black, and, finally, they go out; that is, they are knocked out, lose consciousness (Bob Trout, "Some Notes on H. L. Mencken's War Words in England", AS, XIX, p. 293).

2. To extinguish all light which may be seen out of doors and to vover windows and doors so that no light within a house may be seen out of doors.

Of course until the lights were out the hut had to be blacked out (Pyle, 326).
Far in the distance we could see one lone white light -- probably a window some early rising farmer had forgotten to black out (Pyle, 324).

the black sheep. The one which does not conform; the one which turns out bad; the one which is no good (this is usually used in reference to a family and the "black sheep" is one of the children).

Uncle Alden was the black sheep of the family (Gardner, 3).

Black Thursday. The Thursday in November of 1929 when the New York Stock Exchange began to indicate the financial panic which was to engulf the nation; the beginning of the Depression.

But then came Black Thursday of 1929, and his plunge to ruin was so rapid, he could hardly see Pierce Homes disappear... (Cain, 7).

to blame --- for. To say that another has caused (trouble); to say that another is the agent of (trouble).

...there was no sense in blaming him for things that were rapidly becoming too much for her... (Cain, 30).

to blame --- on. To say that another is the cause of something wrong, bad; to accuse of being the cause.

She was quite explicit about blaming this all on Bert, and seemed to feel there was something he could do about it, and should do (Cain, 18).

blankety-blank. (This is used in place of an oath and it is supposed to represent a very bad oath, profanity, a taboo word.)

Don't those blankety-blank so-and-sos know there are men here who are badly hurt? (Pyle, 286).

a blank stare. A face, look, with no expression, no signs of emotion of any kind.

To this not unflattering harangue Mr. Chris at first returned a blank stare (Cain, 67).

to blast away. To fire guns, cannons, and the like.

...the great gun was blasting away... (Pyle, 393).
...a mighty bedlam of ack-ack blasted away on shore... (Pyle, 272).
...he saw some engineers blasting away at what looked like a...pile of mangrove leaves... (Yank, 250).

a blast of. A sudden and great amount of (sound).

...and then suddenly there is a blast of music and the unctuous voice of a real American announcer... (Yank, 72).

to blast out.
1. To destroy by the use of high explosives; artillery; and the like.

...then the tanks would come up and blast out the bad spots of the opposition (Pyle, 443).
Jerry planes tried to bomb them out of the hills and mortars tried to blast them out (Yank, 27).
...they just had to be blasted out (Pyle, 443).

2. To create through the use of high explosives.

I visited some of the boys who had been blasting out our invasion path on the Continent of Europe (Pyle, 319).

3. To make, create, a sudden great noise.

...Lt. Col. Ferdinand J. Tate's .45 blasted out a salute (Yank, 177).

to bleed to death. To die as a result of bleeding; to die as the result of loss of blood.

...came a voice, "My God, this man's bleeding to death." (Yank, 44).
...the wounded lay in their dugouts and some of them bled to death (Yank, 146).
This poor guy's bleeding to death (Yank, 45).

a blind date. A date, engagement, with one of the opposite sex when neigher of the two knows the other.

He did not know what a blind date was, but he certainly did not want her to know... (Marquand, 183).
I had a blind date with one of them (Marquand, 183).

blind drunk. Very drunk; extremely intoxicated.

...the paratrooper...asked for a date to get blind drunk ashore (Yank, 224).

a blinding flash. A sudden, brilliant flash of light or heat.

There was a blinding falsh and roar and shrapnel rained down like cinders (Yank, 46).
...the heat lightning flickered once, then drove into her sorrow with a blinding flash (Cain, 115).

blindman's bluff. A children's game in which one of the players has his eyes blindfolded and attempts to catch others who can see.

War here is blindman's bluff with bullets (Yank, 180).

blind spot. Literally a spot in the eye, retina, which is not sensitive to light; hence an area in which one does not use his full discernment, judgment, and the like.

"Sometimes I think you know so much about people," Madge said, "and then you show your blind spot." (Marquand, 535).

to blink --- eyes. To bat one's eyes; to shut one's eyelids and open them quickly.

...I automatically blinked my eyes (Pyle, 404).

to blink out. To be extinguished; to be turned out; to go off.

At any rate...one of them a light suddenly blinked out (Pyle, 22).

block buster. (See citation.)

"An air bomb large enough to knock down a whole block of houses." Many Americans who are accustomed to this word do not realize that the 'block' is not an American city block, but a large modern building. As the British say, "a block of flats," or "a block of offices." (Bob Trout, "Some Notes on H. L. Mencken's War Words in England," AS, XIX, 293).
The first group of mighty four engined Lancasters hit Dusseldorf with a 2-ton 'block-buster' (Time, Sept. 14, 1942, 56).

to block out. To plan; to arrange in advance; to conceive as a whole.

The story as they had tried to block it out, Hal said, was a simple little story (Marquand, 420).

to block --- path. To stand in one's way; to move so that another is unable to move; to prevent one.

...Veda, who seemed to have moved to block her path (Cain, 205).

blood and thunder. Violence, noise, great trouble (this very often implies melodrama).

We came up here for blood and thunder, for grenades and glinting bayonets and moaning mortar shells (Yank, 196).

a blood bath. A massacre; a wholesale killing. (CF. Germ. blutbad.)

The workers had replied to the blood-bath in the street by the final weapon of the unarmed massed -- the General Strike (G.E.R. Gedge, Fallen Bastions, London, Gollancz, 1939, 35).

blood brothers. A brother related by ties of blood; a brother having at least one common parent; hence, by extension very, very close friends.

...as though it were all our fault, as though we were slackers letting our blood brothers down while they were fighting the Hun (Marquand, 249).

blood curdling. Terrifying; horribly frightening.

...many guns...thundered like the blood-curdling approach of a hurricane (Pyle, 383).

blood is thicker than water. Relationship by blood has obligations and responsibilities which are not so keenly felt toward one not related.

They were always making speeches about blood's being thicker than water (Marquand, 248).

blood poisoning. Septicemia; (often confused with gangrene).

Blood poisoning set in from an infected blister (Gardner, 110).

blood pressure. The pressure of the blood on the walls of the arteries as the blood circulates throughout the body.

He had put on some weight but his heart and blood-pressure were normal and he knew quite a lot about war (Marquand, 563).

blood sucking. Getting blood from a living body by sucking as a parasite, mosquito, leech.

Almost equally dangerous foes have been natural ones...blood-sucking leeches... (Yank, 178).

blood sweat. (See citation.)

...was described by a writer in The Rotarian, January, 1944: "Farmers have long known that cattle fed on improperly cured sweet clover hay are apt to develop a fatal sickness. It used to be called "blood sweat" (D. L. "The Farm Column", AS, XIX, 309).

blood, sweat, and tears. The American adaptation of the phrase delivered by Winston Churchill, May 13, 1940, in which he expressed his determination to carry on the war even though the English people had very little left. Churchill's famous sentence went: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat."

...later than you think...blood, sweat and tears...fighting our fight... (Marquand, 464).

blood ties. Relationships through blood; family relationship; relationships through race.

It stems not only from blood ties with...Slave... (Yank, 248).

to blot out. To remove from one's consciousness; to gorget.

Then you stood for a moment focusing your eyes on every object in your room, blotting out all extraneous thought (Marquand, 191).

to blow away. To remove by force of air; to carry away as though by wind. (Passive sense may also be in the active voice.)

...Elsie said they had better put weights on them so they would not blow away. (Marquand, 433).
...the steps had been blown away (Pyle, 184).

to blow down. To fall as the result of the force of air, high winds, storms. (Passive sense may also be in the active voice.)

...a few tree limbs that had blown down on it... (Cain, 163).
The house had not been blown down (Pyle, 403).

to blow in.
1. To crumple; to cause to fall inward, as a wall of a house from the force of air pressure, strong wind, explosion, etc.

It blew in one wall, and hurt several men (Pyle, 282).
...they just blew the roof in with TNT... (Yank, 145).

2. To enter as the result of wind, as rain blows in a house.

Do you think it's blowing in anywhere? (Marquand, 534).
It may be blowing in (Marquand, 535).
It isn't blowing in (Marquand, 534).

3. To spend money (this implies spending all the money one has).

What are you going to blow it in on this time? (Marquand, 487).

4. To arrive; to get to a place.

We just blew in from the islands, honey... (Yank, 160).

to blow into town. To arrive, to get to, a town, city.

...Prime Minister Churchill blew into town...for the most historic conference of the war (Yank, 199).

a blow off. An explosion; hence, an investigation and arrests as the result of community, civic pressure.

I was afraid that when the blow-off came, they might claim I'd been the last one in... (Gardner, 78).

to blow off. To remove as the result of an explosion, gun fire, cannon fire, etc.

Another soldier had a leg blown off but he lived (Pyle, 124).
...I remember fretting because my steel hat had blown off with the first blast... (Pyle, 248).
...as displayed by the member of the Durham Light Infantry who stayed by his gun with one arm blown off and fired on till he fell dead (Yank, 36).
...keep well under cover "or get your goddam head blown off" (Yank, 107).
The man's face was half blown off, his chin hanging by a few threads of skin... (Yank, 108).
A buddy of mine...had both legs blown off by a mortar burst... (Yank, 146).
...the Navy men...hollered to us to keep our heads down, or we'd get them blown off (Yank, 144).
...he had been blown off the LST (Yank, 168).
The last explosion on the ship must have blown them off (Yank, 169).
He was on the rail of the ship when I got blown off... (Yank, 169).
For days, the general enjoyed telling how we almost got our heads blown off by our own gun (Pyle, 311).

to blow off steam. To reduce emotional pressures; to remove emotional strains and stresses (this implies removal through almost violent actions).

They painted the town and blew off steam as any active man who lives dangerously must do now and then (Pyle, 329).

a blow out. A flat tire caused by the pressure of the air within the tire being duddenly released through a worn, weak, spot in the tire.

Maybe she had a blow out (Cain, 252).

to blow out.
1. To exhale; to exhaust the air from one's lungs.

He suddenly blew out a big cloud of smoke and filled his cigarette (Yank, 95).

2. To fall outward as the result of air pressure, explosion, etc. (Notice the use of active and passive voice.)

...I found they'd all been blown out of the pack (Pyle, 249).
The French doors leading to the balcony blew out... (Pyle, 248).

3. To destroy by means of explosives.

They didn't bother to mess up the harbor or to blow out the two river bridges which would have cut our forces in half (Pyle, 29).
It had been so powerful that two planes were blown out of their catapaults and into the sea (Yank, 46).

to blow over. To pass away; to be forgotten; to calm down.

Now the publicity has blown over a little, you're going to sing for Sunbake, for $2,500 a week (Cain, 259).

to blow to bits. To destroy completely by explosions, gun fire, and the like.

This certain gun...made a direct hit on one of our Cubs in the air and blew it to bits (Pyle, 240).

to blow to hell. To destroy completely as the result of an explosion, air pressure, winds, etc.

A Company's kitchen was blown to hell (Yank, 244).
We blew them all to hell with Mls (Yank, 55).

to blow --- top. To loose one's anger by angry talking; to explode, as it were, into language.

Many of these frilly females Sgt. Bowie blows his top about are a lot closer to action then... (Yank, 215).

to blow all to pieces. To destroy completely by explosions, gun fire, etc.

An 88 shell...blew our artillery range finder all to pieces... (Pyle, 256).
A bomb hit the crater just as they reached it, and blew them all to pieces (Pyle, 316).
...he pulled out a grenade and blew himself to pieces (Yank, 192).

to blow to smithereens. To destroy completely by explosions, gun fire, etc.

One hit in the right place might blow our thin mahogany hull to smithereens (Yank, 254).
Sometimes the Germans would pick out one of the farmhouses...and blow it to smithereens (Pyle, 238).

to blow up.
1. To explode so as to destroy; to cause to explode.

He was referring to a truck he had strafed and blown up the afternoon before (Pyle, 177).
Within an hour...they would come screaming out of the sky right on top of that gun and blow it up (Pyle, 159).
He ordered the guns into action. And for the next ten minutes we sounded like the Edgewood Arsenal blowing up (Pyle, 23).
...the fabulous stove...had been known to blow up seven times a day (Pyle, 219).
The top was full of holes, caused by the frequent blowing up of the gasoline stove (Pyle, 218).
I introduced myself, and said I'd like to drop past that evening and see his stove blow up (Pyle, 219).
It had blown up... (Pyle, 406).
It could repair a blown-up Jeep or the intricate breech of a mammoth gun (Pyle, 418).
The next day the Germans came back in force, blowing up seven houses... (Yank, 28).
Serrano...was on a mission to blow up a bridge near El Djem (Yank, 25).
"Pietro's beard is white" might mean to blow up a railroad bridge (Yank, 26).
...swung her heavies into play, sunk her first target and blew up her second (Yank, 43).
Stoves blew up frequently, but seldom did any damage (Pyle, 207).
When he passed a bunch of engineers toiling and sweating to create a bypass around a blown-up bridge he would call out... (Pyle, 308).
Well, if the stove isn't going to blow up, I guess I have to go (Pyle, 220).
After a while a German scout car came along, passed over the mine and blew up (Yank, 71).
The Nazis did blow up the docks in Piraeus... (Yank, 219).
We found the road blown up... (Yank, 218).
...the Bolsheviki were going to infiltrate into the United States; they were going to blow up everything... (Marquand, 210).
A shell could...blow up the whole dump (Yank, 239).
...400 rounds of HE Heavies blown up... (Yank, 249).
You're liable to blow the place up if you throw water into that stove now, boy (Yank, 207).
...the Germans probably wondered what the world was coming to when Americans could have planes over blowing up tanks five minutes after they had hidden them (Pyle, 168).

2. To cause to rise as from air pressure, wind, etc.

We back ponderously up the road, our powerful exhaust blowing up dust as we moved (Pyle, 428).

3. To seem to explode from anger; to make an angry outburst of speech; to viturperate.

She blew up, said everything was fixed with Alden Leeds and that it would ruin the play... (Gardner, 73).

He blew up like an ammunition dump (Yank, 171).

4. To fail as in business; to go bankrupt.

...more money than you've seen since Pierce Homes blew up (Cain, 51).

5. To inflate; to fill with air or gas.

A sign in the window of a stationary store advertises balloons for sale at five and six cents, blown-up balloons at six and seven cents (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 61, 1947, 20).

blue blood. Relationship with the upper classes; aristocratic relations.

...they put my uncle Joseph Alaysius McGonigle in the nut house when he said he had blue blood (Yank, 162).

blue copybook. A small booklet in which one writes answers to examination questions in high school and college. (Also called blue book.)

You thought and thought and you wrote the answers down in a blue copybook which was waiting for you... (Marquand, 446).

blue jeans. Trousers, pants, made of blue denim.

Two boys about eleven or twelve in blue jeans and sweaters... (Marquand, 171).

to blurt out. To speak suddenly and without forethought; to speak without having planned to do so.

The startled soldier gasped, then blurted out, "Jesus Christ!" (Pyle, 396).

In spite of her effort, Mildred had been unable to get started. Now she blurted out: "Darling, what was she talking about? " (Cain, 196).

to board up. To cover with boards; to nail boards to (something) to cover it up as windows, doors, or other openings.

He boarded up blown-out windows, did our washing, and even picked up the scraps ofwood and built a little fire... (Pyle, 119).

bobby (sock, socks, sox). Anklets; short hose which comes up a little higher than one's ankles (In reference to women's and girls' clothing only).

...hundreds...of girls in bobby socks sat transfixed (Time, July 5, 1943, 76).

bobby sock brigade. Young girls, 12-19 years of age, who wander the streets for excitement.

In New York City last week, the "Bobby-sock Brigade" had swelled to such proportions (within a year the Wayward Minors' Court had had nearly 100 per cent increase in delinquent girl cases) that police imposed an unofficial curfew (Newsweek, Mar. 6, 1944, 88).

bobby (socker, sockser, soxer). A girl in her teens, 12-19 years of age.

When bobby socker squeals, sound is carried to loudspeakers... (Life, Nov. 27, 1944, 76).

to bode no good. To indicate, to be the omen of, to mean bad news.

when a general phones it bodes no good (Pyle, 206).

a body blow. An injuring blow; a calamity; shock; disaster.

...failure to pay is a body blow to credit (Cain, 245).

to bog down.
1. To become mired; to sink in mud or the like.

...pack mules tumbled off ridges and bogged down in muddy ravines (Yank, 176).

2. To slow down; to be impeded (as the result of too much of something.)

Their regular writers are bogged down with it (Marquand, 389).
The Japanese were bogged down in China (Marquand, 570).
I ain't had a chance to bog down yet. Been too busy (Cain, 196).

to boil down to. To be in essence; to be stated briefly and concisely in.

Those needs boil down to three things; food, ammunition and water (Yank, 197).

bolt upright. Erect; straight up.

Mom turned white, and sat bolt upright, but Mr. Pierce spoke quickly, and she sank back, her lips compressed (Cain, 98).

bomb bay. That portion of the airplane, usually in the fuselage, where bombs are stored during flight. (Also attrivutige.)

But most of the bombing...is done at level flight, bombs being dropped from bomb-bays... (NY Times, Mag., June 30, 1940, 6),AS.

Instead of bombs, it carried tight, heavy packages, designed to open when they were released through the bomb bay doors (Yank, 127). Rosie came down through the bomb bay to look over his crew (Yank, 86).

bombing raid. The carrying and dropping of bombs on enemy targets by airplanes.

...what they needed was a first-class bombing raid (Yank, 217).

to bomb --- out. To destroy by dropping bombs from airplanes.

...the Air Force was coming in to bomb them out (Yank, 106).

a bomb run. That part of the flight of an airplane immediately prior to the dropping of the bombs when the commander sights the target and prepares to drop the bombs.

...not more than two out of ten planes ever made their bomb run over our shipping (Pyle, 382).

bona fide. Genuine; real; in good faith.

On a thing like this, it's got to be bona fide, and that's where you come in (Cain, 80).

bone dry. Completely dry; as dry as a bone; very dry. (This is often used in reference to a person's being thirsty.)

It made our mouths bone-dry... (Pyle, 358).

to bone up on. To study diligently; to learn by hard study.

I'll be unner a truck with a piece of literature in me hooks, boning up on Shakespeare or something (Yank, 101).

to booby trap. To set an ingeniously hidden mine, explosive, so arranged that it can be set off, exploded very easily. These are often attached to doors, windows, articles that soldiers are apt to pick up for souvenirs, and even wounded men have been booby trapped so that the person attempting to give the wounded aid would set off the explosive and in turn be wounded.

A few Japs had sneaked across the river and were booby-trapping trails in the vicinity (Yank, 93).

book critic. A book reviewer; one who reports on new books through magazines and newspapers. The critic is also expected to make a critical estimate of the worth of the book and the ability of the author.

...besides, the idea of influencing a book critic...that is, a book critic who had any following at all... (Marquand, 338).

book ends. A pair of objects so designed that they will hold books upright when they are in a row.

All at once his life and experiences seemed compressed between two wars, like books between two book-ends (Marquand, 253).

book learning. Knowledge which one has acquired from books in contrast to practical experience.

...some field medic tried out his book learning... (Yank, 193).

book page. The page or section of a newspaper or magazine which carries the book reviews, and book notices.

...about an author's work and that was what critics on our really fine book pages were for, wasn't it? (Marquand, 338).

book reviewer. (Also book critic.) One who reports on new books in the columns of newspapers and magazines.

...laugh to think that they or any other publishers could influence an honest book reviewer (Marquand, 338).

boom times. Times when business is exceptionally good; times of great production and consumption of goods.

Maybe in boom times (Yank, 95).

to boost —— up. To give a boost; to help up; to lift; to raise; to psuh up.

One of the boys boosted me up through a hatch in the bottom of the plane ... (Pyle, 322-3).

boot camp. The training camp at which marines and sailors receive their first training. From here they go to other camps for advanced training.

...so-called GI slang, the oft-repeated phrase picked up in boot camp ... (Yank, 164).

to bore —— stiff. To make another worn out, weary, tired, with dullness.

You might like a home for about two weeks, and then it would bore you stiff (Gardner, 70).

to be born and raised. To have been born and spent one's early life; to be bred; to be born and reared.

...he was born and raised five miles from that proud metropolis from which I sprang (Pyle, 174).

to be born to. To be born of parents who have or have not certain material advantages for their children.

He had been born to a way of life that included taste, manners, and a jaunty aloofness from money... (Cain, 144).

to be born with a silver spoon in —— mouth. To be born of wealthy, rich, well-off, parents.

...two young people, born with silver spoons in their mouths... (Cain, 194).

bosom friends. Very close, good, friends.

They became bosom friends, and somehow the talk always got around to pies (Cain, 64).

to bother about. To worry about; to be annoyed about.

I've told you -- there's no use bothering about that when nobody in God's world knows what the income taxes will be next year (Marquand, 399).
One thing bothers me about it (Cain, 224).

to bother with. To be annoyed with; to worry with (in the sense that one must deal with, do something with).

And we can't be bothered with packs (Yank, 150).

bottle fed. Fed as an infant from a bottle instead of from the mother's breast.

...like mink (in the wild and bottle-fed state)... (Yank, 227).

a bottle of. A bottle containing; a bottle holding.

Bert...with...a bottle of rye in his hand (Cain, 259).

bottle opener. A device for lifting, removing, caps from the tops of bottles.

Get me the bottle-opener, Walt (Marquand, 461).
...he...reached for the bottle opener (Marquand, 48).

to bounce off. To rebound; to spring back.

Some trees are so hard that axes bounce right off... (Yank, 232).
The explosions made an awful noise as they bounced off the side of the tank deck (Yank, 168).

to bind and gag. To tie another's hands and feet together and to wad cloth into his mouth and so tie that he can not speak.

They bound and gagged the Fascists... (Yank, 26).

to be bound by. To be obligated by; to be obliged to act according to.

She would have closed the place down, but she was bound by a lease (Cain, 244).

to bouy up. To raise; to exhalt; to elate; to make feel better.

...I felt...bouyed up by elation... (Pyle, 250).

bowling alley. A wooden surface sixty feet long by forty-one inches wide. This is the alley on which bowling is played. (Also: a collection of these in one place.)

He used to be a pin boy at the Sportland Bowling Alley... (Yank, 175).

bowling ball. A ball composed of plastic material in weight not over sixteen pounds nor less than ten pounds, black in color, and having one hole to fit the thumb and one or two more for other fingers, used in bowling.

Anybody who can dodge bowling balls can dodge Nazi bullets (Yank, 175).

bowling pin. A wooden, maple, pin fifteen inches high, weighing not less than two pounds fourteen ounces and not more than three pounds ten ounces, 2 16/64" in diameter at the base rising to 4 49/64" and then diminishing to about a two inch constant, used in blwling.

..."tree-dozer", which knocks over 100-foot trees like bowling pins... (Yank, 39).

bowl of soup. A bowl, dish, containing soup.

Like you could ask him if he wouldn't like a bowl of soup or something, while he's waiting (Cain, 88).

to bowl --- over. To astound one; to astonish one; to surprise one.

...she quite bowled me over (Cain, 226).

to bow --- head. To incline one's head; to bend one's head forward. (This often implies reverence, prayer.)

To you who flew so gallantly
We bow our heads in memory (Yank, 156).
Not naturally religious, she bowed her head as if from some ancient instinct... (Cain, 113).
That gentleman, listening with bowed head... (Cain, 109).

a box of matches. A small box containing matches. There are two sizes: the large size usually sells for about a nickel while the small sizes cost a penny.

So I pull out a box of matches and go to work (Yank, 162).

box spring. Bed springs which are enclosed in a frame and covered with cloth. There is also usually a thin layer of cotton under the cloth on the top of the springs.

The only new things in it, Beckie always said, were the box-spring mattresses on the twin beds (Marquand, 123).

boy friend. A girl's fiance; sweetheart; the man a girl hopes to marry.

You can prove that Jason Carrel is her boy friend all right (Gardner, 155).
To protect her boy friend, of course (Gardner, 161).
My boy friend's been working late, and I'm making a pot of coffee... (Gardner, 160).
"Her boy friend did," Drake said... (Gardner, 161).
Your boy friend might be about twenty thousand bucks ahead if a guardian wasn't appointed (Gardner, 20).
This "old bird", as Fred called him, although he sometimes referred to him as "Beckie's real boy friend"... (Marquand, 107).

boyish bob. A woman's hair cut very short so as to resemble the manner in which a man's hair is cut.

...the lady with the boyish bob... (Yank, 227).
A pretty lady with a boyish bob... (Yank, 227).

boyish grin. A grin, smile, which in ingenuousness, frankness, resembles a boy's open grin.

Della Street...steeled herself against the magnetism of Mason's boyish grin (Gardner, 1).

Boy Scout. A member of a national organization called the Boy Scouts of America for young boys twelve to twenty years of age. It is a character building organization emphasizing the healthful wholesomeness of the outdoors. It requires that its members do a good deed each day. (Also attributive.)

He was a Boy Scout... (Yank, 22).
I never was a Boy Scout (Pyle, 334).
When I won a Boy Scout medal once they had a big celebration (Pyle, 334).

brain trust. College teachers who act as advisers; hence, advisers, planners. During the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt it meant advisers to him. "To the Editor: Brain trust was originally used by the line of the Army as a sort of sour grapes crack at the first American general staff established by Elihu Root in 1901. It was feared by them that it would become a sort of Antic Council of fair-haired Army--the 'just, the good and the beneficent' without benefit of seniority or anything but pull. It didn't work out that way, but that's where the phrase came from. (signed) Hugh S. Johnson. (AS, XV, 79).

The "brain trust" of the gang chooses a city for the "operation" located within a hundred miles of a State boundary (Baltimore Sun, Aug. 17, 1933, 8), AS.

brain truster. A member of a brain trust.

William A. Wirt...will rely on his word as against that of the Roosevelt "brain trusters" he accuses to substantiate his charges that efforts are being made to turn the nation to communism... (Baltimore Sun, Mar. 28, 1934, 3), AS.

to branch off. To divide; to separate, as roads divide with smaller ones, or less important ones, going away from the direction of the main one.

A few smaller gravel roads branched off from them (Pyle, 236).

brand new. New; as new as can be; very new.

...that whole costume was brand new, as new and guileless as Jim's uniform (Marquand, 527).
Thus the division got a hundred reclaimed rifles a day, in addition to the brand-new ones issued to it (Pyle, 421).
He had seen that view often enough from his window, but now it looked brand-new, as new as he himself looked (Marquand, 153).
A few days later, a similar narrow escape happened to Captain Ben Billups ...when his brand-new amphibious jeep which he'd had just one day was hit and burned up (Pyle, 63).

brass hats. The higher ranks of the commissioned officers in the armed forces.

I remember that the brass hats is always talking about strategy... (Yank, 162).
...what are the brass hats always talking about (Yank, 162).

bread board. A board usually made of hard wood and unpainted on which bread can be mixed in preparation for baking and on which bread may be sliced.

He could see the dining room at home again and the bread board and the butter dish... (Marquand, 362).

to break away.
1. To get away; to leave; to depart. (This implies a leaving with "effort" and that one is supposed to remain away.)

When Sinclair borke away from what he called being a wage slave and a yes man in that old-line... (Marquand, 337).
The cook gets the stuff going, and then, in case you're rushed, he keeps it in the hot oven until you get a chance to break away (Gardner, 147).
...suddenly they broke away from their newspaper columns and began to give a jaded, worried nation the benefit of theri personal impressions (Marquand, 27).
He also went into great detail on just how each flight would "break away" out of the bomb den... (Pyle, 209).

2. To depart from one's regular pattern of life.

When he can break away, he'd like to be a real sport; but he doesn't stand much chance (Gardner, 25).

to break the back of. To destroy the strength of the opposition; to reduce the opposition to a weakened condition.

Then the Japs made one last try, throwing everything they had to break the back of the Regular Army squandrons (Yank, 146).

to break --- back to. (infinitive). To do everything in one's power to; to give all of one's energies and abilities to.

...the rest of the regiment will break its back to see that they don't have anything else to think about (Yank, 197).

to break a contract. To get a contract nullified; to have a contract declared of no effect; to withdraw for the obligations of a contract.

If you could make me say I choked you, then you could break your contract with Pleasant... (Cain, 258).

to break down.
1. To cease to operate because of failure of some part; to break.

"You ought to be careful doing things like that," Jeffrey said, "it might have broken down" (Marquand, 200).
...she said that he never carried enough with him in case the car broke down or something... (Marquand, 89).

One engine had broken down... (Pyle, 357).
The post-office system had broken down so far as Camal was concerned (Pyle, 190).
A thing I had always feared in war zones happened at last -- my typewriter broke down (Pyle, 136).
...you just can't break down English tradition (Pyle, 300).

2. To lose control of one's emotions.

If the pain gets too great, he breaks down like any man will... (Yank, 36).
She was sitting in the alcove again, but here it was Dr. Gale who broke down, not she (Cain, 103).
...trying to tell about her talk with Veda, she broke down completely, and blurted... (Cain, 198).

3. To break; to break open; to burst; to destroy with hard blows.

...and to her brother when he dropped his metronome and tried to break down the door (Marquand, 554).

4. To divide, separate, proportionately or according to instructions.

...the Quartermaster boys could get rations off the ships and break them down for each organization (Yank, 202).

5. To speak the truth (usually after refusing to do so).

And I'll have to break down and admit that they were the most beautiful children I have ever seen (Pyle, 416).

to break a fall. To come into the path of a falling object so that the descent and the speed of the descent is slowed down.

...my hands were scratched from hitting rocks and briers to break quick falls (Pyle, 444).

breakfast combination. A combination of different items of food offered on a menu, bill of fare, for breakfast. For instance, Number One combination may be "hot cakes, bacon, coffee, and orange juice"; number two: "bacon, eggs, toast, coffee, orange juice"; and so on. People then order by the number instead of ordering the items of food they want.

Placards, placed on the wall, listed a series of tempting breakfast combinations (Gardner, 94).

to break --- heart. To cause oneself or another great sorrow, anguish (often ironic.)

I knew it was a passing infatuation with John, and that he'd break her heart (Gardner, 110).
It almost broke the crew chief's heart (Pyle, 171).
Hey, hey, you're breaking my heart (Cain, 39).
You broke my goddam heart (Cain, 40).
Why, John would have broken her heart inside of two months (Gardner, 110).

to break it gently. To tell another some bad news with great consideration for the other's personal feelings; to tell bad news sympathetically.

Mason said, "There's no way of breakint it gently, Miss Leeds, so brace yourself." (Gardner, 80).

to break in.
1. To enter a conversation abruptly; to interrupt another's speaking.

He broke in frequently, making excuses for himself... (Cain, 5).
You start to say something, but the voice without a body breaks in again (Yank, 64).
...she barely got started when Mrs. Gessler broke in: "Oh shut up..." (Cain, 171).

2. To train; to discipline one that has been undisciplined.

He wanted to break his man in himself and not have some professor do it (Marquand, 195).
...made Mr. Fernald feel that it would be possible to break him in, and by God, Mr. Fernald had broken him in...
...Mr. Fernald had told Mr. Grimes that he would rather break in a mule than any reporter... (Marquand, 194).

3. To enter by force; to enter uninvited.

...well, I thought Uncle Alden had broken in and stolen those papers Milicant -- Hogarty had (Gardner, 170).

a break in the clouds. An opening in the clouds; a place in the sky where there are no clouds.

Through breaks in the clouds I could see the ground below (Yank, 118).

to break in on. To intrude on; to interrupt; to come in unexpectedly on.

Sorry we broke in on you this way... (Gardner, 172).

to break into. To begin; to start (this implies the beginning of an action).

...the medic broke into a run (Pyle, 406).
Letty went back to the kitchen, and Veda broke into loud sobs (Cain, 104).
...the curve of her lips that almost broke into a smile, but not quite (Marquand, 469).
Slowly he broke into a grin (Yank, 90).
...the audience broke into amiable applause... (Cain, 241).
Mildred, breaking into tears, had told the whole story... (Cain, 249).

to break in two. To break in half; to break so as to form two pieces.

...it seemed to break in two...and sank (Yank, 255).
...it broke in two and caught fire when it hit... (Pyle, 215).

to break it up. To disperse a group; to separate those fighting.

...before the police could break it up eight people were killed... (Yank, 220).

to break loose.
1. To begin suddenly and without warning as if a mighty force was suddenly released.

Sure enough, just as the first faint light was beginning to show, bedlam broke loose for miles around (Pyle, 22).

2. To become loosed; to get free; to become untied, unfastened.

...roared like some gigantic inhuman beast that had broken loose and was out to destroy the world (Pyle, 81).
...it broke loose from the truck... (Yank, 33).
It was one of our barrage balloons which had broken loose... (Pyle, 393).

to break the news. To inform one of the news; to make something known.

It was here that Mildred broke the news (Cain, 13).

to break --- of. To break, stop, end oneself of the habit of.

He had not yet broken himself of occasionally touching the insignia which showed he was an aviator... (Marquand, 525).

to break (oneself) of the habit of. To stop, end, finish, oneself of the habit of.

He wished that he could break himself of the habit of seeking for the latest news when most of it meant nothing... (Marquand, 239).

to break off.
1. To stop talking in the middle of a thought; to stop talking abruptly.

As he opened the door, he said, "I want you to tell me if"...and broke off into surprised silence... (Gardner, 59).
She broke off abruptly (Gardner, 19).
He broke off as Mason's telephone shirlled into sound (Gardner, 13).
She broke off as the bailiff suddenly pounded the courtroom to it's feet (Gardner, 25-6).
Barkler broke off to chuckle (Gardner, 56).
She broke off as the low wail of a siren directly behind them signaled them over to the curb (Gardner, 40).
She broke off and laughed nervously (Gardner, 82).
He broke off as Serle, shouting, "I refuse to stand for this persecution ..." (Gardner, 203).
He broke off as Kittering came storming over to their table (Gardner, 204).
She broke off as a gentle tapping sounded on the panels of the door (Gardner, 164).
He broke off as Alden Leeds' face twisted into writhing expression (Gardner, 179).
He broke off as Judge Knox, his face grave, appeared at the door of his chambers... (Gardner, 205).
He broke off, sat down, and began cursing, first softly, then with rising vehemence (Cain, 80).
Veda broke off, having evidently intended to say something, and then changed her mind (Cain, 183).

2. To break; to separate and divide from the remainder.

...they had a sort of relationship that they could take up again, no matter where it was broken off (Marquand, 294).
The SS spearhead was...broken off (Yank, 244).

3. To break; to end; to finish.

I never heard of a soldier writing to his real girl to break off the engagement because he had fallen in love with a picture (Pyle, 150).

to break --- neck to. To do everything in one's power to; to give all of one's energies and abilities to.

...with Pa breaking his neck to get me a screen test... (Cain, 196).
I'll bet Steve has a golf engagement this afternoon and broke his neck to get in an opinion in just before twelve (Gardner, 92).
That's why they're breaking their necks to head it off (Cain, 200).

to break open. To open; to open with force; to open disregarding the container.

...the radio operator...broke open a carton of rations... (Yank, 118).
It was just as though somebody had broken open a hornet's nest (Pyle, 174).

to break out.
1. To develop sores, skin eruptions, and the like; to have sores or discolorations of skin appear.

The tissues seem to go dead, and sores break out (Pyle, 149).
...the trees broke out in thousands of brown spots... (Yank, 18).

2. To begin suddenly to speak; to speak suddenly and without warning.

Then Goldstein broke out. "Hey, look at me. I'm Victor" (Yank, 182).

3. To begin; to start.

A wild fight broke out... (Yank, 220).

to break a rule. Not to obey a rule; to do otherwise than according to the rules; not to act in accordance to the rule.

The Japs broke most of the rules in the book (Yank, 54).

to break a spell. To destroy an illusion; to put an end to a mystical situation.

"Yes...I know," and then a spell was broken and the room just the way it had been at first (Marquand, 463).

a break through. A passing through enemy lines in force; a forcing of the enemy to retreat by entering its lines. (Also attributive.)

Walter was speaking of the break-through in the Ardennes... (Marquand, 136).
In our break-through each infantry unit had tanks attached to it. (Pyle, 442).
Tanks shuttled back and forth...throughout our break-through battle (Pyle, 442).
...it was known simply as the "break-through" (Pyle, 430).
But in the fast warfare after our break-through a battle sometimes left a complete vacuum behind it (Pyle, 451).
...our armor had roamed...into Brittany after the break-through at St. Lo (Yank, 244).
This is the big break-through (Pyle, 431).
...after eight hours the break-through came... (Yank, 123).

to break through.
1. To force open the enemy lines; to enter enemy held lines by force.

Some elements of the assualt force are to break through quickly... (Pyle, 362).
...Australian armored cars were going to break through... (Yank, 31).

2. To appear through; to be seen through.

The sun was breaking through the December haze which so often obscured the city on those mornings (Marquand, 585).

a break up. A divorce; a separation of husband and wife; a separation.

She alluded briefly to the break-up of her marriage... (Cain, 33).
...so for a time they laughed with her, as though there had never been a depression, a break-up of marriage... (Cain, 59).

to break up.
1. To dissolve; to separate into individual parts.

Families were broken up... (Yank, 120).
Then we broke up and I went with one of the battalion commanders (Pyle, 433).
The Japs were trying to confuse the Americans and to break up their defenses... (Yank, 20).
These .30's were explosive bullets which broke up my arm... (Yank, 10).
The group had broken up (Marquand, 351).
We talked about the old company before it broke up (Yank, 243).

2. To stop; to put an end to; to finish.

It will break up an attack every time (Yank, 150).
...who was converted into a stretcher case by the mortar shell that broke up the demonstration of the... (Yank, 53).
The man's sister has been trying to break up the match (Gardner, 79).
Now that her marriage had broken up, she wanted to know if it was fair that she be penalized... (Cain, 37).
We've got to break it up (Marquand, 394).
I don't want to break it up (Marquand, 394).

3. To be divorced; to be separated from one's spouse or finance.

They lived together as man and wife for some time, then finally broke up, but remained good friends (Gardner, 168).
Veda was eleven years when we broke up, and she's only twenty now (Cain, 250).

4. To cause to lose emotional control; to become overly emotional.

This broke Bert up again, and most of the guests tip-toed silently out (Cain, 108).
It was the gilt crown and fairy wand that broke Bert up again, and Mildred once more had to pat him back to normal (Cain, 106).

5. To break; to mix, as an egg.

...so he broke up a few eggs in the skillet, scrambled them with the potatoes, and served them in the mess kits (Pyle, 215).

a break with. A separation from; a dissolution of ties with.

...her choice of the New Year's party as the occasion for the break with Monty... (Cain, 159).

not to breathe a word of. To tell no one about; to keep secret; to keep quiet about.

Oh, go ahead and shoot your golf, you big bluff, and don't breathe a word of this to anyone (Gardner, 93).

a breathing spell. A time for rest, recreation.

There's nothing that suits me better than a breathing spell... (Pyle, 251).
...a welcome breathing spell... (Pyle, 251).

a breath of spring. A warm, not hot, clean, sweet smelling breeze.

...yet the critics had said it was like the first fresh breath of spring at the end of a disappointing season (Marquand, 448).

--- breath shows. One's breath condenses in cold air and appears as smoke or steam.

...by four in the afternoon the evening chill had set in and our breath showed as we talked (Pyle, 206).

a breeze comes up. A slight wind begins to blow.

He could see the leaves moving softly because a light breeze was coming up (Marquand, 540).

to brew coffee. To make coffee; to prepare coffee (this implies no particular method of the preparation).

...they brew a nightcap of GI coffee over a bamboo-kindled fire (Yank, 130).
The others...brewed an occasional cup of coffee (Pyle, 383).

to brew up. To prepare with boiling liquid; to cook with boiling water.

...Cpl. Scott helped the Dutchman brew up a canteen cup of bouillon for the old man in the next room (Yank, 241).

bric a brac. Miscellaneous objects of a sort of artistic kind; knick-knacks (This term does not imply objects of real artistic value).

The room was crowded with pictures and furniture and bric a brac and Persian rugs which were a little too large... (Marquand, 385).

brick red. Red the color of bricks; a dark, dull red.

The red-and-white check of the linen combined pleasantly with the maple, and with Arline's brick-red uniform... (Cain, 116).
She was already in the brick-red uniform, which was quite becoming to her... (Cain, 120).

bridge head. A position on the hostile, the enemy's side of a river, creek, draw, held by attacking troops to protect supporting troops and to serve as an area for maneuvering.

Counter-attacks had reduced insurgent bridge heads (Kans. City Star, Spt. 22, 1938, 1).

bridge lamp. A tall lamp which stands on the floor, and which gives wide illumination in a room.

He could see the bridge lamp above the table and he could see Marianna with her book (Marquand, 492).

the bridge of (one's) nose. The upper part of the nose formed by bone as compared to the lower part formed by cartilage.

...his head lower than his heels, with the rim of his helmet jammed against the bridge of his nose, and the mouth gaping (Marquand, 233).

bridge table. A table light in weight, which can be folded up, used principally for card games.

She got a bridge table out of the closet and set it up in front of the fireplace. (Cain, 25).

brief case. A case usually made of leather used for carrying papers, books, and the like.

Kettering pulled his brief case toward him, and took out several pages of closely-written, legal foolscap (Gardner, 187).
On one of the beds he saw a typewriter case and a brief case and a small, battered, cheap suitcase... (Marquand, 457).
He was carrying the brief case now (Marquand, 560).
As the witness hesitated, Mason opened his brief case and said, "I have here a copy of your sworn statement... (Gardner, 135).
Walter looked up from his brief case but Mrs. Newcombe spoke first (Marquand, 458).
Suitcases and brief cases were piled up in front of the hotel desk (Marquand, 555).
When the suitcase and the brief case and the typewriter were gone, there seemed to be nothing left (Marquand, 465).

Walter looked up from his brief case (Marquand, 459).
Walter raised his hand from his brief case and then put it back again gently (Marquand, 463).
Walter blinked his eyes and closed his brief case (Marquand, 463).
...the fitted suitcase which Madge had given him one Christmas and his brief case and the case for his portable typewriter (Marquand, 407).
...and looking like a professor with his navigator's brief case under his arm... (Yank, 87).

the briefing room. A room in which aviators assemble before a flight to receive instructions on what they are to do on the flight.

Through the briefing room came the shuffle of heavy boots (Yank, 87).

bright and early. Very early in the morning.

Next morning bright and early we marched in to be classified (Yank, 166).

to brighten up. To make lighter in color; to make brighter in color; to clean.

Downstairs at the Rockwell was air-conditioned now, and the walls had been brightened up with light plywood... (Marquand, 273).

bright idea. A pregnant idea; an idea full of possibilities; a good idea.

As a matter of fact, a couple of them did have that bright idea (Cain, 80).

to bring along. To bring; to carry; to take.

Enlisted men had brought along a wire-haired terrier (Pyle, 355).
The most ironic piece was a tennis racket that some soldier had brought along (Pyle, 367).
...he'd found the top hat in a demolished house in a nearby village and just brought it along (Pyle, 189).

to bring --- along. To develop; to train; to give skills to.

I bring dees girl along fast, fast. She learn in six mont'... (Cain, 218).

to bring --- around. To bring another to visit one; to take one on a visit, engagement.

I always like your old friends, and I always get on very well with them, but you never bring them around (Marquand, 33).
Why don't you ever bring any of those people around? (Marquand, 32).
...but it never worked -- bringing those people around -- any more than explaining them ever worked (Marquand, 32).

to bring away. To take away; to carry off; to remove.

We went to the guard house with him fully prepared to bring away the little pieces (Yank, 186).

to bring back.
1. To return with; to take back.

They started a second time and brought back seven marines in the carrier (Yank, 24).
He said he was going up to bring them back (Yank, 144).
We used to send out patrols and the Jap boys would bring 'em back in (Yank, 223).
He yelled: "Bring back some souvenirs, Gray" (Yank, 21).
I'll wash these, and bring them back... (Gardner, 46).
And if they bring him back... (Cain, 205).
...they'll bring young Mr. Forrester back (Cain, 205).
He brought back the ammunition mule train through an even more severe shelling (Yank, 93).
...the raiders were to pick up several of the town's leading Fascists and bring them back to camp for trial (Yank, 25).
On the third trip they brought back two who were wounded... (Yank, 24).

2. To cause to remember.

That last phrase of his tripped off his tongue...inadvertantly, and brought back to his mind another of those silly glib expressions... (Marquand, 369).
...poking into the fireplace had brought it all back, the game he used to play with Ray... (Cain, 105).
O words that bring back our homes for a space
And give us a quiet place for worship... (Yank, 151).

3. To restore; to revivify.

...he needed two transfusions to bring him back (Yank, 146).

to bring a child into the world. To be the parents, a parent, of a child; to be responsible for a child's birth.

...the no less beautiful child she had brought into the world... (Cain, 181).

to bring down. To cause to descend, fall, by shooting.

A strafing plane is brought down by their angry fifles (Yank, 204).

to bring home a poitn. To emphasize a point; to clarify a point.

He wished that he might have a map to bring home his points more accurately (Marquand, 40).

to bring in. To enter with; to enter carrying, leading, in company with, in charge of.

We sent out an investigator on this assignment, and he has brought in a full and rather disquieting report (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
...so we...brought in cots, soap, towels... (Yank, 199).
Another high-ranking officer was brought in... (Pyle, 380).
...all the voices were mixing loudly and Adam was bringing in sausages impaled on little toothpicks... (Marquand, 127).
She wanted to bring her right in, then and there (Cain, 110).
Brought in to construct U.S. airfields in Assam, the Air Corps engineers were pressed into service as road builders... (Yank, 178).
...the rocky coast, which was unfamiliar to the men who brought in the boats (Yank, 202).
When the field order was brought in... (Yank, 205).
You can pick up your orders when you bring him in (Yank, 226).
...bring your replacement in here before you go (Yank, 226).
Some Rangers were brought in (Yank, 167).
Dead when the Lieutenant brought him in (Marquand, 238).
Bring in John Milicant and forget about it (Gardner, 14).
When this special fellow was brought in he protested in rage (Pyle, 380).
Groups of prisoners were constantly bring brought in (Pyle, 375).
A three-inch antitank gun was brought in... (Pyle, 424).
The briefing officer...gave the crews a complete summary of the ground war...as brought in over the teletype system (Pyle, 179).
A tank was brought in that had been hit twice... (Pyle, 424).
Since Matt was on duty all the time bringing in food and supplies... (Yank, 199).
Mason told her to bring him in, and, a few seconds later, was shaking hands with the calmly competant... (Gardner, 55).
I understand you asked Phyllis to bring him in, and asked him some questions about a crap game (Gardner, 51).
Should I bring her in? (Gardner, 79).
...when we brought in an oxygen tent... (Yank, 193).
Another wounded man was brought in (Yank, 108).
A couple of medics brought in a wounded man on a litter and laid him carefully on the ground (Yank, 108).

to bring off. To carry away; to remove.

...the engineers had started bringing off heavy equipment... (Yank, 202).

to bring on. To cause; to instigate; to bring about.

As Sergeant McCray said, the best way to bring on a firing mission is to start a hand of poker (Pyle, 105).
...if it came today, and I was the one that brought it on, it was better than having it come later... (Cain, 15).

to bring out.

1. To get, bring, carry, transport, as from a hiding place, storage place.

It fell to his lot to be the guy who went in and brought out German generals... (Pyle, 409).
He spent 18 days bringing out the wounded... (Yank, 125).
...the field engineering officer had brought out a tall stepladder... (Pyle, 175).
Someone would bring out the silverware... (Yank, 230).
...one fearless GI businessman trotted back and forth bring out fallen Jap rifles and selling them... (Uank, 52).
...the same group turned the seats back to play pitch, when old Mr. Fownes, the conductor, brought out the pitchboard (Marquand, 8).
They had to bring out the python and the man who chewed nails and the dog-faced boy, but only for a few moments... (Marquand, 348).
...the office boy, would bring out the dominoes, and Mr. Jenks and Mr. Fernald would play for a while... (Marquand, 16).
...but they brought out wine for him and even potatoes, which they baked in the fire (Yank, 49).
...they brought out a supply of Jap bamboo gin from somewhere (Yank, 192).
It is only when a witness has been convicted of a felony that that point can be brought out on cross-examination (Gardner, 193).

2. To intensify; to attract attention to.

...crabapples cunningly candied with sugar so as to bring out the tart of the apples as well as the crystal sweetness of the sugar (Cain, 84).

3. To publish as a newspaper or magazine or book.

...in seeing how a newspaper is brought out... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

to bring --- over. To ransport, carry, accompany from one place to another.

We brought her over with us (Marquand, 47).
The vast convoys that brought us over had unloaded to the last one and slipped out during the night (Pyle, 35).
Develop them right away and bring them over (Yank, 229).
I wouldn't bring him over, if I were you (Cain, 22).
Walt brought me some over (Marquand, 119).

to bring tears to --- eyes. To cause one to cry, weep.

...lying there wounded on sky control beyond the help of anyone because of fires burning below him almost brought tears to his eyes (Yank, 44)

to bring --- to. To lead one directly to; to come to after preliminaries.

That bring us to the question of what you mean by 'from time to time' (Gardner, 52).

to bring --- to (inf.) To persuade oneself; to induce oneself.

He wanted to go and ask to be grounded, but just couldn't bring himself to do it (Pyle, 224).
He had become so used to crediting himself with vast acumen that he could not bring himself to admit that his success was all luck... (Cain, 7).
As for seeking a job, he couldn't bring himself to do it, and in spite of all he told Mildred... (Cain, 7).
It was a long time before Mildred could bring herself to send Veda to bed (Cain, 128).
It was some time before she could bring herself to broach the subject, and when she did broach it... (Cain, 82).

to bring to bear. To cause to have influence on; to assist in the solution of.

On the choice of a casket, Bert haggled bravely, bringing all his business judgment to bear, and presently setteled on a white enamelled one... (Cain, 106).
GI ingenuity was also brought to bear on the laundry problem (Yank, 41).

to bring to a climax. To be climaxed; to cause to come to a climax.

...and the ceremony was brought to a climax with the burning of gifts in a ring of fire (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

to bring to a conclusion. To end; to stop; to cause to stop.

If he thinks getting me to do KP is the way we are going to bring the war to a satisfactory conclusion, I believe his education has been neglected (Yank, 136).

to bring up.
1. To introduce into a conversation or discussion.

A dozen times during my stay, pilots voluntarily brought up the subject of how wonderful the enlisted men were (Pyle, 170).
...I was afraid to bring up the subject (Pyle, 99).
...Jeffrey had brought up the subject of compartments (Marquand, 30).
...Veda chose to bring up the subject again... (Cain, 236).
In two weeks around the airfield I think I heard the subject brought up two hundred times (Pyle, 177).
Every day or so somebody brought up the suggestion that the cook was putting Italian dogs in the chow (Pyle, 115).
That brought up the question whether the pontoon would be cut loose (Pyle, 357).
And there was one example that Mr. Gorman wanted to bring up particularly and that was those young apple trees... (Marquand, 515).

I thought you'd agree, or I wouldn't have brought it up (Marquand, 394).
When I brought her name up, he didn't even seem interested (Marquand, 409).
...Didn't you know that Phyllis was bringing the matter up in court? (Gardner, 57).
It was not the time or the place to bring it up, and he wondered whether all women were alike and... (Marquand, 477).
It reminded him of the way Madge would bring up some problem in a taxicab just before they reached a friend's house for dinner (Marquand, 477).
He could not imagine why she had brought it up now, when he had to watch the side of the road... (Marquand, 478).
I wish you wouldn't bring it up now... (Marquand, 478).
I wish you hadn't brought it up (Marquand, 480).
He wished that she had not brought it up (Marquand, 490).
However, it must be distinctly understood that what was past was past, not to be brought up again under any circumstances (Cain, 52).
That he should bring up his perfunctory connection with the Episcopal Church struck her as pretty far-fetched... (Cain, 82).
...eleven years and eight months, if you've got to bring that up (Cain, 250).
I'll drop over there this afternoon, and bring it up friendly, and let her know what she's got to do (Cain, 250).
I don't see why you bring this up (Marquand, 14).
I just brought her up, just as an example... (Marquand, 537).
He was sorry that he had brought it up (Marquand, 64).

2. To take, carry, transport, forward.

They...got on some fresh clothes, if their barracks bags had been brought up (Pyle, 270).
Cash went back to bring up the battalion commander... (Yank, 18).
More men had to be brought up quickly... (Yank, 18).
He helped bring up chow to the line... (Yank, 19).
Flame throwers were brought up in an effort to heat the Japs out of the ground... (Yank, 17).
...battle whittled down the old ones and the replacement system brought up the new ones (Pyle, 196).
...natives were bringing up supplies (Yank, 9).
Hukstein went back to bring up the weapons... (Yank, 8).
when tankmen were out like that, 10-in-1 rations...were brought up to them... (Pyle, 268).
Bagby decided to crawl back and bring up some grenades (Yank, 192).
They say that the Japs had to bring up eight additional trucks... (Yank, 195).
A patrol from Maj. Briggs' outfit south of the Dead End Kids brought up some more BAR and machine-gun ammunition (Yank, 93).
...the Japs were digging artillery and mortars into position and bringing up truckloads of men and ammunition... (Yank, 91).
Cpl...Scott...returned to bring up the 10 men... (Yank, 241).

3. To rear; to train and educate children.

And now Madge brought up Jim (Marquand, 409).
You see, Madge was brought up in a certain way (Marquand, 479).
It's got nothing to do with...the different ways they've been brought up... (Cain, 200).

4. To take, carry, transport to a place above.

...they go down...to bring up gold that sooner or later gets buried deep in the earth again at Fort Knox? (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
You paused long enough to order a restaurant in the block to bring you up food that was exactly the same as... (Gardner, 199).
It was customary for Edgar to go downstairs and bring up the last edition... (Marquand, 199).

5. To cause to think, remember, to picture in one's mind.

...testing one's capacity with successive glasses of arange juice brought up an unpleasing gastronomic picture (Marquand, 477).

to bring up the rear. To be the last one in a line; to be the last one to doing something.

Gray, you bring up the rear (Yank, 70).
And bringing up the rear, the rest of the heavy-weapons outfit to protect us from behind (Pyle, 400).
The one who brought up the rear handed the doorman a tip... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

to broach the subject. To introduce a subject into a conversation or discussion.

It was some time before she could bring herself to broach the subject ... (Cain, 52).

broadcasting studio. Those rooms or a room in a radio station from which radio programs are broadcast; the studio in which the actors, musicians, speakers perform for radio broadcasts.

...Veda...reported as usual at the broadcasting studio... (Cain, 256).
...Mildred became acquainted with...broadcasting studios... (Cain, 234).

broadloom carpet. A carpet woven on a broad loom, usually in a single color, the width being often twelve feet.

...chromium ash receivers beside them that seemed to sprout like mushrooms from the broadloom carpet (Marquand, 267).

broad minded. Tolerant; liberal; acknowledging and allowing beliefs other than one's own.

...and that he was just as broad minded as Jeffrey and that he liked Jews as individuals (Marquand, 391).

broken down. Infirm; not youthful in strength, power, force, vigor. (cf. to break down.)

Now he was a lovable, broken-down old gaffer... (Marquand, 313).

a broken heart. Emotional injuries due to grief or sorrow.

I think he will lie down and die of a broken heart... (Yank, 137).

broken out. Erupted into sores; erupted skin; discolored skin; and the like.

Their feet were broken out, and infirmities such as arthritis, hernia, a heart weakness would leap to the fore (Pyle, 148).

broken up. Hurt emotionally due to some emotional disturbance.

She's as broken up as if it was her own child (Cain, 111).

brownstone house. A house, usually thought of in connection with New York City, constructed of brown stone, often three stories high, built next to the sidwalk, and having other houses on either side with common side walls, fashionable in the 19th century.

It's about a boy and a firl in a brownstone house in New York... (Marquand, 471).

the brow of. The top edge of; that part which projects above.

...the whole brow of the bluff was planted with bushes... (Cain, 178).
...I came over this brow of this hill and a machine gun let loose on me (Yank, 126).

the brush off. The state or condition of being ignored, disregarded, having no attention paid to. (also attributive.)

The Brush-Off Club is the result... (Yank, 35).

to brush off.
1. To remove the lint and dirt from one's clothing with a brush.

Put on your face, and now hold still and let me brush you off (Marquand, 154).

2. To disregard; to be indifferent to; to show one's disregard and indifference quite openly and frankly.

...he seemed uncomfortable at her kittenishness, and rather curtly brushed her off (Cain, 138).

a brush up. A summary, review for the purpose of giving one the most pertinent information.

"Free China Snapshot," Walter said, "and a brush-up on Nehru and Gandhi (Marquand, 461).

to brush up. To clean up; to make clean and neat.

Just see if you can't get everything brushed up a little (Marquand, 517).

the brutal truth. The truth without any disguises; the candid truth; the naked truth.

He thought the brutal truth was that Miss Miller did not like him personally (Marquand, 293).

bucket brigade. An organization of people assisting with fire departments in the early days of this country. Their duty was to pass buckets of water from one to another from a source of water to a fire to furnish the firemen with water for putting out the fire.

When we were crossing on the ship I was put on a detail as a sort of "bucket brigade" member who passes cardboard cases down to the galley below (Yank, 171).

buck private. The lowest rank of the enlisted men in the army.

The tale goes back to the time when he was still a buck private (Yank, 186).
The medium sized figure of this story is the average buck private I've met in the British Desert Army... (Yank, 36).

buck sergeant. The lowest rank of the sergeants in the army.

A buck sergeant...held his part of the line together... (Yank, 6).
...Serrano — then a buck sergeeant acting as first sergeant — was on a mission... (Yank, 25).
...a buck sergeant acting as platoon sergeant... (Yank, 125).
He had turned down two chances to become a buck sergeant... (Pyle, 448).

buck teeth. Front teeth which protrude, stick out; prominent front teeth, usually upper ones.

...little guys...got buck teeth which we kick out (Yank, 161).

to buck up. To feel better; to get in better spirits; to improve one's disposition; to become more cheerful.

He began to buck up (Pyle, 317).

to buddy up with. To become friendly with; to get to be chummy with; to get to be pals with.

...and you're impressed when the chaplain tells you to buddy up with God now and not to wait until you get foxhole religion (Yank, 65).

to build a fire. To make a fire; to gather wood, coal, charcoal, put them together in a position so that they will burn and touch a match, fire, to the materials.

When they got back it was cold, and they decided to build a fire, of pine knots (Cain, 94).

a build up. An affected appearance; affected mannerisms.

Of course, he made a beautiful build - up by never looking behind him, never acting at all suspicious... (Gardner, 46).

to build --- up. To form oneself; to adapt oneself; to make oneself become different; to change oneself.

He seemed to be building himself up into a character in a Barrie play, or worse... (Marquand, 315).

to build up.
1. To develop; to form; to improve.

...the stricken man could be tempted to eat, and in that way build up his strength (Cain, 182).
They could see them building up and tearing down farms... (Marquand, 427).
Then you left, intent upon building up an alibi (Gardner, 200).
In the meantime, the implacable Hogarty, under the name of Conway, had built up a lottery business which he had sold to Serle (Gardner, 214).
They have built up such a barrier of blood and murder... (Yank, 221).
That mutual impermanence built up a relationship which was hard to explain... (Marquand, 221).
"Wilkie's building up," Mr. Sales said, "he's building up all the time." (Marquand, 133).
When a man goes a long time...without ever getting hit, he sometimes builds up a feeling of infallibility about himself (Pyle, 276).
...some of us have got to stay right here and we've got to build up public relations (Marquand, 574).
And up there the city was built up enough... (Pyle, 404).
...the decay had built up at their base to form solid walls (Yank, 243).
He thought they would have shifted for themselves so early in life that they would have built up the inner strength... (Pyle, 154).

2. To enlarge; to store in ever greater quantities.

She...kept at the job of building it up... (Cain, 129).

...it was built up in great numbers (Pyle, 158).
...we had been able to build up more powerful forces in England... (Pyle, 293).
I'm not expecting many people, because it's my first night and I haven't had a chance yet to build up my trade (Cain, 119).
...he had built up a miniature drug store (Pyle, 386).
On a big night, when they were building up supplies for an attack... (Pyle, 144).
...their wisdom...built up through actuall practice... (Pyle, 285).
They found that a new pilot, starting in to build up the required missions for going home, had seventy-five per cent chance of coming through safely... (Pyle, 170).
But if you made a pass, you could let it ride and keep on building up (Gardner, 22).
The supply had been built up... (Pyle, 388).

3. To increase emotional tension gradually but continually.

Jeffrey drew a deep breath, and the tension which had been built up inside himself relaxed suddenly (Marquand, 395).
Well, I suppose this has been building up for quite a while (Marquand, 480).
I suppose it's been building up, building up, for quite a while (Marquand, 479).

built in. Constructed as an integral part of the building or the like (this implies that the thing built in is not usually so constructed).

...so we give them steak, right from our own built-in charcoal broiler (Cain, 177).
So Mildred stole Archie off Mr. Chris, and under his dour supervision installed the built-in charcoal broiler (Cain, 178).

bulletin board. A place, usually on a wall, where bulletins and notices and the like may be fastened for convenient reading. The bulletin board is sometimes constructed of porous and soft material so that thumb tacks may be used for fastening; and sometimes it may be covered with glass.

We posted a guard around the bulletin board... (Yank, 182).
The way we caught..."Mad Morgan" was by posting a guard around the bulletin board... (Yank, 181).
A list of promotions would appear on the bulletin board... (Yank, 181).

bull session. An aimless, extended conversation among several people.

You can't bring the war in the Aleutians into a bull session...without someone mentioning the Alaska Scouts (Yank, 190).
We're looking for a place to have a beer bull session (Yank, 34).
The men...had a roaring bull session... (Yank, 241).

He often joins in the bull sessions of the corporals and privates... (Yank, 130).
Have your bull session in here... (Yank, 34).
A salt water bull session. All the GIs in the world seem to be here. (Yank, 65).
...a military career...almost as spectacular as he himself made it out in tongue-in-cheek bull sessions (Yank, 190).

bull's eye. The center of a target; hence, by extension the crux of the matter.

"Bull's eye," he heard Sten say... (Marquand, 237).

bully beef. Canned, corned, pickled beef.

My life consists of bully beef
Soggy clothes and wriggly teeth (Yank, 156).

to bumble about. To walk about haltingly; to move with difficulty and awkwardness.

Gwen was now making him into a romantic character, a quaint old lovable gaffer who bumbled about, making mistakes because of growing senility (Marquand, 65).

bumble-bee. Any bee belonging to the genus Bombus. A large bee which resembles greatly the much smaller honey bee.

...a guy with an old-fashioned on the table like to listen to the bumble-bees (Cain, 178).

to bump --- head. To strike one's head against something.

So doing, he bumped his head (Cain, 105).

to bump into.
1. To collide with; to strike with the whole of a body.

...when these guys started bumping into each other their helmets fell off... (Yank, 185).

2. To meet by chance, accidentally.

T/Sgt. George McClusik...bumped into his first sergeant (Yank, 200).

a bunch of (flowers). A bouquet; many flowers put together to form a unit (this implies that the flowers are cut and not still growing).

...Mildred and Veda...tobether with a great bunch of red roses (Cain, 192).

to bunch up. To gather together in a bunch; to get close together (this implies more than two people or things).

The first mistakes recruits make under fire...is that they freeze and bunch up (Yank, 148).
Don't bunch up like that (Pyle, 401).

to bundle up. To dress quite warmly; to put on warm and heavy clothes.

The squadron operations officer, bundled up warmly...walked toward the center of the room (Yank, 44).

to bunk down. To sleep; to arrange a place for sleeping and sleep there.

They had bunked down the night before in a pasture (Pyle, 375).

bunk fatigue. Sleeping; napping; resting in one's bed.

You're in your barracks now and you're snatching a little bunk fatigue (Yank, 64).

the burden of proof. The necessity, obligation, to prove.

In all cases involving collusion, the burden of proof is on the government... (Cain, 82).

Burma Road. The road from Burma to China used to transport military supplies during World War II; hence, by extension a similar route or road.

Army engineers here compared the job with the building of the Burma Road and the Great Wall of China (Yank, 119-20).
Congress was urged today by its Alaskan delegate, Anthony J. Diamond, to expedite construction of a "Burma Road" linking the United States with the territory (Kansas City Times, Jan. 13, 1942, 6).

to burn down. To destroy completely by fire; to burn completely as a house.

Does one send for the fire department two weeks after the house had burned down? (Pyle, 352).
...if it were to burn down tomorrow I wouldn't shed a furtive tear... (Cain, 156).
Wally said he figured he'd wait till the place burned down (Cain, 122).

burned out. Gutted, destroyed on the inside, by fire.

From the burned-out tanks and broken carts still unremoved from the road (Pyle, 451).

burned up. Destroyed by fire; burned down.

...this Frenchman, in faded blue overalls and beret with a nearly burned-up cigarette in his mouth... (Pyle, 460).

to be burned up. To be extremely, very, mad, angry.

...this is the first time I have ever been so burned up (Yank, 210).

to burn off. To remove by burning; to destroy part by burning.

It had been blown up and its tires had burned off (Pyle, 406).
...the yellow paint had been burned off with torches... (Cain, 227).
...the paint burned off the tube (Yank, 33).

to burn up.
1. To destroy with, by, fire.

One night the Germans hits a gasoline dump and burned up some five thousand gallons (Pyle, 230).
...he hadn't burned up the film, after all (Pyle, 264).
I burnt mine up (Marquand, 364).
...he discovered he had burned up three rolls of the film... (Pyle, 264).

2. To be hot, dry, and, perhaps withered, from the heat of the sun.

By August everything is dry and burned up, as we so often see our own Midwest in dry summers (Pyle, 89).

3. To destroy through intense emotional conflict.

Her black eyes...conveyed the impression of an emotional intensity which was burning up her mental energy (Gardner, 4-5).

to burst into flame. Suddenly to burn with enough heat to cause a flame; to catch fire suddenly, quickly.

...Page noticed a life jacket on one of the bodies periodically smoulder and burst into flame (Yank, 46).
...but the mortar got so hot that the next can burst into flame and sipilled... (Yank, 53).

to burst into laughter. Suddenly to begin to laugh quite loudly.

Then he burst into loud laughter and pointed a derisive finger at Ida; as though it was a great joke on her (Cain, 67-8).
...Monty burst into howls of laughter... (Cain, 128).

to burst into a room. To enter a room suddenly and without warning or asking.

Just then Ethan Allen...bursts into the room (Yank, 237).

to burst into sobs. Suddenly to begin sobbing, crying loudly.

Then they both burst into shaking, uncontrollable sobs (Cain, 86).

a burst of fire. A firing of several rounds of ammunition almost simultaneously.

He hit the ground just soon enough to escape a burst of fire (Yank, 93).

a burst of flame. A sudden appearance of flames, fire.

There would be a swish-swish, a burst of flame, and then a loud explosion (Yank, 57).
There was another crash and a burst of flames and the ground shook under us (Yank, 58).

to burst out.
1. To break outward due to internal pressure.

They only had to continue this process to make Hitler burst out where they wanted against that ring of steel (Marquand, 41).

2. To speak suddenly as through inner compulsion.

...she burst out: "Bert, I'm going to get a lawyer" (Cain, 199).

to burst out laughing. Suddenly to begin to laugh.

After a while she would burst out laughing... (Yank, 188).
...Josie, and Sigrid all burst out laughing... (Cain, 161).

bus fare. The amount of money it costs to ride a bus.

She left, feeling sullen over her wasted afternoon and wasted bus fare (Cain, 32).

bush pilot. A commercial pilot who flies as a part of his regular business over relatively uninhabited sections of the world.

The post-war air age is old stuff to the ingenious bush pilots of the Far North (Coronet, Jan., 1946, 53).

bushy hair. Thick, heavy, unruly hair.

...a friendly little man with bushy black hair (Cain, 203).

business as usual. A manner of business that is ordinary and to be ecpected.

Yet they had fixed up their offices and quarters in a fairly business-as-usual way (Pyle, 284).
In the path of warfare, "business as usual" seems to have been the motto of the natives (Pyle, 234).

business card. A small card, often white, with a man's name and the company he works for printed or engraved on it.

I call your attention to the fact that there is no wallet, no driving license, no business cards, and no currency... (Gardner, 129).

business course. Education dealing primarily with certain skills needed in business offices such as: typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, etc.

At St. John's he took a business course, typing and shorthand (Yank, 22).

business man. A man engaged in business; a man who is successful in management of a business or one who owns his own business; a man engaged in business as compared to one in the professions.

...no business man could always be right, always, and besides, Milton was "in touch" (Marquand, 399).

business picks up. Business improves; business gets better.

Behind the marble counter, the bankers waited, rubber stamps in hand, for business to pick up (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to bust loose. To remove inhibitions; to free from restraint.

They didn't bust loose as riotously when they hit town (Pyle, 4).

bus stop. A place where a bus stops to let out and take on passengers.

...was for herself and Ray to go parading to the bus stop, with Letty following two paces behind... (Cain, 70).
She floated to the bus stop on air, rode into Hollywood without seeing what she was passing (Cain, 43).

a bust up. A dissolution, destruction, of manners, mores, ways of life.

Than came the bust-up — not come the bust-up for the Prince and out he got... (Marquand, 372).

to bust up. To separate; to be divorced; to break an engagement with a fiance.

You mean you've busted up? (Cain, 20).

to bus up. To clear away dishes, eating utensils, etc., from a table after a meal (this usually implies a restaurant or other public or large establishment).

Any time you need her, I'll send Letty out to bus up your tables for you... (Cain, 119).

butter dish. A dish on which butter is served on the table.

...the bread board and the butter dish, covered with its netting frame to keep off the flies... (Marquand, 362).
Placing silverware, a butter dish, and a glass of water before Serle... (Gardner, 96).

butterflies in (one's) stomach. Nervousness, agitation, fright (this is an attempt to describe the peculiar feeling one has in one's abdomen when he is terribly excited).

You stare at the vast cindered expanse and a squadron of butterflies spills into a soft-shoe power dive in your stomach (Yank, 64).

butterfly bomb. (See citation.)

Recently they developed a "butterfly bomb", with wings that open up as soon as the bomb is released, and act like a parachute to slow its descent...The small but deadly charge explodes a few feet above the ground, showering bits of hot steel on any soldiers within range (Science News Letter, Oct. 14, 1944, 247). AS.

to butter up. To be solicitous; almost to fawn on; to be very careful in one's relations with others; to apple polish.

You had to butter everybody up and talk the strange double talk of the theater at a time like that... (Marquand, 293).

to butt in. To intrude; to enter uninvited.

...Mr. Mintz wanted everybody to listen but not to butt in with any new ideas... (Marquand, 420).
I butted in and said... (Pyle, 200).
I do hope I'm not "butting in" (Marquand, 252).

the butt of ridicule. The one being ridiculed; the one of whom fun is made.

...he had been the constant butt of ridicule and had been tongue-tied at social gatherings... (Marquand, 190).

to button up. To fasten the buttons on one's clothes.

...a couple of fresh ones were buttoning up to go into the lines and keep up the vigil (Yank, 197).

to button up --- trap. To shut one's mouth; to be quiet; not to talk.

...how about buttoning your traps up and acting like real soldiers... (Yank, 217).

to buy out. To buy another's interest in a business, corporation, and the like.

It was Guy Serle, the man that bought out Conway's business (Gardner, 145).

to buy up. To buy in large quantities; to make large purchases.

What if we kept buying up all the available gold, kept insisting that our debtors pay us in gold... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
...she had had fixed things with a certain Senora Menses...by buying up Senora Menses' crop in advance... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947).

buzz bomb. A robot bomb.

RAF Spitfire pilots...were diving through terrific fire from their own ack-ack guns in bids to destroy these new German buzz-bombs (Birmingham News, June 17, 1944, 1).

a buzzer sounds. A buzzer, a device serving the same function as a door bell, makes a buzzing sound when electrical contact is made.

Somewhere on the floor a buzzer sounded, then sounded again, sharply, insistently (Cain, 100).

by ---. Alone; with no one else; all alone.

There was nothing so lonely as traveling by yourself for any length of time (Marquand, 413).
Leaflets and broadcasts by themselves can't accomplish much (Yank, 128).
...he wanted to be out of that room and out of the house and by himself (Marquand, 138).
It occurred to him that he had not been by himself that day or for a good many days before (Marquand, 409).
...he had told her that he had to have a room where he could be by himself away from the children, where he could keep his desk... (Marquand, 508).
A couple of middle-aged women were sitting by themselves (Yank, 209).
She -- took an apartment by herself... (Cain, 227).

by accident. Accidentally; by chance.

They had just met quite by accident at a cocktail party... (Marquand, 109).
"By accident, like you, I guess," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 130).

by all that's holy. (An oath used as an intensive.)

Well, by all that's holy, I don't know (Cain, 145).

by any chance. Perhaps; possibly.

Are you, by any chance, referring to the identity of John Milicant as Bill Hogarty? (Gardner, 212).
Are you, by any chance, going to say that Milicant claimed he was Bill Hogarty? (Gardner, 167).

by any means. To any degree; to any extent.

Not all our staffs were in London, by any means (Pyle, 339).

by the arm. Holding an arm; with a hand on one's arm.

Ida seized Mrs. Gessler by the arm as she usually seized the members of her command (Cain, 124).

by candlelight. By the light of candles; illuminated by candles.

...a group of lieutenants...chatted by candlelight (Yank, 206).

by chance. Accidenta lly; by accident.

They were American boys who by mere chance of fate had wound up with guns in their hands... (Pyle, 401).

by day. During the day; while there is light.

...the Arab population...made a fortune by collectinb British-American surrender leaflets at night and selling them to the Germans and Italians by day (Yank, 128).
He said that no repairs are ever made by day... (Yank, 60).
...evidently it hugged the shore by day to avoid detection by our bombers (Yank, 254).
By day she was nervous...afraid to look Miss Jaeckel in the eye... (Cain, 245).

by the day. A day at a time; from day to day (this implies no permanency).

...to pay for the nurse himself and a woman named Hattie had come in by the day (Marquand, 304).

by the dozen. In lots of dozens; hence by extension, many; very many; a great number; innumerably.

Good Lord, Paul, I could cite you cases by the dozen where the autopsy surgeons have missed the time of death... (Gardner, 84).

by far. By much; far and away (this is often used as an intensive of the following adjective or adverb).

An examination of the stomach content...is by far the best method... (Gardner, 131).

by God. (An oath used as an intensive.)

By God, I'll say she's not going to have any operation... (Cain, 199).
By God, that was an oration... (Cain, 240).
No, by God, sure is not (Cain, 216).
Wally said by God he had a notion to find out, when all of a sudden he was standing there with open mouth... (Cain, 125).
By God, this looks like something (Cain, 121).

by the grace of God. Through the favor of God; by divine providence.

...wrote in his battle diary: "By the grace of God were the only ship to come back" (Yank, 86).

by hand. With, through the agency of the hands; by means of the hands; by manual labor as opposed to machine labor or production.

Also there were some sounder justifications -- the electric current was shut off in the cities and Italian craftsmen had to run their jigsaws and do their welding by hand, thus cutting down production (Pyle, 111).
...they would lead to crashes, and this meant that everything had to be carried by hand (Cain, 48).
...though in each of the little turrets men were flinging in shells by hand (Yank, 47).
Ammunition was carried up to it by hand, an occasionally by jeep (Pyle, 443).
These were blasted...by explosives set by hand after we got ashore (Pyle, 361).

by heart. By memory; through memorization; by retention in the mind.

...everything she said had the effect of having been learned by heart, and recited in the manner prescribed by some stiff book of etiquette (Cain, 11).

by heck. (Mild profanity used as an intensive.)

That's what a farm's for, ain't it, by heck? (Marquand, 115).

by the looks of things. Inferring from what evidence there is.

Crooked crap dice by the looks of things... (Gardner, 12).

by the look on --- face. Inferring from the expression of one's face.

by the look on her face Mildred knew she had been told about the grand... (Cain, 154).

by making use of. By the utilization of; through the use of.

By making use of Mr. Treviso she would compel Veda to call her on the phone... (Cain, 214).

by a matter of inches. Narrowly; closely; by a hair.

Almost any wounded man has missed death by a matter of inches (Pyle, 55).

by mistake. Mistakenly; through a mistake.

Mother, I needed a handkerchief, and went to see if any of mine had been put with your things by mistake (Cain, 70).

by the moment. Progressively; increasingly.

Then I moved into the field again with the troops, feeling like death, and getting weaker by the moment (Pyle, 88).

by moonlight. By the light of the moon; lighted by moonlight.

...they had paid the sacristan a substantial sum so that they might enter the church alone by moonlight (Marquand, 594).

by now. At the present time; at this time.

Mildred was still at work on the cake, which by now was a thing of overwhelming beauty... (Cain, 8).
By now she was wearing a little blue apron... (Cain, 27).
Mildred, almost in hysteria by now with what she had been through that day, felt a hot impulse... (Cain, 47).
The place...had a run-down look to it by now (Cain, 220).
By now the reality behind this visit was beginning to dawn on Mildred... (Cain, 195).
Mildred, having learned to note such things by now, saw that it gave her a piquant, foreign look... (Cain, 239).
...the trembling had reached Mildred's mouth by now... (Cain, 155).
...Arline had probably told everybody in the restaurant by now... (Cain, 196).
...a devoted worshipper of Veda's by now... (Cain, 189).
By now the boys along the line were feeling cheerier... (Pyle, 404).

By now, Mildred had sensed that Veda's boredom was pure affectation (Cain, 206).
By now you've looked over the camp, and you're impressed most by its impermanence (Yank, 64).
The piano had become an obsession with her by now... (Cain, 144).
By now everything was an indescribably caldron of sounds (Pyle, 435).

by passed. Having been gone around but not through, across, over.

Like thousands of other Jap soldiers on the by-passed Shortlands... (Yank, 51).

by phone. By means of a telephone; through the use of atelephone.

...could sit in his pyramidal tent at division CP and egg on his regimental reporters by phone (Yank, 40).

by plane. By means of an airplane; through the use of an airplane.

They tried to drop us rations by plane... (Yank, 150).

by rail. By mea ns of a railroad train; through the use of a railroad train.

...they had succeeded to a point where British papers said Germany could not maintain a western front by rail (Pyle, 321).

by rote. From memory; by heart (this implies no personal interpretation of what is memorized).

Leeds said, with what evidently was the manner of one reciting by rote, "In the same way..." (Gardner, 189).

by the score. By twenties; by groups of twenties; hence, by extension in large numbers.

Planes by the score roared over and dropped their deadly loads... (Pyle, 81).

by the side of. At the side of; by; close to.

We passed a few dead mules by the side of the road and then a Bren-gun carrier lying in a ditch (Yank, 57).

by sight.
1. Without having seen before.

...'ere is a little t'ing you can read by sight (Cain, 218).

2. Knowing, being acquainted with, one's appearance, face, looks, etc.

...the guard just finishing his shift didn't know his relief man by sight (Yank, 202).

by the skin of —— teeth. Barely; scarcely; hardly.

...he was just hanging on by the skin of his teeth, trying to finish (Pyle, 216).

by surprise. Surprisingly; as a surprise.

We got a bunch of A-T guns by surpsise... (Yank, 125).

by then. At that time; at a designated time.

He would have probably been on his way home by then (Pyle, 336).
They were passing through San Bernardino by then and Alf had told Jeffrey... (Marquand, 476).
To get the money, and cover one or two other things that had come up by then, she dipped into the reserves of the corporation (Cain, 242).
By then, quite a few people were there: Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Harbaugh, Mrs. Whitley, Wally... (Cain, 107).

by thunder. (A mild oath used a s an intensive.)

"By thunder," Mr. Jenks said,... (Marquand, 17).
"By thunder," Mr. Jenks said (Marquand, 16).

by train. By the agency of a railroad train; on a train.

...a friend of mine, who had also come down by train (Yank, 116).

by the way. Incidentally; not on the main topic.

...a substance, by the way, that will not float (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 22).
By the way, Perry, there's no question about the identity of the old man (Gardner, 86).
By the way, sir, Capt. Childers was here yesterday... (Yank, 237).
By the way — what is this Spam we hear so much about? (Yank, 84).

by way of.
1. For purposes of.

"Someone saw a rabbit," a soldier said by way of explanation (Yank, 147).
Barkler said, by way of correction and without removing his pipe, "Not the Klondike, the Tanana." (Gardner, 8).
"Hi, Paul," she said, by way of greeting (Gardner, 90).
He said, "Make a complete report by way of confirmation and send it on by airmail..." (Gardner, 64-5).
...substantiate a spurious claim made by way of justification to the nephew that he actually was the Bill Hogarty who had been wronged... (Gardner, 212).

2. Via; by the route of.

...Company K continued is withdrawal by way of the trail (Yank, 241). Our 2nd Platoon had been designated to withdraw...by way of the Terelle road (Yank, 241).

by weight. According to the weight of an object as compared to individual objects.

...a heavy elaborate contortion of motifs such as you saw sold by weight in those strange New York shops... (Marquand, 98).

cab driver. One who drives, operates, a taxicab. 1842 NED.

"If I can't buy an overcoat," he told the cab driver, "perhaps I can find... (Gardner, 121).
The cab driver looked at him in amazement (Gardner, 121).

cafe society. People who spend an undue amount of time in night clubs; night club habitues.

...something that makes her think he's just a playboy, just Cafe Society and that makes her mad... (Marquand, 288).

caked with. Thoroughly and completely covered with and having a hard surface, as dried mud.

Instead of bearded figures, caked with mud, there is a colonel out of 'Esquire' going by... (Yank, 39).

a cake of ice. A large piece of ice.

...several dozen two-foot cakes of ice... (Yank, 233).

a cake of soap. A bar of soap; a piece of soap.

From the bathroom she got a clean towel and a cake of soap.... (Cain, 90).

to cake on. To harden on; to become stiff on.

...the clothes stiffening and the dirt caking on your body. (Yank, 48).

to call after. To call to. (This implies that the one being called is going away.)

...Mrs. Gessler, who called after her... (Cain, 213).

to call aside. To ask one to step aside; to ask another to go where one can speak privately.

She told Tommy to call Mr. Beragon aside and tell him she had been detained on business. (Cain, 248).

to call attention to. To ask another to notice something; to ask one's attention to.

I call your attention to this knife, Doctor, and not ask you... (Gardner, 130).
...his aides were full of stories about how he stayed in the background rather than call attention to himself... (Pyle, 307).
Before the speaking...he would like to call attention to some distinguished guests... (Marquand, 38).
...each boy crying at the top of his lungs to call attention to himself... (Pyle, 227).

to call back. To call (on) one in return.

Did you call him back? (Gardner, 192).
He told me to call back at ten o'clock, and he'd let me know if things were okay (Gardner, 191-2).
The mother called back a few days later and was handed a deposit slip... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, p.23).
And then this man...called back a resigned answer... (Pyle, 186).

to call a bluff. To let another know that one sees through his pretenses and that he is not fooled by it.

...she wondered how long she could keep up the pretense and whether she could get another job before her bluff was called (Cain, 74).

to call by name. To speak to a person and to say his name.

"But you didn't call him by name and you couldn't place him during the time he was waiting... (Gardner, 141).
Artists should call each other by their first names (Marquand, 130).
...one of those teachers who is the boys' "best friend", who can allow the boys to call him by his first name and still be a teacher... (Marquand, 252).
Did you ever hear your uncle call him by name? (Gardner, 133).

to call down. To reprimand; to scold.

...several times called Tommy down for driving too fast (Cain, 230).

to call for

1. To request; to ask for.

"...bring beer from the icebox when I call for it..." (Cain, 151).
...Gen. Sir Harold Alexander called for a five-day leaflet barrage (Yank, 128).
Lt. Col. Cornett...called for reinforcements (Yank, 251).
Many of these had been called for...by the audience... (Cain, 241).
If you have any trouble, just call for me or ask Mildred (Cain, 124).

2. To specify; to indicate.

When our outfit found itself with fewer vehicles than was called for in the table of basic allowances... (Yank, 139).

3. To visit for; to come to get.

A waiter called for the dishes at ten-forty. (Gardner, 63).

4. To yell for; to speak loudly for.

...he called to Hill for a hand (Yank, 16).
...he called for his buddy to throw him more (Yank, 17).

to call home. To designate a place as one's home. (One may live in a certain place but "call another place home".)

The colonel's tentmate was Lieutenant Colonel Ousel Godfrey, who used to be principal of a high school at Abbenville, South Carolina, but he called Clinton his home (Pyle, 96).

to call in. To request another to visit one. (This implies an official visit or a rather important one.)

He called in his sergeants (Pyle, 345).
He called in his engineers (Yank, 167).
Some are called in the MPs (Yank, 52).
...Washington...called his staff in...back in the 1770's... (Yank, 236).
...Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. ... called in psychological-warfare men and told them he wanted a million leaflets dropped... (Yank, 128).
Then they thought I had malaria, so they called in a couple of Italian malaria experts from down the highway (Pyle, 45).
...the various battalion staffs of our regiment were called in... (Pyle, 432)

calling card. A small card with one's name printed or engraved upon it.

The American infantry fighters...were having a welcome breathing spell when I dropped around to leave my calling card (Pyle, 251).
...a Venetian gilded mirror above it and a silver plate for calling cards (Marquand, 384).

calling list. A list of names of people whom one wishes to visit.

A sympathizer led them to the house of the five Fascists on the night's calling list (Yank, 26).

to call it a day. To stop for the day; to quit.

You'd think that after as much war as he had seen, and after such a hair-breadth escape, he might have been ready to call it a day (Pyle, 122).

to call a meeting. To request officially that a group, organization, gather for a meeting.

When the colonel returned from his conference he called a meeting of all his company commanders... (Yank, 50).

to call a name. To make a disparaging remark about one; to use a taboo word in connection with one.

I called him a fighting name, and we mixed all over the place (Gardner, 113).

to call - off. To postpone; to end; to stop.

The Germans..called off the executions (Yank, 221).
...the conductor had called the rehearsal off (Cain, 256).
Many had dates, but did not dare to call them off (Pyle, 353).

to call on.

1. To visit.

It was exactly what Alf had been signing that day when he called on Jeffrey at the City Room of the old sheet (Marquand, 277).
His mind went back to the Barneses' front porch that first time he had called on Louella...(Marquand, 260).
I told her I wanted to know something about the men who had called on Marcia Whittaker (Gardner, 10).
...boys Charley's age and queer callow youths who were beginning to call on Gwen (Marquand, 356).
...after Beckie and Fred had bought it they rode around the country calling on the last of the old natives...(Marquand, 106).
Jeffrey still could feel a quiver of dislike when he thought of all the rows of little houses where everyone called on everyone else... (Marquand, 304).
"You called on him where he'd had an apartment under the name of L.C.Conway," Mason said (Gardner, 107).
Mason said, "You called on John Milicant at ten-five last night" (Gardner, 1
"You're going calling on a lady," he said (Gardner, 158).
He told the clerk he'd call on Mr. Smith (Gardner, 116).
One day she entered an office building and, beginning at the top floor, called on every firm, ... (Cain, 40).
Harold started calling on me, and one day he and Louis ran into each other in the elevator (Gardner, 167).
That night the mayor of the town and other influential Italians called on me (Yank, 12).
...he never called on Louella until the spring of his last year at college (Marquand, 178).
Admit that you called on him, claim that you don't know what time it was... (Gardner, 117).
Leeds went downstairs to call on Milicant (Gardner, 183).
Then they began talking about the children, about the boys who were beginning to call on Gwen... (Marquand, 102).

2. To request; to ask.

"If there is anything I can do any time, just call on me..." Marquand, 269).
...Mr. Kettering has made a charge of such gravity that I feel I should call on you for an explanation... Gardner, 205).
Snow called on all the men to get into the plane (Yank, 208).
You're certainly not called on to do any great amount of worrying (Gardner, 175).
...any time you want anything pulled around here, don't be afraid to call on me... (Gardner, 45).
"If there's anything I can do," he said, "don't hesitate to call on me."

3. To request aid, assistance from.

"And you needn't call on your gods and little fishes..." (Cain, 158).
As Bert listened unhappily, Mr. Pierce kept calling on Dr. Aldous, as a sort of referee (Cain, 109).
They called on the dive bombers and gave them the location (Yank, 159).

to call on the phone. To telephone one; to phone one.

...she would compel Veda to call her on the phone... (Cain, 214).

to call out.

1. To shout; to yell; to speak loudly.

When I got within about fifty yards he looked up, let out a yell, and called out... (Pyle, 96).
As I passed doorways soldiers would call out to me... (Yank, 404).
One fellow, seeing a friend, called out, "I think I'm gonna make her." (Pyle, 49).
...the voices of icemen, who, in soiled trucks rolling slowly through the neighborhood, called out in a defiant sing-song, "I-ce! I'ce!" (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
Finally everybody stopped and called out to each other in order to get reassembled (Pyle, 200).
As I walked away he called out... (Pyle, 190).
Tex called out directions to Sweeney (Yank, 16).
...the gun commander called out, "On target!" (Pyle, 391).
...when the soldier saw the light he called out... (Pyle, 396).
...suddenly one of the boys called out, "Look! What's that?" (Pyle, 393).
When he passed a bunch of engineers boiling and sweating to create a bypass around a blown up bridge he would call out, "You're doing a nice job here"... (Pyle, 308).
The major leaped up and called out: "Take position, men" (Yank, 59).
Occasionally, when he was wounded badly, he would call out... and the medics would make a dash for him (Pyle, 252).
...somebody heard him call out plaintively... (Pyle, 249).
...one of the real veterans in our company called out to the gabby skinner... (Pyle, 203).
The other lieutenant now called out, "You on the right, watch the left side of the street..." (Pyle, 401).
As someone walked past him into Batt II he called out, "Lend a hand, you fool!" (Yank, 46).
...the men heard him call out: "Don't, boys..." (Yank, 145).
"Miss Gertrude Lade," he called out (Gardner, 201).
He could still hear Minot calling out the names (Marquand, 221).
I called out to ask if it was an aid station... (Yank, 168).
...when the Prince called out in a sharp staccato tone a door slid open... (Marquand, 374).
Another Jap called out: "Where are you, F Company?" (Yank, 54).

2. To summon; to require to assemble.

Mr. Fernald said that he had hired him only because Elmer Gains, who handled the domestic news, had been called out with the National Guard... (Marquand, 194).

to call over. To request another to come to one.

The major called the three over and asked them what they were doing (Yank, 182).

to call the roll. To call the names of those in a group such as a class, a company of soldiers, and the like, to determine who is present and who is absent.

Outside, Sgt. Crud called the roll (Yank, 102).
...but there is no need to call the roll of those... (Marquand, 27).

to call signals. To plan the strategy and give the directions (from football in which in days past the quarterback actually shouted numbers which indicated certain plays).

...Mr. Roosevelt, not to be outdone, had stated that he was the quarterback who called the signals (Marquand, 211).

to call soul (one's) own. To be independent; to have self-respect.

...at least a man could call his soul his own (Yank, 122).

to call a taxi. To summon a taxi.

And then he added a moment later, "Let's call a taxi, Jeff" (Marquand, 233).

to call to the witness stand. To require one to go to the chair in which witnesses give testimony in court for the purpose of testifying.

"I will call Freeman Leeds to the stand" (Gardner, 137).

to call the turn. To predict; to tell what is to happen in the future.

"I like to think of the boys in the old shop getting on, but Walter — how could he call the turn on anything?" (Marquand, 21).
And every turn he's ever called is wrong because he isn't a newspaper man (Marquand, 21).

to call up. To phone; to telephone.

...Stew called up long-distance... (Pyle, 262).
...he's quite a friend of mine -- and I called him up and he asked me to come down (Marquand, 579).
"We'll call up Jim tonight (Marquand, 581).
I'll call him up this morning (Marquand, 309).
"Sinclair called me up, and he wants you particularly (Marquand, 309).
"Yes," Jeffrey said, "and if you want anything, call up Minot." (Marquand, 411).
If Veda had called her up... (Cain, 211).
"And if I die on the way," he said, "just call up Milton and open the tin box" (Marquand, 406).
He called me up not so long ago (Marquand, 395).
Now, suppose you call me up and get an okay to be sure there's no Mitch (Gardner, 102).
When Madge called up that night -- I suppose something just hits someone suddenly, sometimes (Marquand, 480).
...that's how I came to call you up (Cain, 210).
Yes, she called me up... (Cain, 210).
And she'll call you up... (Cain, 210).
Then -- call him up (Cain, 183).
Do you want me to call him up? (Cain, 183).
...Bert called up to invite her to the broadcast (Cain, 208).
Don't know who to call up, say thanks... (Cain, 216).
...she knew he had called up the agents... (Cain, 222).
I don't mean I don't want to see the family but I called up Sally and we're going out someplace (Marquand, 61).
"Call me up as soon as you get there," she said (Marquand, 355).
He would not have dreamed of suggesting it, if Jim had not called up... (Marquand, 369).
So she called up... (Cain, 133).
If you don't just say so and all I've got to do is call up and tell her... (Cain, 41).
...they called her up and agreed to take two dozen a week (Cain, 68).
...Monty called up to know if she had cold feet (Cain, 161).
When...Audrey...called up to say they couldn't get there... (Cain, 160).
...she called up Wally (Cain, 150).
...seemed out of the question merely to call up the editors... (Cain, 238).
...then the Bowl began calling up, saying they had another lovely box available... (Cain, 238).
You call that idiot up and tell him you're not coming (Cain, 162).
...I've already called him up (Cain, 199).
I'm going to call up Wally Burgan (Cain, 199).
...she suggested that Veda call up some of her friends... (Cain, 188).
Certainly call her up (Cain, 225).
...a few of us occasionally called each other up and got together for a meal (Pyle, 301).
I had noticed your name and I meant to call you up sometime (Pyle, 317).
I tried to call you up when they jumped Norway, and you'd gone (Marquand, 121).
I'm going to call him up and ask him (Marquand, 86).

to calm down. To settle one's emotions; to become normal emotionally after a great emotional stress.

"This is nothing," Zorn said, evidently trying to calm me down (Yank, 15).
Pietrazak had calmed down somewhat... (Yank, 168).
...Mildred tried to calm down (Cain, 194).
Having made this clear, Mrs. Lenhardt tried to calm down... (Cain, 194).
Jeffrey wished that Minot would calm down (Marquand, 557).

to camp on trail. To pursue one; to follow one carefully; to be attentive to one's movements.

I...sent a man down to cover that apartment, and we continued camping on Emily Milicant's trail (Gardner, 61).

can be had. Can be obtained; can be got.

Mildred's information was that it could be had for twenty-eight and a half... (Cain, 222).

canceled check. A bank check (cheque) which has been paid and marked 'canceled' to show it has been paid.

She took the canceled check from her purse, and handed it to Mason (Gardner, 7).

candid camera. A small camera with a lens capable of taking pictures of persons and things in action. (It is called 'candid' because the subject is usually not posed.)

A sallow young man with a candid camera was weaving his way between two Filipinos... (Marquand, 341).

a candid photograph. An unposed photograph, picture, made by a camera.

It reminded Jeffrey that Sinclair always liked to have candid photographs of those parties (Marquand, 341-2).

candy bar. A portion of candy usually individually wrapped and most often selling for five or ten cents. (Cf. bar of candy.)

...handed a candy bar to each man in the forward compartment (Yank, 118).

can have back. Can get it returned; can get possession once more. (This implies one no longer wants it.)

I've had this war, and they can have it back any time they want (Yank, 116).

canned stuff. Canned vegetables, meats, milk, and the like. (a generic term for all canned foods).

...we took our box of canned stuff and in we went (Pyle, 408).

can not eat a bite. Not to have an appetite; to have no desire for food.

Still others couldn't eat a bite (Pyle, 57).

can not help. Can not keep from; can not avoid.

We couldn't help liking a lot of the Italians (Pyle, 118).
One could not help but be moved by the colossus of our invasion (Pyle, 465).
I couldn't help but think of a paragraph of one of Joseph Conrad's sea stories... (Pyle, 16).
...the government of Japan was reaching the conclusion that Germany could not help but win the war (Marquand, 387).
I couldn't help being proud of those men, who gave more than was asked (Pyle, 72).
It couldn't help being a moving and depressing experience, and yet there was something good about it too (Pyle, 48).
"Alf!" Ethel said, but she could not help laughing (Marquand, 158).

can say this. One is able to make a positive statement concerning a point.

Well, I can say this -- our troops were just as impatient for Rome (Pyle, 141).

can speak for. One can make a statement in lieu of; one can speak in behalf of.

I can't answer for that part of the army...but I think I can speak for the front-line combat soldier (Pyle, 137).

can't do enough for. To do everything to make another comfortable, happy, contented.

At any rate, he was there all day and he couldn't do enough for us (Pyle, 119).

can not stand the gaff. Not to be able to endure the situation.

...he is rejuvenating some privet that couldn't stand the gaff in Jacob Riis Park (New Yorker XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

can not take eyes off. To feel forced to continue to look at, observe, watch.

On the Point Calora road crater job there were two men I couldn't take my eyes off (Pyle, 71).

can take it. Can endure hardships, discomfort, insults, and the like.

The colonel was fifty years old — proof that middle-aged men of the right frame of mind can take it at the front (Pyle, 96).

canteen cup. A large cup, made of aluminum or plastic, issued to soldiers. It is so designed that it fits over the canteen to make a compact unit for carrying.

Each man had to bring his own...canteen cup (Pyle, 337).

can't take it with.
A person is unable to retain his possessions after his death. (There is a play entitled You Can't Take It With You.)

He can't take it with him (Marquand, 73).

can you beat that. (An exclamation of annoyance or approval used an intensive.)

The lights, a nickel apiece -- say, they're Christmas tree bulbs, can you beat that? (Cain, 118).
Well, can you beat that (Cain, 67).

to be capable of. To have the ability of; to have the ingenuity and ability for.

...she wasn't capable of plans, schemes, or intrigues... (Cain, 219).
The idea that generals are the only kind of Army personnel capable of figuring out... (Yank, 137).

to can it all. To come as a climax; to climax a situation.

And to can it all a lone donkey at just the right dramatic moment in his hideous cacophony would let loose a long sardonic heehaw that turned our exasperation into outraged laughter (Pyle, 76).

can pistol. A toy pistol which harmlessly explodes a very small charge of powder.

The pistol was so small it looked like a can pistol... (Yank, 12).

the captain's table. The dining table at which the captain of a ship eats. (It is considered an honor to eat at the captain's table while on a cruise.)

It had been a fine ship, and they had sat at the Captain's table... (Marquand, 225).

to care for.

1. To love; to have a deep affection for.

I care enough for him so that I realized he was in danger of being victimized by an unscrupulous adventuress... (Gardner, 133).
"On the contrary, I really care for him," Carrel retorted (Gardner, 133).

2. To tend; to take care of; to help; to assist. (Cf. to take care of)

...Buck offered to aid the pharmacist's mates in caring for the wounded (Yank, 46).
Minot did not mind his having an affair because such a contingency was cared for in several paragraphs in the book of rules (Marquand, 247).

to be careful of. To be considerate of; to take pains with.

They called it their "20 skillet", and were careful of it -- even washed it sometimes (Pyle, 269).

not to care a hoot. Not to care at all; to have no feelings; to be indifferent.

No, I don't care one hoot about the bank account (Yank, 163).

care of. (Also in care of.) At, to, as a temporary address.

I'll wire you all the details care of the Portland airport (Gardner, 105).

to care to (infinitive). To want, desire, to.

If there were wounds on the two Germans, he did not see them, and he did not care to look... (Marquand, 234).
She took three boxes...feeling sure that there would be enough for herself...and such few people as she would care to invite (Cain, 238).

car hop. A waitress usually, sometimes a waiter, who serves food and drink to customers in their automobiles.

'Car hops are instructed to be friendly with patrons' (Topeka Journal, Apr. 24, 1940,).
...served by little girls called "car hops" dressed in the uniforms of sailors or cowgirls (Marquand, 428).

to carp at. To nag; to scold; to talk disagreeably to.

He carped at her constantly... (Cain, 145).

car pool. A private arrangement among people to share an automobile to go to and from work (especially during World War II).

"I don't believe I care for anything, thank you. I'm just in their car pool" (Reader's Digest, Dec., 1942, 138).

to be carried away. To become to subject to one's emotions that one hardly realizes what is happening to one.

He had not realized how far he had been carried away, until... (Marquand, 222).

to carry around. To transport, carry, from place to place.

The average soldier couldn't carry a feather bed around with him (Pyle, 426).

to carry away. To take away; to take (something) and leave; to transport.

One which we will carry away with us until the next meeting (Marquand, 42).

to carry back. To return with carrying, transporting.

On the return trip they carried back salvage -- broken rifles, clothing and even the dead (Yank, 59).

to carry the ball. To be responsible for a certain action; to do the real work.

...the one who had even talked to the reporters in football slang, saying that he would try to carry the ball (Marquand, 560).

to carry home. To become impressive; to show importance.

The name was carried home in newspaper dispatches... (Pyle, 159).

to carry off. To take away; to remove.

When the wounded man had been carried off, the captain looked at his hands (Yank, 108).
Soldiers of B Company did the drainage work, installing pipes up to six feet in diameter to carry off the monsoon rains... (Yank, 178).

to carry on.

1. To continue to do one's part; to keep on at one's job or the like (this often implies continuance in the face of difficulties).

Some of us veterans ducked, but the Parisians just laughed and continued to carry on (Pyle, 457).
That's a post-operative case, and I carried on the best I could (Gardner, 38).
Just taking roll call. Carry on! (Yank, 138).
They were over here to get everything they could, so that they could carry on... (Marquand, 248).
He had carried on his quest for vengeance (Gardner, 214).
I've carried on nine years, but it was eleven for you (Cain, 250).
Field kitchens were being set up and before long hot food would replace the K rations the soldiers had carried on with throughout the first day (Pyle, 29).

2. To behave; to act.

They played jokes on each other...and carried on just like anybody else (Pyle, 224).

3. To misbehave; to act ungentlemanly or unlady-like.

The idea, carrying on like that with a married man (Cain, 13).
I told her right off, but she hollered and carried on so I put it on, just to keep her quiet (Cain, 69).
"Who hollered and carried on?" (Cain, 69).

4. To perform; to do, as one's business.

The merchandising was carried on in hurried shrill yells, like a girls' dormitory after lights out... (Yank, 115).

5. To speak, talk, as 'to carry on a conversation'.

At this point Jeffrey found it simpler to do what he had done before, to carry on a monologue... (Marquand, 30).

to carry on an account. To enter sums of money under a heading; such as, capital stock, reserve, profit and loss.

...it would be necessary to transfer money from Reserve...to current cash, which was carried on another account (Cain, 243).

to carry on the books. To record; to enter as a record in an account book.

For months Pete was carried on their books as "killed in action"... (Yank, 191).

to carry through. To enable one to complete successfully.

...he figured his gift of gab would carry him through... (Pyle, 182)
They...have built up the inner strength to carry them through battle (Pyle, 154).

to carry out.

1. To perform a task; to do something that has been assigned to one.

Despite the high temperature, we decided one day early last week to carry out a long-standing project of ours and visit the Capuchin monastery (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
The general...commended Pvt. Humphrey for carrying out his orders... (Yank, 179).
That determination of Pvt. Humphrey to carry out his orders is typical of the Negro soldiers... (Yank, 179).
He carries out a death sentence when he has to, as part of his duties of office (Gardner, 179).
...and then there he was, a strange new man in command of a ship, suddenly a person with acute responsibilities, carrying out with great intentness his special, small part... (Pyle, 17-18).
For some reason it wasnever carried out (Pyle, 220).
...having given himself that command, he carried it out (Pyle, 303).

2. To take away; to remove.

When they finished they carried out their own dishes (Pyle, 337).

to carry over. To take a trait, ability, from one job, situation, and the like, to another.

...just civilians in uniform, who carry over to the battlefield many of their peacetime habits & points of view (Yank, 51).
She was fond of adventure, and the restrictions which were carried over as an afternath of the gay nineties... (Gardner, 180).

to carry a parasol. To take a parasol with on (this does not necessarily mean that the parasol is used for a sun shade).

...Veda decided presently she would carry a parasol (Cain, 237).

to carry through. To enable one to complete successfully.

...he figured his gift of gab would carry him through... (Pyle, 182).
They...have built up the inner strength to carry them through battle (Pyle, 154).

to carry up. To transport forward; to carry to a place in advance.

There were Bren guns, and the Kiwis were setting up an antitank gun carried up during the night (Yank, 60).

to carry the word. To distribute news, information, orders, and the like.

The Italian grapevine carried the word of their presence to the near-town in allied hands... (Pyle, 153).

to cart off. To remove; to take away.

Sometimes they would...pick four or five men from each team and cart them off somewhere to dig ditches... (Yank, 185).

a carton of cigarettes. A carton of cigarettes consists of ten packages which contain twenty cigarettes each. In all, a carton contains 200 cigarettes.

Each soldier was issued a carton of cigarettes... (Pyle, 368).
...we took a carton of cigarettes... (Pyle, 354).

to carve out of. To cut through; to cut as a design in (this implies a 'difficult task').

Carved out of the mountainous jungles of India and Burma, "The Road to Tokyo"... (Yank, 177).

carving knife. A large, sharp knife usually used to cut portions of baked meats: such as, fowls, roasts, and the like.

Kettering produced a bloodstained carving knife (Gardner, 130).
John was in there on the floor with the handle of a carving knife st-st-sticking...sticking... (Gardner, 74).

case of beer. Twenty-four bottles or cans of beer packed in a box.

Our men preferred killing Japs to capturing them until a case of beer was offered for each captive (Yank, 55).

to cash a check. To exchange a bank check (cheque) for money.

The blonde who cashed the check gave the name of Marcia Whittaker (Gardner, 9).

cash customer. A customer who pays cash for purchases instead of charging them.

At the moment it seemed that the only cash customers were bootleggers, but they all used light boats... (Cain, 18).

to cash in.

1. To exchange for money.

Two or three days after the first rush of veterans to cash in their bonds... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

2. To earn, make, much money.

And places that can read the handwriting on the wall are going to cash in... (Cain, 148)

cash register. A device used in business places to hold money which is being used to conduct the daily business. It also records the amount of each sale and the amounts withdrawn on a paper tape.

At the front end of this was a well-stocked cigar counter and a large cash register presided over by a genial, fat man... (Gardner, 94).

To cast the beam out of ___ eye. To rid oneself of one's own sins, misdoings, short-comings and the like. (Part of a saying of Jesus.)

...a lot of us...should cast the beam out of our own eyes... (Yank, 213).

to cast in metal. To form the melted metal into shape through the use of a mould.

...she set her face as if it had been cast in metal... (Cain, 208).

cast iron stomach. A stomach with which any and all foods agree; a stomach which is not upset by any food.

...it seemed that Jesse always had a cast-iron stomach, and...still could eat anything (Marquand, 275).

to cast off. To throw off; to disengage.

The lines were cast off and we pulled out. (Pyle, 256).

castor oil. An oil extracted from the castor bean and used as a cathartic, purgative.

We'd raid the Fascist headquarters and grab their stock of bottled castor oil (Yank, 26).

castor oil treatment. The giving of huge doses of castor oil to prisoners as a method of punishment or retaliation.

...we gave them the castor-oil treatment first... (Yank, 26).

casual look. Unpretentious; unsophisticated look.

The new dress had a smart, casual look to it... (Cain, 221).

casual officer. An army officer who is not attached to any unit, but who is being held in reserve as a replacement for those officers who are killed, wounded, promoted, or in any other way removed from their command.

He had left from old Camp Merritt just across the river, with perhaps two hundred other casual officers... (Marquand, 583).

to catch _____ breath.

1. To inhale quickly and involuntarily usually from surprise. (Also used substantively.)

He heard her catch her breath, but he could not see her face (Marquand, 125).
...when the dress arrived, she caught her breath at the total effect (Cain, 159).
He caught his breath and whispered "Jesus". (Cain, 29).
Then she caught her breath as Bert's smell enveloped her (Cain, 17).
When she got back she caught her breath at what she saw (Cain, 116).
He remembered the catch of her breath when she saw him (Marquand, 289).

2. To recover one's normal breathing rate after exercise, emotional disturbance and the like.

It was extraordinarily cool in the parlor...and we were glad just to sit there and catch our breath (New Yorker XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to catch a bus. To get on a bus (with the purpose of going to a place); to ride in a bus.

...Ida hurrying out with a glance at the clock, as though she might be catching a bus (Cain, 64).

to catch _____ by surprise. To surprise another; to come on, discover, another suddenly.

Mildred, caught wholly by surprise, wanted to laugh and wanted to cry (Cain, 86).
The parasol...caught the crowd by surprise... (Cain, 239).

to catch (a) cold. To become infected with a cold; to become infected with an upper respiratory infection.

...then she asked him if he was sure he had not caught cold (Marquand, 206).

to catch _____ ear. To be heard and noticed by one.

As in the case of Dietitian, she wasn't quite sure what it meant, but it had caught her ear these last few weeks... (Cain, 36).

to catch _____ eye. To get one's attention; to get another to look at one.

The first nurse had Roy's wrist, and Mildred saw her catch Dr. Collin's eye and glumly shake her head (Cain, 103).

to catch _____ fancy. To be attractive to one; to be desired by one.

...Mrs. Gessler...seemed to catch the diners' fancy... (Cain, 152).
It was the squint, Bert confessed afterwary, that first caught his fancy, and convinced him there was "something to her" (Cain, 16).

to catch fire. To become afire; to get on fire.

...it broke in two and caught fire when it hit (Pyle, 215).
When some gasoline caught fire McClory threw himself on the captain... (Pyle, 346).
...the tank didn't catch fire (Pyle, 404).
...Sweeney and Tex saw the German catch fire and trail smoke (Yank, 16).
...engineer said he was afraid the engine would catch fire (Yank, 119).

to catch _____ flat footed. To catch, discover, find, someone in such a way that prompt defense or other suitable reaction is impossible.

The italians were caught flat-footed..., and from that moment the story was one of deadly Greek bayonet charges... (Topeka Journal, Nov. 14, 1940).
"Almost as good as when we caught that truck convoy flat-footed near Myitkyina last week" (Yank, 196).
He caught them both flat-footed; the only mistake he made was... (Yank, 49).
...we really caught them flat-footed or they were plenty scared of B-29 firepower (Yank, 119).

to catch ___ in. To discover one doing; to find one performing.

She felt as if she had been caught in some shameful act... (Cain, 219).

to catch _____ in _____ arms. To put one's arms around another quite suddenly; to hug, embrace, another quickly.

Then she caught him in her arms (Cain, 97).

To catch ____ in the face. To hit one in the face.

It caught him square in the face, hung there a moment, then parted to reveal tragic, injured dignity (Cain, 83).

to catch in _____ throat. To get a constriction in one's throat due to intense emotional disturbance.

But something caught in Mildred's throat as he went down the walk, ... (Cain, 87).

to catch it. To be punished; to receive blows; to be beaten (this implies that one is for one reason or another unable adequately to defend oneself).

Then he caught it from both sides (Pyle, 146).
When assault troops are being attacked by land, and waiting ships are catching it from the air, believe me, the speed of unloading is mighty important (Pyle, 15-16).

to catch _____ name. To understand, to hear one's name (often used with the negative).

...he had simply found himself sitting in a corner with a pale blond girl...whose name he had not caught (Marquand, 30).

to catch a nap. To go to sleep for a short time; to nap.

There was nothing to do so I went back in to catch a nap (Yank, 61).

to catch on. To comprehend; to understand (this implies ability to perform as a result of comprehension).

He had never been an orderly before but he soon caught on (Pyle, 310).
"We didn't know nothing...but we caught on" (Pyle, 278).
"The Japs never did catch on" (Yank, 185).

catch phrase. A phrase designed to remain in one's memory.

...the prune-picker who first dreamed up that colorful catch-phrase... (Yank, 193).

to catch ____ red handed. To discover one in the act; to find one doing something.

I caught you red-handed, right in the act!" (Cain, 44).

to catch sight of. Suddenly to see; to see.

"...within 100 yards of the beach we caught sight of three more Japs..." (Yank, 192).
"I thought I caught sight of somebody skulking along behind me..." (Yank, 181).
...they fired when they caught sight of dark shapes against the water (Yank, 9).

to catch up. To come to the side of; to come to something or someone; to overtake; to follow and to overtake.

...and those who did not fight, but moved in the wake of the battles, would not catch up for hours (Pyle, 452).
...waited until the other car caught up a little (Cain, 171).
As we caught up to within half a mile or so we could finally see the running lights of other planes... (Pyle, 323).

to catch up on. To get that amount which one has missed or lost.

We traveled continuously, moved camp every few days, ate out, slept out, wrote wherever we could and just never caught up on sleep, rest, cleanliness, or anything else normal (Pyle, 85).

to catch up with. To overtake; to reach by following; to find after a search.

We caught up with the fleet and through the remaining hours of daylight it worked slowly forward (Pyle, 12)
We had caught up with the mules and drawn along side them (Pyle, 203).
...seeing he was about to get left behind, he just salvoed his bombs and went streaking to catch up with the formation (Pyle, 206).
But the fellow was lucky and caught up with the convoy (Pyle, 280).
...the draft board caught up with him (Yank, 183).
I stopped and turned around to wait for him to catch up with me... (Yank, 181).
When the mule trains became scarcer we caught up with jeeps pulling loaded trailers (Yank, 57).
Their barracks bags might catch up with them sometime... (Pyle, 347).
...they would be glad when the service boys and the field kitchens caught up with them (Pyle, 385).
...looked over to where Della Street, catching up with her fountain pen on the rapid-fire conversation... (Gardner, 171).
...they must get you sooner or later, but I'll go along until it catches up with me (Yank, 86).
...it would probably catch up with us a couple of weeks after we reached the other side (Pyle, 352).
When we caught up with the tail end of the forward battalion, our driver parked... (Yank, 107).
He better do a run-out, and do it fast, before I catch up with him (Cain, 199).
As we caught up with the Company K... (Yank, 241).

to catch _____ with _____ guard down. To discover one in a state of unpreparedness; to find one unprepared.

The static war...exploded with a suddenness that caught the Japs with their guard down (Yank, 18).

caterpillar tread. An endless, joined track inside which wheels turn. The track, when the vehicle on which it is used, is in motion, furnishes a constantly firm tread for the wheels.

There were derricks on caterpillar treads... (Pyle, 366).

to cater to. To care for scrupulously; to take care of with diligence.

...it is a lonely job catering to the dead (Pyle, 453).

the cat that swallowed (the canary). Pleased look; self-satisfied look; appearance of being pleased with something one had done.

And General Eddy had the appearance of the traditional cat that swallowed something wonderful (Pyle, 410).

to caution against. To warn one not to be; to give advice against.

The major cautioned them against smoking in the outer room (Yank, 59).
That's one thing I've particularly cautioned them against (Gardner, 43).

a cave in. A disintegration of an earthen or stone structure, hill, or the like.

Slides and cave-ins kept the road maintenance crews on 24-hour duty (Yank, 179).

to cave in. To have the sides, walls, or top, fall or be smashed inward. (Also used as an adjective)

...into many of the caved-in slit trenches had been swept the debris of war... (Yank, 133).
The sides of the dugouts caved in easily (Pyle, 257).
Some dugouts had board walls to keep the sand from caving in (Pyle, 257).
There were boats with their sides caved in... (Pyle, 366).

center of gravity. The point of a thing which represents the center of its weight and upon which it can be perfectly balanced.

"Yes," Jeffrey said, and changed his center of gravity by hitching himself forward (Marquand, 186).

the center of the stage.

1. That part of a stage in a theater to which the audience most normally looks which is consequently the part most desired by the performers.

...Veda was in the center of the stage before they recovered... (Cain, 239).

2. One who attracts the attention of others; one whom others naturally look at.

He was just a natural born center of any stage, a leader, and one of those gifted, practical men who could do anything under the sun, and usually did it better than the next fellow (Pyle, 73).

to chafe _____ hands. To rub one's hands; to massage one's hands.

Veda sat...chafing Mildred's hands... (Cain, 174).

a chain of. A connection of; a series of things held together.

Some chain of circumstances, some familiar aspect connected with another time, made Jeffrey half remember something that next morning (Marquand, 585).
That there's many a missing link
In the chain of command (Yank, 153).

chain reaction. A reaction which started in one member of a group reacts in every member before the reaction stops.

The chain reaction to Government farm price policy which the poultry people started in November has now reached the congressional agricultural committees by way of warning testimony from the Secretary of Agriculture (Baltimore Sun, Jan. 25, 1934, 4).

to chain smoke. To smoke one cigarette after another; to smoke constantly; to light another cigarette as fast as one finishes the other.

...he chain-smoked American cigarettes (P.M., Jan. 20, 1946, 5).

chain store. A store which is a member of a group having many stores.

He was thirty-two, and before the war he worked as an unloader at a chain grocery store in his home town (Pyle, 40).
...a garden where the vegetables cost more to grow than they would have to buy in a chain store (Marquand, 212).
...they drove past the liquor package shop and the stationary shop and the chain store and the drugstore... (Marquand, 528).

chaise longue. (Literally a 'long chair') A chair long enough to support one's feet and legs as one sits.

There was no one in the room but Marianna on the wicker chaise longue near the window... (Marquand, 495).

to chalk up. To write in chalk; to write with chalk.

...they were chalking up a mystic sign on the barracks, O.H.I.O., which meant... (Marquand, 509).
Hour by hour the total...was chalked up (Pyle, 285).

to change clothes. To put on, don, different clothes, usually the outer garments.

Than she changed her dress and put slippers on her aching feet (Cain, 50).

to change hands. To change ownership, possession.

Gafsa...already had changed hands several times (Yank, 123).

to change into clothes. To put on, don, different clothing than one has on.

He...went legging it home to change into clothes suitable to a high-class place (Cain, 211).

to change _____ mind. To come to have a different opinion or idea.

But in case you change your mind... (Cain, 166).
There was nothing to make the infantrymen change their minds... (Yank, 250).
...she called shrilly to Tommy to drive on, she had changed her mind (Cain, 202).
He...changed his mind (Cain, 168).
He was pretty noisy about it, perhaps hoping she would hear him and come in there, begging him to change his mind (Cain, 5).
Then suddenly it seemed to change its mind...(Pyle, 435).
Finally one sailor...changed him mind and threw the entire box toward the old woman (Pyle, 228).

a change of heart. A change of opinion due to an emotional change.

She had taken it as evidence of a change of heart... (Cain, 159).

to change the subject. To talk of something different; not to talk about the same subject any longer.

"I don't know why you always change the subject when I talk about Marianna," Madge said... (Marquand, 535).

to change things around. To make changes in general; to change generally.

...I do hope you don't begin changing things around, just to please me (Cain, 156).

to channel off. To disperse; to carry off; to take away.

They both came over the field at about four hundred feet, and when they met at mid-runway they all channeled off in a thousand directions (Pyle, 174).

character part. A part in a drama in which a special characterization is emphasized by the playwright.

...the answer was merely, "character parts" (Cain, 191).

charcoal broiler. A stove designed for the burning of charcoal.

...built-in charcoal broiler (Cain, 177).
...the built-in charcoal broiler (Cain, 178).

to charge interest. To exact payment of interest for money loaned.

...the guys what owe me the money find out I am charging interest (Yank, 162).

to chart the way. To indicate the route, way, or method, as though by map; to give careful directions.

He had charted your way for you, step by step, in simple, easy lessons... (Marquand, 190).

to chase around. To go hurriedly here and there; to go in what might well be an aimless manner.

He chased around to twenty or thirty addresses, then beat it back to the East Manchester address (Gardner, 16).

to be chastened by. To be humbled; to be restrained by.

...instead of being chastened by adversity... (Cain, 213).

to chat away. To talk on and on without aim.

We sat and chatted away in easy chairs... (Pyle, 350).

to cheat _____ out of. To obtain or get by cheating; to get by fraud from one.

Oh, Mother, I cheated her out of it, and I meant to pay it back... (Cain, 104).

to check around. To check, to make inquiries, here and there, in different places.

We checked around and learned that nuns had taken the bodies to the convent... (Yank, 27).

to check back. To check, make inquiries, into the past.

The operative checked back and found that the order had been telephoned in to the restaurant... (Gardner, 63).

check book. A folder containing bank checks (cheques).

Phyllis Leeds opened her purse and took out a check-book (Gardner, 9).

to check in. To report oneself to the proper authorities.

At twelve o'clock with light in hand
I check each girlie in... (Yank, 156).
So imagine my surprise when I climbed aboard for the Anzio trip, checked in with the captain,... (Pyle, 225).

to check on. To investigate; to inquire about; to learn about.

Have him check on that waiter who took the food up to Milicent's apartment (Gardner, 105).
"Check on that?" Mason asked (Gardner, 126).
Drake said, "Following your tip-off, Della had me check on the tenants above the sixth floor in the apartment house" (Gardner, 125).

to check out. To leave; to depart, usually after notifying someone.

Tell Miss Phyllis I'm checking out for a while (Gardner, 59).
I gotta check out (Yank, 226).
...he could get the twenty thousand, and no one would figure he was checking out (Gardner, 117).
I'm checking out, he said (Gardner, 57).
I'm just checking out (Gardner, 57).

to check out on. To leave; to depart from.

"They're checking out on us this morning" (Marquand, 456).

to check through. To investigate; to do research on; to search through.

So I went up and checked through the traffic violations on the off-chance I might find something (Gardner, 156).

a check up. An investigation; an inquiry; an examination.

...one of his regular weekly check-ups on the ... crews (Yank, 253).
It's like having a medical check-up, isn't it? (Marquand, 406).

to check up. To investigate; to inquire into; to examine.

The doctor checked me up in March (Marquand, 487).
The telephone man was checking up to find out which wires he'd have to repair that night (Yank, 60).
...when we checked up in the morning, we found their bodies bayoneted right through the blankets (Yank, 149).
Incidentally, while we're checking up on things, don't overlook this prospector friend of Leeds--Ned Barkler (Gardner, 127).
He was obviously checking up his passport and his tickets... (Marquand, 459).

to check up on. To investigate; to inquire about; to examine.

With that call, they'll never think of trying to check up on the airports (Gardner, 79).
Mason said, "I think you'd better check up on your brother and the possibility..." (Gardner, 54).

to check with. To be in agreement with; to agree with.

Her address checked with the address on the automobile license... (Gardner, 9).

(to) cheer up. (An exhortation.) Be happy; be cheerful.

Well, cheer up, at least you'll be able to spend Christmas with us (Pyle, 124).

cherry red. Red, the color of ripe, bright red cherries.

...round cheeks that are a perpetual cherry red (Yank, 243).

chest deep. In depth equal to that up to a man's chest.

They were chest deep and round... (Yank, 242).

chest of drawers. A large dresser; a bureau; a chest with four or five drawers.

There was also an old maple chest of drawers which Beckie and Fred had scraped down... (Marquand, 123).

chest on chest. A bureau which appears to be made of two sets of drawers with one placed on the other.

It was furnished with...his own mahogany chest-on-chest with its heavy brasses and its mirror (Marquand, 306).

to chew the fat. To talk idly; to talk aimlessly; to take part in a bull session.

...there wasn't any sitting around chewing the fat in Lew Brown's City Room (Marquand, 278).

to chew gum. To chew repeatedly on chewing gum.

He wears glasses, smokes cigarettes...chews gum frequently... (Yank, 130).

chewing gum. A manufactured form of chicle flavored and sweetened to be chewed but not swallowed.

...there was a great deal else to think about—whether it would be worth while to take a pistol...or some chewing gum... (Marquand, 220).
...he saw you...scraping up chewing gum (Yank, 236).
We are the insolent invaders...
Bringing gifts of chewing gum... (Yank, 189).
Go down to the all-night drugstore and get me four bits' worth of chewing gum (Gardner, 69).
Have a peach, have a plum, have a stick of chewing gum! (Yank, 29).

a chew of tobacco. A portion of tobacco designed only for chewing.

Dick had a chew of tobacco in his mouth, and right in the middle of his refrain the whistle got full of tobacco juice and went gurgly (Pyle, 39).

to chew up. To crush, grind, thoroughly.

Our ceaseless convoys chewed up the gravel roads and the dust became suffocating... (Pyle, 89).
It was a little, ugly, though -- bluish and all chewed up where some field medic tried out his book learning with a little debridement... Yank, 193).

chicken feed. Generic name for all food for chickens. (Used sometimes to mean a small amount of food or money, etc.)

Chicken feed for chickens -- do you get the point? (Marquand, 155).

chief of police. (Also police chief.) The police officer in charge of all policemen in a town or city.

His father was chief of police... (Pyle, 335).

chief of staff. A military officer immediately beneath a commanding general in a division, corps, army.

...he was on the Burma battlefront directing the Chinese forces in his dual capacity as chief of staff to Chiang Kai-shek and CG of Chinese troops in Burma (Yank, 131).

chief petty officer. (Also called: chief.) The highest non-commissioned rank for enlisted men in the navy.

Are you a wet nurse or a chief petty officer? (Yank, 89).

child's play. Simple; easy; not difficult.

Our pinball machine at the officers' mess is child's play (Yank, 224).

to chime in. To contribute to the conversation, or to the discussion; to say something in a general conversation.

Mr. Pierce returned to Mrs. Biederhof, and Mildred thought it diplomatic to chime in: "I'm not defending her for a minute" (Cain, 15).
...Cavanaugh and Zorn chimed in occasionally with a razzberry... (Yank, 15).
But I was convinced when the other chimed in and said... (Pyle, 335).

chin up. (Imperative.) Have courage; be brave; be of good cheer.

"Chin up, darling," Madge said, ... (Marquand, 333).

chin is up. One is acting bravely and courageously; one is pretending indifference to danger.

...she comes out with her shoulders squared, her chin up in the air, and walks to the corner where she grabs a taxi (Gardner, 64).

to chip off. To remove by chipping; to remove from the surface by striking.

All paint had been chipped off (Pyle, 9).

to chisel ____ out of. To take away from one by chicanery, deception, or unethical methods.

Which is correct so long as you don't try to chisel him out of his rights Yank, 36).

chocolate soda. Chocolate ice cream soda; a soft drink prepared with chocolate syrup, ice cream, and carbonated water.

...kids...that want a chocolate soda... (Cain, 175).

to choose between. To make a choice, selection, of one of two things.

But if that goes, and I have to choose between my belly and my pride... (Cain, 41).

to choose up sides. To distribute a group of people into teams.

Well, why don't we choose up sides? (Yank, 147).

to chop away at. To strike; to hit, as with an axe, knife, or the like. (This implies difficulty in the cutting).

...he was chopping away at a piece of ice... (Cain, 164).

chop house. A restaurant, cafe, which specializes in steaks and chops.

The Oak Room was not garish like the Oak Room of a hotel or a chop house (Marquand, 242).

chow hound. A person who gets great pleasure from eating; one who eats excessively.

...that's what I got for being a chow hound... (Yank, 208).

The chow hounds get their mess kits out... (Yank, 157).

chow line. A line of people waiting to be served food, as in a cafeteria.

These officers...sweated out the same chow line I did (Yank, 216).
They passed through a chow line (Pyle, 337).

chow time. The time to eat; the time for serving food.

At chow time each soldier held his tin hat in his left hand while holding his mess kit in his right (Pyle, 198).

Christ all mighty. (An oath, profanity taboo in polite society. An exclamation used as an intensive.)

Christ A'mighty, Alden's been through things those stay-at-home bastards never even dreamt of... (Gardner, 56).

Christmas Day. December 25; Christ's birthday.

On Christmas Day they were on their way to Oregon... (Yank, 23).

Christmas present. (On Christmas people give presents to their families and close friends.) A present given to another on or shortly before Christmas.

Then you had the Christmas trees and the Santa Clauses on the street, and new ideas for Christmas presents... (Marquand, 325).

Christmas tree. An evergreen tree which, usually taken indoors, is decorated with tinsel, ornaments and small colored electric lights. (Around the tree are placed the Christmas presents which are opened on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.)

She had said it all showed the inherent lovable quality possessed by the Germans, like Christmas trees and Grimm's fairy tales (Marquand, 225).
Then you had the Christmas trees and the Santa Clauses on the street... (Marquand, 325).
...arguing where to put the Christmas tree... (Yank, 184).
There was the smell of spruce from the Christmas trees on the sidealks (Marquand, 590).
He could see the great Christmas tree and the bare branches of the trees along the sidewalk... (Marquand, 593).

to chug in. To enter with sounds of a motor.

...LCVPs chugged in unescorted... (Yank, 147).

church supper. An evening meal served by some church organization for which a charge is made. (These suppers are usually served for the purpose of raising money for church use. Often the members of the organization contribute all the food so that the profit will be greater.

All you needed were two characters and butter on the table, the town meeting, eggs for breakfast, the school bus, the church supper (Marquand, 430).

to churn up. To mix and beat at the same time; violently to disturb.

The huge ship churned up a massive letter "S" in white-topped water. (Yank, 45).

cigar counter. A counter (glass inclosed box at which goods are sold) where tobacco products are sold. (Also attributive.)

I was clerking at a cigar counter (Gardner, 72).
...it would ruin the play to have John bring a cigar-counter girl into the family (Gardner, 73).
He could see the display of brightly packed confections by the cigar counter where you paid your check... (Marquand, 240).
...cashiers in restaurants, girls at cigar counters, manicurists, and janes like that (Gardner, 127).

cigarette butt. That part of a cigarette which remains after one has finished smoking it.

...pretending to pick up cigarette butts (Yank, 138).

cigarette case. A small container, case, in which one carries cigarettes. (A cigarette case generally holds twenty cigarettes.)

Here is a pigskin key container, a watch, a cigarette case, and a pocket lighter (Gardner, 129).
The Prince reached in his pocket and drew out an enameled cigarette case (Marquand, 377).
...she opened her bag and drew out a small enamel cigarette case, ... (Marquand, 268).

cigarette lighter. (Also called "a lighter") A small (approximately 2" x 1" x ½") device fitted with a flint, a hard steel striker, a wick, and a fuel chamber by means of which one can produce a small flame.

The cigarette lighter (Yank, 141).

to circle around. To encircle; to move in a circle; to move in circles.

Ray began circling around, coming nearer and nearer with her recitation (Cain, 57).
...We were circling around in our landing craft... (Pyle, 365).

circles under _____ eyes. A condition in which the skin beneath the eyes turns darker than one's other skin due to fatigue, worry, nervousness, etc.

The other, whose name was Harold Soskin, looked very limp, with deep circles under his eyes because he had been up all night... (Marquand, 419).

the city desk. The desk, office, through which all local news passes for editing before being printed in a newspaper.

...there never was such an old so-and-so as old so-and-so back there on the City Desk (Marquand, 197).

city editor. The newspaper man who edits all local news before it is printed in the newspaper.

The City Editor at that time was Lew Brown, for whom Jeffrey had always retained a great respect and liking (Marquand, 278).
The City Editor in those days might very well have been one of the worst stinkers on Newspaper Row... (Marquand, 197).
New cartoonists came and went with new managing editors, city editors... (Marquand, 24).

city hall. The headquarters, or offices, for a city. In the city hall are the offices of the mayor, police chief, city judge, and other city officials.

...and even about the great many unpleasant individuals whom he may have encountered at City Hall and at Police Headquarters (Marquand, 197).

city room. The office for local reporters on a newspaper.

It was the month after Jeffrey had come to New York and had taken a job in the City Room down at Newspaper Row (Marquand, 277).
...Alf...called on Jeffrey at the City Room of the old sheet (Marquand, 277).
He always thought of the City Room when he composed on a typewriter (Marquand, 414).
The boys in the City Room...called Lew Brown... (Marquand, 278).

civilian clothes. (Also called civvies.) Clothes worn by civilians as compared to soldiers' or sailors' clothes.

...he supposed you had to have that rank if you reached his age, but they wore their uniforms like civilian clothes (Marquand, 571).

civilian officer. A reserve officer in the armed forces; an officer called from civilian life to serve in the armed forces.

...this West Point conceit, which every civilian officer hated, was apt to cloak a distinct combative ability when you got into a fight (Marquand, 543).

to be clad in. To be dressed in; to be clothes in; to have on.

..."I take it, this patient isn't wandering around clad in a nightgown" (Gardner, 37).

to clamp a pipe between _____ teeth. To hold a tobacco pipe between one's teeth, in one's mouth. (This implies that the jaw is firmly closed.)

"Hello," Barkler said, his pipe clamped between his teeth (Gardner, 55).

to clam up. To be quiet; not to say anything relevant; not to speak at all.

If anyone asks you anything, clam up on them (Gardner, 205).

clap of thunder. A sudden loud explosive sound of thunder.

...the ring becomes something like an echoing clap of thunder (Yank, 188). Then, like a clap of thunder, in the night club... (Marquand, 424).

to clatter down. To make much noise in falling or descending.

...big and little pieces of shrapnel tinkled and clattered down upon the rocks around (Pyle, 151).

the clatter of dishes. The sound of dishes being handled one against another as in setting a table, or in removing the dishes from the table, or in washing dishes.

There, in the noise of conversation and the clatter of dishes, we had a big breakfast... (Yank, 14).

clay pigeon. A target at which one shoots.

...I had been feeling pretty much like a clay pigeon in a shooting gallery (Pyle, 232).

a clean bill of health. A statement that one has no disease or ill health usually written by a doctor. (Used figuratively at times.)

"I resurrected 'em so I could give my clients clean bills of health" (Gardner, 215).

clean cut. A condition of having regular features, of being decent looking or having an attractive fact. (Usually applied to a man or boy.)

'Oh, Gen. Marshall is such a clean-cut and good-looking man' (Yank, 199).

to clean off. To clear away in order to clean; to take off that which is causing something to appear unkempt, or untidy.

...clean off the tables and sweep the floor (Yank, 230).
...you'll get gigged if you don't find time to clean it off (Yank, 231).
They would have to be cleaned off now, just like the others (Yank, 231).

to clean out.

1. To remove to make clean or tidy.

One day I talked with a soldier who said he had helped clean out the sewing machine an Italian family had buried in the bottom of the manure pile (Pyle, 119).
On the eleventh day the battalion was on the move again, cleaning out the bivouac area... (Yank, 8).
Instead he began looking through the drawers of his desk which have been cleaned out long ago... (Marquand, 327).

2. To remove in totality, all of it.

If I left the claim to go and report to the authorities, and some prospector came along, he'd clean out the gold (Gardner, 114).
...it cost upwards of $5,000, and cleaned out her personal cash (Cain, 242).

3. To remove those who are opposing by killing or capture.

"Our company is starting in a few minutes to go up this road and clean out a strong point (Pyle, 399).
It wasn't safe until the snipers had been cleaned out (Pyle, 373).
One day I went along with an infantry company that had been assigned to clean out a pocket... (Pyle, 398).
...mop-up squads came back to clean out all the holes they could find (Yank, 252).
Or we might go through a woods and clean it out... (Pyle, 442).

to clean up.

1. To wash, bathe, shave, put on clean clothes.

Engineer officers who hadn't slept for thirty-six hours went back to their olive orchard to clean up. (Pyle, 71).
The airplane business so astounded and impressed Jack's company commander that he cleaned up, put on his dress blouse for the first time since he had left America... (Pyle, 127).
Eadman just cleaned up and loafed all the next day... (Pyle, 180).
...when shaved and cleaned up after battle he didn't look a bit older (Pyle, 185).
Nobody could get him to clean up (Pyle, 411).
...when he cleaned up we could hardly recognize him (Pyle, 386).

When cleaned up he could have passed for a Cossack (Pyle, 446).
We all look sick after we've cleaned up, we're so white (Pyle, 150).
...they got themselves cleaned up. (Pyle, 270).
...they moved back a couple of miles, dug in, then cleaned up and relaxed for a few days... (Pyle, 268).

2. To remove the opposition; to defeat.

...they decided it wasn't worth cleaning up... (Pyle, 250).
...new type of poison which cost a dollar a gallon...and you had them all cleaned-up for good (Marquand, 501).
...the team had cleaned up two more (Yank, 18).
It was the Rangers' mission to clean up the defended ridges... (Yank, 124).

3. To take away everything on (it) so as to appear clean.

...the other half went to work with oil, ramrod and waste cloth to clean up and readjust the gun (Pyle, 390).
It's unusual for men to clean up everything on the plates... (Gardner, 210).
...an alley inhabited by a melee of Sicilians who screamed constantly and never cleaned up anything (Pyle, 90).
Mason finished his salad, cleaned up his plate, lit a cigarette, and sipped coffee (Gardner, 99).
We got Italian workmen in to clean up... (Pyle, 250).

4. To finish; to end; to restore to normal.

...he usually cleaned up the last order around half past 10... (Yank, 183).

to clear away. To remove; to clean off leaving a clear space.

...the steel-scarred trees were cleared away... (Yank, 17).
...bad weather over the Channel but the clouds had cleared away over the target (Marquand, 543).
Somehow the clouds in those dispatches always cleared away, and the bombs were dropped... (Marquand, 543).
...an Italian boy to clear the dishes away... (Pyle, 157).
The dust had cleared away but it was quite dark now... (Yank, 58).

clear back down. All the way back; the return to some starting point.

...he could take a full can of water to the top and be clear back down again in two and a half hours (Pyle, 147).

clear down. Completely down; all the way.

...Torfu would...slip out of his doghouse, get into Colonel Clizbe's sleeping bag, and burrow clear down out of sight (Pyle, 221).
Mildred let him get clear down the walk before she stopped him (Cain, 20).

clear down to. All the way to a certain point, either physical or mental.

There were all kinds of warships clear down to patrol boats (Pyle, 358).

to clear ____ mind. To free from confusion or uncertainty.

He could always think better lying down -- it cleared his mind and he was very, very tired (Marquand, 419).

to clear off. To remove so as to leave a cleared space.

The waiters were clearing off the dishes (Marquand, 43).
Will the waiters refrain from clearing off plates from the tables during the speaking period? (Marquand, 38).

to clear out.

1. To clean out a space; to remove from one place to another.

With 14 machetes and 180 bayonets, the company cleared out 25 acres in three weeks (Yank, 41).
So we always try to shovel the grub into the customers so we can clear out the tables (Gardner, 150).
...I don't hardly get them cleared out before I got a college trade... (Cain, 175).

2. To go away; to leave.

I wanted to delay the discovery of the body as long as possible so we could clear out (Gardner, 171).
Get dressed now, and we'll clear out, and leave her to her pie plates... (Cain, 253).

clear over. All the way from one place to another.

...we could hear him snoring clear over in the gun pit (Pyle, 387).

to clear ____ throat. To rid the throat of anything that seems to obstruct it, usually by giving a little cough.

Steve cleared his throat (Gardner, 93).
Jeffrey cleared his throat again (Marquand, 441).
"Good-by," Jeffrey said, and he cleared his throat again (Marquand, 442).
He cleared his throat (Marquand, 496).
He felt that his voice was choked and hoarse and he cleared his throat (Marquand, 583).
And all at once there was a dull sort of soundproof silence -- and Walter cleared his throat (Marquand, 122).

He paused and cleared his throat (Marquand, 301).
Jesse put...the tips of his fingers together, and cleared his throat softly (Marquand, 268).
Uncle Judson cleared his throat (Marquand, 95).
"But sweet," Walter said, and he cleared his throat again... (Marquand, 120).
Walter blinked and cleared his throat (Marquand, 119).
Walter cleared his throat (Marquand, 47).

clear to. Understandable; evident to; perceptible to.

But at night, when she thought about it, it all became clear to Mildred (Cain, 257).

to clear up. To explain; to clarify an idea or situation that has been confused.

I expected to go back and clear the thing up (Gardner, 118).
Look, Mildred, you might as well get this thing cleared up (Cain, 81).
This clears up something that has been bothering us since the early days of the war (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).

clear up to. All the way to; inclusive to a certain defined point.

An executive post might be anything from a telephone lying on the ground under a tree, clear up to the luxury of an abandoned cowshed (Pyle, 100).
His legs were blown off clear up to his body (Pyle, 103).

to clear the way. To clean out the area ahead; to remove obstacles so as to leave an unobstructed space.

...the guns of the destroyer force shifted their fire ahead of the troops to clear the way... (Yank, 250).

to climb down. To descend, especially by using both hands and feet, as from a tree, ladder, or the like.

...we climbed down (Pyle, 429).

to climb in. To enter, as a car, automobile.

He climbed in beside her... (Cain, 198).
He climbed in, and the truck dissolved into the blackness (Pyle, 198).

to climb out. To leave a place or thing by climbing.

They had to be soft, for ease in climbing out onto the beaches... (Pyle, 276).
But he went right into the flaming tank, disappeared a moment and came climbing out -- with his girl's picture in his hand (Pyle, 267).

to climb out of. To leave, get out of, a car, automobile.

...we climbed out of the jeep... (Yank, 218).

to climb up. To ascend or mount by climbing.

A major who had climbed up to take a look... (Yank, 167).
...the field engineering officer...had climbed up to the wing... (Pyle, 175).
...he climbed up on the rock, farther than anyone had gotten before (Yank, 167).

to cling to. To hold fast to; to adhere closely to.

...but cling to him (Cain, 131).

a clip on the ear. A sharp, quick blow on the ear, usually struck by a person who is angry at the victim.

Now if you don't want a clip on the ear, you'll call me sir (Cain, 135).

clipped voice. A voice that enunciates clearly and precisely.

In the precise, clipped voice of a professional man who is preparing for a grueling cross-examination... (Gardner, 30).

cloak and sword. Excessively dramatic; melodramatic. (Used to describe a type of fiction or drama where the situations and characters are flamboyant and romantic.)

...place ordinary incidents in fictional categories, and this was like the fencing school in the cloak-and-sword story... (Marquand, 373).

the clock around. The time it takes for a day to pass; twenty-four hours. (Sometimes used figuratively to mean more than twenty-four hours.)

Nobody got any rest the clock around (Pyle, 33).

to clock in. To check in, usually at a time clock in a business place. (Required of employees.)

Everyone who took the elevator up to the sixth floor was clocked in and clocked out (Gardner, 77).

to clock out. To check out, at a time clock usually.

Everyone who took the elevator up to the sixth floor was clocked in and clocked out (Gardner, 77).

close at hand. Easily available; near at hand.

...a locker, riot guns and tear gas bombs, close at hand (Gardner, 176).

close by. Near; nearby in space.

St. Barthelmy is close by Martain (Yank, 244).

a close call. A narrow escape.

Pfc. Clayton E. Hall of Strawn, Tex., had a close call at his machine gun on the right flank (Yank, 93).
They had a close call when they ditched (Pyle, 348).

close cropped. Cut short, usually used to describe very short hair.

The stewards had all looked alike -- clear skin, pale eyes, close-cropped hair... (Marquand, 225).

to close _____ down. To shut; to bring to an end; to terminate. (Used with a business' stopping, failing.)

She would have closed the place down, but she was bound by a lease... (Cain, 244).

to close _____ ears to. Not to allow oneself to listen to; to refuse to listen to.

...if you close your ears to reason, George, I can't tell you (Marquand, 347).

to close _____ eyes. To shut one's eyes.

...while she closed her eyes... (Cain, 139).

to close _____ eyes to. To refuse to see what seems evident to others. This is used figuratively when one refuses to understand what is apparent to others.

However, you close your eyes to that (Gardner, 208).

close friends. Intimate friends; two or more people who are bound together by feeling of love, confidence, trust, etc.

Mathewson and Patrick were close friends... (Yank, 44).

to close in. To shut in or surround; to enclose and obstruct.

...it would be easy for the enemy to close in and take them (Yank, 195).

The Rangers held...against every German attempt to close in and knock the U.S. forces back into the sea (Yank, 125).
When they heard the patrol coming behind them, they prepared to close in (Yank, 192).
...the Japs had closed in behind them on the crest of the range (Yank, 191).

2. To become hidden by fog.

The other end of the runway would close in before they got there (Pyle, 336).

close in. Confined to a small space; near in space, time, or thought.

Meanwhile, the 12th Air Support Command bore the burden of the close-in fighting here in Italy (Pyle, 157).

to close in on. To surround or shut in on all sides; to enclose; to approach closely.

...and he was very happy the Americans were closing in on that city (Yank, 106).
...we closed in on our second victim (Yank, 254).
...other Dragons were still strafing the Japs and keeping them from closing in on Kimball (Yank, 195).
"Hello," he said...as I closed in on his desk (Yank, 164).
They're closing in on us (Gardner, 185).
The relatives are closing in on the old man, that's all (Gardner, 14).

close knit. Having the parts near together, tight woven. (Sometimes used in reference to the ties of a family or friends.)

Those originals were close-knit, clannish... (Yank, 242).

to close _____ mind to. To refuse to accept an actuality; to refuse to change one's opinion.

...what's the use of trying, if you close your mind to it? (Marquand, 347).
"I'm not closing my mind to it," the first man said, "I'm just waiting for you to tell me" (Marquand, 247).

close order drill. Formal practice in formation marching and other movements, including handling of arms for ceremonies and guard.

They seemed to come in close-order drill (Yank, 53).

close quarters. Direct and confined contact in a fight, a cramped space, or position.

The Marines suffered the worst casualties in the ititial close-quarter struggling... (Yank, 41).

a closer look. An intent and scrutinizing observation.

...they went to take a closer look at a soldier so nonchalant (Pyle, 241).

close set eyes. Eyes that are placed closer than normal to the nose.

Jason Carril, a thin young man in the thirties with high cheek bones, close-set eyes, and a mop of coal black hair... (Gardner, 28).

close shave. A narrow escape; a close squeak.

...he too had had some close shaves (Pyle, 185).
He had some close shaves, but had never been hit (Pyle, 276).
There were correspondents there on the beachheads...who had dozens of close shaves (Pyle, 232).
Joe had one close shave (Pyle, 65).

a close squeak. A narrow escape; a close shave.

The colonel himself had had many close squeaks (Pyle, 282).

to be close to. Very near to; near to in time, space or thought.

It was in a big, old building close to the front... (Pyle, 311).
One Saturday close to the time for the final examination he went to the Bragg Public Library... (Marquand, 178).
But then that autumn everyone was close to quarreling (Marquand, 534).
Mr. Jenks must have been close to seventy... (Marquand, 17).

close up. Near or very close in.

In the olive groves through out that Cassino area there were pitiful reminders of close-up warfare (Pyle, 123).

to close up. To shut; to discontinue; to stop activities.

We see everybody that comes in...partly because we don't want to close up the department altogether (Cain, 34).
"Those Eyetie towns close up early at night..." (Yank, 25).
"Close it up," Mason said (Gardner, 93).
It was closed up on a tipoff (Gardner, 97).

clothes on. Dressed; in clothes.

And they always slept with their clothes on (Pyle, 150).

clothes on _____ back. The clothes one is dressed in. Often used figuartively to mean all the clothes one (a woman) owns.

"So you and your sister can eat, and have a place to sleep, and a few clothes on your backs" (Cain, 72).

closing time. The hour a business or factory, etc., closes after the day's work is done.

...having coffee with Mildred just before closing time... (Cain, 148).

a cloud of smoke. Smoke that rises from some burning object in billows or gusts.

The Prince blew a cloud of cigarette smoke and stared through it at the ring (Marquand, 380).

club car. The parlor car of a train which is equipped with easy chairs, tables, buffet, etc.

...I don't like going out to the Coast alone, and I'm not good at picking people in club cars... (Marquand, 414).
He and Jesse had come up on the club car of the one o'clock... (Marquand, 291).

to club to death. To beat to death with some sort of improvised weapon.

Last week the mess sergeant was clubbed to death with empty cans... (Yank, 141).

to clutch at _____ throat. To get an obstruction in one's throat due to emotion.

Something seemed to clutch at Jeffrey's throat (Marquand, 438).
...she would have time to think, and then her throat would clutch and the street would begin to blur (Cain, 104).

to clutch _____ hand. To hold tightly to one's hand.

...Mildred quickly clutched his hand to her cheek (Cain, 250).
Sitting beside Veda, clutching her hand, she said... (Cain, 197).

the Coast. The west coast of the United States, generally California.

Then sometimes I go out to the Coast (Marquand, 49).

the coast is clear. The situation is free of difficulties; the way is unobstructed.

...this meant the coast was clear (Yank, 26).
But when the coast was clear, he would come back and share... (Pyle, 184).

coast line. Outline or contour of a coast.

...we were in full view of the Jap-held coast line... (Yank, 255).
...we patroled the coast line... (Yank, 254).

coat of arms. An escutheon; a shield on which is painted, embossed, a heraldric device.

...suitable for a Spanish bungalow, and consisted of a crimson velvet coat of arms, displayed against the wall... (Cain, 1).
On the tinted walls, in addition to the coat of arms, were three paintings... (Cain, 2).

coat of mail. A medieval garment made of metal links or overlapping plates used in battle.

A flak vest is a sort of coat of mail... (Pyle, 336).

coat of tan. A brown color given to the human skin by exposure to the sun.

...just to get a coat of tan (Cain, 176).

cock and bull. Incredible and absurd; not believable.

...please let up on the cock and bull and feminine propaganda (Yank, 214).
That's no cock and bull story (Pyle, 413).

to cock _____ head. To turn the head obliquely, usually as an expression of derision or disbelief.

She stood back again, cocked her head to one side, struck an attitude. (Cain, 17).

cocktail party. A group of people meeting together to enjoy cocktails — mixed drinks consisting of spiritous liquors and fruit juices.

...every cocktail party... (Cain, 168).
...all sorts of people in the room whom he did know, whom he had seen year after year at cocktail parties (Marquand, 343).
...Ella always gave Sinclair a gardenia before a cocktail party (Marquand, 344).
...the arrangements went like clockwork because Ella and Sinclair understood cocktail parties (Marquand, 341).
...but you know the way Jeffrey is at cocktail parties (Marquand, 358).
...and that whole expression about writing what you want was the sort of thing they said at cocktail parties... (Marquand, 326).
February was the time for cocktail parties (Marquand, 326).
That was the time that everyone needed a stimulant, and then there were the cocktail parties (Marquand, 328).

That was not their idea when they asked critics to Happy Rocks or to their cocktail parties (Marquand, 328).
...Ella could make them have a good time, and that was what cocktail parties were for, wasn't it? (Marquand, 339).
Jeffrey and I have to go to a cocktail party (Marquand, 332).

coffee shop. A public room or shop where coffee and food are served.

The radio listed...his favorite coffee shops and the hours he visited them...

cold blooded. Insensitive; unfeeling.

Mason said, "You are a cold-blooded little devil, aren't you?" (Gardner, 78).
Few European countries have suffered more cold-blooded cruelty from the Germans than Greece... (Yank, 220).
We're cold-blooded about it (Gardner, 75).

cold eyes. Eyes that show distrust, hate, or antipathy.

Wally's eyes became very cold... (Cain, 201).

cold feet. Fear to do something after having agreed to do it; the wish to withdraw from some situation.

...Monty called up to know if she had cold feet (Cain, 161).

a cold in the head. A physical indisposition indicated by a stoppage of the nasal passages; an upper respiratory infection.

It was February and he was suffering from a slight cold in the head, so he stayed in for the day to work, ... (Marquand, 326).

cold light of dawn. Early day light; break of dawn.

...they figure they'll get through somehow, then pick us off one by one in the cold light of dawn (Yank, 181).

cold lunch. A lunch, meal, that has only cold food; i.e., sandwiches, salad, fruit, etc.

That time she took care to have her pies out of the way early, and to make a cold lunch (Cain, 84).

cold shower. Shower bath using only cold water.

After I took a cold shower... (Yank, 227).
Jeffrey took a cold shower and a glass of Bromo-Seltzer (Marquand, 77).

cold sober. Completely sober; not drunk or inebriated.

At high noon this faint religious glow gave everything, even the cold-sober bar boys, a dissipated aspect (Marquand, 577).

cold sweat. Perspiration and coldness caused by nervousness, fear, dismay.

...Mildred was in a cold sweat... (Cain, 244).
"I stood right there with cold sweat breaking out all over me," Leeds said... (Gardner, 171).

cold war. Contest waged for national advantage, conducted by diplomatic, economic, and psychological rather than military means.

After stating that Russia began a cold war on Britain and the British Empire after Russian diplomacy believed it had separated the two western powers from each other... (Baltimore Sun, March 11, 1946, 2).

collar ad. An advertisement to sell men's shirts showing a fashionably dressed and handsome man.

In the field...Stillwell is no collar-ad for what the well-dressed West Point man will wear this season. (Yank, 129).

to collect _____ thoughts. To regain control of one's thoughts after one's mind wanders.

Drake and Mason took charge without giving her an opportunity to collect her thoughts or take any independent action (Gardner, 160).

to collect _____ wits. To gather one's thoughts; to regain control of one's thoughts.

...it took her a moment or two to collect her wits (Cain, 209).

a college boy. A youth who is enrolled in a college or university.

When he was a boy, a college boy, at the College of the City of New York... (Marquand, 275).

a college man. A man who has attended a college or university. (Sometimes the idiom expresses a hint of snobbery.)

I am glad they are all college men (Marquand, 217).
...after all, though he hardly knew anyone to speak to after four years in college, he was a college man (Marquand, 184).
After all, he was a college man (Marquand, 184).

combat fatigue. Battle weariness; a psychiatric term meaning mental sickness due to strenuous battle activity.

We are all Navy men who are suffering from combat fatigue (Yank, 211).

combat wise. Battle trained and knowing the experiences of actual fighting; battle trained and not taking unnecessary risks.

Six more combat-wise soldiers could hardly have been chosen (Yank, 148).

to comb _____ hair. To smooth back one's hair by running a comb through it.

...she...began combing her hair... (Cain, 254).

to comb _____ hair straight back. To comb one's ahri so that it lies flat and smooth on the head from the forehead to the nape.

...his hair is abundant and combed straight back (Yank, 247).

to comb out. To disentangle and smooth hair by combing it.

Madge was sitting in front of the dressing table combing out her dark brown hair (Marquand, 147).

to combine with. To join with; to unite.

The red-and-white check of the linen combined pleasantly with the maple, and with Arline's brick-red uniform... (Cain, 116).

to come across.

1. To discover; to find; to see for the first time.

S/Sgt...Markham...came across a blanket-covered body... (Yank, 251).
...he doesn't come across any kind of dog very often (Yank, 136).
...he doesn't come across such creatures very often... (Yank, 136).
"Yes," Jeffrey said, "I came across it, Charley" (Marquand, 507).
I first came across this curious connection... (Yank, 11).
...where immediately came across what appeared to be a seven-volume set of Rudyard Kipling in a handsome mahogany bookcase (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
... no one has any worries about coming across any women (Yank, 42).

2. To project the voice well; to be clear and understandable.

The voice came across clearly, with a slight dramatic pause (Marquand, 138)

come again, now that you've found your way. (An invitation to return, after one has made an initial visit.)

"Come again," Milt said, "now that you've found your way" (Marquand, 173).

come ahead. (An invitation to come with one someplace. Imperative.)

If you want to go too, why, come ahead, but I've told you... (Marquand, 562).

to come alive. To seem, appear, real, actual.

...their guns became their pals, the enemy became real and the war came alive for them... (Pyle, 8).
He remembered the occasion when all that furniture had stood in the street, suddenly naked and insignificant on its passage in and out of moving vans, but when it was arranged in a new place, it all came alive again... (Marquand, 58).

to come along.

1. To accompany; to go with.

Wanta come along with us tonight? (Yank, 253).
A little French shopkeeper came along... (Pyle, 377).
A cute little French maid came along with her (Pyle, 462).
She said come right along, she'd be starting... (Cain, 211).
I asked him to come along (Gardner, 4).
...why don't you come along with me? (Pyle, 400).

2. To progress; to learn.

Mildred was delighted at the way the child was coming along... (Cain, 181).

3. To arrive; to appear on the scene; to happen to be passing.

But when hot weather came along she got the mange (Pyle, 42).
...easy meat for any German fighter that might come along (Pyle, 162).
...vines had just started when Prohibition came along and he dug them out, in favor of walnuts (Cain, 6).
If I left the claim to go and report to the authorities, and some prospector came along, he'd clean out the gold (Gardner, 114).
When the President came along and saw the patients, he stopped his jeep... (Yank, 200).
After a while a German scout car came along, passed over the mine and blew up (Yank, 71).
An officer came along with a flashlight and they discovered that his legs.. (Yank, 47).
Soldiers of the company were...just lying and waiting till their officers came along and said go. (Pyle, 399).
Another convoy came along and pushed us out (Pyle, 357).

to come alongside. To move into place next to an object.

A rescue boat came alongside and took them aboard (Pyle, 347).

come and get me. (An exclamation given with the idea of daring one person to catch another. Imperative.)

All right, you bastards, come and get me! (Yank, 182).

to come and go. To arrive and depart. (It suggests a succession of people, events, etc. See: coming and going.)

He has seen a lot of men come and go (Yank, 137).
Patrols came and went (Yank, 49).
New cartoonists came and went... (Marquand, 24).
You see, Jim comes and goes (Marquand, 322).
He comes and goes as he pleases (Gardner, 24).
"I don't know," Jeffrey answered, "They come and they go" (Marquand, 63).
Now and then we stopped one and questioned him, but mostly they just came and went and nobody paid any attention (Pyle, 98).

to come around.

1. To call on; to visit one; to appear on the scene.

So Bert came around, and Mildred was excited by him, mainly on account of his dashing ways (Cain, 16).
Because if it don't happen, he'll lose interest, and quit coming around, and you wouldn't like that (Cain, 24).
And that's having three star generals coming around to see what's the matter with it (Pyle, 319).
One day an Army photographer came around to take some pictures... (Pyle, 256).
The division commander came around this morning... (Yank, 244).
There ain't nobody going to see you that amounts to a damn unless the colonel should happen to come around (Pyle, 109).
"Anything you want to know about girls," Alf said, "or anything, just come around and ask me, man to man, kid" (Marquand, 155).
Every morning a chaplain came around with a big boxful of cigarettes, tooth powder and stuff (Pyle, 47).

2. To arrive; to be sent

But word came around this afternoon that six men were to be picked for rest camp... (Pyle, 187).
One time an order came around that everybody had to get his stripes on (Pyle, 110).
...YANK will be coming around regularly to cheer your spirit... (Yank, 212).

to come away. To leave; to depart from.

...a photographer who went out to take some pictures came away without any... (Pyle, 283).
...in talking with veterans as they came away from the tellers' windows we learned that... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1937, p. 25).

to come back.

1. To return, usually to a former position or situation.

The entire crew...came back two days later (Yank, 119).
...he would...ask when the men were coming back (Yank, 229).
They had been over the subject several times, but Madge always came back to it (Marquand, 562).
We came back to the claim, and went back to mining (Gardner, 113).
I was only talking about coming back (Marquand, 436).
When I came back from the war -- (Marquand, 436).
He felt firmly that Ross would come back... (Pyle, 303).
"You feel what I mean," Jeffrey said, "In just a small way when you come back home from abroad" (Marquand, 436).
At ten-twenty-one, the blonde girl came back again (Gardner, 63).
When the major came back, he said I could take any place on the floor... (Yank, 59).
...Louella asked him if he wouldn't come back after supper... (Marquand, 205)
Shrieks and yells came back from the field (Yank, 92).
...they would never come back (Yank, 229).
...they would...come back in the evening (Yank, 229).
...the fish-faced cashier came back to inform her she had lost a check (Cain, 48).
...you'll find them in the middle of Pierce Drive when you come back (Cain, 208).
It was pitiful to see them come back to their demolished homes and towns (Pyle, 443).
...he dare not come back to the state of California... (Cain, 202).
...all her self-righteousness came back (Cain, 168).
It looks as though you were running away and didn't intend to come back (Gardner, 117).
When Bert came back he resumed his seat, took a meditative sip out of his glass... (Cain, 59).
...he ordered her to...come back with him... (Cain, 172).
As she came back with both desserts and the coffee, her heart gave a leap... (Cain, 67).
It always came back to the same thing (Cain, 73).
When she came back with his orange juice, he grinned... (Cain, 89).
But no sound came back (Yank, 178).
"Wait'll he comes back with the ole bassar, Flump," Artie said (Yank, 103).
...when the corporal came back (Yank, 226).
Her nerve came back, her hands recovered their skill, as things began moving again (Cain, 124).

Soon Mildred saw her come back, lay a dollar bill in the tin box, take change, and go out (Cain, 124).
...said to the figure which was sprinting down the corridor, "Come back here, Harold, and face the music" (Gardner, 165).
...then there would be a little silence when he came back (Marquand, 219).
Now both of them are gone -- ...perhaps not to come back to it at all (Yank, 245).
Now both of them are gone -- perhaps to come back to the outfit... (Yank, 245).
...but he never came back (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).
"Come back," Mason said (Gardner, 165).
...she had come back, penitent... (Cain, 208).
...if you go out of that door I'm not going to let you come back (Cain, 5).
We...were happy when they all came back (Yank, 202).
When she came back she had Scotch and White Rock (Cain, 126).
Is he coming back? (Cain, 12).
...no use coming back here with them (Cain, 19).
When he came back he said our orchard was full of dead Germans (Pyle, 371).
...let's say the Germans come back next year... (Yank, 221).
It was only when you were back on the field, when you knew that all of the other would not come back (Marquand, 220).
You weren't the same when you came back (Marquand, 195).
No one was coming back now... (Yank, 230).
...some of the planes didn't come back... (Yank, 229)
The planes...pulled on in tight circles to come back... (Yank, 242).
...mop-up squads came back to clean out all the holes... (Yank, 242).
...he comes right back and wants to tear one of yours down! (Yank, 239).
It was like prying into the intimate possessions of someone who had not come back... (Marquand, 215).
The same old men always come back (Yank, 148).
Come back to your mother's womb
And rest a while (Yank, 154).
She kept reminding Mildred that liquor, when it came back... (Cain, 149).

2. To return in memory; to be recalled to mind.

It had been another morning when they had been having breakfast, and everything about that morning came back (Marquand, 587).
Of course it all came back to Jeffrey's mind at once (Marquand, 398).
...when he heard the locusts on the trees, a great deal about Willow Road would come back to him again (Marquand, 260).
When it was finished, he knew the present would all come back -- Madge and Jim and Marianna, everything would come back (Marquand, 492).
...memories of the bombing gradually came back into my consciousness... (Pyle, 250).

to come barreling. To travel at high speed. (The implication is that the traveler is advancing toward.)

...Italian tanks came barreling into town... (Yank, 124).

to come by.

1. To pass by; to happen to be passing.

A jeep came by with three MPs and stopped (Yank, 105).
...some blonde came by in a car... (Yank, 209).
One afternoon a soldier came by to say hello... (Pyle, 414).

2. To acquire; to obtain.

He came by his name in a peculiar fashion (Pyle, 338).

to come clean. To tell the truth; to explain completely a situation for one's own protection.

...that it's up to us to give you a chance to come clean before we do anything drastic (Gardner, 161).
Let them come clean with you (Gardner, 175).

to come close to. To show one's understanding; to sympathize.

Never once did he let Mildred come close to him in connection with it... (Cain, 142).

to come down.

1. To descend; to fall down.

And finally the Mei-Kua came down to earth... (Yank, 12).
Four mules stood there in the moonlight in the road where the trail came down off the mountain (Pyle, 155).
"If you'll ask him to come down," he said, "he knows me" (Marquand, 572).
She used the telephone and she said yes, he was coming down if Jeffrey would wait right by the desk... (Marquand, 572).
You did not need any longer to tell him to go upstairs for a minute and then he could come right down after he had been upstairs for a minute... (Marquand, 58).
Rosie came down through the bomb bay to look over his crew (Yank, 86).
Some Japs came down a gully below Meuller's pillbox one night (Yank, 53).
He'll come down (Marquand, 572).
...since the sunshine in California comes down by the bucketsful... (Yank, 155).
...and the sting had gone out of the breeze coming down off the mountain (Yank, 58).
More than 11 feet rain came down each year (Yank, 42).
...his white tracers came slanting down out of the sky (Pyle, 427).
Time and again the rattle came down over us (Pyle, 437).
Somehow as darkness comes down in a land of great danger a man wants things hushed (Pyle, 427).
It hadn't been so steep when we came down (Yank, 21).

This boulder came tumbling down... (Yank, 167).
...the bombs came down (Pyle, 435).
The ceilings had come down upon men still in bed (Pyle, 248).
The rain kept coming down... (Pyle, 400).
The old B-26...came booming down at the runway... (Pyle, 330).
For a rocket going up sounds like a bomb coming down (Pyle, 305).
Only one parachute came down (Pyle, 264).
...then a heavy steel ramp comes down so that trucks and tanks and jeeps can drive in (Pyle, 229).
...the pup tents kept coming down (Pyle, 395).
One of our planes pulled up and came down at him in a dive (Pyle, 171).
Sometimes the pilots flew so low they even had German tracer bullets coming down at them from the hillsides (Pyle, 167).
...he turned out of formation as he neared the field and came down wide open and screaming... (Pyle, 172).
The wild men came down from the hills wearing... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 24).
Fortunately it came down on the deck of the smaller ship below, and was rescued (Pyle, 287).
That battalion fought constantly for ten days and nights, and when the men finally came down less than a third of them were left (Pyle, 143).

2. To make a visit, call, trip.

The co-pilot...came down and did his pre-mission job of checking equipment (yank, 87).
Rosie came down to the line, put his arms around Mike's shoulders... (Yank, 87).
I'll look it over, see if it's okay, and leave the key at the desk when I come down (Gardner, 106).
...Serle called for Conway to come down and put up the bail... (Gardner, 88)
...stick around and wait for me to call from the station, jump in a cab, come down, and put up the bail... (Gardner, 103).
I just came down on the one o'clock. I'm going back... (Marquand, 59).
Didn't you ever come down on the one o'clock? (Marquand, 59).
...a friend of mine, who had also come down by train (Yank, 116).
Shall I find you here when I come down? (Marquand, 99).
...Fred could warm a toddy from it when they came down there in winter (Marquand, 110).
Do you remember the first time I met you there when you came down to stay with us? (Marquand, 92).
...he's quite a friend of mine -- and I called him up and he asked me to come down (Marquand, 579).
You come down, but don't do it before ten o'clock (Gardner, 103).
It was not exactly true that Bill Swinburne had asked him to come down to Washington, but... (Marquand, 568).
"He's asked me to come down to Washington" (Marquand, 568).
...it was entirely too big for most of the people who came down from the city just to get a coat of tan (Cain, 176).
A private..came down here as a roller skating specialist... (Yank, 201).

That was why Jeffrey sent him a wire...asking if Bill could give him fifteen minutes if he should *come down* (Marquand, 564).
I just wanted to know if I *came down*, could you see me? (Marquand, 565).
...they wanted Bell *to come down* and wrestle one of those huge sumo men (Yank, 186).
"I'm *coming down* to see you," Jim said (Marquand, 367).
I'm just telling you I'm *coming down* tonight (Marquand, 367).
Louis told him *to come down* and talk things over (Gardner, 167).
He *came down* every weekend to stand outside Barney's (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).
...Here was Trevise, telling me to *come down* and see him tomorrow... (Cain, 232).

3. To go along; to advance, usually implying to come from a higher situation to a lower, from front to rear.

...four Japs *came down* the trail in their pajamas (Yank, 55).
As we *came down*, the English Channel was crammed with forces (Pyle, 358).

4. To request, ask, a lower price or cost than that originally asked.

...I think you can nick her for one fifty if you get tough, but you'd better ask for two hundred and *come down* (Cain, 40).

to come down to. To state in essence; to state succinctly.

When it *comes* right *down to* it, these armament guys really have the toughest racket (Yank, 207).
It *comes down to* a straight question of collusion: Is there any, or isn't there? (Cain, 82).

to come down with. To become ill, sick, with.

In any event, it was only a matter of days before Tschopik *came down with* jaundice and his wife with grippe (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
On Dec. 22 Mac *came down with* malaria... (Yank, 24).
It's going to get the Oscar -- and then you go to bed and *come down with* a head in the morning (Marquand, 436).
Just after Tunis feel he *came down with* a savage recurrence of malaria... (Pyle, 300).

to come forth. To come; to arrive openly.

But he always kept trying until the word he wanted *came forth* (Pyle, 121).

to come forward. To move to, toward, the front.

When the Germans *came forward* under a white flag... (Yank, 245).
Come forward please (Gardner, 58).

to come from. To have originated at, in; to have been originally at, in.

Captain Hollis...was a good friend of the late correspondent Ben Robertson, who came from his home town (Pyle, 264).
You have to come from somewhere (Marquand, 133).
...yet back there where he and Walter had come from you knew everything about everybody (Marquand, 55).
So that's where the two bucks came from (Yank, 212).
...although many of the people's ideas about the States come from the movies (Yank, 69).
Their gun was named "Blip" which represented the first letter of Brooklyn, Louisiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, where most of the crew came from (Pyle, 384).
He came from Vinton, Iowa (Pyle, 411).
But where the devil he came from before he contacted Leeds, is more than I can find out (Gardner, 127).
"All these newspaper men," Minot said, "are like anybody else who comes from a small town and gets ahead" (Marquand, 245).
...the draft came from the open photo hole... (Yank, 186).
It had to be Mr Newcombe who told me that you and he came from the same little town (Marquand, 132).
The men...cannot say where they came from and where they are going (Yank, 234).
He's got a sun-browned face and hands, and he comes from England (Yank, 36).
The Partisans in Serrano's band came from all classes (Yank, 27).
I come from the backwoods of North Dakota (Yank, 173).
...a few oak pieces with leather seats, which she identified at once as having come from the shack at Lake Arrowhead (Cain, 223).

to come from nowhere. To seem to appear as if by magic; to seem to have no place of origin.

The sun was turning the mountains gold and purple and the little clouds had come from nowhere (Marquand, 489).

come hell or high water. Regardless of what happens; in spite of everything.

But come hell or high water, Minot must have believed that he would always have his car (Marquand, 73).

to come home.

1. To return to one's home, house.

He thought he was like those pictures of officers he had seen on advertisements and he was coming home on leave (Marquand, 525).
You felt that everybody liked you when you were Jim's age, and Jim was coming home (Marquand, 530).

...he himself had come home for a ten-day leave before he reported to New York for his orders (Marquand, 525).
...and what all the other Himmler employees did to the father when he came home from the cannery... (Marquand, 553).
Ike, it appeared, hadn't come home last night (Cain, 50).
I'll bring them direct to school Monday morning and they can come home from there (Cain, 19).
...you get a little tight, and you come home, and something happens, and then what? (Cain, 24).
By night, when she came home to Monty... (Cain, 245).

2. To return to one's base; to return to one's headquarters.

Her crew came home to a sudden, unrestricted, crazy holiday greeting (Yank, 85).
It was Capt. Charles H. Colwell...coming home from a strafing mission... (Yank, 194).

to come in.

1. to enter

Mr. Rand, one of her regular customers, came in early with another man... (Cain, 66).
"Emily Milicent just came in," she said (Gardner, 48).
His captain...came in after awhile... (Yank, 193).
"I just came in," Madge said, "to see if you were comfortable" (Marquand, 328).
"Come on in and get me," said Newbrough (Yank, 7).
"Come on in," he said... (Yank, 193).
Della Street came in with the three clean glasses (Gardner, 48).
...the next time he came in, I put the gun on the wall... (Yank, 125).
Come on in (Yank, 25).
Jeff, what were you and Jim talking about when we came in? (Marquand, 66).
In a short time she saw many bills in the box, as Ida repeatedly came in, made change, and sent Arline out with it, so she would get her tip (Cain, 124).
The big moocher comes in here and bums my cigarettes... (Gardner, 9).
...you thought when you came in I'd just throw it at you (Yank, 132).
She's just talking as you came in (Marquand, 80).
Veda began dancing up and down, and Bert came in, followed by Wally... (Cain, 125).
John came in and shook me a couple of games of twenty-six (Gardner, 72).
Let 'em come on in (Marquand, 388).
The platoon found the town empty but met a Jerry patrol coming in as they went out (Yank, 49).
...Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Nichols would come in from the editorial rooms out front... (Marquand, 202).

Guess who just came in! (Cain, 125).
A couple of customers came in and pretty quick they were shooting craps (Gardner, 72).
"I come in here under a mistapprehendison," he said (Yank, 103).
Jeffrey had just finished washing with his knitted wash cloth when Alf came in (Marquand, 153).
Arline came in from the dining room (Cain, 125).
Do you want to know the people who came in during the evening? (Gardner, 68).
"Is she like the first sergeant when he comes in and sees you sitting at his desk?" we asked (Yank, 98).
...when I saw you and Madge and then when Jim came in, I thought it was particularly swell (Marquand, 75).
No, Paul Drake would come in here -- unless something important has happened... (Gardner, 66).
He always used to come in and order a drink... (Yank, 205).
Madge had just come in from bridge or lunch, judging from her dress... (Marquand, 519).
In a minute or two Veda came in... (Cain, 195).
...one afternoon he told her to come in (Cain, 204).
...as I came dashing in (Yank, 239).
Whistle for some more White Rock, honey, and come in and close the door (Marquand, 457).
...there was a rap on the screen door, and Mrs. Gessler, who lived next door, came in (Cain, 8).
Well, I told him to come in (Gardner, 141).
He was a supply man who had just come in across the stump flat with a 40-pound case of C rations... (Yank, 196).
And Lilly came in all hot and steamy... (Marquand, 158).
He was pretty noisy about it, perhaps hoping she would hear him and come in there, begging him to change his mind (Cain, 5).
A voice yelled, 'Come in' (Gardner, 145).
...I'd come in, maybe an hour and a half late (Yank, 187).
A breath of warm air came in through the open window... (Marquand, 158).
...Mrs. Gessler came in... (Cain, 150).
Della Street...came in with the detective in tow (Gardner, 154).
...the men who came in with us (Yank, 243).
Come in and look at him (Marquand, 158).
Not one thing in it -- until the piano came in, but that's recent -- ever meant a thing to you... (Cain, 228).
He wanted me to come in and give you a message (Gardner, 58).
There's no way in the world...of keeping the Japs from coming in at night... (Yank, 145).
Do you remember when you came in to say good-by? (Marquand, 195).
The boys couldn't believe it when they saw me coming in (Pyle, 249).
"Come in," she said (Gardner, 18).
While I was visiting him the second time, a corporal...came in and asked... (Pyle, 121).
...a breezy man from the West came in and got an estimate... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

2. To arrive.

When the train came in, it was all so vivid that it seemed to be he getting off that train, not Jim (Marquand, 526).
...then I told you about a time when I was coming in on the train from Bragg's... (Marquand, 588).
He knew that she must have applied it in those last leaden moments before the train came in (Marquand, 528).
...(they had just come in from an all-night session...) (Yank, 155).
...they came in from different directions (Yank, 124).
...when you came in I was to be notified immediately (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
...when she comes in from her tour of news sources (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
Later he was talking about the paratrooper who used to come in... (Pyle, 422).
The night shift was just beginning to come in and his job was nearly over (Marquand, 279).
A few Christmas packages were coming in (Yank, 202).
And through it all they kept working and supplies kept coming in (Pyle, 285).
I hate to look at them when the new ones come in (Pyle, 195).
One night Muncy was in bed when one of his soldier friends came in from town... (Pyle, 219).
...some people...had come in with some of their guests... (Marquand, 30).
...the Jessups had come in with some more guests... (Marquand, 30).
At seven-forty-one, Serle comes in again (Gardner, 62).
At six-twenty-nine, John Milicant comes in (Gardner, 62).
Hogarty had got acquainted with Emily coming in on the boat (Gardner, 112).
Most of the prisoners coming in were from a captured German hospital (Pyle, 376).
Three weeks later two of them came in... (Pyle, 424).
...four companies came in from the rear (Yank, 122).
"The officers will pick up your mail as it comes in," Mason said (Gardner, 101).
So I noticed particularly the time when the order came in, and kept hurrying the cook up to get it out (Gardner, 147).
"If he comes in for lunch," Mason said, "tell him that Perry Mason, the lawyer..." (Gardner, 94).
...when the Germans came in they took the parcels away from them (Yank, 27).
...they really went to town when the Germans came in (Yank, 26).
They were coming in from all sides now... (Yank, 15).
...the first echelon of the Army came in and took over half the front (Yank, 39).
I've seen lots of them come in fresh from the States... (Yank, 205).
We don't like rookies coming in here and telling us how to run things (Yank, 166).
She was a little stunned when the bills began to come in... (Cain, 190).

3. To come to one, it, out of something else.

We saw 18 big Tigers...coming in (Yank, 124).
That night the Jap, more sure of himself, came in (Yank, 6).
Two litter bearers had just come in... (Yank, 197).
Thousands of prisoners came in as a result of this leaflet barrage... (Yank, 128).
"...every time a shell would come in..." (Yank, 245).
It was a ptrol coming in (Yank, 245).
"That sonuvabitch has waved that flag for a half hour and he still isn't coming in," Brusic said (Yank, 107).
This was the kind of stuff we loved to do -- coming in under fire... (Yank, 123).
The boats are coming in (Marquand, 422).
Hours would go by without a single shell coming in... (Pyle, 235).
The biggest ones lay far off, waiting their turns to come in (Pyle, 23).
The only way to unload supplies was to come in as close as possible with a power barge... (Yank, 203).

4. To fly toward one, as an airplane.

...the squadron commander himself had to get out and act as traffic manager, deciding which planes were in greatest danger and should be allowed to come in first (Pyle, 170).
Another time a plane came in full of holes, but not basically damaged (Pyle, 171).
The crew's request to the pilot that morning...had been for a "beautiful buzz job" coming in (Yank, 85).
When a low-flying strafer comes in everybody...shoots at him... (Pyle, 384).
Two Jap...planes were coming in at 3,000 feet (Yank, 203).
We came in fast...above the end of the runway (Yank, 119).
There was only the one plane coming in -- actually half a plane... (Yank, 86).
...B-24s, B-26s, P-40s, P-39s and P-38s came in... (Yank, 202).
Will they be coming in soon? (Yank, 229).
...he would walk out to the field to watch them come in (Yank, 230).

5. To be received after being transmitted as by radio, telephone, telegraph, teletype, etc.

He wished that he were there, or at any rate in someplace where the news was coming in, but he was not (Marquand, 79).
Something's coming in over the other telephone (Gardner, 60).
...were jarred away from their positions at the 'scopes but voices came in over the phone (Yank, 44).
Directions for course and bearing stopped coming in (Yank, 44).
Then Mr. Fernald sat down and asked if President Wilson's message to Congress were coming in... (Marquand, 198).

6. To visit, call.

...he had been obliged to pay for the nurse himself and a woman named Hattie had *come in* by the day (Marquand, 304).
If he would *come in* tomorrow and fill out an application and meet Colonel So-and-so... (Marquand, 574).
They were visitors whom she must have asked to *come in* after dinner (Marquand, 136).

7. To join; to become a part of.

So many of them *came in* with armor on but boy, oh boy, how fast they cracked (Yank, 89).
The rotation plan of sending one per cent per month of each outfit back to America also *came in* for a lot of discussion (Pyle, 115).
...and kept up tracer bursts until our heavy artillery could *come in* on the target pointed by... (Yank, 55).
"Thass what I *came in* the Army for" (Yank, 100).

8. To join as a musician joins others in an orchestra when the music calls for him.

...she repeated the last part of the air he had been playing, so that when he *came in* again, it joined up quite neatly (Cain, 136).
...she repeated the long figure, thumped her bass, counted, and he *came in* again (Cain, 136).
After a bar or two by the orchestra, Veda *came in* again... (Cain, 213).

9. To receive, earn, get money.

You'll have something *coming in* (Cain, 50).

10. To be enclosed in for delivery, for protection.

It *comes in* a round metal can... (Pyle, 242).
Some of the tents had wooden floors--made by knocking apart the long boxes that frag bombs *come in*... (Pyle, 207).

to come in contact with. To meet; to reach; to touch and be touched by.

Those are trivial matters and he may never *come in contact with* any of them... (Yank, 142).

to come in handy. To be useful; to be of use.

It might *come in handy* to light a fire with (Yank, 97).
The CO figured that with enemy on three sides a little security might *come in handy* (Yank, 48).

to come into the conversation. To be made a subject of the conversation; to be talked about.

It was hard to find anything to talk about until the telegraph room came into the conversation (Marquand, 19).

to come into(money) To inherit; to receive as a gift.

"The kid comes into dough on his twenty-first birthday.." (Cain, 200).

to come into existence. To be born; to be originated; to be invented.

...the real organization didn't come into existence until Nov. 19, 1941... (Yank, 190).

to come into _____ life. To become a part of one; to have an effect on one; to become necessary to one.

...insisting bitterly that if Mrs. Biederhof had come into his life, a guy was entitled to some peace... (Cain, 5).

to come into ____ mind. To be thought about; to enter one's mind, thoughts, unexplainedly.

It's just one of those things that come into your mind (Marquand, 588).

to come into the open. To come out of hiding; to become known after being secret.

Then we talked of the French underground, which had just been coming into the open during the previous few days (Pyle, 409).
...the underground began coming into the open (Pyle, 416).

to come into ___ own. To be recognized for one's true worth; to enjoy the benefits of one's talents, abilities, etc.

That was when the Foreign Correspondent at last came into his own (Marquand, 25).
He spoke good Italian, and after hitting Italy he came into his own (Pyle, 259).

to come into (sight, view). To be seen; to be seen as though it moves toward one while in reality one moves toward it.

...the home field came into sight (Yank, 119).
...your salesman was likely to disappear suddenly in mid-purchase as the local policeman come into view... (Yank, 115).
...as it was a molar, required a deal of cheek-stretching before it came clearly into view (Cain, 54).
A person would have to go halfway across the beachhead acres from the sea before the other half of it came into view (Pyle, 236).

come now. (An exclamation indicating one does not fully believe what one hears.)

"Oh, come now," Jesse Fineman said, "hardly that" (Marquand, 283).

to come of. To result from; to happen as a result of.

I suppose nothing will come of it, if we're really honest about it (Cain, 137).
Well, nothing came of it (Gardner, 145).
...I hung around the planes...but nothing came of it except that I got a large quantity of dirt blown in my face (Pyle, 22).

to come off.

1. to be removed; to be taken off.

As gun after gun came off the stack I looked to see what was the matter with it (Pyle, 423).
So the costume came off... (Cain, 129).

2. To happen; to occur, to go as planned.

The trade didn't come off... (Pyle, 414).

to come on. To accompany one; to go away with one. (Imperative.)

Gee, I wish I could go to Arrowhead. "Come on" (Cain, 89).
Come on, Della. We go to within three blocks of the place... (Gardner, 69).
Come on, let's talk with her (Gardner, 159).
Come on, Phyllis. I have to rush to keep an appointment. (Gardner, 24).
Drake said, "Well come on then. Let's go and get it over with" (Gardner, 158).
"Come on, Jeffie," Bill Swinburne said (Marquand, 573).
"Well, don't tell her," Jeffrey said, "come on" (Marquand, 363).
"Come on," Minot said, "one, two, three —" (Marquand, 71).
"Come on, you," he could hear a sergeant calling, "take a reef in your pants. Let's go" (Marquand, 76).
Come on to the Bulldog meeting... (Marquand, 33).
Come on, kid (Marquand, 280).
It is one o'clock. Come on, Elsie (Marquand, 445).
"Come on," Minot said (Marquand, 557).
"I wish I were going with you now." "Come on," Minot said. "No...not yet" (Marquand, 460).
"Come on, Jeffie." They crossed a room... (Marquand, 574).
Come on, Della. We have nothing more to do here (Gardner, 166).
Come on, we got each other, haven't we? (Cain, 260).
"Come on," Mason said. "Hurry up" (Gardner, 165).
...Come on, Della. Let's go (Gardner, 174).

Come on, folks. Let's go (Gardner, 172).
Come on, let's go! (Marquand, 557).
"Come on, everybody," he called, "cocktails in the Rumpus room" (Marquand, 126).
"Come on," the officers announced, grabbing Mason's elbow and half pushing him through the doorway... (Gardner, 42-43).
"Come on, Jesse," Alf said, "it's time for that spin in the park" (Marquand, 285).
"Come on," Jim said, "let's go!" (Marquand, 548).
"Come on," Jim said, "let's go" (Marquand, 547).
"All right," he said, "come on, Gloria, and let's see what the town looks like at night -- just you and me" (Marquand, 369).
Come on, Jeff, Mother wants to meet you (Marquand, 257).
"Come on," Minot said, "Air corps headquarters, boy" (Marquand, 556).
Come on. Let's go (Marquand, 556).
Get the soup, and come on (Cain, 48).
Come on, Della, we're going to see Paul Drake (Gardner, 68).
"Keep going," then, turning to Della Street, "Come on, Della" (Gardner, 65).
Come on. Let's go (Gardner, 17).

2. To enter, appear, as on a platform, stage, table, market.

...Pleasant, a new brand of mentholated cigarettes that was just coming on the market (Cain, 235).
Just as the clear soup was coming on, he remembered -- Louella Barnes (Marquand, 320).
They were all seated by the time Beckie had finished telling them about the ducks, and the soup was coming on (Marquand, 129).
After I come on it goes smooth anyway (Yank, 133).
They still got all that stuff before I come on to rehearse (Yank, 133).
...get me razzed off the stage when I come on? (Cain, 238).

3. To approach; to draw near.

Three Japs moved toward them. When the first Jap reached the hole Ray quietly spitted him on a bayonet. The second went down under a hand grenade. The third came on (Yank, 19).
"Come on," Fred said, "stop necking, and meet the company" (Marquand, 115).
"Come on," he could hear Monot calling to him on mornings after (Marquand, 221).
"Come on," Jeffrey said, "I'll tell you a poem" (Marquand, 362).
He knew it [a hemorrhage] was coming on (Cain, 181).
Come on, you little bastards (Yank, 93).
Winter was coming on (Gardner, 182).

4. To continue; to go on.

They came on with a terrible slowness (Pyle, 434).

"Come on, come on," Drake said. "Let's have it" (Gardner, 162).
Come on, Mildred, what are you getting at? (Cain, 4).
Come on, baby. Something's wrong (Cain, 9).
Come on. What else? (Cain, 168).

5. Please. (Imperative).

"Come on," Drake said. "Let's order" (Gardner, 146).
Come on, be a good girl, and tell me about the clients (Gardner, 1).
"Yes," Milt said, "come on and stay, Jeff" (Marquand, 173).
"Come on," Jeffrey said, "come on, don't fight" (Marquand, 363).

6. To discover; to find.

"...I've come on a matter that I shall have to ask you to keep confidential..." (Cain, 215).
...he was reading the New York Times, avidly skimming over each dispatch with the hope that he might come on something reassuring between the lines (Marquand, 543).

7. To begin one's daily work as at a certain hour.

He said that when the generators came on in the morning...it made him dream they were being attacked in the air (Pyle, 223).
I wasn't supposed to come on until eleven, and he got me up out of my beauty sleep (Gardner, 95).

to come out.

1. To come from inside another place, room; to exit.

...Chief turret Capt. Bowman came out from inside and passed the word for the group to move along (Yank, 46).
No parachute came out (Pyle, 34).
...where the shells came out there was only one hole (Pyle, 424).
The back hole was where it came out after going through the arm (Pyle, 261).
...after her dozenth or so reappearance, she came out followed by Mr. Treviso... (Cain, 241).
Veda came out for bow after bow... (Cain, 241).
As part of the program a girl came out and sang (Pyle, 120).
"Awright," we could hear the sergeant shouting, "come out wit' yer light combat packs fer light combat" (Yank, 102).
At six-fifty-seven, a blonde baby...went in, and five minutes later came out (Gardner, 62).
...stamping of feet on the wooden floors, and the Companies and the Batteries, coming out to form their ranks in the evening light (Marquand, 581).
Also, they had come out wearing their leather crash helmets (Pyle, 405).

It had a gash in the front two inches long and a smaller one at the left rear where the fragment came out (Pyle, 121).
They wouldn't come out until I drove off (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
...in the meantime seven parachutes had come out of the Fortress (Pyle, 174).
When the boys came out after the first show ended, they were laughing... (Pyle, 245).
Now Veda came out, and said... (Cain, 241).
...the situation is radically different, and she comes out with her shoulders squared... (Gardner, 64).
She came out looking happy (Gardner, 64).
She went in, and then came right back out at ten-thirty-two (Gardner, 64).
I jess want yer to come out an do a extended order with the boys (Yank, 103).
...I saw flames coming out around the gas tanks... (Yank, 125).
Monty came out, in tweeds... (Cain, 254).
Ida put her head through the door and beckoned, and Anna came out (Cain, 65).
...the woman came out and motioned them in (Cain, 184).
Mr. Rosen...came out to tell us she would be ready in a minute (Yank, 132).
"Everyone came out in a hurry, and they hustled Phyllis Leeds off in the sheriff's car" (Gardner, 40).
They came out into the hot glare of the West Coast sun... (Marquand, 426).
One of the...models came out wearing a coat... (Yank, 228).
He was the only one who came out to watch... (Yank, 229).
When she got home, Bert came out to meet her, and took her into the den... (Cain, 104).
When she came out with the little suitcase, the Pierces decided it was time to go (Cain, 109).
...wear in the kitchen, and slip off when she came out to greet the customers... (Cain, 119).
Now, what did you do when you came out? (Gardner, 78).
They sent in word for John to come out (Pyle, 412).
Then he came out... (Cain, 223).
...the two South Africans came out (Yank, 116).
When he came out, he crouched over his teammate... (Yank, 17).
There are some fighter detachments in the village and they came out on the double... (Yank, 71).
...the kids would start...hollering for us to come out (Yank, 188).

2. To come into the open as from a hiding place, refuge.

Shortly after that, Bill Hogarty came out (Gardner, 65).
Sometimes they wouldn't come out at all... (Pyle, 441).
Not a soul moved a muscle for about five minutes, and then they all suddenly came out as though shot from a gun (Pyle, 332).
...if he didn't hear anything he would come out (Yank, 245).
...the crew came out... (Yank, 124).

...then they'd come out and start shooting again after the bombs had exploded (Pyle, 161).
Suddenly three German soldiers came out a side road... (Pyle, 449).
...the Americans ceased firing and came out in the open, too (Yank, 52).
Gradually we left the fox-holes and sprawling place and came out to see what the sky had in store for us (Pyle, 437).
Sometimes the remaining Germans came out of their holes... (Pyle, 441).
"Come on out and fight", yelled the Jap, tossing a rock (Yank, 7).

3. To be published, printed, as in a newspaper, magazine; to be broadcast over the radio.

...he's rich, and good-looking, and all the girls just wait for his picture to come out in the paper (Cain, 125).
The paper came out today (Yank, 72).
I had to have some place to stay after the book came out (Marquand, 43).
The rough, male voice that came out of the amplifiers wasn't quite what Pleasant had contracted for... (Yank, 256).
It sounded like an inartistic whine when it all came out in words (Marquand, 272).
That this elegant announcement should come out in the paper, she knew, meant a great deal to him (Cain, 87).
"Suppose we come out in Town and Country," Madge said, "as Secretary and Mrs. Stimson of the Navy" (Marquand, 342).
Veda did a great deal of telephoning about the "releases", as she called them, and then when the first item about her came out... (Cain, 238).

4. To sound so as to be heard as a voice, musical instrument, etc.

He would try to say something like "boat" and a completely different yet related word like "water" would come out (Pyle, 121).
Caruso...have music in a soul is come out ever' note 'e sung (Cain, 218).
...Tommy Dorsey's arrangement came out soft and smooth... (Yank, 242).
...when his voice changed it came out low, deep and throaty... (Yank, 243).

5. To be made known publicly; to become known generally.

"Even now, these little things come out" (Marquand, 7).
...all the time her choler was gaining pressure, and she knew that before long it would have to come out (Cain, 58).
Then it all came out... (Yank, 166).

6. To have (good, bad) fortunes.

"Maybe ya don't know where ya comin' out" (Cain, 236).
...she...probably knew where she was coming out (Cain, 178).
It would come out all right in the end, Milton always said (Marquand, 401).
For in any throttled country the farm people always come out best (Pyle, 145).

7. To appear; to come.

"I can't come out looking like both Gish sisters" (Cain, 237).
"I was firing with a machine gun at one fellow, and dirt was coming out all the time" (Yank, 54).
The boys showed me all the little improvements that had come out in the newer bombs (Pyle, 265).
"The apple blossoms will be coming out when you get home," Madge said... (Marquand, 410).
...what there was in you that amounted to anything came out very quickly (Marquand, 221).

8. To appear on one's body as sores, rash, skin discoloration, freckles.

...the beard matted on your face, and the sores coming out on your feet... (Yank, 48).

9. To make one's debut as a girl; to be introduced to society.

...he could not explain them to her clearly any more than she could explain to him what had happened to her the year she had come out (Marquand, 32).

10. To manage to remain; to be able to be.

He got sixteen slugs in his leg during that adventure, and barely came out alive (Pyle, 138).

11. To be produced; to be made; to turn out.

The little cabinet maker in the little village had been surprised at how well the little desk came out... (Marquand, 107).

12. To survive an ordeal.

...four fighters went roaring up the valley into the grey veil.. Only one came out (Yank, 181).
Two battalions went into Cisterna; 26 Rangers came out (Pyle, 126).

13. To visit.

Come out and see my new turning lathe, Jeff (Marquand, 115).
The executive officer...came out to see us... (Yank, 196).
Sometimes they would come out to a softball game... (Yank, 185).

to come out of.

1. To come from.

"It was coming out of trees and water faucets" (Pyle, 120).

...pretty soon a medic came out of a doorway... (Pyle, 406).
They told funny stories about how four and five men came out of a burning tank all at once... (Pyle, 264).
When the company came out of the lines, some of the men could barely walk... (Pyle, 252).
Both captains went through Officers' Training School at Fort Benning... and both came right out of the officers' school into his family (Pyle, 309).
But as time went on other types of merchandise came out of hiding and went on sale (Pyle, 119).
A yelp came out of her as she stepped off the running board... (Cain, 173).
Then two nurses came out of the room, then one of the doctors, then the donor, and some orderlies (Cain, 101).
When we came out of our ignominious sprawling...we knew the error had been caught and checked (Pyle, 438).
It seems incredible to me that any German could have come out of that bombardment with his sanity (Pyle, 438).
And then we could see a flare come out of the belly of our plane... (Pyle, 438).
When they first came out of their blankets... (Pyle, 150).
When she came out of the closet, she picked up her drink... (Cain, 59).
...a voice coming out of the darkness said yes (Yank, 168).
Two male nurses came out of the sanitarium and start dragging him out of the car (Gardner, 32).
...the soldier came out of the house... (Yank, 247).
Shortly after supper a lieutenant came out of a farmhouse... (Pyle, 443).
I almost ran into him when he came out of the barbershop (Marquand, 217).
...the Japs came out of one of them at about 15,000 feet... (Yank, 203).
Two blondes...came out of a little doorway... (Yank, 227).
...There's a bunch of Japs coming out of the jungle and into this grass across the river (Yank, 92).
Mr. Coggeshall, the warrant officer, came out of the head buttoning his trousers (Yank, 89).
It would be better to get to the woods, for no one would think they had come out of the plane alive (Marquand, 232).
...a dreadful croak...came out of her mouth (Cain, 255).
...not stand up munching a sandwich and looking as though someone were going to come out of the farm on the hill and chase them (Marquand, 545).
We saw this German come out of his foxhole for a minute... (Yank, 126).
They had just come out of the lines... (Pyle, 251).

2. To stop, quit, cease.

Come out of it, lovely (Marquand, 530).

to come over

1. To cross, as in moving, traveling, to; to approach from some distance.

Jack Ellis came over with another regiment... (Yank, 243).

Veda came over... (Cain, 156).
He lit a cigarette and came over to my bunk... (Yank, 14).
...get out of the sack early -- or do I have to come over and get you up? (Yank, 88).
There in London I was having lunch in an officers' club when an American colonel...came over (Pyle, 304).
...a young lieutenant...came over to us... (Pyle, 399).
Lieutenant Shockley came over with a map... (pyle, 400).
He came over to me and said... (Yank, 186).
While he was talking the handyman came over and sat down (Yank, 70).
Hey, Ernie, come over here (Pyle, 288).
But Mrs. Boole held up a finger, smiled and came over (Cain, 33).
When Mrs. Boole finally came over, she began to talk... (Cain, 33).
Seeing the cake, Mrs. Gessler gave an exclamation, and came over to look (Cain, 9).
...a Red Cross man who served in the brigade came over and introduced himself (Pyle, 411).
"Jeffrey," Agnes said, "come over here and talk to me" (Marquand, 489).
...Veda...came over, took her in her arms... (Cain, 230).
She was relieved when Ida came over, demanding that the kitchen be cleared (Cain, 126).
As soon as Arline came over to get their orders, she went back to the kitchen... (Cain, 121).
He came over, put one arm around her... (Cain, 170).
...the lady turned, then came over beaming, with outstretched glove... (Cain, 192).
We came over with a light ack-ack outfit... (Yank, 217).

2. To visit; to make a call.

...Christmas day...when Crusher's sister Bertha came over from Jersey with her husband Frank... (Yank, 183).
Gunner Sergeant Alban Petchal...said that if I would come over to their tent after supper they'd see if they couldn't drum up a snack before bedtime (Pyle, 214).
Maybe I better come over (Cain, 209).
In the afternoon one of the Yugoslavia's champion soccer players came over to give the staff some material... (Yank, 69).
Cpl. Billy MacIntyre...came over to tell a few jokes... (Yank, 34).
...Mrs. Gessler came over to invite her to a party that night (Cain, 22).
They want us to come over for a cocktail tomorrow afternoon... (Marquand, 567).
Next Sunday, when the children were invited to dinner by the Pierces, Mildred knew Bert was coming over (Cain, 81).
A minute or two after Mr. Murock left, Mrs. Gessler came over and joined them in the den (Cain, 107).
Around ten, Mrs. Gessler came over, with the black dress... (Cain, 111).
Wally came over one afternoon... (Cain, 150).

"Well, it's so nice you came over," Mrs. Barnes said (Marquand, 208).

3. To pass overhead, as in an airplane.

German bombers came over but we just stayed put (Pyle, 47).
...the German raiders came over at night... (Pyle, 234).
...when air raiders came over, they turned out the fires... (Pyle, 245).
At night when the raiders came over, a mighty bedlam of ack-ack blasted away on shore... (Pyle, 2 72).
...hours would go by without a single shell coming over (Pyle, 232).
Petchal was flying as gunner in a flight of bombers coming over from America (Pyle, 217).
The first planes of the mass onslaught came over a little before 10 a.m. (Byle,
German planes came over one by one (Pyle, 370).
Our planes always came over... (Pyle, 371).
...the first German planes of the night came over (Pyle, 370).
"On the way" shouted a fellow at the phones, and then the shells came over, crackling like ripped newspaper (Yank, 53).
When German planes came over they ran and hid and quivered with absolute terror (Pyle, 98).
Not five minutes later our dive bombers came over (Pyle, 168).
...there was the drone of planes, and then a whole group of Liberators came over (Yank, 69).
...this bastard came over strafing... (Yank, 125).
About 30 German planes came over, looking for a village on the other side of the mountain... (Yank, 71).
Then when the Japs come over here...the Dragons are already up there waiting for them (Yank, 194).
The Japs came over the next morning... (Yank, 203).
...when the plane came over (Yank, 168).
Two Jap float planes came over... (Yank, 202).
...Jerry came over, dropping big-stuff bombs... (Yank, 244).

4. To take possession of, as an emotion.

Then that old pursuing thought came over him again as he picked up an embroidered washcloth (Marquand, 260).
...a great inner feeling of calm and relief came over us... (Pyle, 463).
"It's just a feeling," Jeffrey said, "it came over me out there on the lawn" (Marquand, 125).
Outside of the occasional peaks of bitter fighting and heavy casualities that highlight military operations, I believe the outstanding trait in any campaign is the terrible weariness that gradually comes over everybody (Pyle, 84).
As she picked up the phones a horrible feeling came over her that God had had her number, after all (Cain, 97).
...a sensation came over him that was fierce, insistent, discordant, as he sat there comfortably under the tree (Marquand, 218).

...but now all at once it came over him that Minot had been everywhere, but he had never been around (Marquand, 74).
"It just came over me," Minot said (Marquand, 75).

5. To be received after being transmitted by means of telephone, radio, teletype, or the like.

Around our farmyard men with stars on their shoulders almost wept when the word came over the portable radio (Pyle, 439).
We were sitting in the gun pit one dark morning when word came over the field telephone that... (Pyle, 106).
...a voice came over the interphone (Yank, 118).

6. To engulf; to possess; to hold.

A cessation of motion seemed to come over the countryside... (Pyle, 433).

to come past. To pass by; to move by; to approach and continue without stopping.

A few minutes later a friend...came past... (Pyle, 444).
Soon after, Dick Hottelot from London came past and said a startled hello (Pyle, 92).

come the revolution. When, if, the revolution comes (this became popular after the Russian revolution and was used jocularly).

Then came the Revolution--"come the Revolution" for the prince--and the Prince fought... (Marquand, 372).
That was what they always said, "come the revolution," and you were meant to laugh,... (Marquand, 73).
That was what they always said, "come the revolution," and you were meant to laugh, come the revolution (Marquand, 73).
...she had bought it so that they could have someplace to live, come the Revolution (Marquand, 210).
Jeffrey could trace phases of this thought trend, "Come the Revolution," through most of his adult life (Marquand, 210).
Then came the depression and that was when they all began saying "Come the Revolution" (Marquand, 210-211).
Too many winters...and business men who wanted to get away somewhere--come the Revolution--and nice young couples... (Marquand, 111).
I won't have it long, come the revolution (Marquand, 73).

to come through.

1. To penetrate.

One of the German kids who came through seemed terribly depressed (Pyle, 124).
We had on our heavy coats but the chill came through (Pyle, 198).

He...turned to signal others to come through (Yank, 21).
The shell came through at exactly deck level (Yank, 46).
Pfc. Wayne A. Hutchinson...the fourth man in the prow when the 40-mm shell came through... (Yank, 144).

2. To be delivered (this implies being handled by many persons).

In England half of my mail came through in a week (Pyle, 302).
At 2035 orders to fire came through... (Yank, 133).
...secret orders came through (Yank, 23).
When a command came through, Chuck carried it out, then returned to his reading (Yank, 47).
The orders usually came through in the evening when everyone was sitting around the table... (Marquand, 219).
...he was pulling KP when his discharge papers came through... (Yank, 244).
They came separately, were wonderfully packed, and the bottles came through without a break (Pyle, 126).

3. To pay; to make payment.

You tried to get Hogarty to come through with bail (Gardner, 199).
"He wouldn't come through," Mason said (Gardner, 199).

4. To survive in good condition; to remain in good condition.

They found that a new pilot, starting in to build up the required missions for going home, had about a seventy-five per cent chance of coming through safely... (Pyle, 170).
...We conjectured on our chances of coming through alive (Pyle, 353).
...our own house came through unscathed (Pyle, 255).
We had accepted that not everybody would come through alive (Pyle, 363).
The better the Gun does its work the more chance it has of coming through... (Yank, 32).

5. To show up; to be apparent.

...the qualities of strength and decision came through (Yank, 248).

to come time to (infinitive). The time has come for one, it, to; it is time to;

It came time for me to go... (Pyle, 402).

to come to _____. To awaken to surrounding circumstances; to become aware of the immediate situation.

Mildred...came to herself with a start... (Cain, 219).

to come to (infinitive).

1. To happen to; to chance to.

Sergeant, I want you to tell me like a good fellow just how you came to fall on your bayonet (Yank, 193).

2. After the passage of time one gradually begins to.

I came to like Sergeant Carter a great deal (Pyle, 262).

to come to.

1. To approach; to draw near to.

I was coming to that (Cain, 194).

2. To revive; to regain consciousness.

After a while he came to... (Yank, 124).
When I came to, they were shelling all around me (Pyle, 454).

3. To become; to develop into.

The Japanese would make no trouble unless it came to a matter of face (Marquand, 510).

to come to attention. To become attentive; to be attentive for further instructions.

...the orchestra came to attention (Cain, 239).

to come to be called. To be named after a passage of time.

The way we caught S/Sgt. Morgan, or "Mad Morgan" as he came to be called... (Yank, 181).

to come to call. To visit; to make a call.

And when she looked at Jeffrey he felt as he had that time when he had first come to call (Marquand, 94).

to come to a conclusion. To conclude; to decide after thinking it through; to decide after reflective thought.

...they...came to the conclusion...that they had to "go through with it"
...she came to the conclusion that what he wanted wasn't a research assistant, but a sweetie (Cain, 32).

to come to the door. To stop at the door of a house, apartment, or the like; to stop at the outside of a door as if to ask admittance.

If anybody came to the door we'd jumpto our feet... (Yank, 187).

to come to an end. To end; to finish; to stop.

...all things had to come to an end sometime... (Cain, 160).

To come to a head. To climax; to arrive at the crux of a situation.

The matter came to head during the battle when a Marine darted forward... (Yank, 52).

to come to know. To learn to know; to get to know gradually.

Within cycling...distance were several English villages...and our fliers had come to know them intimately (Pyle, 320).
And if I hadn't come to know them in training camp (Yank, 91).
We got started that way and in the days that followed I came to know him well (Pyle, 194).

to come to life. To show life, liveliness, after appearing inactive, or lifeless.

...the second one came to life and shot cannon and machine-gun bullets our way (Yank, 225).
The whole ship came to life with a scurry and rattling, sailors dashing to stations before you'd have thought they could get their shoes on (Pyle, 7).

to come to mind. To come into one's mind; to be thought of.

There was no reason why such an anecdote should have come to his mind as he stood there looking at Madge asleep (Marquand, 308).

to come to nothing. To amount to nothing; to be fruitless; to end worthlessly.

He was wondering again why it had all come to nothing, and why he had not been able to go on with it... (Marquand, 591).

to come to order. To be quiet and attentive to business in a meeting.

..."The court will come to order" (Gardner, 140).

to come to pass. To happen; to occur.

"...i secretly hoped, as mothers often do, that one day it might come to pass" (Cain, 226).

to come to the rescue. To rescue; to save; to give aid; to give assistance.

It was as though he hoped someone would come to his rescue, that he might wake up... (Gardner, 165).

to come to see. To visit; to make a call.

"You never come to see us,"...he heard Madge saying (Marquand, 98).

to come to stay. To become permanent; to become fixed.

The Army had come to stay... (Yank, 146).

to come to a stop. To stop; to end; to finish.

...he made his way to the center of the stage and came to a stop by a table that held a stack of diplomas... (Marquand, 165).

to come to think about it. After having thought the matter over.

Come to think about it, mark that letter "Registered"... (Yank, 173).

to come to think of it. After having thought the matter over.

Presently she said, "Well come to think of it, perhaps I took that key" (Cain, 60).

to come to work. To go to work.

She had her put an apron on, over the wash dresses she came to work in... (Cain, 60).

to come true. To happen; to occur. (This implies "wishing", "hoping", "planning".)

...the dream that had come true was a thousand times rosier... (Cain, 214).
It was the coming true of all she had dreamed for Veda... (Cain, 214).
Bert at least had plans, grandiose dreams that he thought would come true (Cain, 95).

to come under. To be subjected to.

Even loneliness came under prompt attack (Yank, 40).

to come under the heading of. To be categorized by; to be in the category of.

I don't believe one of us was afraid...of dying...the emotion is...one of almost desperate reluctance to give up the future. I suppose... that it really comes under the heading of fear (Pyle, 5).
When I accused the doctor of duping me he grinned and said, "Well, it comes under the heading of keeping the patient happy by pretending to humor his whims" (Pyle, 47).

to come up.

1. To come to one; to approach one.

As we were waiting for a jeep to come for us, a British captain I'd known months before came up and asked if he could ride into town with us (Pyle, 92).
Finally he came up and smilingly handed me a rose (Pyle, 376).
Another worried-looking Frenchman came up (Pyle, 377).
Around 10:30 Major General Lucian Truscott, commanding the Third Division, came up to see how the work was coming along (Pyle, 68).
Another Ohioan came up and introduced himself (Pyle, 346).
French people kept coming up and asking us for instructions (Pyle, 377).
...the crew chief came up and pulled a clipping out of his pocket (Yank, 22%).
An acting MP came up and I thought for a minute that I was back in basic training (Yank, 52).
People will come up and say, "Remember me?" (Pyle, 344).
He came up and introduced himself (Pyle, 344).
A colonel from the Corps came up... (Yank, 167).
We came up on them by a circular route... (Yank, 124).
Then Cpt. Edmund Torkelson of Seattle, Wash., came up and began cutting the wounded man's pants so he could administer first aid (Yank, 108).
...she comes up as close to me as a nun ever can... (Yank, 188).
The three mortarmen came up and we moved out (Yank, 20).
One of them came up to me... (Pyle, 399).
More Jerries were coming up (Yank, 21).
Then two more Japs came up... (Yank, 146).
...whenever our jeep turned a corner and came up unexpectedly on the rear of a column... (Yank, 57).
Then four more came up and joined the party (Yank, 194).
One night a truck driver from a GI convoy came up... (Yank, 34).
...I am sitting on a rock gnawing on my iron rations, when the lieut. comes up and says... (Yank, 162).
...a little Italian farmer came up and started speaking English (Yank, 11).
Patrick remembers squaring for battle and from his high perch seeing the Jap ships come up (Yank, 43).
...a secret-service man came up and told them... (Yank, 199).
...a colonel came up and asked if he could go in to use the latrine (Yank, 201).

2. To arise; to happen.

Dozens of times a day the subject of galoshes came up (Pyle, 104).
One night...the question came up whether or not it was a good idea to yell when making a close-in attack (Pyle, 193).
Something came up, a little trouble over a title, I thought maybe he could help us out (Cain, 20).
To get the money, and cover one or two other things that had come up by then, she dipped into the reserves of the corporation (Cain, 242).

Just in case anything comes up while you're in Hollywood----.not that anything will come up (Marquand, 403).
Milton was always sure that nothing would come up, but then, you never could tell (Marquand, 403).
You could never tell when it might come up (Marquand, 410).
When Madge was with him, something came up that mingled discordantly with dumdrum detail (Marquand, 408).
...he had often thought what he would tell Madge if the matter ever came up... (Marquand, 520).
The sights and sounds of the place came up to hit him now almost the way the ground did... (Marquand, 232).
Something's come up, so I dropped you that card (Cain, 40).
Wally said he had been trying to see him for a couple of months now, over something that had come up... (Cain, 58).

3. To move forward; to go to a forward position.

He and Jesse had come up on the club car of the one o'clock... (Marquand, 291).
...waiters already were coming up with bowls of ice, and milk, and tomato juice and sandwiches (Marquand, 291).
He wished they had not come up the Post Road, and Madge must have been thinking the same thing (Marquand, 92).
...you pray for a tank to come up and start blasting with its guns (Pyle, 442).
...then the tanks would come up and blast out the bad spots of the opposition (Pyle, 443).
I came up on a late plane (Gardner, 66).
Two young natives came up the beach... (Yank, 147).
He told me to come up, and I'd get action (Gardner, 102).
...Pfc. Hollis S. Johnson of McKenzie, Ala., came up to cover him with a BAR (Yank, 7).
The ammunition had come up during the night (Yank, 239).

4. To visit; to make a call.

A few evenings after my arrival, I had a phone call from a man who said Albuquerque was his home town too, and could he come up? (Pyle, 95).
She came up (Gardner, 112).
Bill wrote her to come on up, and he thought he could get my consent... (Gardner, 112).
"We asked Jim to come up and take Gloria to the Harvest Ball," Ethel said (Marquand, 364).
She sent him $50, asking if he come up and see her... (Cain, 257).
He came up the next weekend... (Cain, 257).
Leeds was to come up around ten o'clock--evidently with another twenty grand (Gardner, 87).
He said he was coming up and surrender and make bail, and left right after that (Gardner, 87).

Then you come up to my apartment and we'll talk things over (Gardner, 102).
He handed me three one dollar bills, and said, 'That'll pay you for coming up' (Gardner, 145).
Give me a ring, and I'll let you know when to come up (Gardner, 102).

5. To move upward; to go upward.

As we came up out of the Delancey Street subway station... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
Charley was wearing gray Oxford shorts, stockings which came up to his bare knees, and a blue jersey... (Marquand, 212).
He dreamed that a bullet came up through the fuselage and hit him in the throat (Pyle, 224).
Mildred, you can't trust Wally Burgan, not even till the sun comes up (Cain, 251).
I put in the call and the dinner came up (Gardner, 191).
Not a single fighter came up (Yank, 119).
...Jap fighters had not come up to meet us... (Yank, 118).

6. To begin; to start.

Mr. Rosen...reminded her that there was a rehearsal...of the last act coming up (Yank, 133).
Fortunately, this little foray came up so suddenly there wasn't time for much anticipation (Pyle, 400).
It's like a thunderstorm coming up when you're outdoors and you know you're going to get wet (Marquand, 271).
Damn it, here the Mediterranean had been like a millpond for a solid month, and now this storm had to come up out of nowhere! (Pyle, 19).
When he got going at one thing the next would come up and when the next came up, the women would holler to him from the house (Marquand, 502).

7. To open; to offer an opportunity, as a job.

"There's nothing open right now...and if anything comes up, at least I'll know where to get hold of you" (Cain, 33).

8. To rise in popularity and esteem.

...the resort was coming up, not only for summer trippers, but for year-round residents as well (Cain, 176).

9. To be nominated; to be a candidate.

...when Mr. Roosevelt came up for reelection... (Cain, 180).

10. To be vomited; to be regurgitated.

Jimmy had the light vermouth...when it came up suddenly and spread all over the bar (Yank, 165).

The milk, the sandwich, the tea, all *came up*, while moaning sobs racked her (Cain, 51).

to come up against. To meet, as in combat; to run into.

...those critics *came up against* a play that was so fine...there wasn't anything they could write in praise would add to it (Yank, 132).

to come up to. To meet; to be judged worthy of.

Any girl who would have relations with a fellow...is not the type *coming up to* my level and caliber (Yank, 210).

to come upon. To discover; to find.

...ambulances and trucks rolling forward *came upon* a warning in red:"Danger. Steep Hill. Low Gear" (Yank, 52).
...they *came upon* two coconut-log pillboxes... (Yank, 251).

to come _____ way. To travel, go toward one.

Our own artillery was banging nearby, but nothing was *coming* our *way* (Pyle, 395).

come what may. Regardless; in spite of everything.

"*Come what may*...you're still the best piece of tail I ever had..." (Cain, 145).

coming and going. Appearing and leaving; arriving and departing. (See *to come and go*.)

And all night long the litter-bearers would be *coming and going* with new wounded (Pyle, 47).

coming on. Approaching, coming near.

"Here I was, with a dead partner, out in the middle of the north country, a claim that was lousy with gold, and winter *coming on* (Gardner, 114).

coming up. (A statement that another's wish or order is being fulfilled.)

Mr. Roberts' car, Mr. Roberts' car, *coming up* (Marquand, 72).

command car. A car used by a commander of a U.S. Army unit, usually armored and armed and equipped with a radio.

...an American *command car* which I followed... (Yank, 31).

commander in chief. The officer commanding all the armed forces; the officer in command of a large segment of the army or navy; the President.

...the German commander in chief in Athens... (Yank, 221).

command performance. A performance of a play, etc., before a ruler, usually at his request.

Den come a decoration from the King of Belgium--first a command performance... (Cain, 217).
...first a command performance, Theatre de la Monnaje... (Cain, 217).

command post. The usually mobile, headquarters of a regiment, battalion, or company.

Each gun was connected by telephone to the battery command post in a dugout (Pyle, 389).
They took him to a small dugout which had been scooped from a cut in the side of the road, the command post of a battalion... (Marquand, 238).

to comment on. To make critical or explanatory remarks, about, concerning

He commented on the fact that from the state of the body, as he had discovered it... (Gardner, 129).
...they...commented on how lovely Veda looked (Cain, 209).

to commit a crime. To perform, perpetrate, an illegal act.

Her only crime, if she had committed one, was that she had loved this girl too well (Cain, 259).

to commit a murder. To perform the act of murder; to kill another.

...nevertheless, a man who had committed a deliberate murder always tries to provide himself with an alibi (Gardner, 210).
"The attitude of the prosecution," he said, "is that they don't care so much about who committed a murder as about keeping me from winning a case" (Gardner, 209).
While a man who has a genuine alibi can't have committed a murder, nevertheless, a man who has committed... (Gardner, 210).

common ground. Common experiences, habits, traits, etc.

They had a friendship which seemed to Jeffrey very agreeable, for there was no common ground except the story... (Marquand, 427-428).

common labor. Unskilled; labor which requires little or no preliminary training.

Before joining up he did common labor at Army camps and fruit farms (Pyle, 40).

the common man. A man of the people; the average man; an undistinguished man.

The third-class cars were built by firm believers in the Spartan life for the common man (Yank, 115).

common sense. Good reasoning; logical thinking (This implies no school training as a very ignorant man may have "common sense").

That's policy and it's plain common sense (Yank, 89).
His idea was purely impulsive but his common sense told him that he could not reach Jim that day... (Marquand, 563).
In spite of any sort of hope, or any individual belief that you would never get it, common sense and the law of averages told you that you would (Marquand, 220).
Eventual common sense (Marquand, 405).
"Because I believe in common sense," Milton said (Marquand, 405).
Jeffrey wanted to get it down to common sense and reason... (Marquand, 237).
Before Jeffrey was fully awake his common sense told him that the sound that had wakened him was from one of those thunderstorms... (Marquand, 533).
...but her common sense, plus an industry that never seemed to flag... (Cain, 129).
His common sense told him that he ought to take it casually... (Marquand, 182).
Some of the boys just don't have common sense... (Yank, 149).
Jeffrey's common sense told him that it was ridiculous to be annoyed (Marquand, 63).

to communicate with. To write to, talk to, phone to, or the like; to get in touch with.

...Mildred didn't communicate with Monty at once (Cain, 220).

communicating doors. A door which allows passage from one room to another.

Sometimes it seemed tragic to Jeffrey Wilson that his past...divided itself into compartments each completely separate from each other and without communicating doors (Marquand, 30).

community sing. A song fest; a group of people not trained in singing gathered together to sing.

Generally, he leads a community sing... (Yank, 34).

to complain about. To make complaint concerning.

"...he often complains about it" (Cain, 158).
...in the days when Monty had complained about it (Cain, 190).
...one of the men complained about the ban on pets at the post (Yank, 130).

to compliment on. To say nice, polite, things to one for his being, having done, something.

You are to be complimented on having the courage to print... (Yank, 213).

comrades in arms. Those assisting in a war, battle, struggle; those working together for some cause.

...the wrong done to our comrades in arms back in the States (Yank, 216).

to concentrate on. To give attention only to; to focus attention on.

He concentrated on ice cream and cake... (Cain, 152).

concentration camp. A large prison where political prisoners are kept in great numbers. (This implies brutality, murder, starvation, etc.)

They had been in a concentration camp for three years, and finally escaped and made their way to the Partisans (Yank, 69).

to be concerned about. To be worried about; to be attempting to solve the problem concerning.

In the first place, several of them were concerned about how and where to keep bonds (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

to conduct services. To preach, marry, bury, baptise, hold communion; to perform the functions of a minister, a church.

Services were to be conducted at the house, by the Rev. Dr. Aldrus, whom Mr. Murock said he knew very well, and would call at once (Cain, 106).

to confirm _____ suspicions. To discover what one believes to be true is true.

He confirmed her suspicions that there were about a hundred different different ways to lose money on steaks (Cain, 177).

to conform to. To be alike in respect to; to be similar in regard to.

Those leaders...all conform to pretty much of a pattern... (Yank, 216).

to be confronted with. To be shown; to have evidence presented of.

It is as though Alden Leeds, having murdered Bill Hogarty in the Klondike in 1906, was subsequently confronted with the body of a corpse which... (Gardner, 123).

Congressional Medal. The highest military decoration of the U.S.

He's been recommended for the Congressional Medal (Yank, 149).

to conjure up. To bring to mind; to force to remember.

...he could conjure up no recollection of what he must have been like himself (Marquand, 196).

to conk off. To stop, to quit, as an airplane motor.

...Lt. Melvin Kimball...made a belly landing in Burma after his engine conked off during a flight from China... (Yank, 194).

to be connected with. To have relations with; to be associated with.

The girl he was connected with there said it had, and was on nightly (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).

to connect up.

1. To show the relationships; to indicate the associations.

"His testimony will be connected up," Kittering said (Gardner, 131).
Your Honor, we expect to connect this up (Gardner, 138).
"You will have an opportunity to connect up your evidence," Judge Knox said (Gardner, 142-3).
Some of these witnesses have asked to be excused, and it will be necessary for me to connect some of these things up later (Gardner, 142).
"We'll not try to connect it up for the present," Kittering said... (Gardner, 146).
...the court will receive it on your statement that it will be connected up and that it relates to some particular aspect of the case... (Gardner, 46).
If you wish to connect it up, the court will receive it on your statement... (Gardner, 146).
"I offer to connect it up," Kittering said (Gardner, 137).

2. To join; to put together as water pipes, electric wires, etc.

They'll deliver anything you want, and connect it up for you, too (Cain, 79).

to connect with. To show relation, association to.

...those papers were papers which connected him with the attempted murder of Bill Hogarty... (Gardner, 202).

conning tower. The place from which a submarine is operated; the nerve center of the submarine.

...Rufus Mathewson Y2c took his post as a talker in the conning tower (Yank, 44).

constitutional rights. Those rights and privileges guaranteed to every U.S. citizen by the Constitution of the U.S.

...the defendant has previously been advised of his constitutional rights (Gardner, 128).

to be consumed by. To feel that one is being burned by; to be able to think of nothing else for.

...she was consumed by a fury so cold... (Cain, 208).

a consuming passion. A passion, love, which obliterates everything else.

...practicing...might mean a consuming passion for music... (Cain, 132).
...it might mean a consuming passion for letting the whole household know she was around (Cain, 132).

contact lens. (See citation).

A paper-thin shell of glass or bakelite, its center a tiny lens made to optical prescription. Attached by suction to the eye itself and moving with the eye. (Reader's Digest, May 6, 1939, 5).

contempt of court. A crime, illegal act, which consists of a person's disregarding an order of a court.

...any attempt to communicate with the sanitarium...will be considered as contempt of court (Gardner, 35).
You will be ordered to appear and show cause why you should not be found guilty of contempt of court (Gardner, 39).
...it's unethical; it's...I believe it's a contempt of court (Gardner, 204).
...it is perhaps not only a contempt of the court, but a flagrant violation of professional ethics" (Gardner, 205).

to contest a will. To attempt to have the will, testament, of a dead person legally declared to be void.

...that you were not a natural heir of his, and therefore, not in a position to share in his estate or contest his will... (Gardner, 134).

to continue on. To continue going; to keep going.

...nothing happened, and we continued on to the next field (Yank, 197).
Many of the refugees were too weak to continue on to India... (Yank, 178).

a contrary streak. A character trait, characteristic of contrariness.

He's got that contrary streak in him (Cain, 83).

to converge on. To be moving so as to meet at one point. (This implies that all are moving; that none are stationary).

Two plain clothes men, who had been standing near the door, converged on the group of officers (Gardner, 119).

cookie pusher. (See citation.)

Cookie pushers is newspaper men's term for thwarted 'career men' in the State Department in Washington, D.C., who wear striped trousers and know the proper gambits for unattractive wives of foreign secretaries (Bennet Cerf, "Trade Winds", Sat. Rev. of Lit., July 24, 1932, 18).

to cook _____ goose. To ruin one; to impede so as to cause one's ruin.

"Their growers...all signed up with the Exchange, and that was what cooked Monty's goose" (Cain, 141).

cook's night out. The evening which the family servant, the cook, has free.

"Thursday. The cook's night out" (Cain, 96).

to cook up. To cook (this implies a large quantity).

They...use a hip-pocket stove to cook up sourdough flapjacks... (Yank, 192).

to cook with (gas, electricity). To do well; to do (something) so as to be popular.

Now you're cooking with electricity (Kansas City Star, Feb. 23, 1941).
Many a student of U.S. patent law and practice figured that, at that point, Thurman Arnold was cooking with gas (Time, April 27, 1942, 8).

to cool off.

1. To regain emotional control after being extremely angry.

...after she cooled off she thought about it (Cain, 189).
He's cooled off a little, so now it can be told (Yank, 186).

2. To spend time in prison.

You might get grabbed for hocking government property and sent to Leavenworth to cool off for a few years (Yank, 97).

to be cooped up. To be confined in a very small space.

Once in a while there was a tankman who had a feeling of claustrophobia about being cooped up... (Pyle, 264).

to cooperate with. To work in cooperation with; to work in close relation with.

And you didn't discuss with the other two relative who co-operated with you in that action... (Gardner, 134).

Coppery red. A red the shade of copper; a dull, dark red.

Her hair, still a soft, coppery red... (Cain, 190).

to copy off. To copy in writing; to make a written copy.

...and the mother at whose house they had convened copied off the rules... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

copy paper. Second sheets; the thin lightweight paper used for carbon copies.

Jeffrey picked up a piece of yellow copy paper and a pencil (Marquand, 198).

to corner the market. To buy all of the existing articles of (a certain kind).

They'd corner the market on shoes... (Yank, 26).

corn fed. Fattened on corn (maize) before being sold or butchered.

He did raise fine chickens, honestly corn-fed, not milk fed, ... (Cain, 116).

a corporal's guard. A very few; not many.

A corporal's guard of white coated urchins pads along the rows... (Yank, 73).

corpus delicti. (Latin: "the body of the crime") The fact that a crime has been committed.

I am not proving the corpus delicti in the regularly accepted order (Gardner, 142).

to correct _____ on. To point out errors concerning; to give corrections about.

...and Mr. Pierce correcting Mom on a number of points of ritual (Cain, 39).

correspondence course. An educational course carried on through the mail whereby the student need not attend regular classes. He reads certain books and makes written reports to his instructor who in turn advises him by mail of what to study next.

...is busy on his correspondence course in automobile mechanics (Yank, 39). When a convict...signed up for correspondence course English lessons wrote ...that he was studying English in order to write a book... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

to correspond with. To be in agreement with; to be similar to.

...final version of what happened at the lake, making it correspond with Mrs. Gessler's version... (Cain, 110).

corrugated tin. Sheets of iron strengthened by alternating grooves and riges, waves. Called "tin" because it is most frequently galvanized with zinc which gives it the appearance of tin.

Some were spider trenches...with corrugated tin under the fronds... (Yank, 251).

to cost money. (Used to intensify financial expenditures, spending as contrasted with the expenditure of effect, love, etc.)

She's the one that's costing you money... (Cain, 250).

costume jewelry. Jewelry which harmonizes with or enhances a woman's costume, clothes: ear rings, necklace, bracelet, breast pin, lapel pin.

...known technically as a cocktail dress, with a heavy necklace and a bracelet, known as costume jewelry (Marquand, 342).

to count cash. To count, add up, money.

Then she counted her cash (Cain, 126).

counter boy. A boy or man who works at a soda fountain; a soda jerk. One who works at a quick service lunch room.

...the white coats of the counter boys were spattered with chocolate and butter and coffee (Marquand, 240).

counter offensive. A method of defense by which the defender strikes at the one on the offensive.

...this was nothing he had invented, as a sort of counter-offensive (Cain, 167).

to count noses. To enumerate people; to take a census.

Counting noses, he notes something that never fails to interest him... (Yank, 148).

to count on. To rely on; to depend on; to have faith in.

...we couldn't count on the advantage of surprise... (Yank, 254).
You never can count on Bert (Cain, 81).
...and may be counted on to endure (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
...we can always count on a man getting through,... (Yank, 197).
What I was mainly counting on was that he'd been too smart to leave fingerprints (Gardner, 153).
...they weren't counting on it too much (Pyle, 443).
There was even one whole bridge the Germans didn't count on our having (Pyle, 59).

to count _____ out. To exclude one; not to include one.

"Listen, Chief, you can be as goofy as you want, but count me out" (Gardner, 41).
"Then count me out" (Cain, 3).

to count out

1. To count items one gives another so that the exact number will be known.

Horseshoe nails were so scarce and so precious in Italy that the nails had to be counted out to the civilian blacksmith (Pyle, 145).
...throwing an extra suit of underwear to one side, after counting out the number he thought Rosie would need... (Yank, 88).

2. To count; to add up; to total.

The unromantic finance officer counting out his money...was hardly more safe... (Yank, 236).

to be able to count on the fingers of one hand. To be few; not to be many.

...with casualties so few they can be counted on the fingers of one hand (Yank, 254).

a couple of. Two (However, it may mean "a few").

We nosed out to sea for a mile or so then dropped anchor for a couple of hours... (Pyle, 230).
"Then I want a couple of leather seats..." (Cain, 151).

to couple up. To connect; to join.

Then, coupling up the hose, he attached the revolving nozzle, so they were gently refreshed by the edge of the whirling spray (Cain, 108).

court is in session. The court is open for trials, cases, etc.

The bailiff mechanically intoned the formula which announced that court was in session... (Gardner, 26).

court of justice. A court; a legal court.

It is to be borne in mind that the contention of the authorities that Alden Leeds is the murderer is as yet entirely unsubstantiated in any court of justice (Gardner, 124).

a court martial. A military court trial for a crime.

Wick said he would be glad to appear at my court-martial and put in a plea of insanity for me (Pyle, 239).
...refusal to submit to...medical operation in time of war may result in court martial (Yank, 170).

to court martial. To try one under martial, military, law in a military court.

They wanted to court-martial him right there for cheating... (Yank, 166).
I have been court-martialed three times... (Yank, 174).
...the Army doctor said I could be court-martialed for refusing (Yank, 170)
...I want to know whether it is true that I can be court-martialed if I refuse (Yank, 170).

a court order. An order issued by a judge of a court.

...you must show your CO a certified copy of the court order (Yank, 172).
The court order was that you produce him here (Gardner, 29).

covered wagon. A horse drawn wagon covered with a tarpaulin stretched over U shaped staves providing protection from the weather. Used primarily in the nineteenth century in the expansion of the U.S.

...and one of a covered-wagon train, plodding through an alkali flat (Cain, 2).

to cover up.

1. To cover so as to hide.

You don't cover up dead men in the combat zones (Pyle, 155).
The dentist made him a false plate to cover up the gaping hole in his mouth... (Pyle, 173).
All the vital mechanisms are covered up... (Pyle, 351).
We lay all day covered up with weeds... (Pyle, 254).
...he peeked at us from under the blanket, then covered up his head (Yank, 192).

She covered it up herself and then sat down at a safe distance to watch (Yank, 71).
There was the Dutch oven in the Rumpus Room. ...which had been all covered up with plaster... (Marquand, 110).

2. To divert attention from; to hide.

Anything to cover up...the love affair you'd been having with your mother's husband... (Cain, 259).
Then, you did the best you could to cover up evidences of what happened... (Gardner, 179).
The boys made wisecracks to cover up their distaste for the job (Pyle, 372).
It must have been, for him to have covered up that felony conviction (Gardner, 119).
Mason said, "Here's something Alden Leeds wanted to cover up" (Gardner, 76).
...I thought I would cover up by going on sick call (Yank, 217).
...saw Jason Carrel when he left your apartment, so there's no good trying to cover up (Gardner, 162).

crab grass. Digitaria sanguinalis. A common weed found often in lawns.

There was nothing in the way of shrubbery, only a stretch of sand and crab grass in the front of it... (Marquand, 481).

cracked ice. Small particles, pieces, of ice used for cooling drinks, ice bags, etc.

...on the floor beside hers was a tray on which was some cracked ice and a bottle of Scotch... (Marquand, 457).

a crack in the defenses. A place, spot, where the defenses have been distroyed.

The first crack in the beach defenses was finally accomplished... (Pyle, 362).

crack of dawn. Dawn; the first light of day.

...I got out at the crack of dawn... (Pyle, 417).

to crack a joke. To tell a joke; to say something funny.

My patients lounge about the place
Cracking jokes and such... (Yank, 157).

to crack open. To burst; to open with violence.

This patrol of 10 men...was the one that cracked the thing wide open (Yank, 18).

a crack shot. A splendid marksman; an accurate marksman; one who can shoot a rifle or pistol exceptionally well.

I'd been joking and bragging on the way down about what a crack rifle-shot I was... (Pyle, 188).

a crack up. A dissolution; destruction; great dissention.

But he said there were no signs of internal crack-up and little organized sabotage in the factories (Yank, 70).

to crack up.

1. To wreck; to crash.

Well, we crack up when we land here, I suppose. It's our last chance for anything to happen (Pyle, 92).

2. To become useless; to become worthless.

Then his lungs cracked up... (Cain, 132).

3. To lose mental stability; to become insane.

Now and then a soldier would crack up before he ever went into action (Pyle, 189).
On the other hand, comparatively few men do crack up (Pyle, 154).
He got to talking about soldiers who cracked up in battle... (Pyle, 254).

to crack the whip. To hold power; to give orders which must be obeyed.

The hand that holds the money cracks the whip (Cain, 158).

to cramp _____ style. To be inferior to one socially, financially, or the like so that one feels inhibited.

I suppose she thinks I cramp your style (Marquand, 148).

to crane _____ neck. To bend one's head for a better view; to get one's head in an odd position to see better.

...I'd stand down there...and crane my neck... (Yank, 188).
...Chinese...craned their necks...to see an American film (Yank, 121).

crap game. A gambling game played with two dice; dice game.

My operative got in a crap game with him, and won three dollars (Gardner, 126).
Crap games are rough on money (Yank, 233).

You've dropped a fast duece in a friendly crap game, and before you know it, the evening's spent (Yank, 65).
I had never seen a crap game until I entered the service (Yank, 173).
Got in a crap game when I was a little high, and lost two thousand bucks (Marquand, 216).
I understand you asked Phyllis to bring him, and asked him some questions about a crap game (Gardner, 51).
...one of them...was telling how he had asked the king to sit in on a crap game (Marquand, 36).

crap shooting. Playing craps; gambling with dice.

I find that Oscar Baker has been winning money crap shooting lately and losing it on ponies (Gardner, 126).

to crash in flames. To wreck and to catch on fire simultaneously, as an airplane.

...it was the Nazi who gave ground and crashed in flames on the next hill (Yank, 134).

to crash land. To land an airplane with its landing mechanisms, wheels, etc., not working. (This implies the possibility of a wreck).

That time he got away, to crash-land safely (Time, Feb. 23, 1942, p. 88).

to crawl along. To move by crawling.

...the infantry all around them were crouching and crawling along... (Pyle, 388).

to crawl back. To return by crawling.

"Bagby decided to crawl back and bring up some grenades" (Yank, 192).

to crawl by. To pass slowly; to move extremely slowly.

Time had crawled by in the last 15 minutes (Yank, 15).

to be crawling with. To have very many of; to be alive with.

Yet the Ridge was literally crawling with Japs... (Yank, 17).
London was crawling with Americans... (Pyle, 297).

to crawl out. To emerge, to come out crawling.

They crawled out...and patched up their wounds as best they could (Pyle, 217).

to crawl out of. To get out of bed; to get up (from bed); to rise.

A few unfortunates had to crawl out of their sacks at 4 A.M.....
(Pyle, 208).

to crawl up. To approach by crawling.

...two Japs crawled up (Yank, 146).

to be crazy about. To be fond of; to like; to be enamored of.

You know, the one he's been so crazy about, the one called Sally Sales
(Marquand, 311).
Lovely people. I'm just crazy about them (Cain, 108).
The soldiers and sailors were crazy about him... (Pyle, 227).
He's quite crazy about me (Cain, 205).
Everybody was crazy about him (Pyle, 412).
The corporal had a girl back home and he was crazy about her (Pyle, 267).

to be crazy for. To want badly; to desire greatly.

"People are just crazy for a drink, a decent drink..." (Cain, 148).

cream of tomato. A tomato soup made with cream or milk.

She started her other soup, the cream of tomato, and put Pancho to preparing
vegetables (Cain, 117).

not a creature is stirring. Everyone is quiet, asleep; no one is making
any noise.

...all through the barracks not a creature was stirring, not even the CQ
(Yank, 183).

a credit to. An honor for, to; a source of honor, glory, to.

She looked like a successful woman of business...a credit to that curious
world that had produced her, Southern California (Cain, 221).

to credit with. To add to one's account in one's favor.

The Marauders were credited with killing 2,000 Japs in six weeks (Yank, 17

to creep out of. To emerge from, to come out of, slowly.

Other Italians crept out of hiding timidly... (Yank, 11).

to creep over To cover one, slowly; to engulf one gradually
(This implies an emotion or feeling.)

She wept, then sat with a dismal feeling creeping over her, for she was as far from settling the main point as she had ever been (Cain, 73).

to creep up. To approach by creeping.

Holliday and Stumfoll crept up... (Yank, 145).

the crest of. The high point of a ridge, hill, high place.

At the crest of the ridge, Massacre Creek, West Fork, trickled a thin line 1,000 feet below on the left (Yank, 180).

a crew cut. A boy's or man's hair cut whereby the hair is cut so short on the top of the head that it stands erect.

His hair was done in a crew cut (Marquand, 221).
Jim would be in his dinner coat with his hair in a short crew cut, and with his tie sliding a little off center (Marquand, 441).

a crime against nature. Bad; wrong; not correct.

I think it would be a crime against nature for a girl like her to wear such a coat (Yank, 228).

critical situation. A situation involving a crisis; a very important situation.

...you have failed us in the most critical situation which had ever risen to face us (Yank, 210).

crooked dice. Dice which have been so constructed that they will most often stop rolling and indicate one number.

If Baker had any crooked dice from Conway, he was wise enough to ditch them... (Gardner, 126).

to crop up. To appear; to be discovered.

Shortly after that, I take it, I'd sorta disappear, and then those Dawson hospital records would crop up (Gardner, 217).

to be cross about. To be mildly angry concerning; to be irritated over something.

I don't want to be cross about it, and I hope you won't be (Marquand, 217).

to cross against the lights. To cross a street at an intersection when the traffic light is green for the traffic moving at right angles to one; to cross illegally.

"O.K., she's crossing against the lights..." (Cain, 180).

a cross between. A combination of characteristics of.

...tools, a cross between a pick and a shovel (Yank, 120).
...he is a cross between Mr. Anthony and King Solomon... (Yank, 34).

cross country. Through the fields, woods, etc., and not on roads.

...then marched cross country for twelve more miles (Yank, 123).

crossed up. Confused; disturbed; agitated.

This greeting left Mildred badly crossed up... (Cain, 192).

cross examination. An examination of a witness by the opposing attorney in a trial at law.

"Oh, you'd be surprised at what a good lawyer can do on cross examination," Mason observed affably (Gardner, 100).
You will proceed with cross-examination of the witness, Mr. Mason (Gardner, 139).
Do you mean to say there's to be no cross-examination of this witness? (Gardner, 190).
Not proper cross examination (Gardner, 195).
Mason went on with the cross-examination, calmly, casually (Gardner, 195).
I'll admit my cross-examination was irregular, but what's wrong with it? (Gardner, 206).
The subject matter would seem beyond the scope of proper cross-examination (Gardner, 198).
"No cross examination," Mason announced urbanely (Gardner, 129).
"You couldn't drag that in on cross-examination anyway," Serle said (Gardner, 100).

to cross examine. To examine, question, a witness for the opposition. This examination is usually done by a lawyer.

Cross-examine (Gardner, 148).
"Cross-examine," Kettering flung triumphantly at Perry Mason (Gardner, 192).
...said abruptly, "Cross-examine" (Gardner, 190).
"You may cross-examine," Kettering said (Gardner, 138).
"You may cross-examine," the attorney said to Perry Mason (Gardner, 31).
You aren't cross-examining on the question of identity? (Gardner, 190).

a cross examiner. A lawyer who examines, questions, a witness for the opposing side.

You are, of course, the cross-examiner, and, therefore, have the right to ask leading questions (Gardner, 198).

cross legged. With legs crossed one over the other.

The artist sat cross-legged on the grass... (Pyle, 447).

to cross _____ legs. To rest one leg on the other.

Mason seated himself comfortably, crossed his legs, took a deep drag of his cigarette... (Gardner, 205).
Under his stare she became haughtily indifferent, crossing one bored leg over the other, and fingering the tiny cross... (Cain, 112).
Mason hitched his chair around...crossed his long legs, and smoked...

to cross _____ path. To meet accidentally.

I can just visualize us on some far day when we cross each other's paths back America... (Pyle, 259).

to cross over. To go from one side to the other; to go over.

At the look on Mildred's face, Bert quickly crossed over, took her hand (Cain, 210).

a cross section.

1. A section of something cut away from the rest of it at right angles.

...the beachhead was so dug up that an underground cross section of it would have looked like a honeycomb (Pyle, 257).

2. Individuals representing all different groups, races, or the like.

...cocktail lists, so that they should represent a cross section of thoughtful, intelligent people... (Marquand, 339).

cross street. A street which goes perpendicularly to the main stream of traffic.

First he passed the restaurants on the cross street west and the windows of second hand shops... (Marquand, 226).
...too much traffic in the cross streets, to many people, too much of everything (Marquand, 591).

to cross to. To move from the opposite side to.

...he crossed to the door, and opened it... (Cain, 215).

to cross a trail. To be where another has been; to hear often about another.

I had been crossing his trail ever since... (Pyle, 242).

But never have I crossed the trail of any man as beloved as Captain... (Pyle, 154).
...he hadn't supposed our trails would ever cross (Pyle, 384).
When our trails crossed again their paunches would be gone (Pyle, 350).

to be cross with. To be mildly angry with.

...nobody had the heart to be cross with Uncle Harry... (Yank, 183).

to crouch down. To crouch low; to stoop.

Terry and Pray crouched down (Yank, 19).

to crowd around. To form a crowd around; to gather closely together around.

...the sergeant's friends were crowded around them in the dark (Yank, 226).

to crowd up. To form a crowd; to gather closely together.

...thousands of people crowded up... (Pyle, 456).

crow's nest. A lookout, observation post, located high in the rigging of a ship.

We could see from a spectacular crow's-nest view... (Pyle, 369).

to crumple up. To cause to wrinkle; to press into irregular wrinkles.

He plumped the thing on Jeffrey's knees, so that it crumpled up the newspaper (Marquand, 213).

to crush in upon. To gather around one so closely as to seem to crush.

Gradually a crowd of eager and curious people crushed in upon us... (Pyle, 376).

to cry about. To be sad and weep concerning, over.

Perhaps she had something to cry about (Cain, 259).

to cry for. To need; to want; to be in need of.

That town is just crying for a place that will put out a real line of ready desserts (Cain, 175).

to cry in _____ beer. To become maudlin; to reveal one's difficulties with self-pity.

They meet weekly to exchange condolences and cry in their beer... (Yank, 3

to cry on _____ shoulder. To unburden oneself of his troubles, problems, to another who listens willingly.

Captain Mac talked a lot about Ross...but he didn't do any crying on my shoulder (Pyle, 303).
...we must provide willing shoulders to cry upon... (Yank, 35).

to cry out. To yell; to shout.

...we heard voices cry out warnings in French and English and sometimes in Italian (Yank, 57).
...the tears were largely induced by our violent efforts to refrain from... crying out in anguish (Pyle, 378).

to cry out against. To protest vigorously; to speak in protest of.

...made Mildred want to cry out against the injustice that one so small, so helpless, should have to bear such agony (Cain, 103).

to cry over. To weep because of.

"What do you want me to do, Williams," he said quietly, "cry over this guy Harvey?" (Yank, 89).

to cry _____ to sleep. To weep, cry, until one goes to sleep from emotional exhaustion.

...Pfc. Shea did not cry himself to sleep Christmas Eve (Yank, 183).

to curl up. To bring one's knees up towards one's head while lying down.

...at night he curled up in an ammo dugout... (Pyle, 387).

a curtain speech. A speech made to an audience after the end of a play in front of the large curtain of the theater.

It had occurred to him that lately Jesse was always making curtain speeches (Marquand, 268).

to cuss the day. To be sorry that.

...he tapped away belligerently on his little typewriter, cussing the day he ever started the book... (Pyle, 301).

to cuss ____ out. To curse greatly at.

...Opie, she don't cuss me out (Cain, 236).
...they would not weep over it but simply cuss out the days they would have to wait for another (Yank, 32).

cuss word. A curse; an oath; a profane word.

...scrambled to their feet, stood along the river bank and shouted cuss words at the Japs (Yank, 93).

custard pie. A pie the filling of which is made of eggs, milk, sugar and flavored with vanilla or nutmeg.

It's like a Sennett Comedy a little--custard pies, a hearty laugh when there isn't anything to laugh about (Marquand, 474).

customs label. A label, sticker, fastened to baggage showing it has cleared customs.

...a small, battered cheap suitcase covered with old customs labels (Marquand, 457).

custom made. Made especially to order; not mass produced.

I want you to go in town and get one custom-made (Marquand, 529).
...Monty's shoes are custom made (Cain, 157).

to cut across. To go diagonally; to go by a direct route.

You could avoid it now and save twenty-five minutes by cutting across town to the West Side Highway (Marquand, 90).

a cut back. A curtailment of production of raw materials or goods.

More than 90 percent of prime contractors...are now operating...below capacity because of recent cut-backs in ordnance contracts... (The Iron Age, May 6, 1943, 152).

to cut back.

1. To curtail; to reduce in volume.

...the day will approach when, if the Army cuts back a program, it will not need the steel for some other program... (Sat. Eve. Post, Nov. 6, 1943, 112).
Before long the Navy...expects to cut back this program... (Time, June 26, 1944, 18).

2. To trim; to trim back.

Two gardeners were cutting back the shrubbery and a third was mulching the rose bed (Marquand, 94).

to cut cards. To gamble by picking up a part of a deck of cards and taking the bottom card of those picked up. The one with the highest card wins.

The boys, incidentally, cut cards to see who would go on the Naples junkets (Pyle, 114).

to cut down

1. To kill; to destroy.

He was cut down on a mossy Attu slope by a sniper's bullet... (Yank, 191).
...four Japs...were cut down by a squad on that side (Yank, 145).

2. To reduce in size or volume.

The soldiers cut down extra uniforms and clothed them... (Pyle, 243).
...the growth had been cut down to about knee height (Yank, 9)
The beds themselves were old spool bedsteads cut down and waxed and oiled (Marquand, 123).

3. To fall as a tree.

Some trees were cut clear down by shells (Pyle, 123).
...now that the trees were cut down, our advancing troops were left uncovered (Yank, 197).

4. To cut and let fall as a hanged man is 'cut down'.

...until the stink was so bad that they had to be cut down and buried (Yank, 49).

5. To reduce in alcoholic strength, volume; to reduce an ingredient by volume by adding something else.

...it'll make a swell cocktail; be sure you cut it down plenty with ice (Cain, 24).

to cut down on. To reduce; to make less, lower.

You got to cut down on your overhead... (Cain, 248).
...they draped camera hoods over the machines to try to cut down on the noise (Yank, 199).
We're all buying War Bonds and cutting down on meat and butter... (Yank, 84

a cute little trick. An attractive young person, usually a woman, girl.

...and after the citation was issued, a cute little trick showed up at the traffic department and paid the fine (Gardner, 155).

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cut glass. Glass ware with designs which have been cut into it in contrast to designs moulded into it.

On the tray she carried was a pitcher of real cut glass and two tall goblets (Marquand, 185).
On the tray...was a pitcher...and a cut-glass sugar bowl... (Marquand, 185).
Jeffrey could not take his eyes from the tray and the cut glass... (Marquand, 185).
He could see himself with a horrible clarity afterwards, seated there by the cut-glass pitcher... (Marquand, 188).
He could see himself...seated there by the...cut-glass goblets... (Marquand, 188).
She looked at the empty cut-glass pitcher (Marquand, 189).

to cut grass. To mow grass; to mow a lawn.

Cut the grass (Cain, 3).

to cut _____ heart out before. Would never; would die before.

A lady would have cut her heart out before she let me know the money meant anything (Cain, 170).

to cut in.

1. To interrupt to say; to intrude to say.

"What I did was perfectly legal," Mason cut in, "but tapping our line was manifestly illegal" (Gardner, 208).
When Veda cut in with what Mildred had neglected to mention... (Cain, 184).

2. To receive a share of; to get a part of.

...whoever is married to him at the time cuts in for share of the community property (Cain, 200).

to cut _____ in on. To divide, share, with one.

Say, who cut you in on this deal? (Gardner, 18).

to cut loose.

1. To begin viciously; to begin suddenly and savagely. (This implies action already stated or to be stated.)

Everything in the vicinity cut loose on him at once (Pyle, 34).
...the Yanks, cut loose at the jagged sky line (Yank, 191).

All the machine guns on the ships lying off the beaches cut loose with their red tracer bullets... (Pyle, 382).
...when the turret gunner nudged him in the behind he was to cut loose with all he had (Yank, 186).
Then, in a tone of virtuous indignation that the whole street could hear, Mrs. Floyd cut loose (Cain, 97).
I was standing one morning with a bunch of cannoneers when a rotating band of the whipped-dog type cut loose from another battery... (Pyle, 115).
Then we'd cut loose (Yank, 145).

2. To free by cutting ties, bonds, or the like.

The pontoon would be cut loose if the ship sank... (Pyle, 357).

to cut a motor. To turn off the motor; to stop a motor.

Our skipper...ordered the enginner to cut the motors to idling speed...
She...had hardly cut the motor when Monty popped out of the door... (Cain, 163).

to cut off.

1. To isolate.

Our Ninth Division cut off the Cherbourg peninsula... (Pyle, 374).
Once a hole was broken, the Armored divisions would...turn right toward the sea behind the Germans in the hope of cutting them off and trapping them (Pyle, 431).
...battalion would have wheeled to the flank and cut off the Germans from their main route of escape (Yank, 48).
...to keep the wounded men who had been cut off there (Yank, 47).
Player's unit had been cut off for ten days while the Japs shelled... (Yank, 177).
American soldiers, cut off behind the line, came wearily to rest... (Pyle, 375).
When our whole battalion was cut off for three days at Mount Maggiore, the new men almost died of thirst (Yank, 150).
One battalion...was...cut off on a cliff and blasted mercilessly (Yank, 245

2. To stop; to end; to finish.

There was a lawn around it, and a high wall cut off the wind (Marquand, 447).
They were a third rate military power and now that we had cut off shipments of gasoline and oil... (Marquand, 510).
...listening to the legal bricks being dropped into place in a wall which was designed to cut off all hope of the defendant's escape (Gardner, 152)
Now the ODB has cut off my mother's allotment entirely (Yank, 171).
They have also cut off my 6-year-old son's allotment (Yank, 171).
I can't understand why...the allotments were cut off (Yank, 171).

3. To stop another's speaking, talking.

Ida cut her off, had her issue Mildred a new book (Cain, 46).
Then he was in front of her having swum under water to cut her off (Cain, 94).
The driver gave a start, and the voice was cut off in the middle of a syllable (Marquand, 241).
Bert cut her off with a gesture (Cain, 199).
...the look from the bed cut her off in the middle of a sentence (Cain, 188)

4. To sever by cutting.

I...tried to cut off the sleeve of my coverall (Yank, 10).
A few soldiers...had partly solved the problem by cutting the rim off (Pyle, 243).
...Marianna Miller and all that he associated with her was gone for good, cut off by time, while Jim was still a part of him (Marquand, 537).
...a man I knew had his leg cut off (Pyle, 445).
The Jap had machine-gun fire on the supply trail, cutting it off... (Yank, 6).
The years had been cut off one by one without his knowing where they had gone (Marquand, 533).
Instead his time had been cut off bit by bit without his having noticed... (Marquand, 533).
There would be light stuff in the Skagerrak, already, shooting up the German transports and cutting off the supply lines (Marquand, 78).
...Mr. Gorman was wearing seersucker trousers and a blue shirt with the sleeves cut off like a tennis player's (Marquand, 511).
First, she cut off the necks, then cut the chickens in half (Cain, 117).

5. To extinguish an electric appliance; to turn off.

...as they were eating the last of the chicken, Mildred went to the switchboard and cut off the sign (Cain, 126).

a cut out. A valve which allows exhaust to escape directly without going through the muffler from a gasoline engine.

...said "woof, woof", and charged around the sofa with the cut-out open (Cain, 57).

to cut out.

1. To remove by cutting, as from a piece of paper or cloth.

Cabin bulkheads had been cut out to form big wards (Pyle, 288).
...they cut out a plug with slanting sides... (Pyle, 424).
...festering sore was cut out... (Yank, 213).
All you had to do was to cut it out, and the postman would deliver the book at your door. (Marquand, 191).

Another prisoner cut out the characters in an American comic strip and decorated his tent with them (Yank, 56).

2. To stop; to end

Cut out that 'well' stuff (Cain, 81).
...you got to cut out this running around... (Cain, 248).

to cut _____ out. To secure the affection of another's fiance.

Remember the fellow who was trying to cut you out with Mary Lou? (Yank, 160).

to cut prices. To reduce prices; to lower prices.

She cut prices, and that didn't help (Cain, 244).

to cut short. To stop abruptly; to stop without have completed (what one is doing).

...the coming of daylight cut short the examination of the barge (Yank, 2

to cut speed. To reduce, lower, the speed; to go slower.

They cut speed somewhat as they turned into the main artery (Gardner, 42).

to cut a stencil. To prepare a stencil for a mimeograph reproduction.

Why not sit down right now and cut a stencil...urging the full glamor treatment for all of our boys in the service? (Yank, 175).

to cut a swath. To act, behave, wildly; to sow wild oats; to have a lot of pleasure.

Mason said, "Your nephew, Harold, apparently has been cutting a wider swath than he's been given credit for" (Gardner, 183).

cutthroat competition. Vigorous, hard, thorough competition.

Sinclair was not that sort of person, even though there was a good deal of cutthroat competition in publishing (Marquand, 335).

to cut through.

1. To force through; to get through by force.

A few months later it was cut through to the Burma border (Yank, 178).
...the German artillery was trying to cut through to split our forces... (Yank, 244).

2. To cut an opening for it.

Of course, we had to cut a door through, so that both of them opened into the old secretary's office (Cain, 121).

cutting edge. That part of a knife, ax, etc., which actually does the cutting.

...the tools used by the dramatist have a different cutting edge and a different bevel (Marquand, 345).

to cut to pieces. To destroy; to make a finish of;

...each time the attack was cut to pieces (Yank, 6).

to cut to ribbons. To destroy, to end; to finish.

Shelter halves that had been stretched above foxholes were cut to ribbons. (Yank, 6).

to cut up.

1. To cut into pieces; to make small pieces out of a large piece by cutting.

I saw a roomful of butchers cutting up meat... (Pyle, 341).
The giblets she cut up and put in a pan, for gravy (Cain, 117).
The boys cut up his parachute to make scarves... (Pyle, 264).

2. To destroy symmetry.

...Little mounds and gullies, and groves of trees cut up the land (Pyl3, 236).

to cut _____ way out. To fight with a knife and escape.

Then I'd pull out my razor and cut my way out (Yank, 178).

daisy chain. A chain made by tying daisy stems together; hence, by extension anything resembling a "daisy chain".

They shot all kinds of wire and link "daisy chains" into the air to snag our propellers (Pyle, 168).

to be damned if. (Used as an emphatic negative).

... Paul, I'm damned if I know whether this is just a hunch or whether I'm naturally getting suspicious of my fellow men (Gardner, 23).

to dance around. To step, walk, jump, move sprightly within a limited area.

She began dancing around, pretending she was going to poke her finger into the cake... (Cain, 12).

dance band. An orchestra which plays for dances; an orchestra specializing in popular dance music.

...a talk from Berlin on the senselessness of aerial warfare, an RAF dance band from London, and a talk from America... (Yank, 71).

dance hall. A room, hall, used for dancing (this usually implies a commercial establishment).

Emily went into the dance hall, and didn't like it (Gardner, 112).
Of old saloons, of a dance hall in Dawson City, of hotel registers... (Gardner, 75).
They had some wild dance halls in Dawson, didn't they? (Gardner, 57).
Drake said, "There were two dance halls, the 'M and N' and the 'Flora Dora' (Gardner, 47).

dance hall girl. A girl, young woman, who makes her living by dancing with men in a public dance hall. (this implies a woman of little or no virtue, a prostitute).

She was a Dawson dance hall girl (Gardner, 168).
Dance hall girls were all kind, straight and crooked (Gardner, 112).
Yes, he said it was over a dance hall girl (Gardner, 138).
"I was a dance hall girl," she went on (Gardner, 112).
That dance hall girl was Emily Milicent (Gardner 121).
Hogarty and Leeds had a falling out over a dance hall girl (Gardner, 121).
"Know any of the dance hall girls?" Mason inquired (Gardner, 57).
She used to be a dance hall girl (Gardner, 47).

dance music. Music written especially for dancing purposes; music composed with dancing in mind.

She must have been opening the door of the telephone booth, for he could hear the dance music playing louder (Marquand, 440).

to be danger of. To be risk of; to be peril of.

...there was no danger of their running short again (Pyle, 388).

dark days. Times of great trouble, anxiety, distress.

Grimly confident, even in the 1942's dark days, he said he would go back to retake the ground he had lost (Yank, 131).

the dark hours. The hours of darkness; night.

When the talk wanders aimlessly on the affairs of the nation in the dark hours between Chicago and Kansas City... (Marquand, 197).

the dark of the moon. The time of the month when the moon does not shine brightly; the time of the night when the moon is not shining. (most frequently the former meaning holds).

It was the dark of the moon... (Pyle, 200).

dark rimmed glasses. Spectacles, eye-glasses with rather thick dark colored rims around the lens and dark colored pieces fitting over the ears.

One of the girls, another brunette who wore dark-rimmed glasses, asked the MPs... (Yank, 105).

to be darned if. (Used as an emphatic negative.)

"Darned if I know," Mason said (Gardner, 1).

dash clock. A clock installed in the dash board of an automobile, usually installed in the door of the glove compartment.

It was fourteen minutes to twelve, by the dash clock, when she whirled up the drive (Cain, 90).

to dash off.

1. To leave hurriedly; to rush away.

I'm awfully busy all the time and I must dash off with Mrs. Jason... (Marquand, 555).
Then he rose and dashed off on some other call, and the wardboys went about their duties (Pyle, 51).

2. To write hurriedly and without careful thought.

He wondered whether she had simply dashed off that note or had written it as many times as the one he had written her (Marquand, 317).

to dash out. To leave a room, house, enclosure, hurriedly, quickly.

When she turned to dash out, Veda was at the door (Cain, 205).
Guys clad only in long gray underwear dashed out... (Pyle, 208).
No sooner had it hit the ground than a big black dog... dashed out... (Pyle, 191).

to date back to. (cf. back to) To originate, begin, had its foundations, in a time in the past when, during, at.

His perfect conditioning dates back to West Point, where he was a track star... (Yank, 130).
...the house was one of the dearest old salt boxes that Beckie had ever seen...and it dates back to the Revolutionary War (Marquand, 106).

to dawn on. To occur to; to come into one's mind; to be thought of.

She stood smiling as the dreadful truth dawned on him, and his face sagged numbly (Cain, 60).
...it dawned on her now that his system was the ancient system that any restaurant must use if it is to run at all (Cain, 75).
...the reality behind this visit was beginning to dawn on Mildred... (Cain, 195).
...it dawned on Mildred what he had done, and why (Cain, 185).
At last it began to dawn on him that something was wrong (Pyle, 169).

day after day. Interminably; endlessly; seemingly without end.

Day after day of shooting every weapon a man can carry... (Yank, 190).
It is doing the same filthy job day after day with a kind of purposeless insanity... (Yank, 48).
...they sometimes went both morning and afternoon, day after day (Pyle, 214).
Hour after hour, day after day, the Gun kept throwing its 33-pound projectiles (Yank, 33).
... talking the same kind of small talk day after day after day (Pyle, 114).

day and night. Interminably; without stopping; almost constantly.

A man who went day and night on an urgent job under the constant strain of danger finally began to feel a little punchy... (Pyle, 282).
Even in a land rocked day and night by the thunder of Long Toms...it was a pip (Yank, 167).
They worked day and night...(Yank, 202).
...marching day and night over mountains... (Yank, 249).
Of course everyone had left Post Road years before, because of the roar of traffic which continued day and night along it... (Marquand, 90).
Electric-light bulbs are kept burning day and night... (Yank, 233).

...the Anzio-bound shells seemed to come in a groove right past our ears day and night (Pyle, 247).
Even your own artillery can be wearing as its "barum, barum"...day and night for weeks on end.. (Yank, 42).
...I had to hike day and night for what seemed like months... (Yank, 247).
So, he always...had a fire going in the fireplace day and night... (Pyle, 153).
...like every other hotel lobby in Washington, so filled with people day and night that there was hardly time to clean the carpets (Marquand, 555).
Day and night, a thin, black line of tiny boats moved constantly back and forth... (Pyle, 274).
And day and night the men on both sides were splattered with artillery ... (Pyle, 252).
He was at the front only a few hours of the day, instead of day and night for months on end (Pyle, 157).
All the highways north from Naples were thick with speeding convoys of supplies day and night (Pyle, 131).
...some 88s...shelled it spasmodically day and night (Yank, 135).
The men in the First Division, for instance, were in the lines twenty-eight days -- walking and fighting all that time, day and night (Pyle, 84).

day bed. A couch, divan, sofa, so designed that it can be converted into a bed.

...a day bed with a dull-green flowered cover (Yank, 247).
We can put you up in the living room on the day bed (Yank, 160).

the day before. The day previous to the one indicated or mentioned.

The day before, an Infantry battalion had fought a bitter action here... (Yank, 133).
He had gone up the mountain the day before... (Pyle, 151).

day before yesterday. Two days ago; two days previous.

"I was with him day before yesterday," she said, "when his bank telephoned" (Gardner, 5).

day breaks. The light of the sun begins to appear; it begins to get light, daylight.

As the gray day broke... (Cain, 174).

day by day. Each day; every day; from one day to the next.

...the wreckage grew day by day under the German shelling... (Pyle, 274).
Little by little, day by day, those cities were reduced to destruction... (Pyle, 235).

They could look at it, and translate the activities of the past three months day by day... (Pyle, 285).

day dreamer. One who day dreams; one who allows his mind to make reveries and fancies and illusions usually of a romantic character; one who builds castles in the air; one who builds castles in Spain.

...but what kind of planning can you do with a dog, and a sleepy one at that -- a day dreamer... (Yank, 137).

never a day goes by. Every day; each day (this intensifies the daily repetition of the action stated later).

He said that no repairs are ever made by day and that never a day goes by that wires aren't torn up by shell fire (Yank, 60).

that day has passed. The fashion for that sort of thing has disappeared; it is no longer fashionable.

Strange though it seems now, it used to be the fashion to sneer at the engineers, but that day has passed (Pyle, 78).

day laborer. One who works by the day; an unskilled laborer; one who works at common labor.

One summer he worked as an ordinary day laborer with a coolie gang building roads in Shansi Province (Yank, 131).

a day or two. A few days; several days (Used to avoid being specific).

She answered, and was excited a day or two later when she got a note, signed by a man... (Cain, 32).
You'll hear plenty about it in a day or two (Gardner, 17).

(Verb) the daylights out of. (This is used to intensify the verb and has no meaning in itself.)

That worked the daylights out of the boy... (Pyle, 397).
...he already knew about the other side of the job -- which was to bomb the daylights out of Fortress Europe (Pyle, 315).

a day off. A day of vacation; one's free day each week.

...of visits to antique shops when they had money, of nurses' days off, of restaurants on the maid's night out... (Marquand, 304).
"Her day off?" he asked (Gardner, 95).

day room. A recreation room for enlisted men in the armed forces.

...and in their day room I found as many officers as soldiers playing pool together (Yank, 216).

day shift. The twenty-four hours of the day are divided into three periods for work: 8 AM to 4 PM is the 'day shift', 4 PM to 12 midnight is the 'night shift', 12 midnight to 8 AM is the 'graveyard shift'.

It was time for the Fifth Air Force to take over the day shift (Yank, 255).

days pass. Time passes; time goes on.

Days are passing, and look at this girl's condition! We can't wait! (Cain, 212).

dead ahead. Immediately in front (of); straight ahead (of).

Damned if there isn't a third one dead ahead (Yank, 254).
They always keep the air dead ahead of you full of shells, just in case (Pyle, 163).

to be dead and not know it. To be out of date in one's opinions; to be reactionary; to be lacking in vision.

He remembered what he had said to Madge -- that they all were dead and didn't know it (Marquand, 137).

dead broke. Completely without any money; penniless; without funds.

...and though a lot of them were also dead or dead-broke, and thought the old paper had folded up... (Marquand, 18).

dead center. (In) the exact center; (centrally).

If Button hadn't been expert enough to hit the soft-wood banyan dead center, Terry figured he might have added two more men to his score... (Yank, 19).
At the dead center of our course, the home field came into sight (Yank, 119).

a dead duck. Helpless; an easy victim, target.

Without it he would have been a dead duck (Pyle, 336).

to be dead from the neck up. To be stupid, dumb, foolish, unable to think clearly.

They must be dead from the neck up -- and down (Yank, 214).

dead or alive. Whether dead or alive (this implies someone wants to capture another very badly).

...they got 3,000 lire for every prisoner they captured, dead or alive.

dead pan. A face with no expression in it; showing no emotion whatever in the face.

...the wounded wanted the jive even if they did come ashore with dead pans (Yank, 223).
...there wasn't a dead pan aboard (Yank, 223).

dead panned. State or condition of a face showing no emotion or expression.

...the last dead-panned German soldier marched out of the city... (Yank, 218).

dead shot. A perfect marksman; one who shoots perfectly or almost perfectly.

The paper boy...was a dead shot (Yank, 225).
...he was a dead shot, too (Yank, 224).

dead silence. Complete silence; total silence, quiet.

The whispered conversation died to a dead silence, broken only by the breathing of the attentive audience...(Gardner, 186).
There was dead silence in the soundproof room (Marquand, 425).

dead upon. Exactly upon; centered on; aimed at.

The lights swept back and forth across the dark water and after a few exploratory sweeps one of them centered dead upon us and stopped (Pyle, 21).

dead weight. A body or form having no animation so that the weight of the object or body seems actually to be heavier than it is.

A dead weight lay across his chest, pinning him (Yank, 43).

dead white. Pure white with no other colors or tints added; perfectly white.

His face was dead white and his voice was very faint (Marquand, 234).
...while the dead white of her skin, drawn tight across the forehead and wide cheekbones, made her seem peculiarly exotic (Gardner, 160).

to deal out. To give; to administer.

...was facing another girl, and even as Mildred looked, proceeded to deal out a second loud slap (Cain, 44).

to deal with. To handle; to be concerned with; to have to do with.

She felt a throb of gratitude to Mrs. Gessler for dealing with something she would have been helpless to deal with herself (Cain, 108).
...Mr. Levinson revealed an unexpected ability to deal with such situations himself (Cain, 236).

...I found myself writing letters to YANK on a regular basis, always dealing with the same topic... (Yank, 212).
...we both forgot who we're dealing with (Cain, 251).
...long experience at dealing with people... (Cain, 226).
...she knew exactly how she would deal with him... (Cain, 159).
...that meant the whole thing had to be dealt with fundamentally (Cain, 71).
Jeffrey felt...that he was being dealt with according to the best rules of hospitality... (Marquand, 95).

deathly still. Absolutely quiet; having no noise; completely silent.

Our grove was deathly still, as though no one existed in it... (Pyle, 199).

death mask. A mask made of plaster of Paris or the like from the face of a person who is dead. By extension as an adjective meaning a fixed expression on one's face.

Mr. Treviso....listened with his death-mask smile... (Cain, 215).

death of cold. A very bad cold; a severe attack of upper respiratory infection.

...you haven't got a muffler on -- you'll get your death of cold (Marquand, 205).

death sentence. The order for the death of a criminal issued by a court.

He carries out a death sentence when he had to, as part of his duties of office (Gardner, 179).

Death Valley. A desert in southern California.

...if he'd hit gold in Death Valley... (Cain, 232).

to decide on. To make up one's mind concerning, about; to make a judgment about; to settle in one's mind about.

They decided on the white dress Ray had worn at the school pageant... (Cain, 106).
She had decided on white, but not the sleezy white of the nurse uniforms then becoming so common (Cain, 119).

to declare incompetent. To issue from a court of law a statement by a judge that one is not mentally able to carry on his business. (This implies that another person will be appointed by the court to handle one's business in his name.)

You have admitted that you attempted to have your uncle declared incompetent and placed in an institution? (Gardner, 135).

to dedicate (life, days, etc.) to. To decide to do nothing other than; to give one's energies and abilities solely to.

There was something unnatural, a little unhealthy, about the way she inhaled Veda's smell as she dedicated the rest of her life to this child ... (Cain, 115).
It was the coming true of all she had dreamed for Veda...dedicated her life to (Cain, 214).
...his days were dedicated to play... (Cain, 144).

to deduct from. To take away from; to subtract from; to remove from.

After this is deducted from the over payments... (Yank, 171).

a deep breath. A breath of air filling one's lungs completely. (cf. to draw a breath.)

...she...drew deep, tremulous breaths (Cain, 245).
Marianna drew a deep breath of the fresh air, and reached up to fasten her light blue cloak more tightly (Marquand, 446).
She drew a deep breath and came inside (Cain, 120).
...Mildred drew a deep breath... (Cain, 200).

a deep chest. A large chest cavity; a large chest.

I see dees deep chest, dees big bosom... (Cain, 218).

a deep dish pie. A pie made in a pan two or more inches deep; a very thick pie.

So Mildred made his pie, a deep-dish creation, filled with crab apples cunningly candied with sugar... (Cain, 84).

deep down. Far below; deep; very low.

East Fork meandered deep down on the right (Yank, 180).

deep down in heart. In one's inner thoughts; in one's thoughts that one does not quickly reveal to others.

Mildred had little appetite for the wrangle, for deep down in her heart she had a premonition that Ray was really sick (Cain, 99).

deep in.

1. In; far in. (This implies much distance inside.)

...they go down... to bring up gold that sooner or later gets buried deep in the earth again at Fort Knox (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
Advance surveying parties have met Jap patrols deep in the Burma jungles... (Yank, 177).
Deep in the cave, he found pools teeming with centipedes... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

2. Involved in to the extent that one is hardly conscious of what is going on around him.

...we found ourself deep in conversation with a gold expert from Johannesburg... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

deep inside. Far within; well within.

...the Officers' Club, deep inside a single-story building... (Yank, 205).
We rang the bell and heard it sounding deep inside the building (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

deep into. Far into; well into.

...after walking from the Adriatic Coast deep into liberated territory to interview Tito (Yank, 247).
The men had dug caves deep into the gully banks... (Yank, 198).

deep set eyes. Eyes that are placed deeply in the skull; eyes that seem to be sunken into the skull.

His eyes were dark and deep-set and his mouth was very firm... (Marquand, 221).
Tito's eyes are set deep and wide apart... (Yank, 247).
...young Texan with...deep-set eyes... (Yank, 148).

Deep South. The Deep (deep) South usually is thought of consisting of the following southern states: South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisana.

...most of these people are from the Deep South (Yank, 213).

delighted at. Pleased with; happy with, about.

Laughing a little, obviously delighted at her condition... (Cain, 153).

to demonstrate how to (infinitive). To show how to (do something); to demonstrate the method, manner, of (doing something).

While we waited for the truck to arrive he demonstrated how to carry a coil of barbed wire (Yank, 57).

to deliver to. To take to; to carry to.

...he was furious at the pies that were being delivered to him by Mildred Pierce, Inc. (Cain, 258).

denunciation of. Accusation of; stigmatization of.

...Veda broke into a violent denunciation of Miss Whittaker... (Cain, 133).

department store. A store with many different departments; a store which sells many different kinds of articles from clothing to radios, for an example.

...like a picture in a department-store advertisement, which stated that the emporium had a corner for little tots and bigger tots (Marquand, 223).

to depend on.

1. To be contingent on; to be subject to the condition of; to rest mainly on the condition of.

It depended on what they were accused of (Yank, 26).
It depended mainly on the chef... (Cain, 178).
It depends on the crowd (Gardner, 149).
Depends on what you call wild (Gardner, 57).

2. To rely on; to trust; to have faith in.

She had some to depend on her tall, thin, profane bartender as she depended on nobody else... (Cain, 176).

3. To receive sustenance from; to be supported financially by.

...the many lives that depended on her... (Cain, 189).

to deprive of. To take away from; to withhold from.

...she had deprived Veda of her "means of livelihood"... (Cain, 257).

a depth of. A width of; a thickness of.

The beach head has a depth of four miles rather than four feet... (Yank, 39).

to derive satisfaction from. To receive pleasure from; to get pleasure, happiness, from.

She..submitted to his embraces, deriving a curious satisfaction from the knowledge that his access to the very best legs was rapidly drawing to a close (Cain, 168).

desert rat. A man who lives in the desert. (He is oftentimes a prospector or a miner.)

Alf had been growing one for the occasion and he was going to lead a burro in the parade and be dressed like a desert rat. (Marquand, 475).

desk job. A job, position, situation, which is performed at a desk; a white collared job.

...maybe he could get you a good desk job on the post... (Yank, 163).
He's had a desk job there... (Yank, 242).
I suppose anyone can do a desk job here, but I don't want that (Marquand, 578).

despite the fact that. In spite of the fact that; notwithstanding the fact that.

We were five hours ahead of schedule, despite the fact that our engines had been stopped half of the time (Pyle, 359).

a detailed picture. A statement in detail; a detailed exposition, explanation.

The crews got a detailed picture of what they were going to do (Pyle, 209).

to be detained on business. To be delayed on the account of business matters; to be held up by business.

...she had been detained on business... (Cain, 248).

detective agency. A private person operating a detective business; a place of business where one may hire a detective.

If I'd tapped anyone's telephone line or hired a detective agency to do it, you'd have had me arrested... (Gardner, 208).

the devil's own time. A very difficult, hard, strenuous, time.

Mrs. Gessler had the devil's own time finding liquor... (Cain, 153).

the devil will get you. (This is a statement sometimes made to little children to frighten them into doing something or to prevent them from doing something. Also used jocularly.)

The devil will get you for talking like that (Pyle, 100).

to devote time to. To give all of one's time to; to specialize in; to give most of one's energies and abilities to.

...she...quit high school, so she could devote her whole time to music (Cain, 180).

to die down. To diminish by degrees to a complete end; to subside gradually and to stop.

It was one of the larger arteries, and as he turned the blood kept spurting, but finally the stream died down (Marquand, 234).
...when their panting had died down, Mildred began to feel ashamed... (Cain, 170).
The faces in front of him were blurred into one face and the applause was dying down... (Marquand, 165).
The wind was dying down (Marquand, 446).
At last the sound died down... (Pyle, 437).
So when the firing died down a little we sneaked up the street... (Pyle, 406).
...gradually the ack-ack died down... (Pyle, 248).
Walter Newcombe stood...waiting while the applause died down (Marquand, 59).

to die for. To give one's life for; to sacrifice one's life for.

It's what we live for and what we die for (Marquand, 352).

the die is cast. The decision is made; the act is so far accomplished that it becomes a fact.

Our guard was out, our die was cast. Now there was no turning back (Pyle, 12).

to die off. To decrease; to become less in volume.

Then the murmur died off a little (Cain, 239).

to die out.

1. To subside gradually; to stop by degrees.

The fermentation died out within a few months (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
He saw the anger die out of her eyes and she looked surprised (Marquand, 524).
The latrine rumor is dying out as a result (Yank, 66).
...the firing stopped and the flares died out slowly returning the sky to the night (Yank, 71).
The buglar played, the officers stood at salute. When the notes died out, there was not a sound (Pyle, 11).

2. To die one by one and not be replaced; to become extinct.

The famous Riker's Island rats...*died out* after the city stopped dumping garbage there... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

to die young. To die when one is young in years; to die while a youth.

Maybe I should have *died young* (Marquand, 379).

difference of opinion. A difference in ideas, opinions, thoughts.

He's always afraid of any *difference of opinion* (Marquand, 360).
"That", Mason said, "involves another *difference of opinion*" (Gardner, 207).

different from. Unlike; not like; different than.

Mildred entered a studio that was rather *different from* Mr. Hannen's (Cain, 184).
He...hada brooding, hang-dog look that was very *different from* the jaunty air he had once had (Cain, 222).
Inside, this Fort was *different from* the others (Yank, 127).

to differentiate between. To distinguish differences between one and the other.

He couldn't *differentiate between* right and wrong, and he didn't even try (Gardner, 110).

to dig down. To dig in depth; to excavate in depth.

Ninety-five percent of the men in my company are alive today because they *dug down* the full six feet (Yank, 149).

to dig in. To dig a hole in the earth in which one can hide, can be protected from enemy artillery, small arms fire, bombs, and the like. (Also used as participle and gerund.)

They *dig in* while you're shooting at them... (Yank, 54).
They...had *dug in* on a little slope three miles back of the perimeter (Pyle, 251).
The men were *dug in* alongside a clearing (Yank, 145).
...they had to stand straight up and *dig* their guns *in* (Pyle, 388).
It takes about twelve hours of good hard work to *dig in* the guns... (Pyle, 388).
A tank crew always *dug in* just a few feet from the tank... (Pyle, 257).
Our men were *dug in* around the edges (Yank, 107).
The Dead End Kids were *dug in* on a bluff along the riverbank... (Yank, 92).

...some fireworks by now, considering that part of the Jap 18th Division was dug in on one side... (Yank, 91).
...he always dug in the first thing (Pyle, 443).
Finally they would get an order to sit where they were and dig in (Pyle, 443).
They dug in and Irwin finally found them there (Yank, 32).
...everybody was dug in (Yank, 244).
We dug in for 28 days... (Yank, 24).
The Japs were dug in 75 yards from us, beneath the roots of a banyan tree (Yank, 52).
It was surprising to see Rangers dug in like Infantry (Yank, 21).
If the men are pinned down on the beach, dug in...they might as well not be there... (Pyle, 363).
The Germans would be dug in all over the woods... (Pyle, 442).
...nearly everybody was dug in... (Pyle, 265).
The first thing he did was...to start the engines of his tank which was dug in about twenty feet from his dugout (Pyle, 263).
They were well dug in and lived fairly nicely (Pyle, 283).
...they moved back a couple of miles, dug in, then cleaned up... (Pyle, 268).
Among the Dead End Kids, thanks to the natural protection of the high river-bank and to the dug-in emplacements... (Yank, 93).
...Ed's outfit had been held up by fire from a dug-in position (Yank, 244).
They would...start digging in for a new line (Pyle, 441).
...the situation on Hastings Ridge settling down to a period of consolidating, digging in and blasting with the mortars (Yank, 19).
When darkeness came the battalion heard him digging in (Yank, 5).
...there were no Japs digging in (Yank, 9).
To do this meant capturing 20 miles of jungle and then digging in behind a barbed-wire perimeter... (Yank, 41).
What caused the most comment among the Americans was the Jap knack of digging in any where, any time (Yank, 54).

to dig out.

1. To remove by digging; to dig so as to be able to remove. Also figurative.)

Later when we dug out my sleeping bag we found the steel frame of the bed broken... (Pyle, 247).
...we dug out my sleeping bag... (Pyle, 247).
It took the ordnance boys four hours to dig the wood out with chisels and reamers (Pyle, 424).
...I dug them out from under the debris... (Pyle, 248).
...vines had just started when Prohibition came along and he dug them out, in favor of walnuts (Cain, 6).
But my regiment had gone sniffing into cellars in a depopulated home and turned up with all kinds of exotic liquors which they dug out of the debris (Pyle, 183).

...mostly the hedgerow pattern was this: a heavy machine gun hidden at each end of the field and infantrymen hidden all along the hedgerow with rifles and machine pistols. We had to dig them out. (Pyle, 440).

2. To search among many things or persons to find.

Then we walked around a couple of hedgerows to our motor pool and dug out Private Lawrence Wedley Cogan from the comfortable lair... (Pyle, 408).

3. To get one out of bed.

No matter what we asked him to do, or what time of night it was, or in what weather we dug him out, he did it goodnaturedly... (Pyle, 409).

to dig up.

1. To bring to the surface of the earth after digging.

I dug up the gold, used the provisions I'd got as a stake, and made it through to White Horse (Gardner, 181).
Acres of dirt were dug up with iron Chinese tools... (Yank, 120).
The people dug up all the vine... (Yank, 28).
The archbishop...had the bodies dug up (Yank, 221).
...the beachhead was so dug up that an underground cross section of it would have looked like a honeycomb (Pyle, 257).

2. To find; to discover.

...he dug up a case and a half of fine cognac... (Pyle, 242).
To go with the pink stove, the boys had dug up from somewhere a huge overstuffed chair... (Pyle, 250).
...our attempts to dig up some mutual acquaintance or even a building we both remembered fell kind of flat (Pyle, 387).
...a good scrounger could dig up a few each day,.. (Pyle, 416).
The boys had a few bureaus and tables they bought or dug up from somewhere (Pyle, 320).
The police dug up a photograph of Leeds and showed it to my operatives (Gardner, 85).
Somewhere she had dug up a prayer book, and it was a moment before Mildred realized she was reading responses... (Cain, 113).
And then he dug up a piano somewhere... (Yank, 34).
Finally, I dug up a trunk I had stored when I went to Africa... (Pyle, 298).
It took days to scour the country and dig up shoes for them (Pyle, 145).
...a Waldteufel waltz Mr. Treviso had dug up for her, called Estudiantina (Cain, 241).
Dig up some genuine samples of Leeds' handwriting (Gardner, 51).

to dilate pupils. To cause the pupils of the eyes to become wide open, as with belladonna.

It dilated the pupils of our eyes... (Pyle, 358).

a dime a dozen.

1. Cheap; costing very little.

These are qualified secretaries -- a dime a dozen too, but they rate a different file. (Cain, 38).
These stenographers -- a dime a dozen, but at least they can do something (Cain, 38).

2. Expendable.

Lt. Ross is head of the Dime-a-Dozen Club, a 10 man group of volunteer American snipers (Yank, 55).
...the Dime-a-Dozen Club looked for laughs even on Patrol (Yank, 55).
...who said he joined the Dime-a-Dozen Club to earn the down payment on a ring for his girl, a Wac... (Yank, 55).
On one patrol the Dime-a-Dozen Club, plus a large party... (Yank, 55).

dime store. A store which sells low priced articles; a five and ten; a five and ten cent store. (Also an an adjective.)

'Best buy' was a dime-store product, which cost 5 cents a gram (Newsweek, Jan. 31, 1938, 36).

the dim future. A some unspecified time in the future; in the unforeseeable future.

...their stuff might catch up with them sometime in the dim future (Pyle, 347).

a dim out. A reducing of the volume, dimming, of electric lights or artificial light out of doors.

Modified blackouts or 'dimouts' for American cities were suggested by S. G. Hibben, electrical engineer, at a military protective lighting symposium in New York (Science News Letter, Feb. 21, 1942, 123).

to dine at. To eat at; to take a meal at. (This implies rather a special occasion.)

...Russian dancer who often dined at Laguna... (Cain, 188).

dining room. That room the principal function of which is for eating; the room where food is served.

...she went into the dining room... (Cain, 153).
Arline came in, from the dining room (Cain, 125).

Veda went to the out door, peeped, and disappeared into the dining room (Cain, 125).
...She slipped off her apron,pinned on her orchids, and went into the dining room (Cain, 126).
Monty gave her a little pat and went to the dining room (Cain, 126).
Mr. Chris said "hokay, hokay", and went into the dining room (Cain, 49).
They started for the dining room, but going through the kitchen Ida kept talking into her ear (Cain, 46).
They reached the dining room, and Ida pointed out the station (Cain, 46).
It was hard to get a taxicab, and early as it was you had to wait to get a table in the hotel dining room (Marquand, 570).
The dining room was a bit of old Spain, and there were three Japanese houseboys... (Marquand, 432).
He could see the dining room at home again and the bread board and the butter dish... (Marquand, 362).
...the golden-oak chairs in her little dining room just off the kitchen and the radio... (Marquand, 362).
The dining room looked more pretentious than usual... and the table was set too elaborately (Marquand, 363).
The dining room upstairs had been enlarged from the old farm winter kitchen... (Marquand, 128).
The dining room was just one vast space (Pyle, 339).
...a cluster of small dining rooms... (Cain, 178).

dinner coat. Dinner jacket; tuxedo coat.

Mildred floated in, seeing faces, flowers, dinner coats, paper hats.... (Cain, 230).
...Bert. .unusually handsome in his dinner coat... (Cain, 230).
He was in a dinner coat and Laura was in a dinner dress (Marquand, 401).

dinner dance. A party consisting of a dinner and dancing.

...like old people whom he used to know who insisted on going to dinner dances instead of recognizing sensibly their infirmities (Marquand, 368).

dinner dress. A formal evening dress, gown, for a woman.

He was in a dinner coat and Laura was in a dinner dress (Marquand, 401).

dinner party. A dinner given for several people; a dinner at which there are several guests.

It was nothing you could talk about at a dinner party (Marquand, 55).

dinner time. The time of day at which dinner is served. (This time varies for different families and for different localities. Usually among city people dinner is in the evening after six o'clock, while in the country dinner is usually eaten at mid-day.)

It was dinner time before she got another respite, and then she couldn't eat (Cain, 99).

to dip into. To take money from; to withdraw money a bit at a time.

To get the money...she dipped into the reserves of the corporation (Cain, 242).

to dip out. To lift out a small portion at a time from liquid or liquid like substance; to take out with a dipper like instrument.

He took two one-gallon cans of egg powder, poured in sixteen cans of condensed milk and four quarts of water, mixed it up in a batter, then dipped it out with a ladle and fried it in boiling lard (Pyle, 114).

to dip soup. To lift soup from a pot, container, with a ladle, dipper, or the like, (and pour it into a dish).

She dipped soup into the dessert dishes, dealt out spoons with one hand and crackers with the other... (Cain, 124).

to dip up. To lift out a small portion at a time from a liquid or liquid like substance; to take out with a dipper or a dipper like instrument.

She had Pancho set all three freezers on a bench, where they could easily be reached, and showed Arline how to dip it up... (Cain, 118).
She reminded Arline she was not to call soup, but dip it up herself... (Cain, 120).

direct hit. The successful striking of a target with an artillery shell, a bomb, a rifle shot, and the like.

...two bombs dropped on a Japanese barge on the Yangtze had scored direct hits... (Yank, 186).
No direct hits had been scored on Batt II but flames, explosions and escaping steam threw the place into disorder (Yank, 45).
One of the things the battalion is most proud of is the time it scored a direct hit on the turret of a Tiger tank from 16,000 yards (Yank, 134).
This certain gun...made a direct hit on one of out Cubs in the air... (Pyle, 240).

direct mail advertising. The advertising that is mailed through the mails to individuals rather than being published in the newspapers or magazines.

Just before the war, I managed a direct-mail advertising concern (Yank, 95).
That's the thing to remember with direct-mail advertising (Cain, 122).

direct thought. Thought that is uncluttered with irrelevancies; clear thought.

He had a faculty for direct thought... (Pyle, 446).

dirt floored. A floor of dirt, earth.

Inside the doorway was a sort of street-level cellar, dirt-floored (Pyle, 404).

dirt track. An unpaved, unimproved, little seldom used road.

Presently they nosed down a rough dirt track, twisted through bushes... (Cain, 92).

dirty bastard. (An epithet carrying a derogatory connotations, actually meaning nothing.)

He's all right, but he's a dirty bastard, and they're all dirty bastards (Cain, 10).
...a gass widow with two small children to support. The dirty bastards (Cain, 10).

the (dirty) end of the stick. The condition of being imposed upon; a raw deal.

Well, church, I smell the dirty end of a stick (Yank, 90).

dirty gray. Gray which looks dirty; tannish gray.

He was a sorry-looking goat, sort of a dirty gray (Yank, 245).

dirty little rat. One who is bad, evil; a wrong doer.

...she's not going to have any operation, not to make it easy for a dirty little rat that took advantage of her... (Cain, 199).

dirty work afoot. Some illegal or prohitited actions being current.

By this time Mildred knew there was dirty work afoot, probably a trip to the beach... (Cain, 19).

to discuss with. To talk over with; to state one's opinion and ask others to state theirs in conversation.

...you'll have to discuss it with me (Cain, 215).
...does is subject w'ich I cannot discuss wit' you (Cain, 215).

disgrace to. A shame to; a dishonor for; a discredit to.

...I think that this incident is a disgrace to a democratic nation... (Yank, 213).

to dish it back. To return, to give in return, vituperation, hard words.

...Klohe dished it right back at him (Yank, 16).

to dish it out.

1. To be vocal; to be fluent in a witty, vituperative, or clever manner; to tell another what one thinks about him.

"Jeff," he said, "you can always dish it out (Marquand, 244).
It's got nothing to do with...any of the stuff that mother has been dishing out (Cain, 200).

2. To inflict damage, injury, hurt.

On four raids on the "Big B", American bombers had dished it out, and they had taken it, too (Yank, 87).
...and not get half a dozen men with the guts to take what the Yukon dished out in those days (Gardner, 115).

dishonorable discharge. A separation, discharge, from the armed forces marked dishonorable. This indicates that the former service man had been found guilty of some serious crime. It prohibits him from receiving any pensions or other extra remunerations which the government may choose to give servicemen.

...you have not been dishonorably discharged (Yank, 174).
...the sentence of the court martial also orders a dishonorable discharge ... (Yank, 174).

dish towel. A towel, often made of light weight muslin, used to dry dishes after they have been washed.

And Lilly came in all hot and steamy, wiping her hands on a dish towle (Marquand, 158).

to dish up. To serve; to give; to exhibit.

MacIntyre...dishes up a different floor show every ration night (Yank, 34).

dish washer. An automatic device which washes dishes, rinses them, and dries them.

...I can do it all with...a dish-washer (Cain, 175).

displaced person. (See citation.)

The real difficulty was and is the care of the slave laborers, men, women, and children the Germans had imported from all over Europe to do their work for them. These we call Displaced Persons and for brevity refer to DP's (The Broadcaster, June 7, 1945, 7).

to display advertising. To place advertising where it can be seen by the public.

...agreed to display no advertising except the neon sign (Cain, 174).

to dispose of. To get rid of; to throw away.

...to a small area where garbage from Riker's Island Penitentiary is disposed of (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

ditty bag. A small cloth bag, usually not over twelve inches in length, with a draw string for closing, in which a soldier or sailor or other serviceman can keep his personal belongings such as a razor, tooth brush, and the like.

...personal belongings in little Red Cross ditty bags... (Yank, 223).

to be dive bombed. To be the target of dive bombers; to have bombs dropped towards one by diving airplanes.

I've been dive-bombed, and I've been without water... (Yank, 116).

to dive down. To make an airplane go almost perpendicular to the earth downward with the motor or motors on.

An late one afternoon a lone Italian -- I really believe he musthave gone mad, for what he did was desperate and senseless -- dove right down into the midst of a hundred ships (Pyle, 34).

to dive for cover. To hurry, to scurry, for a covering protection.

The old man dives for cover (Yank, 148).

to dive in. To come out of the sky in an airplane almost perpendicularly toward the earth.

The first plane dived in and dropped its bombs (Pyle, 168).

to dive out. To leave a room or building or the like hurriedly, as fast as possible.

But the five Aleutian GIs have already obeyed his first command, by diving out through the French window (Yank, 160).

to divide up. To divide into groups, parcels, and the like.

The rest of the program was divided up between the chatter of Solly and George (Pyle, 244).
...each group was to be divided up later... (Pyle, 354).

dividing line. A demarkation line; a line, usually imaginary which divides one place from another.

...the American flag planted on the dividing line between India and Burma (Yank, 177).

diving mask. A mask, usually made of rubber, which has a large glass area for the eyes, which also covers most of the face, that is used for the purpose of diving for quite long periods below the water.

GIs in diving masks study the beautiful colors of underwater coral (Yank, 234).

to do about. (Often used with something, anything, nothing.) To make an action concerning, regarding, relating to.

...I won't be able to do anything about it... (Yank, 170).
...all these things you can do nothing about (Yank, 212).
And what was she going to do about it? (Cain, 253).
...but decided there was no time to do anything about it now and took up the trail right behind the captain (Yank, 58).
And as I don't see anybody else doing anything about it -- (Cain, 72).

not to do any good. Not to help; not to be of assistance; not to be of value; not to be of worth.

It never did any good to explain to her that nothing was ever like that... (Marquand, 104).
I don't know what put it into her head, and it doesn't do any good to tell her that I'm not in a wheelchair yet (Marquand, 579).
It didn't do us any good (Gardner, 113).
"Now, listen", Jeffrey said, "it doesn't do any good to worry about Jim" (Marquand, 311).
But that won't do any good... (Gardner, 79).
But -- that wouldn't do Veda any good (Cain, 199).
That doesn't do me any good at all (Cain, 3).
They didn't do any good either (Yank, 157).
I've tried writing to the CDB...but it doesn't do any good (Yank, 171).

to do anything in the world. To make any sacrifice; to be willing to pay dearly; to want badly.

I'd do anything in the world to get that evidence (Gardner, 118).

(not) to be able to do anything on earth. To be unable, unwilling, to do anything well; to be clumsy about all things; to be extremely awkward.

A receptionist is a lazy dame that can't do anything on earth, and wants to sit out front... (Cain, 36).

to do the best can. To do one's best; to perform at the best of one's ability.

...so I did the best I could (Cain, 147).

to do bit. To do one's share, one's part; to give one's assistance.

I served in the last war and am trying to do my bit in this one, and I do not like the way your outfit is trying to do (Yank, 111).
I believe in doing my bit to help the servicemen... (Yank, 83).
...just one of countless other cockney tommies who were doing their bit out there (Marquand, 349).

to do business. To make business transactions; to buy and sell; to arrange to buy or sell.

...I don't like the way he does business (Cain, 202).
...she could no longer do business under her own name (Cain, 256).
Ella and Sinclair did not want anyone to think for a minute that they were doing business over gin... (Marquand, 338).

to do the dirty work. To perform something bad, evil.

...the resulting explosions had done the dirty work. (Yank, 197).

documentary proof. Evidence, proof, by means of documents, papers, or the like.

...where there is not even documentary proof of the divorce (Yank, 174).

to do double service. To serve in two capacities; to have two functions; to double in brass.

...a waitress named Arline, and a Filipino, to do double service as dish washer and vegetable peeler, name Pancho (Cain, 115).

to do duty. To do that which one is obligated to do; to do that which one should do.

I've done my duty (Gardner, 96).

to be able to do everything but talk. To be versatile; to be capable of doing many different things.

"I wouldn't want any cook ruining my electric stove. I wish you could see it. It's a 1941." "I know, they can do everything but talk", Madge said (Marquand, 359).

to do everything that could be done. To do all of the things that might apply to the situation; to try many different things searching for the correct one or the effective one.

We both did everything that could have been done (Cain, 104).

to do fine. To do well; to be well.

Word came back that they were doing fine... (Pyle, 202).
When he had finished the chaplain added, "John, you're doing fine, you're doing fine (Pyle, 50).

to do for (oneself). To improve oneself financially, mentally, morally, or spiritually; to make one's position, situation, better.

...they made her remember how much he had done for himself, and she said that it always gave her a new respect for him (Marquand 364).

dog faced boy. A human child resembling a dog, often found in the last century and early in this one in the side shows of circuses and in the side shows of carnivals, as a curiosity.

They had to bring out the python and the man who chewed nails and the dog-faced boy but only for a moment... (Marquand, 348).

a dog fight. An aerial fight between airplanes.

...we wanted to see a dog fight (Yank, 203).

a dog's age. A long time.

He said he had not seen Jeff for a dog's age (Marquand, 173).

dog sled. A sled used in the far North, Canada and Alaska, pulled by dogs over the ice and snow.

I got Indians and a dog sled (Gardner, 114).

a dog's life. A miserable life, existence; a life devoid of luxuries and comforts; a life of worry and frustration.

It had the security of walls and doors, but it was a dog's life at that (Pyle, 158).

dog tags. Two small, identical, brass tags on which is embossed the serviceman's name, rank, serial number, blood type, nearest of kind, and religion. Every serviceman must wear two of these around his neck like a necklace at all times.

...and man caught without his dog tags will be given extra duty (Yank, 137).
He was wearing lieutenant bars, but his dog tag showed him to be a sergeant (Pyle, 140).

to do in a grand way. To perform, act, do, in the grand luxurious, expensive, manner.

Unless he can do things in a grand way, he's not living, that's all (Cain, 83).

to do the honor of. To honor one by; to indicate respect and honor for another by.

Tell the police that you're in love with Emily Milicant, that you hope she does you the honor of marrying you, that you had no idea... (Gardner, 117).

to do a job on. To perform some action well.

...we did a job on a Jerry convoy... (Yank, 27).

to do justice. To be fair to one; to be just to one; to be becoming to one.

But this didn't quite do her justice (Cain, 16).

to do a kindness. To do something worthwhile for another; to do an act of kindness.

Mildred was pretending to herself that she was doing Veda a kindness, but Veda wasn't one to let such a spot go to somebody else (Cain, 114).

to dole out. To distribute parsimoniously; to give away carefully.

The little remaining ammunition was doled out equally (Yank, 93).

to do a little (bit) of everything. To do many different things; to perform many different functions.

...there on the beachhead everybody had to do a little of everything (Pyle, 265).

to do little things (for). To do small acts of kindness for; to exhibit kindness and friendliness through small deeds.

He was one of the most thoughtful men about doing little things for people (Pyle, 314).
She was able to do this because Fred could remember where the money went, and he was always doing little things for Beckie, always (Marquand, 104).

dollar day. A type of sale, usually city wide, in which many items are offered for a dollar each. Other items are sold quite cheaply also.

...from Glendale, and its dollar days... (Cain, 207).

to domineer over. To be arbitrary with; to be overbearing towards.

...she had become so accustomed to domineering over the many lives that depended on her... (Cain, 189).

to be done for. To be injured fatally; to be killed.

His legs were blown off clear up to his body...raised himself up on his elbows and said; "I'm done for, so don't waste time on me. Go help the other boys" (Cain, 103).

to be done in.

1. To be decorated, adorned, by using.

...the walls done in delicate kalsomine (Cain, 227).

2. To be completely tired, worn out, exhausted.

They're plumb done in. They can't go another foot... (Pyle, 203).

to be done up.

1. To be completely tired; worn out, exhausted.

When Tommy finally left the lines he was pretty well done up and his sergeant wanted to send him to a hospital... (Pyle, 448).
Out in the darkness, one of the mule skinners kept up a long monologue on the subject of the mules being completely done up (Pyle, 203).

2. To be wrapped up, covered, as for shipping.

...Mr. Newcombe's manuscript...all done up in a cardboard hot-water bottle carton... (Marquand, 27).

to be done with. To be finished, ended, stopped.

...the European war will be over and done with by the time you read this book (Pyle, 464).

to do no good to. (infinitive) To be of no value to; to be of no worth to; to accomplish no results to.

...it did no good to tell himself that he was a cynic (Marquand, 106).
It's hard not to, but I know it does no good to tell you (Marquand, 415).
It did no good to tell himself that he was in a group of exceptional... people (Marquand, 37).
It did no good to tell himself that he should not dislike those people because there had been a war... (Marquand, 226-7).
I know it does no good to tell you that -- you can't pass on experience ... (Marquand, 414).
Your mother says it does no good to worry about the war, and maybe she is right... (Marquand, 414).

don't be a fool. Do not act foolishly; do not say foolish things; don't be stupid.

"Darling," she said, "don't be such a fool" (Marquand, 142).

don't believe everything that you hear. (Not everything that one hears is the truth) Do not be credulous.

Don't believe everything you hear. (Cain, 163).

don't get started on. Do not ask one to talk about a subject because he may talk a long time about it, or he may be violent in his opinions.

And then there was the Dunkirk show, and then London, but don't get me started on that (Marquand, 121).
"Jeff", he said, "don't get me started on that" (Marquand, 121).

don't take any wooden (nickles). Be careful; be watchful for one's welfare.

"Well, keep your shirt on", Jeffrey said, " and don't take any wooden money (Marquand, 583).

don't tell me. I can hardly believe it to be possible but from what I infer.

Don't tell me you have gone in for plastic surgery (Yank, 155).

don't think was born yesterday. Do not think that one is naive; do not make a mistake by thinking that one is easily fooled, duped.

Hell, don't think I was born yesterday (Gardner, 98).

to do over. To do again; to repeat.

...as though I were doing over what I should have done a long time ago (Marquand, 470).
"Take that thing and do it over", Mr. Mintz said (Marquand, 425).

to do part. To do one's share; to do one's bit; to do that which one feels obligated to do.

Not that I didn't do my part (Cain, 167).
...we are...doing our part to help win the war... (Yank, 213).
They are doing more than their part to win this war (Yank, 213).

to be doped up. To become insensitive to pain through the use of narcotics; to have had narcotics administered (to one).

I figured they were just doped up or dazed or something from so much shelling (Yank, 53).
Occasionally they gave a local, but usually the wounded man was so doped up with morphine by the time he reached the station that he didn't feel much of anything (Pyle, 53).

to do one's share. To do one's part; to do one's bit; to do that which one should do.

You've done your share (Cain, 140).
You did your share (Cain, 250).

to do one's stuff. To perform one's part well; to do something well.

The boys hadn't had much chance to do their stuff in the Italian war... (Pyle, 261).
This ship must do her stuff (Pyle, 10).
Generally he...invites ambitious members of the audience up to do their stuff, too (Yank, 34).

to do one's washing. To wash one's clothes, clothing.

One day some of us correspondents were doing our washing when one of the Sicilian women came up and took it away from us and washed it herself (Pyle, 77).
Soldiers...got the Italians to do their washing (Pyle, 238).

to do one's worst. To perform, act, do something, of a bad, evil, nature.

...so he slumbers peacefully in his cot above ground as the Mitsubishis do their worst (Yank, 41).

a doorbell rings. The electric doorbell makes a ringing sound when the button is pushed (This implies that someone is at the door.).

The doorbell rang (Cain, 258).

do or die. The condition of doing everything in one's power, of giving all of one's strength and ability; of giving one's all.

Nothing could be more typical of the vaunted Japanese do-or-die technique than the 45 minutes in which they stormed the battalion's defense (Yank, 6).

door handle. The handle which is attached to a door by which the door is opened.

...she held on to the door handle... (Cain, 173).

a door is ajar. A door is slightly open; a door is not tightly shut.

The door was slightly ajar, an inch or so (Gardner, 170).

a door opens. Someone opens a door; someone or something causes a door to open.

...just as that thought came to him the front door opened and there was Louella, carrying a tray (Marquand, 185).

door plate. A metal plate, usually rectangular, small, attached to a door, also usually the front door, on which is often engraved the name of the occupant of the house.

...white marble steps and the shiny brass door plates (Yank, 187).

a door slams. A door is shut with such for that it causes a loud noise.

Then she heard a car door slam, and turned to greet her new customer (Cain, 122).
When the taxi door slammed... (Cain, 259).
A door slammed, and she strained her eyes to see (Cain, 172).

to do a pretty good job of it. To do well; to do something in good manner.

...as far as I could see he did a pretty good job of it (Pyle, 237).

do re mi. Money.

It's nothing but the do-re-mi -- the old army game (Cain, 200).

to do the right thing. To do that which is proper and accepted as socially correct.

If he's a decent boy, he'll do the right thing on his own initiative... (Cain, 200).
Jeffrey wanted to say the right thing and do the right thing (Marquand, 570).
Saying she has talent and doing the right thing about it are two different things (Cain, 131).

to do the same for. To offer to do the same kindness for another that he has done (this is really the equivalent of saying: thank you).

Sometime when you're not O.D., I'll do the same for you (Yank, 156).

to dose out. To administer in the form of a dose as medicine.

We'd raid the Fascist headquarters and grab their stocks of bottled castor oil. Then we'd dose it out (Yank, 26).

to dote on. To love excessively; to be overly fond of.

...Mildred...permitted herself to dote on the demure, pathetic little figure pouring all this elaborate fretwork out at the stars (Cain, 240).
But Veda doted on her father, for his grand manner and fine ways... (Cain, 12).
Mildred doted on her, for her looks, her promise of talent, and her snobbery... (Cain, 12).

to do the trick. To do something itricate, difficult.

Then they sent him back after a crowbar, and that finally did the trick (Pyle, 429).

double breasted. (A fashion term used for coats and jackets when a coat may be buttoned on either side in the front. The material overlaps in front and usually two rows of buttons are down the front too. Attributive.)

Jesse had been wearing a blue double-breasted coat and a shirt with a blue- and white striped collar...(Marquand, 283).
Jesse Fineman put his pocketbook away inside his double-breasted coat (Marquand, 285).
...pretty slender, bony features, pinkish blonde, gray-eyed, wears double-breasted suits (Gardner, 16).
...long straight nose, thin features, red hair, thin lips, always wears double-breasted suits (Gardner, 90).
...exactly as a host should be - in a blue double-breasted coat with white stripes... (Marquand, 344).
...double-breasted suit... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

a double cross. An act to cheat, swindle, betray, another with whom one is associated.

Apparantly, Milicent really is Hogarty, and the sister's given you a double cross (Gardner, 175).
Serle thought Conway had given him a double cross, and he was so damn mad he could hardly talk (Gardner, 88).

to double cross. To cheat, swindle, betray, another with whom one is associated.

And double crossing's no good, coming from anybody (Cain, 30).

to double date. Two couples composed of two boys and two girls accompany each other (this implies that the couples are enjoying themselves by riding, dancing, attending movies, etc.).

A girl who used to double-date with Jane and me... (Yank, 188).

double decker. Something having two of the same kind, one on top of the other.

There was a double-decker bunk in one corner of the room (Yank, 59).

to be doubled up with laughter. To laught with great enthusiasm; to be greatly amused; to laugh so much that one seems to become doubled with the effort.

Jeffrey saw that his sister-in-law was doubled up with laughter (Marquand, 483).

to double fist. To close the fingers of one's hands so as to form a fist.

He doubled his fist, brushed her chin with it (Cain, 86).

a double handful. Two handfuls; both of one's hands full.

Mason, handing out a double handful of cigars, said... (Gardner, 44).

to double in brass. To be required to do two different jobs; to have to do different things regularly.

Practically every man in an engineering company had to double in half a dozen brasses (Pyle, 79).

a double life. A situation in which one has two entirely different sets of associates usually one set is normal, legal, and above reproach while the other is usually immoral, illegal, and degrading. (Very often this is associated with a man's having a mistress.)

...why do you keep things from as though you led a double life... (Marquand, 7).

to double space. To leave a line empty between lines of printing or typing. (cf. single space, triple space.)

Run it in display type, or double space it, or whatever is necessary to attract attention (Gardner, 120).

double stop. Placing of fingers on two strings of a stringed musical instrument (for example, the violine) so that both strings may be played simultaneously.

...violinists sawing briskly in double stops (Cain, 183).

double talk. Meaningless speech, language, which may seem to have meaning to the listener.

You had to butter everybody up and talk the strange double talk of the theater at a time like that... (Marquand, 293).
It was going to take more than an enamel lion, and the British and everyone else were talking double talk (Marquand, 248).

to double up. To bring one's knees upward towards one's chest while lying down.

...he's doubled up under blankets in a tent... (Pyle, 391).

to double up fist. To close the fingers of the hand so as to form a fist

Then he doubled up his fist and gave... one sharp blow (Yank, 221).

a doubting Thomas. A person who is habitually doubtful; one who does not easily believe. (From the story in John xx, 24-29, of the apostle Thomas who refused to believe the ressurection of Jesus until he had seen the scars of Jesus' hands.)

...I've been plagued by doubting Thomases when I told them what I did in civilian life... (Yank, 172).

to do up hair. To make a coiffure; to arrange hair in a coiffure.

...the light of the window...made a glow on her yellow hair, which was done up in a tight uncompromising knot... (Marquand, 179).
Lizzie's face was firmly set...and her hair...was done up in the same tight knot that Jeffrey remembered (Marquand, 94).

to do what can. To do that which one is able to do; to do as much as one can do.

But they did what they could to make him comfortalbe... (Yank, 13).

to do what says. To obey instructions; to be obedient.

...I loved her greatly...and I always did what she said (Yanke, 187).

to do with. To handle; to be responsible for.

...I told him I had nothing more to do with it... (Cain, 258).
I feel that it's Uncle Alden's money and he can do with it just as he pleases (Gardner, 3).

down across. Lower than (one) and over to; down and across.

...a perch 30 feet above the river from which he could look down across a grassy clearing on the other bank (Yank, 91).

down along. Away from (this point) and beside; away from and along.

Thumbing a ride, you are driven down along the beach a couple of miles... (Yank, 39).

down and out. Without funds, money; broke; penniless.

...he was so down and out that the Biederfof had to keep him... (Cain, 206).

down at.

1. Below at; beneath at.

Going along we were suddenly startled to hear some magnificent cussing down at one side (Pyle, 201).

She was pointing to a letter beside his plate, and he looked down at it and picked it up (Marquand, 586).
She looked down at her Chinese slippers for several seconds then raised her eyes to Mason... (Gardner, 20).
...a moment later, Judge Treadwell looked down at Perry Mason and said... (Gardner, 26).
...he stared down at the street (Cain, 185).
Mr. Treviso...stood looking down at the street (Cain, 185).
Judge Knox said...and looked down at Mason as though expecting an objection (Gardner, 187).
He glanced down at Perry Mason, frowned, and said... (Gardner, 188).
Judge Knox looked down at Perry Mason (Gardner, 190).
Judge Knox glanced down at Perry Mason (Gardner, 195).
She took Mildred's hand, held it a moment or two while she looked down at the street, many stories below... (Cain, 34).

2. To the south at.

The last time I had seen General Doolittle was some sixteen months before, down at the desert airdrome of Biskra... (Pyle, 316).
...he was their CO down at Chilkoot (Yank, 190).

3. Some distance away at.

...I'm going to open a special account, down at the bank... (Cain, 140).
He was down at the pool room by nine o'clock (Gardner, 88).
He said he had 26 badly wounded Germans down at the railroad station... (Pyle, 377).

down below. Below; beneath. (at a place lower than the speaker or the subject of the sentence.)

The shock cases were down below in smaller wards (Pyle, 289).
Each hold had a dozen or more men working down below... (Pyle, 279).
I could lean over and watch the men down below... (Pyle, 279).
Down below everything was a mess (Pyle, 248).
After a couple of days down below they began to pick up (Pyle, 150).
Unidentified vessels down below (Yank, 15).

down by.

1. At a place lower than the speaker or the subject of the sentence and by.

..Most of the correspondents...lived in the part of the house down by the water... (Pyle, 246).

2. Some distance away by.

Assemble down by the kitchen tent... (Pyle, 200).

down cellar. Down into the cellar.

...at four o'clock in the afternoon he would go down cellar again, his jug empty, and replenish it (Marquand, 107).

the down car. An elevator which is to descend; an elevator which is about to descend.

...I was watching you step into the down car, I was admiring your figure if you have to know why... (Cain, 34).

down deep. Deeply; far down.

He shoved his hands down deep into his trousers pockets, lowered his chin to his chest... (Gardner, 175).

down from. Descending from; going to a place lower than.

...she was driving down from Arrowhead... (Cain, 129).
The colonel came down from the bridge (Pyle, 357).
They slid him down from the mule... (Pyle, 154).

down the hatch. (An expression used as a kind of toast before drinking alcoholic beverages, as also: here's how, here's mud in your eye, bottoms up, etc.)

Down the hatch and happy days (Marquand, 70).

down here. Here (at this place as compared to a place some distance away).

Well, I guess I'm down here for what you're down here for (Marquand, 578).
...that little bitch...from Los Feliz Boulevard, had moved down here (Cain, 244).
Down here, put down everything they order... (Cain, 46).
Well, I'm sorry, Mrs. Peirce, if I got you down here about something that .... (Cain, 35).
...he used to be on the old sheet down here too (Marquand, 7).

down in.

1. Below in; beneath in.

During Battle, he was the head of a crew down in a magazine of big shells and upon orders passed more ammunition up to the gun batteries above (Pyle, 38).
...a whole ship full of casual officer coming back, and those of us down in the hold were pretty sore (Marquand, 436).
...and he could see his old friend...the producer...down in the front row (Marquand, 79).
I tell you there wuz some scramblin' down in there (Yank, 8).
The men down in engine control couldn't tell the difference... (Yank, 47).

2. Downward into, within.

...Mason...pushing his hands down in his pockets (Gardner, 1).

3. To the south in; at a place to the south of this in.

He was carrying a canvas kit bag which the post tailor had sold him down in Texas (Marquand, 526).
...he's down in the Islands with a jungle-training unit... (Yank, 243).
"How was it," she asked, "down in Washington?" (Marquand, 580).
Van is way down in Texas and Charlie is a quartermaster clerk in Georgia ... (Yank, 84).
The coxswain of the boat...was Pfc. Arthur Handy of Fellows, California, down in the oilfield district near Taft (Pyle, 278).

4. At a lower degree, rank, station, in.

I was with Hutch down in F Company... (Yank, 242).
There's Hutch, down in the 2nd Battalion... (Yank, 242).

down into.

1. Downward into, within.

...after they were in the air he opened a trap door and swiveled his machine gun down into the open hole. (Pyle, 213).
Barkley sat down, pushed the tobacco down into the bowl of his pipe with a horny forefinger... (Gardner, 55).
Jeffrey walked to the stairs and looked down into the hall (Marquand, 567).
Mason pushed his hands down deep into his pockets (Gardner, 155).
She broke into tears, shook her head, and dropped down into a chair (Gardner, 74).
Heading down into Eagle Rock, she was halted by two men... (Cain, 162).
Leeds tamped tobacco down into his pipe (Gardner, 111).
Mason folded the message, and pushed it down into his coat pocket (Gardner, 116).
...Mason, folding the menu so she couldn't see the name on the back, shoved it down into his pocket (Gardner, 157).

2. Within; inside of.

....it seemed to reach down into the vitals of the piano, and find sounds that were rich, dark, and exciting (Cain, 136).

down the length of. Over the distance contained in; at a distance consisting of.

Madge glanced at him down the length of the waxed mahogany table... (Marquand, 364).

down the line.

1. To the rear from one to another; away from the front from one to the next one.

...the word was passed back down the line that the street had been cleared ... (Pyle, 403).
Word was passed down the line... (Pyle, 406).

2. From one to another throughout a list, group; including everyone.

I'm going right on down the line, Paul (Gardner, 47).

down the middle. In the middle; through the middle; on the middle.

...freight yards at one end, open country at the other, and a car track down the middle (Cain, 6).

down on.

1. Downward toward, to, on.

...when I jumped for a pear I accidentally came down on my bayonet.. (Yank, 193).
...she was forced back, until she plunged down on the sofa (Cain, 205).
...little clouds of dirt came rolling down on us (Pyle, 383).
...she felt herself, with suitable roughness, being dumped down on the same iron bed... (Cain, 224).
They took turns diving down on the Jap troops... (Yank, 194).
Judge Knox...gazed down on the crowded courtroom... (Gardner, 128).
...two streams squirting out of her eyes and cascading down on the marooon sweater... (Cain, 137).
In the mirror they were flawlessly slim and straight, but as she looked down on them direct, something about their contours made them seem bowed (Cain, 17).
...shooting the water all over the trees, down on the spaded circles of earth, over the tiled walk, and finally on the grass (Cain, 1).
I smacked my face down on the ground (Yank, 21).
From the ground it sounded as through they were coming directly down on us (Pyle, 160).

2. Some distance away on, at.

The carriers and the heavy ships would be charging down on the Norwegian coast... (Marquand, 78).
The house was a huge, rambling affair with four stories down on the beach .... (Pyle, 246).
A little man makes it down on Broad Street, to order (Marquand, 393).
By dawn we had the casualties down on the beach... (Yank, 169).
Most of the time at the Home Kitchen Cafe down on East Ranchester (Gardner, 89).
Down on the 'Canal he got acquainted... (Yank, 24).

...Waldo Berg was one of the Sports Writers on the paper where Jeffrey had worked down on Park Row (Marquand, 32).
"Down on the paper", Jeffrey said, "they think we're going to get into the war (Marquand, 206).
Down on the dock was a big, boxlike cart... (Pyle, 274).
Down on the beach... (Yank, 234).

down on hands and knees. In a crawling, creeping, position; in the position of being on one's hands and knees.

Mason latch-keyed the office door to find Gertrude down on hands and knees scrubbing at the charred carpet (Gardner, 44).
He draped the belt over his head again, got down on his hands and knees, said, "woof-woof"... (Cain, 57).
He was down on his hands and knees, still watching the spot where I had dived out of sight (Yank, 191).

down onto. Doward toward, to, onto.

The mile-high Bougainville mountains scoop cool air down onto the beachhead, so that you need a banket at night... (Yank, 42).

down over. Downward covering; downward so as to cover.

...pulling the bottom flap down over the thighs... (Yank, 118).

down the road. Some distance away on the same street, road.

Soon there was a terrific clanking down the road and I was sure... (Yank, 57).
Some of the boys from the ack-ack outfit down the road were over one night ... (Yank, 139).
She and Fred weren't idiots enough to think they could do it all themselves as the Waldrons down the road had tried to do... (marquand, 108).
My wife is Dutch, and I have two children, aged nine and five, and live in my own home, thank you, down the road from the palace (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

down South. In the South; south of the Mason-Dixon line; in the southern states south of the Ohio river and east of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisana, including those states.

How do you-all like it living down South? (Yank, 160).

down the street. Some distance away on the same road, street.

Guess I'll take a walk down the street (Cain, 3).

down there.

1. In a place below, beneath.

...I'd stand down there...and crane my neck until the planes were little silver winks way out to the west (Yank, 188).
The boys were safe down there from away from anything but a direct hit (Pyle, 388).

2. At a lower place.

We've got an electric clock down there, and I figured Conway -- Milicent -- might get sore if I didn't get the grub up to him in time (Gardner, 147).
I see that the T-5 down there in the fifth row with the Good Conduct ribbon and the whistle has a question (Yank, 96).

3. At a place to the south.

You see when I saw the boys down there, I mean the young officers, there didn't seem to be much I could do right now. (Marquand, 581).
"I'm glad I went", he said, "but there wasn't much down there, Madge" (Marquand, 580).
I can...get someone on the job down there by telephone... (Gardner, 157).
I've been down there myself, just now (Marquand, 579).

4. At a place some distance away.

As most of the trouble seemed to be at Laguna, how would she like to meet them down there the following night? (Cain, 245).
And I've studied the business down there, everything I could think of... (Cain, 77).
...a hell of a lot of colonels down there (Yank, 236).

to be down this way. To be here; to be at this place.

And, if you're down this way again, will you drop in on me? (Cain, 34).

down through.

1. Downward through.

The second round dropped right down through the turret (Yank, 135).
He yelled down through the open hatch... (Yank, 254).

2. Away from a point and through.

...the regiment...fought down through the hedge rows toward St. Lo (Yank, 243).

down to.

1. From a higher place to.

Each man in Giulio's patrol had a Bren machine gun, part of a supply the British had dropped down to us (Yank, 28).
...a sort of "bucket brigade" member who passes cardboard cases down to the galley below (Yank, 171).
...unexpectantly facing the door of the elevator which was to take him down to the jail (Gardner, 183).
Leeds, shaking ink down to the point of his fountain pen... (Gardner, 215).
She pattered out and around, then ran straight down to the little jetty, with its small float (Cain, 93).
Mason hung up, went down to the lobby, paid his bill, and caught the plane south (Gardner, 122).
...got in the car, and drove down to San Bernardino for a steak, which she offered to broil (Cain, 94).
...two ammunition carriers handed them down to a carrier waiting below... (Pyle, 389).
Once straightened out of the dive, they went on down to "the deck", which means flying close to the ground (Pyle, 1600).
It took me five trips, lugging all I could carry, to get it down to the boat (Gardner, 114).

2. From a higher rank, degree, station, to.

Next day all the argument was relayed as such things usually were, down to the gun pit, and the soldiers themselves got into the same discussion (Pyle, 110).
Regimental handed me down to battalion, and battalion on down to the company I was to stay with (Pyle, 181).
So we had alot of fume about my sad tumble from a long kinship with the common soldier down to the depths of associating with a general (Pyle, 313).
...someone at the OP would call down to us in Company M... (Yank, 239).

3. Some distance to.

...and he quickly went to Bloomingdale...and down to Altman... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
So how would it be if Mr. Wilson just forgot about it, and let Mr. Gorman go down to Maxon's and stock up... (Marquand, 516).
...I walked down to that boathouse by the river... (Yank, 209).
With a couple of others, I felt my way from our pigshead down to where we thought the kitchen tent was (Pyle, 200).
I went down to 692 Herrod Avenue (Gardner, 11).
Regan...gave him some baggage to carry down to the dock (Yank, 226).
So she walked down to the gas company office and paid the bill, carefully saving the receipt (Cain, 19).
I left there right after we'd eaten, went down to a poolroom I knew, and hung around there... (Gardner, 103).
Then go down to jail, be booked, put up a cash bond, and walk right out (Gardner, 102).
The haggard, griping crew of Rosie's Riveters went down to the Munster briefing that morning... (Yank, 86).

...you go down to Maxon's and get anything you need (Marquand, 517).
"Going down to the Munitions Building", Minot said (Marquand, 517).
Around six o'clock Emily Milicant goes down to that apartment house (Gardner, 154).
Della Street, who had gone down to Drake's office to notify him... (Gardner, 154).
...she went down to Mrs. Biederhof's corner... (Cain, 198).
He could think of Fred going down to that bureau and telling someone of his experiences... (Marquand, 578).

4. From north to south to; in a sourtherly direction to.

He went down to the Southwest Pacific... (Yank, 243).
...they had flown down to Cairo... (Yank, 116).
There was a general impression that Gessler trucks often dropped down to Point Loma, where certain low, fast boats put into the cove (Cain, 9).
...never could have rolled bones all the way from the Yukon down to Southern California like you done (Gardner, 218).
So Mildred was directed to drive down to Wilmington and see if any of the Chandlers there would take this stuff off his hands... (Cain, 18).

5. In, with, nothing except.

...he was down to his red underwear (Yank, 166).

6. Completely to; wholly to.

They had their heads clipped down to the skin... (Pyle, 449).

down to earth. Unpretentious; common; usual; ordinary.

General Joseph W. Stillwell...is a regular and down-to-earth as the scuffed GI shoes he wears... (Yank, 129).

down toward. Away from (a place) toward to.

Rosie went out and walked down toward his hut in the dark (Yank, 88).
She...walked down toward Mrs. Gessler's flowers... (Cain, 213).

down upon. Downward upon; upon; heavily on.

The rattle was right down upon us (Pyle, 437).

to be down with. To be ill with; to be sick with.

...it seemed to me they should all be down with peneumonia inside of a week (Pyle, 253).

to do a wrong. To perform a wrong, bad, evil act, action, thought.

She had done Vead a wrong... (Cain, 257).

a dozen different ways. Many different ways; several different ways.

They could have thrown the book at him a dozen different ways (Gardner, 89).

a dozen or more. Many; several.

...he looked down and directly under him saw an airfield with a dozen or more small German planes lined up alongside the runway (Pyle, 169).
The same thing was being done in a dozen or more places... (Pyle, 147).

to doze off. To fall asleep; to go to sleep; to drop off to sleep.

...at the field across the river others dozed off in their foxholes... (Yank, 93).

draft board. A local committee; serving voluntarily and without pay, to select men for the armed services. This is not the board for volunteer enlistment in the services, but rather a board which selects men from civilian life as the services need men.

...when the draft board caught up with him. (Yank, 184).

to drag along. To proceed, move, slowly.

The federal men work fast, and murder cases usually drag along... (Gardner, 100).

to drag around. To cause to accompany; to take with.

...he...found her an amusing exhibit to drag around (Cain, 147).

to drag down. To receive; to earn; to get. (This implies the receiving of money.)

She's dragging down $500 a week from Pleasant... (Cain, 246).

to drag down. To degrade one; to cause on to lose his moral scruples.

He'd have dragged her down and down and down (Gardner, 110).

to drag in. To introduce, inject, into a conversation, discussion, argument, or the like.

The court doesn't want to embarrass other parties by dragging in their names -- unless it's necessary (Gardner, 195).
You couldn't drag that in on cross-examination anyway... (Gardner, 100).

to drag on. To pass, move, proceed slowly, interminably.

The hours dragged on and a heavy fog set in (Yank, 93).
The afternoon dragged on (Cain, 48).

a drag on a cigarette. An inhaling once of cigarette smoke; a pull; a puff.

The interviewer took a drag on his cigarette... (Yank, 166).

dramatic editor. A writer for a newspaper, magazine, or the like, whose business it is to write about plays, dramatic presentations. He is expected to criticize them and to form judgments about their worth.

New cartoonists came and went with new managing editors... dramatic editors... (Marquand, 24).

dramatic moment. A time of emotional stress; a moment of importance.

And to cap it all a lone donkey at just the right dramatic moment in this hideous cacophony would let loose a long sardonic heehaw that turned our exasperation into outraged laughter (Pyle, 76).

dramatic effect. An effect of surprise, astonishment, suspense, etc.

He pauses to let the dramatic effect of these words sink in. (Yank, 204).

to draw around. To pull something, as a coat, so as to cover, enclose.

She drew the coat around her (Cain, 170).

to draw away from. To leave slowly; to move, proceed, away from.

Gradually we drew away from them... (Pyle, 202).

to draw back.

1. To open, as with curtains, drapes, and the like.

I drew back the blackout curtain... (Yank, 14).

2. To cause to return to an original position.

The executive officer pushed aside one of the men to look out the slot and drew back his hand covered with blood (Yank, 45).

3. To move to the rear; to proceed to the rear.

...the outfit drew back for a rest... (Yank, 124).
The troops were drawn back out of harm's way (Yank, 167).

to draw a bead (on). To aim a rifle, pistol, gun (at).

He drew a bead and shot down the burning Jap (Yank, 192).
He saw a Jap and was drawing a bead on him... (Yank, 145).
...there he was...just drawing abead on me (Yank, 180).

to draw the blinds. To shut, close, draperies, curtains, or the like.

He remembered...the way the blinds were drawn so that shafts of light made a ladder across the carpet (Marquand, 257).

to draw a breath. To inhale; to take air into one's lungs.

She drew a breath to say he was just like the rest of them, and then add Mrs. Gessler's phrase... (Cain, 30).
...she...drew deep, tremulous breaths (Cain, 245).
Marianna drew a deep breath of the fresh air, and reached up to fasten her light blue cloak more tightly (Marquand, 446).
She drew a deep breath and came inside (Cain, 120).
...Mildred drew a deep breath... (Cain, 200).

to draw a check. To write a check; to fill out a check; to make a check out.

She drew herself a check for $2,500 and marked it "bonus" (Cain, 243).

to draw a conclusion. To come to a conclusion from facts or opinions; to conclude from the basis of information or opinion.

From all this you might draw the conclusion that war isn't hell, after all (Pyle, 258).

to draw the curtains. To shut, close, draperies, curtains, or the like.

...everything had a weary look, and the curtains should have been drawn and the lights turned on... (Marquand, 385).

to draw feet under. To place one's feet under one's body.

He watched Stan draw his feet under him and stand up, but something gave way and he sat down (Marquand, 232).

to draw fire. To expose oneself or something to the enemy so that he fires a gun at that which has been exposed.

Do you want to draw fire on yourselves? (Pyle, 401).

drawing room. A reception room; a formal room for entertaining guests. (This type of room is not common except among the wealthy class).

...the very best legs are found in kitchens, not in drawing rooms (Cain, 157).
...nolonger a drawing room, but a big living room (Cain, 228).
And how about the best legs being found in kitchens, not in the drawing room? (Cain, 167).
...she looked into the great dark drawing room... (Cain, 164).

drawing room comedy. A comedy of manners; a society comedy; a comedy of artificial life supposed by the writer to exist among the wealthier classes.

He remembered her in a drawing-room comedy, one of those English importations which were just lines, lines, lines (Marquand, 448).
It had always seemed to him that there was nothing more sterile than an English drawing-room comedy... (Marquand, 448).

drawing table. A specially designed table for drawing, sketching, art work.

A drawing table stood at the center... (Pyle, 258).

to draw the line. To indicate, show, tell, a position, situation, condition, beyond which one will not go, proceed. (Used figuratively.)

Well, I don't know just where Uncle Alden would draw the line (Gardener, 172).

to draw near. To approach closely; to come close; to come nearby.

...the day drew near that all the men had been waiting for (Yank, 202).
When the hour drew near... (Cain, 212).

a drawn face. A face which shows that one has suffered emotional stress or physical pain.

...his face was drawn and hard (Cain, 169).
...Pvt. Lloyd Pringle, his face drawn and a little haggard... (Yank, 175).
Judge Knox glanced swiftly at Serle's white, drawn face, then looked back to Perry Mason (Gardner, 199).

to draw off. To withdraw; to drain; to ciphon off.

He used to go down-..and draw off a gallon of hard cider... (Marquand, 107).

to draw on reserves. To use that which has been held in reserve; to withdraw from the reserve.

Lately he'd had to draw on reserves from the antitank company (Yank, 198).

to draw out.

1. To withdraw; to take out.

All the slips were put in a German shell case, and the brigade commander drew out two number (Pyle, 112).
The Prince reachd in his pocket and drew out an enameled cigarette case (Marquand, 377).

2. To elicit information from a person through adroit questioning.

...and after dinner I want you to help me draw out Mr. Newcombe... (Marquand, 127).
Don't draw him out now on an empty stomach (Marquand, 122).

to draw people. To be liked by people; to be popular to people; to be attractive to people.

...the kind of a boy who drew people to him (Yank, 244).

to draw a ring around. To encircle; to enclose.

We were drawing a ring around them, now that the Philippines and the East Indies were being reinforced... (Marquand, 510).

to draw a salute. To cause to salute; to be the cause of a salute.

On the front bumper of the general's jeep was a red-and-white plate displaying three stars, and of course this drew a salute from every officer and soldier... (Pyle, 500).

to draw the shades. To close, shut, the curtains, blinds, draperies, which cover windows.

The shades were drawn and there was a bowl of daffodils on the piano (Marquand, 398).

to draw to a close. To approach, come to, an end; to be near to a stopping.

...his access to the very best legs was rapidly drawing to a close (Cain, 158).

to be drawn together. To be collected voluntarily; to come together.

...somehow those bright days would come back and they would all be drawn together (Marquand, 18).

to draw up.

1. To prepare; to write out; to compose.

They spent the next half hour thoughtfully drawing up a set of rules for it (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).
Mr. B. drew up plans and figured out costs for him... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).
It was you that had the papers drawn up, and explained the law to me (Cain, 247).

2. To approach and stop; to come near and stop.

"How", Della Street asked, as they drew up in front of the apartment house, "will you find out what apartment she's in, Chief?" (Gardner, 158).

3. To pull; to drag; to move.

Bill Swinburn sat down behind one of them and Jeffrey drew a chair up beside it (Marquand, 573).

drawn up in a knot. The condition of having one's knees next to one's knees next to one's chest, one's heels against one's buttock; one's arms bent so that one's elbows are against one's sides, and one's fits are against one's chest.

I...lay there all drawn up in a knot (Pyle, 255).

to dream for. To plan for and to hope for.

...all she had dreamed for Veda... (Cain, 214).

a dream house. An ideal house, home, with many comforts and conveniences.

That dream house that Bert built, so we could take the prospects in there ... (Cain, 78).

a dream girl. A beautiful, lovely, adorable, sweet, charming, gracious, kindly, girl, young woman; an ideal girl, young woman.

My dream goil. She's like a sunset over Flatbush. She's like thethird beer at Tim's Grill. (Yank, 98).

not to dream of. Not to know about; not to have heard of; to know nothing about.

We have been torn from the soil where we grew.....
To a land we never dreamed of (Yank, 189).

to dream up. To invent; to originate; to concoct. (This implies a great use of the imagination in the invention.)

...aside from being well-born and well-to-do, Ambassador Winant is about as far from the conventional picture of a...diplomat as Franklin Roosevelt could have dreamed up (Life, March 3, 1941, 23).
Pondering Stanford's lack of a liberal arts school, Professor Dodds dreamed up one which would avoid the failing of most liberal arts colleges (Time, March 23, 1942, 60).
Who got drunk last night and dreamed this one up? (Yank, 87).
In order to find out what fiend dreamed it up, I reached for the History of the United States Army (Yank, 236).
...the prune-picker who first dreamed up that colorful catch-phrase... (Yank, 193).

to dress for dinner. To put on, don, formal evening, dinner clothes preparatory to eating the evening meal.

"One more drink," he called, "and dress for dinner" (Marquand, 122).

to dress in. To be clothed in; to have on, as clothing.

She was dressed in black (Marquand, 257).

dressing gown. A long, loose, coat like garment for men which hangs usually below the knees. It is worn only in the house and never worn when others are there than the immediate family.

He opened the second drawer, and disclosed a neatly folded dressing gown on top of which were pajamas and slippers (Gardner, 27).
"He was wearing pajamas, a dressing gown, and slippers,", Dr. Londonberry said (Gardner, 37).
...the playboy, comical and whimsical, after a hard night of it, was in his dressing gown, trying to get down his orange juice... (Marquand, 423).
Jeffrey was wearing the Burgundy silk dressing gown which he always felt he had to wear... (Marquand, 585).

dressing room.

1. A small room for dressing or undressing, for applying make-up, for arranging one's hair. This is not a common room in most American homes.

...she assigned a bedroom to him with bath, dressing room... (Cain, 235).
Veda...headed for the dressing room... (Cain, 254).
Monty went to his dressng room... (Cain, 253).
There were a cellaret and a dressing room where Jesse could relax...change into evening clothes if he had to... (Marquand, 267).

2. A large room for athletes to dress and undress in. Hence, any such similar room.

...we later discovered when we stripped in the dressing room, he wore long red underwear (Yank, 166).

dressing table. A small table resembling a desk with drawers on either side of an opening in the center behind which there is a mirror and on which a woman keeps her toilet articles, perfume, jewelry, etc., and at which she sits while applying make-up and the like.

She kept switching the skirts of her dressing table over her lap... (Yank, 132).
Then she sat down in front of the dressing table and started combing her hair (Cain, 15).
Out of the corner of her eye, she could see her, camped in front of the dressing table for a period of primping... (Cain, 72).

From her dressing table she took a comb... (Cain, 90).

dress up. The cleanest, newest, best looking, most impressive. (This usually refers to clothing).

Those officers had been living in a civilized existence with dress-up uniforms... (Pyle, 354).

to dress up.

1. To put on, don, good, clean, neat clothing.

The enlisted men didn't have to dress up... (Pyle, 337).
...Letty following two paces behind, all dressed up in uniform, apron, and cap, and carrying the swimming bags (Cain, 70).
I can't be dressed up! Ooh! It would be so provincial
What are you dressed up for? (Pyle, 354).

2. To put on, don, a costume not normally worn by one as for a masquerade, play, or the like.

He dressed up and played Santa for them at Christmas (Pyle, 220).

3. To make attractive; to improve the appearance of.

When such solemn homes served to dress up period furniture, the effect seemed to have a vague, if dismaying, congruity... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

dried up. The condition ofhaving all moisture removed; dry.

...Walt found three small bones and a dried-up rattlesnake skin (Yank, 138).

to drift around. To go rather aimlessly from one place, position, situation to another.

He's just a punk kid who's drifted around, flunky in a lumber camp, waiter, dishwasher... (Gardner, 126).

to drift away. To leave quietly, unobtrusively, unnoticed.

When it is over, they drift quietly away. (Yank, 69).

to drift in. To enter; to come in. (This implies a rather casual entrance.)

...sprinkling sulfanilamide into the fresh wounds of soldiers who drifted in periodically (Yank, 52).

to drift over. To come, walk approach, aimlessly, without intent.

Another Ranger drifted over rather aimlessly... (Yank, 122).

to drink dry. To drink so that there is none left; to drink great quantities.

We could drink your island dry if you would let us (Yank, 189).

To drink heavy (heavily). To drink large quantities of alcoholic beverages; to consume a great deal of alcohol in drinks.

He's been drinking pretty heavy, and, all of a sudden, he straightened up and threw the whiskey bottle to one side (Gardner, 113).

to drink in. To absorb; to get into one's system;

...for a lonesome walk in the nearby fields, drinking in your last few glimpses of American landscape... (Yank, 65).
She...went out into the lobby, to drink in the swestruck comment of the public (Cain, 234).
...after listening to two of these broadcasts, and drinking in Veda's singing... (Cain, 214).
For a few mimutes she lingered, drinking in the picture with her eyes (Cain, 116).

drinking fountain. A specially designed device which emits a stream of water for drinking purposes.

...in the corner bed, next to the drinking fountain, was Pfc. Crusher Shea (Yank, 183).

a drinking man. A man addicted to the use, drinking of, alcoholic beverages; a man who drinks much liquor.

...he wasn't a drinking man... (Yank, 165).
It's a shame I'm not a drinking man (Yank, 165).

a drink is called for. Under the situation an alcoholic drink would be polite, well offered, usual.

...under the circumstances, when friends touched on such a subject, a drink was called for in the book of rules (Marquand, 247).

a drink stand. A booth, small building, at which cold drinks, soft drinks, drinks containing no alcohol are sold.

They were approaching the Giant Orange Drink Stand before Marianna spoke again... (Marquand, 477).

to drink up. To consume by drinking; to drink all or nearly all.

The Germans had drunk up all his stock... (Pyle, 378).

to drive along. To travel in an automobile; to go in a car.

As we drove along, gigantic masses of waving and screaming humanity clapped their hands... (Pyle, 458).

to drive around. To take another to different places in an automobile; to operate an automobile for the convenience of another.

They were the enlisted men...who drove us correspondents around and fed us and looked after us (Pyle, 293).

to drive away. To force to leave; to cause to leave.

...tropical white birds, driven away by the battle... (Yank, 234).

to drive back.

1. To force to move to the rear; to force back.

Chinese, British and American tropps must drive back the Japs... (Yank, 177)

2. To return by riding in an automobile, car.

...when she drove me back to camp (Yank, 209).
Then they drove back to their gun... (Yank, 24).

to drive a car. To operate an automobile; to run a car.

...the young man was driving one of his stepfather's cars... (Cain, 204).

to drive crazy. To annoy one greatly; to bother one very much; to irritate one; to vex one.

It drove me crazy the way he used to stand and look over my shoulder while I was writing... (Pyle, 119).
Pruitt drove the rest of the crew crazy by shooting his tail gun at unexpected times (Pyle, 332).
The mosquitoes, fortunately, didn't give us malaria, they merely drove us crazy (Pyle, 413).
His job would have driven anybody crazy (Pyle, 146).

to drive down.

1. To ride in an automobile from a higher place to a lower one.

As soon as we drove down...I introduced myself... (Pyle, 275).

2. To ride in an automobile in a southerly direction to a place.

She drove down a number of times and looked it over (Cain, 176).

to drive home. To take one to his home, house, in an automobile.

He drove them home, and Mildred made drinks... (Cain, 87).

to drive an idea into head. To force one to understand; to make one see and understand through forceful assertions. (This implies that the one is rather stupid.)

And old Ned Barkler would hate to have it said that a lawyer guy had to take a hammer to drive an idea into his head (Gardner, 217).

drive in. A kind of cafe situated adjacent to a road and offering ample space for the parking of automobiles at which one is served his food and drink in the car.

It was near the filling stations and the drive-in luncheons and the drig stores... (Marquand 455).

to drive in.

1. To enter riding in an automobile, car.

They passed the places where you could drive in for a light luncheon from a tray... (Marquand, 428).
As we drove in the sentry said, "Coffee's a waiting at the mess tent".. (Pyle, 430).
...then a heavy steel ramp comes down so that trucks and tanks and jeeps can drive in (Pyle, 229).

2. To ride into a city from the country.

We might drive in tomorrow (Marquand, 529).

to drive insane. To cause one to become insane; to cause one to lose one's mind; to cause one to become crazy.

...are you trying to drive me insane? (Cain, 187).

to drive nuts. To annoy one greatly; to bother one very much; to irritate one; to vex one.

These guys are driving the Japs nuts... (Yank, 194).
Elise said that it drove her nuts there, listening to the waves, and it drove her friends nuts (Marquand, 431).
It didn't drive me nuts like Tokyo (Marquand, 433).
It would drive me nuts (Marquand, 300).
I should think it would drive you nuts... (Marquand, 300).
They were in their glory at our clearing stations; in fact they almost drove the doctors nuts asking questions all the time (Pyle, 49).

to drive off. To ride away from a place in an automobile, car; to leave a placeriding in a car.

I piled into a jeep with three other correspondents...and we drove off (Yank, 106).
...she heard Veda drive off... (Cain, 208).
The woman gave them the address and the MPs drove off (Yank, 105).
They wouldn't come out until I drove off (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
Probably the two outstanding features of our handling of supplies were the duck, or amphibious truck, and our system of carrying regular trucks fully loaded aboard many ships so they could be driven right off when they reached the beach (Pyle, 274).
Act liek a zany when I drive off with you at night and don't bring you back until the next morning? (Cain, 166).
...then ran back to her car and drove off (Cain, 214).

to drive on.

1. To continue riding, driving, in an automobile.

...finally a sergeant came back and said for us to drive on up the road about half a mile (Pyle, 429).
We drove on for about fifty yards and stopped (Pyle, 427).
...she...told Tommy to drive on... (Cain, 214).
...it was impossible to drive the jeep on until Greek Partisan soldiers opened a path... (Yank, 218).
...we drove on out of town... (Pyle, 452).
The smell of death washed past us in waves as we drove on (Pyle, 427).

2. To force to continue; to impel continuation.

...Mildred felt...coldly brave, as the feeling within drove her on (Cain, 207).

to drive out. To ride in an automobile away from a place. (Often this implies the riding out of, from, a city into the country.)

We drove out to one of the ration dumps... (Pyle, 281).
...five of us drove out in a jeep... (Pyle, 250).
...she...took the wheel, and drove out again into Orange Grove Avenue (Cain, 248).
He drove out to Bragg because he wanted an excuse to get away from Jesse Fineman's suite... (Marquand, 169).

to drive out (of). To force away from; to force out; to cause to leave.

Leeds had hit him a terrific blow on the head in the fight which preceded his being driven out of camp (Gardner, 168).
Jap motar shells finally drove them out after three days (Yank, 53).
He beat up Hogarty and then drove him out of camp at the point of a gun, without blankets... (Gardner, 168).

to drive over. To ride in an automobile, car, some distance.

Would she care to drive over there? (Cain, 222).
...drive over with me while I put on my mockery of elegance... (Cain, 225).

to drive past. To ride by in an automobile and not stop.

One day an ammunition truck drove past and it had a little black-and-white dog standing on top of the hood (Pyle, 115).

to drive up.

1. To ride in a vehicle to a place or toward a place where the speaker of the sentence or subject of the sentence is and stop.

...Mildred saw the Engel's drive up with her mother, and sent her out to let them in (Cain, 111).
He watched the automobiles drive up and the chauffers get out... (Marquand, 256).
Then a ruddy-face man...drove up in one of those one-horse, high wheeled work carts... (Pyle, 377).
... some one drove up in a jeep... (Yank, 241).
It was around eleven when she drove up to the house... (Cain, 248).
While they worked they could hear the Japs digging, driving up more trucks full of men... (Yank, 92).
...he shouted to Pvt. Thomas Campbell of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was driving up... (Yank, 24).
Meanwhile the British Eighth Army was driving up rapidly from the south (Yank, 12).

2. To drive to, toward, the north, northward.

Meanwhile the British Eighth Army was driving up rapidly from the south (Yank, 12).

A Drive Yourself. A rental automobile; a car which is rented without a chauffer.

He rented a Drive-Yourself car from a garage near Park Square and drove through Somerville (Marquand, 170).

a driving license. A license issued by the state which legally permits a person to operate, drive, an automobile.

I call your attention to the fact that there is no wallet, no driving license, no business cards, and no currency... (Gardner, 129).
The cashier made her show her driving license, and an envelope addressed to her at that address (Gardner, 7).

a driving rain. A very hard rain; a rain that falls with exceptional force.

...into the night, a cold driving rain that went through you and out the other side (Yank, 49).

to drone on. To continue monotonously; to go on dully.

Time droned on endlessly while the tedious process of identifying each photograph went on (Gardner, 150).
And so the afternoon droned on with the state remorselessly piling up an avalanche of fingerprint evidence... (Gardner, 151).
The words droned on, and no one listened... (Marquand, 39).

to drop anchor. To allow an anchor to go to the sea bottom; to anchor a ship by means of an anchor.

He visited every ship as soon as it dropped anchor in Anzio waters... (Pyle, 276).
We nosed out to sea for a mile or so then dropped anchor for a couple of hours... (Pyle, 230).

to drop around. To visit; to make a call.

Just thought I'd drop around for a little visit, and maybe pick up a couple of things i left in the desk... (Cain, 53).
He had dropped around one night, after the children had gone to bed.... (Cain, 52).
They're clean and fresh and she can have them any time she drops around (Cain, 61).
...she said she was awfully glad he dropped around, and wanted him to feel welcome... (Cain, 61).
They kept her bustlingly busy, and she kept thinking what she would say to Bert, when he dropped around to see the children... (Cain, 18).

to drop back. To move toward the rear of a line; to allow a line to move faster than one does so that he nears the rear of the line.

...the captain dropped back and showed me where a shell had landed right in the path (Yank, 61).

to drop by. To visit; to make a call.

...whether Wally noticed this, or like it, or didn't like it, she cared no more than she cared whether he dropped by or didn't drop by (Cainm 93).
There after he dropped by rather often, arriving usually around nine... (Cain, 53).
They'll hand you a line and tell you they'll have a radio car drop by for an inspection... (Gardner, 79).

to drop down.

1. To fall earthward; to fall to the ground.

Colwell dropped down and looking the situation over, immediately radioed headquarters (Yank, 194).
He dropped down on the steps... (PYle, 282).

He dropped down beside her, took off his glasses, massaged his face to keep it from jerking (Cain, 103).
The Cub could drop down and land immediately (Pyle, 240).

2. To place; to put.

He might have been dropped down at a new field in any old country, and within a week he would have known half the natives in the adjoining village (Pyle, 213).

to drop down dead. To die suddenly; to die quickly and without warning.

...nothing could put off the moment when he must speak wunless he dropped down dead or ran away (Marquand, 165).

a drop-front desk. A desk, usually found in homes, whose writing surface folds upward and closes over the interior of the desk.

The book lay on the maple drop-front desk in the little formal parlor... (Marquand, 107).

to drop in. To make a call; to visit; to drop by.

Pilots from the various fields dropped in there when they were in town on leave (Pyle, 164).
I drop in once in a while (Gardner, 22).
Don't bother, we just dropped in (Marquand, 484).
It's just a matter of dropping in and seeing the 'Lissimo and Mei... (Marquand, 458).
They'll be dropping in now (Cain, 107).
I might have anticipated Leeds would drop in, and been ready for him (Gardner, 63).
It looked as though she'd dropped in, fixed things up with Milicant, and was back for a longer visit... (Gardner, 64).
Thought I'd drop in for instructions (Gardner, 12).
I dropped in to say hello... (Pyle, 350).
She received him as usual when he dropped in at the restaurant... (Cain, 158).
Mason said, "Think I'll drop in there for lunch.. (Gardner, 90).
"Why is it", Jim asked him, "when I drop in you always ask me that?" (Marquand, 59).
Many people dropped in... (Cain, 229).
You may have dropped in for a cup of chocolate... (Cain, 192).
Let's drop in at the USO and knock off a couple of letters (Yank, 209).
"You drop in", Razz said (Yank, 209).

a drop in the bucket. An insignificant amount; a very, very small amount; practically none at all.

An officer said, "At home, where gas is rationed, that would seem like an awful lot, but up here it's just a drop in the bucket and makes no difference at all (Pyle, 230).

to drop in on. To visit; to make a call on; to go to see. (See to drop in.)

And, if you're down this way again, will you drop in on me? Cain, 34).
We hope that you will drop in on us...very soon... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
Lead the way, Doctor, and please remember that we wish to drop in on the patient unannounced (Gardner, 35).

to drop into. To visit; to make a call on; to go to see.

One day I dropped into a prisoner-of-war collecting point and picked up a little lore about the super race (Pyle, 122).

to drop into lap. To receive, get, unsolicited; to get without trying for.

Shortly, as a result of the neighborhood trade, there dropped into her lap another restaurant contract (Cain, 68).

to drop a line. To write a letter, note, postcard to one.

...slipping into something more comfortable, I though I'd drop you a line (Yank, 83).

a drop of water. A drink of water; a small amount of water for drinking.

He had not had a bite to eat or a drop of water (Pyle, 433).

to drop off. To slope precipately; to fall away; to extend downward sharply.

...cliffs that dropped off into 500 feet of nothingness (Yank, 178).

to drop off. To let one get out of an automobile; to take one to aplace and let him out of a car.

...Mildred dropped him off... (Cain, 204).

to drop off like flies. To die rapidly; to die quickly; hence, to disappear quickly.

In fact, in the last weeks of the campaign, the correspondents themselves dropped off like flies with malaria (Pyle, 87).

to drop off to sleep. To fall asleep; to go to sleep; to sleep.

...she wriggled into his belly quite possessively, and dropped off to sleep with a sign of deep content (Cain, 95).
...sometimes we would drop off to sleep... (Pyle, 383).

a drop of rain. A small amount of rain; a little rain.

There wasn't a drop of rain (Pyle, 91).

to drop over. To visit; to make a call; to go to see.

Ask him if he can drop over, will you? (Cain, 20).
...a major, who has dropped over to see what the shooting was about.. (Yank, 204).
I'll drop over there this afternoon... (Cain, 250).
Next morning, Mildred was glumly washing the dinner dishes when Mrs. Gessler dropped over, to give an account of the party (Cain, 31).

to drop past. To visit; to make a call; to go to see.

...I introduced myself, and said I'd like to drop past that evening and see his stove blow up (Pyle, 219).

to drown out. To make so much sound, noise, that other sounds cannot be heard. (Also figurative.)

The sound was like that of a machine that increases in speed until its noise drowns out all else (Pyle, 376).
....."Seig Heil", "Heil Hitler", (Read "Theft" and "Rape" and "Murder") Drowned out the cries in Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, France. (Yank, 153).

a drug store. A chemists shop; a pharmacy. (This store, however, sells many things other than drugs. It may well sell tobacco, candy, pipes, cosmetics, postal cards, cold drinks, sandwiches, meals, clocks, toys, medical supplies, and many other items.)

...Bert told her to get him to a drug store... (Cain, 203).
Well, yet -- in the local version of a drug store there is a juke box like none other you've ever heard (Yank, 75).

a drum major. A band leader; a man who marches in front of a band to direct their marching and to direct the music.

The sergeant began to swing the umbrella the way a drum major twirls his baton... (Yank, 29).

to drum up. To find; to look for and find; to make an effort and get.

Gunner Sergeant Alban Petchal...said that if I would come over...they'd see if they couldn't drum up a snack before bedtime (Pyle, 214).
We got a friendly mess sergeant to drum us up some cans of Vienna sausage ... (Pyle, 408).
On the strength of her new contract, she had a phone putin, and began to drum up more trade with the neighborhood customers... (Cain, 68).
If a person wanted to be romantic he could drum up in his imagination an artillery crew absolutely falling in love with its gun (Pyle, 108).

to be drunk with. To be intoxicated with; to be filled with; to be extremely, unusually, happy about.

She was drunk with the glory of the Valahalla she had entered... (Cain, 233).

dry-goods box. A large wooden packing box in which cloth, clothing, is shipped. (In this citation it is used to mean a piano that is old and upright.)

...she never misses a day on that dry-goods box at her grandfather's... (Cain, 132).

dry humor. Keen shrewd, humor which appeals to the intellect.

He had a dry Scottish humor, and he took the Navy in his stride (Pyle, 40).

a dry joke. Ironic humor; irony.

...nobody laughed at what might have seemed a dry joke in other circumstances (Yank, 160).

to dry out. To become dry; to lose wetness, moisture, by drying.

The water was cold, but a high wind dried them out in less than half an hour, all but their shoes which kept squishing inside for the rest of the day (Pyle, 28).

a dry run. That which is done for practice; a rehearsal.

She had to locate his pulse, get her watch ready and make a couple of dry runs (Saturday Evening Post, Nov. 27, 1943, 12).
They spent the next three months making dry runs (Yank, 32).
And they never ought to have a dry run (Yank, 149).
Then there were more dry runs and maneuvers... (Yank, 32).

not a dry thread on. All one's clothing is wet, soaked.

...by evening there wasn't a dry thread on us (Pyle, 400).

dry toast. Toast which is not buttered; toast without butter on it.

Orange juice, oatmeal, bacon and eggs, fried on one side and not too much, dry toast, and large coffee (Cain, 89).

to duck in. To enter by lowering one's head. (This implies that the opening, door, or the like is quite low so that one must lower his head to get in.)

...I would duck in and talk for a moment and put down a name or two (Pyle, 404).

to duck behind. To go behind quickly for the purpose of hiding.

I ducked behind the well... (Yank, 125).

to duck down. To lower one's body, but to remain on one's feet or knees.

I'd duck down until he passed, praying he wouldn't see me (Yank, 25).

to duck out. To leave hurriedly, quickly; from; to get away rapidly from.

She ducked out the screen door, ran across the yards, and presently was back... (Cain, 24).

dude ranch. A ranch, farm, usually in the West, which takes paying guests. Some are principally cattle ranches but take guests for extra money, while others are principally hotels.

It was the same sort of motivation that caused city girls on dude ranches to fall in love with cowboys... (Marquand, 286).

due to. Owing to; because of; on account of.

...his success was all luck, due to the location of his land rather than to his own personal qualities (Cain, 7).
It was due, I think, largely to the fact that the whole organization had been made into a real team (Pyle, 321).
He thought humbly that this was due to his natural stupidity... (Marquand, 176).
This wasn't entirely due to her ideas of social superiority (Cain, 63).
...When I explain that due to our recent retrenchment program...I have had to put off this memo (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

a dumb cluck. A stupid person; a dull person; an unimaginative person.

In addition to being dirty bastards, and very dumb clucks, they are also goddam liars (Cain, 23).

to dump down. To drop uncerimoniously; to drop carelessly.

...he dumped her down on the hummocky bed (Cain, 171).

to dump in lap. To give one the responsibility for it; to let one have the responsibility of it.

"That", he said, "dumps it right in Marcia Whittaker's lap" (Gardner, 85).

to dunk a doughnut. To dip a doughnut into coffee or cocoa, hot chocolate before eating it.

We must get a picture of you boys dunking doughnuts with the girls... (Yank, 159).

the duration and six (months). (The term of the enlistment of the civilian soldiers in World War II was for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.)

Not for the duration and six you can't (Yank, 64).

dust jacket. A paper covering used to protect new books from dust, dirt, and damage in handling.

...the human and warm thumbnail biography of Walter Newcombe that appeared on the rear of what is known in the publishing trade as the "dust jacket" (Marquand, 22).

dust storm. A wind, breeze, which carries an enormous amount of dust.

...we had driven all night in a dust storm (Pyle, 393).

Dutch cap. A small, cloth cap worn by women.

She went to Bullocks, and bought sharkskin dresses...and had little Dutch caps made to go with them (Cain, 119).

Dutch oven. An oven constructed of bricks in which a fire is built and kept until the oven is hot; the fire is then withdrawn and the heat in the walls of the oven furnishes the heat for cooking.

There was the Dutch oven in the Rumpus Room, for instance, which had been all covered up with plaster... (Marquand, 110).

duty calls. One recognizes one's duty; one understands one's duty.

But duty called, and I made a forced march... (Yank, 228).

to dwindle off. To diminish gradually; to cease, stop, gradually.

Finally the Italian fire dwindled off. Then the two destroyers went in as close to shore as they could get... (Pyle, 24).

dyed in the wool. Whole hearted; thoroughly convinced.

Some of the German officers were pleased at being captured, but the dyed-in-the-wool Nazi was not (Pyle, 379).
It was only the dyed-in-the-wool Nazis who got on their high horses and refused to talk (Pyle, 123).

dying statement. A statement made by a person who is dying. This is usually accepted as fact by the courts in as much as a person about to die is presumed to have no reason for lying.

...should not be admitted in evidence unless it is shown that it was a dying statement (Gardner, 189).

to be dying to (infinitive). To want badly to; to desire greatly to.

But I suppose you'll be dying to go... (Marquand, 206).
We're all so dying to know (Marquand, 121).
We're all dying to see you (Marquand, 331).
...he was really dying to get into a fight (Yank, 124).

each other. One another; one and the other; one and the others. (This implies reciprocation.)

The men on the bridge looked at each other (Yank, 44).
We tried...to tell each other what...wh knew of the men... (Yank, 243).
Men asked each other who was hurt, where was the ship damaged, how high were the flames (Yank, 45).
But they had faith in the armor, faith in the engine, faith in each other (Yank, 47).
...as soon as they saw each other they would hurry toward each other faster... (Marquand, 286).
Maybe the Japs like each other's company (Yank, 52).
He wondered if all the people...repeated those stories endlessly to each other... (Marquand, 135).
...one thing about the New Dealers annoyed Jeffrey -- they were always calling each other by their first names... (Marquand, 211).
He thought of it when he read about the couples kissing each other carefully, lingeringly, or thoughtfully, or hungrily (Marquand, 207).
We stood and stared at each other over the big pile of gold... (Gardner, 113).
Two boys about eleven or twelve...were chasing each other and shouting on the lawn (Marquand, 171).
They meet weekly to exchange condolences and cry in their beer while telling each other the mournful story... (Yank, 35).
You two kids like each other quite a lot, don't you? (Marquand, 552).
...exchanged those same remarks for a long while without knowing much about each other (Marquand, 397).
They did not look at each other, but he knew what they both were thinking (Marquand, 290).
Members wre required to give each other the needle... (Yank, 35).
...when you get a whole house full of the townspeople reading the subtitles to each other... (Yank, 29).
The German plan is to fill the plants with different nationalities and keep them suspicious of each other... (Yank, 70).
...one day he and Louis ran into each other in the elevator (Gardner, 167).
...they swore rippling oaths at each other... (Yank, 122).
...we looked at each other in disbelief (Pyle, 437).
...they had run onto each other for the first time in more than two years (Pyle, 441).
We stared, and couldn't say anything about it to each other (Pyle, 452).
...we got each other, haven't we? (Cain, 260).
All we can do is...be as tolerant with each other as we can (Pyle, 566).
While we could now see each other plainly... (Pyle, 324).
Our only words to each other were "Take it easy" (Pyle, 354).
They had faith in each other (Pyle, 344).
...they razzed each other constantly about their home states (Pyle, 422).
...the ordnance companies began leapfrogging each other... (Pyle, 420).
Those five knew each other... (Pyle, 416).

He and Uncle Alden stumbled onto each other years ago... (Gardner, 8).
It's important for men...to know each other... (Yank, 149).
...when these guys started bumping into each other their helmets fell off (Yank, 185).
The Japs were stumbling and falling over each other (Yank, 185).
The men finger their rifles...looking around at each other (Yank, 204).
They were just knocking around, throwing stakes at each other... (Yank, 182).
.. the later comers ran, beckoned to each other, and followed hurrying ushers... (Cain, 239).
Artists should call each other by their first names (Marquand, 120).
At the moment Sidney and Marianna were themselves, probably quarrelling, because they did not like each other... (Marquand, 78).
...men bumped into each other (Pyle, 393).
They played jokes on each other... (Pyle, 224).
Finally everybody stopped and called out to each other in order to get reassembled (Pyle, 200).
...the rats began eating each other... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
All we could do was wink at each other (Pyle, 134).
We could hear the shells chase each other through the sky across the mountain ahead, making a sound like a cold wind blowing on a winter night (Pyle, 99).

eager beaver. An overly anxious, helpful, person; one who works, tries too hard.

Pft. May reacted like the eager beaver he was (Yank, 186).
Capt. Harte and Lt. Haddow looked plenty different from the eager beavers who had coaxed the K-26 off the ground so many hours ago (Yank, 119).

early supper. A supper prepared and eaten before the usual time a family eats in the evening.

Then, after an early supper, she had Letty take Veda to a moving picture show (Cain, 114).

the early thirties. The period between 1930 and 1935.

In the late Twenties and even the early Thirties, a lot of good writers had taken a crack at it... (Marquand, 231).

to earn a living. To earn money which one spends for living; food, shelter, clothing, etc.

...she wanted to know if it was fair that she be penalized for what she had done, and denied the right to earn her living like anybody else (Cain, 37).
...but he should probably have reminded Jim that he was in his second year of college and that he would have to earn his living (Marquand, 62).

"Well," Jeffrey answered, "it's one way to earn your living" (Marquand, 301).

to earn --- own way. To earn one's living; to support oneself financially.

I had to earn my own way (Gardner, 52).

--- ears burn. (When "one's ears burn", that is, when one's ears feel exceptionally warm, it is supposed that people are gossiping, talking about one.)

...his ears burning from the derision at headquarters (Yank, 167).

to ease off on. To reduce the pressure, strain, stress on.

Then she eased off a little on the gas, breathed a long tremulous sigh (Cain, 62).

to ease --- pain. To reduce one's pain; to take away one's pain, suffering.)

They murmured on, and her lips began to twitch as she realized they were mainly for her benefit, to ease her pain (Cain, 113).

to ease the pressure. To reduce the pressure; to relieve the pressure.

...that would kind of ease the pressure all around (Cain, 247).

to ease up. To raise gently, carefully, and slowly.

The ramp was eased up onto dry ground... (Pyle, 356).

easy chair. A comfortable, overstuffed chair.

We sat in easy chairs... (Pyle, 350).

to be easy on --- . To allow one much freedom of choice; to let one do much as one pleases.

They might be too easy on them (Yank, 28).

an easy point. In dice, crap games, the sum of the numbers shown on each die is a point. An "easy point" is one which very frequently appears.

One of the boys told me this was an easy point to make... (Yank, 173).

an easy time. An abundance of pleasure, and a lack of difficult, strenuous work.

I've always had a pretty damned good time, a pretty easy time (Marquand, 578).

easy way --- has about (one). Poise; savoir faire; ease.

...the exotic GIs with 50 missions...their medals and the quiet easy way they had about them (Yank, 187).

to eat it up. To enjoy; to be very well pleased with.

All agreed that the people were eating it up (Cain, 240).
...these people were eating it up (Cain, 240).

to eat the last of. To eat all of; to eat every bit of.

By nine o'clock there were only two customers left, and as they were eating the last of the chickens... (Cain, 126).

to eat like a king. To eat good food very well cooked.

...there was one thing about having Negro stoops -- you always ate like a king (Pyle, 281).

to be able to eat off the floor. (Said to indicate how clean a house, floor, is.)

It was so spotless you could have eaten off the floor (Pyle, 263).

to eat out.

1. To eat at a place not one's residence, home; to eat at a restaurant.

We traveled continuously, moved camp every few days, ate out, slept out, wrote wherever we could... (Pyle, 85).

2. To reprimand; to scold; to speak harshly.

They wear clothes best adapted for jungle fighting, without fear of being eaten out by some very GI superior (Yank, 129).

to eat outdoors. To eat one's meal out-of-doors, in the open, as on a picnic.

I know why it is -- she's never had to eat outdoors (Marquand, 548).

to eat out of. To eat from, as a plate, dish, messkit, etc.

These officers ate out of a mess kit... (Yank, 216).

to eat up.

1. To eat all of; to eat every bit of.

"And were you so hungry," he asked, "that you ate up everything off the plate?" (Gardner, 202).
"Don't be such a greedy pig," Louella said, "and eat up all my fudge" (Marquand, 204).

2. To look at and be favorably affected by; to be highly impressed by.

...I see the little nun who let me in eat up the gunner's wings and the service ribbons (Yank, 188).
...the crew ate it up (Yank, 15).

eggnog party. A party, usually near Christmas or New Year's Day at which eggnog is served. (Eggnog is a mixture of cream, eggs, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and whiskey.)

Then before you got over Christmas there was New Years with eggnog parties given by people who... (Marquand, 326).

to egg on. To persuade; to needle; to irritate; to push.

...Veda egged Mr. Teviso on to more stories (Cain, 185).
...could sit in his pyramidal tent at division CP and egg on his regimental reporters by phone... (Yank, 40).

eight day clock. A clock which will run eight days after being wound; a clock that needs winding once every eight days.

There was a table beside the bed with books on it and... an eight-day clock in a leather case (Marquand, 359).

electric chair. The device used in prisons to electrocute, kill with electricity, prisoners condemned to death.

...as though walking to the electric chair, she turned around, headed for the kitchen (Cain, 45).

electric clock. A clock operated by electricity.

And this was an electric clock in the restaurant? (Gardner, 148).
We've got an electric clock down there, and I figured Conway...might get sore... (Gardner, 147).
"These electric clocks are always right?" Mason asked (Gardner, 148).

electric drill. A drill, bit, auger, operated by an electric motor.

...the end of an electric drill... (Pyle, 422).

electric iron. An iron for pressing clothes heated by electricity.

He made the hot chocolate on an electric iron... (Pyle, 413).
But the reason I'm writing about Lamparty was his electric iron (Pyle, 413).

electric razor. A device for removing whiskers operated by electricity. (Also called an "electric shaver".)

...he repaired fountain pens, radios, electric razors,.. (Pyle, 411).
They were heaped up beside a display of electric razors and electric heating pads (Marquand, 240).

electric sign. Advertising signs illuminated by electric lights.

The electric signs stood nakedly against the sky like the frames of elaborate fireworks displays (Marquand, 266).
...the traffic and the electric signs around Times Square confused him... (Marquand, 281).

an element of. A bit of; a portion of.

...there was an element of justice in this arrangement... (Cain, 247).
...their element of surprise was so great that a small fort...was taken with a minimum of casualties (Yank, 122).

elevator indicator. A dial which shows at which floor the elevator is.

There's an elevator indicator over the elevator shaft (Gardner, 77).

to embarrass --- before. To embarrass one in the presence of.

I literally can't open my mouth in a theatre...that she isn't there... embarrassing me before people... (Cain, 253).

emergency hospital. A hospital which treats people seriously, dangerously, injured, ill, from accidents, etc.

They keep the names of persons injured in automobile accidents and persons taken to the emergency hospitals (Gardner, 82).

enchanted life. A luxurious, happy, exciting life.

...it would jeopardize the enchanted life that Veda now led... (Cain, 147).

to encourage --- to. To try to get one to; to ask one to.

He encouraged her to talk... (Cain, 246).

the end is in sight. The end is foreseeable; the end is aproœching.

"Why, it means the end of the war is in sight" Cpl. Starker said happily (Yank, 95).

the end justifies the means. The result is what is of importance; the methods of attaining the result can be bad or good.

It's a case where the ends justify the means (Gardner, 209).

to end --- life. To kill oneself; to commit suicide.

...Sonny Boy phoning me...that if I didn't marry him he'd end his young life... (Cain, 196).

an end man. One who assists another in telling a funny story, joke. (From the negro minstrels in which there was the interlocutor and the end men who sat at each end of a semi-circle of men.)

A guy named George served as Sally's end man (Pyle, 244).

the end of the world. The end, finish, of everything.

"It's just a sort of feeling," Jeffrey said, "like the end of the world" (Marquand, 125).

the end of the rainbow. An enchanted place at which superstition says there is a pot of gold.

On the night of the tenth day they came to the end of their rainbow (Pyle, 217).

end over end. Head over heels; over and over.

...Jerry...was about 20 feet in the air, turning end over end (Yank, 126).

andend run. A wide circling movement. (Football term.)

The Marauders had just completed a 75-mile end run around enemy positions ... (Yank, 91).

to end --- suffering. To kill one.

He wasn't killed instantly, and they had to end his sufferings (Pyle, 240).

an end to. A finish to; a stopping of.

Monty, pleading for an end to "this damned nonsense"... (Cain, 265).

end to end. Lengthwise; an end of one adjoining an end of another and so on.

Finally, there were five lying end to end in a long row (Pyle, 155).

to end up. To finish; to come to an end.

...when Jeffrey had called in Mr. Gorman to go over the matter, he and Mr. Gorman had ended up by telling each other jokes (Marquand, 500).
It always ended up with him and Madge (Marquand, 148).
After all those other people, they would always end up irrevocably alone (Marquand, 148).
...he ran the Washington Bureau for another paper, and ended up...as a syndicated columnist with an income of fifty thousand a year (Marquand, 278).
Then he knew that the whole thing was ending up in nothong (Marquand, 310).
...no matter how self-conscious and silly they might have been at first, always ended up by having a good time together... (Marquand, 339).
In all their encounters he always ended up by not being fair to Charley (Marquand, 506).
...and the Macduff in a British repertory performance of "Macbeth" "laid on" with such gusto that Macbeth also ended up in a hospital (New Yorker, XIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
...she had pictured a vague scene, which would end up with "Mother'll tell you more about it some day" (Cain, 12).

to engage in. To take part in; to participate in.

...his destroyer was also engaged in amphibian landings... (Yank, 170).
...actually engaged in combat (Yank, 173).

England expects every man to do his duty. (Said by Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar: "England expects that every man will do his duty".)

One was a British Tommy, saying that England expected every man to do his duty... (Marquand, 180).

to engineer a deal. To promote; to act as an entrepreneur. (This implies a 'shady deal', one which may be legal, but unscrupulous.)

Wally was engineering a little deal (Cain, 247).

engineering feat. A remarkable accomplishment of engineering skill and ability.

That brief military ceremony marked the completion of the first phase of an engineering feat that rivals the Alaska Military Highway... (Yank, 177).

an enlisted man. The common soldier, sailor, airman; not a commissioned officer.

It was hard to think of him as an enlisted man (Pyle, 333).
Patrick was the only enlisted man of the crew who was recommended for the Navy Cross (Yank, 44).

Yesterday an enlisted man was bitten by a dog... (Yank, 137).
We're ever so glad that you're enlisted men... (Yank, 150).
...I also bring tidings from the American enlisted men (Yank, 31).

en route. On (one's) way, journey, to.

En route the kit was placed by considerate stevedores between the engine-room boilers and a shipment of Grant tanks (Yank, 140).
...Lt. William A. Wendt who had been bailed out near Jap territory en route home... (Yank, 195).

to enter --- mind. To be thought of; to come into one's mind.

...when this thought entered her mind... (Cain, 208).
...something that hadn't entered her mind (Cain, 189).
It didn't even enter my mind (Cain, 164).

to be entitled to. To have a right to; to be deserving of.

...looks like we're entitled to a little consideration too, don't it? (Cain, 246).
...we're all entitled to our opinion (Cain, 219).
...the creditors had furnished her with goods, and were entitled to payment... (Cain, 247).
He wasn't entitled to something that would make things so much easier for her... (Cain, 58).
There had been visits to Los Angeles Street, to order the equipment her precious credit entitled her to... (Cain, 88).

escort carrier. A small aircraft carrier; a ship designed to carry air planes and launch and land them, used to protect the convoys of ships.

That beats a previous high scorer; the escort carrier 'B'..., another 'baby flat-top', and her escorts (Time, Nov. 22, 1943, 26).

esprit de corps. The spirit, unity, of a group; a feeling of all members of a group that they belong together and they should work together.

If yer a good fighting man you got esprit de corpse (Yank, 103).
They's nothing the matter with this man except esprit de corpse (Yank, 103).

evaporated milk. Milk, sold in cans, which has had a large amount of the water content evaporated, withdrawn.

...a conscious effort to be very sure that everyone had the sugar and the evaporated milk (Marquand, 220).

an even break. A fifty-fifty chance; a chance without odds.

From now on we get an even break with the people who make up packages (Yank, 140).

even features. Regular facial features; proportionate features.

Charley's even features...resembled rather more closely his mother's than his father's... (Marquand, 506).

even if. No matter if; in spite of the probability or fact that.

Even if you have all of those papers, there's going to be an investigation (Gardner, 119).
You knew that even if you were bailed out, you'd never be allowed to reopen your business (Gardner, 199).
Even if they hadn't seen this, they could look as though they had (Marquand, 36).

evening bag. A small handbag carried by a woman wearing evening dress.

...she opened her evening bag, took out a crisp $10 bill... (Cain, 170).

evening clothes. Formal dress. (Tuxedo, tails, stiff shirt, etc., for men and long formal dresses for women.)

...car...filled with people in evening clothes... (Cain, 173).
"How are you fixed for evening clothes?" the clerk asked (Marquand, 255).
There were a cellaret and a dressing room where Jesse could relax on a couch or change into evening clothes if he had to... (Marquand, 267).

evening dress. A formal gown, dress, for a woman.

...Mrs. Gessler appeared...in a bright red evening dress... (Cain, 229).
In the black evening dress... (Cain, 230).

evening gown. Formal evening dress for a woman.

...models disporting themselves in static groups, decked in the latest evening gowns (Marquand, 240).
...gone into Bullock's and picked out an evening gown (Cain, 159).

even money. A condition of a bet without odds. (A dollar bet will pay a dollar; no more, no less.)

It's an even money bet that John Milicant has either committed suicide or has been murdered (Gardner, 68).
I hear oldsters offering to make bets at even money that we wouldn't get hit at all (Pyle, 6).

even so. No matter; in spite of everything.

The trees on each side had been marked...but even so we did get lost a couple of times... (Pyle, 202).

They were only medical students, but even so there was a gratifying sense of triumph (Yank, 204).
Even so, civilians of any race are the exception (Yank, 76).
...even so, the qualities of strength and decision came through (Yank, 248).

even though. Although; granting that; notwithstanding that.

He knew those Japs were there even though he couldn't see them (Yank, 145).
He was fond of telling his roommate that even though he had never been to college... (Yank, 89).

ever since. At all times since.

He had been with the ship ever since she was commissioned... (Pyle, 39).
When I came back from Germany, my mother-in-law gave us her apartment to live in, and our kid's been wrecking the place ever since (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
I've known it ever since I first laid eyes on her (Cain, 13).
Ever since, they had a wonderful time... (Pyle, 348).
Ever since he can remember, Mac has gone rabbit hunting in the winter (Yank, 22).
"Ever since the last war," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 375).
Ever since you knew for certain that you were going overseas, you've somehow resented the cadre... (Yank, 64).
Ever since my induction... (Yank, 215).
...she had used him for her special purposes ever since she had met him (Cain, 253).

ever so. (This is used as an intensive for the word that follows.)

...I'd notice them grinning to themselves and dancing ever so slightly as they went about their serving (Pyle, 40).
We're ever so glad that you're enlisted men... (Yank, 160).

every bit. All; all that; all of.

They made every man eat every bit he took. (Pyle, 340).

every cent. Every bit of the money; all of the money.

...beg or borrow enough money pronto to pay back every cent... (Yank, 173).

every day. Each day; all the days.

...the supplies to the boys...still went through every day... (Yank, 179).
You, lying there every day, dreaming about rainbows, (Cain, 187).
...the owner of the Paper...appeared at his office every day (Marquand, 24).

every day or so. Frequently; often; sometimes; (at daily intervals).

Every day or so somebody brought up the suggestion that the cook was putting Italian dogs in the chow (Pyle, 115).

every few minutes. Frequently; often; at frequent intervals.

Every few minutes a shell would smack a few hundred yards away (Pyle, 251).

every hour on the hour. Hourly at the beginning of each hour, for example at six o'clock, seven o'clock, eight o'clock, and so on.

...they shell this barn every hour on the hour (Pyle, 428).

every inch of the way. All of the way. (This is used as an intensive emphasizing the importance of the smallest part of the way.)

They marched almost 170 miles in nine days, fighting every inch of the way... (Yank, 24).

every little thing. Things, situations, rules, etc., of small, little importance.

...she "didn't believe in beating children for every little thing" (Gardner, 73).

every minute of it. All of it; all the time it lasted. (This is used as an intensive to emphasize the completeness of.)

I enjoyed every minute of it (Marquand, 147).

every now and then. Frequently; occasionally; often; sometimes.

Every now and then the lieutenant would phone battalion headquarters... (Pyle, 199).
Every now and then he would miss the stake... (Pyle, 396).
Every now and then snipers would pick off a man (Pyle, 397).
...every now and then all four motors would stop... (Pyle, 348).
...they filtered to either side of the road, stopping and squatting down every now and then to wait a few minutes (Pyle, 401).
Every now and then I would run in to take a shower bath, like a child playing with a new toy (Pyle, 3).

every once in a while. Frequently; occasionally; often; sometimes.

They said that every once in a while he would start singing (Pyle, 331).

We could hear their trucks pulling up, and every once in a while we could spot a few of them... (Yank, 91).
One of the little services we perform for our readers is checking every once in a while on the scientists (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947) 17).

everyone else. Every one, all the people except the one mentioned in the sentence.

Jeffrey had a feeling that everyone else at the party was like him... (Marquand, 324).

every other.

1. Alternate. (For example: in the series 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, every other one would be 1,3,5,7,9, or 2,4,6,8,10.)

And I thought -- well, down where I work practically every other order is for chicken... (Cain, 77).

2. All of the others; all of.

...to keep the gunners in touch with every other part of the beach head ... (Yank, 39).

every size, shape, and kind. Of every conceivable kind; of all kinds; of all varieties.

...he bagged some twenty-eight thousand bugs of practically every size, shape, and kind... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13,1947, 26).

every so often. Frequently; occasionally; now and then; off and on.

...a spot along our route that the Kraut sprayed every so often in the hope of catching just such a party as ours (Yank, 58).
Some walls had shell gaps every so often... (Pyle, 184).

every time. Each time.

...every time a shell would come in this goat would dive for a foxhole (Yank, 245).
Every time transport planes roared over to drop rations... (Yank, 176).
He went to see the beast every time he could get a pass (Pyle, 346).

every which way. In all directions; in no one direction; aimlessly.

And going around like she does with her breasts wobbling every which way so any man's got to look at her, whether he wants to or not (Cain, 14).

except for. Without; had it not been for.

...they would never have found it except for the help of a friendly farmer (Yank, 25).

to exchange glances. To look at each other, one another, knowingly.

Another minute went by, and Mildred saw glances exchanged between nurses (Cain, 103).
The officers exchanged glances and sized Mason up (Gardner, 42).

to exclaim at. To speak with strong emotion concerning;

Bert...exclaimed at the "rottenness" of a dirty wop that would treat a young girl that way (Cain, 198).

to be expected of. To be hoped for; to be looked for as due.

...for the bar...had outdone all that had been expected of it (Cain, 152).

to expect the worst. To look forward to the worst possible things happening; to be pessimistic.

I'd expected the worst during the ride but nothing had happened and now I remarked... (Yank, 57).

expense account. Payment for expenses involved; reimbursement for expenses.

Drake said, "I always like to eat with a client who's on an expense account." (Gardner, 124).

expert eye. The observation of an expert; expertly; expertness.

With an expert eye, she noted what would have to be done to it... (Cain, 176).

to explain to. To make clear to; to clarify to, for.

He...turned to her as though he had to explain something to a child (Cain, 146).

to explode a bombshell. To make a startling disclosure; to uncover, make well known, an unbelievable secret.

When he had finished with some forty-two exhibits, he started exploding his bombshell, a bombshell which was legally powerful... (Gardner, 151).

expression on --- face. The arrangement of the features on one's face which indicates emotion felt by one.

He lay there with a dogged, shocked expression on his face... (Yank, 193).

extended period of time. A long time; a time longer than usual.

...specialists who "are and have been for an extended period of time critically needed by the Army" (Yank, 171).

eye dropper. A device which is used to dispense liquids one drop at a time; medicine dropper.

Wescott...spent the afternoon feeding them condensed milk through an eye-dropper (Pyle, 412).

--- eyes are on. One's glance is at; one is looking at.

"A small ring makes better training," he said, but his eyes were still on the horse (Marquand, 375).

--- eyes are filled with. (One's emotions are shown clearly in one's eyes.) One's eyes show the emotion of.

...when we place the tent over his head, his eyes were filled with an anxious, despairing fear (Yank, 193).

--- eyes blaze. Strong emotion seemed to be shown through one's eyes.

Mildred jumped up, her eyes blazing... (Cain, 205).

--- eyes get heavy. One's eyelids seem to become heavy; one's eyelids tend to remain closed. (This implies sleepiness.)

Then my eyes got heavy too (Pyle, 392).

--- eyes light up. The expression on one's face indicats pleasure or anticipated pleasure.

Mason's eyes lit up (Gardner, 155).

--- eyes meet --- . One looks at another who in turn looks at him; to look at each other, one another.

His eyes met hers before she was through the kitchen door... (Cain, 90).

--- eyes are on the floor. One looks downward; one looks toward the floor.

...her eyes were on the floor... (Cain, 253).

--- face breaks into a smile. One begins to smile; one smiles after not having smiled.

Bill Swinburne looked at him in the way in which acquaintances of their age always regarded each other, and his face broke into a quick... smile (Marquand, 572).
His face broke into a sunny smile... (Cain, 148).

--- face drops. One expresses surprise, astonishment, bewilderment, or the like in one's face.

Artie's face dropped as though Lefty Gomez had thrown it when he was in his prime (Yank, 99).

to face an enemy. To come into combat with an enemy; to fight an enemy, as in war.

It was the first Negro combat outfit to face the enemy in France (Yank, 134).

to be faced with. To be compelled, forced, to consider, to think about; to have forced upon one's attention.

...when faced with the necessity of overpowering a sentry... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
...the Japs on Bougainville were faced with the choice of starving because their supply lines had been cut... (Yank, 51).
Suddenly faced with a three cent basis for his folding money, extravagance becomes rife (Yank, 66).

to face the fact. To consider the fact; to acknowledge and think about the fact.

Jeffrey was facing the fact that nothing which Milton considered permanent was going to be permanent. (Marquand, 406).

--- face freezes. The expression of emotion on one's face becomes fixed, immobile.

His face froze for a moment, but then he picked up his cue with surprising convincingness (Cain, 58).

to face front. To turn one's body toward the front.

It's all right, turn around, face front, but oh, no, they back out all the way to door (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

--- face grows hard. The expression of emotions on one's face indicates controlled anger.

The squint appeared, and her face grew hard (Cain, 205).

--- face grows red. One's face becomes dark pink from embarrassment; one blushes.

In the second's silence that followed, Jeffrey felt his face grow red (Marquand, 258).

to face it. To acknowledge an unpleasant problem or situation and accept or deny responsibility for it.

He would have to tell Madge in the evening and he did not like to face it... (Marquand, 575).
The self-revelation of it was painful, but he had to face it (Marquand, 497).

---face lights up. One's facial expression indicates, shows, pleasurable anticipation.

The girls' faces had lighted up when Alf's name was mentioned (Marquand, 365).
"Yes," Jesse Fineman said, and his face lighted up (Marquand, 270).
When she saw Jim her face lighted up and she might have been a girl whom he had asked to a college dance (Marquand, 65).
Marine buddies meet on the street and their faces light up and they start off by saying... (Yank, 76).
...for one flash his face lit up... (Cain, 225).
His face lit up and he bellowed "Yes!" (Cain, 126).
His face lit up... (Cain, 164).
It was pathetic to see Fred's face light up (Marquand, 579).

to face the music. To acknowledge an unpleasant problem, situation, and attempt to solve it, or remedy it, or to place responsibility for it.

You'd have stayed and faced the music (Gardner, 180).
Don't leave Inez to face the music alone (Gardner, 165).
Come back here and face the music (Gardner, 165).
...Come back here, Harold, and face the music (Gardner, 165).

to face odds. To be in an unfavorable position; to seem to be sure to lose.

Our troops faced such odds that our getting ashore was like my whipping Joe Louis (Pyle, 360).

face of a check. The amount of money for which a check is wretten.

"That's the face of the check, isn't it?" Mr. Leeds asked (Gardner, 66).

--- face sags. One's facial expression indicates, shows, slow realization of something unpleasant.

She stood smiling as the dreadful truth dawned in him, and his face sagged numbly (Cain, 60).

face to face. Vis a vis; in the position, condition, of being so that the faces of two are toward each other. (Also attributive.)

...he went into full particulars as to...what he would say when he had him face to face... (Cain, 198).
And there are face-to-face classes in shorthand, grammar... (Yank, 234).

face to face with.

1. In such a position so that one faces another, one's face is toward another's face.

All at once he was face to face with Marianna Miller (Marquand, 354).
One said, "Think of hitting the beach tonight, seasick as hell, with your stomach upside down, and straight off you come face to face with an Italian with a big garlic breath (Pyle, 20).
Finally Buck stepped around one corner of the house, and came face to face with the German... (Pyle, 197).
Now that he was face to face with Mr. Gorman, there seemed more ways than he could specify (Marquand, 513).
...he never knew how it happened, except that he could not have been looking, for suddenly he was face to face with Louella Barnes (Marquand, 168).

2. In such a position that one must acknowledge and recognize an unpleasant problem or situation; (this implies a necessity for remedy or solution.)

...she woke up to the fact that she was face to face with one of the major decisions of her life (Cain, 44).
There was no time at all now, since you were face to face with something that was very close to zero (Marquand, 220).

to face up. To be in a position so that the front, face, is upward.

...upper-teeth lug facing up... (Yank, 121).

the fact of the matter. Actually; truthfully; honestly; really.

Fact of the matter, Pop wants to stand the expense, anyhow (Cain, 106).

a factor enters into. An element, factor, part of something, which is, becomes, important.

I have told you what factors entered into my diagnosis (Gardner, 33).

facts and figures. Statistics.

We have gathered some facts and figures about the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

the facts of life. The methods and operations of human reproduction, Hence, by extension, common, useful knowledge.

I suggest Sgt. O'Hara...learn the facts of life.... (Yank, 214).

to fade out.

1. To diminish in intensity gradually; to cease slowly.

And the studio orchestra fading softly out; and the room.... (Yank, 72).
It faded out with the rifle shots and Marianna Miller watching, wide-eyed (Marquand, 423).

2. To disappear purposely; to hide oneself; to go away surreptitiously.

From childhood Jim had always faded out when there was anything to do around the house (Marquand, 131).
"No," Charley said, "I guess he's faded out" (Marquand, 504).

to fade out of the picture. To disappear; to leave unnoticed; not to remain a part of.

...Nancy had faded out of the picture during some European tour of duty (Marquand, 20).

fagged out. Tired; exhausted; worn out.

We saw a fagged-out soldier tug a case of rations to his shoulder... (Yank, 197).

faint Breeze. A very slight, slow, breeze, wind.

...with a clear hot summer's day and with just a faint breeze stirring from the water... (Marquand, 260).

a fair break. An even chance; a fifty-fifty chance; an equal opportunity.

She said, "I didn't give youa fair break the first time I saw you" (Gardner, 71).

a fair fight. A fight conducted according to accepted customs. (This implies no hitting in the groin region, no biting, no gouging out of eyes, no hitting in the region of the kidneys, etc.)

I don't think you're the type who would run away from a killing an a fair fight... (Gardner, 180).

fair sized. Moderately sized; not large but not small.

...Maastricht, a fair-sized town... (Yank, 242).

a fairy tale. Fanciful stories; romantic improbable stories.

...it all showed the inherent lovable quality possessed by the Germans, like Christmas trees and Grimm's fairy tales (Marquand, 225).

to fall apart. To disintegrate; to break into pieces.

But it sank before it had a chance to fall apart (Yank, 47).

to fall asleep. To go to sleep; to sleep.

Then, after staring at the ceiling for a time, she fell asleep (Cain, 18).
As I finally fell asleep the wind was still howling and the ship was pounding and falling through space (Pyle, 20).
Gradually the boys wrapped up in their blankets and lay down on the floor of the pit and fell asleep (Pyle, 392).
...Mildred went to her own room, on the chance Veda had gone there to wait for her, and fallen asleep... (Cain, 252).

to fall away. To lose parts, elements, gradually.

...like an eroded hillside gradually falling away (Yank, 243).

to fall back. To move backward, to the rear due to pressure of events or circumstances.

A platoon of paratroopers...was falling back at the same time (Yank, 135).
Emily Milicant fell back in dismay (Gardner, 106).
They were fighting a stubborn delaying action from well chosen positions, falling back from foxhole to foxhole, pillbox to pillbox (Yank, 91).

to fall back on. To have in reserve for use; to have as a supplement.

So you'll have something to fall back on -- well -- when you don't do so well in Hollywood (Marquand, 404).

to fall back upon. To rely on; to use as a supplement.

...when faced with the necessity of overpowering a sentry with a phonetic barrage, they are obliged to fall back upon the tongue of the army they have just trounced (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

to fall behind. To become slowed down; to move slower than the others of comparable nature.

Occasionally sickness or wounds would keep one out of the air for weeks, and we fell behind (Pyle, 173).

...it fell behind in the race (Pyle, 171).

to fall dead. To die suddenly; to die quickly and without warning.

He raised his rifle, started forward and fell dead (Yank, 17).

to fall down. To fall.

The previous fall Lieutenant Shortlidge had fallen down, knocked out his upper front teeth and cut his shin (Pyle, 172).
Well, ole boy, I got to go fall down on me gut for a while (Yank, 103).
...they fell down into the cowshed below (Pyle, 432).
We all fell down on the ground (Yank, 203).
...she spun around until she was dizzy and fell down, in a paroxysm of delight (Cain, 56).

to fall down and die. To fall in death; to die quickly;

If we try to go on, they'll fall down and die (Pyle, 203).

to fall flat.

1. To fall so that all of one's body is flat on the ground; to fall and lie so that little of one's body projects upwards.

...we saw the guide fall flat and we fell, too... (Yank, 197).

2. To be unsuccessful; to be worthless; useless.

...our attempts...fell kind of flat (Pyle, 387).

to fall flat on --- face.

1. To fall with one's face downward.

He took a couple of steps, then fell flat on his face... (Yank, 182).

2. To fail; to be unsuccessful.

...selection of an architect was a very crucial problem and one which had made many of her friends...fall perfectly flat on their faces at the start (Marquand, 108).

to fall for.

1. To become enamored of; to come to like, love, quickly.

Recently he met Emily Milicant... He fell for her hard (Gardner, 3).
I guess I've fallen for you (Cain, 97).
He fell for her hard, and kept writing to her (Gardner, 112).

2. To be trapped by; to be ensnared by; to become a victim of.

He's lying, Emily, trying to get something out of you. Don't fall for it. (Gardner, 107).

3. To come quickly to agreement with; to agree to readily.

That's why when Doc Gale began talking hospital I fell for it so quick (Cain, 110).

to fall head over heels in love (with). To become enamored; to fall deeply in love; to love another suddenly.

I looked at her, and fell head over heels in love with her (Gardner, 112).

to fall ill. To become sick, ill.

One of them had fallen ill and had to be taken back to Africa (Pyle, 229).

to fall in. To take one's position in a military line with others preparatory to marching.

When we fall in again, I was marching behind Sergeant Vincent Conners... (Pyle, 200).

to fall in behind. To get into a line behind, in back of.

Mason fell in behind (Gardner, 41).
...the crowd fell in behind us like a parade (Yank, 29).

to fall in line. To accommodate oneself to the will of another; to agree to (something).

...as state after state fell in line for Repeal... (Cain, 150).

to fall in love(with). To become enamored of (another); to begin to have love for (another). (This implies the normal, healthy, love of man and woman)

It was the same sort of motivation that caused city girls on dude ranches to fall in love with cowboys, and vice versa... (Marquand, 286).
"There isn't any trick about it," Jeffrey said, "you just meet and you fall in love" (Marquand, 288).
Harold and I fell in love (Gardner, 167).
You have a tone like a zylophone that fell in love with a hand organ... (Cain, 136).
...I immediately fell in love with it (Yank, 24).
If a person wanted to be romantic he could drum up in his imagination an artillery crew absolutely falling in love with its gun (Pyle, 108).
How do they fall in love (Marquand, 288).

I don't think there's much conflect when people fall in love (Marquand, 288).
...the quarry and the bait had fallen in love... (Cain, 253).
He had no way of knowing that they would fall in love (Marquand, 262).
I never heard of a soldier writing to his real girl to break off the engagement because he had fallen in love with a picture (Pyle, 150).
It's where they fall in love (Marquand, 287).
I want to get the fed of it, where they fall in love (Marquand, 287).

to fall into a (deep) sleep. To go to sleep soundly; to sleep thoroughly, completely, without waking.

...she fell into a deep sleep (Cain, 174).

to fall into step (with). To put one's left foot forward simultaneously with another as he puts his left foot forward, and the same with the right foot.

Out in the corridor, Della Street fall into step with Perry Mason (Gardner, 153).

to fall into a mood. To accept and become a part of a mood indulged in by others.

...If Mariannahad heard him being silly, exchanging superlatives with Jesse...she would have fallen into the mood and she would have lived it for the moment... (Marquand, 269).

to fall into a trap. To become a victim of a scheme, plan; to become ensnared.

...she knew she mustn't fall into any traps, mustn't divulge any of her arrangements with Veda (Cain, 274).

to fall in with. To become acquainted with; to come to know; to know quite well.

During my time with various parts of the thirty-sixth Division I fell in with one of the regimental surgeons... (Pyle, 152).

the fall of France. The surrender of France to Germany in World War II.

...still he had indigestion, and now since the fall of France it was getting very much worse (Marquand, 276).
It was beyond imagination, what was going to happen after the fall of France... (Marquand, 239).

to fall off. To fall down; to disengage from something.

We spread our feet and leaned far back trying to look straight up, until our steel helmets fell off (Pyle, 435).

...I've seen boys fall off in a ditch...and break their legs (Yank, 149).
We shall see our dear friend fall off, eh? (Marquand, 374).
...their helmets fell off (Yank, 185).

to fall out. To assemble in a place preparatory to formal assembly (Army usage).

All personnel will fall out wearing only shoes, raincoat and gas mask (Yank, 181).

to fall over.

1. To be caused to stumble by; to stumble through the agency of.

The Japs were stumbling and falling over each other (Yank, 185).
...Jeff, dear, you'd better sleep in the study in case you fall over things... (Marquand, 71).

2. To fall to one side.

...be kept falling over into the water and waking up (Pyle, 253).

3. To be astonished; to be surprised.

...I almost fell over at the return address on one envelope (Pyle, 313).

4. To fall so as not to be upright; to fall from an upright position to land on one's back or side.

A chair fell over as Mr. Jacoby stepped to the microphone (Marquand, 39).

to fall short. Not to be of sufficient distance; to be too short; to be unable to reach a goal.

The first round fell short (Yank, 135).

to fall to sleep. To sleep; to go to sleep; to fall asleep. (Cf. to fall asleep.)

And quiet, falling to sleep in the silence,
You with your cheek soft on the ultimate pillow (Yank, 246).

to fall to (gerund). To begin; to start; to happen; to chance to, be.

We fell to talking with her one morning... (Marquand, 41).

to fall to --- lot. To be one's obligation, responsibility; to be one's duty.

It fell to his lot to be the guy who went in... (Pyle, 409).

to fall with a flop. To make a noice upon falling and hitting something. (The flop is representative of a sound.)

...when he tried to shift it over, it fell with a flop on the brown linoleum floor (Marquand, 180).

false alarm. Not a genuine thing; a dry run.

From the ice that was forming around her heart, Mildred knew it was no false alarm this time (Cain, 102).

false teeth. Those teeth which are manufactured and substituted for one's real teeth; dentures.

...the dentists were calmly making false teeth at an average of one set a day (Yank, 40).
False teeth are not considered "property" in the usual sense of the word ... (Yank, 171).
...the jolt bounced my false teeth into the Pacific (Yank, 171).

a familiar ring. Something which sounds familiar; something which one recognizes as having heard before.

And there was a familiar ring to the blurb... (Yank, 176).

family affairs. The family's financial condition, attitude toward each other, the family relationships, etc.

...the court is trying to find out something about the family affairs and the general situation of the parties (Gardner, 27).

family doctor. The physician, general practitioner, who cares for the ordinary illnesses of members of the family.

He was a tall, stooped man who had been the family doctor ever since Veda was born (Cain, 99).

family of nations. A group of nations which border on one another and among which there is international intercourse of trade, culture, etc.

...President Roosevelt guaranteed the natural development of the German people as a member of the European family of nations (Yank, 127).

a family plot. A bit of land in a cemetary, graveyard, owned by a family, in which members of a family are buried.

The grave could be dug in the Pierce family plot in Forest Lawn cemetery ... (Cain, 106).

a fancy price. High price.

When the Germans were there they bought all the Norman butter, and at fancy prices, too. (Pyle, 415).
...by buying up Senora Meseses' crop in advance, at a fancy price (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

fan letter. A letter written to a celebrity by an admiring person, a fan.

Do GIs write you fan letters? (Yank, 133).

to fan out. To move forward as a group and to separate from each other progressively.

Regan and a dozen friends fanned out and started moving up the slope... (Yank, 226).
We fanned out, knowing exactly what to do without orders (Yank, 21).
You could hear them moving in the bushes maybe 20 yards away, fanning out to see if we were an isolated unit or the main line (Yank, 21).
...the 4th fanned out in opposite directions... (Yank, 125).

far and away. By all means; truly; really; wholly; completely.

Transportation is by droshky and the droshky driver is far and away the least cooperative citizen (Yank, 66).
...and did much to back up the Marine Corps contention that he is far and away the most expert mortar sergeant... (Yank, 110).

far away. Indifferent; disinterested.

It was the same cold far-away voice and looking across the open grave, with the casket over it... (Cain, 113).
After a long time when she thought she would scream if she didn't get some relief from her woe, the far-away voice stopped... (Cain, 113).

far be it from me to (infinitive). It is not for me to; I do not intend to; I am not going to.

...far be it from me to intrude on her life... (Cain, 215).

a far cry from. Greatly different from; a great distance from.

He was a far cry from the farm boy... (Pyle, 260).

the Far East. The Orient; the eastern countries of the world as: China; Japan; Burma, Indo-China; India; Siam, Tibet, Borneo, etc.

...having recaptured Northern Burma in the only really successful Allied offensive yet staged in the Far East (Yank, 131).

the far end. The end away from the speaker or the subject of the sentence.

When Mason's cigarette was half consumed, a door at the far end of the room opened... (Gardner, 177).

far fetched. Tenuous; unsubstantial; thin. (This usually applies to the thought, reasoning, processes in bringing a point which does not seem pertinent, or does not apply.)

That he should bring up his perfunctory connection with the Episcopal church struck her as pretty far-fetched (Cain, 82).

far from. At a great distance away from.

They began firing immediately from a field not far from the beach (Pyle, 388).
St. Barthelmy is...not far from the base of the Cherbourg peninsula (Yank, 244).
The Victor Hugo...opened a place not far from Mr. Gessler's place, and... did a thriving trade (Cain, 244).
...she was as far from settling the main point as she had ever been (Cain, 73).
Everybody felt far from the war (Pyle, 92).

far into the night. Until late at night; until the early hours of the morning.

Leaving Italy, we flew most of the day and far into the night (Pyle, 295).

farmer's daughter. The daughter of a farmer. (She is jocularly supposed to be a beautiful, shapely maiden susceptible to the wiles of a man. "Farmer, have you a daughter fair, parlez-vous; Farmer have you a daughter fair, parlez-vous; Farmer have you a daughter fair with lily white tits and yellow hair; Hinky, dinky, parlez-vous". Mademoiselle from Armentieres, World War I song.)

We hoped someday to buy some from a farmer's daughter (Pyle, 416).

to farm out. To place one with someone else's family for rearing; to place at another's responsibility and yet to want it returned and improved.

In fact, when I was three months old, my father farmed me out to an English lady in Singapore (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
Tremendous families out my way, and farming out is the custom (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

the far North. That country, region, north of the Arctic Circle, 23° 30' North.

...as the result of thirty-three years' interment in an icy grave in the far north (Gardner, 123).

far off. Distant; remote; distantly; remotely.

...the sinewy names
Of far-off lands they never hoped to see... (Yank, 151).
Walt heard the faint far-off slam of the door (Yank, 138).
The biggest ones lay far off, waiting their tunr to come in (Pyle, 23).

a far off look. An expression of the face which seems to indicate that a person is not really looking at anything, but is thinking.

They gave...a far-off look out of the window at the chimney pots of London ... (Marquand, 26).

far out. A great distance away from a place.

There were also frequent warnings against venereal disease, and one sign far out in the country said... (Pyle, 132).
...far out to sea the ships themselves let go at the groan and grind of German motors in the sky (Pyle, 272).
It was our invasion fleet, formed there far out at sea waiting for us (Pyle, 11).
Sometimes a unit got so far out ahead of those on either side that it had to swing around... (Pyle, 142).
You could see far out to sea (Pyle, 369).

far removed from. At a great distance from, away from; nowhere near.

He would be put in some backwash job far removed from combat (Pyle, 334).

the far side. That side away from the majority; that side away from, opposite to the group, or person.

...we'd parked our jeep in a wooded lot on the far side of the flat (Yank, 196).
We came to a lane at the far side of the pasture (Pyle, 428).

farther on. At a distance beyond; farther.

He hit the other two a few yards farther on (Yank, 251).

far up. For a long distance up.

...you could see far up the trail, and even part way across the valley below (Pyle, 154).

the Far West. The western part of the United States; specifically, California, Washington, Oregon.

...and their homes were scattered from the Eastern seaboard to the Far West (Yank, 86).

a fast color. A dye, color, which does not fade.

...her dress had fast colors in it (Yank, 155).

fast and furious. Exciting due to a great amount of action; full of activity; noise, excitement.

It was all fast and furious... (Pyle, 434).

a fast one. A drink of alcoholic beverage; a quick one.

...after a fast one with the boys at the corner tavern... (Yank, 183).

fast stuff. Illegal machinations, maneuvering, business.

...I've dealt with the government enough to know that if some fast stuff like that was pulled, we'd all land in jail (Cain, 80).

a fat chance. No chance whatever; no opportunity at all.

She has a week's wages coming -- fat chance she stands of getting them now (Gardner, 95-96).
"Fat chance you'll stand," Drake said gloomily (Gardner, 86).

fate hangs upon. The destiny depends upon; the fate rests upon.

It is the story of a few minutes in which the fate of the ship hung upon the whim of the enemy (Pyle, 210).

a favorite dish. A favorite food; a food one likes especially; hence, by extension, something one enjoys.

...they feed him generous helpings of his favorite dish -- dead Japs (Yank, 194).

fear comes over. Fear envelopes; fear takes possession of .

A sudden paralyzing fear had come over her... (Cain, 186).

a feather bed. A mattress which is stuffed with feathers.

...the driver of an M-19 could carry ten thousand feather beds and never know the difference (Pyle, 426).
One driver even had a feather bed... (Pyle, 426).

a feather in --- hat. A worthy achievement; something well done.

...Mr. Wilson must have heard that she could be like a clam when she wanted to be, no matter what a feather in her hat the story might be... (Marquand, 453).

a feature writer. A newspaper writer who writes stories of special interest other than strictly news stories.

...at the same time one of the feature writers wanted to see Mr. and Mrs. Breakwater for just a minute... (Marquand, 292).
New cartoonists came and went with new managing editors...and feature writers for the new women's page (Marquand, 24).

fed up. Disgusted; a condition of repugnance; satiated.

And the way Bert got fed up (Cain, 14).
...But I might as well tell you, Bert wasn't the only one that got fed up (Cain, 14).
I got fed up too (Cain, 14).
I'm fed up with the Army (Yank, 101).
This fellow was pretty fed up with it all (Pyle, 400).

to feel about. To have emotions and ideas regarding, concerning.

...Bert felt about it as she did (Cain, 257).
As a matter of fact, I felt exactly about it as you do, and I certainly would never have taken this job... (Cain, 74).
I've come to talk about our children...our babies...because that's the way I really feel about them (Cain, 193).

to feel ---. To feel normal; to feel in one's usual health and emotional stability.

Shed a tear for some poor colonel
If he doesn't feel himself... (Yank, 154).

to feel at home. To act with little or no more restraint than one does at home; to consider oneself as though in one's own home.

...the lad from Seneca Falls was feeling right at thome (Yank, 34).
It was all new and in bad taste, but Jeffrey felt at home (Marquand, 267).
He called her dear because he wanted her to feel at home (Marquand, 530).

to feel close to. To have the feeling of intimacy with; to have a feeling of camaraderie with.

It was curious that he felt closer to his sister than he did to Madge at the moment.

to feel good. To be in good spirits; to be happy, contented.

But little things like that do sort of make you feel good... (Pyle, 376).

to feel indignant. To be indignant; to be almost angry.

Mildred...felt indignant that she should now claim Glendale as her own ... (Cain, 238).

feeling runs high. People are tense with emotional strain; emotional strain is tense.

Feeling runs high and all that is needed to create a reasonable facsimile of an American football game is a sextette of co-ed cheerleaders (Yank, 66).

to feel like a heel. To be disconsolate; to feel badly; to feel as though one has failed to do one's duty.

You feel like a heel if you are able to be here and aren't (Pyle, 261).

to feel --- leg. For a man, usually, to run his hand over a girl's leg; to caress her leg.

...Hans felt Arline's leg... (Cain, 152).
Hans...got the party started with a bang by feeling Sigred's leg (Cain, 152).

to feel an obligation. To realize an obligation; to accept an obbligation.

After a few minutes Veda evidently felt some obligation to be friendly... (Cain, 13).

to feel out. To discover an opponent's strength or position through stealth or cunning.

...at night we sent out patrols to feel out the German position... (Pyle, 252).
On the second day the Yanks sought to feel out the hill... (Yank, 17).

to feel proud (of). To have pride (in); to be proud (of).

She took them both through, and felt proud when Bert admired everything profusely... (Cain, 122).
...Mildred began to feel proud of the house... (Cain, 229).
...she would stroll among them, smelling them and feeling proud... (Cain, 178).

to feel sorry for. To be sorry for; to be regretful for.

We don't know whether to feel sorry for this guy or just laugh the thing off... (Yank, 211).
She felt sorry for him... (Cain, 142).

to feel sure. To be certain; to be sure; to be positive.

They felt sure that none of their copy had reached America (Pyle, 265).
She took three boxes...feeling sure that these would be enough for herself... (Cain, 238).

to feel towards. To have an emotion or emotions regarding, concerning.

It permitted her to sit beside Bert without any sense of deceit, and really feel friendly toward him (Cain, 87).

to feel warm inside. To be happy; to be contented; to be well pleased.

...if he had written a book that made Ella and Sinclair feel warm inside (Marquand, 339).

to feel --- way. To move cautiously and slowly as well as uncertainly.

You can't realize how nearly impossible it is to arrive in the dead of night at exactly the right spot with a convoy, feel your way in through the darkness... (Pyle, 26).
With a couple of others, I felt my way from our pigshed down to where we thought the kitchen tent was (Pyle, 200).
One by one the platoon leaders felt their way up to the head of the column,, reported their platoons ready in line, and felt their way back (Pyle, 200).
...we left Rambouillet and decided to feel our way timidly toward the very outskirts of Paris (Pyle, 455).

to feel welcome. To know one is welcome; to realize one is wanted.

...glad he dropped around, and wanted him to feel welcome any time, not only for the children's sake but for her sake. (Cain, 61).

to feel well. To be healthy; to be well; not to be sick.

...some unknown GI who looked after my mother when she wasn't feeling well... (Yank, 212).

to fell at one blow. To knock down with one blow, one strike; to fell easily.

It was large and heavy enough to fell a kulak or a prime minister at one blow (Yank, 132).

--- fellow man. Any man; men in general.

...whether this is just a hunch or whether I'm naturally getting suspicious of my fellow man (Gardner, 23).

felony charge. A charge of having committed a serious crime for which one can be imprisoned or punished with death.

Have you ever been prosecuted on that felony charge? (Gardner, 193).
...you were arrested the night of the murder on a felony charge... (Gardner, 193).

felt hat. A hat made of felt.

Water was pouring off an old felt hat... (Cain, 172).

a fence row. A fence; a line made by a fence. (Also attributive.)

A man could hide in the thick fence-row shrubbery... (Pyle, 373).

a festering sore. A sore which is infected.

...high time that this festering sore was cut out... (Yank, 213).

to fetch a good price. To be expensive; to cost much; to bring a good price.

...Jeffrey was an important piece too, like...a piece that fetched a good price even when business was bad (Marquand, 305).

Festung Europa. (German). Fortress Europe, so considered by the Nazis in World Ward II.

Before long Fortress Europe (Festung Europa) will be as familiar a term as Blitzkreig or the second front (Nation, Dec. 19, 1942, 682).

few and far between. Very few; infrequent.

...letters were few and far between (Yank, 202).

a few years back. A few years ago, in the past.

I bought the land a few years back... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

field jacket. A short coat with blanket lining, of heavy cotton material for soldiers' use, not a dress blouse.

You oughta wear a muffler under that field jacket, corporal (Yank, 225).
His usual uniform is a mudstained field jacket with no rank insignia... (Yank, 129).
I packed my field jacket... (Yank, 20).

field kitchen. A kitchen set up out-of-doors to prepare soldiers' food.

In another corner of the pasture was a mess truck with its field kitchen under some trees (Pyle, 420).

...they would be glad when the service boys and the field kitchens caught up with them (Pyle, 385).

field manual. A handbook of information, principles, data for the soldier.

With the Gun came a field manual... (Yank, 32).

field officer. Army officers above the grade of captain; major, lieutenant-colonel, colonel, but below brigadier general.

When you were young...all field officers seemed very old and...far removed from the realities of military life... (Marquand, 543).

field piece. A cannon.

Not until they were upon it did they realize that, instead of a field piece, it was a dual-purpose anti-aircraft gun... (Yank, 8).

Fifth Avenue. An exclusive street in New York famed for its expensive and luxurious shops.

Jeffrey and Madge used to meet sometimes near the Library on Fifth Avenue ... (Marquand, 286).

fifth column. Subversive enemy agents acting in coordination within a foreign country.

Prudence...counsels the government to forestall as far as possible the activities of this 'fifth column' (New York Times, Oct. 17, 1936, 9).

fifty-fifty chance. An even chance; a chance with no odds.

...if shot down he had almost a fifty-fifty chance of becoming a prisoner (Pyle, 170).

to fight back. To force back through fighting; to fight in a superior way so that the enemy must move back.

...the Chinese fought back the attacking force... (Yank, 178).

to fight down. To quell; to subdue; to hold within.

...a sick, nauseating, physical jealousy that she couldn't fight down (Cain, 196).

to fight for. To engage in a struggle for; to fight for the purpose of.

Why, that's just what we are fighting for, the freedom not to be drafted for labor (Pyle, 110).

to fight for breath. To try to retain a breath and normal breathing after one's diaphragm has been temporarily paralyzed by a blow.

...Jeffrey staggered beneath his weight, drenched with perspiration, still fighting for his breath (Marquand, 233).

the fight game. Professional boxing.

"What game?" Jeffrey asked... "The fight game" the stranger said... (Marquand, 9).

the fighting front. The area, zone, where the actual warfare is.

Reports from the fighting front are that Pvt. Floyd Pringle is a "swell fellow"... (Yank, 175).

to fight it out. To fight until one wins or loses; to fight until one wins or is killed.

The Germans would stand and fight it out... (Pyle, 451).

to fight like a wildcat. To fight furiously, savagely, wildly.

They fight like wildcats (Yank, 55).

to fight off.

1. To drive away by fighting; to defend successfully by fighting.

...I looked forward to going back to the old soldier's routine of sleeping on the ground, not washing before breakfast, and fighting off fleas (Pyle, 44).
...she fought him off... (Cain, 171).
But the night shift at the power plant...fought them off and saved the plant... (Yank, 219).

to fight on. To continue fighting; to go on fighting.

The 4th Battalion...fought on after Cisterna... (Yank, 126).

to fight --- way. To struggle through almost insurmountable difficulties; to struggle.

From below came the noise of damage control parties, fighting their way through with hose and extinguishers (Yank, 46).

a figure of speech. A figurative expression; an idiom.

It's just a figure of speech (Marquand, 390).

to figure in. To be included in; to be a part of, a situation, plot, action, etc.

"Does she figure in it?" Mason asked (Gardner, 90).

to figure on.

1. To plan; to anticipate.

She hadn't figured on having to give her name at a bank (Gardner, 10).
That's why I figgered on doin' somethin' in a little different line (Yank, 132).
His sister was figuring on marrying into a rich family (Gardner, 72).

2. To solve; to work for a solution concerning; to make inferences about.

...but that's where they figure on body temperature, rigor mortis, and things like that (Gardner, 84-85).

to figure out. To solve; to calculate; to come to a conclusion about.

Mr. B. drew up plans and figured out costs for him... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).
As far as I could figure it out he had captured them all himself (Pyle, 377).
...everything is ready for human flight in rocket ships as soon as somebody figures out how to get the passengers back to earth (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).
It took the pilot and his squadron commander two hours of intense map study to figure out what field we had shot up so beautifully (Pyle, 169).
...they've got that figured out too (Pyle, 163).
He figured out that the Germans had pulled a tank of the woods...and were trying to shell the hillside ahead of us (Pyle, 192).
He had the next war figured out (Pyle, 334).
I finally figured out that he walked on his hands so much because it was easier than walking in those gigantic shoes (Pyle, 227).
If our pilots did think of a novel evasive maneuver one day, the Germans had it figured out by the next (Pyle, 162).
...I was back in Gafsa, studying a map of the Southern Tunisian terrain, trying to figure out what happened... (Yank, 31).
But Schulte figured out a system (Yank, 55).
They had it all figured out by percentages... (Pyle, 280).
I played a game of pool and gigured things out (Gardner, 103).
So they're covering him with a thick coat of whitewash; and...Serle was smart enough to figure that all out (Gardner, 127).
When he sees those papers, I don't want him to have time enough to figure out what they mean (Gardner, 128).
...for some reason I can't figure out, Americans like to sleep with a blanket...over their heads (Yank, 149).
...the people will know what your thoughts are...instead of trying to figure out what they think your thoughts are (Yank, 149).

Must be 10 times tougher than usual figuring out ration points for all them Christmas orders (Yank, 184).
I believe I could figure the whole thing out in not more than an afternoon (Yank, 137).
The idea that generals are the only kind of Army personnel capable of figuring out ways and means and all that stuff is unsound (Yank, 137).
"...I can't figure you our," he said (Yank, 230).
...you don't even have to be a musician to figure that out (Cain, 132).
Sergeant Jack McCray had his own chances all figured out (Pyle, 115).
Figure it out for yourself (Cain, 206).

to figure up. To total; to add; to solve.

No matter how they figure it up, when you're selling goods you get paid on commission... (Cain, 50).

to file in. To enter; to come in. (This implies the entrance one by one of a group.)

...crews filed in for early chow at 4 p.m. (Yank, 241).
When we filed in for our IQs... (Yank, 166).
The Kiwis filed in with the rations while we left the barbed wire outside (Yank, 58).

to file out. To exit; to go out; to leave. (This implies the exit singly of a group.)

The crews, looking sober, filed out and got into their trucks (Pyle, 209).
The platoon, wearing light packs, dutifully filed out of the hut (Yank, 102).

to file up. To walk toward, to, a place, one. (This implies a group moving in single file, singly.)

...as the men filed up the draw toward our house... (Yank, 241).

filing cabinet. A large box, metal or wood, with a drawer which is used to hold, file, papers, documents, etc. (Most often the cabinet has four drawers one on top of another and each drawer constructed to hold 8"x11" paper.)

She had acquired a memory like a filing cabinet... (Cain, 230).
Drawers were pulled out of the desks and the filing cabinets were open (Gardner, 49).

filing case. (See: filing cabinet.)

...where Drake had contrived to place a small desk, a swivel chair, three telephones, a filing case, and a steel safe (Gardner, 60).

to fill the bill. To be satisfactory, useful, of use.

...she didn't quite know what a dietician was, but she felt she could fill the bill (Cain, 35).
Astrologers, she reflected unhappily, didn't quite seem to fill the bill at this particular time (Cain, 106).

to be filled with. To be emotionally charged with; to have one's thoughts full of.

I was filled with the spirit of adventure, and wanted to go places and do things (Gardner, 112).

filet (fillet) of sole. A boneless slice of sole, an excellent fish for food.

One was filet of sole and baked potatoes, the other roast lamb chops, peas, and baked potatoes (Gardner, 198).
...eating fillet of sole with her there at the Echelon (Marquand, 320).

a fill in. A complete explanation of those things guessed or surmised; a complete exposition.

...the general always came to our correspondents' camp and, in front of a big map, gave us a complete fill-in on the situation (Pyle, 308).
...we'd been given a general fill-in on the invasion plans (Pyle, 1).

to fill in. To fill completely, wholly; to cover by filling.

...had been so churned by shell-fire that no one had tried to touch it or fill in the remains of caving trench systems... (Marquand, 227).

to fill in the gaps. To clarify; to explain; to give an exposition.

"In that event," Mason said, "I'll fill in the gaps as best I can, and do as I see fit" (Gardner, 180).

filling station. A kind of store at which one can buy gasoline, motor oil, accessories for an automobile, at which one can have one's car greased, the oil drained and replaced, have his windshield cleaned, and where there are rest rooms for the public; service station.

She...could slip into a filling station and inquire in a self-respecting way... (Cain, 42).
But here there were no filling stations, nobody she could ask, nothing but miles of deserted pavements... (Cain, 42).
We've passed the big signboards with the cigarette advertisement, and there's the filling station (Marquand, 111).

to fill a need. To do that which is essential, necessary, to be done.

...the men in our little repair shop worked all hours trying to fill the need (Pyle, 421).

to fill out.

1. To answer a questionnaire in writing. Most often there is a space beside each question for the answer.

...Hot Jeep had Sgt. Hardfeet fill out the requisition slips for our outfit's PX supplies (Yank, 139).
It was then that Mrs. Booke had her fill out the card (Cain, 33).
...she waved Mildred to a small desk, and without looking up, told her to fill out a card (Cain, 36).
At only one store was she permitted to fill out a card (Cain, 3?).
If he would come in tomorrow and fill out an application and meet Colonel So-and-so... (Marquand, 574).
We sat in the plane a couple of minutes while Chief filled out some reports... (Pyle, 325).
But fi voting meant that soldiers would have to fill out long questionnaires ... (Pyle, 137).
At the bank, she drew $30, filling out the stub quickly, and trying not to think of the 7 she had to write under "Balanced Forward" (Cain, 116).

2. To become plump, fat; to put on flesh; to gain weight.

Gradually life began to flow into him again, his face filled out...and the famous MacDonald smile...began to return (Pyle, 301).
And her figure had filled out... (Cain, 190).
...their faces were filled out... (Pyle, 349).
You've certainly filled out since you got in the Army (Yank, 160).

to fill to capacity. To fill completely; to fill full.

The base theater...was filled to capacity that night... (Yank, 206).

to fill up.

1. To fill; to become full; to be filled.

His main job there was filling up shell craters (Pyle, 241).
...the upper tiers of seats already filling up... (Cain, 238).
If they're just phonies, brought in a hurry to fill up, it'll look like that living room (Cain, 228).

2. To tell many things; to lead to believe.

Because you were filling her up with all this foolishness... (Cain, 167).

3. To satiate with food and drink; to feed one completely.

Fill him up on it -- much as he wants, and more (Cain, 24).

to fill a want. To be useful, necessary.

...it evidently filled a want, for he had sold thirty by the time the war called a recess... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

final exams. Examinations covering courses taken in a school for a term's or year's work.

"I suppose you have to work pretty hard, now," Louella said, "with final exams coming" (Marquand, 185).

the final touches. Those things which are the last things do be done.

Only one man could do the final touches of bracing and balancing. (Pyle, 74).

financial affairs. Those affairs, problems, transactions, having to do with money.

I'm living in his house, manage most of his financial affairs, and correspondence (Gardner, 3).

to find fault. To criticize adversely; to make criticisms; to look for bad things.

"Darling," Madge said, "I'm not finding fault" (Marquand, 535).

to find it in --- heart to(infinitive). To be willing to; to want to; to desire to.

...I could find it in my heart to... (Cain, 216).

to find out. To learn; to discover; to get to know about.

Fellow called the Times last Friday to find out whether a certain new radio program had got under way yet (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
You go on your way and never find out the answer (Pyle, 231).
...they find out that in the clinches it's not the planes or the ranks, it's the Infantry that wins wars (Yank, 24).
She had run a dozen numbers without finding out anything... (Cain, 97).
When the examiners strike a case like that, they try to find out the trouble... (Pyle, 124).
I want to find out about some papers (Gardner, 23).
The minute they find out I speak Italian they start giving me a sob story ... (Pyle, 118).
...we never did find out who the general was (Pyle, 239).
When they find out you're not going to serve them that drink... (Cain, 148).
The GIs heard more noises inside the pillbox but didn't bother to find out who was causing it... (Yank, 145).
How you found out what I was doing I don't know... (Cain, 72).
We sent a destroyer through the fleet to find out how the ships were getting along (Pyle, 20).

We never did find out for sure why the Italian big guns didn't let us have it (Pyle, 22).
It was my job to find out who was out there... (Yank, 123).
...Phyllis said you wanted to find out something about Alden Leeds (Gardner, 21).
They found out later they were a long way from Sherwood Forest (Pyle, 327).
That's one of the things I've found out about the sea... (Pyle, 230).
It seems to take any nation a year or two to find out through experience all the little things needed at the front... (Pyle, 243).
I did a little investigating and found out your telephone line to the office and hers at her apartment were tapped (Gardner, 125).
But where the devil he came from before he contacted Leeds, is more than I can find out (Gardner, 127).
What's all this about Milicant being Hogarty...and how did you find out about the frostbitten foot? (Gardner, 128).
I managed to find out who her favorite hairdresser was... (Gardner, 154).
He only found out later that he was in no man's land, and that the lines were very fluid (Marquand, 235).
When not writing a poem, he's writing a letter to find out why his last one wasn't used (Yank, 36).
The major called his forward platoons by radio to find out what had caused all the noise (Yank, 59).
It never occurred to me to find out the reason (Gardner, 86).
It'll be a long time before they find out from me where the boy is hiding... (Cain, 207).
I went to my first sergeant...to find out about getting the allotment to stop... (Yank, 174).
Well, that's okay -- or so I thought until I found out...he got frostbite ... (Yank, 173).
...it's a good thing I found out what you were up to... (Cain, 207).
She had found out...where Veda was staying (Cain, 208).
...the guys what owe me the money find out I am charging interest (Yank, 162).
How...will you find out what apartment she's in, Chief? (Gardner, 158).
But when she found it out, she knew enough about Conway to know where to find him (Gardner, 83).
During the invasion of Sicily we would often say to each other that we wished we were back in New York so we could find out how we were doing (Pyle, 41).
...that interview required considerable preparation, like finding out which chaplain in camp had the highest rank... (Yank, 164).
I'll find out who's responsible for this and start turning on the heat (Gardner, 185).
I've found out white a bit of family history (Gardner, 121).
He'd found out Milicant was going under the name of Conway, and found out about the twenty grand (Gardner, 183).
...Veda, would find out she had once actually applied for a servant's job ... (Cain, 192).
I was so darned afraid they'd find out about my frostbitten foot that I slept with my shoes on all the time they had me in the cooler... (Gardner, 217).

Next morning I found out that the dice were crooked (Gardner, 216).
...Leeds found out Hogarty was on his trail, and ran away... (Gardner, 168).
Then when Harold found out that Alden Leeds had made a big check in favor of L.C. Conway... (Gardner, 167).
Mason said, "Finding out things is our business, Miss Colton" (Gardner, 164).
To him, you were a red-hot mamma the second he found out about you (Cain, 22).
...should begin making advances the moment he found out she had no husband any more (Cain, 21).
...an agent, or a talent scout, who had found out that for a dollar and a half's worth of newspaper space he could have a day-long... (Cain, 32).
In Dyersburg, Tenn., Rosie had quietly canvassed his crew to find out how they felt about combat (Yank, 86).
But we want to keep the district attorney from finding out what we're doing... (Gardner, 121).
The telephone man was checking up to find out which wires he'd have to repair that night (Yank, 60).
There are two kinds of boys, I've found out.. (Yank, 149).
She thought up little schemes to find out their names, remembered all their little likes... (Cain, 63).
Then I'll find out what he pays (Cain, 64).
Who asked you to go snooping around my closet to find out whethere there was any liquor there or not? (Cain, 55).

to find time. To take the time; to have time.

The previous two weeks had been a made scramble in which it had seemed she would never find time for all she had to do (Cain, 87).
A lieutenant, wounded on the patrol action...found time to have it dressed 2 hours later (Yank, 7).

to find a trace. To discover a trail, spoor.

No trace could be found (Pyle, 424).

to find a way out of. To discover a solution for; to solve the problems of.

I found a way out of this (Pyle, 342).

to find the way. To discover, learn, where to go; to learn how to go to a place.

I am sure that I never would have been able to find the way myself (Yank, 31).
I'll find my way, thank you (Cain, 43).
...I am astonished that the good general ever managed to find his way here... (Yank, 31).

to find --- way around. To be able to know how to go and come in a place without getting lost; to know directions.

Men who have been away six weeks have trouble in finding their way around when they get back (Yank, 75).

to find work. To get a position, job; to become employed.

She talked about money, and his failure to find work... (Cain, 4).

a fine time. A good time; a pleasurable time; fun; pleasure.

...he always said, of course, that he had a fine time, but even then he did not entirely believe it (Marquand, 175).

fingerprint expert. One whose profession it is to know about fingerprints, how to match them, how to identify them, how to photograph them, how to record them.

Bitner proved to be a handwriting and fingerprint expert who qualified himself as an expert in his profession... (Gardner, 150).

to finish off. To kill; to cause to die.

...a hand grenade, thrown into their hole, finished them off. (Pyle, 441).

to finish up. To finish; to end; to stop. (This implies a completion of something in addition to the stopping.)

Then having little do do until Arline, Pancho, and Letty finished up, she slipped off her apron... (Cain, 126).

to finish with. To be through with; to stop doing (something).

What are you going to do when you're finished with college? (Marquand, 187).
When he had finished with the trees, he raked the twigs and dead branches into a pile... (Cain, 1).

to fire away. To fire repeatedly; to shoot repeatedly and often.

...the infantryman's lot, firing away from their shallow mudslots. (Yank, 181).
They had been firing away at a pillbox ahead... (Pyle, 405).
The other PT tagged along behind us and fired away... (Yank, 254).

to fire back. To shoot, fire, in return; to shoot after having been shot at.

He still wouldn't fire back (Yank, 148).
They drop to the ground and just lie there; won't even fire back (Yank, 148).

fire bomb. An incendiary bomb; a bomb designed to start fires.

By cable to the Reader's Digest comes this vivid firsthand account of the experiences of an American reported on the night that fire-bombs rained on the ancient city of London (Read. Dig. Mar., 1941, 6).

fire extinguisher. A device filled with any of several substances designed to put out, extinguish, fires.

...run to the spot with equipment that includes everything from fire extinguishers to monkey wrenches (Yank, 46).

to fire off. To shoot; to cause to explode, as powder.

They said it sounded as if somebody had fired off a dozen shotguns in the cockput (Pyle, 163).

to fire on. To shoot at; to fire at.

What if they fire on us? (Yank, 21).

fire power. Size of the caliber of the guns in relation to the rapidity with which they can fire as well as the weight of the shell which is shot. (This implies a great amount of power.)

The purpose of a mechanized force is to provide a powerful, fast-moving weapon, capable of wide maneuverability, which combines fire-power, speed, and shock to a much higher degree than now exists in the older arms or in any one combatant arm (Congressional Record Proceedings and Debates 72 Congress Session Vol. 75, Part 9, 9930).

to fire a round. To shoot one shell, bullet.

The battalion once fired 1,500 rounds in 24 hours... (Yank, 134).
The battalion fired its first round a few hours after debarking on Cherbourg Peninsula... (Yank, 134).

to fire a salvo. To shoot many guns, cannons, at once, simultaneously.

He was lazily watching them when they suddenly fired a salvo with a deafening roar (Yank, 46).

fireside chat. A radio speech to the public by an official on the state of the country, or some national problem. (This was employed extensively by Franklin D. Roosevelt who radio manner seemed to many to be quite conversational.)

You listen to the "Fireside Chats" -- and that's a damn funny thing to call them -- ... (Marquand, 271).

a firing squad. A squad, group of men, armed with rifles and designated to kill a prisoner. A firing squad is now usually military.

...the Nazis made their victims sweat it out waiting...a flogging or the firing squad... (Yank, 220).
We had...narrowly escaped the firing squad (Yank, 221).

a firm believer. A staunch believer; one who believes thoroughly.

...I was a firm believer in the New York subway (Yank, 12).
Lieutenant Gray was a firm believer in the flak vest (Pyle, 336).

a firm mouth. A mouth, lips, which indicate a strong willed person.

His eyes were dark and deep-set and his mouth was very firm... (Marquand, 221).

first aid. Emergency medical treatment given to a victim of an accident while waiting for a physician's care. The person giving first aid need not be a medical doctor. (also attributive.)

They give what first aid they can on the battlefield... (Pyle, 51).
There were first-aid kits... (Pyle, 367).
I also drew...first-aid materials... (Yank, 117).
They are the first aid men in the Medics (Yank, 212).
I didn't know anything about medicine or first aid... (Yank, 125).

first and last. Only; single; unique.

So Pompeii was the first and last real sightseeing I got to do in Italy (Pyle, 133).

first class.

1. Superior quality; prime quality; excellent; very good.

...what they needed was a first-class bombing raid (Yank, 217).
...I realize what a first-class heel I was... (Yank, 215).

2. In the best transportation facilities; in the best available accommodations.

The generals and lieutenants it carried first class (Yank, 115).

first degree murder. Murder that is wilful, deliberate, premeditated; or murder committed while in perpetration of: rape, robbery, arson, or mayhem. (Also murder in the first degree.)

The judge is going to bind you over on a charge of first degree murder (Gardner, 152).

...would have been the conviction of an innocent man of first degree murder (Gardner, 509).
If you don't follow my instructions, one or both of you is quite apt to get a first degree murder rap pinned on you (Gardner, 119).

first draft. The uncorrected, unedited, manuscript; the first writing of a paper, book, play, poem, etc.; a rough draft.

...he came across the first draft of a play, jammed between some old checkbooks and some scenarios from Hollywood (Marquand, 327).
"Of course," he said, "it's a first draft, Marianna" (Marquand, 496).

first floor. The ground floor; the floor at or near the ground level.

...one gigantic studio, with all the first floor...given over to it (Cain, 134).

first hand. Coming from the original, the authority, the genuine, etc.

...they get a first-hand glimpse of our racial discrimination (Yank, 213).
They'll assure you first-hand
That there's many a missing link
In the chain of command (Yank, 153).

first light. Early dawn; the break of day.

We got a camouflage net over in preparation for the first light next morning (Pyle, 370).
In the jungle the first light of dawn always brings heavy fire... (Yank, 6).

the first --- knows of (it). The first intimation of it; the initial knowledge of it.

The first I knew of it was when blood ran down my chin and dropped onto my hand... (Pyle, 248).

first look at. A preliminary cursory examination of; a first sight of; a first impression of.

When we got our first look at Sicily we were all disappointed (Pyle, 31).

first name. The first of one's given nnames. (In the U.S. people are usually given three names; two given names and a surname, or family name, as John Henry Doe, in which John is the first name. This, however, is not always the name by which a person is known since one may be called by the second of the given names. It is still called a first name.) (Also attributive.)

...they knew every man on our side by his first name (Yank, 167).

...they were always calling each other by their first names, or what was worse, by nicknames... (Marquand, 211).
I hope you'll excuse my calling you by your first name, but I think of you that way because Jim has told me so much about you (Marquand, 315).
Mildred was so startled at hearing herself addressed by her first name that it was a second or two... (Cain, 42).
Then, if I ever get to know you well enough to callyou by your first name, I'll call you that (Cain, 91).
He knew bartenders and policemen by their first names... (Marquand, 32).
It interested Jeffrey to learn that the Newcombes, who must have been there all day, had not achieved a first-name basis yet (Marquand, 116).

first night. The first performance of a play, musical comedy, opera, or the like. (Also attributive.)

Then came first nights and dinner parties and it would not be polite unless you stayed... (Marquand, 326).
...it had been panned unanimously by the first-night wolf packs... (Yank, 132).

first of all. Chiefly; primarily; principally; in the first place.

First of all we checked with each other... (Pyle, 364).
First of all, the Luftwaffe was weak over there at that time (Pyle, 161)
He was first of all an artist (Pyle, 138).

first one and then (another). Repeatedly; one after another; many.

...he hurled first one and then a second gasoline-filled plasma bottle... (Yank, 19).

first rate. Very good; excellent; superior.

But now he was going to the Munitions Building to see his old friend Bill Swinburne, who must have been a first-rate fellow. (Marquand, 571).

the first --- sees of. One's first sight of; one's initial glance at.

The first he saw of them then was over his right shoulder when Shenley Rhett had shouted to him (Marquand, 230).

--- first taste of. One's initiation into; one's introduction to; one's beginning in.

They were having their first taste of war.. (Pyle, 385).

the first thing. Before anything else; at first; firstly.

They would be...read by everyone first thing in the morning (Yank, 181).
...he always dug in the first thing (Pyle, 443).
...why do we have to go into this the first thing in the morning? (Marquand, 13).

Always that was the first thing to do (Pyle, 23).

first thing you know. Suddenly; quickly.

...first thing you know, I stripped to my shorts... (Yank, 209).

first time. The initial time.

Westcott was at war for the first time... (Pyle, 370).
He laughed when he told me about his first time in battle (Pyle, 189).
...he wanted to go into business for himself for the first time in his life (Pyle, 449).

fish eyed look. A dull, unseeing look, expression, in one's eyes.

...her face fashioned to the fish-eyed look that marks the last stages of such rites (Cain, 161).

to fish out. To hunt for and bring out; to get from among many others.

Just as soon as a division advances to the edge of the territory covered by maps, the map officer has to dig into his portable warehouse and fish out thousands of new maps (Pyle, 64).

to fish out of. To lift, extract, from water; to pick up from out of water or other liquid.

...many guys had been fished out of the water (Pyle, 349).
A flier was fished out of the North Sea... (Pyle, 349).

fist fight. A fight between two or more people in which blows are struck with the fists.

It sounded as if Congress were practically in fist fights about it (Pyle, 137).

to fit into the background. To be, or seem to be, a natural, usual, ordinary part of the background.

Though the sounds were too dull to disturb him, they fitted into the background of his thoughts, making him already a part of the city (Marquand, 306).

to fit into a patchwork. To place, put, assign, to a specific spot of a large area.

In June, 1943, when our military and naval forces began fitting the war correspondents into the great Sicilian invasion patchwork... (Pyle, 1).

to fit into the pattern. To be a part of; to be an integral division of.

It was hard even for Jeffrey to recall...how they had ever fitted into the pattern of his life (Marquand, 32).

to fit into the picture. To be a natural part (of); to belong (to).

Pierre, too, fitted into the picture (Marquand, 73).

to fit in with. To be natural to; to be in place with; to be a part of.

He spoke self-consciously, because it made him sound like a retired army officer, and somehow it did not fit in with Jim or with anything... (Marquand, 63).

not a fit night for man (n)or beast. A stormy night; a bitter night. (Jocular).

It won't be no fit night out for man nor beast (Cain, 23).

a fit of coughing. A coughing spasm; a spell of coughing; coughing for some time.

His chuckling started a fit of coughing (Gardner, 56).

to fit out. To prepare; to supply; to furnish.

Each command ship had been specially fitted out for the purpose, with extra space for "war rooms" (Pyle, 15).
The old inn had been renovated, all fitted out with a taproom (Marquand, 112).

fits and jerks. Spasmodically; at random intervals; off and on with no rhythm pattern.

Our guns kept up their booming in fits and jerks (Pyle, 370).

five dollar word. A pretentious, seldom used, word; a big word.

'Geopolitics'...this five-dollar term (Life, May 25, 1942, 89).

five will get you ten. To be willing to bet two to one; to be willing to give two to one odds in a bet.

Five will get you ten that windbag won't let up till morning... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

fixed price. A set price; an established and agree on price; a price not subject to change.

...this had first started his doing work on collaboration at a fixed price on every job (Marquand, 304).

to be fixed for. To be supplied with; to have in reserve.

"How are you fixed for evening clothes?" the clerk asked (Marquand, 255).

to be fixing to (infinitive). To be starting, preparing, to.

If we wasn't climbing a hill, we was fixing to climb one (Yank, 232).

to fix up.

1. To prepare; to get ready.

We tiptoed into the place gingerly, suspecting booby traps, but finally decided it had not been fixed up. (Pyle, 76).
In action the officers just flopped down on the hard rocky ground just like everybody else, but when they went into reserve they fixed up bedrolls on smooth places under the trees, with blankets and mosquito nets (Pyle, 63).
He had it fixed up with sponge rubber cushions... (Pyle, 308).
Some of them spent their time fixing up their tents... (Pyle, 425).
I can have Lucy fix up a special table.. (Cain, 189).
I'll fix that up for you (Cain, 150).
Some of their tents were fixed up inside even nicer than the officers' (Pyle, 214).
They fixed up stoves and lights and shelves... (Pyle, 176).
The men had their places fixed up more comfortably and kept them neater (Pyle, 175).
They had fixed up their offices and quarters (Pyle, 284).
...Bert had fixed it up with a sofa, comfortable chairs, and photographs ... (Cain, 25).
...how did you like that little surprise I fixed up for you? (Cain, 117).
They had fixed it up nicely for him... (Pyle, 395).
...he had orders fixed up for me... (Yank, 171).

2. To make; to change; to cause to become.

General Baker lived in a wooden Dallas hut, fixed up with a big fireplace and deep lounges... (Pyle, 315).
General Bradley lived in an Army truck which had been fixed up like a tourist trailer (Pyle, 310).
It made him think of the radio in the room in the apartment which Madge had fixed up as a study (Marquand, 490).
That used to be an Itie railroad but the Engineers have fixed it up into a road... (Pyle, 196).

3. To arrange; to settle by an agreement.

How can we fix it up so it seems casual? (Gardner, 89).
And one of the officers said that that might be fixed up... (Gardner, 197).

4. To care for; to take care of.

I fixed up those trees (Cain, 3).

5. To come to an understanding; to agree; to come to an agreement.

...told me everything had been fixed up, and that he'd returned all but two thousand dollars to you (Gardner, 109).

6. To repair and adjust.

The Navy sent salvage parties of Seabees ashore right behind the assault troops and began reclaiming the Sicilian harbors and fixing up beaches for unloading (Pyle, 35).
Our morale sure was low this morning, but that Frenchman we captured fixed it up (Pyle, 374).
"Jeff," she said, "why do you waste your time fixing up those rotten plays?" (Marquand, 85).

to fix things up with. To make arrangements with; to come to an agreement with.

It looked as though she'd dropped in, fixed things up with Milicant, and was back for a longer visit... (Gardner, 64).

to fix things with. To make arrangements with; to come to an agreement with.

...she thought she had fixed things with a certain Senora Meneses... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

to fix --- up. To arrange for an engagement, date, for a boy, young man, with a girl, young woman. (This implies the finding a girl and asking her if she wants to go out with the boy.)

Fix me up -- a little girl
with eyes of baby blue... (Yank, 156).
I fix each one up as they come in person or by phone... (Yank, 156).

to be fixed with. To be settled with; to be arranged with.

She blew up, said everything was fixed up with Alden Leeds and that it would ruin the play... (Gardner, 73).

to fizzle out. To come to nothing; not to occur; to peter out.

He added that it left him jumpy and nervous ao get trained to razor edge and then have the job fizzle out (Pyle, 27).

fizz water. Soda water; carbonated water.

As soon as she got half of her fizz water down, she jumped up and began spinning around... (Cain, 56).

a flag stop. A place where a train stops only when there is a passenger to get on or get off; hence, a rather unimportant place.

The clearing station was a small tent hospital of the Forty Fifth Division, a sort of flag stop for wounded on the way back from the lines (Pyle, 45).

a flair for. An aptness for; an ability for.

...Silver City cigarettes that showed the Jap flair for imitation (Yank, 176).

flak vest. A vest, coat like garment, reinforced with steel to protect aviators from flak, anti-aircraft artillery bomb fragments.

A flak vest is a sort of coat of mail... (Pyle, 336).
He was a firm believer in a flak vest (Pyle, 336).

a flame thrower. A military device which shoots an exceptionally long flame of fire. It is used to burn and kill by burning.

Flame throwers were brought up in an effort to heat the Japs out of the ground... (Yank, 17).
Since flame throwers had been unsuccessful three days before, he sought another method (Yank, 19).
Another colonel, inventor of a Rube Goldberg flame thrower agreed to demonstrate it (Yank, 53).
...the Japs were afraid only of flame throwers (Yank, 54).
...that broke up the demonstration of the home-made flame thrower, leaned to the theory that the Japs were bomb-happy (Yank, 53).

to flare up. To increase in size or volume suddenly; to increase momentarily.

When the flame flared up... (Cain, 170).

a flash back. The presentation of an earlier occurance in the middle of a drama, play, movie, etc.

It was like the technique of a damatic flash-back, fading lights, and twenty years earlier... (Marquand, 281).

a flash flood. A flood which comes unexpectedly and very, very rapidly. (They usually occur in the western part of the U.S.).

Flash floods...will raise a stream 12 feet in 12 hours... (Yank, 233).

to flash into --- mind. To occur to one suddenly; to be thought of without reason.

A suspicion flashed into her mind (Cain, 258).

a flash of lightning. One occurrence of lightning; a streak of lightning.

As Jeffrey listened a flash of lightning lit up the room where he and Madge were sleeping... (Marquand, 533).

to flash on. To turn on, as an electric light suddenly; to light up at once.

The searchlight flashed on again but from then on they were busy fanning the beach itself (Pyle, 22).

to flash --- a glance. To look at one quickly; to look at one for a brief instant. (This often implies that a person is trying to communicate with another through a glance.)

Drake flashed him a sidelong glance (Gardner, 17).

to flash over. To fly over rapidly, quickly.

...a lone Zero flashed over and zoomed away again... (Pyle, 146).

to flash a story. To send out, distribute, a newspaper, story, article, over the telegraph wires.

...the press would flash a story...over the wires... (Yank, 175).

to flash through --- mind. To occur to one suddenly; suddenly to come to one's mind.

But at that moment it flashed through her mind that perhapds the real remedy was to get the pie contract herself (Cain, 64).

flashy clothes. Gaudy, extreme in fashion, too striking, to apt to cause notice, clothing.

Pancho, it seemed, was addicted to flashy clothes, and thus had incurred the enmity of Archie... (Cain, 115).

a flask on --- hip. A flask, small bottle usually holding a pint or one-half pint, of alcoholic liquor carried most often in a man's hip pocket.

Here lies a GI where he longs to be
With a flask on his hip and a blonde on his knee... (Yank, 152).

flat feet. (Pes valgoplanus) A condition in which one or more of the bone arches of the feet have collapsed, fallen. (Also: fallen arches.)

...he was once rejected by the Army for flat feet (Yank, 16).

flat heeled shoes. Shoes whose heels are not over three-quarters of an inch high; shoes whose heels are like men's shoes. (This usually implies women's shoes.)

...and flat-heeled shoes (Cain, 133).

flat on --- back. Supine; on one's back with one's face upward and with one of one's limbs projecting upward.

Sgt....Toper...lay flat on his back... (Yank, 250).

flat on --- face. Prone; lying so that the belly and face are downward.

...the ground moved so uncertainly that he stumbled and fell flat on his face... (Marquand, 238).

to flatten out. To level an airplane after diving; to turn an airplane from a nearly vertical movement to a horizontal one.

...he was only thinking of flattening out from the dive (Marquand, 220). He must have loosened his belt and he must have flattened out, but he had probably drawn a blank... (Marquand, 230).

a flat tire. An insipid, dull, unsuccessful person; a person without, or lacking in, vivacity.

It's his fear of being a flat tire (Cain, 84).

a flat top. A ship used as an airplane carrier; a shap carrying airplanes which can land them as well as launch them.

Scratch on 'flat-top', Commander Dixon's voice had shouted...through the ship's radio... (Pratt, The Navy Has Wings, Harper & Bros., 1942, 190).

a flat voice. A voice devoid, or almost devoid of variety of tone, rhythm, rate, and volume; a monotone.

...Wally went on, in a cold, flat voice... (Cain, 248).

a fleeting instant. A brief moment; a very, very short time.

...every once in a while we could spot a few of them for a fleeting instant as we moved through the dense jungle (Yank, 91).

to flick up. To cast up quickly and suddenly.

...little divots of moss were flicking up all around us (Yank, 180).

to fling --- down. To relax one's muscles quickly and to fall; to fall carelessly and suddenly; to throw oneself down.

Presently Veda got up, staggered to the sofa, and flung herself down in tragic despair (Cain, 73).

to flip a coin. To gamble by means of a coin; to cause a coin to turn over rapidly by a quick blow given by the thumbnail and to catch the coin so as to cover it with one hand. This is gambling device with many variants.

I was given a chance to flip a coin with a British civilian correspondent for the last seat (Yank, 117).

to flip over. To turn over suddenly; to overturn quickly; to turn turtle rapidly.

The 88 wavered, flipped over, and Sweeney and Tex saw the German catch fire... (Yank, 16).

to flirt with an idea. To consider an idea; to give thought to the possibilities of an idea.

For a short time she flirted with the idea of getting it from Mr. Otis, a retired butcher... (Cain, 76).

to flit through --- mind. To occur rapidly to one's mind; to be thought of rapidly and hastily and without thorough consideration.

All sorts of things now began to flit through Mildred's mind... (Cain, 258).

to float on air. To be so preoccupied with one's thoughts or emotions that one is not conscious of the world about one.

She floated to the bus stop an air, rode into Hollywood without seeing what she was passing (Cain, 43).

floor lamp. An electric lamp which stands on the floor, about five feet in height, which has a shade which covers the light bulb.

...a long oak table holding a lamp with stained-glass shade; two floor lamps of iron, to match the overhead spears... (Cain, 2).

a floor show. A show, revue, series of individual acts and music presented in a night club.

...he had organized a new amateur acts and put on a floor show (Yank, 34).

MacIntyre...dishes up a different floor show every ration night (Yank, 34). Floor show lousy... (Yank, 212).

floor space. The amount of square feet of floor; the area of the floor.

...Persian rugs which were a little too large for the floor space, all from Minot's mother's house... (Marquand, 385).

to flop down. To fall quickly and purposely and unceremoniously.

...he stood up, riddled them with fire and flopped down again (Yank, 93) In action, the officers just flopped down on the hard rocky ground like everybody... (Pyle, 63).

the Florida Keys. The small coral islands off the southern coast of Florida.

His te th looked whiter and more even than usual because he was tanned from a fishing trip off the Florida keys (Marquand, 370).

to flounce out. To go, leave, exit, hastily, and huffily.

...she suddenly gathered up her gloves and started to flounce out, without being interviewed at all. (Cain, 33).

to flounder around. To stumble; to go about clumsily; to walk, move, awwkwardly. (This implies there is something on the ground to cause impediments.)

It's bad enough to be floundering around on the ground and mud, but now it'll be like groveling in a barnyard (Pyle, 202).

flower bed. A section of ground given over, devoted, to the raising of flowers.

The houses there had striped awnings in the summertime and there were round flower beds on the lawns. (Marquand, 177).

flower garden. A garden given over, devoted, to the growing of flowers.

...surprising thing to Mildred was the flower garden (Cain, 178).

to flow in. To enter, come, in a seemingly steady stream; to come regularly and in quantity.

Postal service had regular mail flowing in within two weeks... (Yank, 40).

to flow out. To go, leave, in a seemingly steady stream; to go regularly and in quantity.

More and more guests and flowed out of the big room of the penthouse into the dining room... (Marquand, 354).

to fluff out. Not to be closely confined but rather to be loose, soft, full.

Her hair...was fluffed out softly... (Cain, 161).

flush in. Directly in; immediately in.

...a piece of shrapnel caught him flush in the temple (Yank, 243).

flush up. Directly on; directly toward.

It was a brash maneuver, coming flush up the obvious approach, at 23000 hours (Yank, 125).

to fly around.

1. To fly in an airplane from place to place seemingly aimlessly.

You read about the little Cub planes that flew slowly around over the Anzio front lines (Pyle, 240).

2. To be in the air; to pass through the air as sound.

They said that often when a prisoner was brought in and heard nothing but good old German flying around the place he was utterly bewildered (Pyle, 124).

to fly in.

1. To arrive by means of an airplane; to come by air.

General Doolittle flew in one afternoon from the far forward airdrome of Youks Les Bains (Pyle, 316).
In two weeks the latter was having movies flown in by officer courier (Yank, 39).
...the Dragons flew in from the morning Jap hunt in Burma... (Yank, 195)
They had just flown in from Italy (Pyle, 341).

2. To explode, be blown, inward.

Suddenly one whole wall of my room flew in... (Pyle, 247).

flying line. The concrete pavement in front of the hangars where the airplanes are parked. (also: flight line).

The boys had to go about a mile to the flying line (Pyle, 337).

flying trapeze. A trapeze set very high from which a person jumps or is thrown to another such trapeze.

Now for the flying trapeze (Cain, 213).

to fly into a rage. To become very, very angry; to get terribly mad; angry.

Mrs. Gessler, when she heard what Mildred was up to, flew into a rage... (Cain, 176).

to fly off. To leave and float through the air; to sail off.

A few buildings would go down, or the corners would fly off some of them (Pyle, 235).
He heard his helmet fly off and strike a bulkhead 30 feet away, then roll around the floor (Yank, 36).

to fly off the handle. To lose control of oneself through enger; to say things in anger one would not normally say.

...he flew off the handle and accused us of depriving him of his personal comfort (Pyle, 380).

to fly out(of).

1. To go away in flight; to fly to another place.

...the pilot who flew out to battle was the one of their family who really took it (Pyle, 170).
We left Japan...and flew out over the Yellow Sea (Yank, 119).

2. To leave violently; to withdraw forcibly.

The stick vibrated so violently that it flew out of his hands (Pyle, 165).

fog lifts. Fog disperses, goes away, is evaporated.

When the fog lifts, there is a chatter of machine-gun fire (Yank, 180).

folding cot. A type of narrow bed which can be folded up for easy

They slept on folding cots between blankets... (Pyle, 279).

to fold --- hands. To place one of one's hands over the other; to cover one of one's hands with the other.

...she closed the parasol...and folded both hands over its rather high handle (Cain, 239).

folding money. Paper money; currency; banknotes.

Folding money is the proper term here, for all values except the half real are ussued in banknotes... (Yank, 66).
Suddenly faced with a 3-cent basis for his folding money, extravagance becomes rife (Yank, 66).
...he won't be short of folding money (Yank, 28).

folding stool. A chair, stool, which can be folded up for ease in carrying or storing.

An enlisted man ran to the mess truck and got a folding canvas stool for the general to sit on (Pyle, 433).

folding table. A table whose legs can be folded up for economical storing or easy carrying.

...two officers worked at folding tables,... (Pyle, 419).

to fold up.

1. To collapse; to fall in ruins.

It seemed to fold up amidships in a pall of smoke... (Yank, 254).

2. Carefully to arrange in a small space by placing parts of the whole together in an economical fashion.

Jeffrey felt that it could all be folded up and trucked away at any time... (Marquand, 431).

3. To fail in business; to go broke; to go bankrupt.

...and though the old paper had folded up, somehow those bright days would come back and they would all be drawn together (Marquand, 18).

to follow around. To go where another goes; to follow.

He followed her around like a puppy, his cocktail glass in his hand (Cain, 28).
He followed Wescott around everywhere... (Pyle, 412).

to follow in --- footsteps. To do as another had done; to follow another's example.

Merely following in my mother's footsteps (Cain, 206).

to follow instructions. To obey orders; to do as one is told to do.

If you don't follow my instructions, one or both of you is quite apt... (Gardner, 118-119).

to follow suit. To do as another does; to follow another's example.

The British have always been against it...and America has more or less followed suit (Pyle, 158).
If Wally elected to believe Bert still lived here, Bert evidently preferred to follow suit (Cain, 58).

to follow up. To do as a supplement; to do afterwards.

We were instructed to...follow them up one every four hours (Pyle, 357).
...they'd follow up with a number of clever references to the 46th Street Front... (Yank, 236).

to be fond of. To like very much; to love; to be enamored of.

...you were very fond of him... (Cain, 183).

a food dump. A military food depot, storage place.

Near what used to be a Jap food dump... (Yank, 235).

to fool around with. To work with, at; to work at in order to be perfect.

It's a pie you've been fooling around with, and you want his opinion on its commercial possibilities (Cain, 84).

a fool question. A foolish question.

...he asked me all kinds of fool questions... (Yank, 217).

a fool's paradise. A position, situation, of seeming security where danger of some kind actually lurks.

For a day or two after Bert left, Mildred lived in a sort of fool's paradise, meaning she got two orders for cakes and three orders for pies. (Cain, 18).

to fool with. To bother with; to give one's time to.

...than I wouldn't have to fool with all those a la carte prices... (Cain, 77).

football field. A playing field for the game of football 100 yards long and 53 1/3 yards wide covered with grass.

Consequently battlefields were often only the size of a football field or even a couple of tennis courts (Yank, 52).
...there might be room for a football field, certainly nothing larger (Yank, 17).

football season. The fall of the year; September through Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.

...what the college football season was going to be like this year (Yank, 221).

to foot the bill. To pay; to furnish the money.

...the corporation was to be placed on a sounder basis, and Veda was to foot the bill (Cain, 247).

foot locker. A small trunk about two feet wide, three and a half feet long, and a foot high.

In an obscure corner of his foot locker Sgt. Kevin A. McCarthy keeps a small tin box... (Yank, 22).

the foot of. The bottom of; the lowest part of.

When they reached the foot of the slope and could go no farther, they pulled back... (Yank, 5).
I'd just reached the foot of the stairs when the door of the apartment opened... (Gardner, 169).

foot of a bed. The end of the bed nearest one's feet.

...Monty handed her a kimono, from the foot of the bed (Cain, 254).

for --- benefit. As a benefit for one; in order to be of assistance to one; for one's help.

They murmured on, and her lips began to twitch as she realized they were mainly for her benefit, to ease her pain (Cain, 113).

for --- dough. One believes; one is certain; one bets.

And for my dough, he's a regular guy (Yank, 200).

for the hell of it. For no good reason; for no apparent reason.

...the Nazis had the habit of slapping their bleeding victims...just for the hell of it... (Yank, 220).

for instance. For example; as an illustration; as an example.

When you were young, for instance, all field officers seemed very old... (Marquand, 543).
If they were making toast in the kitchen, for instance, when the couple was out... (Marquand, 408).
Who, for instance? (Cain, 131).

There was the Dutch oven in the Rumpus Room, for instance, which had been all covered up with plaster... (Marquand, 110).
For instance, the question is frequently asked a witness, 'How old are you?' (Gardner, 187).
The men of the 37th Division headquarters detachment, for instance, have seen only one white woman in nine months... (Yank, 42).
For instance, the fight might be in a woods instead of an open field (Pyle, 442).
Beckie was not sure, for instance, that she agreed entirely with Dr. Cardy's taste.... (Marquand, 100).

for an instant. Momentarily; for a moment; for a short time.

For an instant he had a wild sense of guilt (Marquand, 520).

for --- keep. For one's room and board; for one's food and lodging.

...wouldn't you be justified in deducting an amount to pay for her keep? (Cain, 247).

for keeps. Earnestly; in earnest; with serious intent.

...they were firing for keeps. (Yank, 32).
...for all the sporting flavor, this pocket-sized war was the real game and for keeps (Yank, 53).

for the life of me. Really; truly; actually; (This is used as an intensive.)

For the life of me, I can't see anything suggestive about it (Yank, 214).

for a living. As a means of earning money on which one lives.

Came a day when Major Ed Bland got fed up with flying for a living... (Pyle, 133).

for long. For a long time; lengthily; for some time.

You could get away from the war for a little while, but not for long... (Marquand, 15).
...he could not live for long (Yank, 13).
...they knew he could not live for long (Yank, 13).
...it cannot be put off for long (Pyle, 464).
Not even such things as a toothache...were neglected for long (Yank, 40).
He was not even sure that he cared much now for those attributes in his friend which he had admired for so long (Marquand, 68).
It seemed to him that his attitude toward people whom he had known for long was always undergoing alterations ... (Marquand, 97).
Jeffrey wondered why Alf had asked him there at all, but not for long (Marquand, 285).

for a long time. For some time; over a long period of time.

We sat and talked for a long time about things in general (Pyle, 215).
One of the Partisan dead is a woman fighter, who had also been in the movement for a long time (Yank, 20).
For a long time we didn't move at all (Pyle, 403).
Buck had wanted some German binoculars for a long time (Pyle, 197).

to form a chain. To hold hands in a row, line.

The soldiers formed a chain between barges and shore... (Yank, 202).

to form an exhibit. To make an exhibition; to make something so that many people can see it.

...a collection of Mildred Pierce, Inc...all effectively framed, all hung together, so as to form a little exhibit (Cain, 228).

for miles around. In the neighboring area; in all places close by, near by.

...the whole valley for miles and miles around became one fast fountain of flying lead... (Pyle, 164).
Sure enough, just as the first faint light was beginning to show, bedlam broke loose for miles around (Pyle, 22).

for a minute. For a short time; momentarily; for a moment.

For a minute or two these filled him with poignant regret, and made him very sad (Marquand, 591).
If you put your head down somewhere for a minute while you are washing your feet or pressing your pants... (Yank, 96).
Hang on for a minute (Marquand, 60).
...Hold the line for just a minute (Gardner, 60).
Could you come up here for a minute? (Marquand, 567).

for a moment. Momentarily; for an instant; for a short time; for a minute.

...I thought for a moment wer were being briefed for Austria (Yank, 14).
She was silent for a moment (Marquand, 47)
Each one must have felt for a moment that the other was a stranger (Marquand, 256).
When Marianna handed him the glass he sat staring at it for a moment, and then he drank it very quickly (Marquand, 444).
For a moment I wasn't listening (Cain, 195).
...for a moment her fingers were over his... (Cain, 171)
...for a moment she thought he was going to weep (Cain, 198).
Mildred...stared for a moment... (Cain, 193).
He looked on the shelves for a moment... (Cain, 135).

The blasted skull was like a cross section from a book of physiology, and for a moment, Jeffrey could not take his eyes from the spectacle... (Marquand, 234).
Jeffrey did not answer for a moment because there was no way of telling her exactly why he had thought of it (Marquand, 588).

for the moment. For the time being; for the present; for the while.

"I'm going to reserve a ruling on that question for the moment," he said (Gardner, 188).
I'd prefer to have you pass this question for the moment, counselor, and lay some foundation... (Gardner, 195).

for --- money. One believes; one is certain.

...for my money he can pack up and go to some other post... (Yank, 137).

for the most part. Most often; generally; usually; in the majority of cases.

For the most part, the pinball machine was used by officers.... (Yank, 224).
For the most part, he wears disreputable clothes, but occasionally he spruces himself up and steps out (Gardner, 127).

to form up. To get into a unit, a whole; to shape up; to become a unit.

I went ot the open-air deck...to see how a convoy formed up at night (Pyle, 230).

for once. One time; for one time; once.

"Cecily," and Sidney's voice rose, "Let's be frank for once" (Marquand, 82).
Look at it, for once, the way he looks at it (Cain, 83).

for one. If no one else; for example.

...and I for one had a lump in my throat (Pyle, 433).
During the Italian war was a headache of terrific proportions, and I for one do not think it was General Clark's fault that the campaign went slowly (Pyle, 314).

for one moment. At all; in any event.

I shall not hesitate for one moment, for I've quite reached the limit of my patience (Cain, 195).

for --- own good. For one's sake; for one's welfare; for one's interests.

I did that for his own good (Gardner, 134).
"It's for your own good," the sergeant said apologetically (Pyle, 427).

for one thing. For example; for instance.

For one thing; she had discovered... (Cain, 129).
For one thing, the Japs' tactics were to concentrate all their force at one point... (Yank, 52).
For another thing, the Bougainville beachhead in four months of occupation had become so American... (Yank, 52).
For one thing, there's the Biederhof (Cain, 84).
For one thing, I'm going to take those papers off your hands (Gardner, 77).
For one thing, they had to rid upper France...of German fighters as far as possible... (Pyle, 321).
They were short of ammunition, for one thing (Pyle, 233).
For one thing, he did not want Madge to think, or anyone else, that he had ever been like David Copperfield... (Marquand, 257).
Their families had both owned houses on Willow Road, for one thing... (Marquand, 100).
"For one thing, my friend, the Sultan is expected to live in the palance," he said (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

for the present. Presently; at the present time; now.

"We'll not try to connect it up with for the present," Kittering said scowling across at Perry Mason (Gardner, 146).
...for the present something had to be done (Cain, 188).

for --- purposes. According to one's needs, desires, wishes.

It was not a specially good beach for our purposes, for it sloped off too gradually, makin the boats ground fifty yards or more from shore (Pyle, 28).

for relief. As a relief for another; as a substitute for another.

I put a man on him when he left your office, and got another man to tag along for relief (Gardner, 46).

for rent. Available to be rented; to let.

...she moved out of the Beragon mansion and advertised it for rent... (Cain, 256).

for the rest of. For the remaining part of; during the rest of.

The water was cold, but a high wind dried them out in less than half an hour, all but their shoes which kept squishing inside for the rest of the day (Pyle, 28).

for --- sake. For the sake of one; for one's benefit; for one's welfare.

You've got to do it, for your own sake (Cain, 51).
...wanted him to feel welcome any time, not only for the children's sake but for her sake (Cain, 61).
Yeah, for their sake (Cain, 86).
For their sake (Cain, 86).

for the sake of. For the benefit of; for the welfare of.

...it will be better, for the sake of the record, if you refer to him as Hogarty (Gardner, 191).

for sale. Available for selling, buying; to be sold.

Anyway there's a big sign on the lawn, 'For Sale, Owner Must Sacrifice' ... (Cain, 141).
...to give a little reminder of the homemade pies she had for sale... wouldn't they like to take home one... (Cain, 122).
He had never noticed how many of them were unoccupied, how many were for sale or to let (Marquand, 383).
Its windows were dull and dusty and litter was blown upon the steps, and it was for sale, like other Murray Hill houses... (Marquand, 289).

for a second. Momentarily; for an instant; for a moment.

For a second the jealousy was so overwhelming... (Cain, 197).

For the simple reason that. For the reason; because; for.

He had not been there since his Aunt Martha's funeral...for the simple reason that no one wanted it any more (Marquand, 169).

for some reason. Oddly enough; for no reason.

Salad, for some reason, is served first in California (Cain, 121).

for some time. For a while; over a period of time; during quite a period of time.

Let me see, I haven't seen you for some time (Marquand, 96).
She...shot appraising glances at Mildred for some time before proceeding (Cain, 193).
I had been awake for some time... (Yank, 14).
They must have talked for some time, for all at once when he looked at the clock... (Marquand, 206).
And talked for some time (Gardner, 141).
I've known he claimed to be Hogarty for some time... (Gardner, 196).
...and for some time she had heard them talking out there, while she worked (Cain, 125).

for a small fortune. In return for money; for a lot of money.

...a lot of frontline people would not voluntarily return to the hot Anzio-Nettuno area for a small fortune (Pyle, 240).

for a starter. For the first; as a beginning.

"I've picked out you for a starter," he said (Yank, 190).

for sure. Surely; certainly; absolutely; positively.

The point was that we on the scene knew for sure that we could substitute machines for lives... (Pyle, 36).
They said they...never knew for sure (Pyle, 416).
...we couldn't tell for sure (Pyle, 429).
We'd have got it for sure if some infantryman in his trench hand't held u p a lighted match (Yank, 180).
Hardly anyone knows for sure just how many Japs he did kill (Yank, 234).
...we hadn't known for sure till after breakfast whether it was on or off again (Pyle, 432).
This Tommy Clayton, the mildest of men, had killed four of the enemy for sure... (Pyle, 449).
...when he tried that next summer, he could not find the place, certainly not for sure (Marquand, 550).
He said he didn't know for sure... (Pyle, 453).
He never did find out for sure why the Italian big guns didn't let us have it (Pyle, 22).

for --- taste. For one's fancy; for one's likes; according to one's tastes.

It went entirely too fast for her taste, except the slow part in the middle ... (Cain, 185).

for that matter. As for that; for that.

Not even such things as a toothache or, for that matter, an embarrassing missing incisor in front... (Yank, 40).
...all eight thousand of them for that matter, could have sent officers to his door (Cain, 197).

Fortress Europe. Europe considered as a fortress which was invulnerable. So called by the Nazis during World War II. (Cf. Festung Europa.)

...it was the Italian press which first launched the idea of Fortress Europe... (Nation, Dec. 19, 1942, 682).

forwarding address. A new address to which one has his mail forwarded, sent, from an old address.

...the girl hadn't left any forwarding address and all that (Gardner, 10).
...it had moved out suddenly and left no forwarding address (Gardner, 11).
Meaning a forwarding address had been left at the post office? (Gardner, 11).
We couldn't get the post-office to kick loose with a forwarding address so we sent twenty-five bucks on a chance (Gardner, 93).

forward march. Military command for servicemen to begin marching.

Forward march! (Yank, 64).
Nobody says "Forward march" (Pyle, 200).

forward observer. A solder stationed well forward of an artillery position to direct fire and to report on the success of firing missions.

They were forward observers for the Ninth Division... (Pyle, 375).

for weeks on end. For many weeks; seemingly endlessly.

Even your own artillery can be wearying as its "barum, barum, ... " day and night for weeks on end, sends shells overhead... (Yank, 52).

for a while. For a time; for some undetermined time.

They had such a battle getting the place that they decided to live in it for a while (Pyle, 185).
He started his beard then because he couldn't shave for a while... (Pyle, 172).
He had not seen Minot so happy for a long while (Marquand, 557).
He did not speak for a while as they drove down Connecticut Avenue (Marquand, 557).
For a while there two ships were running a neck-and-neck race for the most missions flown (Pyle, 171).
For a little while there was a sudden burst of flares in the distance (Pyle, 199).
Why wouldn't it be a good idea to fool them about once every two weeks by just flying straight ahead for a while? (Pyle, 163).
...was a coal miner for a while... (Pyle, 138).
...thinking of things which they would never tell anyone, and no one said anything for a while (Marquand, 288).
They thought about this for a while (Yank, 182).
He had not thought of his father for a long while (Marquand, 592).
"He must be better for a while," Jeffrey said, "if he wants five hundred dollars" (Marquand, 586)
...he sounded impatient, as though he had been on the line for a long while (Marquand, 582).
...he could liek down for a while... (Yank, 138).

I want you to try to take it easy for a while (Marquand, 415).
Jeffrey would begin to feel very hungry after motoring for a while... (Marquand, 545).
For a while I hung around with one of the mule-pack outfits (Pyle, 143).
...from which the Japs were firing 77s and 47s for a while, taking advantage of the jungle cover.. (Yank, 55).
"No," Jeffrey answered, "not for quite a while" (Marquand, 96).

for the worse. Becoming worse; worsening.

"Everything is changing -- for the worse," he said, "for the worse" (Marquand, 97).

for years. For a long time; during many years.

Archie...had been wasted for years in a second class place... (Cain, 178).
The paper was worn and musty, because he had not looked at it for years, and now it filled him with a sensation of defeat (Marquand, 327).
...she could add, if she wanted to, that he had known Miss Miller for years and years (Marquand, 453).
...Mr. Fisher for Yale had announced that stocks had reached a permanent high level which they would maintain for years and years (Marquand, 397).

a foul up. A mix up; a mess; a state of confusion and disorder.

This is a fine foul-up for you (Pyle, 445).

to foul up. To mess up; to ruin; not to do well; to do poorly.

He was scared to death he would foul up on his first mission (Pyle, 205).

fountain man. A man, boy, who works as a soda fountain preparing soft drinks and sandwiches.

...I can do it with four girls, a fountain man... (Cain, 175).

a fountain pen. A writing pen with its own reservoir of ink which is supplied automatically.

Kittering said, "I observe that there is a fountain pen, a handkerchief, a jackknife..." (Gardner, 129).
There were all sorts of things in the shop on the Bremen --- beautiful cameras and fountain pens that always worked (Marquand, 225).
He hauled out the few items I possessed; a broken pencil, a fountain pen... (Yank, 12).
...Della Street, catching up with her fountain pen on the rapid-fire conversation... (Marquand, 171).
He pulled out his fountain pen (Marquand, 50).
...he repaired fountain pens, radios, electric razors... (Pyle, 411).

Walter signed the check with a streamlined fountain pen... (Marquand, 48)

four bits. Fifty cents; half a dollar.

...Go down to the all-night drungstore and get me four bits' worth of chewing gum (Gardner, 69).

four lane highway. A highway wide enough for four cars to pass simultaneously; a highway with four traffic lanes.

...then motored inland along a four-lane all weather highway... (Yank, 39).

four leaf clover. A lucky charm, since most clover has three leaves.

In the center of each was a design like a four-leafed clover (Pyle, 366)
They wouldn't trade it for a dozen four-leafed clovers (Pyle, 350).

four star general. A full general; the second ranking general next to the general of the army.

Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell, the U.S. Army's newest four star general... (Yank, 129).

to fox around. To gather information slyly, surreptitiously.

That's why you been foxing around (Cain, 67).

fox hole. A hole in the earth up to six feet in depth in which a soldier remains to protect himself from enemy fire.

Things like doing pushups in fox holes during shellings... (Yank, 76).

fox hole circuit. A route, circuit, for traveling entertainers close to the fighting front in World War II.

The performers who were selected to make up the first entertainment... wage, as part of USO-Camp Shows 'Foxhole circuit' are not famous in the ordinary sense (Newsweek, July 31, 1944, 60).

a fraction of asecond. A mement; a split second.

...the "pop" of a bullet over his head preceded the actual rifel report by a fraction of a second... (Pyle, 450).

framed motto. A motto printed on a large card and decorated in a flourishing style and framed for hanging on the wall of a room.

...there were some of those comical old framed mottoes on the wall, such as "God Bless our Home"... (Marquand, 123).

a frame of mind. An emotional state; an emotional condition.

...so she'd be in a frame of mind to welcome the New Year in the way it deserved (Cain, 165).

to frame a question. To prepare a question; to make a question carefully.

If you think the conversation is pertinent, frame a question to show that fact (Gardner, 198).

frazzle haired. Hair which has lost its liveliness usually from too many permanent waves and is bushy, unattractive.

It's a frazzle-haired blonde that works... (Cain, 177).

Free French. Those French who in World War II fought on the side of the Allies.

...the other was selling handkerchiefs and cigarette cases for the Free French (Marquand, 296).

a free hand. Independent action; unrestrained action.

I had to talk my head off in order to get a free hand, and now you start getting hard (Gardner, 99).
"All right, Mason," he said, returning to the table, "I have a free hand" (Gardner, 99).

free lance. Condition of one's not being under contract to any one concern; as for example a free lance writer is free to sell his writings to any publisher.

You're a free-lance, happy-go-lucky, carefree, two-fisted fighter (Gardner, 70).

free parking. The right and a place to park an automobile without having to pay a charge.

She had had the free parking located in the rear, so she could see exactly how many customers she had... (Cain, 120).
Mildred Pierce Chicben Waffles Pies Free Parking (Cain, 79).
Dump a little gravel on one side -- free parking for everybody that comes in.
free play. unimpeded action; unhindered movement.

the rider's weight was right on the withers, allowing the animal's hind-quarters necessary free play (Marquand, 372).

free time. Time not spent on work; off hours; time for which one does not account.

I don't see why you don't write more often, with all the free time you boys have (Yank, 160).

to freeze to death.

1. To die from freezing, from the effects of the cold.

But he could have...frozen to death by this time (Yank, 226).

2. To be very, very cold.

It's not like last winter in Tunisia when we lived on British rations and damned near froze to death... (Pyle, 212).

to freeze up. To become solid with frost; to freeze solid.

The ground was freezing up hard (Gardner, 182).

freight yard. That area in a railroad yard where freight cars are switched from track to track to form a train and where surplus cars are stored.

...a pretty scrubby village at that, with a freight yard at one end, open country at the other, and a car track down the middle (Cain, 6).

French-Canadian. A Canadian of French descent; a Canadian who speaks French.

Private Provencher, of French-Canadian extraction, was the only one of our crew who spoke French... (Pyle, 386).
I had always heard that the French-Canadian brand of French was unintelligible (Pyle, 386).

French postcards. Postcards with obscene, pornographic, pictures.

...he could use the mashed-up goo for pasting French postcards...on his barracks wall (Yank, 140).

fresh air. Clean air; pure air; unpolluted air.

Marianna drew a deep breath of the fresh air, and reached up to fasten her light blue cloak more tightly (Marquand, 446).

fresh from. Just arrived from; new from.

I've seen lots of them come in fresh from the States... (Yank, 205).
Just fresh from London (Marquand, 248).
When the communique mentions a "beachhead", a GI fresh from the States is likely to picture a strip of sand... (Yank, 39).

fresh out of. Newly from; just from; just out of.

The observers were...Pfc. Ferrell, fresh out of business college in Briston, Okla. (Yank, 33).

fresh troops. Virgorous, well rested soldiers.

The dead Japs were big men...all evidently fresh troops... (Yank, 145).

fried chicken. Chicken which is cut into parts: legs, wings, back, breast, etc., covered with flour and fried. A favorite American dish.

She was going to serve half a fried chicken, with vegetables... (Cain, 117).

a friend of. A friend to; one's friend.

...that's why he's such a very good friend of yours (Cain, 158).
Many people dropped in; friends of Monty's, mostly... (Cain, 229).
Most of the guests were Pasadena people friends of Veda's and Monty's... (Cain, 230).

frightened at. Scared of; afraid of.

As Mildred subsided, a little frightened at Veda's tone... (Cain, 202).

from above. Downward in direction; from a place, point higher than something else.

In addition to water seeping up from below, it rained from above all the time (Pyle, 252).
Her black eyes, staring out from above the hollowed cheeks... (Gardner, 4).
Every time a package of crackers went down from above, they scrambled and fought over it... (Pyle, 226).

from all --- heard. Inferring from the things, talk, one had heard; the inferences one makes based upon what one has heard.

...from all I've heard...I always felt you were the one wife for Monty... (Cain, 226).

from all sides. From everywhere around; from every direction.

They were coming in from all sides now, but not too close (Yank, 15).

from beginning to end. From first to last; all through; all along the line.

It's her fault from beginning to end (Cain, 13).

from behind.

1. From the rear; from the back.

They would be shooting at us from behind and from our flank (Pyle, 442).
It was usually the plan for units to be inland, attacking gun positions from behind... (Pyle, 362).
The beach wire, meant to stop a seaborne invasion, was cut through from behind (Yank, 9).
We...hit them from behind... (Yank, 124).

2. From in back of; away from behind.

Stepping from behind the tree he hurled first one and then a second... (Yank, 19).
A scout named Herbert Hanson of Lincoln, Ark., stepped out from behind a tree... (Yank, 17).
She whipped the envelope from behind her back, and literally pushed it into his hands (Gardner, 77).
We were pushed through the ropes from behind (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
...the auxiliary helmsman, had been thrown from behind the wheel and... (Yank, 45).

from below. Below; at a place lower than something else.

From below came the noise of damage control parties... (Yank, 46).
...shooting 1400 yards from far below us on the flat beachhead... (Yank, 52).
Not until flames from below made the deck almost red hot and set... (Yank, 45).

from the bottom of --- heart. Truly; really; wholly.

...I want to tell you that I'm sorry from the bottom of my heart (Cain, 104).

from dawn to dusk. All day; from sunup to sundown; from sun to sun.

...Chinese laborers, working from dawn to dusk...built the vast system of forward airfields in China... (Yank, 119).

from day to day. Each day; considered as a day in itself and not the whole time.

...the average guy...didn't really fare too badly from day to day (Pyle, 462).

from a distance. At a distance; some way away, off.

...he was waiting for his tip, which he would necessarily have to turn over to his sergeant, who watched him sharply from a distance (Marquand, 228).

from the first. From the beginning; at and since the very first.

Then again, the evidence showed right from the first that the plates were empty (Gardner, 210).

from head to foot. All over one's body; from head to toe; up and down one's body.

...a Russki secret-service man who gave me a puzzled look from head to foot... (Yank, 199).

from head to heels. All over one's body; from head to foot; from head to toe.

...she was dizzy from her head to her heels... (Cain, 156).

from head to toe. All over one's body; from head to feet; from head to heel.

There was hardly a square inch of him, from head to toe, that wasn't touched (Pyle, 55).

from here on in. From now on; from this time into the future.

...you almost certainly will be let alone from here on in (Yank, 170).

from inside. Inside; within. (This implies action toward the outside.)

He was firing from inside a house (Yank, 124).

from miles around. From places everywhere around; from all around.

Then all day and all night vehicles of the regiments from miles around lined up and filled their cans, tanks and radiators (Pyle, 60).

from now on. From this time on; from the present into the future. (Cf. from that time on.).

From now on, I'm nothing but ears (Cain, 28).
From now on, you're fast (Cain, 22).
From now on, I'm a business woman (Cain, 96).
Things will move fast from now on (Gardner, 83).
I'll be on the job pretty much from now on (Gardner, 84).
From now on we get an even break with the people who make up packages (Yank, 140).
You'll be carrying plenty of dead ones from now on (Pyle, 372).

From now on, that car's mine (Cain, 61).
Only now I feel it, now I know it, that from now on things are going to get better for us (Cain, 75).
"We'll give 'em hell from now on," he said (Pyle, 205).

from off. Off; coming from.

The smell of gardenias was strong from off Florida Island (Yank, 45).

from one to another. To each and every; going from one to another and then to another, and so on.

The shifting light...charged the texture of all those buildings from minute to minute so that they seemed to have a life of their own (Marquand, 585).
...they used anywhere from twenty-to three hundred men a night (Pyle, 1[illegible]).
...They had gained anywhere from ten to forty pounds (Pyle, 349).
They vary in length from five to 15 days (Yank, 172).
Mildred's mind was leaping wildly from cashier to hostess to dietitian... (Cain, 35).
But I could see the captain going from man to man to check whether they were all okay (Yank, 58).
The Captain's eyes would move from face to face... (Marquand, 219).
The attack had been delayed from day to day... (Pyle, 432).
All of us here at the Old Company, from the office staff up to me, are thinking of you... (Yank, 84).
It'll be a perambulator thing that I'll wheel from table to table... (Cain, 150).
...we got to be pals and eventually we adjourned from one place to another, as Damon Runyon would say... (Pyle, 320).
The colonel went from one battalion to another... (Pyle, 446).

from one to the other. From one to another; to the other; to the remaining.

Jim moved from one foot to the other (Marquand, 61).
Dividing the table, running lengthwise along it, and from one end of the room to the other, stretched a meshed screen of heavy wire... (Gardner, 176).

from out of. From; from the inside of; from within.

...we could go back to shooting at the darkness from out of the dark (Pyle, 392).

from the rear. In the rear; at the rear.

Our men circled machine-gun nests and took them from the rear. (Pyle, 363).

from right to left. Going right to left; in a direction right to left.

The man was looking filmily from right to left, and Ella was shouting at him above the voices (Marquand, 342).

from somewhere. From an unknown place.

...they brought out a supply of Jap bamboo gin from somewhere (Yank, 192).

from the start. At and since the first, beginning.

Can't she do that right from the start (Cain, 119).

from start to finish. From beginning to end; all through.

One GI who had a ringside seat at the conference from start to finish was Cpl. Matt Valenski... (Yank, 199).

from (that time, then) on. Since that day; after that day. (Cf. from now on.)

From that day on, the crew wouldn't chalk anything on the shell (Pyle, 256).
From that moment on, the Big Bastard and the rest of the U.S. task force saw plenty of action (Yank143).
...we were designated G-2 from that point on by the boys assigned to the other floors (Yank, 236).
And from that moment on I was a firm believer... (Yank, 12).
The searchlights flashed on again but from then on they were busy fanning the beach itself (Pyle, 22).
From then on the Yanks were headed west... (Yank, 190).
...Stillwell ordered that the Burma dateline could be used from then on (Yank, 130).
From then on, Mildred began to feel proud of the house... (Cain, 229).
From then on, he was host to the numerous guests, master of the house... (Cain, 235).
From then on Ida had a ride, and Mildred had a better station... (Cain, 64).
From then on, pies became a feverish conspiracy between Mildred and Ida.. (Cain, 64).
From then on there was no hope (C in, 103).
From then on, Mildred knew she had to get a job (Cain, 31).
From then on for an hour and a half...the bombs came down (Pyle, 435).
From then on, the war got progressively tougher for the Rangers (Yank, 124).
...from then on the crew had to look after the Gun's care (Yank, 33).

From then on they go into a sort of second-wind daze (Pyle, 84).
From then on that first day was just a normal one of unloading ships on the beach, as fast as possible (Pyle, 27).
From there on, they toasted all the Allied leaders... (Yank, 165).

from time to time. Occasionally; now and then; off and on.

Why I suppose every sister helps out her brother from time to time (Gardner, 52).
That brings us to the question of what you mean by 'from time to time' (Gardner, 52).
In the days that followed the landings our headquarters vessel patrolled back and forth between the American sectors...and from time to time scurried in swift circles when planes appeared in the sky (Pyle, 33).

from under.

1. Being under; being below.

...I dug them out from under the debris... (Pyle, 248).
...Hetherington saw a Jap rise up from under the leaves... (Yank, 250).
...he peeked at us from under the blanket... (Yank, 192).

2. Away from under; out from in under.

At other times we would start so suddenly that the ship would almost jump out from under us (Pyle, 34).
It was a little like standing on a carpet on a polished floor, and having it slip from under him... (Marquand, 270).

from up. From a place above; from a higher place.

From up there you could seefar up and down the beach... (Pyle, 269).

from what --- sees. According to one's observation; inferring from one's observation.

And from what I saw of our enlisted men in Cairo they would...be an asset to any of the...clubs... (Yank, 212).

front and center. A military order for a man to step from the ranks up to an officer.

Front and center, George (Marquand, 247).

front door. The main door of a house or apartment; the door of a house nearest the street.

She...let herself in the front door (Cain, 252).
...Mr. Murock was carrying flowers in the front door, to place them on the wire racks... (Cain, 112).

front door bell. A bell which can be rung at the front door.

I ring the front-door bell (Yank, 188).

the front end. The forward end; that part at the front.

Suddenly the front end of the jeep dropped about three feet and everything stopped right there (Pyle, 191).

front line. That place where the fighting is actually going on; where the fighting is. (Also attributive.)

...that's pretty well along in years to be a front-line infantryman (Pyle, 449).
You always tried to in war, that is, if you weren't in the front line... (Marquand, 353).
He was a front-line infantryman of a rifle company... (Pyle, 448).
The second Jap...asked permission to broadcast a message to his comrades over a front-line public-address system (Yank, 56).
The front line was around the peak and several miles up the valley... (Yank, 196).
In front-line pill boxes a popular subject for debate was whether the Japs were (a) crazy... (Yank, 52).
...the fancy term, logistics, becomes merely a weary private's aching back and the slimy path up a front-line peak (Yank, 196).

front office. A superior office; the office of high ranking officers, officials.

...a nephew of somebody in the front office above the rank of captain... (Yank, 236).

front porch. A porch on the front of a house.

And a robin nesting under the front-porch eaves... (Yank, 151).
His mind went back to the Barnses' front porch that first time he had called on Louella... (Marquand, 260).

front row seat. A seat in the very first row of a theater; hence, a close observation spot, place.

There we were in a front-row seat at a great military epic (Pyle, 359).

front seat. The forward seat of an automobile, car.

When he sat alone in the front seat he tried to think of Jim and Sally as being there withhim (Marquand, 549).

front steps. Those steps at the front of a house.

There was the same iron fence and the same tar walk leading up to the front steps... (Marquand, 171).

front yard. The yard at the front of a house; the yard between the street and the house.

The stone wasl in the front yard had been knocked down... (Pyle, 432).

frozen food. Food which is packed in air tight containers and very quickly frozen solid, and which is thawed for preparation.

Quick-frozen food that retains its flavor and nourishment (Reader's Guide, 9:848,1935).

fruit salad. A salad composed of a variety of fruits placed on leaves of lettuce and accompanied by a salad dressing.

They want...the fruit salads... (Cain, 175).

fuddy duddy. Ineffective; effete; prissy.

A great many people...regard the American Army as backward and resistant to new ideas. They believe its officer class is caste-ridden and fuddy-duddy (Harpers, vol. 182: 1087, Dec. 1940, 1a).

a full colonel. A colonel as compared to his inferior officer, a lieutenant colonel; a chicken colonel (so-called because the insignia designating the rank of colonel is an eagle).

...at twenty-five, he was a full colonel (Pyle, 321).

full day. A whole day; the livelong day.

The first bivouac had shots ringing through it for a full day... (Pyle, 373).

full details. Complete details; facts and figures.

...you send full details of your case to its office at... (Yank, 174).

full dress. A very thoroughgoing affair; an affair planned on and well executed. (Also attributive.)

In London, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill faces a full dress debate in Parliament (Progressive, Jan. 24, 1942, 2).

full fledged. A mature; all out; complete.

We all knew now that it was a full-fledged German assault on the main American lines (Yank, 21).

the full force of. The total of its force; the sum of the strength of.

When the Germans turned the full force of their magnificent Panzer divisions toward Greece... (Yank, 218).

a full house. A crowded room; a full room.

It is always full house at Spiedel's when a raid is under way (Yank, 41).

full length mirror. A mirror about 5'6" high; a mirror in which one can see a complete reflection of oneself.

Mildred stood before the full-length mirror... (Cain, 161).

full lips. Lips that are well developed; well rounded and well shaped lips. (Often considered a sign of sensuousness.)

...the limpid, dark eyes, the very red, full lips, the smooth lines of her neck... (Gardner, 160).

full moon. The moon when it is completely round, or nearly so, and shines brightly at night.

He kept wondering if that month of October, 1940, were as clear in Europe as it was in New York, with the same full moon and the same high tides (Marquand, 239).
...the moon was full... (Pyle, 272).

full of fun. Humorous; jolly; funny.

Mr. Wilson is always full of fun (Marquand, 269).

full of steam. Excited; emotional; very nervous.

Just at dawn, as the raid ended, he came running up to me full of steam and yelled, "Did you see that plane go down smoking..." (Pyle, 8).

to be full of stories. To know many stories; to be able to recount stories, anecdotes.

...his aides were full of stories about he stayed in the background rather than call attention to himself... (Pyle, 307).

full of tricks. Tricky; sly; cagey; cunning.

As I have said, the Germans were full of tricks (Pyle, 168).

full price. The asking price; the price marked on something.

We had expected to pay the full price... (Pyle, 408).

full set of. A complete set of; a whole set of.

...I'll need a full set of cocktail...glasses... (Cain, 151).

full speed ahead. A naval command which orders the ship to move forward as rapidly as it can.

And then, as a pleasant afterthought, "Full speed ahead" (Yank, 44).

full time.

1. Time wholly, completely, taken up; time with no rest periods. (Also attributive.)

They figured one day for moving, one for settling down and four days of full-time work, then forward again (Pyle, 420).

2. (worker) One who devotes his working time to one specific job.

Pfc...Langley...one of the 'Canal's full-time chauffeurs... (Yank, 233).
The 'Canal has a full -time boxing promotor... (Yank, 233).

3. Solely; all one's working time; all the time one works.

...Pfc. Orval Hjermstad works full time as a soda jerk (Yank, 233).

to fumble for words. To have an idea and be unable to express it; or to try to talk to cover embarrassment or lack of ideas.

"Am I, Jame?" I gulp, fumbling desperately for words (Yank, 189).

to fumble with. To work clumsily with; to do something clumsily.

He was fumbling with the zipper... (Cain, 171).

to fume at. To speak to in anger; to speak angrily to.

...Mildred fumed at the way Mr. Treviso treated them (Cain, 185).

a funny feeling. An odd, unaccustomed feeling.

I asked Joe if he had a funny feeling about fighting his own people... (Pyle, 65).

the funny side of. That which is funny in; the humor in.

They saw the funny side of life... (Pyle, 249).

funny thing. An odd thing; a peculiar thing; an unexplainable thing.

Funny thing about how those people would roam around (Yank, 124).

to fuss around. To bother with; to be annoyed by.

...if voting meant that soldiers would have to...fuss around with reading and writing out complicated lists... (Pyle, 137).

to fuss over. To make special, careful treatment for; to give fond treatment and care to.

They think they should be petted and pampered and fussed over (Yank, 217).

the future holds. There might be in the future; there is in store.

...whatever the future held...something had to be done... (Cain, 188).
Mildred...was beginning...to hope that the future might hold more than pain... (Cain, 255).

to gain --- bearings. To locate one's position; to discover where one is.

Once I get over the hump on that one I'll gain my bearings (Yank, 207).

to gain a foothold. To get a purchase; to win a small victory which gives a fulcrum, a purchase, a hold.

...they gained a foothold, they fought all day and all night... (Yank, 17).

to gain ground. To win territory from the enemy; to progress forward over ground won.

"Your unit," he said, "made it possible for us to gain more ground in one week than we covered all last month (Yank, 94).

to gain weight. To put on flesh; to get fat; to add weight.

She continued to gain weight (Cain, 179).
We did manage to gain a little weight... (Pyle, 343)

gall bladder. The receptacle for bile which is located on the under side of the liver.

They had x-rayed his gall bladder (Marquand, 276).

galloping dominoes. Dice.

Well, I sort of owe Hogarty one for the trick he played on me with those galloping dominoes (Gardner, 217).

a game of pool. A pool game; a game played on a billiard table with balls and cues. (The variations of the game are almost endless.)

He played a game of pool for about ten minutes, then he called police headquarters... (Gardner, 87).
I played a game of pool and figures things out (Gardner, 103).

to gander around. To go sightseeing; to look at things as a tourist. (Cf. to take a gander.)

Another term was "eyeballing" which meant viewing and gandering around... (Pyle, 150).

garbage pail. A large can, container, usually holding five or ten gallons, into which the garbage, waste food, is placed in storage until the time it is taken away by the garbage collector.

They emptied anything left over into a garbage pail (Pyle, 337).

garden hose. A rubber or plastic hose about an inch and a half in diameter with a 5/8 inch interior diameter used for the purpose of carrying water from a faucet to some other place in the yard.

His backbone, seeming to have no more rigidity than a piece of garden hose, looped his chin close to his upthrust knees (Gardner, 9).

garden party. A party held out of doors on the lawn next to a house. (Also attributive.)

...it gave a sort of garden-party effect (Cain, 237).

garden spot. A place where the earth, ground, is extremely rich and fertile; a lovely place.

The garden spot of the world -- in a pig's eye (Cain, 156).

a garden walk. A paved walk through a garden, lawn.

The same hut had a tiny little garden walk... (Pyle, 338).

garrison cap. A soldier's dress cap, made of cloth without a visor.

He was wearing a garrison cap which was a little too tight... (Marquand, 525).
The garrison cap was not at the right angle (Marquand, 257).
He had been wearing a garrison cap, which he never wore again... (Marquand, 215).
Louella Barnes was waiting for him and he had taken off his garrison cap with his left hand... (Marquand, 526).

gas attack. A loosing during war of poisonous gasses.

...our clothing was impregnated against gas attack... (Pyle, 354).

the gas chamber. An air tight chamber, quite small room, in which a person sentenced to death by the courts is excuted by means of a very poisonous gas.

If they find those papers on you, it means the gas chamber (Gardner, 77).
He claims that new gas chamber is worse than the rope (Gardner, 179).
Suppose that in the event of his death -- either by natural causes or in the gas chamber at San Quentin -- you stood no chance of profiting ... (Gardner, 133).

gas fixtures. Any device which burns either natural or artificial gas. (This usually implies a device used in a house.)

...she could see a little two-burner gas fixture... (Cain, 165).

gas hog. Anyone who used more gasoline than he was entitled to during the rationing of World War II.

The Office of Price Administration made things unpleasant for "gas hogs" tonight (Topeka Capital, May 16, 1942, 7).

gas mask. A device covering the face whose purpose is to purify the air being breathed or to neutralize poisonous gases which a person may breathe.

...notices the smell of the gardenias and had started to put on his gas mask before a talker on the bridge told him... (Yank, 46).
I considered leaving my training gas mask... (Yank, 20).
...I had left my Army gas mask behind (Pyle, 9).

gasoline shovel. A power shovel operated by a gasoline motor; a device similar to a steam shovel only operated by a gasoline motor.

...two 40-ton gasoline shovels... (Yank, 232).

gas tank. The tank on a vehicle or airplane which holds gasoline.

There were no self-sealing gas tanks, no metal wings, only yellow fabric, and there was no way of bailing out (Marquand, 230).
Then the tracers must have hit the gas tank (Marquand, 230).

to gas up. To fill a vehicle's gas tanks with gasoline; to fill up with gasoline.

Machinists' mates...were gassing up the boats... (Yank, 253).

to gather about. To come together at; to form a crowd at.

...little girls who were gathered busily about her feet (Yank, 188).

to gather around. To come together to form a crowd; to become a crowd; to come together.

The whole crew gathered around and studied it (Pyle, 107).
A group of us had gathered around to hear about a Jap trick that cost us four dead and 22 wounded... (Yank, 52).
But when the girls saw Mildred, and divined what she was there for, they gathered around... (Cain, 45).
The soldiers occupying the house gathered around the carrying party to get all the latest news and rumors from capm (Yank, 59).
We all gathered around and listened (Pyle, 428).
The men gathered around... (Yank, 241).

to gather the impression. To infer; to receive an implication.

You gathered the impression that there were people in the bedroom? (Gardner, 149).

to gather --- into --- arms. To embrace another; to hug another.

Ray's voice was a wail, and Mildred wanted to gather her into her arms, but she merely took one of the little hands and patted it (Cain, 101).
She began to cry, and Mildred gathered her into her arms and talked to her as she had wanted to talk in the first place (Cain, 12).

to gather up.

1. To collect; to gather; to bring together.

Della Street gathered up the empty glasses (Gardner, 46).
She said she was sorry, gathered up the last of her dirty dishes, and went back with them (Cain, 49).
Next morning they were gathered up... (Pyle, 389).
...she suddenly gathered up her gloves and started to flounce out, without being interviewed at all (Cain, 33).
Then some of them gathered up the empty shells... (Pyle, 390).
...the mess sergeant gathers up another 10-day supply... (Yank, 34).
...we...gathered up my scattered stuff... (Pyle, 280).
Some smart operator had simply gathered up a batch of empty cans and lids, put sand in the cans, and then nearly crimped the lids back on (Pyle, 135).

2. To form a bunch; to become humped up.

"It gathers up too much in front," Sally said, "doesn't it, Mr. Wilson? (Marquand, 529).

general confusion. Confusion in general; a confusion of everyone.

...there was a general confusion of British Tank Corps men... (Yank, 115).

general effect. The effect in general; no special effect.

It's just for the general effect (Marquand, 496).

general officers. Army officers in the rank of: brigadier generals, major generals, lieutenant generals, generals, and generals of the army.

But I noticed that on informal occasions such as at dinner, all the general officers called him "Brad" (Pyle, 312).

general quarters. (also GQ) A condition of alert aboard a warship in which each and every man aboard ship goes to his battle station.

When general quarters sounded at 9:30, no one aboard the Big Bastard knew the size or strength of the enemy (Yank, 43).
Buck's duty at general quarters was after-battery lookout (Yank, 46).

general staff. The staff, complement, group of officers, who serve a general as his advisers.

Knowing Minot, he imagined that Minot would already be on some General Staff, and Jeffrey did not want to be on any Staff (Marquand, 563).

general store. A store which does not specialize in any particular commodity; a store which sells many things. (This usually implies a store in the country as contrasted with a city store.).

The village had the general store with its wide front stoop... (Marquand, 112).

gentleman farmer. A rather rich man who owns a farm and lives on it, but who does not expect to earn his living from the farm; a man of some wealth who owns a farm from which he expects little or no income but who farms for the pleasure of it.

Then a ruddy-faced man of middle age, who looked like a gentleman farmer, drove up... (Pyle, 377).

to get action out of. To get someone to do something usually after procrastination or delay.

...the time had come to get action out of Wally... (Cain, 204).

to get adjusted to. To become accustomed to; to become used to.

...Mildred...trying to get adjusted to the...unexpected turn the interview had taken. (Cain, 216).

to get ahead.

1. To prosper; to be successful; to advance in one's profession or vocation.

Occasionally in the evenings, when Jeffrey was back from College, his father would talk to him about getting ahead (Marquand, 179).
...like anyone else who comes from a small town and gets ahead (Marquand, 245).
She was implacably determined to get ahead, somehow (Cain, 74).
But a good man could get ahead at the Palace... (Yank, 236).

2. To move to a position in front (of); to get in front (of).

...I slowed down, to let him get ahead (Cain, 231).

to get ahead of. To accumulate; to pile up; to build up. (This implies that certain tasks, jobs, which one must perform are being left undone.)

He had let it get ahead of him because it did lawns good to be let go for one summer (Marquand, 501).
...he didn't want Mr. Wilson to think that it had got ahead of him, even if Mrs. Wilson thought so (Marquand, 501).

to get alarmed. To become alarmed; to become scared, frightened.

Now I don't want you to get alarmed (Cain, 100).

to get all set. To get, become, prepared, ready.

We got all set to shoot at the lights, but then we waited (Pyle, 22).

to get along.

1. To make out; to manage; to continue.

I asked him if he didn't have trouble eating, and he said; "No. I get along fine" (Pyle, 275).
...you couldn't tell her...that anybody couldn't get along, even if there was a Depression... (Cain, 131).
...the average guy who just gets along no matter who is there -- didn't really fare too badly... (Pyle, 462).
He got along fine until his third trip (Yank, 186).
We get along (Yank, 29).
We sent a destroyer through the fleet to find out how the ships were getting along (Pyle, 20).
...and wants to help a plucky little woman get along (Cain, 148).
...that many countries have found they can get along without such a reserve (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
Captain Allaman spoke enough French to get along (Pyle, 153).
He got along fine in Italian (Pyle, 213).
He wasn't entitled to something that would make things so much easier for her, and that he could get along well enough without (Cain, 58).
It's easier to fight when you know what the other fellow is doing and how he is getting along (Pyle, 179).
Sergeant Tonguma...spoke fluent Spanish and therefore got along fairly well in Italian (Pyle, 215).
"Don't make fun of us," he said, "we're just poor boys trying to get along (Marquand, 24).
"I make a point of it," he said, "that's how I get along" (Marquand, 154).
...they marvel at how the American Army...gets along so well (Yank, 213).
Oh, we're getting along all right -- no need for you to worry (Cain, 18).
And the awful time we had getting along (Cain, 14).

2. To fare; to feel; to be in (good, bad) health.

The youngster who was put down beside me said, "Hi, pop, how you getting along? (Pyle, 50).

3. To be friendly and remain so; to live in harmony.

If she can, then they ought to get along fine, because that's exactly the way he's built (Cain, 10).

4. To go; to start going.

All right, let's get along (Pyle, 200).

to get along with.

1. To be friendly with; to live in harmony with.

Why, they get along with Uncle all right -- that is they did... (Gardner, 28).
How do you get along with your uncle? (Gardner, 27).
Very well...but anyone would get along with him (Gardner, 26).
How do you get along with your uncle, Miss Leeds? (Gardner, 26).
Oh-oh, you can't get along with 'em and you can't get along without 'em (Marquand, 515).

2. To use; to utilize; to make use of. (This implies not full satisfaction with.)

...I'll have to get along with a portable (Cain, 150).

to get annoyed. To become annoyed; to become irritated.

Mildred began getting annoyed but it was Veda who put an end to the discussion (Cain, 112).

to get anywhere.

1. To succeed; to be successful.

Then, too, there was Mrs. Leland Hanscom who sold antiques...whose husband never could seem to get anywhere... (Marquand, 112).
She doesn't think she's getting anywhere (Cain, 131).
If he's dead, that's not getting her anywhere (Cain, 199).

2. To come to the point; to make a point.

You talk and talk and you don't get anywhere at all (Marquand, 436).

to get around.

1. To move, go, from one place to another; to travel; to move about.

We had a hell of a time getting around...because we had no special passes... (Yank, 199).
As far as anyone could tell, he never seemed to get around anywhere, but he knew the city inside out (Marquand, 278).
He's been in circulation for a while, and he seems to get around pretty fast, once he starts moving (Gardner, 50-1).
...most of them are sourdough trappers...who know how to get around in Alaska... (Yank, 190).

2. To spread, go, from one person to another.

...rumors get around... (Pyle, 357).

3. To go different places and to have conversations with different people; to learn from travel and observation.

"Say how do you know all this?" Mason said, "Oh, I get around" (Gardner, 19).

to get around to.

1. To bring oneself to; to get to slowly; to come to circuitously.

When I got around to it, I figured it was maybe too Biblical... (Yank, 132).
Finally we got around to my host... (Pyle, 217).
I don't know if the general ever got around to seeing the other Captain Doolittle (Pyle, 318).
Then, rather casually, he got around to Veda, had a look at the music she had brought... (Cain, 134).
Mr. Gorman was frank to say that he never got around to the flower garden as much as he would like to... (Marquand, 501).
I...did not get around to reading it (Pyle, 301).
He bought the boat with the idea of making an entomological expedition aboard her, but he hasn't got around to that yet... (New Yorker, XIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...let her get her bearings before she actually got around to picking out a house? (Cain, 221).
The bottle was getting low now, but he poured himself another drink, and got around to what he had come for (Cain, 60).

2. To come to; to arrive at.

Petchal had been wounded by enemy flak, but we never got around to that (Pyle, 218).
They became bosom friends and somehow the talk always got around to pies (Cain, 64).

3. To get; to obtain; to purchase.

One of the most practical pieces of equipment our Army got around to was the little Coleman stove for cooking (Pyle, 242).

to get at.

1. To mean; to have as the core of meaning; to have as the central idea.

"What I'm getting at," he said, "is, it's a little like being given a second chance... (Marquand, 470).
Drake frowned and said, "What are you getting at, Perry? (Gardner, 23).
"I don't quite see what you're getting at, Gorman," Jeffrey said, but he knew that he was going to see, and Mr. Gorman knew it (Marquand, 515).
Come on, Mildred, what are you getting at? (Cain, 4).

2. To begin to work on; to start working on.

They were anxious to get at it and get it over with and go back home (Pyle, 345).
Furthermore, it seemed that after the bugs and caterpillars had really got at it and were not expecting anything... (Marquand, 501).
The Monday pies, however, were on her mind, and she knew she had to get at them (Cain, 95).
Then get at it (Cain, 84).

3. To reach; to arrive at; to find; to locate.

Captain Doran liked to get at the seat of a man's ills (Pyle, 45).
...our troops couldn't get at it with their guns (Pyle, 159).
...it was almost impossible for artillery to get at them (Pyle, 440).

4. To fight; to injure through fighting.

...they could bet back to the front and "get at them sons*bitches" (Pyle, 421).

5. To gain the confidence of; to understand and receive sympathy from; to get on friendly relations with.

When the examiners strike a case like this, they try to find out the trouble, other than the normal depression over being captured. But they couldn't seem to get at this boy (Pyle, 124).

to get attention; To receive, obtain, attention; to cause others to notice.

There wasn't much of a battle but it was getting a lot of attention (Yank, 147).

to get away.

1. To leave; to depart; to get out.

...we went back into the jungle and got away without a shot being fired at us (Yank, 9).
...this Itie...tried to get away on a motorcycle (Yank, 123).
Now that it was over, she wanted to get away (Marquand, 99).
Don't let him get away (Gardner, 61).
Aren't you doing it because you'd like to get away? (Marquand, 569).
You'd like to get away (Marquand, 569).
It was growing dark outside and he wanted to get away (Marquand, 173).
If they were behind the German lines it was time to get away (Marquand, 232).
...instead if experiencing the acme of happiness, he wanted to get away (Marquand, 209).
Jeffrey felt very anxious to get away before anyone saw them from the house, before the telephone rang... (Marquand, 548).

2. To escape; to get free; to elude capture.

"Three of them got away," White said, "but the other three went to Heaven" (Pyle, 27).
"Most of us got away," says Serrano, "but five were caught" (Yank, 27).
We chased the Jerry, but he got away (Yank, 125).

to get away from.

1. To leave; to depart from; to get out of.

She wanted to get away from the Sound and the Post Road and memory... (Marquand, 99).
Lest she show resentment, she started for the kitchen, but it seemed impossible to get away from Ida (Cain, 48).
...she waited miserably for them to get it over with, so she could get away from Ida, and the Filipino dishwashers.. (Cain, 49).
To the best little woman that any guy was crazy enough to let get away from him (Cain, 127).
...let's get away from there as soon as we can (Marquand, 89).

2. To escape; to get free of; to elude.

Even Tolstoy could not get away from it (Marquand, 151).
You could get away from the war for a little while, but not for long, because it was everywhere... (Marquand, 15).
Clearly he wished to get away from his salad days (Marquand, 19).
...personal satisfaction -- that it's just a sort of excuse to get away from her and home and the kids (Marquand, 579).
He could not even tell what he wanted to get away from unless it were a sort of insincerity... (Marquand, 138).
...with enough money, I can get away from you... (Cain, 207).
They were just like all the people that they were trying to get away from... (Marquand, 210).
By jinks, you couldn't kind of help things getting away from you when there was good stuff underneath (Marquand, 515).

You could either starve the ground...or else you could have it nice and rich and kind of let it get away from you (Marquand, 516).

to get away from it all. To escape from the unpleasantness of every day life; to leave the humdrum.

...who had built a good many ranchos for friends of Hal's who had also wanted to get away from it all... (Marquand, 432).
As Hal had said, when he had decided to get away from it all, he was very tired, much too tired... (Marquand, 432).
Later he admitted that perhaps he had made a mistake in not asking Elise whether she wanted to get away from it all, too... (Marquand, 431).
...a bushy and lonesome burro who had come out there to get away from it all (Yank, 31).

to get away with. To be successful in, with; to be undetected and not reprimanded for. (This implies some action which is either illegal or unconventional.)

When he was hiding from the Gestapo in Belgrade or Zagreb, he posed as a wealthy business man. And he always got away with it. (Yank, 248).
...makes passes at the pretty ones when he thinks he can get away with it... (Gardner, 127).
...you couldn't always get away with everything just because you were lucky (Marquand, 20).
So you thought you could get away with it, eh? (Gardner, 160).
Now tell me...how does he get away with it? (Marquand, 21).
...was a great actress, as critics always did if a girl could take on a Shaw play and get away with it (Marquand, 148).
You can't pull that stuff and get away with it... (Gardner, 204).

to get back. To return; to go back; to come back.

When did you get back to the cabin? (Gardner, 181).
I've got to get back to the Tanana country (Gardner, 117).
The men at the well got back safely, though I never thought they would (Yank, 59).
...Veda's desire to get back with the rich Pasadena people... (Cain, 220).
...that last step he took to get back to the States
...phone and ask them to hold it up until we get back (Yank, 195).
Will we get back in time to see "Wake Island2... (Yank, 195).
...he wouldn't get back to his old company, so they let him go to a rest camp instead (Pyle, 449).
I have just got back from two and a half year's service in the South Pacific... (Yank, 216).
When the men of the carrying party got back they threw themselves down... (Yank, 59).
I played possum until he got back (Yank, 192).
...when she got back to her room she couldn't bear it that Monty should be there (Cain, 233).

When she got back she caught her breath at what she saw (Cain, 116).
He tried to get back to the subject of Welly, and she shrilled him down (Cain, 83).
Now why don't you get back to the barracks... (Yank, 139).
Jeffrey knew that he would have felt better if he had stopped for a cup of coffee, but he wanted to get back to familiar surroundings (Marquand, 302).
Mason said, "Get back here just as quickly as you can" (Gardner, 68).
She would have to get back in time for dinner, back where her winter house was on Murray Hill... (Marqaand, 586).
Stick around the office, keep in touch with developments, and eat after I get back (Gardner, 93).
...we'll do all sorts of things when you get back (Marquand, 410).
...Madge and the apartment might not be there when he got back, though what might happen to them he could not remotely imagine (Marquand, 407).
Men who have been away six weeks have trouble in finding their way around when they get back (Yank, 75).
...I began to think less of the British Eighth Army and more about getting back to my bivouac (Yank, 31).
It was high time for Mildred to get back to the kitchen, but she lingered /.. (Cain, 122).
When did you get back, Walter? (Marquand, 120).
He would give me strength and protection to get back (Yank, 11).
We wondered...if things would be changed when we get back (Yank, 24).
But I guess I'll wait till I get back to Brooklyn... (Yank, 23).
He splashed in after it, got it back on his shoulder... (Yank, 198).
When he got back, all he could talk about was the strange and wonderful thing that had happened to him (Pyle, 222).
He was pleased to get back to the small and intimate familiarity of a squadron (Pyle, 205).
He'd skin her aline when he got back (Pyle, 335).
When they got back it was late, but they gathered pine knots by the car lights... (Cain, 94).
When they got back it was cold, and they decided to build a fire of pine knots (Cain, 94).
I feel lots better since I got back (Pyle, 261).
Arlie just pointed his gun at him and kept it pointed till the officers got back (Pyle, 120).
...yet he was capable of playing swell football when he got back into civil life... (Pyle, 177).
It was in the summer of 1919, just after he got back from the war... (Marquand, 8).
...and now she was striving to get back into a workaday world through the magic that those words had wrought (Marquand, 147).
I'll step on it and get back to the office in time to hear what he has to say before we go back to court (Gardner, 40).
Then he took to the side streets to get back to his hotel... (Yank, 201).
...if I ever got back to the States I was to be sure and make a visit to the convent (Yank, 188).

"All right," Mason said, "now getting back to what you did after you left Hogarty's apartment (Gardner, 197).
"I've got to get back to town," he said (Marquand, 300).
Finally he got strong enough to get back to Algiers... (Pyle, 230).
One explanation we heard, and discounted heavily, was that a good many veterans had gone away for the summer and hadn't got back yet (New (Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 23, 1947, 25).
Whenever any of the old crowd spoke of Walter afterwards, in spite of all the years between, they would somehow get back to the statue (Marquand, 18).
...she knew she would have to get Veda back (Cain, 214).
He splashed in after it, got it back on his shoulder... (Yank, 198).
Some nights William was up till 3 A.M. seeing that all the skinners got back down the mountain (Pyle, 146).

to get ---back up. To become excited, angry, mad.

Yet at the mention of the word "gold" the whole United States gets its back up (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

to get --- balance. To become balanced; to become righted; to become poised.

It never gave them a chance to reassemble or get their balance (Pyle, 397).

to get --- bearings.

1. To locate oneself in relation to others, or to the earth; to locate oneself in relation to north.

They decided to back up in order to get their bearings... (Pyle, 405).

2. To adjust oneself to a situation and to learn what the conditions are.

...would he...let her get her bearings before she actually got around to picking out a house? (Cain, 221).
...for a time his land lay idle, while he tried to get his bearings in a dizzily spinning world (Cain, 6).

to get the benefit of. To receive, obtain, the benefit of. (Often ironic.)

The windshield was down, so I got the benefit of the cold night air (Yank, 57).

to get the best of. To get the control of; to master; to become superior to.

Imagination occasionally got the best of some of our letter writers (Pyle, 137).

to get the better of. To get the control of; to master; to become superior to.

Don't let taut nerves get the better of you, just sink down and relax (Marquand, 412).

to get bowled over. To be knocked down; to be pushed around; to be be jostled.

I always froze wherever I was for about five minutes, to keep from getting bowled over in the rush (Pyle, 33).

to get a break.

1. To be given a rest period, a recess.

When we got a break we lit K-ration cigarettes... (Yank, 242).

2. To receive a chance; to get an opportunity; to have a chance.

Ike's all right, if he gets half a break (Cain, 24[illegible]).

to get --- breath. To regain one's normal breathing rate; to breathe normally after some physical stress.

When I got my breath I started for help... (Yank, 169).
...she and Monty burst into howls of laughter, and when she could get her breath she gasped: "Oh Mother! We saw the Biederhof! (Cain, 128).

to get bumped off. To be killed, murdered.

If I'd known he was going to get bumped off, I'd have listened, but all I wanted to know... (Gardner, 103).

to get busy. To go to work; to start to work; to begin working.

Then he told them to get busy and gather some stakes (Yank, 182).
Go ahead and get busy on the Conway Appliance Company (Gardner, 14).

to get by.

1. To passy by; to go by; to pass.

...my orders says nobody's car, not even a general's, gets by here today (Yank, 179).

2. To manage; to get along; to do well enough but not exceptionally well; to do passably.

When they say someone is a good soldier it means he really might have got by at the Point and that he ought to be wearing one of those rings (Marquand, 555).
It's all right to talk about respectability if you've been educated so you can get by and be respectable... (Gardner, 73).
...in the Old Army he managed to get by that way... (Yank, 216).

to get a call. To receive a telephone call; to be called to the telephone.

Because right in the middle of rush hour you wonderful little homemakers have a habit of getting a call that Willie's got the croup, and out you run, and maybe you come back... (Cain, 38).

to get a call through. To get a long distance telephone call through; to place a long distance telephone call and get the person one wishes to speak to.

I think we can get a call through (Gardner, 173).

to get caught. To be caught.

...South Seas feeling that wanted to dawdle, to play, to get caught half dressed, without any shame whatever (Cain, 93).

to get caught up in. To become involved in; to be snared in.

Soon you find him trying to answer your truths and getting caught up in his own lies (Yank, 129).

to get a chance. To receive, obtain, have a chance, opportunity.

...she'd got this chance on a big national hook up (Cain, 210).
I didn't get any chance, that I noticed (Cain, 96).

to get --- clothes on. To put on, don, one's clothes, clothing.

He asked Mildred to wait until he got his clothes on... (Cain, 249).

to get cold feet. To become frightened; to become scared. (This implies that one does not wish to continue with some project because of his fright.)

You getting cold feet? (Cain, 81).
Do you mean you're getting cold feet? (Cain, 161).
Getting cold feet, Della? (Gardner, 80).

to get a crack at. To have a chance at; to have an opportunity at.

If I can go out there and get one crack at them... (Marquand, 569).

They were eager to "get a crack at the Jerries" (Pyle, 343).

to get credit. To receive credit; to be able to borrow money; to buy on credit; to charge.

...that's all they want to know -- you can get all the credit you want, more than you can use (Cain, 79).

to get dark. To become evening; to become night.

...and told them to be ready to move out as soon as it got dark (Yank, 50).

to get a divorce. To receive, obtain a divorce; to divorce one's spouse; to have one's marriage legally dissolved.

...my wife and I agreed to separate, but we didn't get a divorce (Yank, 173).
...put an end to this mistake and get a divorce (Yank, 173).
So, it looks as though we've got to get a divorce, Bert (Cain, 82).

to get done. To finish; to stop after having completed something; to complete a thing.

You'll trot all day and you'll never get done! (Cain, 48).
Then all right, and when you get done with that, if you want the bath, it's right beyond you... (Cain, 28).
So you got done early (Cain, 4).
...he would get his work done... (Marquand, 4).
But he never got it done (Pyle, 59).

to get down.

1. To descend; to go downward as from a hill or mountain.

Others got down under their own power, agonizingly (Pyle, 149).

2. To land after having been in an airplane; to get to earth.

A friend of mine...felt so good the night he got down that he canceled a $200 debt another pilot owed him (Pyle, 172).

3. To lower oneself; to get close to the earth or surface on which one is.

I got down behind a little bush... (Pyle, 402).

4. To swallow; to eat; to drink.

But Jack couldn't quite get it down (Pyle, 219).

...the playboy, comical and whimsical, after a hard night of it, was in his dressing gown, trying to get down his orange juice... (Marquand, 423).

5. To go south; to go southerly.

When the Navy expedition got down to the Antarctic, it discovered that it had forgotten its two hundred and seventy pairs of skis (New (Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

6. To fell; to cause to descend; to fall.

...no matter how tough the tree, Alexander and Shipman usually got it down in about half an hour... (Yank, 232).

to get --- down.

1. To tire one physically; to wear one out.

"The drills getting you down?" we asked (Yank, 100).
Getting up at three every day and not getting any sleep in the daytime almost got me down before it was over... (Pyel, 42).
"That old bassar of a extended order is getting me down", Artie said (Yank, 100).
...the main thing about farming was to take it easy and not let it get you down (Marquand, 502).

2. To depress one emotionally; to cause one to feel badly.

He's not worried about sex to the extent of letting it get him down (Yank, 36).
Maybe it's this room that gets me down (Marquand, 125).
It isn't getting you down, is it, rahly, rahly? (Marquand, 353).

to get down on --- knees. To lower oneself so that one is standing on one's knees; to stand on one's knees.

Whenever he lost anything he just got down on his knees and felt in the straw... (Pyle, 266).

to get down to bedrock. To get to the essentials; to come to the crux, the maint points.

Get right down to bedrock (Gardner, 71).

to get down to brass tacks. To get to the essentials; to come to the crux, the main points.

Let's get down to brass tacks (Gardner, 71).

He was a roly-poly little man, and after seven seconds of purring condolences, he got down to brass tacks (Cain, 105).
Poor people get right down to brass tacks: love, hunger, murder, forgery ... (Gardner, 102).

to get down to business. To begin to work; to start to work in earnest; to come to the essentials of the business.

He...casually got down to business (Cain, 200).
Then they both laughed, and he got down to business (Cain, 89).

to get down to work. To begin to work hard; to work in earnest; to work with one's best ability.

And you've got to cut out this running around and get down to work (Cain, 248).

to get dressed. To become dressed; to dress.

...I've got to get dressed and get out (Marquand, 14).

to get dressed up. To put on, don, one's good clothes.

You...got all dressed up (Cain, 163).

to get drunk. To become drunk; to become intoxicated.

But to Ray, it was a chance to "get drunk", as she called it... (Cain, 56).

to get even. To get, obtain, revenge; to avenge oneself.

...you had to say what you just said to me, to get even (Cain, 146).

to get excited. To become excited, nervous.

I know, but before I get too excited about it, you'd better make sure (Cain, 80).
...Mildred viewed the downpour as an annoyance...but nothing to get excited about... (Cain, 160).

to get fed up. To become disgusted, thoroughly annoyed, vexed.

Came a day when Ed Bland got fed up with flying for a living... Pyle, 133).

To get the feel of. To become accustomed to; to become acclimated to; to become used to.

I was thankful for the delay because it gave me time to get the feel of warfare at sea (Pyle, 2).

What she wanted was to get the feel of a town that he knew a great deal better than she did (Cain, 221).
Hal made a grasping gesture at the air in front of him to show how he wanted to get the feel of it (Marquand, 287).
I want to get the feel of it, where they fall in love. (Marquand, 287).

to get a fire going. To start a fire; to light a fire; to cause a fire to burn well.

He...finally got the fire going (Pyle, 264).

to get --- fixed up. To get it arranged; to make preparations.

Hide out until I have a chance to get things fixed up the way I want 'em (Gardner, 102).

to get fried. To get drunk; to become intoxicated.

And you and Walt and I ought to all get fried (Marquand, 348).
"Afterwards," Mrs. Newcombe said, "let's go up to our room and get fried" (Marquand, 123).

to get from. To be away from; to go from.

The farther Madge and Jeffrey got from the city along the road the more familiar the sights became (Marquand, 90).

to get the gate. To be fired; to lose one's job, position; to be discharged from a position.

They didn't get the traditional Army bawlin'-out from him, but they did get the gate (Pyle, 308).

to get going. To start; to begin.

When he got going at one thing, the next would come up and when the next came up, the women would holler to him from the house (Marquand, 502).
All you've got to do is to take over that property and get going quick (Cain, 79).
Put get going (Cain, 81).
...get going now (Cain, 150).
Get going on it... (Cain, 150).
...when the kitchen celebration finally got going... (Cain, 152).
We'd better get going (Marquand, 232).

to get a good night's sleep. To sleep well.

Get a good night's sleep now, and leave the worry to us (Gardner, 153).

to get a hand. To receive applause; to be applauded.

When...Veda entered the living room, one night, as she would enter the Bowl, she got a hand (Cain, 237).

to get --- hands on. To receive; to possess; to get.

The employees spend their drachmas as soon as they get their hands on them... (Yank, 219).

to get the hang of. To become familiar with; to become accustomed to the operation and performance of; to learn how to operate.

After they got the hang of it, they liked it... (Pyle, 277).

to get the hell (somewhere). To go somewhere quickly and without intervention or interruption.

Uncle Joe's one ambition is to win the war and get the hell home as quickly as possible (Yank, 131).

to get the hell out of. To leave quickly; to get out of; to go off; to go away. (This implies rapid and unceremonious departure.)

I got the hell out of there the next day (Yank, 30).
In other words, why don't you get the hell out of here and let working men get a decent night's sleep? (Gardner, 68).
We wanted...to get the hell out of there (Pyle, 428).
"Let's get the hell out of here," said Clausson (Yank, 135).
Bills, Bills, get me the hell out of here (Yank, 21).

to get hit. To be hit; to be struck by a bullet, shrapnel or the like.

...people who came to visit them...were always the ones who got hit (Pyle, 256).

to get hold of.

1. To get possession of; to obtain; to get control of.

He became a trusty in the prison office and was shrewd enough to get hold of his own fingerprints... (Gardner, 110).
The only chance of saving himself was to get hold of that stick again (Pyle, 165).
Suppose the district attorney should get hold of Harold Leeds? (Gardner, 174).
...I got hold of another tommy gun for our boat today (Yank, 253).

2. To find; to locate.

...if anything comes up, at least I'll know where to get hold of you (Cain, 33).

to get hold of --- . To gain, get, control of one's emothons; to control one's emotions.

Get hold of yourself, Madge (Marquand, 438).

to get home. To go home; to come home; to arrive at one's home.

"It's time to be getting home," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 353).
I'll be glad to get home, see my wife and get a job (Yank, 95).
He was tired after a number of nights in a hotel and he wanted to get home (Marquand, 302).
This was a Saturday morning, and when she got home, she found Mrs. Pierce there (Cain, 19).
The whole business of getting back home was just...as simple as that (Yank, 223).
...I'll give you a drink for that when we get home (Marquand, 234).
We had all been overseas 18 to 24 months at that time and we wanted to get home (Yank, 91).
They all wanted to get home (Pyle, 3).
He was lucky to get home at all (Pyle, 167).
When she got home, Bert came out to meet her, and took her into the den.. (Cain, 104).
Mildred waited a minute or two, so her departure wouldn't seem quite so pointed, then said she had to getting the children home (Cain, 15).
When she got home there was a notice hanging on the door, asking her to call for a paid telegram (Cain, 3[illegible]).
"If I lived out here," Jeffrey answered, "I'd want to get back home" (Marquand, 429).
He wanted to win it and get home... (Pyle, 394).
When she got home, the children had just arrived from school (Cain, 39).
"The apple blossoms will be coming out when you get home," Madge said.. (Marquand, 410).
"You see, I wanted get home," he said (Marquand, 313).
Every day we don't advance is one day longer before we get home (Pyle, 181).
When I got home... I didn't know anything about the book's going so big ... (Marquand, 44).
It was like getting home to be with people who were all doing the same sort of work... (Marquand, 40).
The lieutenant was anxious to get home... (Pyle, 336).
He tried to get me to buy a performance but I told him I'd wait till I got home again and see it in a carnival for two bits (Pyle, 106).
When she got home... (Cain, 128).
He had seen their baby only once -- he got home for a few hours (Pyle, 165).
...but there wasn't a mark on it when he got home (Pyle, 163).
She tried to tell them that their sweethearts would marry somebody else while they were overseas fighting a phony war for the "Jewish" Roosevelt, and that there would be no jobs for them when they got home (Pyle, 42).

to get --- hooks into. To get control of another usually through subterfuge; to get another in one's control.

She told John he'd have to become respectable...until she'd got her hooks into Alden Leeds (Gardner, 72).

to get hot. To become physically dangerous; to be full of danger.

One night, however, while I was with his division, it got too hot even for him. Fragments from shell bursting nearby started hitting the top of the truck, so he got out (Pyle, 394).

to get hurt. To be hurt.

Now and then some youngster would get hurt... (Pyle, 256).

to get an idea in --- head. To accept and believe an idea; to have a belief; to believe something.

When he once gets an idea in his head, you can't blast it out with dynamite (Gardner, 25).

to get an idea out of --- mind. To quit, stop, thinking about something; to cease considering something.

He wished he could get the idea out of his mind that Madge and the apartment might be there... (Marquand, 207).

to get in.

1. To enter.

They went out together, and got in the car. (Cain, 61).
...the station wagon was out by the front door already with the picnic in the back seat and with Sally waiting to get in (Marquand, 547).
...she would not have got in to see Jessie unless someone had given her a very special letter (Marquand, 267).
The rain sounded just like ghosts trying to get in, and she asked Jeffrey to sit still... (Marquand, 205).
It seems to me they don't give a damn whether they live or die so long as they get in... (Yank, 53).
...you saw it in Topeka, back when you got in for half price as a minor... (Yank, 73).
...the ghosts knocking on the window didn't make a crowd, because she knew the Jeffrey would see that they didn't get in (Marquand, 205).
Get in (Cain, 91).
...she said: "Get in, Bert" (Cain, 198).

2. To have; to do; to make.

...I got in the last shot (Yank, 55).

3. To return; to come to a place; to go to a place. (This usually implies arrival.)

"What time did you get in?" Madge asked... (Marquand, 77).

to get in --- blood. To become a part of one; to cause one to be vigorous, excited, nervous, happy; to affect one's emotions.

Being shock troops got in their blood (Yank,122).

to get in on. To participate in; to take a part in; to have something to do with.

Ed wasn't there to get in on the little ceremony... (Yank, 244).
...we all wanted to get in on the liberation of the city (Pyle, 461).

to get in shape. To develop a good physique; to harden and develop muscles; to develop physical stamina and strength.

Ten-minute breaks, go to town every night -- they'll never get in shape that way (Yank, 149).

to get in there and. To be allowed to participate; to be allowed to take part in. (This implies vigorous action.).

I just want to get in there and take a sock at somebody (Marquand, 478).

to get --- in to (infinitive). To cause one to come; to hire one to come to.

We got Italian workmen in to clean up... (Pyle, 250).

to get into.

1. To enter; to go into; to take up as a profession.

Just before I got into the Army... (Yank, 170).
After the war he hoped to go to Harvard and then get into the publishing business (Pyle, 38).
We had been talking together...and he told me how he'd studied journalism ...and how he wanted to get into it after the war (Pyle, 8).

2. To put on; to don.

Now, she hurriedly got into one, put on her Tip-Top shoes, stuck on the little cap (Cain, 119).

3. To enter; to participate in; to take part in.

There was no way of knowing whether aid to Britain would keep us out or get us into war that October morning (Marquand, 88).

to get into bed. To retire; to go to bed.

...one of the lieutenants could switch off the light after he got into bed (Pyle, 258).
They went to her bedroom, and she undressed, and got into bed, and took Veda into her arms (Cain, 114).
...read current magazines, saw a movie after supper, and finally got into a bed with a real mattress (Pyle, 2).

to get into a conversation with. To talk with; to carry on a conversation with. to talk to.

Invariably he got into conversation with people (Pyle, 213).

to get into --- head. To understand; to know; to learn.

"Just get this into your head," Jeffrey said, "we're not in the war yet" (Marquand, 506).

to get into --- mind. To be thought of; to come to one's mind; to occur to one.

Jeffrey wondered how it had ever got into Charley's mind, and then he realized... (Marquand, 223).

to get into the spirit of. To put oneself into the mood, temper, disposition of.

"No," Jeffrey said, "the only thing to do is to get into the spirit of it" (Marquand, 342).

to get in touch with.

1. To have conversation with; to talk with; to discuss things with.

Mason said, "I want to get in touch with this bird" (Gardner, 89).
Leeds got in touch with you? (Gardner, 56).
Alden can get in touch with you if he wants to (Gardner, 58).
If he gets in touch with you, tell him that (Gardner, 83).
He told D'Crenzo to tell the girl to get in touch with the civil authorities about the matter (Yank, 50).
Go home, sit tight, and see what your Uncle Alden gets in touch with me (Gardner, 84).

2. To be intimate with; to learn about and know about.

A few days after the Sicilian campaign had actually ended I went back to Palermo to get in touch with what we jokingly called civilization (Pyle, 90).

to get into trouble. To do something wrong and be caught; to be in trouble.

...when we did disregard a bulletin we got into trouble (Yank, 181).

to get in the way. To interfere; to hinder; to impede; to block.

Few of their faces had much expression, and they kept getting in the way of traffic, just like the Arabs (Pyle, 31).
...had been scooping up all the best souvenirs and even getting in the way of shooting (Yank, 52).
If you hang them on your ammunition belt, they get in your way when youre crawling along the ground (Yank, 150).
...slop buckets and trash...got in the way on the dock front (Pyle, 274).

to get it.

1. To receive punishment; to be struck.

"Yes," Jeffrey answered, "London's getting it" (Marquand, 96).
The town got it from both sides (Pyle, 117).

2. To be killed; to die.

There were so many cases of men "getting it" on their last flight that the leaders were as nervous about it as the pilots (Pyle, 172).
It's always the best ones that get it (Pyle, 192).

3. To understand; to comprehend; to perceive.

Oh, now I get it (Cain, 212).
"I'm just beginning to get it," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 122).
It was Monty who got it (Cain, 126).

to get it down to. To reduce it to; to take out the non-essentials; to bring to the essentials.

Jeffrey wanted to get it down to common sense and reason... (Marquand, 237).

to get it over with. To do it and finish with it; to do and make an end of. (This implies something distasteful; unpleasant.)

There had even been some sort of graceless, perfunctory idea of getting it over with, now that they were there (Marquand, 350).
Let's go and get it over with (Gardner, 158).

...verdict was unfavorable, and she waited miserably for them to get it over with, so she could get away from... (Cain, 49).
They expected it to be rough when the invasion started, but they were anxious to get it over with (Pyle, 329).
They were anxious to get it over with... (Pyle, 345).
We might as well sign them now and get over with (Marquand, 403).
Since Sicily was new terrain for me I figured I might as well get sick right away and get it over with (Pyle, 4).

to get the job done. To finish with something; to come to a conclusion with something.

We wanted to get the job done... (Pyle, 428).

to get jumpy. To become nervous, excited.

But by noon I began to get jumpy... (Pyle, 250).

to get a kick out of. To receive special enjoyment from; to enjoy; to have fun from.

But he seemed to get a great kick out of losing (Gardner, 27).
Uncle Alden gets a great kick out of John (Gardner, 22).
He was an ebullient fellow who got a great kick out of everything he did (Pyle, 277).
Over there and right then was when wound and service stripes would have given a guy a chance to get a little kick out of wearing his record on his sleeve (Pyle, 136).

to get a laugh. To cause amusement; to be funny.

Sure, it got a laugh. (Pyle, 78).

to get a laugh out of. To be amused by; to be caused to laugh at.

No matter what, you always get a laugh out of Alf (Marquand, 484).
I always get a laugh out of Alf... (Marquand, 488).

to get left behind. To have others go away and leave one; to remain when others go.

...seeing he was about to get left behind, he just salvaged his bombs and went streaking to catch up with the formation (Pyle, 206).

to get light. To become daylight; to dawn.

It was just beginning to get light and someone said it was five o'clock (Yank, 59).

to get liquored up. To get drunk; to become intoxicated.

It was something, Minot often said, to get the Prince a little liquored up in the evening and hear him tell about... (Marquand, 271).

to get a look at. To look at; to see; to glance at.

They felt no exuberance about receiving the money since they were merely going to get a look at it and pass it on (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to get lost. To become lost; to be lost; not to know where one is.

I knew that lieutenant was getting lost (Pyle, 445).
All they want is to get lost, as soon as possible (Yank, 96).
I happen to be an expert on getting lost (Yank, 96).
The first thing to remember if you want to get lost in a jungle is not to lose your head (Yank, 96).
He advised what route to take home if anybody got lost (Pyle, 209).
.. because two adjacent passes in the mountains looked exactly alike he took the wrong one and got lost... (Pyle, 169).

to get the lowdown on. To learn the gossip about; to learn the truth about, concerning.

"I've got the lowdown on yours," Drake went on. (Gardner, 184).

to get mad. To become angry.

...when they got mad their lips quivered... (Yank, 245).
...he gets mad when he hears anyone else tell it (Yank, 186).
Nobody could possibly get mad at him (Pyle, 212).

to get married. To marry; to become married.

If Sammy gets married, he'll be completely on his own... (Cain, 194).
...I went ahead and got married... (Yank, 174).
She drove to Phoenix...and got married (Cain, 229).
Why don't you forget about a job, hook yourself a man, and get married again? (Cain, 39).
A lot of pilots...got married as soon as they hit home (Pyle, 180).

to get the meaning of. To understand; to comprehend.

The guards, we gathered, didn't get the meaning of General Graham's barks ... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

to get the message home. To make others understand, comprehend.

...were trading on anxiety, tramping over the blood of battlefields to get the sordid anticlimax of their message home (Marquand, 385).

to get --- mind off. To forget; to leave off thinking about.

He gave the envelope to the porter in the lounge car to mail, but he still could not get his mind off Jim (Marquand, 416).

to get --- mind on. To concentrate on; to think only about; to give one's mind to.

Mildred tried to get her mind on this, but couldn't (Cain, 105).
It was often difficult for Jeffrey to get his mind on any sort of work after lunching at the Clinton Club (Marquand, 265).
...if it's all the same to you, would you get your mind on something else? (Marquand, 76).
Not as good as you, maybe, when you've got your mind in it (Cain, 248).

to get mixed up in. To become involved in; to become a part of.

The Dragons are always getting mixed up in incredible stunts (Yank, 19).
That was the trouble with getting mixed up in reminiscence... (Marquand, 11).
.. it found a nest of hiding Jap ships and got mixed up in one of the roughest night surface engagements ever fought anywhere (Yank, 13).

to get mixed up with. To become confused with; to become involved with.

...where he would put them, so that they would not get mixed up with his shirts... (Marquand, 409).
...he portable typewriter is continually getting mixed up with two dachshund pups... (Marquand, 23).

to get money out of. To obtain money from; to receive money from.

But just to pretend you loved him...to get money out of him -- how could you do it? (Cain, 206).

to get --- money's worth. To get value for one's money; to receive goods or services equal to one's money.

But you, before I had even fifty bucks out of you, you had to make a chauffeur out of me, didn't you? To get your money's worth? (Cain, 170).

to get the most out of. To benefit from; to receive benefits from.

That's the way the boys got the most out of it, and they appreciated it (Pyle, 261).
She was getting the most out of an interesting visit (Marquand, 223).
...she always wanted to see everything and to get the most out of everything when she traveled... (Marquand, 27).

to get nervous. To become nervous, excited.

A lot of soldiers get nervous when they find themselves in a jungle (Yank, 26).

to get the nod. To receive permission; to obtain permission.

...Col. Castoner got the nod to expand his Scouts to a platoon of 24 men ... (Yank, 190).

to get nowhere. To make little or no progress; to progress but little; to be unsuccessful.

It's all right and I like it all right but it's a rough life and it don't get you nowhere (Pyle, 195).

to get off.

1. To leave; to descend from as from a train, bus, car and the like.

...those punks who are acting like damn fools...when they get off the boat (Yank, 217).
The funniest thing about this was that whenever a train approached a tunnel it stopped in order to let the hangers on get off, so they wouldn't be raked off by the tunnel walls (Pyle, 135).
He remembered the faces turned up toward him as he got off the train (Marquand, 426).
...acting like real soldiers when you get off that boat... (Yank, 217).
...when they had stopped at Cherbourg, he had wanted to get off (Marquand, 225).
When the train came in, it was all so vivid that it seemed to be he getting off that train, not Jim (Marquand, 526).
He could see the station platform when he got off the train, early in the afternoon (Marquand, 253).
I didn't waste any time getting off the boat... (Pyle, 232).
...the address was unfamiliar to her, and she had to ask the conductor where to get off (Cain, 11).
...the train stopped and we got off... (Yank, 116).
I should have got a cup of coffee when I got off the train (Marquand, 313).
But when she found she had got off too soon, and had to walk two blocks.. (Cain, 13).
...except a fat lady with a small Cairn terrier, who got off at the fourth floor by ploughing a path... (Marquand, 340).
...this is where I get off.. (Yank, 113).

2. To leave; to go away from.

...the medics could not get off the ground to attend the wounded (Yank, 6).
How on earth do you ever expect to get off on that leave tomorrow? (Yank, 88).
At what time did you get off? (Gardner, 143).
...two other men...were debating whether they'd even get off the ground that morning (Yank, 208).

3. To move away; to step aside.

wish we three could get off somewhere under a bush with a bottle (Marquand, 120).
ergeant Bohn got off as far as he could and threw a lighted match at the stove door (Pyle, 220).

4. To have a vacation; to have free time; to be relieved from work.

..the KPs were...waiting to see whether they could get a couple of hours off (Yank, 229).
can get off every other weekend (Yank, 84).
ou're getting 10 days off yourself (Yank, 89).
he Old Man likes to see people get a couple days off before going overseas... (Yank, 89).

5. To tell a joke; to tell a funny story; to make a pun.

nd I got that off -- what you've just quoted (Cain, 167).
e got this off with a nervous rasping little laugh... (Cain, 145).

6. To escape damage; to come through.

he corners were knocked off a few buildings and some good sized holes were gouged in the streets, but on the whole, Licata had got off pretty nicely (Pyle, 30).

7. To take off one's clothes; to remove clothing.

Now get it off." "Oh, I'm not much in the humor for --" "Get it off." So the costume came off... (Cain, 129).

o get --- off. To assist one to leave, go away.

ow I can get him packed tonight and get him off tomorrow

o get off the air. To stop broadcasting on the radio; to quit talking.

ow that you're finished, why not get the hell off the air? (Gardner, 20).

o get --- off --- chest. To tell another about something which is bothering, annoying one; to confide in another.

Sit down where you can be comfortable, and get it off your chest (Gardner, 166).

o get off on the subject. To begin to discuss, write, talk about a subject.

He got off on the subject, and one of their boys said: "Oh, for God's sakes, stop talking about overshoes... (Pyle, 104).

to get on.

1. To put on; to don.

They shaved, and washed, and got on some fresh clothes... (Pyle, 270).

2. To ascend; to mount. (This implies the mounting of a vehicle of some sort as a train, bus, car, etc.).

...the same crowd got on at Norton... (Marquand, 8).
Maybe Jeffrey wouldn't mind helping you get on the train (Marquand, 463).

3. To leave; to go; to continue on one's way.

He got to his feet...said, "Well, I'll be getting on (Gardner, 58-9).

4. To fasten, sew, on; to secure.

One day an order came around that everybody had to get his stripes on (Pyle, 110).

5. To succeed; to become a success; to do well.

I like to think of the boys in the old shop getting on, but Walter -- how could he call the turn on anything? (Marquand, 21).
You've got to be careful about little things like that...That's the way you get on (Marquand, 154).

6. To be friendly; to be harmonious. (Cf. to get on with.)

You and Jim always get on so well... (Marquand, 250).
There was no use pretending that Gwen and Gloria could get on... (Marquand, 359).

7. To obtain a place, position, for oneself.

And the enemy had four men on shore for every three men we had approaching the shore. And yet we got on (Pyle, 362).

to get on the ball. To work diligently; to concentrate on one's work.

Let's get on the ball out there, Pvt. Durkee (Yank, 138).

to get on --- feet. To become a business success; to become financially independent; to have enough money to live on.

It was to the interest of all that she get on her feet again...become the A 1 customer she had been in the past (Cain, 246).

to get on --- nerves. To irritate one; to make one nervous; to vex one.

But the little jokes helped to keep us from getting on each other's nerves (Pyle, 298).
The gaiety and charm and big-cityness of Paris somehow had got a little on our nerves (Pyle, 463).

to get --- on the phone. To telephone one; to call one on the phone.

When Brusic got the heavy weapons company on the phone, he gave them fire directions (Yank, 108).

to get on a subject. To begin talking, thinking, writing, hearing, about a subject.

...oh well, let's not get on that subject (Cain, 191).

to get on with.

1. To be friendly with; to be in harmony with; to have good personal relations with.

He always could get on with Jim (Marquand, 552).
He always could get on with Jim (Marquand,529).
You know damned well I can get on with anyone (Marquand, 245).
I always like your old friends, and I always get on very well with them ... (Marquand, 33).

2. To continue with; to go on with.

He had that old urge to get on with it, because he knew that there was always a moment at the end... (Marquand, 492).
He wants to get on with his job (Yank, 36).
Let's get on with it (Marquand, 81).
How about getting on with it? (Marquand, 81).

get out! (An exclamation) I don't believe it; it can't be true; come now.

"Get out!" Jeffrey said. "You don't own a car!" (Marquand, 280).

to get out.

1. To go from within a place; to go to the outside from within a place.

Mr. Beragon set his brake, started to get out, and then said as though he had just thought of it... (Cain, 92).
A United Nations car pulled up in front of a midtown hotel one afternoon last week and four Far Eastern delegates got out (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
...all he and the other gunner could do was try to get out (Pyle, 215).

Veda got out... (Cain, 182).
That was when the boys got out (Pyle, 405).
...they didn't get out (Yank, 16).
...they never had time to get out (Yank, 8).
"Minot", he said, "you've got a half hour yet; let's get out and walk" (Marquand, 558).
Five Japs were dead and a sixth was at the far entrance, trying desperately to get out (Yank, 8).
Fragments from shells bursting nearby started hitting the top of the truck, so he got out (Pyle, 394).
...the squadron commander himself had to get out and act as a traffic manager (Pyle, 169).
The errand was to see that the model home was locked after the painters got out, but she didn't go into that (Cain, 90).
The general walked up to a plane from which the crew had just got out (Pyle, 318).
...a man would be all right if he could get out in thirty seconds (Pyle, 318).
...she cut the motor, got out... (Cain, 222).
When they got out, Colonel Clizbe was a changed man (Pyle, 205).
They speculated on their own chances of getting out (Yank, 46).
I'm going to get out (Gardner, 42).
...he said good-bye, and got out, and started inside... (Cain, 222).
He watched the automobiles drive up and the chauffeurs get out and the baggage trucks roll down the platform with the mail (Marquand, 256).
It seemed they all wanted to get out at the same time... (Yank, 53).
Watch your step getting out (Marquand, 56).
I get out, I pay him... (Yank, 187).
Then came the bust-up...and out he got, through the back door near Urga.. (Marquand, 372).
...he savagely ordered her to lock the car, get out, and come back with him... (Cain, 172).
...they got out (Cain, 155).
He got out, began tramping up and down beside the car (Cain, 198).
He hollered "Jump" and got out (Yank, 146).
An AT commandered...killed the crew...as they tried to get out (Yank, 245).
Secure and get out if there's nothing else you can do (Yank, 45).
...urged it forward a foot or two, and then got out again (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
...I didn't even try to get out (Pyle, 348).

2. To bring out; to produce; to bring from a storage place.

She got out her key and ran to the door, her feet crunching on the gravel ... (Cain, 96).
He got out some grapefruit juice... (Pyle, 370).
...the boys all got out paper... (Pyle, 387).
...he walked over to the shelves again, got out a violin case... (Cain, 135).
Miss Turner got out a card and savagely wrote a note on it... (Cain, 41).

...Carter told me about his folks at home and got out pictures of his father... (Pyle, 262).
The mowing over, he got out a coil of hose, screwed it to a spigot... (Cain, 1).
Then he got out a mower and mowed the lown (Cain, 1).
...Collins...got out some cigarettes and we all lit up... (Pyle, 342).
Then she got out silver, glassware, and napkins, and arranged them for two (Cain, 28).
She got out the chickens, went over them carefully for pinfeathers... (Cain, 116).
Everybody carried pictures of his own family anyway, and got them out on the slightest pretext (Pyle, 180).
So I noticed particularly the time when the order came in, and kept hurrying the cook up to get it out (Gardner, 147).
In the afternoon the evening war communiques would come over the A.P. and Mr. Jenks would get out his maps... (Marquand, 202).

3. To leave; to go away.

...those in the rear...want to get up into the fight, while those in the lines want to get out (Pyle, 150).
"Listen, kid," Alf said, "why don't you get out?" (Marquand, 489).
...this guy was about to get out... (Yank, 123).
Then get out, keep under cover, and write me at my office where you are.. (Gardner, 116).
Downen yelled at them to get out... (Yank, 8).
Then get out. Now. (Cain, 208).
...I've got to get dressed and get out (Marquand, 14).
...they had a chance of getting out if they stayed there until dark (Marquand, 235).
...telling the people in Cassino about the terrible destruction that lay ahead...and warning everyone to get out (Yank,127).
Why don't I just quietly get out? (Cain, 89).

4. To go to a place; to arrive at a place.

You can take off that hat and get out there and sell pies (Cain, 124).
They sure wished they could get out in the open country and just once shoot at something that didn't have a hill in front of it (Pyle, 98).
"If I can get out," Jeffrey said, "where I can hear a gun go off" (Marquand, 569).

5. To escape; to escape charges.

It is like seeing it after you've got out from somewhere (Marquand, 529).
The natural way for you to get out is to try to pin the murder on him (Gardner, 75).
The natural way for him to get out is to try to pin it on you (Gardner, 75).

6. To withdraw one's associations; to quit something.

But we're in it now, and we can't get out without some loss of life (Pyle, 312).
His own great post war ambition -- he said he was going to do it in the first six months after he got out -- was to buy a cabin cruiser big enough for four... (Pyle, 38).
Then Louie wanted to get out (Gardner, 100).

7. To prepare by writing; to publish; to edit.

Throughout the invasion period we missed getting out our paper only one day (Pyle, 41).
When we got out that warrant, that showed we meant business (Cain, 202).

8. To remove; to take away.

By the time they got it out, events have swirled on... (Pyle, 365).
Our 2d Battalion...helped get them out (Yank, 245).

9. To get out of bed; to get up; to rise.

...I got out at the crack of dawn... (Pyle, 417).

to get out ahead of. To get before; to go to the front of.

At Constance it got out ahead of the infantry and captured a town (Yank, 134).

to get out the band. To have a band come to play music; to arrange for a band to play. (Jocular)

When I won a Boy Scout medal once they got out the band and had a celebration (Pyle, 334).

to get out from under. To avoid responsibility; to evade the consequences.

...Wally had had his fun and now he was getting ready to get out from under (Cain, 29).

to get out in front of. To get before; to get ahead of; to go to the front of.

After that it moved into the fight for La Haye du Paits and on to the bloody Moneastre Forest battle, where C Battery got out in front of the infantry... (Yank, 13).

to get out into. To go to a place in; to get away from a place and into another.

..he never knew what happiness was until he got out into the hills (Pyle, 221).

o get out of.

1. To get away from; to leave.

here were only two places to get out of the rain (Pyle, 198).
e yelled, "Get out of there..." (Pyle, 373).
ive me your bag, and let's get out of this (Marquand, 256).
Get out of here!" he shouted (Yank, 90).
et out of that damn sun before it fries your brains out (Marquand, 457).
..he used to get out of the store around 10 minutes of 11 (Yank, 183).
effrey wanted to get out of the sunlight (Marquand, 233).
e got out of there (Yank, 100).
e could never understand why Madge had wanted to get out of it before Jim was born (Marquand, 303).
is mind and body felt filthy dirty, and he wanted to get out of there, but they had to wait for night (Marquand, 236).
e wanted to get out of there and to find Madge... (Marquand, 353).
e did not give a damn about anything, except to get out of there (Marquand, 236).
inally they got out of the danger zone... (Pyle, 375).

2. To go away from the inside of; to get out from within something.

hen he got out of the hospital from his second wound he had a week's leave... (Pyle, 261).
he general got out of the jeep... (Yank, 179).
he boys said that more than half of them got safely out of damaged tanks ... (Pyle, 204).
I feel certain he must have written it after he got out of the sanitarium (Gardner, 50).
...they could fire over the hedge without getting out of their holes (Pyle, 440).
Alf got out of his chair and walked carefully down the steps... (Marquand, 482).
In trying to get out of the orchard we lost our various places (Pyle, 200).
He broke his leg getting out of the cockpit... (Pyle, 186).
...the chairs were so large that it was difficult to get out of them (Marquand, 432).
...to build a brick wall around the swimming pool later so he would not shake his teeth out shivering when he got out of the water (Marquand, 432).

3. To sever connections with; to withdraw from.

He intended to go to college as soon as he got out of uniform (Pyle, 334).
...not as a way to get out of the Army... (Yank, 171).
Hilton got out of the Army... (Yank, 242).
...I could get out of the Army... (Yank, 170).

4. To rise, cause to rise, from (one's bed); to get up.

Ordinarily I didn't get out of bed during a raid... (Pyle, 247).
I had got out of bed at 3 A.M. as usual to stumble sleepily up to the radio shack to go over the news reports... (Pyle, 7).
Perhaps the worst part of the almost nightly air raids is getting out of the warm hammock and into the damp foxhole... (Yank, 42).
Boy, it was cold getting out of our cots and into our clothes (Pyle, 322).
It's at 8 o'clock, so you better get out of the sack early... (Yank, 88).
Lots of time when I was a kid he'd get me out of bed at two or three in the morning... (Pyle, 447).
We went into a garrison and got them Frenchmen out of bed (Yank, 123).

5. To aid, help, one escape from; to rescue from.

You'll be lucky to get out of it that easy (Pyle, 316).
Would you do anything in the world to get Alden out of that old charge? (Gardner, 118).

6. To take off; to remove; to doff.

She thought of her dress...she wanted him to rip if off her...so he got her out of it (Cain, 171).

to get --- out (of).

1. To remove from incarceration; to take one from a prison; to remove one from a place where he cannot leave by oneself.

...and sent to a concentration camp. Dollfuss of Austria got him out after seven months (Pyle, 138).
After we had finally got him out... (Pyle, 454).
It took us almost an hour to get him out (Pyle, 454).
...he even apologized for taking up our time to get him out (Pyle, 453).
I strapped on the old persuader and went down to get him out -- figured I might have to get rough (Gardner, 57).

2. To remove one; to eliminate one.

The Germans would be dug in all over the woods, in little groups, and it was really tough tl get them out (Pyle, 442).

3. To move one away; to have one go elsewhere.

...if I can just get him out of here... (Cain, 177).

to get --- out of ---. To obtain information from another often in a sly, roundabout, manner.

He's lying, Emily, trying to get something out of you (Gardner, 107).

We never get anything out of you," said Capt. Callahan gloomily (Yank, 87).
...I knew something was wrong, but I tried for half an hour to get it out of him and he wouldn't tell me (Pyle, 43).

to get out of control. To be under control no longer; to be free from control.

...the little shower-bath building they built for themselves had been destroyed three times by ducks which got out of control... (Pyle, 283).

to get --- out of --- head. To quit thinking about it; to forget it.

I wish you'd get Mariana out of your head, Minot (Marquand, 558).
...Jeffrey could never get it out of his head that 1915 was only yesterday (Marquand, 383).
"Well, get it out of your head," Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 459).

to get out of patience with. To lose patience with; to be patient with no longer; to be annoyed by; to be vexed with.

This court is getting more than a little out of patience with persons who feel that a judicial order... (Gardner, 34).

to get out of sight of. To hide from; to get in such a position that one cannot be seen by.

...running up them two at a time as they got out of sight of the manager (Gardner, 159).

to get out of the way. To take a position that will not hinder, obstruct, prevent.

...we attacked again, then spurted ahead to get out of the way (Yank, 255).
By fast maneuvering, the American pilot got out of its way, but he did lose his German (Pyle, 168).

to get --- out of the way. To remove one; to eliminate one; to kill one.

We knew Leeds would be gunning for Conway, trying to get him out of the way... (Gardner, 192).

to get out on the wrong side of the bed. To be in a bad humor; to have a bad, nasty, disposition; to be cross.

He musta got out on the wrong side of the bed this morning (Pyle, 73).

to get over.

1. To recover from; to get well from; to recover normalcy from.

...they were sometimes seasick, but they got over that (Pyle, 278).
But Jeff, I think he's getting over it, about that girl (Marquand, 408).
It will take a while for him...to get over that feeling... (Yank, 223).
Then before you got over Christmas there was New Years with eggnog parties ... (Marquand, 326).
Madge should have seen that you could not get over loving a girl simply by going to bed with her at odd moments (Marquand, 512).
Perhaps if you just told Jim it would be all right to -- live with her... then he might get over it (Marquand, 518).
Anything to get him over it (Marquand, 522).

2. To become used to; to get accustomed to.

He could never get over the idea that the rent for it had been very high, but he had liked it in the village (Marquand, 303).
And I can't get over my hunch that John Milicant is really L.C. Conway (Gardner, 40).
Yours she simply can't get over (Cain, 166).
But you get over it (Marquand, 429).

3. To go overseas; to go over the ocean.

A whole lot didn't get over, Fred (Marquand, 578).

4. To transport; to carry.

When you count the great proce of the big modern guns, trainin the men, all the shipping to get everything over... (Pyle, 118).

5. To finish; to end; to stop.

We discussed not only plans for getting the war over... (Yank, 201).
...he...said they might as well get the horrible part over (Cain, 134).

to get over the hump. To go through the worst part of something; to reach a climax; to do something for the first and most awkward time.

Once I get over the hump on that one I'll gain my bearings (Yank, 207).

to get the point. To understand the implications; to infer the crux of the matter.

Jeffrey got the point (Marquand, 155).
...Mildred felt a hot resentment against the pair she had just left, not only for their complete failure to get the point, but also for... (Cain, 15).
...he got the point (Cain, 211).
"Now," Mr. Gorman said, "you're going to get my point, Mr. Wilson" (Marquand, 515).

Chicken feed for chickens -- do you get the point? (Marquand, 155).
Do you get the point? -- as Willie said when he put the tack in teacher's chair (Marquand, 155).

to get possession of. To get hold of; to get into one's possession; to obtain.

Because Leeds paid twenty thousand and didn't get possession of the documents (Gardner, 76).

to get readjusted to. To become adjusted to; to become reconciled to.

While she was trying to get readjusted to her surprise... (Cain, 213).

to get ready.

1. To prepare; to make plans and preparations.

He sets his gun by those figures, rams in the shell, pulls the lanyard and then gets ready for the next one (Pyle, 98).
And when they got ready to leave, a veteran Fortress pilot walked up to them (Pyle, 319).
I spent all my other money getting her ready to marry me (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...Mildred was helping Ida get ready for the Beverly luncheon rush... (Cain, 182).

2. To want to; to wish to; to feel like it.

Then when he got ready, he ditched them so neatly that it wasn't even funny (Gardner, 46).
He'll show up when he gets ready (Gardner, 58).

to get revenge. To get even; to have revenge, to obtain vengeance.

...and I did get my revenge, for that day when he closed the piano on me (Cain, 232).

to get rid of. To remove; to discard; to throw away; to send away.

You may have arranged to get rid of the waitress, but you perhaps failed to notice... (Gardner, 201).
...she was bound by a lease, unless she could get rid of it... (Cain, 244).
...there's no use trying to kid me about houses, and how to get rid of them (Cain, 147).
...in danger of being swamped by solicitous citizens anxious to advise him how best to get rid of it (Yank, 66).
I got rid of my GI clothes... (Yank, 12).

The best way to get lost in a jungle is to get rid of your compass (Yank, 96).
I think all they're waiting for is to get rid of some more pillboxes and that 88 over there (Yank, 109).
...she felt cold, and swallowed quickly to get rid of a forlorn feeling in her throat (Cain, 15).
On those other properties, even if they did get rid of one, the federal rulings leave them worse off than they were before... (Cain, 79).
Just getting rid of the cops (Gardner, 44).
...and was back for a longer visit after Milicent had got rid of all the business (Gardner, 64).
They got to get rid of it (Cain, 78).
They've got to get rid of it, and if you'll take it over and put this chicken place in it, it's yours (Cain, 78).
...the idea of going around trying to get rid of a truckload of anchors, struck her as indescribably comic (Cain, 18).
They savored too much of Bert's methods in getting rid of Pierce Homes (Cain, 32).
We finally got rid of the Ities... (Yank, 124).
But leave it there we did, and damn glad to get rid of it, I assure you (Pyle, 430).

to get rough. To become cruel, hard, dangerous.

I strapped on the old persuader and went down to get him out -- figured I might have to get rough (Gardner, 57).

not to get a scratch. Not to be injured, harmed, hurt.

...he didn't get a scratch (Pyle, 448).

to get the seeds in. To sow; to plant seeds.

...I'm going to see that Mr. Gorman gets the seeds in right (Marquand, 410).

to get set. To get prepared; to become prepared; to be ready; to make preparations.

...I got all set for the plane... (Pyle, 392).
...he was getting set to do altering and mending for division headquarters (Pyle, 190).
...our outfit...would get set for an attack (Yank, 242).

to get settled. To settle down; to arrive at a place and decide to stay there.

...I finally get settled in a good town with a good congregation (Yank, 164).

to get shot at. To be shot at; to have someone shoot at one.

...he was out in front getting shot at before you could say scat (Pyle, 139).

to get shot up. To be shot up; to be riddled with bullets; to be hit with many bullets.

One plane got shot up over the target (Pyle, 338).

to get shunted off. To be sent away; to be side-tracked.

He was with us back in the first days at Oran, then got shunted off to another job and missed the fighting in Tunisia (Pyle, 83).

to get sick. To become ill; to sicken; to take sick.

I asked if a lot of men didn't get sick from exposure... (Pyle, 253).
I didn't hear of a single man who got sick (Pyle, 358).
You just don't get sick -- that's all (Pyle, 253).

to get sick of it all. To become irritated by everything; to become highly nervous, irritable.

To sum it all up: A man gets damned sick of it all (Pyle, 84).

to get so. To develop to a point that; to change to a condition that.

It wound up that I stayed three days and three nights with those boys and got so I felt like a cannoneer myself (Pyle, 97).
Most of the cannoneers got so they could sleep through anything (Pyle, 101).
He took as much pride in our little paper as I did, and it got so he would sort out the stories by subjects before waking me at 3 A.M. (Pyle, 41).
She used tin plates, weighting them with stones from the garden, and got so that she could spread three on the fingers of her left hand (Cain, 62).

to get some air. To breathe some fresh air; to leave a crowded place; to breathe unpolluted air.

After the third one he decided to get some air (Yank, 201).

to get some peace. To obtain quiet, rest, peace.

...we should have to go back with the armies to get some peace (Pyle, 463).

to get some place. To make some progress; to become successful.

Mason said, "Well, now we're commencing to get some place" (Gardner, 47).

to get some sleep. To obtain some sleep; to go to sleep; to fall asleep.

...we may as well get some sleep then... (Yank, 205).

to get something for --- money. To get, receive, obtain, value for one's money; to get value; to get a fair return.

...manager of some business, and when I recommend one, I know somebody is getting something for his money (Cain, 39).

to get something on ---. To obtain evidence against one; to get information which is detrimental to one.

Because you were getting something on me, you were perfectly willing... (Gardner, 208).

to get somewhere. To become successful; to succeed; to attain one's goal.

At last she knew they were getting somewhere (Cain, 203).
...she'll be getting somewhere (Cain, 132).

to get sore. To become angry; to get mad.

All of this finally succeeded in waking up the Japs or getting them sore (Yank, 53).
The colonel will get sore if he sees a lot of guys together (Yank, 52).
Don't get sore (Marquand, 486).

to get a spot. To get, obtain, a position, job.

...the kid had stuff in her...to get a spot like that with a big jazz band... (Cain, 210).

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to get a squint at. To get, obtain, a look at; to see; to take a glance at.

But once the doctors got a squint at me they beamed, rubbed their rubber gloves, and cried out... (Pyle, 45).

to get a stake. To obtain financial backing; to obtain a grubstake. (This often implies getting money for prospecting for minerals.)

...said he'd used the Conway connection to get a stake out of Alden Leeds ... (Gardner, 73).

to get started. To begin; to start.

It's the first...chance he's had to get started again in a legal way... (Cain, 177).

She had to get started, but on whose money she didn't know (Cain, 76).
He wanted to get started, she insisted she had to take her car home (Cain, 90).
It was six o'clock when they drove over to the tavern for an early dinner, and seven before they got started (Cain, 95).
The publishing world was changing when Sinclair Merriwell got started on his own (Marquand, 337).
We got started that way and in the days that followed I came to know him well (Pyle, 194).

to get stinko. To become intoxicated; to get drunk; to become drunken.

Yes -- let's get stinko (Cain, 260).
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to get -- straight. To understand clearly; to comprehend thoroughly.

...he would go into a few technical and slangy details and then he would ask if everyone had got it straight (Marquand, 219).
He heard himself sigh, and he suddenly felt moist and limp, but there was no time to get any of it straight (Marquand, 435).
His name, Beragon, he had to spell for her before she got it straight... (Cain, 91).
"When Norman is tired," Hal Bliss said, "he can't ever get anything straight" (Marquand, 427).
"There isn't anything to get straight," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 394).
I guess I've got this straight now (Marquand, 394).
Get me straight on this (Gardner, 97).

to get straightened out. To become adjusted; to become certain and sure of oneself.

Here's three reds and three whites, just because I love you, and want you to get straightened out (Cain, 24).

It took an hour to get it straightened out (Pyle, 140).

to get stuck. To be unable to continue; to develop a mental block.

...but he got stuck when he came to the word for envelopes (Yank, 29).

to get switched back. To be returned; to be sent back; to be reassigned.

But that summer he got switched back on the main track again... (Pyle, 83).

to get through.

1. To finish; to end; to stop.

Before he got through, he made five trips to the cave... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
Don't bother them while they're eating, but stay near the showcase and when they get through see what you can do (Cain, 124).
When they got through all of them had me sign their letters (Pyle, 387).
When she got through there were cheers, and she began a whole series of her radio numbers... (Cain, 241).
...by the time the Germans got through stealing everything worth while, it was poorer still (Yank, 26).
I wish this guy weren't so popular, so we could get through (Yank, 87).
...he knew that he would have the time -- someday -- when he could get through with what he was doing (Marquand, 325).
...you'll get leave when you get through there (Marquand, [illegible]2).
...it looked as if they might not get through in time to catch the next convoy (Pyle, 280).
...it'll look...the way this lawn looked when my father got through showing how much money he had (Cain, 229).
He worked at it several minutes, and when he got through he said... (Pyle, 121).

2. To go through something to a place on the other side, beyond; to pierce; to penetrate.

Not long before that some German raiders did get through and a bomb explosion killed three men and wounded nearly a dozen others (Pyle, 103).
His gun corporal...managed to get through to him with ammunition... (Yank, 7).
Trucks get stuck...but we can always count on a man getting through (Yank, 197).
Furthermore, the Australian armored cars were not able to get through... (Yank, 31).
...she got through the ghostly rooms, down the stairs, and to the front door (Cain, 171).
You can't get through (Cain, 162).

3. To continue; to go on to the end.

I don't know what I said, because it was the second time in my life I'd ever done such a thing, and I was so scared I can't remember, but anyhow I got through it and the recording was later broadcast to the troops over there (Pyle, 94).
After the first few bars, when she sensed that Veda...would get through to the end, Mildred relaxed... (Cain, 240).

4. To pass; to go by, through.

Some of them slept two together for warmth, and they got through the night that way (Yank, 48).
...nobody, not even a general, is to get through (Yank, 179).

to get through --- head. To understand; to comprehend; to cause to understand.

It was ten minutes before Mildred could get through her head the ramifications of community property... (Cain, 80).
But one thing you'd better get through your head... (Cain, 147).
...presently she got it through her head that this time...was different from all other times (Cain, 208).
Mother, it's about time you got it through your head that...I...am the main figure in this little situation... (Cain, 201).
She had got it through her head at last that something catastrophic had happened... (Cain, 188).
...she couldn't get it through her head that she couldn't vote for him this year... (Cain, 256).
Mildred, you might as well get it through your head you got to do these things (Cain, 248).
We...finally got it through his head that all we wanted was something to eat (Pyle, 375).
What I'm trying to get through your head is: you haven't got a chance (Cain, 39).

to get through --- mind. To understand; to comprehend.

I wish you would get through your mind that all this war talk and everything else is not as immediate as you think (Marquand, 414).

to get through with. To finish with; to end with. (Cf. to get through).

It was like running a race, simply to get through with it, but he was not aware that his voice showed it (Marquand, 498).
It's nothing to what she'll be doing before I get through with her (Cain, 138).

to get time to (infinitive). To have time for doing something; to have free time to.

The reason I got time to write... (Yank, 161).

to get tired of. To become tired of; to become weary with; to be fatigued as a result of.

After five straight days Kelly, Goldstein, and Stetson began to get tired of practicing beach landings (Yank, 182).
In a short time they got tired of that, too (Yank, 182).
We got tired of walking.. (Yank, 209).
...the medical department attendant was beginning to get tired of the whole thing (Yank, 201).
Most of them were getting tired of the ship life (Yank, 202).

to get to.

1. To arrive at; to come to.

One hit the end of the stone mole just before we got to it (Pyle, 231).
...she started to talk...When she got to Mr. Treviso... (Cain, 198).

2. To begin; to start. (Usually followed by a gerund.)

He asked where she lived, and she told him, but then she got to thinking (Cain, 96).
He got to talking about soldiers who cracked up in battle... (Pyle, 254).
If I get to going too fast for you, just yell... (Pyle, 148).
After a while they got to talking and she learned that he was thirty-three years old... (Cain, 94).
...we got to talking and then we got to be pals... (Pyle, 320).
Then they got to laughing over the charges she would have to bring, and the cruelties he had been guilty of (Cain, 86).
They talked low and close for a long time, and then got to laughing over the way he looked when she hit him with the dough (Cain, 86).
I got to thinking on the train... (Marquand, 450).
A regular fighter would get to going to fast... (Pyle, 159).

to get to be. To become; to come; to be.

...we got to talking and then we got to be pals... (Pyle, 320).
You don't see much of boys when they get to be Jim's age (Marquand, 398).

to get to (infinitive). To have an opportunity to; to have a chance to.

I got to know a great many of the sailors personally... (Pyle, 3).
She gets to know everything he knows, but that's not much (Yank, 132).
As I got to know the A-20 gunners better and better, they began to tell me their inner feelings... (Pyle, 223).
A person gets to know voices very quickly (Pyle, 201).
After I got to know them they told me some of their own number who talked too big... (Pyle, 214).
Then, if I ever get to know you well enough to call you by your first name, I'll call you that (Cain, 91).
I didn't get to meet all the sergeants... (Pyle, 340).

to get to bed. To go to bed; to retire.

It was three o'clock before she got to bed, and she was exhausted (Cain, 99).

to get to first base with. To be successful with; to be accepted by and acceptable to.

GIs weren't getting to first base with Wac officers, anyway (Yank, 130).

a get together. An informal assembly; an informal meeting; a party.

So YANK had a get-together in a field tent... (Yank, 148).
There was no general get-together after I got there... (Pyle, 301).

to get together. To assemble; to come together; to congregate; to meet.

We happened to get together because he used to read my column... (Pyle, 151).
The Army occasionally got the correspondents together for instructions (Pyle, 352).
They can get together in a corner (Marquand, 567).
After the inning was over I got the team together... (Yank, 186).
...a few of us occasionally called each other up and got together for a meal (Pyle, 301).

to get to know. To know one well; to learn one's habits and thought patterns.

He was so fabulous, a man might have been justified in thinking him a phony until he got to know him (Pyle, 138).

to get to --- feet. To rise; to stand up; to get up.

He got to his feet (Yank, 102).
Mason scraped back his chair, and got to his feet (Gardner, 183).
...Veda got to her feet... (Cain, 255).
Kittering got to his feet, and said... (Gardner, 195).
Veda received her drink, with its two drops of Scotch, without any tricks and Bert suddenly got to his feet (Cain, 127).
He got to his feet, crossed over to the cuspidor, tapped ashes out of his pipe... (Gardner, 58).
...Shorty got to his feet... (Yank, 137).

to get to a phone. To go to a telephone; to obtain access to a telephone.

...they've got her there, where she can't get to a phone (Cain, 210).

to get to the point. To arrive at the point, condition, situation.

...you get to the point where you know you can't make it (Pyle, 148).
They finally got to the point where they couldn't stay awake... (Pyle, 252).

to get to --- seat. To go to one's seat, place.

...other thousands racing up the ramps and along the aisles, to get to their seats (Cain, 239).

to get tough. To become obstreperous, belligerant, hostile, obstinate.

In case they get tough (Cain, 205).
If he gets tough, you spring that Biederhof woman on him, and he's got to give way... (Cain, 81).

to get trimmed. To be victimized; to lose money to another in an illegitimate manner.

If the suckers wanted to get trimmed, that was up to them (Gardner, 72).

to get --- under control. To bring under control; to obtain control of.

...he began to get himself under control (Yank, 281).

to get under way.

1. To start sailing, as on a ship.

When we finally got under way for good, I went to the open-air deck... (Pyle, 230).

2. So start; to begin; to commence.

...the grand assault got under way (Yank, 6).
Fellow called the Times last Friday to find out whether a certain new radio program had got under way yet (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).

to get up.

1. To rise; to stand; tlget to one's feet; to cause to rise.

Mildred got up... (Cain, 156).
...he...got up, then turned to her... (Cain, 146).
...Mildred got up (Cain, 219).
She got up abruptly... (Cain, 213).
He got up and she got up (Cain, 21).
Veda had got up now, her eyes hard, and she cut in... (Cain, 73).
She got up (Cain, 45).
...Veda got up heavily and spoke quietly (Cain, 181).
I have seen big men...get up with misty eyes... (Yank, 137).
Harvey got up (Yank, 90).
"Get up, you sunuvabitch," cracked the driver... (Yank, 176).
...one day an officer got up and said the time had come... (Pyle, 352).

And everybody gets up and starts (Pyle, 200).
He just got up and walked out for half a day (Pyle, 337).
Then, as they got up, the general said, "Soldier, what's your name?" (Pyle, 396).
The three Germans went down, never to get up (Pyle, 450).
...I got up and went with him (Pyle, 440).
...then he got up and walked away... (Pyle, 156).
The next one got up and said... (Pyle, 179).
When the intelligence officer had finished the flight leader got up (Pyle, 209).
Mildred's eyes blazed as she spoke, and Veda got up very quickly (Cain, 57).
Veda got up from her untouched turkey... (Cain, 258).
But when he sat down beside her and put his arm around her, she got up and made one of her little speeches (Cain, 52).
He...got up, found a piece of music (Cain, 135).
Don't get up (Cain, 59).
The old woman got up, walked back to Partisan headquarters... (Yank, 71).
Mildred got up, handed over Miss Turner's note, and sat down while Mrs. Forrester read it (Cain, 42).
...but when he touched her hair with his fingers she got up (Cain, 28).
...a man got up in front of the merry throng... (Yank, 227).
When he got up to go she pulled him down beside her (Cain, 143).
The hair finished, she got up, put her hands on her hips, and surveyed herself in the mirror (Cain, 17).
He got up and ran out (Gardner, 181).
Presently Veda got up, staggered to the sofa, and flung herself down in tragic despair (Cain, 73).
She got up suddenly, went over, and put her arms around him (Cain, 85).
...we could hear him clawing with his feet and getting partway up, then hitting the mud again... (Pyle, 201).
Mr. Chris was at his desk, in the corner, and presently got up and went over to the out door (Cain, 66).
She got up angrily and threw down a brush (Cain, 72).
Mr. Murdoch got up (Cain, 106).
Then they got up and left (Yank, 229).
About ten extra men went along to help get the mules up if they fell... (Pyle, 143).
She got up from the chair, and walked into the bedroom (Gardner, 76).
Although he was busy at the moment, he got up right away and walked to the uncomfortable cubicle... (Marquand, 279).
Walter sat down in one of the armchairs but almost immediately he got up and pulled a tortoise-shell cigarette case from his pocket (Marquand, 47).
There simply wasn't room inside for men and mule too, so Buck got up and shooed the critter out the door (Pyle, 195).
Her mother, a small, worried-looking woman, got up and kissed her, as did her sister Blanche (Cain, 111).

Harry Engel, the unfortunate possessor of the anchor inventory, got up and shook hands, awkwardly and self-consciously (Cain, 112).
Mildred got up and put on her hat (Cain, 207).
Then, getting up and going over to him... (Cain, 167).
She got up, but he...flung her back in her chair (Cain, 169).
Wally...got up and marched up and down in front of Mildred... (Cain, 201).
Mildred got up, something haughty in her manner... (Cain, 158).
Mrs. Lenhardt...got up and swept out (Cain, 195).
Mr. Levinson got up... (Cain, 236).
...he will get up...and slowly wag his tail (Yank, 137).

2. To get out of bed; to rise from bed; to cause to rise from bed.

...presently she had to get up... (Cain, 152).
It only goes out before you get up... (Yank, 207).
...or do I have to come over and get you up (Yank, 88).
Private Vanhorn got up very quickly (Pyle, 372).
We all got up... (Pyle, 371).
Finally he began to get himself up (Pyle, 364).
I said, "Get up you lazy so-and-so." (Pyle, 364).
...she...had another breakdown, and couldn't get up for some days. (Cain, 256).
...if he would get up at a quarter to eight in the morning... (Marquand, 4).
I got up sleepily and went back to the deck above... (Pyle, 231).
I...was just lying there for a few minutes before getting up (Pyle, 247).
Sergeant Carter got up at six every morning (Pyle, 263).
...Collins...Arnold...and I were the only ones in our hut who had to get up (Pyle, 327).
It was tough getting up two hours before daylight... (Pyle, 158).
...many of his staff had to get up at five o'clock to collect the reports (Pyle, 315).
For days he lay listless, with strength enough only to get up for meals (Pyle, 300).
Those not flying get up just in time... (Pyle, 337).
It was so early I hadn't...expected anybody else to get up (Pyle, 292).
The morning I left Italy I had to get up at dawn... (Pyle, 292).
I wasn't supposed to come on until eleven, and he got me up out of my beauty sleep (Gardner, 95).
Officers were getting up (Pyle, 354).
And we had two real fried eggs too. It was almost worth getting up for (Pyle, 322).
Then he threw them into the skillet and Muncy had to get up and share the feast (Pyle, 219).
Other people's families get up in the morning... (Marquand, 5).
It's time he got up... (Marquand, 5).
She used to tell him that if he would get up at a quarter to eight ... (Marquand, 4).
...as she got up and dressed... (Cain, 153).

I couldn't get myself up in time to make Willow Run (Pyle, 342).
The general also liked to get up at four o'clock... (Pyle, 395).
In the morning when Colonel Clizbe got up... (Pyle, 221).
The only thing that bothered us about the raid was getting up so early in the cold (Yank, 202).
And then have yourselves a nice sleep, and then get up and see if there's some cold chicken in her icebox... (Cain, 4).
This little chore involved getting up at 3 A.M., working about two hours... (Pyle, 3).
Gwen's door was closed though it was time for her to be getting up to prepare herself for Miss Spence's school... (Marquand, 306).
...I stayed in bed...because I was afraid to get up (Pyle, 255).
It was dark when they got up, and they drove over to the tavern for dinner (Cain, 94).
...Veda was just getting up (Cain, 199).
Then she got up... (Cain, 254).
...I'm gonna tell him to get me up at two o'clock in the morning... (Pyle, 332).
They got us up at two in the morning (Pyle, 322).

3. To prepare; to get ready.

"I'm coming at it hind side before, Mr. Wilson," he said, "but I'm getting up to it" (Marquand, 515).
...she took the statements to an accountant...and asked him to get up another set, which she...would swear to... (Cain, 244).

4. To go to a higher place.

...others took three hours and longer just to get up (Pyle, 148).
They had to get up into it via a stepladder... (Pyle, 184).
The squadron intelligence officer got up on a low platform and started talking (Pyle, 208).
I finally got up to the deck... (Yank, 169).

5. To got to a place forward.

One of the paradoxes of war is that those in the rear...want to get up into the fight... (Pyle, 150).
Our admiral had the reputation of always getting up close where he could have a hand in the shooting... (Pyle, 21).

to get --- up. To dress and adorn oneself well; to make oneself attractive through dress and cosmetics.

The women have an art of getting themselves up fascinatingly (Pyle, 458).

get up and get. Energy; ambition; initiative; eagerness.

Rodney was all git-up-and-git (Pyle, 48).

to get upset. To become upset, annoyed, disturbed.

Well, Father, I don't really see why you should get so upset about it (Cain, 57).

to get up with the sun. To rise, get up out of bed, at dawn, when the sun rises.

...the 60 EM get up with the sun... (Yank, 232).

to get used to. To become used to, accustomed to.

You'd better get used to living on partial payments... (Yank, 171).
Steady firing, even fairly close, didn't keep a man awake after he got used to it (Pyle, 101).

to get well. To become well; to get over a sickness, illness.

He didn't say, "I'm going to pray for you to get well," he just said he was going to say a prayer... (Pyle, 50).

to get wet. To become wet; to be wetted.

I was the only one in the crowd to get his feet wet. (Pyle, 356).

to get wind of. To hear about; to learn about rather accidentally.

A homeless fellow got wind the other day of a nice furnished apartment... (New Yorker, XIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

to get wise. To understand, comprehend, the full meaning and ramifications of something.

I was afraid to make any inquiries without consulting you, for fear she'd get wise and then take another powder. (Gardner, 154).

to get word. To receive information; to learn; to hear.

...the CO got word that a boat had docked at Oran... (Yank, 139).
Later we got word that he was a prisoner (Pyle, 166).

to get --- wrong. To misunderstand one; not to understand one.

Now don't get me wrong (Yank, 30).

a ghastly smile. A sickly smile; a smile which one forces on one's face; a forced smile.

...a ghastly smile on his face... (Cain, 185).

a ghost of. A trace of; a faint bit of; only a little of.

The ghost of a twinkle appeared at the corner of his eyes (Gardner, 207).

GI Joe. An American soldier, sailor, marine, or other American service man.

GI, GI Joe, n. An American soldier. GI is to the army as a whole what doughboy is to the infantry. (Britannica Book of the Year, 1944), pp. 770-1).
In the first issue of Yank, June 17, 1942, the comic strip G.I. Joe made its debut... (Time, June, 17, 1942, p. 7) AS

gift of gab. Fluent speech; eloquence; facility with spoken language; blarney.

...he figured his gift of gab would carry him through... (Pyle, 182).

gin rummy. A kind of card game; a kind of rummy played by two people.

The captain had time on his hands and played gin rummy with me when I was worn out with writing (Pyle, 44).

the girl back home. A man's sweetheart who remains at home, in one's home town.

The Photograph. Usually sent by...the Girl Back Home... (Yank, 141).

girl friend. A man's fiancee; a man's sweetheart.

...you'd better sit down in a hurry and write that girl friend a long letter (Yank, 173).
What can they do to the girl friend? (Yank, 173).
...what can they do to the girl friend? (Yank, 173).
I saw your old girl friend out dancing the other night (Yank, 1600.
...he was waiting for his girl friend to show up (Yank, 26).

the girls. Women; a woman's female friends.

Some of the girls are coming to lunch (Marquand, 5).

to give advice. To advise; to tell another what he should do.

...it's not up to me to give you any advice (Cain, 131).

to give an account of. To tell about; to inform another concerning.

...and calmly gave an account of her piano practice (Cain, 11).

to give an advantage. To be advantageous; to get an advantageous position.

And you were shrewd enough to realize that this might give you an advantage, so you made some statements... (Gardner, 197).

give and take. Reciprocation; the giving and receiving.

...there were single rifle shots and the give-and-take of machine-gun rattles... (Pyle, 428).

to give --- an argument. To argue with another.

George tried to give the topkick an argument (Yank, 200).

to give away.

1. To yield ownership to another; to hand over to another; to give up ownership.

Chief gave me his combat pants, as I had given mine away in Italy (Pyle, 322).
Now it must have been given away long ago, or else it was in the attic somewhere... (Marquand, 54).
He took his cigarette rations and gave them away (Pyle, 307).

2. To reveal; to show; to make known that which is secret.

When the planes came the Gun shut up, so as not to give away its position (Yank, 33).

to give --- away. To reveal another's secret; to indicate where another is hidden. (See: to give away.)

One man can give you away if he doesn't know how to pick up his feet and walk on grass and rocks (Yank, 149).
...when an attacker yelled he just gave his position away (Pyle, 193).

to give back. To give that which one has received again to the one who first gave it; to return something.

"Give me back the money!" Leeds said in surprise (Gardner, 109).
And then last night, John gave you back the money, didn't he, Alden? (Gardner, 109).
Major Frankel hunted up the Italian owner...and gave him back everything... (Pyle, 242).
...a large bundle...and was lost...before he could give it back... (Yank, 218).
...not once had he offered to give it back (Cain, 148).

to give one the benefit of the doubt. To allow for the possibility of error in judging one; not to hold against one that which is not factual.

...they gave him the benefit of the doubt and marked him 110 (Yank, 166).

to give birth to. To bear offspring; to have a baby, child, offspring.

In 1940 she gave birth to a baby boy... (Yank, 170).
...she...will give birth to his baby (Yank, 170).

to give --- a break. To give one a chance; to give one an opportunity.

We wanted to give you a break (Cain, 246).
...it did look as though Treviso would want to give the kid a break... (Cain, 240).
Let's give her a break (Gardner, 161).
Just give him a break (Yank, 89).

to give --- a chance. To give one an opportunity; to give one a break.

...and that it's up to us to give you a chance to come clean before we do anything drastic (Gardner, 151).
It never gave them a chance to reassemble or get their balance (Pyle, 397).
Pleasant, the company that gave you your first big chance (Cain, 259).

to give --- a cleaning. To clean; to remove dirt and filth.

They were to give the place a thorough cleaning, as soon as the front room was done, they were to hang the percale drapes... (Cain, 115).

to give the command. To say the command; to issue a command; to command.

...this officer gave the command; to the rear march (Yank, 185).

not to give a continental (damn). Not to be interested; to be indifferent; not to care.

The soldier did not give a continental whether or not Jeffrey had fought for La France (Marquand, 228).

to give --- credit(for). To admit something in another's favor; to admit another's good point.

I even gave you credit for something (Cain, 169).
...it does seem to me you could give me credit for some kind of decent motives... (Cain, 201).
He had done nothing that anybody couldn't have done that knew the child, so why give him any credit? (Cain, 138).

...he was a little better salesman than she had given him credit for (Cain, 222).
You never give me credit for any finer feelings, do you? (Cain, 73).
Don't give me any credit for that.... (Gardner, 11).

to give --- the creeps. To give one an eerie feeling; to cause one to feel that there is something very odd, unusual, supernatural.

...what gave our men the creeps was to be sitting on a ship full of ammunition... (Pyle, 70).

to give a cry. To cry out; to shout; to yell.

Then suddenly the showcase lighted up, and she gave a little cry, and went running out (Cain, 118).

not to give a damn. Not to care; to be indifferent; not to be interested.

I don't give a damn... (Yank, 207).
I don't give a damn what you meant... (Gardner, 207).
I don't give a damn what he figures... (Gardner, 204).
It seems to me that don't give a damn whether they live or die so long as they get in... (Yank, 53).
When you started moving, you did not give a damn, for there never had been anything like it again... (Marquand, 220).
Them prime movers don't give a damn what they hit (Yank, 225).
I didn't give a damn back in the camp... (Yank, 53).
...the Japs acted "sort of happy-go-lucky, as if they didn't give a damn" (Yank, 53).
If the guy wasn't in love or just didn't give a damn... (Yank, 140).
He did not give a damn about anything, except to get out of there (Marquand, 236).
But they didn't give a damn (Yank, 91).

to give --- the (day) off. To allow one to have one day's vacation; to allow one not to work for one day.

She had given Letty the day off... (Cain, 153).
Their respective commanding officers gave John and Edward the next day off ... (Pyle, 412).

to give everything --- has. To do something with all one's energies, abilities, facilities.

...A Company gave everything it had (Yank, 244).

to give --- the eye. To look at another appraisingly; to look at another carefully.

Durcharme gave them the eye and fixed his hat... (Yank, 209).

I doubt if they ever watched a ball game or gave a girl the eye with the complete intentness which they used to follow a distant plane in the sky. (Pyle, 33).

to give a good account of ---. To do well in a struggle; to be successful.

The special forts were heavily armed and gave good accounts of themselves in battle... (Yank, 127).

to give good measure. To do that which one is expected to do and then more too; to do more than one is obligated to do.

...I always like to give them good measure... (Gardner, 217).

to give ground. To retreat; to admit defeat.

...the division struggled and gave ground but never broke (Yank, 244).
...it was the Nazi who gave ground and crashed in flames on the next hill (Yank, 134).

to give half a chance. To give an opportunity; to offer a chance.

All that the Negro is asking for is to be given half a chance... (Yank, 213).

to give --- a hand. To assist another; to give another help; to aid another.

The only time American planes have been able to try to give us a hand on the Massacre Bay side... (Yank, 181).
Give her a hand, Della, if you will please (Gardner, 71).

to give --- a head start. To allow one to get ahead of someone else; to let another begin.

Frankie lay...long enough to give the guy a head start... (Yank, 122).

to give --- hell. To annoy one; to punish one; to hurt one; to bawl one out. (The meaning of this idiom comes from the context of the sentence.)

Give 'em hell, boy (Yank, 84).
Give 'em hell for me, old fellow (Yank, 84).
"I really gave those boys hell", Lt. Col. Verheck recalls (Yank, 190).
...when they discovered he was Dutch they would give him hell (Yank, 186).
We'll give 'em hell from now on... (Pyle, 205).
This is just like being out there and givin' 'em hell (Yank, 224).

to give --- hope. To offer hope; to be the grounds for optimism.

...it gives me new hope to realize... (Yank, 213).

to give --- the hot foot. To place a match between the sole and the uppers of a shoe worn by an unsuspecting person and then to light the match and allow it to burn so that it suddenly causes pain to the victim of the joke.

...so I gave this guy a hot foot (Yank, 162).

to give the impression. To imply; to seem to indicate; to be indicative that.

...I stood before the door of a chaplain dressed neatly in patched fatigues to give the impression of a poor but honest...GI (Yank, 164).

to give in. To submit; to yield; to agree.

...when Veda slipped it on...and begged to be allowed to keep it, she gave in (Cain, 190).

to give it up as a bad job. To admit that one is unable to do something; to admit defeat.

You tried your best to find them, and finally had to give it up as a bad job (Gardner, 178).

to give --- a kick. To cause one to feel good, either physically or mentally; to give elation to one.

You can't guarantee to be 100 percent right but it gives you a kick when you are (Yank, 36).

to give a laugh. To laugh.

Mildred clipped her on the cheek, but she gave a short laugh, and brazenly finished: - "gods and little fishes!" (Cain, 72).

to give a lesson. To teach, as to a pupil; to hold a class often with but one person.

I'm giving her another lesson in the theory of music... (Cain, 137).
I'm giving her one lesson in piano -- my rate is ten dollars an hour... (Cain, 137).
...paying 50¢ a week to give Veda lessons... (Cain, 133).

to give --- life for. To sacrifice one's life for; to give one's life in place of; to die for.

...one who would gladly give his life for this our wonderful country... (Yank, 213).

to give --- a lift. To carry another in an automobile; to have another ride with one; to give one a ride.

...some blonde came by in a car and gave me a lift (Yank, 209).
...she had to give her a lift home (Cain, 137).

to give a lift to. To raise; to improve; to help.

Those posters give a tremendous lift to the Italian national spirit (Yank, 128).

to give --- a line on. To give another information concerning; to tell one about.

Now can you give me a line on the other relatives without seeming to point them out? (Gardner, 55).

to give --- a name.

1. To state one's name; to tell one's name.

She then called an agent, and without giving her name, got the latest asking price on the Beragon mansion (Cain, 220).

2. To allow a child to use the name of his father. (When a child is born out of wedlock, illegitimately, it uses its mother's name. For the father to allow the child to use his name is for him to admit parentage which in turn makes him liable for the financial support of the child.)

Isn't there someway I can give my son my name without having to marry his mommy? (Yank, 170).
After he's given the child a name, then he can do his run-out (Cain, 199).

to give --- a nod. To nod at another person indicating approval, readiness, etc.

...but when the reconstructed sandwich was back on the counter he gave her a curt nod (Cain, 45).

given the time and the place. According to the conditions, situation; in light of the conditions.

He always thought later that he had done as well as he could, given the time and place (Marquand, 234).

to be given to. To be addicted to; to be in the habit of; to be accustomed to.

Shorty is small, lazy and given to a bitter attitude toward civilians. (Yank, 136).

to give --- the old business. To repeat an often told statement which is hardly believed.

The top kick always gave us that old business about the T/O when any of the rest of us asked about ratings (Yank, 139).

to give ---an opportunity. To give one a chance; to allow one to have an opportunity; to give one a break.

Not that I don't give her the opportunity (Cain, 167).

to give onto. To open on to; to be adjacent to and have an opening to; to have a door leading to.

There were two wrought-iron shoescrapers on the stone front steps, and open iron grilles giving onto a shadowy hall, framed the doorway, (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to give orders. To issue orders; to issue a command; to command; to make a command.

When Tojo gave his orders
To kill us one by one... (Yank, 176).
And hereafter, remember I'm giving orders around here, not Miss Veda (Cain, 69).

to give out.

1. To issue; to pass out; to hand out; to give; to distribute.

Those tailors were buzzing around like flies when they gave out the commissions (Marquand, 508).
Up above decks the wounded Patrick was giving out morphine (Yank, 47).

2. To fail; to wear out; to become useless.

Every now and then I heard a story of a wreck caused by the brakes giving out (Pyle, 276).
We waved until our arms gave out... (Pyle, 458).
When the poems gave out,
When it wasn't enough
To sing of freedom
He fought for what he wrote for... (Yank, 152).

to give out with. To produce music, as from a dance band or a solo instrument.

Cpl. Jimmy Martin, a sax player who used to give out with the dream stuff...
...his lips puckered into a low whistle and he gave out with the all too famous "Call of the Wolf" (Yank, 155).

to give over to. To devote to; to allow to become used for.

...one gigantic studio, with all the first floor...given over to it (Cain, 134).

to give --- a pain (in the ass). To annoy one; to bother one; to cause one mental discomfort.

...he's dear old chap, and whether he's friend of yours or not, he gives me a pain in the -- (Marquand, 129).
That kind of talk gives me a pain (Pyle, 118).

to give a party. To have a party; to hold a party; to entertain.

...suggested that Veda call up some of her friends and give them a little party (Cain, 188).
She ain't giving no party... (Cain, 189).
Them movie people giving parties every night... (Cain, 175).

to give --- a pat. To pat one; to slap one gently.

Monty gave her a little pat and went to the dining room (Cain, 126).

to give --- a place. To arrange room for one; to allow a place for one.

The ack-ack was given a place in the very early waves... (Pyle, 383).

to give prominence. To consider as of importance; to consider important and treat as if it were important.

...he didn't give undue prominence to these things (Cain, 218).

to give --- a riding. To tease one; to banter with one.

Cavanaugh gave the captain a riding over the interphone... (Yank, 16).

to give --- a ring. To telephone another; to call another on the phone.

Give me a ring, and I'll let you know when to come up (Gardner, 102).

to give --- a run for his money. To give one some sort of satisfaction for money he has lost.

...he isn't going to take a chance on cashing a post office money order without giving the sucker some sort of a run for his money (Gardner, 12).

to give --- the score. To give one the results; to tell one what has happened.

...Lt. Jack Irvin of Phoenix, Ariz., gave us the score -- three direct hits on Jap barracks... (Yank, 195).

to give --- a seat. To show one to an empty seat; to arrange a seat for one.

...jumping up to give her a seat (Cain, 212).

not to give a second's thought to. Not to be concerned with; not to be bothered by; not to be disturbed by, with.

Nobody but a varlet would give a second's thought to what you've been talking about tonight (Cain, 169).

to give a sense of. To indicate; to imply.

Veda was determined she must have one..."to give some sense of progression, a gain in intimacy" (Cain, 237).

not to give a snap of --- fingers for. To be indifferent to; not to care about; not to be concerned about.

That pride, I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for it (Cain, 52).

to give a start. To jump involuntarily; to jerk one's muscles from surprise.

The driver gave a start, and the voice was cut off in the middle of a syllable (Marquand, 241).

not to give --- thought. Not to think about it longer; to be indifferent to it; not to be distrubed about it.

Don't give it another thought (Marquand, 520).

not to give a thought to ---. To be indifferent to oneself; to be more concerned with others than with oneself; to be unselfish.

...and the beautiful way she's looked after everybody, without giving one thought to herself! (Cain, 114).

to give --- a thrill. To thrill one; to give one pleasurable excitement.

...There was just one thing about that kind of fighting -- by damn, it gave you a thrill. (Yank, 122).
Well, nobody wants to get killed and I was plenty scared sometimes -- but it gave you a thrill, the way we fought (Yank, 122).

to give --- to a man. For a woman to have sexual intercourse with a man; for a woman to have coitus.

I'm no angel, but I never in my life gave myself to a man just for money (Gardner, 112).

to give --- a trial. To let one have an opportunity to show whether one can do something; to try one out; to give one a tryout.

...Chef thinks you'll do, so against our better judgment we're going to give you a trial (Cain, 49).

to give trouble. To cause trouble; to be of trouble; to be troublesome.

...a dual-purpose antiaircraft gun that was giving us trouble (Yank, 145).

to give up.

1. To cease using; to relinquish.

I'd give it all up if I'd written World Assignment (Marquand, 49).
But he never gave up hope (Pyle, 454).
...some doll who had made the supreme sacrefice of giving up her lace-trimmed undies... (Yank, 214).
...with the money gone, he was unable to give up the old way of life... (Cain, 14).
Bert persuaded Mrs. Ridgeley to give up the idea of a Pierce Home for boarding-house purposes... (Cain, 16).
I don't believe any of us was afraid of dying...The emotion is either one of almost desperate reluctance to give up the future... (Pyle, 5).
No matter what I say, not matter what anybody says, never give up that pride, that way you have of looking at things (Cain, 75).
I wish I had it, and -- never give it up! (Cain, 75).
Mildred...gave up all thought of a little light twitting on the subject of "Sir" (Cain, 138).
.. unable to give up the idea that Veda was talented... (Cain, 188).
Before long the squadron had to move and give up its nice headquarters (Pyle, 180).
John wouldn't give me up (Gardner, 73).

2. To stop; to cease; to quit.

...we do everything we can. We can't give up (Cain, 103).
You mean we ought to give up... (Marquand, 405).
The result was that the determined ambulance boys drove nearly halfway across Sicily before they finally gave up and started back (Pyle, 45).
I've started such a book several times but have always given it up as hopeless (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...Pfc. Shea always said he had given up a $150-a-week job as a big executive... (Yank, 183).
But on the whole the letters showed no general tendency to give up (Pyle, 124).
Then some gave up, and pulled out and ran for miles (Pyle, 451).
There were a lot of things which you finall knew you could not do, so that it was logical to give up trying to do them (Marquand, 62).
Felt Durkee's food was beginning to run low, but he wouldn't give up (Yank, 138).

...between French captions, Iran's cut-ins and English dialogue, you may as well give up (Yank, 73).
Veda had to be made to accept this job she had taken, else her days would be dull misery, and in the end she would have to give it up (Cain, 73).
And if you think your nonsense is going to make me give up the job, you're mistaken about that, too (Cain, 72).
"Dearie", Jeffrey told her, "just give up trying (Marquand, 101).

3. To surrender; to admit defeat and to stop.

Even the commanding general just threw up his hands and gave up (Pyle, 411).
I've come to give myself up... (Yank, 139).
Or would you give up and say what the hell is the use... (Yank, 221).
Punishment will be much less severe if the guilty party will give himself up... (Yank, 182).
We told them to give up or we'd kill them (Yank, 125).
They do, but he gave himself up sometime before he was booked (Gardner, 88).
Serle went down and gave himself up on the strength of it (Gardner, 87).

to give --- up for. To believe one to be; not to expect one to do something because of being.

...they had given us up for lost (Pyle, 254).

to give way to.

1.To cease, stop, resisting (something); to surrender to;

Then came the torrential shaking sobs, as at last she gave way to this thing she had been fighting off... (Cain, 115).

2. To change to.

But by the time it had cascaded in big blobs to the floor, dignity had given way to hot anger, and he began to talk (Cain, 83).
It was a picture of one generation giving way to another... (Marquand, 92).

to give way.

1. to collapse; to lose support.

He watched Stan draw his feet under him and stand up, but something gave way and he sat down (Marquand, 232).

2. To allow another to have his way; not to stand on one's opinion.

Mildred gave way, but on the day of the opening she almost fainted (Cain, 175).
If he gets tough, you spring that Biederhof woman on him, and he's got to give way, because on infidelity he can't block it (Cain, 81).

to give --- a whirl. To attempt to do something; to try to do something.

Mussolini was the last one to give the marshes a whirl, and as far as I could see he did a pretty good job of it (Pyle, 237).

to give --- the willies. To cause one to be nervous; to make a person nervous, irritable.

It gave me the willies (Pyle, 374).
...the passage of the afternoon shells over our house really gave me the willies (Pyle, 250).

to give --- word. To promise to another; to make a promise to another that something is true; to affirm.

Mildred, I give you my word -- (Cain, 30).

to give --- the works.

1. To punish one severely; to reprimand one with vigor.

Try to slip anything over on him, and I'll give you the works. (Gardner, 77).

2. To do something with all one's ability and force that one has available.

...so our pilot gave it the works -- and thus destroyed a brand-new pillbox (Pyle, 168).

a glad hand. Applause with pleasure.

There's always a glad hand in the crowd for someone who can sing (Marquand, 154).

glad rags. Good clothes; one's most fashionable clothes; Sunday go to to meeting clothes.

Buy yourself some glad rags (Gardner, 72).

gladstone bag. A suitcase with flexible leather covers.

Marcia Whittaker...came wearily into the room, lugging a Gladstone bag (Gardner, 70).

glamor boy. Glamorous, romantic, man; a man conscious of his effect on others through his appearance and actions. (Also attributive.)

Known among his men as Vinegar Joe or Uncle Joe, he is no glamor-boy general (Yank, 129).
Those Minute Men are just a bunch of glamor boys -- (Yank, 237).

to glance around. To look in several directions; to look in different directions.

He even glanced around to be sure that no one noticed him particularly (Marquand, 575).

to glance at. To look at casually; to look at briefly and hurriedly.

Leeds knitted his frosty eyebrows for a moment in thought, then glanced up at Mason with a smile (Gardner, 215).

to glance up. To look upward; to raise one's eyes and look at briefly, quickly, hurriedly. (See: to glance at.)

The boy glanced up, smiling painfully (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 12.).

a glass of. A glass containing; a glass with; a glass full of.

Placing silverware, a butter dish, and a glass of water before Serle... (Gardner, 96).

a glee club. A group of people who sing together; a chorus; a choral group; a choir.

The station had a glee club... (Pyle, 339).

to glory in. To have pride in; to be proud about.

I know you'd kill him, Bert...and I glory in you for it (Cain, 198).

a glimpse of. A quick look at; a brief glance at.

...Mildred...had even had a glimpse of him once or twice... (Cain, 220).

a glut on the market. A surplus for sale; too much on hand, available.

But even though it was a glut on the market; the French still asked sixty cents a pound for it (Pyle, 415).

to gnaw at. To be constantly in one's mind; to bother; to annoy. (This implies a worry which bothers one.)

...Mildred kept waking with the jealousy gnawing at her (Cain, 198).

to gnaw on --- mind. To annoy one mentally; to bother one; to be on one's mind; to gnaw at.

But it kept gnawing on her mind... (Cain, 133).

go, go, go. Constant movement; the seemingly everlasting traveling.

It's the perpetual, choking dust, the muscle-racking hard ground, the snatched food sitting ill on the stomach, the heat and the flies and dirty feet and the constant roar of the engines and the perpetual moving and the never settling down and the go, go, go, night and day, and through the night again (Pyle, 85).

to go about.

1. To go here and there; to travel around; to go around; to move about. (This implies traveling within a prescribed area.)

...we made it a practice to stop for eggs as we went about the country (Pyle, 416).

2. To do (something); to work at; to perform.

The gun crew went about firing the round quietly and methodically (Yank, 133-4).
Sometimes I had to laugh -- when the wardroom radio happened to be playing a hot tune during meals I'd notice them grinning to themselves and dancing ever so slightly as they went about their serving (Pyle, 40).

to go about --- business. To do that which one normally does; to attend to one's normal affairs.

Of course, he made a beautiful build-up by never looking behind him, never acting at all suspicious, and going right on about his business (Gardner, 46).
He went right along about his business (Gardner, 46).

to go after.

1. To follow; to trail.

We decided to...go after the others (Yank, 168).

2. To hunt; to search for.

Our only chance is to mix this thing all up, so the D.A. doesn't know just what to go after, and then grab the facts... (Gardener, 88).

3. To go to get; to obtain; to get.

The lieutenant went to get his gun, and by common consent the little circle of veterans went after theirs too (Pyle, 188).

to go ahead.

1. To go forward; to go to the front.

Nine Scouts...went ahead of the main landing forces at Amchitka... (Yank, 191).
So the officers left Ortie waiting in the jeep while they went ahead on foot (Pyle, 120).

2. To continue; to go on; to keep on (with).

We cannot go ahead with other targets... (Yank, 1-).
All right, go ahead, get personal (Yank, 89).
Drake grinned at her, and said, "Go ahead, folks, have your fun" (Gardner, 61).
Then it's up to the lawyer to go ahead and protect them anyway (Gardner, 179).
Go right ahead with your showing... (Gardner, 29).

3. To begin, start, to talk.

Now, go ahead (Marquand, 160).
So I urged him to go ahead (Pyle, 2-4).
Go ahead, tell me (Yank, 45).
"Go ahead, Madge," he said, "what about Jim?" (Marquand, 521).
Go ahead. Talk with her, Paul... (Gardner, 159).
Go ahead. What else is wrong with her? (Marquand, 539).
"Go ahead," Jeffrey said, "what little things? (Marquand, 536).
Go ahead. We're ready with your call to Mr. Mason (Gardner, 66).

to go ahead and. It is all right to; to feel free to. (This is an intensive urging the action expressed in the verb that follows.)

...he would probably have canceled it himself, but when the junior officer suggested it he sort of had to go ahead and go (Pyle, 318).
Go ahead and bite it, fella... (Marquand, 9).
Go ahead and get busy on the Conway Appliance Company (Gardner, 14).
Go ahead and answer it... (Gardner, 139).
I say to all you guys, go ahead and bitch and gripe... (Yank, 218).
I say...to all you other guys, go ahead and smack 'em down for it (Yank, 218).
Oh, go ahead and shoot your golf, you big bluff and don't breathe a word of this to anyone (Gardner, 93).
Go ahead and tell him, Ned (Gardner, 216).
Oh, go ahead and tell him, Harold... (Gardner, 166).
Go ahead and call... (Gardner, 99).

Go ahead and tell me what you've found (Gardner, 64).
Emily Milicant said, "Go ahead and tell him, Alden" (Gardner, 111).
Go ahead and ask it, Jeff... (Marquand, 391).
But go ahead and try it... (Marquand, 479).
"Go ahead and call him that," Jeffrey said, "if that's the way you feel about him" (Marquand, 549).
Drake grinned and said, "Oh, go ahead and put them in the drawer, Perry" (Gardner, 48).
All right, go ahead and tell me (Marquand, 347).
"That's all right," Jeffrey answered, "go ahead and cry" (Marquand, 99).

to go all out. To do one's utmost; to do with all one's strength, energy, ability. (See: all out).

Major Cochran was the perfect example of a man going all-out for his country (Pyle, 221).

to go all right. To do well; to behave normally; to act as expected.

It went all right (Marquand, 161).

to go along.

1. To go in the company of others; to go; to accompany.

Well, if this is the way it is, they must get you sooner or later, but I'll go along until it catches up with me (Yank, 86).
I went along to hear it (Pyle, 339).
Lots of things...can go along with a war (Pyle, 339).
One day I went along with an infantry company.... (Pyle, 398).
...Bagby and I went along for the hell of it (Yank, 192).
As Rosie stepped out and went along in the ambulance with is men... (Yank, 86).
We steamed out...past sailors and soldiers on land who weren't going along and who waved goodbye to us (Pyle, 11).
..so he went along (Yank, 25).
...they jumped in the car and went along to show us (Pyle, 379).
The children went along of their free will, of course (Pyle, 243).
...Cmdr. Bulkeley...would be going along on the night's patrol... (Yank, 253).

2. To go; to walk; to travel; to ride.

I was going along without paying much attention... (Yank, 126).
Going along we were suddenly startled to hear some magnificent cussing down at one side (Pyle, 201).

to go and. To proceed to; to (infinitive); to go ahead and. (In this instance and seems also to be the sign of the infinitive. It is of interest to note that in one of the examples the infinitive may be in the past.)

Some of the boys went and had a couple of drinks... (Pyle, 337).
...when he realized it, would kiss the girl good-bye and would go and fight for freedom (Marquand, 420).
"Well, well," Walter said, "you'd better go and finish it now, dear..." (Marquand, 46).
He wrote me and said to go and see my chaplain (Yank, 170).

not to be able to go another foot. To be unable to travel further; to be unable to go farther.

They can't go another foot (Pyle, 203).

to go around.

1. To go about; to go here and there; to go from place to place.

In a few minutes everybody was going around with a French Tricolor in his buttonhole (Pyle, 377).
And going around like she does with her breasts wobbling every which way... (Cain, 14).
As we went around the ship our trip turned into a kind of personal-appearance tour (Pyle, 288).
...she went around meditating about it, and thinking how she could apply it to her restaurants (Cain, 208).
I couldn't go around carrying a rose in my hand all afternoon... (Pyle, 376).
They can't go around hammering on the apartment doors of all the men in the city... (Gardner, 79).
He went around poking his head out from hunched-up shoulders with a quizzical half grin on his face (Pyle, 332).
He went around every day or so and inspected... (Pyle, 340).
Nobody with a mug like mine has a right to go around scaring wounded men (Pyle, 288).
He had some iodine, and was going around painting up those who had been scratched... (Pyle, 249).
...block him off from a job he was entitled to have, and then go around playing all the politics you knew how, to get it for yourself (Cain, 30).
...the idea of going around, trying to get rid of a truck-load of anchors struck her as indescribably comic (Cain, 18).
...I went around picking up tank lore (Pyle, 264).
His nickname was "Satch", and he went around in the green two-piece coverall... (Pyle, 259).

2. To be divided among all; to be shared equally.

...food...there wasn't enough of the fancier kind to go around (Yank, 203).
It was quite natural, since there were usually just enough cots to go around, and I slept on whichever one was empty (Pyle, 177).

3. To go past; to by pass.

Often in cases like that we just went around the woods... (Pyle, 442).
We couldn't go around them through the flat peaceful valleys, because the Germans were up there looking down upon us... (Pyle, 141).

4. To go to visit; to visit; to make a call.

Madge used to say, "We'll go around to see So-and-so and have a cocktail" (Marquand, 326).
He told them to go around and tell their men (Pyle, 345).

5. To go from person to person.

But she also knew, from the look that went around, that now it was squelched, once and for all (Cain, 108).

to go around with. To associate with; to go in the company of.

She began going around with cheap, awful people (Cain, 211).
They tell me Alf used to go around with Pinky Harris quite a lot (Marquand, 193).
...with that awful girl she goes around with... (Cain, 191).
I went around one day with a team... (Pyle, 210).

to go ashore. To go onto the land after having been on a ship; to go to the land from a ship.

...the same sort of gong that used to tell visitors to leave ship and go ahore (Marquand, 36).

to go at it. To do something.

When you got good and ready, go at it, all at once (Marquand, 502).
I'd say they're a poor class of fighter the way they go at it... (Yank, 53).

to go away. To leave; to depart; to go off.

...I excitedly went away and left my helmet and shovel lying under a half-track... (Pyle, 259).
One explanation we heard, and discounted heavily, was that a good many veterans had gone away for the summer and hadn't got back yet (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
It drove me crazy the way he used to stand and look over my shoulder while I was writing, but he was so eager and kind I couldn't tell him to go away (Pyle, 119).
Fred and Beckie had danced five dances and then they had gone away somewhere (Marquand, 105).
"No," he said, "don't go away" (Marquand, 551).

Jeff, don't go away (Marquand, 43).
They were going away for a year; that was all (Yank, 22).
Some of us went away... (Pyle, 353).
...the restaurant is losing money every time anyone finds the joint filled and goes away (Gardner, 150).
But I'm sure old Mr. Pierce would know, and if they've gone away, why -- I think... (Cain, 20).
He went away (Cain, 20).
I am going away (Yank, 174).
...toward the Gessler's, but the shades were all down, they apparently having gone away for the weekend (Cain, 90).
Go away with that camera, will ya? (Yank, 160).
After the captain went away... (Yank, 198).
Then the planes went away and the firing stopped... (Yank, 71).
...whether she might not be waiting in the house, hoping that he would go away... (Marquand, 185).

to go AWOL (awol). To leave a military establishment without official permission; to take French leave.

At Christmastime they went AWOL in droves... (Yank, 91).
...Marine brig...whose first customers included two fellows who went AWOL from a supply detail... (Yank, 39).
... if none of my men went AWOL (Yank, 138).

to go back.

1. To return to a place; to go to a place at which one has been before.

And soldiers like Tommy Clayton went back to them... (Pyle, 451).
We went back to our equipment... (Yank, 20).
...she was about to...go back to her room... (Cain, 252).
After that he went back to Europe and studied art (Pyle, 138).
After the invasion he had orders to go back to America (Pyle, 37).
He said the way things were going he would get his five days in Naples around the following July, and he would get to go back to America seventeen years from then (Pyle, 115).
...he could go back to the mainland (Yank, 244).
I went back to the ship and stayed aboard almost a week before going ashore more or less permanently (Pyle, 32).
The rest of us went back into the cowshed... (Pyle, 156).
As the loudspeaker blared...we went back to the auditorium... (New Yorker, XXIII, June, 28, 1947, 21).
I didn't meet him because he had completed his allotted missions and gone back to the States (Pyle, 159).
He survived and went back to America in rotation... (Pyle, 186).
But he loved to fly and was torn between flying after the war or going back to Colorado and settling down to enjoy the mountains (Pyle, 165).
...he could go back and take flight training and hardly be missed (Pyle, 126).

After the war Buck wanted to go back west to the land he loved (Pyle, 195).
Corporal Vore...went dashing back to the tank (Pyle, 267).
...I went back to my shattered room... (Pyle, 249).
...Lt. Sullivan had gone back to America... (Pyle, 350).
He might go back tomorrow, and like Bill Swinburne, pretend that he was in it... (Marquand, 575).
I went back to where I had dropped the wire (Yank, 58).
They were going and there was no way of going back (Marquand, 583).
They were anxious to go back home (Pyle, 345).
I suppose we'd better go back now... (Marquand, 143).
He...went back to his motor and found it would still run... (Yank, 124).
I'm going back tomorrow (Marquand, 59).
So Cash went back to the company... (Yank, 18).
Buck left and went back to his post (Yank, 47).
They hadn't called, so I went back (Gardner, 146).
...we went back into St. Barthelmy (Yank, 24[illegible]).
...he said he would go back to retake the ground he had lost (Yank, 131).
I'll never do this when I go back... (Yank, 2[illegible]).
...she went back and resumed her seat... (Cain, 165).
He had evidently gone back to his car... (Cain, 172).
Miss Jaeckel...went back to her little office... (Cain, 2[illegible]).
So the flustered captain went back to his company... (Yank, 167).
I didn't feel like going back to bed and decided to look around the place (Yank, 59).
I went back to the doorway... (Pyle, 4040.
I took a few pictures and then decided to go back (Yank, 60).
I went back about a quarter of an hour before I was scheduled to go off duty (Gardner, 146).
Did you go back for the dishes? (Gardner, 146).
I went back and stayed with that pocket (Gardner, 114).
I expected to go back and clear things up (Gardner, 118).
I went back to camp (Yank, 209).
...and next day we'll go back and do it all over again (Yank, 55).
He didn't want to go back just yet... (Yank, 230).
There was nothing to do so I went back in to catch a nap (Yank, 61).
He stayed straight for a week or two,and then went back to the old life... (Gardner, 72).
She went back to her own flat, and as I get the story, called police headquarters... (Gardner, 81).
I know it's too much to ask -- Well, I'm going back home (Marquand, 579).

2. To return to; to begin again at.

Before the war Joe was a travelling salesman, and that's what he intended to go back to (Pyle, 37).
But after a week's rest he went back to the job... (Pyle, 282).
He had served from 1931 to 1935, and went back again in 1941, but he had no intention of making it a career (Pyle, 38).

Too, that taste of civilized living had been a strange delight, and yet in a perverse way I looked forward to going back to the old soldier's routine of sleeping on the ground, not washing before breakfast, and fighting off fleas. (Pyle, 44).
He had been in the hospital more than a month and was just about ready to go back to duty (Pyle, 130).
The year before he went back to the Navy he sold more pancake flour than anybody else in America, and won himself a $500 bonus (Pyle, 37).
He went back to the Navy in 1941 when he was forty-five years old (Pyle, 37).
They were up early, they worked all day and after supper they went back to work far into the night (Pyle, 306).
Everyone was going back to what he had been doing before... (Marquand, 42).
...when they returned to Naples they went back to their regular dock jobs there (Pyle, 279).
He had had two years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he hoped to go back and finish (Pyle, 331).
He didn't know whether he would go back to the insurance job or not after the war (Pyle, 330).
...the outfit...went back into action... (Yank, 124).
He...had to go back hauling ammunition (Yank, 33).
Then he pulled the casualty tag off his jacket, hitched a ride on a passing jeep and went back to the front (Yank, 19).
I left Seattle and went back to my real identity of Alden Leeds (Gardner, 115).
I went back to the very first -- the double stretch of infantry training ... (Yank, 164).
Don't think I'll go back to college (Yank, 95).
...we should have to go back with the armies to get some peace (Pyle, 463).
...it went right back into action (Pyle, 424).
...we could go back to shooting at the darkness... (Pyle, 392).
...he can't go back to college... (Cain, 202).
When it's all over we'll go back to our lace-trimmed undies.., (Yank, 215).
We came back to the claim, went back to mining (Gardner, 113).

3. To go back to a place in the rear; to go to the rear.

...we decided to go back and report... (Yank, 9).
...we went back for instructions (Pyle, 372).
...the jeep he was riding in was strafed by an enemy fighter and he went back to the hospital... (Pyle, 173).
One afternoon Buck's turn came to go back to rest camp... (Pyle, 197).
I went back and lay down on the ground among my other friends... (Pyle, 198).
You can press the button, and the top goes right back... (Marquand, 44).
As soon as they reached the other side of the Channel he went back and took over the top turret gun (Pyle, 331).
We were just ready to turn around and go back... (Pyle, 452).

He went back, got two more bottles and approached from another angle (Yank, 19).
He left the patrol, went back to the medics... (Yank, 19).
..."Col. Bush" got the lay of the land and went back to coordinate the action (Yank, 18).
Cash went back to bring up the battalion commander... (Yank, 18).
Hulstein went back to bring up the weapons... (Yank, 8).
The other one who went back is a twin (Yank, 245).
Both went back with fatigue... (Yank, 245).
As soon as Arline came over to get their orders, she went back to the kitchen, to start more chicken (Cain, 121).
Mildred went back to the kitchen, lit the oven, and started the waffle irons to heat (Cain, 120).
She said she was sorry, gathered up the last of her dirty dishes, and went back with them (Cain, 49).
I could go back to a tent for the night... (Pyle, 400).
When I went back to talk with the cook, I found out we did, although they weren't on the bill of fare that night (Gardner, 144).

4. To begin at a time in the past; to depend on something that has happened in the past.

The tale goes back to the time when he was still a buck private... (Yank, 186).
...one chain of relationships and pick up another when she saw Ethel -- she did not have to go back to a half forgotten life (Marquand, 356).
"Now," Mason went on calmly, "let's go back to the night of the murder" (Gardner, 201).
...by stealing one-half of his fortune, that it all went back to the time when Leeds was in the Klondike... (Gardner, 167).

5. To remember; to think about that which is past, gone.

His mind gone further back to a time when he was younger even than Jim... (Marquand, 546).
...his mind would go back to a morning at the square house on Lime Street ... (Marquand, 152).
...his mind went back to his efforts with 'Diana of the Crossways' up in the hall bedroom... (Marquand, 178).

to go back to sleep. To return to sleep after one has been awakened.

"Over there in that pile of stuff, I reckon," Muncy said, and went back to sleep (Pyle, 219).

to go bareheaded. To go without a hat, head covering; not to wear a hat.

He nearly always went bareheaded even in the danger zone (Pyle, 261).
He simply liked to go bareheaded (Pyle, 261).

to go below. To go to a lower deck on a ship; to go below decks.

...the crew went below when the PTs entered friendly waters (Yank, 255).
Small groups of us took turns going below to the tiny galley... (Yank, 24).
Patrick ordered the two least wounded to go below and then put tourniquets on the other two... (Yank, 43).

a gob of tobacco juice. A large amount of saliva mixed with tobacco, chewing tobacco.

Pfc. George Fisher Jr....spit a gob of tobacco juice every time his MI got a Jap (Yank, 92).

to go bust. To become bankrupt; to go broke; to lose all wealth and credit.

...when Beragon Brothers...founded in 1893 -- when they went bust, that didn't help any, either (Cain, 141).

to go by.

1. To pass; to go past and not stop.

The strip unfolded like.. a drive belt of a factory motor, going by in slow motion... (Yank, 117).
...there is a colonel out of 'Esquire' going by, smoking a cigarette in a six-inch holder (Yank, 49).
I've heard a lot of bullets go by (Yank, 116).
A Cadillac car went by and then a Ford with a brass radiator and brass lamps... (Marquand, 185).
He should have bought something as he went by, but he did not (Marquand, 296).
As we went by, he was, as usual, out of patience (Yank, 110).
...she went by without stopping (Cain, 21).
.. the battalion went by... (Yank, 2 1).
The patrol went by silently (Yank, 245).
...a whole platoon of photographers went by (Yank, 147).

2. To pass, move, as time.

Three weeks went by before they hit it rough (Yank, 243).
A couple of months went by and nothing happened... (Pyle, 262).
At other times, hour after quiet hour went by without a single crack... (Pyle, 273).
He did not want to impose on Jim; he only wished that he were not standing looking while the time went by... (Marquand, 542).
Several days went by, and there were no orders (Cain, 18).
Another minute went by, and Mildred saw glances exchanged between nurses (Cain, 103).
Precious time is going by and something has to be done (Cain, 199).

Some little time went by... (Cain, 224).
Hardly a day went by without casualties (Pyle, 250).

3. To be guided by; to follow, as instructions.

I always go by that in telling the time (Gardner, 148).
If we just went by what was our business, we'd have gone to court already ... (Cain, 246).

to go by the name of. To be known by the name of; to be called as a name; to have as a name. (This implies that perhaps this name is not one's real name.)

He went by the name of Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 121).
Captain Jackson went by the nickname of "Brick" (Pyle, 409).
They all went by the name of the "Diesel Boys" (Pyle, 425).
This one magnificent beast...went by the name of Trey (Pyle, 338).
He went by the nickname of "Old Man" (Pyle, 104).

to go call on. To visit; to make a call on. (Cf. to call on.)

Let's eat, and then go call on Miss Colton, and see what she has to say (Gardner, 156).

to go counter to. To be diametrically opposed to; to be opposite to.

...broached the subject of an operation...it went counter to every instinct in her wholly feminine nature (Cain, 199).

God awful. Bad; terrible; no good.

Bert's hooch was God-awful (Cain, 26).
The technique is simply God-awful (Cain, 136).

God bless you. May God bless you; God's blessing be upon you.

God bless you and goo luck (Pyle, 433).

God knows. Only God knows; God alone knows; it is a mystery to me; I am uncertain.

God knows what it is... (Cain, 169
"God knows," Jeffrey said, "Maybe none at all" (Marquand, 404).

to go dead. To die; to cease functioning; to stop going.

The tissues gradually seem to go dead, and sores break out (Pyle, 149).

to go down.

1. To descend; to go to a lower place.

A little blond kid...started asking for volunteers to go down and help the poor bastards below deck (Yank, 168).
He used to go down at six in the morning to the cellar in back of the summer basement kitchen... (Marquand, 107).
Every time a package of crackers went down from above, they scrambled and fought over it... (Pyle, 226).
It was one column wide and went down about six lines... (Marquand, 20).
So down he went in a surprise dive... (Pyle, 169).
When the leader made sure he had spotted the target he wiggled his wings, raised his diving brakes, rolled on his back, nosed over, and down he went (Pyle, 160).
After he'd gone down in the elevator, I went to the Conway apartment (Gardner, 170).
...and the major was out trying to arrange a mule train to go down and get some rations (Yank, 48).
He kicked himself loose and went down to the main deck... (Yank, 47).
If it went down a couple of inches, I knew Pete had stepped into a hole (Pyle, 201).
If it went dwn fast, I knew he had struck a slope (Pyle, 201).
If it went down sideways, I knew his feet were sliding on a slippery slope (Pyle, 201).
...go down nearly two miles into the earth... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

2. To fall.

On the third step I went down into a ditch... (Pyle, 200).
The three Germans went down... (Pyle, 450).
...when he fell there was a lot of him to go down (Pyle, 201).
Both of the Jerries went down (Yank, 21).
He goes down, clutching his shoulder (Yank, 180).
A few buildings would go down... (Pyle, 235).
The second went down under a hand grenade (Yank, 19).
He had stepped right off into a narrow ditch...and gone down on his back (Pyle, 201).
...dumped more soup bowls on the pile, which went down with a crash, three breaking (Cain, 123).

3. To fall, as in an airplane. (This often implies that the airplane was shot down.)

One by one the planes of the group had gone down (Yank, 86).
Capt. Putnam, a close and good friend, had gone down a few weeks before (Yank, 88).
He went down on a raid (Yank, 205).
If a plane went down in No Man's Land, more than half the troops on the beachhead could see it fall (Pyle, 236).
...it went down in flames... (Pyle, 391).
...Hilton's kid brother...had gone down over France (Yank, 242).

4. To go to a place some distance away.

Harold went down to his apartment (Gardner, 167).
And you went down to see Milicant or Hogarty or Conway, whatever you want to call him... (Gardner, 169).
"If you're going down to the forward battalion," a young lieutenant warned me... (Yank, 106).
One soldier...went down to relieve the man at the ration pile (Yank, 202).
They went down to the line (Yank, 87).
So I went down and introduced myself to a gun crew and warned them I probably was going to cause them to overwork, for which I apologized (Pyle, 97).
...pilots went down to the enlisted men's mess hall every evening... (Pyle, 179).
...build a little house on a corner of the place for a real farm...and everybody could go down and look at it... (Marquand, 108).
I strapped on the old persuader, and went down to get him out -- figured I might have to get rough (Gardner, 57).
Serle went down and gave himself up on the strength of it (Gardner, 87).
Our squadron had flown three missions on this particular day, so three pilots went down that night ---one to describe each mission (Pyle, 179).
...warned him what you were doing, and begged him to go down and put his claim in, and he wouldn't do it... (Cain, 30).

5. To sink beneath the surface of the water, ocean, sea, as a ship.

...the ship went down (Pyle, 356).
...a British destroyer...finally goes down in a literal blaze of glory (Yank, 32).

6. To go away (on a street, road, path, or the like).

He saw his uncle leave the apartment, and go down the hall to the elevator (Gardner, 175).

to go down the line for ---. To support one; to give one support, assistance, aid; to back one up.

"You know, I'd go down the line for you any time," Minot said (Marquand, 246).

God willing. If God is willing; should God be willing; if it pleases God.

...God willing...I'll pay you back (Cain, 170).

to go East. To go to the east coast; to go to the vicinity of New York City.

Hal had a low, white bungalow in Palos Verdes where he stayed all the time, except when he went East in summer (Marquand, 418).

--- goes on to tell. To continue and to tell; to continue telling.

He went on to tell us that in Peru... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

---goes to show. It proves; it indicates; it serves as an example to prove.

Just goes to show that when a person's willing to work there still seems to be work to be done (Cain, 18).
Well, it just went to show how many of us can be wrong... (Cain, 139).

to go far toward. To assist greatly in; to be of much help in.

It is quite possible that Alden Leeds could make a statement which would go far toward explaining the matter... (Gardner, 124).

to go for.

1. To like; to enjoy; to be pleased with.

...lots of men who don't go for that sort of Army (Yank, 216).
And if she weren't your wife I could really go for her myself (Yank, 83).
The D.A. doesn't go for that stuff (Gardner, 97).

2. To eat with pleasure; to consume as food with relish.

They went for it like little babies (Pyle, 412).
...how they went for that chicken... (Cain, 127).
I had a box along on that trip, so I gave it to Sergeant Carter and his tank friends, and you should have seen them go for it (Pyle, 263).

3. To attack; to strike at; to fight.

The raiders went mostly for the beaches, where the barges were unloading (Pyle, 33).
Surely the Germans would go for the ships... (Pyle, 391).

4. To include; to take in.

"That goes for the T on the shovel, too," said Taylor (Yank, 149).

to go for (period of time). To pass the time; to do something over a period of time.

They would go for days and maybe weeks in a frenzied routine... (Pyle, 328).
In the mountains the soldiers sometimes went for two weeks without ever having their shoes off... (Pyle, 149).

to go for a walk. To go walking; to take a walk; to walk. (This usually implies a walk for exercise and pleasure.)

I'm going for a walk (Marquand, 445).

to go forward. To go to a position, place, in front, to the front.

I went forward with a group of medics (Yank, 108).

to go from bad to worse. To worsen; to become increasingly worse.

...she pictured Veda as going from bad to worse... (Cain, 208).

to go from --- to ---. To go to all; to go to each in turn.

...a 37-mm that shuttled to its target, going from one corner to another ... (Yank, 124).
...the armorers of several planes formed themselves into a team of four to five men, and went from one plane to another helping each other... (Pyle, 210).
A newcomer hust went from room to room until he found either an empty bed or some floor space for his bedroll, and moved in (PYle, 94).

to go gallivanting around. To go from place to place enjoying oneself; to go for pleasure.

I went gallivanting around with lieutenant generals again (Pyle, 315).

to go get. To go and get; to go and to get; to get, obtain.

He figured that with me dead, he could take all of the gold and go get Emily (Gardner, 113).

goggled eyed. Wide eyed; with one's eyes wide open. (This usually implies astonishment.)

...there were three Japs goggle-eyed and half asleep (Yank, 18).

to go great guns. To do well; to do very well.

When you had everything going great guns, Mr. Gorman was saying, of course it kept a man busy... (Marquand, 516).

to go home.

1. To go to one's home, house, residence.

"Herbert," she said, "if you are not willing to welcome the boy gracefully, go home" (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

You can go home now... (Gardner, 80).
...he stayed all evening and didn't go home until half-past one in the morning (Marquand, 105).
...Wong was the Chinese cook who always went home at night after he had done the dinner dishes (Marquand, 469).
Then he asked somemnly if she was ready to go home, and she solemnly replied that she was (Cain, 94).
...she could hardly believe it was late afternoon and time to go home (Cain, 95).
She went home, collapsed, and wept for an hour (Cain, 39).
I can't go home and face my children if they know... (Cain, 41).
They went home on furlough... (Yank, 122).
During all of his four years at Harvard Jeffrey went home for Saturday and Sunday because it was cheaper... (Marquand, 175).

2. To go to one's country.

His friends had been sympathetic when they packed up and went home... (Yank, 183).
He was nearly due to go home (Pyle, 218).
How many of you GIs would like to go home... (Yank, 214).
He hoped to go home shortly... (Pyle, 216).
Some even wondered whether they should go home if they got a chance (Pyle, 93).
I never heard it either until I went home last fall... (Pyle, 120).
If Uncle Sam ever told me to fight the Russians, I'd just put down my gun and go home (Pyle, 106).
...and he wants to go home so bad he talks about it nearly twenty per cent of the time (Pyle, 102).
And certainly it's pointless to wait to give them until everybody goes home, for the average soldier will get into civvies... (Pyle, 136).
If I'd had his wound I wo ld have gone home and rested on my laurels forever (Pyle, 122).
They found that a new pilot, starting in to build up the required missions for going home, had seventy-five per cent chance of coming through safely... (Pyle, 170).
Twelve had been casualties, and the rest had finished their missions and gone home (Pyle, 170).
...while all his pals had gone home he was just starting to fly again (Pyle, 173).
Some pilots finished and went home in as little as five months... (Pyle, 173).
Of the remaining three, one was due to go home on rotation... (Pyle, 185).
They all wanted to go home, but they had been at it so long they knew how to take care of themselves... (Pyle, 183).
We are merely looking for a way to go home (Yank, 189).
...there was nothing they wouldn't do to get the war over sooner and go home (Yank, 50).

...the crew men had all reached or passed their allotted number of missions and gone home (Pyle, 204).
...we would go home...only to find our jobs gone and our girls married to other guys (Pyle, 207).

to go in.

1. To enter.

There was a table as you went in which always had dome dead pheasants on it... (Marquand, 273).
She turned the knob and went in (Cain, 252).
The front hole was where a piece of shell fragment went in (Pyle, 261).
When I went in to go to sleep... (Yank, 116).
Just go in (Gardner, 60).
Let's go in and see the girls (Marquand, 406).
...a colonel came up and asked if he could go in to use the latrine (Yank, 201).
I opened the door and went in (Gardner, 145).
She went in, and then came right back out at ten-thirty-two (Gardner, 64).
Mason said, "The apartment door was closed when you went in?" (Gardner, 77).
At six-fifty-seven, a blonde baby...went in, and five minutes later came out (Gardner, 62).
At ten-five a man went in who was a stranger to our operatives (Gardner, 63).
Well, Serle went in at six-twenty-nine and out at six-thirty-eight (Gardner, 62).
There was no way of telling what they might be shooting, but if Hall went with them, they could go in anywhere (Marquand, 427).
They went in with Ray for a few minutes and then Bert went out to look at the flowers (Cain, 111).
She went in (Cain, 101).
When they went in, the nurse was jamming them under the cogers... (Cain, 102).
...one of those soldiers went in the house (Yank, 247).

2. To go to the place of battle; to enter a place of fighting for the purpose of fighting.

It fell to his lot to be the guy who went in... (Pyle, 409).
...the way they fought and how they went in after the Japs and got 'em (Yank, 76).
He hoped to go in with as few casualties as possible... (Pyle, 356).
The Frnech tanks that went in ahead of us pulled over to the sidewalks ... (Pyle, 458).
...the girls finally obeyed the sailor's demand...and in they went battling for broken crackers (Pyle, 227).
...the 1st Battalion went in to attack... (Yank, 243).

The leaflets planes went in over Berlin with the bombers... (Yank, 127).
...commanding officer asked for volunteers to go in and get him (Yank, 10).
Correspondents go in on the first few days of an invasion... (Pyle, 365).
"The forward battalion's going in now," said the commanding general of the division... (Yank, 106).
Every so often we'd pass some infantry replacements going in, others on their way out (Yank, 58).
...Howard Fair went in with the 1st Division on D-Day (Yank, 243).

3. To join; to become a part of.

He weighed 117 pounds when he went in but had put on 43 more in those three years (Pyle, 104).
...and enlisted in the Navy, he went in as an apprentice seaman (Yank, 46).
Right now I hope we stay out until we see what we can do, but I think we're going in (Marquand, 415).

to go in for. To be enthusiastic about; to enjoy; to specialize in.

They also go in for "fervent fitting"... (Yank, 228).
He went in for promoting (Gardner, 71).
They said the Germans didn't go in much for buying souvenirs and jewelry as much as we did, but instead bought clothing and food to send home to their families (Pyle, 119).
The Germans went in for sniping... (Pyle, 373).
Stern goes in heavily for cardboard dummies instead of books (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).

a going concern. A successful business; a successful enterprise.

She was a going concern (Cain, 69).

the going gets tough. The operation, progress, situation, becomes difficult, bad.

...if the going gets tough you pray... (Pyle, 442).
...they would like to have him with them when the going got tough (Pyle, 347).

the going is tough. The operation, situation, condition, progress, is difficult, bad.

When the going was tough, the Partisans hid out... (Yank, 26).

to be going on.

1. To be happening; to be occurring.

In wartime it is an axiom that the closer you get to the front the less you know about what is going on (Pyle, 41).
Our skipper, Commander Rufus Young, felt that a lack of news was bad for morale, so he did all he could to let the ship's crew know what was going on (Pyle, 41).
Haven't you heard there's a storm going on? (Cain, 164).
...it's time you know what was going on with Veda (Cain, 191).
He simply wanted her to see...why he sometimes did not seem interested in what was going on and why he liked to sit alone... (Marquand, 492).
...agents...talk...for a few hours about what is going on in their target areas (Yank, 129).
...whatever he turned his mind to seemed to have little connection with anything that was going on in the world (Marquand, 265).
There's too much going on (Yank, 75).
Mom would be hollering, wanting to know what was going on... (Cain, 249).

2. To be approaching; to be nearing. (This usually is used in refernece to age or time.)

I am going on to my fourth year overseas... (Yank, 216).
One of them has been home a year, one going on to three months, and the other two weeks (Gardner, 174).
I've been there going on to six months... (Gardner, 143).
Junior was going on two... (Pyle, 186).
There's always a girl in a boy's life, isn't there, when he's going on twenty-one? (Marquand, 392).

goings on. Conduct; deportment;plots; actions, and the like. (This usually implies suspicious, bad, surreptitious, conduct.)

I never heard of such goings-on in my life (Cain, 71).

to be going strong. To be doing well; to be in good shape, repair, condition.

She was still going strong (Pyle, 241).
Well, there they were in Italy, still going strong, both still driving for Colonels, still looking exactly alike (Pyle, 120).

to be going to be. To be; will be; shall be.

We weren't told what day wer were to sail, but it was obvious it wasn't going to be immediately... (Pyle, 2).

to going to do about. Will, would, do about, concerning.

Meanwhile, she reflected what she was going to do about Ida (Cain, 64).

to be going to go. To be about to break down; disintegrate; to fall apart.

The whole thing is going to go (Marquand, 405).

to be going to have a baby. To be pregnant; to be with child.

Bert! She's going to have a baby! (Cain, 198).
Are you -- going to have a baby? (Cain, 197).

to go insane. To become crazy, mad, insane.

...unserved orders in the kitchen, until she though she would go insane from the confusion. (Cain, 48).

to go inside. To enter; to go in.

...about six men jumped out and went inside (Yank, 208).

to go in swimming. To swim; to go swimming; to bathe; to go bathing.

Does Letty go in swimming? (Cain, 71).

to go into.

1. To discuss; to talk about; to discourse on.

...talking mainly to Veda, announced they were going into the question of the uniform (Cain, 70).
...why do we have to go into this the first thing in the morning? (Marquand, 13).
"We won't go into that," Leeds said (Gardner, 111).
My sad story has such a long background of pyramidal woes that I shall not go into it more than to say that only a good heart-to-heart talk with someone would straighten me out (Yank, 164).
But he did not want to go into it then (Marquand, 580).
The errand was to see that the model home was looked after the painters got out, but she didn't go into that (Cain, 90).
It also provides malaria mosquitoes...and nettles but there is no need to go into that now (Yank, 96).

2. To join; to become a part of. (Cf. to go in.)

At nineteen he went into the French Foreign Legion... (Pyle, 138).
Tom said that when he first went into the Navy the sailors' profanity shocked him... (Pyle, 38).
When he went into the Army he was determined not to lose the writing tough... (Pyle, 127).

3. To enter; to participate in.

...Pvt. Luckey better live up to his last name if he goes into combat with the idea of taking Jap prisoners alive! (Yank, 211).

...then going straight into battle (Yank, 249).

to go into action. To work; to begin to work; to do something which one is supposed to do.

...huge boulders that had to be blasted by dynamite before the bulldozers could go into action (Yank1178).
The infantrymen go into action... (Yank, 204).
When units went into action, they kept the children in areas as safe as could be found (Pyle, 243).
...the company runner went into action (Yank, 8).

to go into business. To enter a business; to begin a business; to begin to work in business.

Because even if it wasn't for this federal thing, you'd hardly dare go into business, still married to Bert (Cain, 81).
...he wanted to go into business for himself... (Pyle, 449).

to go into detail. To discuss in detail; to talk about fiving the details; to detail.

...explaining the new phase her life had entered, and going into some detail as to why, at the moment she wouldn't be able to sell the anchors (Cain, 25).
...there was a half hour interlude, while he went into all the details of this transaction... (Cain, 249).
He also went into great detail on just how each flight would "break away" out of the bomb run... (Pyle, 209).

to go into gales of laughter. To laugh vigorously; to laugh mightily; to laugh loudly.

...Monty and Veda...went into gales of laughter at some joke of their own (Cain, 153).

to go into a number. To begin to do, perform, an act like dancing, singing, juggling, ventriloquism, etc.

However, she didn't go into a number (Cain, 119).

to go into pictures. To become a motion picture actor or actress; to become a cinema actor.

I may go into pictures, that's all (Cain, 191).

to go into a rage. To become angry; to get very mad; to rage.

...when the first item about her came out, she went into a rage... (Cain, 238).

to go into seclusion. To hide oneself; to go where there are no other people; to go away by oneself.

But until I get this private army of mine I'm going into a seclusion unner me truck (Yank, 101).

to go into a spin. To lose control of an airplane so that it falls earthward with the tail upward and the propellers downward and spins as it falls.

He got the plane back over our lines, but finally it went into a spin and he had to bail out (Pyle, 167).

to go in wading. To go wading; to wade for pleasure; to wade.

"She always goes in wading," Jim said, "whenever she sees a brook, and she's that way whenever she's on the beach (Marquand, 550).
Sally had gone in wading (Marquand, 550).

a gold bricker. One who does not do his share of the necessary work; one who tries to get another to do his work for him; a shirker.

There wasn't a...gold-bricker in the crew (Pyle, 387).

a golden glow. A wonderful feeling; a very pleasant, satisfying, emotion.

When he got the check and put it in the bank, he was not conscious of walking; there was only that golden glow... (Marquand, 285).

golden oak. A golden, yellowish, finish, stain, varnish, used for finishing oak furniture. (Largely out of fashion at the present time.)

He could see the heavily upholstered suite in the parlor and the golden oak chairs in her little dining room... (Marquand, 362).
Alf was returning to the porch carrying two golden oak chairs with imitation-leather seats... (Marquand, 485).

a gold mine. A mine where gold is dug; a place where one extracts gold from the earth.

When a man has a gold mine, he doesn't give his friends a chance to jump the claim (Gardner, 101).

a gold rush. The rush of people to a place where gold has been discovered; the large immigration of people to a spot where gold has been found.

...murdering Bill Hogarty, his mining partner, back in the later days of the Klondike gold rush (Gardner, 122).

a gold strike. A discovery of gold; a finding of gold where it can be extracted from the earth.

I believe Leeds made the bulk of his fortune from a gold strike up in the Yukon, did he not? (Gardner, 54).

a golf pro. A professional golf player; a golfer who plays for money, or one who teaches others how to play.

His name was D'Crenzo and he had been a golf pro and artist in civilian life... (Yank, 49).

to go like clockwork. To go smoothly; to be without difficulties or troubles; to operate well.

...but the arrangements went like clockwork because Ella and Sinclair understand cocktail parties (Marquand, 341).

to go a long time. To exist, live, for a long period of time, much time.

When a man goes a long time...without ever getting hit... (Pyle, 276).

to go a long way toward. To do much to; to assist greatly in; to lend much assistance to.

...if they massaged their feet with it once a day, it went a long way toward preventing the dreaded trench foot (Pyle, 241).

to have gone far enough. To be enough; to be more than enough; to be time to stop, quit, etc. (This implies that something is bothering, annoying, and should be terminated.)

The court thinks this examination has gone far enough (Gardner, 34).

a gong clangs. A gong makes a noise. (This is the term we use most often in referring to a "gong".)

...the ship's gong was clanging (Cain, 212).

to go nuts. To go insane; to become crazy, emotionally disturbed. (This is often used to refer to one's being terribly annoyed, aggravated.)

...something halfway between the process of dodging shells and just going plain nuts (Pyle, 285).
Like everybody else on the beachhead who didn't want to go nuts, the Dime-a-Dozen Club looked for laughs even on patrol (Yank, 55).
I am going nuts retreading tires (Yank, 171).
Marcia Whittaker took a quavering breath, and said, "I go nuts every time I think of it..." (Gardner, 74).

My grandfather went nuts reading newspapers... (Pyle, 447).
How men like that kept from going nuts is beyond me (Pyle, 345).
If he ever does he will probably go nuts (Pyle, 38).

good and. Very; rather; quite.

When Bill finally got back in line he was good and mad... (Pyle, 202).
It was good and dark and I wasn't quite sure where I was (Yank, 168).
Just as he was getting good and worried he looked down and directly under him saw an airfield... (Pyle, 169).

good and evil. Good and bad; of all kinds.

The pagos addressed invocations to a hundred and forty-four spirits, good and evil... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

a good and sufficient reason. A very good reason; a reasonable reason.

For the very good and sufficient reason that we wouldn't afford to mix into it (Gardner, 164).

to be good at. To be proficient at; to be excellent at; to be able to do well; to be skilled in.

He felt a little proud, just as though he had been good at it himself (Marquand, 368).
Nothering whatever, if I'm any good at guessing (Cain, 142).
...Madge had spoken to the French soldier in her fluent and precise French -- Madge was always good at languages (Marquand, 228).
I guess he's pretty good at it (Marquand, 367).
...I don't like going out to the Coast alone, and I'm not good at picking up people in club cars... (Marquand, 414).
...it was all that he was really good at -- making a bad play better... (Marquand, 83).
It was never wholly possible to be both at once, but he knew that he was better at it than most... (Marquand, 83).

a good batch. A large number; many; much.

It was the usual German pattern to get in another good batch of bombing attempts in the last hour before dawn (Pyle, 390).

good bye. Farewell; adieu; so long; be seeing you; auf wiedersehen; adios.

"Good bye," he said... (Yank, 156).

good bye now. Farewell; adieu; so long; be seeing you; auf wiedersehen; adios.

"Well, Jeff," he said. "Good bye now" (Marquand, 465).

a good catch. An excellent, remarkable, picturesque, catching, act of catching.

It was a good throw and a good catch (Pyle, 228).

a good chance. An excellent opportunity; a splendid chance.

We have...a good chance of coming back without a scratch (Yank, 117).

good deal.

1. Very much; very many; a great deal; a lot.

I've been thinking about you quite a good deal and I wish I could have seen you before I left (Marquand, 414).
He and Madge had been going out a good deal lately to parties at Westport and Greenwich... (Marquand, 509).
Meanwhile, what with the housing shortage and all, the Pallisters figure that they're a good deal better off than they'd be in a small apartment ashore. (New Yorker, XIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...Minot had spent a good deal of his time and thought and money in not being afraid of dying... (Marquand, 371).
You see, I've got pay the bill, and it takes a good deal of money, with the new income taxes (Marquand, 389).

2. Lucrative affairs; valuable propositions.

...I've lost out on some good deals... (Yank, 172).

to be good for.

1. To be financially able to pay; to be reliable financially, for.

She thought about Wally, and even about Mrs. Gessler, but she doubted if they were good for such a sum... (Cain, 76).

2. Beneficial for; a help to; helpful for.

He was one of those guys who are good for morale (Pyle, 346).

good friends. Close friends; friendly.

We're very good friends... (Cain, 157).

good going. Doing well; well done.

That was really good going, especially in Italy, and topped my own record (Pyle, 137).

good Heavens. (An exclamation with no sentence meaning.)

"Good Heavens!" she exclaimed (Gardner, 81).
Good Heavens, yes! (Gardner, 118).

good humor. Pleasant disposition; a pleasant frame of mind.

Monty agreed to withdraw...with more good humor...than a husband should show... (Cain, 233).
Monty agreed to withdraw...with complete good humor... (Cain, 233).

good looking. Handsome; pretty; attractive.

She was...extraordinarily good-looking (Cain, 190).
Mrs. Boole was rather good looking and seemed to know most of the applicants by name (Cain, 33).
He plays polo for Midwick, and he lives in Pasadena, and he's rich, and good-looking... (Cain, 125).
It was an exception to see a child who wasn't strikingly good-looking (Pyle, 416).
...my wife, whom I think is the best-looking girl in the world... (Yank, 214).
Besides, you were very good-looking... (Marquand, 264).
Oh, Gen. Marshall is such a clean-cut and good-looking man (Yank, 199).
Wescott was good-looking... (Pyle, 269).
He was a good-looking guy with a friendly smile (Yank, 205).

good looks. Handsomeness; prettiness; attractiveness.

...43 nurses who had a high average of good looks (Yank, 224).
...an embarrassing missing incisor in front that would spoil the good looks of the junior warrior (Yank, 40).

a good many. Very many; several; some.

A good many of us feel we have failed... (Pyle, 457).
One explanation we heard, and discounted heavily, was that a good many veterans had gone away... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
A good many were killed on their last alloted mission (Pyle, 161-2).
He had known Mariana for a good many years and Jesse Fineman a great deal longer... (Marquand, 79).
So, Hal got an architect whom he had met...who had built a good many ranches for friends of Hal's... (Marquand, 432).
I asked a good many questions (Pyle, 356).
It occurred to him that he had not been by himself that day or for a good many days before (Marquand, 509).

good nature. Good, pleasant, disposition.

...he radiated that curious combination of complete good nature mingled with faint surprise which Jeffrey had seen... (Marquand, 251).

good natured. Characterized by a good, pleasant, disposition.

...presided over by a genial, fat man whose lips were held in a good-natured grin of easy affability (Gardner, 94).
He was a good-natured guy (Pyle, 334).
...her six rosy-cheeked, good-natured childred (Yank, 183).
Mostly they were ragged and dirty, but they were good-natured (Pyle, 226).
The thing that always amazed me about those inhuman night movements of troops in war areas was how good-natured the men were about it (Pyle, 201).
He had a little habit of good-naturedly reprimanding people... (Pyle, 446).
...he did it good-naturedly... (Pyle, 409).

good news. Pleasant, happy, looked for, news.

In the afternoon the good news came that another unit of the Marauders had... (Yank, 92).

good night. Bon soir; buona sera; buena noches; gute nacht.

"Good night," Mason said, and strode out into the cold rain (Gardner, 121).
"Good night," Elise said, and she patted his shoulder (Marquand, 445).
Then good night (Cain, 166).
Thanks for having me here, Hal. Good night (Marquand, 445).
Good night -- I'm going to bed (Cain, 72).
"Good night, Jeff," Hal said (Marquand, 445).

a good night's sleep. A good sleep; a good night's rest; a sound sleep. (Cf. to get a good night's sleep.)

...he had been enjoying a good night's sleep... (Yank, 184).

good or bad. One way or the other; one or another; whether it is good or bad.

At any rate, good or bad, it was not her taste, and she did not want that of someone else imposed upon her (Marquand, 100).

a good scout. A pleasant person; a likeable person.

Louis -- John, is -- was a good scout (Gardner, 71).

good sense. Common sense; intelligence.

Sometime, Veda, I wonder if you have good sense. (Cain, 55).

good sized. Large; big.

The corners were knocked off a few buildings and some good sized holes were gouged in the streets, but on the whole, Licata, had got off pretty nicely (Pyle, 30).

a good thing. Well; good; for the best.

...it's a good thing I found out what you were up to... (Cain, 207).
All this was a good thing (Pyle, 179).

a good throw. A good toss; a good example of throwing.

It was a good throw and a good catch (Pyle, 228).

a good time. Pleasure; fun; enjoyment.

They wanted so much for me to have a good time... (Pyle, 333).
...he'd had the best time that evening he had ever had in the Army (Pyle, 409).
He sounded as if he were really interested and having a good time (Marquand, 584).
"He sounded as if he were having a good time," Madge said (Marquand, 584).
I've always had a pretty damned good time, a pretty easy time (Marquand, 578).
And, oh, what good times they had in the Shea family Christmas Eve... (Yank, 183).
"Listen, Madge," he said, "if Jim is having a good time -- (Marquand, 312).
"A good time," Madge repeated (Marquand, 312).
Are you having a good time, dear? (Marquand, 440).
Have a good time, dear, and think of it this way,... (Marquand, 440).
"As long as you enjoy yourself," Jeffrey said, "as long as you have a good time" (Marquand, 529).
But I do want you to have a good time, and I want to know if there's anything I can do to help you... (Marquand, 415).
You sound as if you are having a good time with all those other aviators (Marquand, 217).
They sound as if you were having a good time (Marquand, 217).
Did you have a good time, dear? (Marquand, 77).
Jeff, you're having a good time, you know you are (Marquand, 124).
...always ended up by having a good time together, and if there was any trouble... (Marquand, 339).
...if there was any trouble, Ella could make them have a good time, and that was what cocktail parties were for, wasn't it? (Marquand, 339).
If it weren't for the women, he and Mr. Wilson would have a good time on the place with husking bees... (Marquand, 502).
To show us a good time, to prove the high regards they have for us (Cain, 23).
...she and Beckie had been there together, just little girls from Farmington, and neither of them had hoped to have a good time... (Marquand, 105).

good times. Times of financial prosperity; times of ease and enjoyment due to financial prosperity.

My dear, Mr. Wilson and I have stood shoulder to shoulder through good times and bad (Marquand, 268).

a good time was had by all. Everyone had a good time; everyone enjoyed himself.

...we got to be pals and eventually we adjourned from one place to another, as Damon Runyon would say...and a good time was had by all (Pyle, 320).

good will. Good intentions; good thoughts and actions toward one another. (Also attributive.)

...of the Japanese pavilion, with its silkworms, both slightly dubious monuments to international good will... (Marquand, 321).
This good-will business is a tough life... (Pyle, 378).

good work. Well done; competently done.

Mason, on his feet, said, "Good work, Marcia" (Gardner, 70).
"Good work, Paul," the lawyer said (Gardner, 62).

to go off.

1. To go away; to leave.

...did you notice here routine after Alfredo went off? (Cain, 234).
...if Mrs. Gessler had...not gone off on her four-day drunk... (Cain, 255).
The screaming meanies made a frightful noise when they were coming head on, and even when they were going off at an angle some distance away they made a long-draw-out moaning sound... (Pyle, 193).
Somehow it did not seem fair to Madge, going off with Sally and Jim... (Marquand, 544).
All the girls are either married or gone off to work in defense plants (Yank, 160).
...I goes off into the jungle... (Yank, 162).
That was the tangent they were always going off on in those days (Marquand, 429).
Private Cogan...went off to wash before eating in civilized fashion again (Pyle, 408).
And now she's gone off and become a nun (Yank, 187).
They went off without him once and never returned (Yank, 207).
...Hugh the footman said good-bye to my lady, and went off to take his place in the Territorials (Marquand, 151).
That's because we bring them crackers and butter and go off and leave them for a while... (Gardner, 149).
...Hal and Elise had gone off in the roadster to motor just anywhere and they had parked... (Marquand, 431).

So they went off and panned it (Yank, I2 -3).

2. To discharge, to fire, as a gun, rifle, canon.

The gun didn't go off with a roar... (Pyle, 193.
The guns lowered directly over his head and went off with a blinding flash (Yank, 46).
As Hagenbuch groped his way back and forth the guns went off with another mighty roar... (Yank, 46).
Not until the Big Bastard's guns went off did everyone's confidence return (Yank, 45).
And the cannoneers said that sometimes a dog would just stand and shake all over with fright after a big gun had gone off (Pyle, 116).
When the Long Toms...went off...the earth on which we were lying trembled... (Pyle, 263).
Finally they did go off (Pyle, 305).
We saw an occasional cow deliberately walk up and stick her head in front of a rifle just as it went off (Pyle, 239).
Every gun threw up a fiendish flame when it went off, and the black night was pierced like a sieve with the flashes of hundreds of big guns (Pyle, 116).
And on the third day ashore, an 88 went off within twenty yards of us (Pyle, 232).
They made such a horrifying noise that everytime they went off we thought we'd been hit by a bomb (Pyle, 7).
"If I can get out," Jeffrey said, "where I can hear a gun go off -- " (Marquand, 569).

3. To explode.

But Steve...unscrewed the fuse with his hands and then tossed it aside just as it went off (Pyle, 213).
The pay-off was that one bomb hadn't gone off and was still lodged inside the Fortress's wing... (Pyle, 175).
...the grenade never did go off (Pyle, 191).
It didn't goo off (Pyle, 196).
...the heavy ammunition was beginning to go off (Pyle, 207).
I don't know what kept the ammunition from going off (Pyle, 406).
...as if it might go off in one's face, like a defective Roman candle (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
Then the gunfire ceased and within a minute the steam went off (Yank, 46).
The natural impulse would have been to run as fast and as far as he could before the bomb went off (Pyle, 213).
About six inches inside it went off and burned its way through the barrel (Pyle, 424).
It looked like a million tracers going off at the same time (Yank, 8).
Sometimes the Germans left a shell in the gun, rigged up to go off when the tank was towed (Pyle, 429).
When pressed, they go off and fill the life belt with air (Pyle, 11).
The exploding shell made a big boom inside the theatre, and just as it went off there was a pause... (Pyle, 245).

...the mortar ammunition dump went off (Yank, 239).
Suddenly a mine went off and killed the entire squad following Buck (Pyle, 196).
If the pilot wanted to salvo his bombs over friendly territory, where he didn't want them to go off... (Pyle, 211).

4. To occur; to happen.

The first number, Caro Nome, from Rigoletto, went off well... (Cain, 240).
Tonight, although the switcheroo went off as smoothly as ever, the color of the Scotch betrayed him (Cain, 55).

5. To be extinguished; to be put out as a light.

When the lights go off again it's a snafu for the operator (Yank, 73).
...since the lights automatically went off when the door opened (Pyle, 7).

to go off the deep end. To get into a precarious position; to do something dangerous.

We're going off the deep end for you (Gardner, 74).

to go off duty. To leave one's work; to stop working; to be relieved of one's responsibilities.

I went back about quarter of an hour before I was scheduled to go off duty (Gardner, 146).

to go off half cocked. Not to be fully informed; to know only a part of the truth or story; to be ill informed.

No used going off half cocked (Cain, 205).

to go off the handle. To become very angry and vituperative; to get mad.

...you could give me credit for some kind of decent motives, instead of going off the handle in this idiotic way (Cain, 201).

to goof off. To err; to make a mistake.

But his heart was heavy at the thought of having goofed off (Yank, 186).

to go on.

1. To continue; keep on, talking.

...he went on to tell about the things he was afraid would happen to women's fashions... (Yank, 227).
Desperately she went on: "There's money in a restaurant, if it's run right... (Cain, 74).

...Mildred swallowed, made a wild lunge at something, anything, and went on: "--that I had decided to open a place of my own..." (Cain, 74).
But before she could make the point, he went on: "And I'd have to know more about this deal of Wally Beragon's" (Cain, 82).
Ida took no notice of Anna's interruption, but went grimly on (Cain, 88).
Then Mildred, after trying to keep quiet, went on: "I was at Lake Arrowhead, if you have to know" (Cain, 98).
Mildred saw the look, and went on: "You'll be able to take care of them, if you get their orders" (Cain, 119).
Mildred stared straight ahead of her, and he went on: "I loved her like she was mine" (Cain, 103).
...he sat in silence for some little time before he went on: "I got plenty of pupils with talent in their fingers..." (Cain, 137).
"Go on," Mason told her (Gardner, 73).
Mason said quietly, "I think it was," and then went on, "The last person to enter..." (Gardner, 81).
"Paul Drake had operators on the job all last night," Mason went on (Gardner, 81).
...she waggled a stiff forefinger at Mildred as she went on. "And I'm quite sure..." (Cain, 194).
"One of your most recent tenants," Drake went on, "is a girl who's been here before and ran up a bunch of bills (Gardner, 158).
"And, on the other hand," he went on, "it might be that someone who suspected rather strongly..." (Gardner, 91-2).
I think you waited to get me out of the way, but there's no use going on about it (Marquand, 439).
It looked for a moment as though Buchanan might go on, and he would have ... (Marquand, 118).
"Oh, darling," Marianna said, "go on, I love it so" (Marquand, 118).
Jeffrey listened. Mr. Gorman was going on (Marquand, 515).
Fred was going on (Marquand, 578).
...telling someone of his experiences in the R.O.T.C. but Fred was going on (Marquand, 578).
But -- why should I go on when we have someone with us now who really knows theater? (Marquand, 268).
"Go on," she said, "don't stop" (Marquand, 498).
It must have been in the middle of the second act that he thought he could not go on, and he paused for a moment (Marquand, 498).
"Okay," Mason said, "go on" (Gardner, 62).
"Go on from there," Mason said (Gardner, 103).
"Go on from there," Mason said (Gardner, 171).
She went on to the bitter end (Cain, 153).
...it was some minutes before he went on (Cain, 132).
...that was nothing to bother about, but her voice went on, still carefully and hesitantly (Marquand, 477).
Mason went on casually, "Don't tell me that you don't know John Milicant was murdered..." (Gardner, 107).
He went on...flatteringly reminding her that she had always said Veda was artistic... (Cain, 139).
"Go on," Mr. Mintz said, "what else?" (Marquand, 425).

"Remember," he went on, slowly, "things were different in those days" (Gardner, 115).
After a few moments, Barkler went on, "That crowd sure must 'a thought Alden was getting simple" (Gardner, 56).
"Yes, Emily Hodgkins," Mason went on (Gardner, 20).
"Jeff," Minot went on (Marquand, 75).
"Go on, tell me some more" (Cain, 177).
...Jeffrey felt his own body relax almost somnolently as the writer's voice went on (Marquand, 423).
He stopped because he was afraid of being wheezy and portentous, and then he went on (Marquand, 552).
Jeffrey could see it vaguely, and Mr. Gorman was going on (Marquand, 516).
After a long pause she went on, in a passionate, trembling voice (Cain, 146).
...Mr. Trevise went on: "all a coloratura crazy for rich pipple..." (Cain, 217).
...looking Wally in the eye, she went on: "And what's more..."
"Well," Madge asked, "go on, what else?" (Marquand, 10).
"I was a dance hall girl," she went on (Gardner, 112).
"Half of Germany's ball bearings," the captain went on, "are produced at Schweinfurt..." (Yank, 14).
Nobody answered him, and he went on... (Pyle, 203).
Walter looked disappointed, but went right on (Marquand, 52).
If they would permit him, Walter went on, he might take the liberty of mixing metaphors... (Marquand, 41).
He went on to point out that... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

2. To continue; to keep on; to proceed. (See: to go on with.)

For some of us the war has already gone on too long (Pyle, 464).
This...business went on till the record played four times (Pyle, 341).
You could not go on with that sort of thing forever (Marquand, 220).
...everyone would smile and shake hands, and then go on playing bridge... (Marquand, 218).
...and she went on with her dressing... (Cain, 226).
...the part of him to which philosophers gave Greek names and definitions and which went on loving and thinking was gone (Marquand, 192).
Mr. Fernald went on talking (Marquand, 195).
If Charley went on kicking gravel onto the grass, it would dent the lawnmower... (Marquand, 223).
He had told Madge that it would be cheaper to go on renting a house for the summer... (Marquand, 221).
The fight went on for four days... (Yank, 244).
...at the same time she made you feel that she wanted it to go on forever ... (Marquand, 147).
The short cook grinned...went on frying eggs (Yank, 208).
...he went on to tell them about his meeting with Churchill and Stalin (Yank, 201).
The carrier righted himself on a piece of brush and went on up (Yank, 198).

We would go on playing the part of poltroons and cowards... (Marquand, 203).
...but you know that something will, because it can't go on this way
The other way, making the grand tour of all the speak's he knows, it could go on for five years, and even then you couldn't be sure (Cain, 25).
Go on with your cross-examination, Mr. Mason (Gardner, 196).
...and the attack went on (Yank, 244).
Mason went on with the cross-examination, calmly, casually (Gardner, 195).
...the war is still going on... (Yank, 137).
The artificial respiration went steadily on (Cain, 103).
This went on for a short time (Cain, 136).
...Veda should go with her music... (Cain, 188).
...wait while the court made the necessary identification; and then the process went on again (Gardner, 150).
She must have known...they would never be able to afford it, but still you went on hoping in that archaic way (Marquand, 93).
He sat there wondering how he could take up life and go on (Marquand, 167).
So we went on with it.. (Cain, 187).
...the battalion had gone on to fight in Italy (Yank, 28).
...Milton never would, since estates and investments lists must go on forever (Marquand, 403).
"Maybe it's a good idea," Jeffrey said, "even if you know you can't, to go on thinking that you can (Marquand, 588).
They scooted down further, looked at each other and went on talking (Yank, 5).
Methodically Big B went on firing (Yank, 44).
...she'd pretend she was peeved and go on with her jigsaw project (Yank, 187).
At the moment, approximately thirteen hundred men are employed on the tunnel and work goes on twenty-four hours a day... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).
There was no use having them go on with it until he had completed the revisions (Marquand, 84).
The mountain fighting went on week after dreary week (Pyle, 143).
...the shooting was still going on (Pyle, 460).
...a pleasant guy with a sour puss went on shooting down fighters that he was reluctant to claim (Yank, 86).
The job has to be done...so we'll go on doing it the best we can (Pyle, 224).
And Rosie, the pilot, went on making his laconic reports to the interrogation officers... (Yank, 86).
Another one told me he felt he just couldn't go on (Pyle, 224).
And there were such men as Sergeant Art Everett...who went on...doing work of officer responsibility (Pyle, 294).
And still Walter went on talking (Marquand, 44).
There simply wasn't time to be cautious. The ship loading had to go on, so they let the harbor lights burn (Pyle, 2).
The fight went on for an hour and a half (Pyle, 7).
...the average man was not eager to go on (Pyle, 223).
After the war he planned to settle again in the Southwest...then to go on doing cartoons of those same guys... (Pyle, 130).

It goes on to say that the body had been tentatively identified as that of an Alden Leeds... (Gardner, 91).
The memorandum goes on to say... (Yank, 171).
But, say, this can go on for a long time (Yank, 172).
"Yes...okay...Go on from there," he said nothing but scribbled notes on a piece of paper (Gardner, 64).
Then cautiously...she went on (Cain, 171).
They walked out to the corridor, came to an angle, went on (Cain, 101).

3. To pass; to go.

Time is going on! ... We can't wait! (Cain, 202).
Go on, Bert (Cain, 8).
Just -- go on (Cain, 8).
...and the roller went on... (Yank, 121).
Then he went on to another hut (Yank, 14).
...he would explain to Madge that she was the one who had told him to go on, and not stop there... (Marquand, 545).
The little guy went on ahead (Yank, 145).
The patrols had gone on ahead -- too far, the lieutenant said... (Yank, 144).
...our bed rolls had gone on ahead (Pyle, 354).
Some were still flying, and others had gone on to the breaking point... (Pyle, 223).
If we try to go on, they'll fall down and die (Pyle, 203).
...the men were feeling better by then and time went on slowly (Pyle, 290).
We correspondents...went on again with the armies in the field (Pyle, 463).
...I became fearful of going on into the unknown (Pyle, 452).
American soldiers came to...rest before going on back... (Pyle, 375).
Once straightened out of the dive, they went right on down to "the deck", which means flying close to the ground (Pyle, 160).
And yet the company went on into battle, and it was a proud company (Pyle, 182).
...relieving forces went on into Naples... (Yank, 125).
Cash burned his fingers pulling it out, then went on into the fight (Yank, 18).
I swore that someday I'd go on away and never come back again... (Pyle, 417).
The officers had gone on ahead (Pyle, 428).
She nodded, and Mason went on in to find the detective sitting in his little cubicle... (Gardner, 23).
Go on back home (Gardner, 24).
...I went on up the street, still keeping close to the walls (Pyle, 403).
They went on past us to the hospital (Pyle, 407).
...as the summer had gone on, Jeffrey began to believe, as he looked about the place, that there might be something in what Madge said... (Marquand, 502).
Go on home, sit tight, and don't worry (Gardner, 83).
She asked for $10 in change, against the requirements of the evening, dropped the rolls of coin into her handbag, and went on (Cain, 116).

She's waiting for you, so go on (Cain, 4).
...but as the years went on, one thought of him as a nostalgic stinker (Marquand, 197).

4. To operate; to be in operation, action.

...so long as this went on... (Cain, 131).
While the handshaking and congratulations were still going on... (Yank, 119).
There was no need to talk as the songs went on (Marquand, 187).
It seemed unlikely that a naval battle could be going on out there (Pyle, 230).
...Mildred wanted to know how long this had been going on... (Cain, 209).
People on bicycles would...watch the firing that was going on right in that block (Pyle, 460).
...in the same old vocalizing going on inside... (Cain, 215).
I doubt very much if he knows there is a war going on... (Yank, 137).
...when we have a little party going on, he asked her over... (Cain, 193).
...another fashion show was going on (Yank, 228).
...asked how people could enjoy themselves with all that yelling going on (Cain, 153).
...the celebration in the streets had been going on steadily for three days... (Yank, 219).
This New Deal intimacy disturbed Jeffrey much more than the Revolution, which, according to Edward Mace, was going on right now... (Marquand, 211).
The repair work... goes on only a few yards away... (Yank, 233).

5. To happen; to occur.

That went on perhaps a half hour... (Cain, 216).
There was no way at all of telling what went on behind that pale facade (Marquand, 98).
The conversation that went on in our gun pit during a lull in the firing ... (Pyle, 103).
But those in the most pain were listless and uninterested in what went on around them (Pyle, 289).
...and the same guys in bed getting some shut-eye while bedlam went on around them (Pyle, 333).
A person would have had to make a long tour clear around the big pasture... in order to realize that anything was going on at all (Pyle, 420).
"Say," Jim said, "does that racket still go on?" (Marquand, 63).
...no one had a very clear idea of what was going on (Yank, 32).
...no one in the crew actually remembers what went on that day... (Yank, 33).
...glorifying nations which had already fallen, while that fantasy was going on -- Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium, France (Marquand, 321).
...hourly our reports on what was going on in Paris changed and contradicted themselves (Pyle, 455).
While all this was going on...the sergeant was busy outside "making face" with Chinese (Yank, 29).

Their conjugal quarrels and their reconciliations, all going on at once, formed an odd and slightly hysterical background (Marquand, 455).
Time droned on endlessly while the tedious process of identifying each photograph went on (Gardner, 150).
He said he had friends, he knew what was going on (Cain, 83).
...ceaseless fighting went on around them (Yank, 146).
Anything to cover up, to hide what had really been going on... (Cain, 259).
...because of all the fighting that went on in Somaliland (Yank, 227).
...why does the Government allow such things to go on? (Yank, 213).
What's going on over there in Europe? (Marquand, 53).

6. To be illuminated; to be turned on.

Thus when the generators started again... our lights automatically went on... (Pyle, 208).
Just before dawn the portable generators...began to put-put and lights went on everywhere (Pyle, 208).
Then the door opened and the lights went on... (Yank, 14).

7. To speak, perform, on the radio, stage.

Promise me I don't have to set eyes on Jesse Fineman before I go on (Marquand, 294).
...an official Nazi commentator went on the German radio in an attempt to answer the news stories in the three pamphlets (Yank, 127).
Sally went on the air five or six times a day... (Pyle, 244).

8. To begin to use, consume.

The Third Division engineers went on K rations at noon but morning and evening hot food was got up to them, regardless of the difficulty (Pyle, 66).

9. To behave; to act. (This implies bad behavior)

She -- she's a great artist and all great artists go on that way (Marquand, 103).

10. To use as a basis, foundation.

Furthermore, it was silly...not to give him a little encouragement to go on (Marquand, 339).
We simply have a description to go on (Gardner, 154).

11. To go ahead. (This is an invitation or an intensive.)

"Go on," the stranger said, "...and bite my thumb (Marquand, 9).

to go on and on. To continue for a long time.

He went on and on, from one misfortune to another... (Yank, 164).
This went on and on... (Cain, 184).
She went on and on... (Cain, 213).
It's when casualties become so great that those who remain feel they have no chance to live if they have to go on and on taking it -- that's when morale in an army gets low (Pyle, 105).
And yet the average cannoneer was in good spirits and apparently resigned to going on and on that way indefinitely (Pyle, 114).
But the men went on and on (Pyle, 274).
The child's struggle went on and on, and then suddenly Mildred tightened (Cain, 103).

to go on board. To get on a ship; to go on to a boat, ship.

...just before we went on board (Yank, 144).

to go on a clambake. To go on a party, to attend an entertainment.

...at the last minute they had to go on a clambake with Look (Yank, 159).

to go on guard. To receive responsibilities of being a guard; to take the duties of a guard.

You're going on guard (Yank, 200).

to go --- on ---. To become something; to take on new behavior.

I say something to you in my own way, and wham you go moral on me (Cain, 146).

to go on a party. To attend a party; to go to a party.

...if officers would go on parties with the enlisted men... (Yank, 216).
...how'd you and your buddies like to go on a party? (Yank, 159).

to go on a picnic. To attend a picnic; to go to a picnic.

...not to be happy when you have a chance, and you have a chance when you go on a picnic (Marquand, 549).

to go on the road. To travel from place to place; to go from place to place; to go from town to town.

He first thought about it when the shows went on the road and the cast kept complaining to him... (Marquand, 275).

to go on sale. To become available for sale; to be set out to be sold. (Cf. on sale.)

But as time went on other types of merchandise came out of hiding and went on sale (Pyle, 119).

to go on the stage. To become an actor or actress; to make the theater a career; to take up acting.

Bob Harringan wanted to go on the stage himself after the war... (Pyle, 178).
Godfrey is thinking of going on the stage (Marquand, 118).

to go on a trip. To take a trip; to leave one's home to travel. (Cf. on a trip.)

She told a friend she was going on a week-end trip (Gardner, 125).
...I...went on a trip with them (Pyle, 322).

to go on -- way. To live one's normal life; to follow one's own inclinations.

You go on your way and never do find out the answer (Pyle, 231).

to go on with. To continue with; to proceed with; to keep on with. (See: to go on.)

He had to go on with it, and he loved her (Marquand, 424).
Left alone, Lt. Rosenthal had decided to go on with the bombing run (Yank, 86).
Then Jeffrey felt completely relaxed and anxious to go on with it, anxious to sort out... (Marquand, 271).
Cpl. Stenker lit a cigar and went on with his filing (Yank, 95).
"Go on with it," Marianna said and she laughed again (Marquand, 496).
He wished that she would not go on with it, arousing old reproaches, old regrets... (Marquand, 330).
Let's go on with your diagnosis (Gardner, 32).
Jeffrey was going to go on with it, but when he looked at Miss Ainsley, suddenly he felt sorry for her (Marquand, 269).
He was wondering again why it had all come to nothing, and why he had not been able to go on with it, but it all eluded analysis (Marquand, 591).
Then another company would pass through, or around them, and go on with the fighting (Pyle, 443).
...they passed on through the city quickly and went on with their war (Pyle, 463).
He had to go on with that pretense which shamed him (Marquand, 424).
Ten men alone...held until the rest could get up there, take over and go on with them (Yank, 18).
After the war...Carter was determined to go on with his schooling (Pyle, 262).
...when Mr. Wilkins died, he had gone right on with it from there (Marquand, 177).

to go on the witness stand. To appear in court as a witness; to be a witness in a law court.

Mason said, "If he goes on the witness stand, a judge is quite apt to rule that it's proper cross-examination as showing... (Gardner, 53).

--- goose is cooked. One is in trouble; one is in difficulties; one is out of luck.

It was as though he said, "Brother you may not know it, but your goose is cooked" (Pyle, 50).

goose step. A military manner of marching popular in Germany in which the marcher raises his leg without beding the knee as he walks.

The Nazis came walking down the street -- goose step (Marquand, 421).

to go out.

1. To exit; to leave; to go from within.

Then we went out and grubbed out more gold (Gardner, 113).
They went out the back door... (Cain, 155).
I felt like going out and grabbing a hoe... (Yank, 12).
The next man...struck Copeland in the mouth with his helmet, and out went the tooth (Yank, 240).
...as I went out (Yank, 249).
But when he went out to look he found that the turret was still there... (Yank, 47).
All right, all right...as long as I don't have to be tongue-tied and go out somewhere in the hall (Marquand, 6).
We went out into the road (Pyle, 155).
One sergeant went out to start the word for the company to assemble (Pyle, 200).
...smuggled it out of the cabin when I went out to get wood (Gardner, 113).
You can go out the front door of the chapel... (Yank, 189).
I'll go out and fetch some glasses (Marquand, 517).
You go out and find Mr. Gorman, will you. (Marquand, 508).
We went out into the alley... (Yank, 133).
Warty went out into the yard... (Yank, 137).
The result is I must go out into the yard... (Yank, 137).
The last switch worked the outside sign, and when it was on, she went out to look (Cain, 120).
She reminded Arlene she was not to call soup, but dip it up herself, then went out to greet her first guests (Cain, 120).
Mrs. Gessler laid her hat beside Ida's and went out (Cain, 124).
She went out, asked the second party of four if they minded waiting (Cain, 123).
Soon Mildred saw her come back, lay a dollar bill in the tin box, take change, and go out (Cain, 124).
They went in with Ray for a few minutes, and then Bert went out to look at the flowers (Cain, 111).

Then she went out in the corridor and started walking up and down, quietly, slowly (Cain, 101).
They went out together, and got in the car (Cain, 610.
Mrs. Gessler went out and Mildred went back to the kitchen to make her some tea (Cain, 50).
I just hate to go out when it's coming down like this (Cain, 26).
She...at the intermission went out into the lobby... (Cain, 234).
When she had a lull, she slipped off her apron and went out (Cain, 124).
Accordingly, as soon as supper was over and the children had gone out to play, she got grimly at it. (Cain, 13).
He was...telling her...not to go out in that storm (Cain, 171).
He went out... (Cain, 215).
Mildred...went out (Cain, 192).
...Mildred went out... (Cain, 188).
She went out... (Cain, 208).
She went out... (Cain, 208).
He went out... (Cain, 239).
Rosie went out and walked down toward his hut in the dark (Yank, 88).
...he went out to pick them goddam flowers! (Yank, 226).
The sergeant went out (Yank, 103).

2. To go away; to go to another place which is not the customary one.

...Hot Jeep would go out and pick up enough to make up the deficit... (Yank, 139).
They were there when you read the newspaper or paid the bills, or went out to dinner (Marquand, 492).
One day old Mr. Jenks...had gone out to lunch and had not come back (Marquand, 198).
...records would show Hogarty had gone out and reached Seattle, where he'd disappeared (Gardner, 115).
...Leeds, my partner, was staying in to watch the claim, that I was going out to get supplies, and bank the gold (Gardner, 114).
"Don't go out now," Madge said, "stay here, darling" (Marquand, 563).
Went out with some papers to a handwriting expert (Gardner, 59).
...another boy and myself went out and got the lieutenant and took him into the perimeter (Yank, 10).
...I'm going out and try to locate Serle, Della (Gardner, 93).
"Im just going out," Jeffrey said, "to lick anyone my weight in the world" (Marquand, 589).
Well, let's go out and shoot at something (Pyle, 187).
...Colonel Clizbe got a plane and went out and practiced... (Pyle, 205).
...as soon as he filled two more appointments he would go out for a half-hour ride (Pyle, 306).
I went out to the hospital ship... (Pyle, 286).
I've got to go out and see Jim (Marquand, 295).
...I had a choice of going out by airplane... (Pyle, 286).
There was even a newspaper lying on the carpet just as though Mr. Barnes had gone out so that the young people... (Marquand, 171).

It must be hell on them to load up and then have to go out and unload... (Yank, 207).
...I'm going out to the convent to see her (Yank, 188).
"That's all right," Jeffrey told her, "I'm going out" (Marquand, 5).
"Let's go out and see him (Marquand, 473).
You can go out (Marquand, 331).
...when she went out... (Cain, 190).
Then was when I had the idea of throwing the authorities off the track by going out as Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 182).

3. To go for entertainment; to go for pleasure, enjoyment.

Maybe you were right about not going out (Cain, 27).
I suggest Sgt. O'Hara go out and learn the facts of life... (Yank, 214).
I'm going out (Marquand, 62).
"Jeff," she said, "he's going out somehere" (Marquand, 67).
"Why, Jeff," Madge said, "are you going out?" (Marquand, 66).
He was sure he had told her that he was going out (Marquand, 66).
He was sure he had told her that he was going out (Marquand, 66).
I won't go out with a man except in uniform (Yank, 83).
On his afternoon off he hopped a train or bus and went out by himself seeing the country (Pyle, 213).
"And give my love to Hal Bliss," Madge said, "and don't go out to too many parties" (Marquand, 411).
Jim came into the living room ready to go out, too (Marquand, 71).
Jeff and I have to go out this afternoon (Marquand, 331).
He and Madge had been going out a good deal lately to parties at Westport and Greenwich... (Marquand, 509).
I don't mean I don't want to see the family, but I called up Sally and we're going out someplace (Marquand, 61).
Why don't you go on out and make whoopee? (Gardner, 68).
Baby, baby, you go out with him, and he buys you a dinner, and you get a little tight... (Cain, 24).
Well, my goodness, I never even dreamed you'd want to go out on a night like this (Cain, 26).
Why can't I fix you something, and maybe we could go out some other night? (Cain, 26).
I don't see why you want to go out with that girl tonight (Yank, 160).
...that state of semi-transparency that a woman seems to achieve when she is really dressed to go out (Cain, 161).
I've got to go out tonight, kid (Marquand, 155).
...those boys will go out on the week ends and contact our girls again (Yank, 210).

4. To go to a place of danger, peril.

...the colonel and the artillery captain went out to find an artillery OP (Yank, 50).
They had gone out to observe the effects of their fire at close range... (Yank, 49).

Went out, him and his outfit did, to fight the whole Jerry army (Yank, 223).
Cpl. Wilber C. Beghtal of Eldon, Iowa,..went out on a patrol... (Yank, 145).
I got permission from my lieutenant to go out and see if I could find the sniper (Yank, 9).
The major went out to make the rounds of his forward platoons (Yank, 59).
On one patrol the Dime-a-Dozen Club, plus a large party that had gone out with them on the job... (Yank, 55).
The fourteenth went out yesterday and bombed the Jap fighter strips... (Yank, 119).
The patrols went out and the battalion settled down to wait (Yank, 48).
...the heavy wreckers that went out to haul back crippedl tanks... (Pyle, 423).
The patrol went out, fought sharply and within two hours was back again.. On such a mission a flier went out "looking for things" (Pyle, 166).
I went out one day with a tank-destroyer unit (Pyle, 343).
...it finally wound up that the planes never went out after all (Pyle, 212).
...they could go out on a bombing mission and be back in ten minutes (Pyle, 169).
Still another time a pilot went out on a reconnaissance mission (Pyle, 169).
A couple of sailors...also asked permission to go out on the mission... (Yank, 253).
So, although they lived well when at home base, they weren't on any picnic when they went out to work (Pyle, 164).
...but he had felt obliged to go out and observe as a matter of form (Yank, 49).
...I'm going to eat somebody's stuff out if we don't go out tomorrow (Yankl206).
Too bad I can't go out in the morning (Yank, 206).
...we went out on a job (Yank, 26).
After all, it's not a question of you and me going out, it's a question of winning the war (Yank, 88).
Jim was going and he knew that feeling because he had gone out once (Marquand, 583).

5. To be extinguished; to be turned off; to go off; to cease to function.

In the top of the hut, when the lights went out, I could see two holes with moonlight streaming through (Pyle, 327).
Then one by one, erratically, the others went out too (Pyle, 22).
...when the door was opened the lights inside went out (Pyle, 9).
The leader kept shooting flares, which flashed for a few moments and then went out (Pyle, 323).
The lights went out frequently... (Pyle, 158).
The generator stopped...and the lights simply went out (Pyle, 208).
The engines started going clear out, one by one (Pyle, 348).
The lights went out (Cain, 239).

His pipe went out, and he scratched a match to light it again (Gardner, 56).
...snapping her cigarette and when it went out lighting another one... (Cain, 157).
It only goes out before you get up... (Yank, 207).
The lights went out (Cain, 172).

6. To be delivered; to be taken out.

Three hundred thousand invitations went out (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
The first order went out smoothly, with Letty bussing the dirty dishes to Pancho, who went to work at once (Cain, 121).

to go out of. To go away from; to leave. (See: out of)

Sfts. Flump and Creed went out of the hut (Yank, 103).
...and the sting had gone out of the breeze coming down off the mountain (Yank, 58).

to go out of existence. To cease to exist; to cease to be.

Long before, the German ack-ack had gone out of existence (Pyle, 438).

to go out of --- way. To take pains; to go to trouble; to make sacrifices.

We've got more than they have and, boy, I'd go three miles out of my way to share something with a soldier (Pyle, 4).
Time and again he went out of his way to do little things that would help me... (Pyle, 192).

to go out riding. To ride for pleasure, enjoyment.

A man, aged seventy-two years, goes out riding with his nephew (Gardner, 32).

to go outside. To go from within; to go out.

All the convalescent patients were allowed to go outside to watch the President pass by (Yank, 200).
The major smiled, zipped up the opening and went outside (Yank, 193).

to go over.

1. To visit; to go. (This implies that there is something intervening.)

I went over that night (Pyle, 219).
Me and my wife are going over to Loeser's (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

I gave Pietrosak a cigarette and went over to the shack (Yank, 169).
...the fellows said it was my duty to go over and tell him this was a softball game not baseball (Yank, 185).
...we went over and sat on a ration box (Yank, 168).
He...went over and closed the door (Cain, 216).
She went over and kissed her, and listened while she voluable explained ... (Cain, 122).
Some of the rest were to go over later (Pyle, 352).
Just a little morals charge, and some afternoon, couple of the boys went over to serve it (Cain, 201).
...they did go over... (Cain, 168).
...an invitation to go over and buy dinner in that Pie Wagon... (Cain, 168).
She went over and sat down... (Cain, 182).
When she saw him she went over and shook his hand (Cain, 241).
He went over to investigate... (Pyle, 341).
So I went over about eight o'clock and... (Pyle, 215).

2. To examine; to measure; to look carefully at.

I had to get out of bed at 3 A.M. as usual to stumble sleepily up to the radio shack to go over the news reports which the wireless had picked up (Pyle, 7).
The regimental colonel stood in the center of the officer and went over the orders in detail (Pyle, 432).
She got out the chickens, went over them carefully for pinfeathers... (Cain, 116).
...but why didn't Jeffrey let him see the list and let the Statistical Department go over it (Marquand, 400).
He went all over me with little instruments... (Cain, 232).
First it had to be gone over for booby traps (Pyle, 429).

3. To talk about; to discuss.

...but just where there was a chance to go over it with her she had gone away somewhere to tea (Marquand, 293).
We've just been going over everything... (Marquand, 579).
He wished that Madge did not feel it necessary to go over Sally Sales in the middle of the night (Marquand, 234).
...Jeffrey wished that they might have gone over Jim's plans together (Marquand, 543).
...we went all over that once... (Cain, 167).
...we're not going over it again (Cain, 167).

4. To pass above; to pass over.

The P-38s would go over at about 8000... (Yank, 188).
We could hear the shells hiss as they went over (Yank, 196).
...she became terrified lest one go over while Veda was singing... (Cain, 240).

...three airplanes went over while it was being played... (Cain, 240).

5. To think about; to reflect on; to consider.

I wanted a little time to go over what I was going to tell the law (Gardner, 103).
He was going over the first act again in his mind (Marquand, 493).

6. To repeat; to do again.

Now listen, have we got to go all over that? (Cain, 24).
He could think of all the time that he and Marianna had gone over lines together (Marquand, 448).

7. To cover; to fit on.

...caliper things that went over my nose... (Cain, 232).

to go over the hill. To desert from the armed forces; to become a deserter.

...then he went over the hill and got busted (Yank, 242).
It was almost exactly 1530 hours when Walt Durkee went over the hill (Yank, 138).
Nobody every goes over the hill from this camp (Yank, 138).
Don't be surprised if I go over the hill (Yank, 138).
Oh no, you won't go over the hill (Yank, 138).
Funny thing, nobody ever goes over the hill from this camp (Yank, 138).
Nobody ever goes over the hill from this camp (Yank, 139).

to go past. To pass; to go by.

...I...watched as the infantry went past on the outside lane (Yank, 245).
A small fellow went past with a large white sign... (Yank, 147).

gopher hole. A small, narrow, hole in the ground serving as the entrance to a den for the gopher. (Hence, by extension, any narrow hole in the ground.)

Even the cunning Jap gunner in his steep gopher hole must have doubted his senses.... (Yank, 180).

to go places. To be successful; to do well; to succeed.

...a light ack-ack outfit which we thought was going places... (Yank, 217).

to go places and do things. To have adventures; to satisfy one's desire for travel and adventure.

Well, I went places, and I did things, and I'm not ashamed of anything I ever did (Gardner, 112).

I was filled with the spirit of adventure, and wanted to go places and do things (Gardner, 112).

to go round and round. To circle; to go, move, walk, and the like, in circles.

...water buffaloes, blinded by straw hats tied over their eyes, went round and round endlessly... (Yank, 115).

to go the rounds. To go, move, circulate, from person to person, from place to place.

According to one story going the rounds... (Yank, 231).
After going the rounds, I decided that if the Army failed to get ashore on D-day there would be enough...correspondents to force through a beachhead on their own (Pyle, 298).

to go shopping. To shop; to buy goods; articles, to look for goods to to buy.

We go shopping in the evenings (Yank, 29).

to go slow. To go, move, ride, travel, slowly.

...he couldn't have a driver who annoyed him by going too slow or one who kept him tense by reckless driving (Pyle, 310).

to go so far as to say. To venture to say; to make a seemingly rash statement.

I wouldn't go so far as to say those boys hadn't changed since they left America (Pyle, 185).

to go soft. To become easy; to become sentimental; not to be firm, hard.

And then you'll go soft and you won't tell Mr. Gorman anything (Marquand, 503).
I won't go soft... (Marquand, 503).

to go sour... To become useless; to get in bad condition; not to be useful.

The patrol's radio equipment went sour... (Yank, 191).

to go through.

1. To penetrate; to pierce.

We figure the least we can do is get the old lady some things she can sit down on or sleep in without going through to the floor (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
The back wall bore the marks of a nervous visitor who went right through it one night... (Pyle, 219).
...the second shell went right through the hole made by the first one (Pyle, 424).
The shell didn't go through (Pyle, 424).

2. To penetrate the enemy's lines; to get through the enemy's positions.

Those units went through... (Pyle, 363).
They stood up and went through.... (Pyle, 363).

3. To be delievered in spite of some difficulty.

...the supplies to the boys...still went through every day... (Yank, 179).
...yet the supplies kept going through... (Pyle, 230).

4. To suffer; to endure.

...he was merely going through what thousands of others had already gone through, were still going through (Cain, 144).
Of course it caldn't be otherwise, but the aloneness of that man as he went through the last few minutes of his life was what tormented me (Pyle, 51).
When a big push was on, our dive-bomber pilots had to go through this sort of thing three times in a single day (Pyle, 164).
Many of us...have see what the soldiers and marines have gone through in this fight (Yank, 211).
The average doughfoot will go through his share of hell... (Pyle, 396).
You'd think that after seeing what the combat pilots went through, the mechanics would be content to stay put (Pyle, 177).

5. To go from the first to the last; to go throughout.

a tingle went through Mildred... (Cain, 197).
He had gone through the whole thing without a wound... (Pyle, 185).

6. To attend fully; to be in attendance at and to finish.

Both captains went through Officers' Training School... (Pyle, 309).

7. To become a reality; to come into existence.

...I can practically always tell...whether the raid'll go through (Yank, 205).

to go through --- mind. To be thought of; about; to be considered; to be dreaming about.

...he knew exactly what was going through her mind (Marquand, 547).

to go through a phase. To exist, live, be, in a temporary condition, mental state.

Don't keep trotting out poor little Gwen, when she's going through a phase (Marquand, 538).
Gwen's years younger, and she's going through a phase, and suppose you let me worry... (Marquand, 538).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "maybe little Sales is going through a phase" (Marquand, 538).
I don't believe the Sales girl ever went through any phases like that (Marquand, 535).

to go through with. To stick it out; to remain constant; to fulfill (an agreement).

Certainly they would have liked to change the plans, but by then it was impossible. We'd have to go through with it (Pyle, 19).
Can you go through with it? (Gardner, 80).
Could you go through with it? (Cain, 170).
Veda...had insisted that she was willing to go through with her contract (Cain, 256).
...if you had gone through with this...you'd have been out of here a little sooner than you expected (Cain, 207).
...or even tried to go through with it... (Cain, 207).
...in Bert's phrase...they had to" go through with it" (Cain, 204).

--- has got it. To have an ability, potential.

He's got it. Already he's the outstanding cartoonist of the war (Pyle, 129).

to go to bat for. To defend; to take up a cause for; to go to trouble to help.

I went to bat and I stuck my neck out for you men (Yank, 204).

to go to bed. To retire; to get into bed.

...she and her mother were having a glass of tomato juice before going to bed... (Yank, 155).
...said it was time they both went to bed, and how would they like Daddy to tuck them in? (Cain, 57).
When they went to bed that night, Madge and Beckie had talked about Fred for three hours (Marquand, 105).
...why didn't she go to bed and let him sleep? (Cain, 252).
...it kept bothering her long after Veda had gone to bed (Cain, 143).
When Mildred went to bed... (Cain, 233).
When the last one went to bed he turned out the light... (Pyle, 326).

That night he went to bed around nine o'clock... (Pyle, 205).
It was straight sailing for the rest of the trip, so I went to bed (Pyle, 231).
If those snipers would only go to bed nights... (Yank, 181).

to go to bed with. To have sexual intercourse with; to sleep with.

Madge should have seen that you could not get over loving a girl simply by going to bed with her at odd moments (Marquand, 522).

to go to bed with a book. To read in bed; to read while lying in bed.

You never went to bed with a good book either, unless it was a sleeping dictionary (Marquand, 435).

to go to court. To apply to the law, courts, for justice, remedy.

All they can do is go to court... (Cain, 247).
...we'd have gone to court already, asked for receivers... (Cain, 246).
...Pleasant had gone to court to have the contract annulled... (Cain, 256).

to go together. To be the complement of the other; to seem to be a part of one another.

It was always a sunny morning like the present one, for picnics and the sun always went together (Marquand, 545).

to go to hell. (This is used to show complete indifference and disregard.)

...the battalion said: "go to hell" (Yank, 245).
He can go to hell... (Cain, 199).
The heckled soldier...invited the Chief to go to hell... (Yank, 224).
How'd you like to go to hell? (Cain, 4).
"Go to hell," Minot said (Marquand, 256).

to go to it. (An idiom of encouragement.)

"Go to it, Paul," Mason said (Gardner, 65).
Go to it, Paul (Gardner, 51).

to go too far. To do, say, too much; to say, do, so much more than is appropriate or necessary that harm is caused.

...then you found out you'd gone a little too far (Cain, 259).
I've gone too damn far already (Gardner, 76).
Well, it would be going too far to say it was my idea... (Cain, 196).

to go to --- head. To cause one to become conceited; to cause one to become egotistical.

Something about writing a novel always went to the heads of novelists, particularly women novelists (Marquand, 344).

to go to the phone. To answer the phone; to use the telephone.

...she went to the phone... (Cain, 182).

to go to pieces... To lose emotional control; to lose control of one's emotions or feelings.

She said she was so nervous she almost went to pieces every time she waited on him (Yank, 199).
Men went to pieces and had to be sent back (Pyle, 439).

to go to press. To be printed; to be in the state of being printed.

The paper had gone to press (Marquand, 199).

to go to Reno. (Reno, Nevada, is a very popular place for those desiring a divorce from a spouse. The Nevada divorce laws are rather easy, the climate is pleasant, and people like to go there.)

...before she went to Reno for the divorce... (Cain, 256).
...but he had occasional cramps and when Lottie went to Reno, Jesse had his appendix out... (Marquand, 276).

to go to sea. To become a sailor; to go down to the sea.

He ran away and went to sea when he was only fourteen (Gardner, 3).

to go to seed. To become uncared for; to be run down; to become unkempt.

Before these Italians moved in, when all the farms in that soft blue valley were going to seed, the place had been owned by good Yankee stock (Marquand, 106).

to go to show. To serve as proof; to indicate; to prove.

His question goes to show bias on the part of this witness (Gardner, 139).
...Beckie had caught him in time to save enough of it, which only went to show that you had to be there every minute... (Marquand, 109).
Is it the contention of the prosecution that this vague testimony goes to show that when the body is that of Bill Hogarty? (Gardner, 138).
It just went to show that when the kid was seeing the right kind of people she was true blue inside... (Cain, 257).
The question goes to show motivation, bias, and a possible reason (Gardner, 134).

to go to sleep. To sleep.

...Madge would read aloud as long as Jeffrey did not go to sleep (Marquand, 544).
...working about two hours, then sitting around chinning and drinking coffee with the radio operators until too late to go back to sleep (Pyle, 3).
Let's turn out the light and go to sleep (Marquand, 540).
Frankie...went to sleep (Yank,122).
I have no idea at all why he went to sleep (Pyle, 368).
Now go to sleep and don't think about it any more (Cain, 62).
If he takes another cocktail, he'll go to sleep after dinner (Marquand, 127).
...I couldn't go to sleep like the others (Pyle, 392).
...I...went to sleep (Yank, 241).
Just before he went to sleep, he happened to think of something (Pyle, 205).
The British boys who flipped off the records went to sleep... (Pyle, 341).
He was doing a job again in person, with his own hands and brain, and he went to sleep with a fine satisfaction (Pyle, 205).
Go to sleep, Madge (Marquand, 534).
Go to sleep (Marquand, 534).
When I went in to go to sleep, I discovered that the Indians had spread a little more... (Yank, 116).

to go touring. To take a ride; to go riding; to ride for pleasure.

I went touring in a jeep over the country... (Pyle, 374).

to go to town. To do well;to be successful; to do with vim and energy.

...they really went to town when the Germans came in (Yank, 26).
I told my men to collect everything they could on the bird, and they went to town (Gardner, 90).
The sob sisters had literally "gone to town" on the story (Gardner, 213).

to go to trouble. To take the trouble; to take pains; to go out of one's way.

But me going to all the trouble I did, and with no one who could... tell me anything... (Yank, 174).
...he could hear Veda without going to a lot of useless trouble (Cain, 211).
When they go to all that trouble, they're stung (Yank, 129).

to go to war. To commence fighting a way; to declare war; to begin fighting.

Until shortly before the U.S. went to war... (Yank, 190).

to go to waste. To be wasted; not to be fully utilized, used.

...the unused meat wouldn't go to waste (Yank, 229).
...determination not to let such a costume go to waste... (Cain, 160).

to go to work. To start working; to begin working.

The fog lifted and the medics went to work (Yank, 180).
So I pull out a box of matches and go to work (Yank, 162).
...the other half went to work with oil, ramrod and waste cloth to clean up...the gun (Pyle, 390).
Give Mason a check and let him go to work... (Gardner, 9).
I go to work. I give one lesson a day... (Cain, 218).
The first order went out smoothly, with Letty bussing the dirty dishes to Pancho, who went to work at once (Cain,121).

2. To go to the place at which one works for the purpose of working; to appear for work.

...she had to excuse herself...to go to work (Cain, 229).
What time did you go to work? (Gardner, 143).

3. To look for and find a job, work. (In this sense 'to go' implies the future tense as it very often does.)

You'll have to go to work (Cain, 148).
Of course I'm going to work (Cain, 147).

to go to work on. To apply oneself to something; to do something.

The infantrymen went to work on this bunch (Yank, 192).
The sheriff went right to work on it (Gardner, 49).

got up. Dressed; clothed.

Meticulously got up in a quiet, double-breasted suit... (New Yorker, XXIII, June, 28, 1947, 21).

to go under. To sink beneath water, as a ship.

In the few seconds before the Jap went under, Buck had seen one of its turrets... (Yank, 47).

to go under a name. To be known by a name; to take a name. (This often implies that the name is not one's real name.) (Cf. under the name of.)

She's used henna on her hair and is going under an assumed name, but I don't know what name... (Gardner, 154).
I went under the name of Inez Colton (Gardner, 167).
...we purpose to show that the decedent went for many years under the name of Bill Hogarty... (Gardner, 188).
A man establishes his identity by going under a certain name (Gardner, 188).
...that he was always a great man to go under an alias, that in addition to Conway and Milicant, he had the crust at one time to go under your name... (Gardner, 217).

He'd found out Milicant was going under the name of Conway... (Gardner, 183).
If a man goes under a certain name, that is all that is necessary to establish at least a claim to identity (Gardner, 188).
What name's she going under now? (Gardner, 159).
...that you had no idea the man you knew as John Milicant was going under the name of Louis Conway until yesterday afternoon (Gardner, 117).
...that when he left the Klondike he went for a time under the name of Bill Hogarty... (Gardner, 138).
I got out to Seattle, still going under the name of Hogarty (Gardner, 115).
She's going under her maiden name (Gardner, 49).

to go unwashed. Not to wash; to remain dirty; not to clean up.

...and although his face was dirty it was recent dirt, not the basic grime that comes of going unwashed for weeks and weeks (Pyle, 157).

to go up.

1. To rise; to go upward.

In most of these two-story farm houses the stairway went up the outside (Pyle, 183).
I'm not going up (Marquand, 556).
"So you went up?" Mason asked (Gardner, 102).
Yes, I went up (Gardner, 102).
All through those terrible days every ounce of their supplies had to go up to them on the backs of mules and men (Pyle, 143).
All the folds of her long blue silk black coat looked prearranged, just as though the curtain were going up... (Marquand, 468).
They looked toward the tower where the flare might go up announcing "mission scrubbed" (Yank, 87).
She went up in the elevator around six o'clock and was out about six-five (Gardner, 62).
He had gone up the mountain the day before (Pyle, 151).
...bullets going up by the thousands (Pyle, 164).
The flares went up (Yank, 87).
Afterwards...let's go up to our room and get fried (Marquand, 123).
Will you go right up? (Marquand, 242).
When it goes up again... (Yank, 180).
For a rocket going up sounds like a bomb coming down (Pyle, 305).
The planes had to fly in constant "evasive action", which meant going right, going left, going up, going down, all the time... (Pyle, 163).

2. To be turned on in full intensity, as lights on a theater's stage.

The lights went up (Cain, 240).
...lights went up all over the first floor... (Cain, 230).
Then the lights went up... (Cain, 239).
...the lights went up... (Cain, 239).

3. To increase in size, volume, intensity, cost, price.

Then just like that it went up (Cain, 100).
We were carrying extra Army and Navy staffs...Sittings went up to four in the officers' mess... (Pyle, 12).
They kept going up at the currencies depreciate (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
But her temperature's gone up (Cain, 100).
Anyway, the birth rate went up (Cain, 37).
It was true that Milton had sold some of Madge's things, which had gone up later, and had reinvested the proceeds... (Marquand, 399).
Tips went up... (Cain, 152).

4. To go forward.

Once in a while, they'll go up a river valley and get isolated (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
Our company is starting in a few minutes to go up this road and clean out a strong point (Pyle, 399).
...we went right up and sat on the bomb line (Pyle, 434).
...they went up again, this time with better luck.. (Yank, 203).
Later on they went up...but no Japs came... (Yank, 203).
...the two of us would go up and pull the guys out when they got hit... (Yank, 125).
...the rest went up as skirmishers, three on the right and four on the left (Yank, 18).
We had to go up through A company... (Yank, 21).
The weapons platoon tries to go right up with the rifle platoons (Yank, 150).
He said he was going up to bring them back (Yank, 144).
We went up after the battalion that was lost (Yank, 245).

5. To go; to visit.

If the government agent don't like it, he can go up and see your place, and eat the chickens... (Cain, 80).
I used to go up and have dinner with him now and then (Pyle, 314).
It might be a good idea, we thought, to go up and speak to Artie (Yank, 100).
So I went up and checked through the traffic violations on the off-chance I might find something (Gardner, 156).

6. To go northward; to go to a place to the north of the present one.

Mr. Carroll...went up to Buffalo to work (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).

7. To be constructed; to be built.

As barracks...went up... (Yank, 121).

8. To originate, as a noise, sound, and grow in volume.

...a concerted sigh...went up from Momote airstrip as the first LST stuck its ugly snout through the narrow passage to Hyane Harbor (Yank, 146).

to go up in smoke. To burn up; to burn down.

...the Germans hit a dump of cigarettes and millions of them went up in smoke (Pyle, 281).

to go up a notch. To rise; to increase.

...every time I saw him he had gone up a notch in rank (Pyle, 242).

to go up to. To approach; to go to.

Jimmy went up to the bar... (Yank, 165).
I started out in the normal fashion that afternoon to go up to a battalion command post... (Pyle, 398).
To go up to the brink of possible death... (Pyle, 271).
Some few ships could go right up to a dock (Pyle, 272).
Can you go up to a bar and buy a drink? (Pyle, 93).

to go visiting. To visit; to make a call; to go calling; (Cf. to go call on.)

Later that afternoon the major asked if I'd like to go visiting (Yank, 60).

to go well. To be all right; to be well.

Darling...is it going better now? (Marquand, 471).
In the last few days the play had been going much better and he felt more familiar with the medium... (Marquand, 471).
I hope...that everything has been going well with you (Marquand, 95).

to go west. To go out West; to go to the western part of the United States.

But Buck went west on his own before he was sixteen, and worked as a ranch hand (Pyle, 194).

to go with.

1. To accompany; to go in company with; to be friendly with.

...what happened to that girl you used to go with? (Marquand, 52).
Alf, who are you going with, tonight? (Marquand, 156).
I asked for two men to go with me into the area (Yank, 9).

2. To form a part of; to be an accessory to.

To go with the pink stove, the boys had dug up from somewhere a huge overstuffed chair... (Pyle, 250).
Somehow extreme old age and a bad disposition went with sharpening lawn mowers (Marquand, 222).
Wish I had a nice piece of steak to go with those onions (Yank, 206).
She went to Bullocks, and bought sharkskin dresses,..and had little Dutch caps made to go with them (Cain, 119).
...a Packard 120, in dark green, "to go with her hair" (Cain, 180).
...helped with the washing, stirring and drudgery that went with the pies (Cain, 68).
Someday, perhaps, they would really have cows...and all those other things that go with a farm, and what have you... (Marquand, 108).
...wanted a black-and-white round bed to go with the other furniture... (New Yorker, XXIII, June, 28, 1947, 20).

to go without. To be without; not to have.

They had gone two days without sleep... (Pyle, 364).

to go wrong. To chance to become bad; to happen to go amiss; to get out of order; to become improper.

And nothing went wrong with it (Yank, 33).
If anything goes wrong, I take the rap (Gardner, 69).
We stalled and tried to prevent the game, because we knew so many things could go wrong (Yank, 185).
...how mad you got when things went wrong at camp... (Yank, 163).
Everybody...yelled for him whenever anything went wrong.. (Pyle, 411).
But something went wrong... (Yank, 126).

to go wrong on. To be disappointed in; to lose faith in.

You can't go wrong on Archie (Cain, 178).

to grab --- by. To seize one by; to take hold of one through means of.

...he grabbed me by the arm... (Cain, 231).

to grab hold of. To seize; to grasp; to grab.

You stand inside the coil and then grab hold of the looped pieces of insulated wire on each side (Yank, 57).

to grab a taxi. To hail and get into a taxi; to get a taxi to stop and pick one up.

...she comes out with her shoulders squared, her chin up in the air, and walks to the corner where she grabs a taxi (Gardner, 64).

to grab up. To collect to oneself; to gather and hold.

...the women began to grab up flowers by the armful (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

to graduate from. To be graduated from; to receive a diploma from; to finish required courses in a school and be graduated.

At seventeen he graduated from high-school... (Pyle, 129).

graduation present. A present given to one when he graduates, is graduated, from a school or college.

...it's your grandfather's graduation present to you, Jeff (Marquand, 162).

grammar school. The first six grades in the American schools.

The colonel...had finished grammar school... (Yank, 224).
The paper boy...was trying to finish grammar school... (Yank, 224).

Grand Central (Station). The large important railroad station in New York City.

It was in front of the Information Desk at Grand Central (Marquand, 262).
Jim said that he was happy, just standing in Grand Central Station, catching scraps of people's conversations (Marquand, 324).

the granddaddy of them all. A very large one; an imposing one; an important one.

...whose roots start before the trunk reaches the ground, and this one, granddaddy of them all had roots 40 feet up (Yank, 41).

grand finale. The ending; that which signals the end.

The war in France is our grand finale... (Pyle, 465).

the grand old man of. A highly respected person connected with; a respected and admired leader of.

But Mr. Fineman, although he is too modest to admit it, is what we might call 'the grand old man of the theater' (Marquand, 268).

grand opera. A serious opera in which all the book, libretto, is set to music. (Also attributive.)

...all travel together...grand opera to grand opera... (Cain, 217).
Sing in grand opera... (Cain, 217).
...coloratura, bring more dough to a grand opera house than a big wop tenor (Cain, 217).

grand piano. The second largest of the pianos with the strings being horizontal. (In order of size they are: Concert grand piano, grand piano, baby grand piano.)

In spite of herself, the limousine, the chauffeur, and the grand piano began to gleam before her eyes... (Cain, 75).
One of the starlets, barricaded behind the grand piano... (Yank, 160).
...it didn't sound much like a grand piano (Cain, 154).
...about the limousine they would have, and the grand piano on which she could practice her music (Cain, 74).

Grand Rapids. (A city in the state of Michigan long famous for the manufacture of furniture. It has developed a style which is associated with its name in a derogatory way.)

...one table, in a corner, in the Grand Rapids style,and one radio, on this table, in the bakelite style (Cain, 2).

a grandstand view. A very good, clear, view.

...we could get a grandstand view of the bombing... (Pyle, 434).

grand time. Good time; pleasurable time; fun.

Does she reminisce about the "grand times" we had together... (Yank, 35).

grand tour. A rather formal tour of many people; a visiting by many people.

But when the day of the grand tour of Pierce Homes arrived, Mrs. Ridgely was unable to go... (Cain, 16).

grass skirt. A skirt made of grass in which there is a band which fastens around the waist and from which hang the unwoven grass. It is associated in the minds of Americans with the Pacific Islanders.

He handed me an old grass skirt
That he had highly prized (Yank, 156).

a grass widow. A woman whose husband has left, deserted, her; or a divorced woman. (The implication here is that the husband is still alive.)

...never gets mentioned on Fourth of July -- a grass widow with two small children to support (Cain, 10).
Grass widow! From now on, you're fast (Cain, 22).
It's sin, because you're a grass widow, and fast (Cain, 24).
...the great American institution that never gets mentioned on Fourth of July, a grass widow with two small children to support... (Cain, 17).
Because that grass widow, she went back to the kitchen, where all women belong, and that makes it all right (Cain, 24).

a grave face. A serious face; a face which seems to show that its owner is in serious thought.

He received this statement with a very grave face, and waited a long time before he spoke (Cain, 82).

a gravel pit. A place where gravel is mined; a hole which is the result of mining gravel.

At the gravel pit T-4 John Childs...has been running a shovel... (Yank, 232).

a gravel quarry. A place where gravel is mined; a gravel pit.

...there is a gravel quarry here... (Yank, 231).

graveyard shift. The working shift from midnight to eight A.M.; the last of three shifts per day.

This child wandered the streets every night until her parents, who work on the 'graveyard shift, vacated a bed in the crowded home (Readers Digest, Aug, 1943, 98).

gray at the temples. Hair beginning to turn gray at one's temples.

It was brownish in color, faded somewhat, with streaks of gray at the temples... (Gardner, 39).

gray hair. Hair that is changing color, usually due to age, from a darker color to white. Gray hair is the intermediate step when not all of the hair has changed to white.

But they did not look alike; the older man, Namura, had gray hair and a broad face the lines of which were deepened by age (Marquand, 560).

gray market. A market on which goods can be bought at exhorbitant prices, not an illegal market, but not one which is approved.

In the Rocky Mountain region there is a gray market in toilet paper (Life, Apr. 1, 1946, 32).

grease pit. A pit, excavated hole, in which men may work on the under side of vehicles.

...I have seen captains working in the grease pits beside the enlisted men (Yank, 216).

a great deal (of). Much.

...a town that he knew a great deal better than she did... (Cain, 221).

There was little in it of Wally, or Bert...a great deal about her ambitions, her determination... (Cain, 96).
...that woman had a great deal to say that I haven't told Veda... (Cain, 200).
That this elegant announcement should come out in the papers, she knew, meant a great deal to him (Cain, 87).
...found Mr. Gurney's picking a great deal better than most market picking (Cain, 117).
There was a great deal of stuff and she packed it carefully into the car, but it required several trips (Cain, 115).
Although at that time he was making a great deal of money, he declined to build a pretentious place (Cain, 6).
...the result left a great deal to be desired (Cain, 138).
You know, gentlemen in my circumstances don't have a great deal of romance in their lives (Cain, 223).
...to the $125 a month carrying charges were added $250 in reduction charges, a great deal more than she had anticipated (Cain, 243).
Marano is missing a great deal... (Yank, 227).
She dressed with a great deal of care... (Cain, 221).
He would have given a great deal if Jim had thought of it instead (Marquand, 544).
...they didn't do a great deal of bombing (Pyle, 382).
She pontificated a great deal now... (Cain, 131).
It would require a great deal of working (Gardner, 93).
It would require a great deal of working (Gardner, 93).
...so that often on a hot night when he heard the locusts on the trees, a great deal about Willow Road would come back to him again (Marquand, 260).
Thus Fred knew a great deal about tax exempts though Jeffrey could never see why there was much to know... (Marquand, 104).
The general rode around the front a great deal (Pyle, 308).
I came to like Sergeant Carter a great deal (Pyle, 262).
...Mother I really don't know a great deal about it... (Cain, 141).
Just one warm meal a day would have meant a great deal (Pyle, 192).
Veda did a great deal of telephoning... (Cain, 238).
...Sam has always been used to a great deal of money (Cain, 194).
Apparently the people eat a great deal of rabbit (Pyle, 412).
...war depends a great deal more on organization than most people would ever dream (Pyle, 397).
Ordinarily they are not in a great deal of danger (Pyle, 418).

a great-grand parent. A grand parent's parent.

My great-grandfather built the Empire State Building (Pyle, 414).

to be a great one for. To enjoy; to like; to have pleasure in.

The Greeks are great ones for chanting slogans while they march (Yank, 219).

a greedy pig. A greedy person.

Don't be such a greedy pig...and eat up all my fudge (Marquand, 204).

green light. The color of the traffic light which indicates permission to cross an intersection.

The crosstown traffic was waiting for the green lights... (Marquand, 239).

green peas. The seeds of the Pisum Sativum, a legume; petits pois.

...a meal consisting primarily of mutton, probably in the form of chops, green peas, and potatoes... (Gardner, 130).
...had eaten at the Home Kitchen Cafe on Friday night -- roast lamb, baked potatoes, green peas (Gardner, 211).
The waiter was told to get lamb chops, green peas, and potatoes... (Gardner, 210).
It consists of broiled lamb chops, green peas, and baked potato. (Gardner, 85).

grill work. A grating; latticework; a frame of bars and cross bars in decorative design.

Judge Treadwell crossed the room to stare at the window around which an ornamental, iron grill work shut off a little balcony some four feet wide (Gardner, 36).

a grim face. A face with a serious, intent, expression.

...then with grim face launched into...Brahms Rhapsody (Cain, 185).

a grim note. A very serious something; a deadly serious thing.

There was a grim note in the scene that was obviously out of key with his humor (Cain, 3).

a grim silence. A silence that seems serious; a silence indicative of seriousness.

A grim silence fell on both women (Cain, 10).

to grin and bear it. To accept the situation and not to complain about it; to accept good-naturedly.

...I guess I'll just have to grin and bear it (Yank, 216).

to grind out. To remove by grinding.

...in a few seconds all the rust was ground out (Pyle, 422).

a grin on --- face. A smile on one's face; a smile, a grin.

He was standing in the door, a foolish grin on his face (Cain, 28).

a grip like steel. A very strong grip; a remarkably strong grasp.

Then her wrist was caught in a grip like steel... (Cain, 205).

to grope for. To reach for blindly; to reach for, to search for without definite aim.

...the shells seemed to be groping blindly for something to destroy, moving methodically up the slope... (Marquand, 235).

to grope --- way. To find one's way blindly or without benefit of guides; to hunt as though blind for one's way.

Inside, she groped her way to the switch box, and threw on the neon sign (Cain, 96).
As Hagenbuch groped his way back and forth the guns went off... (Yank, 46).
When there was no moon the night was so black we had to grope our way about... (Pyle, 272).
...they had been fleeing and groping their way across the desert... (Pyle, 259).

ground crew... A crew of men who repair and maintain the airplanes and who service it with gasoline and oil and the other necessities of flight.

Bocuzzi borrowed a pencil from the ground crew (Yank, 87).
We stood around talking with the ground crew (Pyle, 322).

ground floor. That floor, story, of a building which is on the ground; the first floor, story.

That's a precaution we take with most of the rooms on the ground floor (Gardner, 37).
The forward company CP was located...on the ground floor... (Yank, 240).
A room on the ground floor of a strong two-story house... (Yank, 239).
There had been the ground floor of the house in West 10th Street, where they had lived first... (Marquand, 303).

ground job. A job, position, work, on the ground, a non-flying job; a job of administration for flying.

There are ground jobs (Marquand, 568).

to grow like a weed. To grow rapidly; to grow faster than usual.

Trees and shrubs would grow like weeds in the benign climate... (Marquand, 428).

to grow a beard. To allow a beard to grow and not to shave it off.

But can we grow a beard? (Yank, 172).
...a shave tail that isn't old enough to grow a beard... (Yank, 172).
...do soldiers overseas have the right to grow beards? (Yank, 172).

to grow into. To develop into; to become as an adult, or mature thing.

The puppy grew into a beautiful dog, smart, alert and sweet (Pyle, 42).

grown up. Matured; fully grown; adult. (See: to grow up.)

She seemed so grown-up (Pyle, 335).
They drove in his sports roadster, and the wind was in her hair, and she felt a-tingle and grown up (Cain, 16).
You did not need any longer to tell him to go upstairs for a minute and then he could come right down after he had been upstairs for a minute, because Jim was entirely grown up... (Marquand, 58).
It had been old even before Jeffrey was grown up... (Marquand, 277).
Then, also, there were all those things that he wanted to say to Jim, now that Jim was grown up... (Marquand, 542).
Please don't act as if Jim were grown up and you were men sticking together (Marquand, 539).
Darling...we're all grown-up, really (Marquand, 360).
It was confusing, thinking of him as entirely grown-up, but that was the way Jeffrey wanted to consider him... (Marquand, 297-8).
It may be because he's pretty well grown-up (Marquand, 392).
Everybody kissed us -- little children, old women, grown-up men, beautiful girls (Pyle, 358).
They're pretty well grown-up now (Pyle, 49).

to grow on --- . To become more likeable, agreeable, to.

But he grew on us just as he grew on everybody he worked with... (Pyle, 308).

to grow out of. To do no longer as one matures; to mature, become adult, and to do no longer.

He had simply grown out of it and the door had closed behind him (Marquand, 173).
But apparently they grow out of this... (Pyle, 416).

to grow tense. To become tense; to become emotionally tense, excited.

...the children grew tense with excitement (Yank, 29).

to grow up.

1. To mature; to become adult; to become grown. (Cf. grown up).

...there had been plenty of deserted farms with their barn roofs falling and with the saplings growing up in the hayfields... (Marquand, 93).
Or you might grow up to be a mule (Yank, 242).
...he had gone further than he had intended, that Jim had really grown up, that he was betraying a confidence of Jim's... (Marquand, 393).
It was hard to see Jim in perspective, for Jim seemed to have grown up suddenly, without his knowing it... (Marquand, 297).
This is a bad time to have a son growing up (Marquand, 395).
Perhaps later, when they grow up (Yank, 214).
When Gwen grows up she'll look like that (Marquand, 534).
When you've grown up with someone -- (Marquand, 474).
He always drew pictures of the things he wanted to grow up to be... (Pyle, 129).

2. To develop; to grow.

The Val Halla was on a side street off the boulevard and the city had grown up around it (Marquand, 455).

3. To develop; to become a part of.

They made half-articulate the mass realization growing up about him that nothing would be the same again... (Marquand, 353).

to grub up. To dig out; to remove by digging.

...the palm trees grubbed up... (Cain, 227).

G-string. A breechcloth; a scanty breechcloth worn by striptease dancer, often highly decorated.

...wears her final G-string (Topeka Journal, Oct. 12, 1940, 4f.).

guard house. A military jail, prison.

...guard house dormitory... (Yank, 158).

guest of honor. The honored guest; the guest for whom the party, dinner, or the like, is given.

...she was a completely charming hostess and guest of honor... (Cain, 230).

guided missile. A weapon, bomb, guided by remote control.

The other was the "guided missile" -- a rocket projectile that can be aimed accurately over great distances (Newsweek, Aug. 27, 1947, 25).

to gun for. To search for with intent to harm, injure; to try to discover something harmful, injurious, about a person.

They're gunning for you, Perry, and they're using big caliber guns (Gardner, 185).
...squawk from one of Louis's customers or from someone who was gunning for Louis (Gardner, 191).
We knew Leeds would be gunning for Conway, trying to get him out of the way... (Gardner, 192).
Sounds like you're gunning for big game... (Gardner, 37).

gun pit. A pit, excavated hole, in which a cannon is placed for protection.

In the first gun pit the four men could see the 75-mm rifle turn toward them... (Yank, 8).
...smoke again filled the gun pit (Pyle, 393).

gun shot wound. A wound caused by a bullet.

My life consists of bully beef...
Gun-shot wounds and jungle rot... (Yank, 156).

gun shy. Afraid of the sound of the explosion of guns; frightened by the noise of guns.

They were all over being gun-shy... (Pyle, 287).

a gust of wind. A brief, quick, blowing of the wind; a sudden breeze, wind.

They lay sprawled as though a strong gust of wind had struck them (Marquand, 233).

to gyp --- out of. To get from another by means of chicanery; to cheat out of; to get by trickery.

...one of the original settlers -- you know, the gay caballeros that gypped the Indians out of their land... (Cain, 91).

habeas corpus. A writ issued by a judge ordering the speedy release of a person who is being illegally held by officers of the law.

I told him to let it wait until after the habeas corpus (Gardner, 40).
That habeas corpus is going to scare them into the open (Gardner, 24).
The court will want him brought in when the habeas corpus hearing is reopened (Gardner, 40).
When we have the habeas corpus hearing, keep Emily Milicant out of the picture (Gardner, 24).

a habit of. A habit consisting of; a custom of.

...the Nazis had the habit of slapping their bleeding victims... (Yank, 220).
When she tried to break through his habit of treating everything with off hand impersonality... (Cain, 138).

to hack --- to pieces. To destroy by hacking; to cut into little pieces.

Evidently the major thought the Japs who were hacking him to pices were Yanks (Yank, 145).

to hail from. To come from; to originate at; to be born and raised in.

...walked with the shambling gait of a countryman, although he hailed from the Flatbush farmlands of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Yank, 86).
Lt. Acuff, who hails from Moscow, Idaho... (Yank, 190).
For a man who hails from a verdant land, he takes to the desert uncommonly well (Yank, 36).
The bulk of the 120th hailed from by adopted state of New Mexico (Pyle, 62).

a hair. (Here the article a is essential.) A very little distance; a small space.

There was a warm plate just beside it, and, though Stephen had drawn the silver potato-dish back a hair, maneuvering it nearer the warm plate... (Marquand, 250).

Hairbreadth Harry. One who takes great risks and is successful; one who does very dangerous and difficult things. (Used in a melodramatic sense usually.) (Also attributive.)

Lieutenant Tousineau had had dozens of Hairbreadth Harry escapes (Pyle, 277).

hairbreadth escape. A very narrow escape; a close shave; an escape hardly made.

You'd think that after as much war as he had seen, and after such a hairbreadth escape, he might have been ready to call it a day (Pyle, 122).
Every day at the front produces its quota of freak wounds and hairbreadth escapes (Pyle, 54).

a hair do. A coiffure; an arrangement of hair; the result of having combed and brushed the hair. (Used in reference to women.)

I feel a little sorry for her really--but that hair-do and the lipstick --ugh, that lipstick (Marquand, 438).

--- hair is down. One's hair is not pinned up; one's hair is hanging down.

..you see Selma Holm is the doorway with her hair down in the sunrise (Marquand, 423).

half and half. Fifty percent of one and fifty percent of another; so so; neither one way or the other.

Pfc. James...Litton...feels half-and-half about his job (Yank, 232).

half asleep. Not fully awakened; partially asleep; drowsy.

Although Times Square was crowded; it seemed half-asleep (Marquand, 266).

to be half the battle. Half of the job; part of the thing that must be done.

The dressing was only half the battle (Marquand, 129).

half a chicken. Half of a small chicken, fryer, split down the backbone from the neck to the tail leaving two similar pieces. (This is a very popular form of serving fried chicken in restaurants.)

She was going to serve half a fried chicken with vegetables or waffles, for 85¢, but she hated the half chicken that was served in most places (Cain, 117).

half hearted. Without one's full enthusiasm; with little enthusiasm; without full energy.

It is a half-hearted stab, with Shorty more bored than fascinated... (Yank, 136).

to half listen. To listen inattentively; to listen partially; to seem to listen but not to.

But Jeffrey was only half listening (Marquand, 248).

Jeffrey only half listened to the adventures of the Navy (Marquand, 135).

to be half a mind to. To be almost persuaded to; to be about decided to; to be sorely tempted to.

If I should buy it, as I'm half a mind to... (Cain, 224).

half on. On low in volume; on, but quiet or low.

Gwen was in her room studying with the radio half on (Marquand, 561).

half price. Hlaf the normal asking price; half of the usually paid price.

...you saw it in Topeka, back when you got in for half price as a minor ... (Yank, 73).

half the time. Often; frequently.

As it was, half the time I don't know what is being done... (Yank, 137).
I couldn't tell half the time just what the situation was... (Pyle, 404).
They didn't even wear their steel helmets half the time... (Pyle, 278).

half track. A military vehicle consisting of both wheels and caterpillar treads for locomotion. The wheels are on the front and the treads in the rear are used driving the vehicle forward. (World War II.)

The gunners slept in pup tents or under half-tracks hidden under trees ... (Pyle, 385).
All the drivers were in the trucks and half-tracks ready to push off (Yank, 168).
The half-tracks hold your traffic up for hours (Yank, 159).

half truth. Something that is partially true and partially false; something neither wholly true nor wholly false.

Most of this was an imaginary half-truth... (Marquand, 21).

half witted. Dumb; not normally intelligent; dopey; foolish.

...you poor, half-witted mope... (Cain, 207).

hall light. A light bulb which burns in a hall.

...the house was dark, except for the hall light downstairs (Cain, 251).

hamburger steak. A salisbury steak; ground beef formed into a large oval approximately six inches long and three or four inches wide and pan broiled.

They had such things as hamburger steak... (Pyle, 338).

to hammer away. To continue with a noise like hammering; to continue, go on, making a noise like that of a hammer.

Two Jap heavy machine guns hammered away like woodpeckers from the flanks of the field (Yank, 92).

to hand --- back. To return by hand; to give back by means of the hands.

Then she washed Mr. Gessler's plates, dried them, and handed them back (Cain, 9).
...he wiped the neck of the bottle and handed it back (Marquand, 8).
We handed the box back to him (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

hand brake. A brake, usually thought of as being on an automobile, which is operated by hand in contrast to the foot brake.

She guided it to the right...pulled up the hand brake (Cain, 172).

hand cultivator. A cultivator, plow, which is pushed by a person. (This polw is usually used for small gardens for the cultivation of vegetables.)

Now the lawn mower, she's on the blink again, and that hand cultivator and the pruning shears (Marquand, 512).

to hand down. To issue, come from superior ranks, position, as a judge hands down a legal decision.

Another popular Stilwell ruling was the one he handed down soon after the first American Wacs arrived in the CBI (Yank, 130).

a handful of. A few; a small number of; not many of.

There's only a handful of them... (Yank, 29).

hand grenade. A small bomb designed so that it can be thrown by a man.

Then he took caps and fuses from hand grenades and fitted them into the tops of the bottles (Yank, 19).
...the biggest detachment of 25, which loaded into two Higgins boats with 10 days' rations...hand grenades... (Yank, 191).
From the left flank came a request for every available hand grenade (Yank, 93).
...a muddy blanket, a hand grenade, a torn section of an olive-drab puttee, a rifle with a pair of socks near it... (Marquand, 233).
"Hand grenades, too," put in Haliburton. "New man are always afraid of them" (Yank, 150).

to hand in. To turn in; to give something to another by means of one's hands; to submit an application, theme, paper, etc., to one's superior.

Then she signed the card, walked over, and handed it in (Cain, 36).

hand in hand with. In unison with; closely associated with; in collaboration with.

We work hand in hand with the Fifth Air Force... (Yank, 254).

to hand it to ---. To admit another's ability, energy, facility, etc.; to say that another does something well.

However, our pilots had to hand it to the Germans on the ground (Pyle, 161).

handle bar mustache. A mustache whose ends droop quite long; a mustache whose ends hang down almost to one's chin.

...a stocky,weather-beaten young Texan with a handle-bar mustache... (Yank, 148).

to handle --- affairs. To take care of one's business; to care for one's affairs.

With the passing of time, he will show a progressive mental deterioration and complete inability to handle his business affairs (Marquand, 30).

to hand --- a line. To tell another something that is not true and expect him to believe it; to attempt to deceive another.

They'll hand you a line and tell you they'll have a radio car drop by for an inspection... (Gardner, 79).

hand me down. The condition of being used by one person and then given another for his use, and so on.

The furnishings had the small, battered, hand-me-down look of servants' quarters... (Cain, 164).

hand organ. A musical instrument that is powered by a crank operated by one's hand. (It has fixed tunes which can be changed by means of changing a cylinder.)

...a tone like a xylophone that fell in love with a hand organ... (Cain, 136).

to hand out.

1. To distribute by hand; to give.

Mason, handing out a double handful of cigars, said, "No, Jim, I can't subscribe to those sentiments" (Gardner, 44).
She handed out uniforms and put them both to work (Cain, 115).
Mr. Barnes was standing up, a tall, pale man handing out the diplomas (Marquand, 168).
We hanged him and handed out the shoes to the poor people of the town (Yank, 26).

2. To give; to bestow; to distribute.

...an American decoration like the Purple Heart...can be handed out for ...frostbite (Yank, 173).
He handed out demerits... (Pyle, 335).
I only read what they had me out to read (Marquand, 186).

3. To inflict injury, punishment, etc.

...they'd have a taste of what they used to hand out (Yank, 26).

to hand over. To give by hand; to hand.

Walter used to...unfold and smooth the sheets, and hand them over to Mr. Fernald (Marquand, 16).
...we now are able to hand over the items to one of the stenographers... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

hand picked. Carefully chosen; picked with care and deliberation.

That original platoon was hand-picked from a collection of ruggedly individual characters... (Yank, 190).

hands across the sea. International cooperation.

Since we didn't dare violate the spirit of hands-across-the-sea, we had to sacrifice... (Pyle, 377).

--- hands are tied. One is unable through some reason to do something; one is prevented from doing something.

What could I do? My hands were tied (Gardner, 169).

hands down. Easily; with little effort.

...he told friends that he'd arranged to get cash bail and was going to surrender, that he could beat the rap hands down (Gardner, 86).

hand set. State or condition of having been set by hand in contrast to being linotyped.

The paper is a hand-set six-page weekly, distributed throughout Dalmatia ... (Yank, 68).

hands in the air. Hands up. (A sign or signal of defeat and surrender.)

...Japs...their hands in the air (Yank, 234).

hands up. Hands high above one's head. (The sign or signal for defeat or surrender.)

The others walked behind with their hands up (Pyle, 407).
...what Germans were left came out with their hands up (Pyle, 384).

hand to hand. The state or condition of fighting or combat in which those fighting are in immediate contact with each other.

...fought hand-to-hand with the German infantry... (Yank, 244).
There was hand-to-hand combat... (Yank, 252).
Many a GI...has a vague idea that he will soon be engaged in brisk hand-to-hand bayonet duels with the Japs (Yank, 231).
...and presently he found himself in one of the battle's most remarkable hand-to-hand duels—a slugfest with rifle butts (Yank, 54).
Instead of hand-to-hand struggle with the wily Japs... (Yank, 39).
...it was seldom actual hand-to-hand stuff (Pyle, 441).
...hand grenade some...German used in a hand-to-hand fight... (Yank, 223).

to hand up. To raise, lift, by hand.

...the wounded men were handed up (Yank, 144).

handwriting expert. One who is expert in the comparing of handwriting; one who has studied handwriting so that he can recognize forgeries; and the like.

...do you want to talk with Mr. Stive, the handwriting expert (Gardner, 92).
"A good handwriting expert offers only his opinion," Steve said, "but in this instance it's virtually a mathematical certainty" (Gardner, 92).
What did the handwriting expert say (Gardner, 90).
The officers slapped a subpoena duces tecum on your handwriting expert (Gardner, 125).
Don't forget the D.A. had served a subpoena duces tecum on my handwriting expert (Gardner, 128).
Went out with some papers to a handwriting expert (Gardner, 59).

handy talkie. A portable radio transmitter and receiver.

...Churchill...is holding a handie-talkie radio used for conversation between ground points and planes in the air (Nat'l. Geographic, Nov., 1942, p. 680).

to hang around. To remain idly at a place; to stay at a place with no apparent reason.

...my old man is always unemployed and hanging around the house (Yank, 161).
The next day she hung around the house... (Cain, 183).
You're to memorize that number and not leave it hanging around on any slip of paper... (Gardner, 69).
...but he kept handing around, and she wished he would go, so she could work (Cain, 117).
He hung around a pool room for two or three hours, then put through a call to Conway (Gardner, 86).
...went down to a poolroom I knew, and hung around there until ten o' clock, then I called Louis... (Gardner, 103).
We were just hanging around absorbing all this stuff... (Pyle, 399).
They were hanging around the operation room, getting the latest reports (Pyle, 318).
No one wants to hang around long enough to start one (Yank, 66).
For a while I hung around with one of the mule-pack outfits (Pyle, 143).

to hang back. To hesitate; not to go when expected; to remain through shyness, fear, or the like.

...the one who hung back or who thought they were sick... (Pyle, 254).

hang dog look. An expression on one's face which seems to indicate remorse for one's inability, lack of understanding, and the like.

He...had a brooding, hang-dog look... (Cain, 222).

to hang down. To hang free; to hang.

An electric light hung down from the middle of each tent (Pyle, 207).
The bomb-bay doors were already hanging down open (Pyle, 210).
They came lying belly-down across the wooden packsaddles, their heads hanging down on one side... (Pyle, 154).

to hang fire. To be in abeyance; to be unsettled.

...it was just as well to have it over and out in the open and not hanging fire (Marquand, 402).

to hang --- for ---. To be executed for; to be killed for. Hence, to be severely punished for.

...he was going to kill him if they hung him for it... (Cain, 198).

to hang on.

1. To remain; to stay.

...he was just hanging on by the skin of his teeth, trying to finish (Pyle, 216).
Hang on for a minute (Gardner, 60).

We all took sulfaguanidine but mine still hung on (Pyle, 88).

2. To attach by hanging to.

...then indeed was the albatross publicly hung on Mildred's neck (Cain, 256).

to hang on --- words. To listen to another carefully, attentively.

They hung on the words of the oldtimers (Pyle, 189).

to hang out.

1. To live; to spend much time; to stay.

Or they'd denounce us to Jerry if they knew where we were hanging out (Yank, 26).
...has been led to rack and ruin by hanging out with the wrong type of monkey (Yank, 96).

2. To support by hanging out of doors, outside.

For all you can tell, you'd no sooner hang out a sign than you'd have more judgments... (Cain, 81).

to hang over. To envelope; to encompass.

...an air of deep hunger hanging over the car... (Yank, 115).

to hang up.

1. To support by hanging; to hang.

...Mr. Jenks always wore an old frock coat, except in midsummer, when he used to hang it up on the hook beside the water cooler (Marquand, 17).
She went to the bedroom, slipped out of it, and hung it up in the closet (Cain, 28).
Take this back and hang it up where you found it... (Marquand, 223).
When she had them nicely hung up, she slipped her fingers into Bert's change pocket... (Cain, 59).
They would hang up the "all out" sign... (Pyle, 343).

2. To disconnect a telephone connection; to lay the telephone instrument back into the cradle so that the connection no longer exists.

They talked for two or three minutes, and then Serle hung up (Gardner, 87).
She hung up, flushed, beaming... (Cain, 227).
He was just ready to hang up when the voice cambe back plaintively... (Pyle, 317).

He just said, "Shoot the sonsabitches," and hung up (Pyle, 447).
Sorry I bothered you, and hung up (Gardner, 174).
He said, "All right," into the second transmitter...said "report again in an hour," and hung up (Gardner, 60).
He hung up the telephone... (Gardner, 14).
He hung up the telephone and gave Paul Drake a digest of what Phyllis Leeds had told him (Gardner, 50).
...the silence was shattered by the phone...she hung up... (Cain, 207).
Sussky...hung up the phone... (Yank, 195).
He hung up the telephone, looked at Della Street, and chuckled again (Gardner, 45).
Mason hung up and sprinted out of the restaurant (Gardner, 105).
Mason hung up, went down to the lobby, paid his bill, and caught the plane south (Gardner, 122).
Mason hung up the receiver, said to Della Street, "I'm going out..." Gardner, 93).
Mason said, "Santa Claus, you damn fool," and hung up (Gardner, 176).
Mason hung up the telephone, and said, "Serle's out" (Gardner, 89).
"You can go home now," and hung up (Gardner, 80).
He said, "Make a complete report by way of confirmation..." hung up, and turned to Mason again (Gardner, 65).
"Be seeing you," Mason said, and hung up (Gardner, 67).

happy go lucky. Carefree; without troubles.

...the Japs acted "sort of happy-go-lucky, as if they didn't give a damn" (Yank, 53).
You're a free-lance, happy-go-lucky, varefree, two-fisted fighter (Gardner, 70).

happy landings. (I hope you have) good luck; God be with you.

"Well," Minot said, "happy landings" (Marquand, 388).

hard boiled. Indifferent to the feelings of others; discourteous.

"Then don't be so hard-boiled," Jim said (Marquand, 61).
"I'm not hard-boiled," Jeffrey answered, "I'm just rying to adjust myself" (Marquand, 61).
For the first time, Miss Turner departed from her hard-boiled manner, and showed some sign of annoyance (Cain, 51).

hard candy. Candy which is hard and brittle.

Suppose the sender was the thoughtful type and sent hard candy that stayed hard (Yank, 140).

a hard day. A day of hard work; a trying, difficult day.

T/Sgt. George McClusik...walked into his barracks after a hard day on a bulldozer... (Yank, 200).

hardening of the arteries. Arteriosclerosis; a condition in which the walls of the arteries become thickened.

Nowadays, we're suffering from hardening of the economic arteries (Gardner, 115).

hard feelings. Animosity; jealousy; hatred; anger.

...as I said before, there's no hard feelings (Cain, 248).
She said there were no hard feelings, and brought him into the den... (Cain, 52).
...it was better than having it come later, when there would have been still more hard feelings about it (Cain, 15).

to be hard for. To be difficult for; to be not easy for.

...it will certainly be hard for two young people...to live on what he can earn (Cain, 194).

hard lines. Lines in a face which seem to indicate, imply, that the person is indifferent to all except himself; inflexibility.

Her face showed hard lines (Gardner, 24).

hard looking. Disreputable; immoral.

...one fat civilian surrounded by some hard-looking tarts on the make (Yank, 212).

hardly ever. Seldom; scarcely; not at all often.

...it hardly ever snows there, so the chances are you won't... (Yank, 96).

a hard night of it. An evening of dissipation; a night of drinking and carousing.

...the playboy, comical and whimsical, after a hard night of it, was in his dressing gown... (Marquand, 423).

hard of hearing. Almost but not wholly deaf; partially deaf; not whole in ability to hear.

He was still a little hard of hearing in that ear... (Pyle, 448).

to be hard on ---. To be difficult for one; to be not easy for one.

His wife was used to waiting, so perhaps his absence was not as hard on her as it is on many wives (Pyle, 39).
Sergeant Day would have been hard on his feet in any circumstances... (Pyle, 253).

a hard shell. An emotional barrier protecting a usually kind and gentle person.

They say a hard shell
Protects the colonel (Yank, 153).

hard times. Times of difficulty; a time of poverty.

In spite of hard times, her business grew better... (Cain, 174).

to be hard to say. To be difficult to express due to ambiguity, lack of definiteness, etc.

Just how exact her plan was it would be hard to say (Cain, 220).
...it would be hard to say... (Cain, 129).

to be hard to tell. To be difficult to express, to say, to indicate.

...as there was a smear of chocolate on her face, and she wore a loose green smock, it was hard to tell what she looked like... (Cain, 3).
It was hard to tell officers from men... (Pyle, 155).

to be hard up. To be poor; to be in poverty; to be low in funds.

...she knew he was hard up (Cain, 141).

hardware store. A store which sells hardware, such as: nails, hinges, screws, knives, axes, etc.)

She's Inez Colton -- has a secretarial job in a hardware store (Gardner, 125).

hare lip. A cleft lip; a divided lip. (This is a congenital condition.)

Bertha's youngest boy, the one with the hare-lip... (Yank, 184).

to harp on. To continue to talk about; to talk almost incessantly about.

...she harped on the three-quarter mink coat... (Cain, 190).

a hash house. A cheap restaurant; a cafe of no reputation for its food.

I'm a waitress. In a hash house (Cain, 50).

--- hasn't got all (night, day). Hurry up; there is not much time.

"We haven't got all night, you know," Mason prodded (Gardner, 111).

to hate ---. To be ashamed; to feel sorry; to be penitent.

I've been hating myself for what I said about Wally (Cain, 86).

to hate to think. To feel unwilling to think; to be reluctant to think. (This implies one feels a forboding of misfortune, evil, etc.).

I hate to think what they'd do to him (Pyle, 340).
Beckie used to say that she hated to think of those beautiful farms in Connecticut... (Marquand, 107).

--- hat is at an angle. One's hat is not squarely on one's head.

...as he went down the walk, his hat at what was intended to be a jaunty angle, his shoulders thrown bravely back (Cain, 87).

--- hat is off to. One shows admiration for; one shows respect for; one admires.

So my hat is off to the New York subway system (Yank, 12).
Believe me, after seeing these soldiers aboard, my hat's off to the Army, the poor bastards (Pyle, 4).
Pilots and mechanics both felt the same way -- their hats were off to the infantry (Pyle, 177).

---hat is on the side of --- head. One's hat is not squarely on one's head; one's hat is at an angle.

She sat...her hat on the side of her head... (Cain, 253).

to haul back. To take to the rear by hauling.

...the heavy wreckers that went out to haul back crippled tanks...

to haul down on. To aim at; to point a gun at.

...so he hauled down on the thing... (Yank, 124).

to haul out.

1. To extract with force; to pull out.

The bombs had already been hauled out, and were lying on the ground... (Pyle, 210).
...even Jeeps got stuck in the mud and has to be hauled out with tractors... (Yank, 179).

2. To take out; to remove.

He hauled out the few items I possessed... (Yank, 12).

It gave me an excuse to haul out my own pictures and show them right back (Pyle, 180).

to haul over the coals. To reprimand; to bawl out.

The boys were hauled over the coals for it by their CO... (Yank, 207).

to haul --- up before (authority). To cite one for some grievance; to ask officially that another be tried for an offense.

...somebody wants to haul us up before the Grievance Committee of the Bar Association (Gardner, 205).

to have all --- can do. To be in a condition of being able to do nothing more; to have a full schedule.

...he'll have all he can do, just helping me (Cain, 151).

to have an affiar. To be actively in love with another person. (This implies carnal relations.)

Minot did not mind his having an affair, because such a contingency was cared for in several paragraphs in the book of rules. (Marquand, 247).

not to have anything to do with. To have no connection, relation, with; not to be related to.

It didn't have anything to do with you and me (Marquand, 11).
...there was still a quivering in her bowels that didn't seem to have anything to do with the walking, fretting, and quarreling... (Cain, 44).
...none of these had anything to do with what had happened between him and Louella Barnes... (Marquand, 204).
It was in the smoking car of the old 8:12 and it hasn't got anything to do with anything at all... (Marquand, 8).
...there were no less than three Saint Valentines and that none of them can be said to have had much of anything to do with love (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21-2).

to have --- appendix out. To have one's appendix removed; to have an appendix operation; to have an appendectomy.

...when Lottie went to Reno, Jesse had his appendix out, but it was just the same... (Marquand, 276).

to have around. To invite another to one's home, residence.

We never have anyone around like Walter Newcombe (Marquand, 6).
We could have had him around for lunch (Marquand, 245).

to have around. To have available; to have at hand.

...the children loved them, and she always tried to have some around for bites between meals (Cain, 19).

to have at. To do something to; to perform an act on.

...he'd just got a big ham from home and had been having at it with a vengeance (Pyle, 425).

to have been around. To be spohisticated; to know the ways of the world.

I've been around and know what the score is (Yank, 213).
...learn the facts of life from someone who has been around (Yank, 214).
...but now all at once it came over him that Minot had been everywhere, but he had never been around (Marquand, 74).
He had seen too many worlds; he had been around too much (Marquand, 74).

to have been known to. To have the reputation for; to have been reputed to.

The two outstanding features of Muncy's tent were the late evening meals cooked there and the fabulous stove, which had been known to blow up seven times a day (Pyle, 219).

not to have been more than. Is not; is not capable of being more than; is no more than.

Waldo Berg could not have been more than three or four years older than Jeffrey... (Marquand, 32).

to have been through. To have experienced; to have participated in.

Two of them had been through all the frightful nightmares... (Pyle, 364).
But none of that mattered after what they had been through (Pyle, 364).
I talked with one Ranger who had been through Dieppe, El Guettar and other tough battles, and said Sicily was by far the easiest of all (Pyle, 27).

to have a beer. To drink a bottle, glass, mug, of beer.

...he went into the bar at Menand's Bowling Alley in Albany seven years before andhad a beer (Yank, 34).

to have --- brakes on. To have applied one's brakes; to have braked.

Tommy had his brakes on when he hit her... (Cain, 180).

to have a chance. To have an opportunity; to have an occasion.

When she heard a car door slam she didn't have a chance to look out and count customers (Cain, 123).

I'm going to insist that you have a chance to tell your story, Inez (Gardner, 162).

to have charge of. To be responsible for; to be in charge of; to be charged with the care of.

Sergeant Knight, being a flight chief had charge of about six planes (Pyle, 176).
Another sergeant had charge of preparing all the food (Pyle, 341).
Sergeant Milburn Palmer had charge of the kitchen (Pyle, 341).
That means he had charge of about forty front-line fighting men (pyle, 196).

to have company. To have guests; to have others come for a visit.

"All right," he said quietly, "we're going to have company" (Gardner, 116).

to have a conference. To hold a conference; to have others visit for a conference; to confer with someone.

The rain stopped in the morning and the colonel had a conference with the regimental CO (Yank, 50).
He told me things were okay, that he was to have a conference in about ten minutes... (Gardner, 192).

to have the crust to. (infinitive). To have the nerve, the impertinence, the self assurance, to.

He had the crust to get on the witness stand and swear absolutely that there had never been... (Gardner, 155).

to have a cup of coffee. To drink a cup of coffee.

He just said, "Let's go below and have a cup of coffee" (Pyle, 53).

not to have a day to lose. To have little time; not to have time to waste; to be in a hurry.

The deal's hot, and you haven't a day to lose (Cain, 61).

to have dinner. To eat dinner; to eat the evening meal.

He could have his dinner... (Cain, 211).
...on that basis she had frequent invitations to take a ride, have dinner, or see a show (Cain, 63).

to have dollars coming in. To have an income; to earn money; to receive money.

...we ought to have a few dollars coming in (Cain, 151).

to have --- doubts. To be doubtful; not to believe wholly; to reserve judgment.

We have our doubts (Yank, 214).

to have --- down. To depress one; to repress one; to cause one to feel ineffectual.

All they had to do was let the Old Man know the red tape had them down ... (Yank, 139).

to have a drink. To drink a liquid. (This implies most ofen a drink of alchoholic beverage.)

Sit down and have a little drink (Marquand, 457).

to have a duty toward. To have an obligation concerning; to feel obligated about.

Just the same, I have a duty toward her, with regard to the expenses of her musical education (Cain, 215).

to have an effect on. To affect; to bear on conduct; to change relationships.

...she began to fight off the effect it had on her (Cain, 213).

to have enough for two. To have more than one should have of something; to have too much.

Not that he wanted stuff on his shoulders — hell, he had enough responsibility now for two men -- but... (Yank, 89).

to have enough of. To be satiated with; to want no more to do with; to be tired of.

No, the Army's all right, but I've had enough of it... (Pyle, 212).

to have everything to live for. To have a good life in prospect; to have good prospects; to have a possibility of a full life.

Mac had everything to live for, and he loved being alive (Pyle, 301).

to have --- eye on. To observe; to watch; to look at.

Yer a devil, Greengroin, but I got me eye on you (Yank, 103).
"Greengroin," Sgt. Flump said, "I got me eye on you" (Yank, 103).
I know you had your eye on this. It's a gift from all us guys (Yank, 156).

to have --- face lifted. To have an operation on one's face so that the features of one's face are changed, beautified, improved.

It occurred to me that maybe I should have had my face lifted (Pyle, 285).

to have faith in. To believe in; to have confidence in; to trust.

But they had faith in the armor, faith in the engine, faith in each other (Yank, 47).

to have a falling out. To have a disagreement; to argue and not to be friendly at the end of the argument.

Hogarty and Leeds had a falling out over a dance hall girl (Gardner, 121).

to have the feel of. To understand the operation thoroughly of; to know well how something operates.

You had to have the feel of it and the smell of it (Marquand, 18).

to have --- fill of. To be satiated with; to have enough of.

It was a long afternoon, and after seven innings of the second game we had our fill of baseball and, along with a great many other spectators, left the park (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

to have a fire going. To allow a fire to burn and to keep it burning; to keep a fire fed with fuel.

So he always...had a fire going in the fireplace day and night, and hot coffee always ready (Pyle, 152).

to have a following. To have followers, disciples; to be popular with people.

...besides, the idea of influencing a book critic -- this is, a book critic who had any following at all -- was perfectly absurd, wasn't it? (Marquand, 338).

to have forgotten more than --- knows. To be more intelligent than another; to have more wisdom than another; to be wiser than another.

...other things of an aesthetic nature, it is genius itself, and has forgotten more than all other civilizations ever knew, in the realm of practicality (Cain, 2).

to have --- fun. To enjoy oneself; to have pleasure. (This often implies, especially in the imperative, irony and sarcasm.)

Drake grinned at her, and said, "Go ahead, folks, have your fun" (Gardner, 61).

not to have a ghost of a chance. Not to have a chance at all; not to have any opportunity; to have not a single chance.

They don't have a ghost of a chance of pinning this on you (Gardner, 153).

to have a gift. To be endowed with a talent; to have a talent of unusual nature; to have great ability.

Fred had a gift. He was a wizard at baking delicate and beautiful pastries (Pyle, 40).

to have a girl. To be in love with a girl and to have her in love with one but not necessarily to be engaged.

...24 out of 25 of the men in the service are either married or have a girl at home whom they respect... (Yank, 214).

to have gone far enough. To be essential, necessary, to stop; to be the best thing to end, finish, quit.

I think that answer has gone far enough (Gardner, 159).

to have a good start. To have begun well; to have been well started; to be more than started.

It had a pretty good start before I found it, but it's all right now (Gardner, 43).

to have good stuff in ---. To have the foundations for a good character; to be potentially a decent respectable person; to have ability and character.

You could see that the playboy had good stuff in him -- if someone would put him on the right track -- and someone would (Marquand, 423).

to have a good time. To enjoy oneself; to play; to be entertained.

...they must all hurry out now and have a good time (Marquand, 258).

to have got to be getting. To find it necessary to leave; to have to go; to be impelled to leave.

"Well," Mr. Gorman said, "I've got to be gitting" (Marquand, 520).

to have got to be going. To find it necessary to leave; to have to go; to be impelled to leave.

I've got to be going, Madge... (Marquand, 78).
We've got to be going, to the war, at the Contact Club (Marquand, 71).
"I've got to be going," he said (Marquand, 43).

to have a hand in. To have a part in; to have assisted in; to have a share in.

...everybody had a hand in it (Pyle, 383).
Our admiral had the reputation of always getting up close where he could have a hand in the shooting and he certainly ran true to form throughout the invasion (Pyle, 21).

to have --- hands full. To be very busy; to have much to do; to be in a great state of activity.

I had my hands full until just a few minutes ago when she rested easier (Gardner, 38).
...except officers, radioman and engine-room man, who had their hands full already (Yank, 254).
The Government will...have its hands full making peace among the local political parties (Yank, 220).

have a heart. Be merciful; have mercy; be kind; be gentle. (This is most often in the imperative.)

"Have a heart," pleaded Superman (Yank, 166).

to have hold of. To have a grip on; to have seized; to have in one's grasp.

...but he kept pulling until finally he had hold of it (Pyle, 165).

to have a hunch. To have a premonition; to feel certain about the future.

I have a hunch we aren't actually helping him any (Gardner, 50).

not to have an idea. Not to know; to be ignorant of; to be without information concerning.

...I haven't any idea what you're talking about (Cain, 193).
You got no idea how that'll help (Cain, 122).

to have in common. To share; to possess similar elements.

He was not exactly a Colin Glen cannon, but they had many things in common (Pyle, 39).
PTs have much in common with ehe bombers that share their vigil... (Yank, 254).
All Russians had a social sense, and now he and the Prince had something in common (Marquand, 315).

to have in --- head. To be thinking about; to be considering.

Somehow I had it in my head that Navy people never wore life belts but I was very wrong (Pyle, 13).

to have in mind. To be thinking about; to be considering; to be cogitating about.

...the CO, probably guessing what he had in mind, told Sgt. Hardfeet... to take a vehicle and follow Hot Jeep's instructions (Yank, 139).
But she wasn't going to stand for some of the stuff Hogarty had in mind (Gardner, 181).
Having Veda turn into Irving Berlin...wasn't exactly what Mildred had in mind for her (Cain, 139).
...little passage in the Communion Service that Mrs. Pierce evidently has in mind, and whatever else we want, can't be included (Cain, 109).
...or whatever Mother has in mind for her (Cain, 132).
The rest of the "True Guide" demonstrates that the author had in mind to deal with love in a matter-of-fact, scientific way. (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 32).

to have --- in stitches. To cause one to laugh; to cause on to be very much amused.

I grabbed a rifle from a nearby MP and shot the punster through and through before he had me in stitches (Pyle, 190).

to have it coming to ---. To deserve punishment, reprimand, revenge, etc.

You had it coming to you (Marquand, 551).

to have it out with. To argue with; to disagree violently with; to discuss thoroughly with.

...she had him drive her over to Mrs. Lenhardt's, to "have it out with her" (Cain, 202).
So that I might have it out with myself (Cain, 231).
...destroyers had it out with the big guns... (Pyle, 362).

to have it --- own way. To be according to one's will, desire; to do what one wants.

Oh, all right! Have it your own way (Gardner, 100).

to have it over. To be finished; to be ended.

It had hurt morale badly downtown, but it was just as well to have it over and out in the open and not hanginf fire (Marquand, 402).

to have it straight. To have received accurate information; to know by having heard from a supposed authority.

He had it straight that the guy couldn't play a note... (Cain, 139).

to have it to do over again. To repeat; to re-do; to do again.

But if I had it to do over again, I'd tell you just what I told you before (Cain, 101).

to have it tough. To be in difficulties; to be having a hard time; to be in dire straights.

One day in battle they were having it tough (Pyle, 186).

to have a job to do. To be responsible for something which must be done; to be required to do something.

We had a job to do... (Yank, 20).
He like his work and had a job to do... (Pyle, 335).

to have the law on ---. To have one arrested; to charge another for a crime before the law; to have, take, one into court to settle a dispute.

...Veda was trying to blackmail her boy into marrying her and if she kept it up she'd have the law on her (Cain, 195).

to have left. To have remaining; to own, possess after all else is taken away.

The only thing I have left is my figure... (Marquand, 3).

to have little to gain. To gain little though one wins; to receive little though one is successful.

I have but little to gain from an acquittal in this case, and less to lost from a conviction... (Gardner, 152).

to have little to say. To speak seldom; not to say much; to be generally silent.

Then Mom and Dr. Aldous were in an argument, or rather Mom was, with Dr. Aldous having little to say... (Cain, 109).

to have the makings.

1. To have tobacco and cigarette papers to make a cigarette.

He was out of smokes and Jake had the makin's (Yank, 158).

2. To have the potential; to be capable; to be able.

Why, he wasn't even a second-rate newspaper man...he never had the makings (Marquand, 21).

to have meat in it. To have some substance; to be well developed; not to be empty of meaning.

...the party was what Sinclair Merriwell would call a party that had meat in it and one you would not forget (Marquand, 331).

to have --- mind on. To be thinking about; to be cogitating about.

...she was too excited really to have her mind on Monty (Cain, 129).
...it didn't seem to Mildred that Mrs. Gessler quite had her mind on her work (Cain, 244).

to have money. To be rich; to have much wealth; to be well off; to be well to do.

They had money (Pyle, 138).

to have more than --- can take. To have suffered greatly; to have had great emotional stress.

It was only when a man "had had it" — the combat expression for anyone who had more than he could take — that he sat alone... (Pyle, 224).

to have a name for. To have a word which means; to have one term expressing.

It made Jeffrey think that someone always had a name for everything (Marquand, 222).

to have the nerve. To have the self-assurance; to be imperinent; to have the self-confidence.

...you just haven't got the nerve (Cain, 169).

to have no business. To have no reason; to have no right; to have no call.

You know you had no business saying what you did, and you knew it at the time, I could tell by the cheeky look on your face (Cain, 55).
A man that couldn't take care of himself had no business being up in that country (Gardner, 57).

to have no idea. To be difficult to imagine; to be hard to think; to hardly think.

...I had no idea you'd show up (Cain, 163).

You have no idea what a big thing some practical little device...is... (Pyle, 242).
You got no idea how they went for that chicken... (Cain, 127).

to have no intention of. Not to intend to; not to mean to; not to think of.

She had no intention of making a gag, but his eyes were friendly, and it slipped out on her (Cain, 89).

to have none of it. To be unwilling to accept something; not to defer; not to be willing to suffer.

So he would have none of it after that, and you can't blame him (Pyle, 176).

a have not. One who possesses few goods; a poor person or country; one with little wealth.

Jeffrey was the only one of the three who had ever been a had-not (Marquand, 253).

to have nothing to do with. Not to associate with; not to be connected with. (Cf. not to have anything to do with.)

...she prefers to have nothing to do with me at the moment... (Cain, 215).
...I was one of the few Joes who had absollutely nothing to do with the historic meeting (Yank, 30).
They had nothing to do with the subject, but there they were (Marquand, 125).
Jeffrey felt very happy because he had nothing to dowith any of it (Marquand, 432).
A tune that had nothing to do with El Morocco was running through his mind... (Marquand, 440).
That was the trouble with getting mixed up with reminiscence which had nothing to do with Madge... (Marquand, 11).

to have no way of knowing. Not to be able to tell; not to be expected to know; to have no information indicating.

He had no way of knowing that Madge's underwear was always coming loose ... (Marquand, 262).
He had no way of knowing that they would fall in love (Marquand, 262).

to have --- number. To be caught up by fate; to be about to die.

As she picked up the phone a horrible feeling came over her that God had had her number after all (Cain, 97).

to have an objection. To object; to be against; not to be in favor.

Have you any particular objection? (Cain, 219).

to have --- off. To take off; to remove; to doff.

In the mountains the soldiers sometimes went for two weeks without ever having their shoes off... (Pyle, 149).
I arrived in my Army coveralls, and I never had them off all the time I was there (Pyle, 47).

to have on. To wear; to be clothed in.

...his grandfather had on his best black clothes (Marquand, 161).
Beckie had on a red dress and red slippers and she had that beautiful hair... (Marquand, 105).
She had on a brown woolen dress (Marquand, 45).

to have on ---. To know something about another; to have information relating to another which is usually not good.

The police will want to know what Conway had on me, why I paid the twenty thousand (Gardner, 119).

to have an opinion of. To have an idea about; to think concerning; to have definite ideas about.

...she certainly had her opinion of Mr. Hannen's taste (Cain, 186).

to have --- orders. To have received one's official orders; to be in receipt of orders.

...the pilot driving the jeep had just finished his last mission and had his orders home... (Pyle, 173).

to have --- over. To receive another into one's home, residence.

Say, nice of ya to have us over... (Yank, 159).

to have respect for. To respect, to have faith in; to believe in; to trust.

...the only man in Los Angeles that Mr. Hannen had any respect for... (Cain, 186).
Haselhuhn had plenty of respect for the Jap knee mortars (Yank, 54).
There's one man here...that Hannen had some respect for (Cain, 183).

to have a right to. (infinitive.). To have the privilege to; to have a fair claim to.

Jim had no right to do this (Marquand, 367).

...the soldiers who built the road figured they had the right to name it (Yank, 177).
...his aides were full of stories about how he stayed in the background rather than call attention to himself by pushing up where he had a right to be (Pyle, 307).

to have --- right where --- wants ---. To have another in a precarious position; to have another at one's mercy.

We've got them right where we want them... (Cain, 205).

to have the sea about ---. To have a nautical air; to seem to be a sailor; to appear to be a sailor.

He definitely had the sea about him, but it was modern sea (Pyle, 39).

to have seen better days. To have been more prosperous in a former time; to have been in better shape than at the present.

The train was long and crowded, and it had seen better days (Yank, 115).

to have seen everything. To have experienced almost everything possible; to be fully experienced; to be completely sophosticated.

You feel you have seen everything when one of the martial nudists goes by in his brithday suit... (Yank, 42).

to have a showdown. To settle an argument which has been going on for some time; to dispose of a quarrel, dispute.

It's time we had a showdown (Gardner, 204).
I'm glad to have a showdown (Gardner, 206).

to have the smell of it. To know, understand, and love the peculiar odor.

You had to be a part of the mystic brotherhood in that old telegraph room. You had to have the feel of it and the smell of it (Marquand, 18).

to have something. To have an idea, fact, data, and the like, which seems to be worthwhile.

I think she's got something (Cain, 131).
The officer said, "Well, you may have something at that" (Gardner, 44).

not to have something better to do. To have nothing else that one wishes to do more.

...Louella asked him if he wouldn't come back after supper -- that is if he didn't have something better to do (Marquand, 205).

to have --- on ---. To know something bad about another; to know something incriminating about another.

I wish we had a little more on her before we make the contact... (Gardner, 155).

to have something to gain. To be in a position to win; to have something that one wants to gain.

He still wanted something; he still had something to lose and something to gain, like everyone else... (Marquand, 378).

to have something to lose. To have something which one might lose; to be in a position to lose one's good name, character, or the like.

He still wanted something; he still had something to lose and something to gain, like everyone else... (Marquand, 378).

to have something to say. To say something; to have something to speak about; to be able to talk.

He was good-looking and good-natured and always had something to say (Pyle, 212).

to have something to show. To have some evidence of; to have some data; to have something concrete.

"I know," Milton said, "but it would be nice to have something to show" (Marquand, 404).
"It would be nice," Milton said, "if you could leave something, have something to show for it all (Marquand, 404).

to have something to do with. To share in; to take part in; to participate in.

Sometime I think old Jensky had something to do with it (Marquand, 21).

to have a stomach for. To have great interest in; to want to take part in; to desire to participate in.

...they do not have much stomach for fighting (Yank, 249).

to have the stuff. To have the ability; to have the initiative; to have capabilities.

I really thought I had the stuff
to help them save our nation (Yank, 156).
...the kid had stuff in her...to get a spot...with a big jazz band... (Cain, 210).

to have a suspicion. To suspect; to believe something is out of the ordinary.

...Mildred began to have a suspicion that the whole truth had not been told (Cain, 195).

to have a taste of. To experience; to go through.

...they'd have a taste of what they used to hand out (Yank, 76).

to have time.

1. To have the time; to have sufficient time.

...they never had time to get out (Yank, 8).
...they had to time to collect (Yank, 8).

2. To have pleasure; to have enjoyment; to have fun. (also ironic).

He sneaked into town...and a beautiful time I had of it, getting him to be a nice boy... (Cain, 205).
They...had quite a swell time (Yank, 213).
She was my boss, and Christ, did we have a time (Yank, 187).

to have the time of --- life. To enjoy oneself thoroughly; to have a great deal of pleasure.

And they began having the time of their lives (Pyle, 243).

to have --- a time. To enjoy oneself thoroughly; to have a good time; to have fun.

For amonth I've been telling that fellow to take a furlough and go to Rome and have himself a time (Pyle, 278).

to have time on --- hands. To have spare time; to have time which is free; to have time which is not obligated.

Thus she was in relative affluence when others were in want, and had time on her hands (Cain, 7).

to have to. To be obligated to; must; to be forced to.

...that of course no one played tennis well, and that you had to learn sometime and that now was the time to learn... (Marquand, 258).
He was resolute as rock, and people who worked with him had to produce or get out (Pyle, 308).
I say I have to be going (Yank, 189).
I killed that Jap to get those souvenirs...and I'll kill you, if I have to, to keep them (Yank, 52).
Do I have to, YANK... (Yank, 172).

to have to ---. To have alone; not to share with anyone else; to possess solely.

...as though Mr. Barnes had gone out so that the young people could have the parlor to themselves (Marquand, 171).

to have to do with. To be related to; to be in connection with; to have relation to.

It had as little to do with what was going on at present as Minot himself or the Prince or the horse... (Marquand, 383).
What's Harvey's wife get to do with it? (Yank, 89).
How what does a convertible coupe in Albuquerque have to do with a dive-bomber in Italy? (Pyle, 164).
It made him feel embarrassed, because the girl was pretty, although he never could tell what her looks had to do with it (Marquand, 261).

to have to offer. To have as potential; to have in store, stock; to have; to possess.

...no ordinary night in her life, and that she must take stock, see what she had to offer against what lay ahead (Cain, 17).
Since the invading soldiers of our section didn't have much battle to talk about, they looked around to see what this new country had to offer, and the most commented-upon discovery among the soldiers that first day was something totally unexpected (Pyle, 29).

to have to say. To say; to tell; to talk about.

Let's eat, and then go call on Miss Colton, and see what she had to say (Gardner, 156).

to have a turn at. To have a chance at; to have an opportunity at.

They would be eager to let somebody else have a turn at it (Pyle, 343).

to have up --- sleeve. To have hidden for a reserve; to have secret plan, plot, idea.

What did the enemy have up its sleeve? (Pyle, 32).
...whether Germany had some hidden Luftwaffe up her sleeve that she might whisk out... (Pyle, 5).

to have --- way. To do as one wishes; to do according to one's desires.

He always said...that if he had his way about it, he'd never venture more than a half-mile from the sea again (Yank, 191).

to have a way of. To have a manner of; to have a habit of.

He had a way of lounging in the oak chair without having either his coat, or waistcoast drift upward... (Marquand, 243).

Besides, my packages had a way of getting lost, whatever the season (Pyle, 125).

to have what it takes. To have ability; to have potential; to have initiative.

He's got what it takes behind (Marquand, 371).

not to have a word to say. Not to speak against; not to speak about something; to hold oneself silent; to remain silent.

...I didn't have a word to say, not one word to blame you (Cain, 206).
If you had loved the boy, I wouldn't have a word to say (Cain, 206).

to have --- work cut out for ---. To have much work to do; to be very busy doing that which one must do.

So you see I had my lifework cut out for me (Pyle, 261).

hazy eyed. Tired eyed. (This implies an unseeing look which usually comes from fatigue or shock.)

...Infantrymen would straggle back, dirty and hazy-eyed with fatigue... (Pyle, 421).

to head back. To go back; to return; to go to a place, situation, condition, where one has been before.

...I headed back to the beach (Yank, 108).
So Kimball headed back to his plane... (Yank, 194).
Not worth mentioning, and I'm headed back to put my nose to the grindstone... (Gardner, 90).
Our barge headed back toward the destroyer... (Yank, 144).
...she made a sharp left turn and headed back toward the Yellow Sea (Yank, 118).
...1st Lt....Hetherington...headed back for the beach... (Yank, 250).

to be headed by. To be in charge of; to be responsible to.

There are nine in the crew, headed by Sgt. Elden W. Yoder of Chandler, Okla. (Yank, 32).

head first. With the head first; with the head toward the bottom; with the head down and the feet up.

...they were going on down head first (Pyle, 348).

to head for. To go toward; to go to.

The crowd had swelled to 225 as we headed back for the river (Yank, 30).
She headed for the door, but Veda was there first (Cain, 210).
...around five headed for Orange Grove Avenue again... (Cain, 222).

Veda...headed for the dressing room... (Cain, 254).
...they could see our planes approaching and the Germans heading for home at the opposite side of the sky (Pyle, 390).
Then we headed for the mess hall (Pyle, 325).
In November, after a two months' leave back home in the States, I headed again for the Mediterranean theater (Pyle, 92).
Serrano headed for the house of a Partisan sympathizer... (Yank, 26).
After chow we headed for the boats... (Yank, 253).
Then strafe them twice and head for home (Yank, 194).
...they were headed for Germany (Yank, 242).
I headed for the house, about 70 yeards away... (Yank, 239).
I was headed for the door by the time he'd raised the gun (Gardner, 113-4).
We headed for the combat mess (Yank, 14).
...the whole group of B-26s made a turn and headed for the target (Pyle, 324).

head high. As high as one's head; five or six feet high.

...wooden boxes of rations were stacked head-high in piles... (Pyle, 281).

to head home. To go home; to go toward home.

...we were heading home... (Yank, 16).

a head hunter. One who collects human heads; a savage who kills people for their heads.

...a head hunter is liable to pick it up and walk off with it (Yank, 96).
There are a lot of head hunters in the jungles (Yank, 96).

to head into. To go toward; to go to.

She...came to a corner, headed into it (Cain, 172).

head man. The chief person; the leader; the chief official.

...Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., head man of ADC... (Yank, 190).

head of the bed. The part of the bed with the higher end; the end of the bed at which one's head lies. (Cf. foot of the bed.)

At the head of the bed there were... (Yank, 247).
The same nurse, the one who had spoken to her before, was at the head of the bed, busy with thermometer and watch (Cain, 101).

to head off. To intercept; to intervene; to stop by intervention.

That's why they're breaking their necks to head it off (Cain, 200).

to (infinitive) --- head off. (This is used as an intensive modifying the verb.)

His wife ran it while he was overseas baking his head off (Pyle, 341).

a head of hair. Hair on one's head; the hair as a whole on one's head.

He had...the funniest-looking head of hair I ever saw this side of Buffalo Bill's show (Pyle, 449).

the head of the stairs. The top of the stairs.

Marcia Whittaker stood at the head of the stairs, sobbing silently as she waited... (Gardner, 80).

head of steam. Pressure of steam; steam pressure.

...the boilers were maintaining a magnificant head of steam, and the blowers... (Yank, 47).

head on. Directly facing; directly toward; directly.

And there was her father on the stage...and before they left that stage, they must meet head on... (Marquand, 167).
...the advancing enemy ran head-on into the light machine guns... (Yank, 5).
They bounced across the tops of four of them and slammed head on into the fifth (Pyle, 217).
The screaming meanies made a frightful noise when they were coming head on... (Pyle, 193).

to head out. To go away; to leave; to go in the direction.

...all that day slower troop-carrying barges had filed past us in an unbroken line heading out to sea (Pyle, 11).
...I hea ded out for the wars again (Yank, 12).

---head rings. One hears a ringing, buzzing, sound which seems to come from within one's head; one hears a buzzing sound for which there is no source.

My head rang, and my right ear couldn't hear anything (Pyle, 444).

a head start. A beginning ahead of, before, another; an advantage in the beginning.

I had enough of a head start to keep the cabin between me and him (Gardner, 114).
Also, German dive bombings had begun at the rate of two per hour, but everyone felt that whatever happened we had a head start that was all

in our favor (Pyle, 32).

healthy, wealthy, and wise. (A clipped form of the proverb of Benjamin Franklin's from Poor Richard's Almanac which reads: "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, and wealthy, and wise.")

...GIs in Iran (Persia to you) are going to be mighty healthy wealthy and wise (Yank, 66).

a heap of. A pile of; a bunch of something in a pile.

...through our communication trenches and even from one heap of dead to the next (Yank, 54).

to heap up. To arrange without order in piles; to pile up.

They were heaped up beside a display of electric razors and electric heating pads (Marquand, 240).

to hear about. To learn about, regarding; to hear concerning.

One of the worst strokes of Fate I ever heard about happened to a Cub... (Pyle, 240).
I heard some talk about it... (Cain, 141).
...when I heard about that new WD Cir. 132...I rocketed over to the Old Man here (Yank, 171).
A few days later the 164th sailed from Australia for a place Mac had never heard about (Yank, 23).
It was just the things he heard about...that created the smouldering hatred... (Pyle, 462).
I've heard about you...I don't need a mouthpiece (Gardner, 95).
All they hear about is victories and a lot of glory stuff (Pyle, 399).

to hear above. To hear over another noise; (to be able to hear although there is other noise.)

He could hear Stan's guns going above the motor and all the other noise (Marquand, 230).

to hear from. To receive information, message, letter, from.

...that's the last he'll hear from me! (Cain, 205).
You didn't hear from him? (Gardner, 140).
Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will deliver two pairs of our regular ivory cubes (Gardner, 12).
Then, hearing from Mrs. Gessler that he had arrived... (Cain, 153).
I tried to pretend that I got letters whenever your father said he had heard from you (Marquand, 217).
They'll hand you a line and tell you...that if you don't hear from them, it'll be all right (Gardner, 79).
Have you heard anything from Ned Barkley? (Gardner, 82).

Three of our best friends had not heard from... (Pyle, 364).

to hear of. To hear, learn, about, regarding, concerning.

But the weirdest one I heard of was described by a pilot who was on the tail of a Messerschmitt one day (Pyle, 168).
I never heard of a soldier writing to his real girl to break off the engagement because he had fallen in love with a picture (Pyle, 180).
...celebrities so big that even Mildred had heard of some of them... (Cain, 184).
...with the supplies came more medical officers who had heard of Capt. Cohen's situation (Yank, 169).
And another thing, this way is quick, and the last I heard of you, you were up against it, and couldn't afford to waste time (Cain, 24).
There wasn't a correspondent over there, or soldier, or officer I ever heard of who hadn't complete and utter faith in General Bradly (Pyle, 430).
I heard of one boy who tried to sleep sitting up in his foxhole... (Pyle, 253).
His last bet that I heard of was $10 that the ship would be back in the United States within two months (Pyle, 14).
They lived in a town I never heard of... (Pyle, 344).
...Mr. Hannem...remembered that he had heard of it... (Cain, 134).
...Simon's agency. I've heard of it (Cain, 203).
My husband, no doubt you've heard of him... (Cain, 193).
I never heard of such goings-on in my life (Cain, 71).
He had never heard of them (Pyle, 428).
...he had revealed himself to us as the only important government figure we've seen or heard of who could chew gum and swallow peanuts without ever once seeming to open his mouth (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
I remember hearing of skippers who could cuss for forty-five minutes without repeating themselves (Pyle, 37).

to hear --- side of the story. To listen to one's presentation of facts, opinions, prejudices, as one sees, believes.

Let's hear her side of the story before we do anything rash (Gardner, 161).
You're not going to condemn this young woman until we hear her side of the story (Gardner, 162).
"Hear her side of the story!" Drake exclaimed scornfully (Gardner, 161).

--- heart aches. One feels sharp pangs of emotion; one feels twinges in the breast which result from emotional stress.

...her heart ached from happiness (Cain, 233).

a heart attack. A sudden and severe heart illness; a sharp and sudden pain and weakening of the heart.

...and believed her husband had died of a heart attack (Yank, 49).

heart breaking. Saddening; sad; disturbing.

...his congregation had suffered a heart-breaking drop in attendance (Yank, 164).

--- heart fails ---. One loses one's courage; one becomes frightened; one gets scared.

It was too late to back out even if his heart failed him (Pyle, 356).

heart felt sympathy. Deep sympathy; sympathy.

...a long telegram to Mrs. Hannen, full of "heart-felt sympathy from both Veda and myself" (Cain, 182).

---heart give a thump. One's heart misses a beat; one's heart skips a beat. (This usually implies excitement.)

He looked at her with his familiar stare...and her heart gave a little thump (Cain, 150).

--- heart is heavy. One is sad; one is repentent.

But his heart was heavy at the thought of having goofed off (Yank, 186).

--- heart gives a leap. One is excited and one's heart beats harder, faster.

As he came back with both desserts and the coffee, her heart gave a leap as she heard a customdr say: "That pie looks good" (Cain, 67).

a heart of gold. A kind disposition; a charitable personality.

...could be nursed into a regular who left good tips, no doubt to prove he really had a heart of gold (Cain, 63).

--- heart skips a beat. One's heart misses a beat; one has arrhythmia. (Often due to excitement.)

As her heart skipped a beat... (Cain, 247).
Mildred's heart skipped a beat, and she looked at Veda sharply (Cain, 125).

a heart to heart talk. A confidential, confiding, conversation in which both parties allow themselves the fullest and freest expression of their thoughts.

...only a good heart-to-heart talk...would straighten me out (Yank, 164).

...he will get up after half hour of heart to heart talk and slowly wag his tail (Yank, 137).

heating pad. A device, pad, artificially heated and used for the purpose of applying heat to one's body. (These may be chemically heated or electrically heated.)

They were heaped up beside a display of electric razors and electric heating pads. (Marquand, 240).

the heat of the battle. The fiercest part of the battle; the life struggle of battle.

...during the heat of battle with the enemy ten yeards away (Yank, 215).

to heat up. To warm; to heat; to cause to become hot.

I heated up the dishes before I left, but carrying it out in the air ain't helped it none (Gardner, 145).

heaven help us. (An exclamation used as an intensive.)

...an American decoration like the Purple Heart...can be handed out for--heaven help us -- frostbite? (Yank, 173).

to heave a sigh. To take a deep breath; to breathe deeply. (This is usually an involuntary breath.)

Drake heaved a sigh (Gardner, 159).

to heave up. To lift; to carry upwards.

Then two of the men grabed the bomb and heaved it up (Pyle, 211).

heavy bass. Loud, prominent, bass tones.

Then, thumping a heavy bass, she counted: "One, two, three, four, and" (Cain, 136).

heavy fire. Much gun fire, artillery fire, and the like; the exploding of artillery and the like.

...a long slope exposed to observation and heavy fire (Yank, 244).

heavy set. Large; fat; heavy.

I turned and faced a bulky, heavy-set Italian... (Yank, 12).

a heavy smell. A pervading odor; a strong scent.

There was a heavy smell in the air, a mixture of dead mules and...(Yank, 57).

a heavy swell. A large swell; a big wave of water. (This implies ocean, sea, or lake water.)

A heavy swell was running and the ships would draw a few feet apart... (Pyle, 286).

heavy traffic. Much traffic; many cars on the road, street.

In heavy traffic the general was returning salutes constantly... (Pyle, 358).

heebie jeebies. Nervousness; nervous excitement.

Does he want to get the heebie jeebies? (Marquand, 461).

to heel over. To lean over; to move off the upright position.

At the end of each run we turned so quickly that the ship heeled far over (Pyle, 24).

the hell. (An intensive making a positive idea from a negative statement.)

"The hell I haven't," Mildred said, "I've been in lots and lots of homes, and in..." (Marquand, 121).

hell breaks loose. There is a great disturbance; there is an undescribable disorder; noise.

Out on our ship it seemed to me that all hell was breaking loose ashore, but when I looked back on it, it didn't seem so very dramatic (Pyle, 25).
By that time all hell was breaking loose (Yank, 32).

a hell of a.

1. Bad; not good; wrong; incorrect.

Serle said, "This is a hell of a way to act" (Gardner, 99).
...this is a hell of a way to run a war (Pyle, 395).

2. Terrible; awful.

...a gasoline engine that makes a hell of a racket (Yank, 199).
They think it's a hell of a piece, easy to work and terrible in its effect (Yank, 32).
Four thousand dead Japs behind us —
A hell of a stinking mess (Yank, 176).

a hell of a lot. Much; very much; a great deal; many; very many.

We would like them a hell of a lot better...if they did their part in some defense plant... (Yank, 214).
There a hell of a lot more USO soldiers over here than there are back in the States... (Yank,).
It amounts to a hell of a lot in this case (Gardner, 21).
Putting you to one hell of a lot of trouble, though (Cain, 27).
There's a hell of a lot of difference... (Pyle, 245).

a hell of a note. Not good; bad; wrong.

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"That," said the corporal, "is a helluva note" (Yank, 29).

a hell of a time. A difficult, hard, strenuous, time.

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the hell out of. (An intensive. Not usually considered polite.)

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to be hell to pay. There is great trouble; there are many difficulties; there are many problems. (From: "The hell to pay and no hot pitch ready.)

You knew there was going to be hell to pay unless you could find the documents which you... (Gardner, 178).

to hell with. (An exclamation which indicates real or pretended indifference.)

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The hell you say (Yank, 89).
"The hell you say," Newbrough snorted (Yank, 7).

not to be able to help. (An intensive which modifies the word of phrase following.)

I couldn't help being interested in their reaction to the picture (Pyle, 172).
...I could not help but ask myself these questions... (Yank, 213).
Whenever Eddie spoke, I could not help feeling that Ben was marching behind me (Pyle, 201).

to help ---. To take what one wants; to take freely for oneself.

There were some reporters, piling their overcoats on the floor beside the chair and hurrying over to the table to help themselves to whiskey (Marquand, 291).
Captured supply dumps were impounded by the Army for reissue later but our soldiers often got in to help themselves before the Army took over officially (Pyle, 87).

to help --- down. To assist one in alighting, descending.

He was helping a girl down very carefully because he was an officer and a gentleman (Marquand, 527).

to be helpful to. To be of assistance to; to help; to aid; to give help.

That afternoon she was rather more helpful to the other girls than strict ethics demanded... (Cain, 64).

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a helping hand. Aid; assistance; help.

I need your helping hand (Yank, 156).

not to help matters. To be of no help; to be of no assistance; not to help, aid.

"Your instructions," Leeds said dubiously, "are simple enough, but I don't see how they can help matters" (Gardner, 119).
...in his judgment this wouldn't help matters (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

to help --- out. To help; to assist; to aid; to give help, aid, assistance.

...our 2nd Platoon to help them out (Yank, 241).
Darling, I won't help them out (Marquand, 524).
The plane of which he was armored had been lost...so there he was helping out the other boys (Pyle, 212).

The idea that his father wanted him to help out at the office selling real estate was repellant... (Marquand, 187).
...perhaps Old Man Maturity might help out, later (Cain, 187).
...if an American cook tried to help out and touched the pan, the whole batch had to be thrown away (Pyle, 229).
The result was touching eagerness to help out those ground kids (Pyle, 158).
...they calmly swung their guns over the corps boundary line to help out the 4th Division when it needed some heavy slugging (Yank, 134).
"Help me out with anything you want to," and Mr. Willis grasped his knees firmly and leaned forward (Marquand, 422).
Why, I suppose every sister helps out her brother from time to time (Gardner, 52).
But you've helped out your brother? (Gardner, 52).
In addition to her job as society editor, Mary had been helping out "on the street"... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

help wanted. A notice, sign, advertisement, indicating an opening for work, that work is available; a notice, asking for workers. (Also attributive.)

She studied the help-wanted advertisements, but there were hardly any (Cain, 31).

to help with. To assist with; to aid with; to help in regard to.

...Bert...helped with the drinks... (Cain, 230).

to hem and haw. To avoid making a direct answer; to attempt circumlocution.

...she admitted that if a girl gave reference that sounded all right and didn't hesitate or "hem and haw" about, she seldom wrote the references (Gardner, 10).

to hem in. To surround; to enclose.

In one sector German units that had been hemmed in were pelted with safe-conduct passes urging them to surrender (Yank, 127).

hemespheric solidarity. Unity among the American republics.

There had been a limited national emergency, and then a national emergency, and hemespheric solidarity and lend lease and... (Marquand, 407).

to herd cattle. To care for and watch cattle in the open fields; to be in charge of cattle on the range.

...one of a cowboy, herding cattle through snow, and one of a covered-wagon train... (Cain, 2).

to herd --- together. To drive together; to force together in a crowd.

You just herded them together and fed them, and there you were (Marquand, 110).

here and now. Now; at once; this instant; immediately.

You may as well understand here and now...that I shall prevent this marriage (Cain, 195).
Mr. Merriwell wanted right here and now to apologize to the public... (Marquand, 27).

here and there. At one place and another; in several places; at different places.

...its walls were finished in old pine paneling which Beckie had picked up here and there... (Marquand, 126).
Here and there on either side of the road were the bodies of dead Germans, their equipment scattered around (Yank, 106).
Here and there were dead Shermans which had thrown their treads as a snake sheds its skin (Yank, 57).
We bicycled around the countryside, celebrated here and there... (Pyle, 303).
He stabbed inquisitively here and there... (Yank, 5).
...you wouldn't have seen many men at any one time — just a few here and there... (Pyle, 441).
Twenty-one hundred trees...have been...replanted here and there on streets in the five boroughs (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

here goes. This is the beginning; let's begin.

Well, here goes (Yank, 174).

(here is) mud in your eye. (A toast.)

He took his glass, waited for her to take hers, said "Mud in your eye," and sipped (Cain, 26).

to hew --- out of. To cut from; to carve out of.

...Negro engineer regiments that hewed it out of solid rock-masses 100 yards long... (Yank, 177).

hide and seek. A game in which one person attempts to find others who have hidden from him. (By extension any searching.)

With us it was always a game of hide and seek (Pyle, 34).

hide away. A concealed, private, place. (Also attributive.)

...at almost the same time they had thought of a turret, not for a staircase, but for a little hide-a-way study... (Marquand, 109).

to hide away from. To hide from; to secrete from.

...a PT base, hidden away from Jap planes... (Yank, 253).

a hide out. A hiding place; a place where one can hide from others; a place of refuge.

The hide-out was buried so deeply in the mountain underbrush... (Yank, 25).
At the hide-out they met 50 Italians... (Yank, 25).
...the jungle hide-out's winding river... (Yank, 253).

to hide out. To hide; to secrete; to take refuge secretely.

Hiding out in a hotel (Gardner, 184).
Hide out until I have a chance to get things fixed up the way I want 'em (Gardner, 102).
...the Partisans hid out for weeks in the mountain recesses... (Yank, 26).

high altitude. Several thousand feet in altitude.

This is for high-altitude shooting (Pyle, 385).

high and dry. Above the level of water; in such a position that there is no moisture.

On the beach itself, high and dry, were all kinds of wrecked vehicles (Pyle, 366).

high blood pressure. (The pressure the heart exerts upon the blood to force it through the arteries and back through the veins.) High blood pressure is a condition of abnormal pressure. (Tenseness is usually associated with this.)

They stew up a high blood pressure over a one-point drop in the interest rate (Gardner, 1).

high brass (higher brass). High ranking officers; majors, colonels, generals.

The enlisted Wacs were scarcely off their plane when lieutenants, captains, and even some of the higher brass were pressing them for dates (Yank, 130).
...to represent the higher brass (Yank, 119).

high class. De Luxe; ultra respectable; extremely nice.

...clothes suitable to a high-class place (Cain, 211).
A high class, positively restricted development for discriminating people... (Cain, 156).
We're running a high-class dump, Baby... (Cain, 178).

higher and higher. Ever upward; on and on upward.

Higher and higher he went... (Yank, 167).

high ground. A high place; a place higher than the surrounding places. (This implies something less than a hill or mountain!)

The regiment's objective was the high ground to the west... (Yank, 224).

high handed. Overbearing; autocratic; authoritarian.

His very persecutions, and his high-handed acts of injustice, grew monumental, given time... (Marquand, 197).
At first, she had resented Mon's taking charge in this high-handed way ... (Cain, 109).

to high hat ---. To snub one; to slight one; to cut one.

I didn't high-hat him at all, did I? (Marquand, 33).
Baby...no pleated-pants is going to high-hat me (Marquand, 43).

high heels. The heels on a women's shoes which are two inches or more in height. Hence, by extension women's shoes with high heels.

...Ella was a big gal, too, five feet ten and a half, and more than that with high heels... (Marquand, 342).

high heeled shoes. Women's shoes with high heels.

He could hear the uncertain tapping of the high-heeled shoes which she had just begun to wear (Marquand, 366).

high in. Above the ordinary level, place, in, at.

...a man high in British Government had told him... (Marquand, 41).
She's the one in the black silk dress, cut low in the neck and high in the legs... (Cain, 36).
As he raised the child high in the air, Mildred had to turn her head... (Cain, 57).
...the authoritative way in which Veda kept lifting her right hand high in the air, or the style with which she crossed her left hand over it (Cain, 134).

high noon. Twelve o'clock noon; midday exactly.

At high noon this faint religious glow gave everything, even the cold-sober bar boys, a dissipated aspect (Marquand, 577).

high on. On a place higher than normal.

Peters was accompanying Col. Edward P. Earle... on a reconnaissance foray high on a ridge... (Yank, 181).

high pitched voice. A voice with a high tone; a voice with a tone higher than the usual, normal.

Phyllis Leeds was so excited that her voice was high-pitched (Gardner, 13).

high points. The most interesting, important, points; the salient points.

...these are the high points of a planned Nipponese tour of the Pacific ... (Yank, 235).

to high pressure. To use extraordinary persuasion to attempt to get another to do something, often to buy something; to use doubtful methods to persuade or to sell.

I did not attempt to high pressure the man too much (Saturday Evening Post, Feb. 8, 1941, p. 54).
Now, having been high-pressured into taking four more than that, she had barely enough (Cain,126).

high ranking. Of high, lofty, position, rank.

Another high-ranking officer was brought in... (Pyle, 380).
One high-ranking British official... (Yank, 200).
...a whole bevy of high-ranking Allied officers visited Normandy... (Pyle, 380).

high school. Grades 10, 11, and 12 of the public schools (sometimes also grade 9); the tenth, eleventh and twelfth years of school; The American equivalent of the gymnasium, the lycee. (Also attributive.)

Private Schneider was just out of high school (Pyle, 276).
His adjutant finally found him sleeping on the floor of a high-school cloak room... (Yank, 131).
He...played football and basketball in high school (Yank, 22).
He quit high school and enlisted when he was seventeen... (Pyle, 212).

high school French. Stilted, bookish, French spoken and written by American people who have studied French only in high school.

We used high-school French and a dictionary... (Pyle, 375).

high silk hat. A formal hat for men with a much higher crown than normal, made of silk, and most often black.

They wore black coats and high silk hats, uncomfortable costumes which somehow seemed to have a rented look (Marquand, 559).

high spirited. Vivacious; lively; animated.

"Emily," he said, "was high-spirited" (Gardner, 180).

high spirits. Animated; lively.

When they came back from a mission they were usually full of high-spirits (Pyle, 178).
Those units pushed on, their spirits high... (Pyle, 363).

high stakes. A great deal of money; much money.

Was the game for high stakes? (Gardner, 14).

high strung. Nervous, tense; easily excited.

We were both of us high-strung and temperamental (Gardner, 115).
...Emily was as high-strung as a good trotting horse (Gardner, 115).

high tide. The tide at its highest point; the tide as it rises its highest.

...were as clear in Europe as it was in New York, with the same full moon and the same high tides (Marquand, 239).

high time. The time for action; the last moment that something can be done; the crucial time.

It is...high time that this festering sore was cut out... (Yank, 213).
It was high time for Mildred to get back to the kitchen, but she lingered ... (Cain, 122).

high toned. Superior; excellent; above average. (This often implies superficial superiority.)

She named no names, but made them quite rich and high-toned (Cain, 99).
She regarded it as an occasion for high-toned conversation, and plied her father with lofty questions about "conditions" (Cain, 56).

high up.

1. In superior rank, position.

He's very high up in the Air Corps... (Marquand, 568).

2. At a high place; high.

None of us really believe we had heard music, but a little nosing around next morning disclosed that an antiaircraft gun crew high up on the hillside had a portable radio... (Pyle, 107).
...they exploded high up toward the stars (Pyle, 383).
They were too high up to hear it (Yank, 178).

high water mark. A mark made by flood water at its high point; a ring of dirt and the like left by a flood at its highest point.

It extended just like a high-water mark... (Pyle, 367).

high wind. A wind blowing with great force; a strong wind; a gale.

The water was cold, but a high wind dried them out in less than half an hour... (Pyle, 28).

hill people. The inhabitants of hilly, mountainous, regions who are generally isolated from the main currents of civilization. Hence, very rustic, quaint, odd people.

...clannish and independent as only hill people can be (Yank, 242).

hind side before. Backwards; from the wrong side; arsy versy.

"I'm coming at it hind side before, Mr. Wilson," he said, "but I'm getting up to it" (Marquand, 515).

to hinge on. To depend on; to rest on; to be dependent on.

...and a damage suit inRhode Island hinged on whether twenty-three teeth could be extracted without a man's knowledge (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

hip pocket. A pocket in a pair of trousers which is over a person's hip. Usually found only in men's trousers. Hence, something small that will fit into a hip-pocket. (Also attributive.)

They...use a hip-pocket stove to cook up sourdough flapjacks... (Yank, 192).

to hire out. To become employed; to get a job, employment.

Guess she hired out to the right party (Gardner, 186).

hit and run. To cause damage and rapidly to leave the scene of the damage. (This is usually connected with automobile accidents in which the person who causes the damage drives his car away from the scene in the accident without reporting his name.) (Also attributive.)

As a hit-and-run raider outfit, the Marauders were supposed to keep their positions only until... (Yank, 92).
...they wanted men...inlittle groups that would hit and run (Yank, 122).

to hit back. To retaliate; to strike as the result of having been struck; to fight back.

Then when the Japs came over here to hit back at them, the Dragons are already up there waiting for them (Yank, 194).
Jerry was hitting back hard (Yank, 107).

to hit the beach. To land on an enemy beach in attack and to attempt to take the beach; to make an amphibious landing; to storm a beach.

...the fourth wave had hit the beach (Yank, 250).
No sooner did the first wave hit the beach than Army specialist of every variety... (Yank, 39).
...the first men hit the beach (Pyle, 362).
Don Whitehead hit the beach with one regiment... (Pyle, 364).
Engineers had hit the beach right behind the assault troops (Pyle, 28).

to hit the big time. To become highly successful in the entertainment world; to become one of the very successful entertainers; to earn fabulous salaries in the theatre.

...if they had the right hot licks on their first broadcast, they hit the big time overnight (Cain, 211).

to hitch a chair. To move a chair; to change the place and position of a chair.

Mason hitched his chair around so that he was sitting sideways to the table, crossed his legs... (Gardner, 100).

to hitch a ride. To ask for a ride in an automobile by standing at the roadside and pointing one's thumb in the direction he wishes to go.

I hitched a ride into the city of Licata with Major Charles Monnier of Dixon, Illinois... (Pyle, 30).

to hitch up. To connect to a conveyance, vehicle so that it can be pulled.

A French suburban farmer was hitching up his horses in a barnyard on the hillside (Pyle, 401).

to hit the dirt. To fall to the ground; to throw oneself to the ground. This implies falling to the ground to protect oneself from flying bomb fragments, shrapnel, bullets and the like.

When we passed the spot where we had hit the dirt the previous night, the captain dropped back... (Yank, 61).

to hit --- for (money). To ask one for (money); to demand (money) from one.

A little blond girl...hit Mr. Rosen for five dollars (Yank, 132).

to hit gold. To discover gold; to find gold.

...if he'd hit gold in Death Valley he couldn't have acted more like a goof (Cain, 232).

to hit the ground. To fall to the ground; to throw oneself to the ground. (See: to hit the dirt.)

He hit the ground just soon enough to escape a burst of fire (Yank, 93).

to hit --- hard.

1. To cause hardship, misery, financial losses.

Mr. Pierce said the Depression had certainly hit a lot of people hard (Cain, 15).
Repeal's going to hit him hard (Cain, 149).

2. To cause sadness, grief, dismay.

Ray Clapper's passing hit us hard (Pyle, 192).

to hit the hay. To go to bed; to retire.

...they had hit the hay some time ago (Yank, 209).

to hit home. To arrive home; to get home; to return home.

A lot of pilots...got married as soon as they hit home (Pyle, 180).

to hit it off. To be congenial; to get along together.

Milicant said, "I don't know whether he and Sis are going to hit it off or not (Gardner, 22).

to hit the high spots.

1. To tell just the most important things; to relate only the essential.

Phyllis Leeds said, "I'll have to hit the high spots" (Gardner, 3).

2. To do very well; to do exceptionally.

The enemy hit two high spots in their demolition and mine planting (Pyle, 59).

to hit the jackpot. To take a chance and win a large reward. (In gambling the jackpot is a large amount of money which is won by a gambler against tremendous odds.)

He was growing a beard right there in the drugstore when he met Agnes next to him at the number game, and he'd hit the jackpot this time (Marquand, 475).
They had really hit the jackpot, but they never knew what the jackpot was (Pyle, 168).

to hit the nail on the head. To state the problem briefly, succinctly; to state the crux of the matter.

He must have hit the nail on the head... (Pyle, 203).

to hit on. To think about by accident; to come to mind without forethought.

...she was delighted when he hit on the plan of restoring the house... (Cain, 242).

to hit on the nose. To do something extremely accurately; to do exactly correctly.

...does girl hit a G on a nose... (Cain, 218).

to hit the sack. To retire; to go to bed. (Cf. to hit the hay.)

...the Scouts...like nothing better than hitting the sack... (Yank, 192).
After chow the two hit their sacks together (Yank, 226).

to hit the shore. To land in attack on an enemy held shore. (See: to hit the beach.)

When the signal men hit the shore in the first wave... (Yank, 40).

to hit the spot. To please; to be exactly right for giving pleasure; to be what is considered necessary to give pleasure. (Very often used in reference to food or drink.)

...reasons, all in praise of Veda, but somehow they didn't hit the spot (Cain, 138).

to hit town. To arrive in a town; to come to a town, city.

At first when we hit a new town the people in their gratitude gave way their fruits to the troops (Pyle, 89).
They didn't bust loose as riotously when they hit town (Pyle, 4).

to hit upon. To discover; to find out; to learn.

Then, one day, he too had hit upon the Secret (Marquand, 190).

to hoist up. To raise; to lift; to carry up.

...the wounded were hoisted up by slings... (Pyle, 286).
...one load was being hoisted up... (Pyle, 287).

to hold aloof from. Not to associate with; to keep one's distance from; not to be intimately friendly with.

She held aloof from the restaurant itself, and the people connected with it (Cain, 63).

to hold an auction. To arrange an auction and to sell one's goods at auction.

Mason said, "Are you holding an auction?" (Gardner, 75).

to hold back.

1. To keep secret; not to tell.

...Mildred...wanted to know what it was that Veda was holding back... (Cain, 183).
This story has been held back for a while because the fellow was mighty sensitive about it... (Yank, 186).

2. To restrain one's emotions; not to give vent to one's feelings.

...patted her, told her to let it come, not to try to hold back (Cain, 51).

3. To retard; to keep from making progress; to delay.

There had been a time when Prince Valsky was held back by his English (Marquand, 372).

4. To keep something from entering; to keep something in a place when it tries to move out or away.

Others had the more primitive construction of log supports in each corner with shelter halves stretched between them to hold back the sand (Pyle, 257).

5. To refrain; to hold in check; to desist.

He wanted to keep on firing and he had been told to hold back (Yank, 110).

to hold the bag. To be made a victim; to be the one who is made responsible for something unpleasant.

And here I am, holding the bag (Cain, 197).

to hold --- belly in. To keep one's belly, abdomen, from protruding; to maintain a small waist.

...the special girdle certainly held her belly in quite nicely... (Cain, 221).

to hold --- breath. Not to breathe. (This often implies fright, surprise, astonishment.)

He seemed to hold his breath for a moment as though thinking rapidly back over what had been said... (Gardner, 6).
Then as we held our breaths, the search lights one by one brought their beams down upon our ship (Pyle, 21).

to hold --- by the arm. To take on's arm; to put one's hand on another's arm.

In the hall he held me by the arm as we walked toward the door... (Yank, 193).

to hold a conference. To confer; to arrange a meeting and to confer with one another.

Bagley and I held a little conference (Yank, 192).
...so they held a conference... (Pyle, 153).

to hold court. To act superior and to talk to others in a condescending manner.

While his steak was on the fire, he held court in the bar, and told all and sundry about Veda... (Cain, 212).

to hold --- down.

1. To restrain; to keep down.

The sergeant couldn't hold himself down to a walk (Yank, 226).
...their speed in such a dive would ordinarily build up to around seven hundred miles an hour but the brakes held them down to about 390 (Pyle, 10).

2. To fasten down; to fix; to keep from rising.

As he walked he passed a soldier trying to redrive the stake that held down the front of his pup tent (Pyle, 395).

3. To allow to operate at full speed or capacity.

Clayton held her down for the whole clip (Pyle, 450).

to hold down a job. To do a job well enough to remain employed; to keep, maintain, a job, position.

He couldn't have held one (a job) down anyway (Gardner, 71).

to hold --- face in --- hands. To rest one's head on one's hands so that one's face is in one's palms. (This implies fatigue, emotional fatigue, etc.)

He climbed in beside her, held his face in his hands... (Cain, 198).

to hold --- fire. Not to shoot; to restrain oneself from shooting.

I knew I should have held my fire... (Yank, 21).

to hold for. To keep for; to retain possession of something until another comes for it.

A hard working business girl found a notice in her mail box the other day saying that a package was being held for her at a Railway Express office (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

to hold --- hand. To take another's hand into one's hands; to caress another's hand.

...she held his hand tight, and listened to the radio... (Cain, 250).
...Bert...unabashedly held her hand... (Cain, 238).

to hold --- hands (high, up). To put one's hands in the air above one's head as a signal of surrender, defeat.

They were still holding their hands high in the air... (Pyle, 398).

the hold --- has on ---. Something by means of which one can control another; something which gives one control of another. (This usually implies something abstract as love, fear, and the like.)

What was the hold he had on you? (Gardner, 111).

to hold --- head in --- hands. To support one's head by one's hands. (This implies fatigue, grief, emotional stress.)

And then Jesse held his head in both his hands, his fingers writhed through his black hair (Marquand, 80).

to hold --- head up. To have self-respect; to have belief in one's own abilities.

...if I can just get him out of here, and in business again so he can hold his head up (Cain, 177).

to hold in place. To keep in the proper position; to maintain at the usual place.

...and his trousers were held in place by a belt with a monogram buckle ... (Marquand, 59).
His soft collar was held in place by a clip... (Marquand, 59).
His brown hair, which used to be rumpled, was now held in place by some sort of lotion... (Marquand, 59).

hold it! Stop; desist; quit.

Hold it! Stop this goddam car (Cain, 198).

to hold the line. To keep the telephone off of the cradle; not to break the telephone circuit.

Drake picked it up, said into the transmitter, "Hold the line for just a minute"... (Gardner, 60).

to hold on.

1. To hold; to grasp; to seize.

Across the room...holding on to her throat, was Veda (Cain, 254).
...she held on to the door handle... (Cain, 173).
...climbing rope ladders up the sides of ships, snaking back down on single ropes — just holding on with his hands (Pyle, 276).

2. To wait; to remain; to continue.

...Leverson scaled the sheer cheek of the mountain again to tell the infantrymen to hold on and that help was coming (Yank, 191-2).

3. To defend; to fight to defend.

...they didn't hold on too bitterly (Pyle, 407).

4. (Used jocularly to indicate that a vehicle is going to travel at a high rate of speed.)

His drivers used to say when they started out, "Hold on, for the general doesn't spare the horses when he's traveling" (Pyle, 395).

5. To retain possession; to keep.

It was a matter of holding on, and no time to be liquid (Marquand, 401).
...but Milton had said that now was the time to hold on with the big orders for heavy goods coming from France and England (Marquand, 401).

to hold onto. To hold; to maintain one's grasp; not to let loose.

The baker boys' story of shelling ceased to be academic right then, but I still held onto my pie (Pyle, 246).

to hold out.

1. To extend away from one's body; to maintain grasp of but to hold away from oneself.

Toward the end the boys were clowning, holding the guns out at arms length and shutting their eyes like girls... (Pyle, 188).
He leaned over to light his cigarette from the match Williams held out between cupped palms (Yank, 90).
The Prince lighted a match unhurriedly, and held it out to Jeffrey (Marquand, 377).
...she unlocked a door and held out a menu (Cain, 45).
The landlady...held it out at arm's length... (Pyle, 463).
"I got four machine-pistol shots placed an inch apart in my sleeve there," said Moore, holding out his right arm (Yank, 148).

2. To continue to demand although often refused; to ask for in spite of opposition.

...Ida obstinately held out for light green walls... (Cain, 175).
There was a little difficulty about price, he trying to beat Mildred down to thirty cents, but she held out for thirty-five, and presently he agreed (Cain, 68).
But he can't hold out very long (Cain, 84).

3. To maintain one's position, condition, or situation in the face of difficulties.

A mere platoon of Germans...could hold out for a long time against tremendous onslaughts... (Pyle, 141).
...she was working harder than she knew she could work, and still hold out until Sunday, when she could sleep (Cain, 68).
I could understand now how Stalingrad had held out (Yank, 58).

4. Not to tell the whole story, facts; to keep a part secret.

It looks as though you've been holding out on me (Gardner, 152).
They're telling Leeds that Emily Milicant has confessed to everything, and that there's no use trying to hold out any longer (Gardner, 205).

to hold out --- hand.

1. To offer one's hand preliminary to shaking hands, etc; to extend one's hand to shake hands, etc.

...he held out his hand and I shook it... (Yank, 247).
She...held out her hand (Cain, 221).
She was holding out her hand to him (Marquand, 180).

Jeffrey smiled at him and held out his hand (Marquand, 301).
"Gosh that's swell, Jeff'." and he held out his hand across the table (Marquand, 579).
It seemed to Jeffrey that they were lovers when she held out her hands to him (Marquand, 294).
The little girl held out her hand (Marquand, 46).
Mildred...held out her hand to Mrs. Gessler (Cain, 161).
Jim was turning and holding out his hand (Marquand, 527).
...as Jeffrey moved toward the table, Mr. Barnes was holding out his hand (Marquand, 168).
When I do, I'll hold out my hand to you and say, 'Kiss me, Wilson' (Marquand, 370).

2. To extend one's hand away from one's body.

A person would hold out his hand and purposely make it tremble... (Pyle, 285).
The stranger held out his hand, which was marked by the indentations of Jeffrey's teeth (Marquand, 10).

to hold --- own. To maintain the status quo; not to gain but not to lose.

I've got my own little business, and it's all shot, and I'm just about holding my own if I eat in the tea room instead of the Biltmore (Cain, 41).

to hold --- peace. To remain quiet and peaceful although one may want to argue or fight.

But in the restaurant she held her peace, until one day she heard Ida bawling out Mr. Chris (Cain, 63).

to hold a prisoner. To hold; keep, one restrained, under restranit; to keep one in prison; to imprison one.

...demands that Alden Leeds, who is at present held a prisoner in Seattle, be returned to Alaskan authorities... (Gardner, 122).

to hold --- spellbound. To keep an auditor, audience, intensely interested in a story, tale.

He had not intended for a single minute to hold the whole room spellbound (Marquand, 30).

to hold still. To be still; not to move.

Put it on your face, and now hold still and let me brush you off (Marquand, 154).

to hold to. To hold; to grasp; to seize.

Around eleven she drove to the theatre, took Letty home, and held tight to Veda's hand on the way back to the house (Cain, 114).

to hold the trumps. To be in possession of superior power; to have better information, ability, foresight and the like.

Drake said, "The cops hold all the trumps" (Gardner, 88).

to hold up.

1. To delay; to hinder; to detain.

...and it is expected to be completed in the middle of 1949 if shortages of materials don't hold it up (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
...the rock that was holding up the advance of an entire army... (Yank, 167).
It held up the advance of the Fifth Army for weeks and weeks (Yank, 167).
The half-tracks hold your traffic up for hours (Yank, 189).
For instance, suppose there was a German gun position just over a hill which was holding us up because our troops couldn't get at it with their guns (Pyle, 159).
We argued...with a French captain who was holding us up... (Pyle, 456).
Bert, having...threatened even to "hold up the settlement" unless full data were furnished... (Cain, 209).
They hold up the waves behind them... (Pyle, 363).
Better hold it up a minute (Pyle, 400).
They left about two machine guns and a few riflemen scattered through the hedge to do a lot of shooting and hold up the Americans... (Pyle, 441).
Just to make sure, phone and ask them to hold it up until we get back (Yank, 195).
The withdrawal was held up at our house... (Yank, 241).
...Ed's outfit had been held up by fire from a dug-in position (Yank, 244).
...we...were held up by knee-mortar fire (Yank, 251).
In those instances, it was impossible to bypass at all, so traffic had to be held up until an emergency bridge could be thrown across the gap (Pyle, 59).

2. To support; to keep from falling, sinking, lowering; to keep in place, position.

The fountain consisted of a thinly draped girl holding a conch shell from which came a jet of water that descended into a basin held up by sea horses (Marquand, 17).
He tied some rope around his chest...so that it held him up while he slept (Pyle, 253).
...two of the fellows waded out and held his head up while we pulled him out (Yank, 198).
...but nothing held up his blue wool socks, which cascaded toward the uppers of his crepe-soled low shoes... (Marquand, 59).

Aunt Martha had on her black silk dress with the high collar held up by strips of whalebone (Marquand, 157).

3. To raise in the air.

...if some infantryman in his trench hadn't held up a lighted match (Yank, 180).
...each boy crying at the top of his lungs to call attention to himself, and holding up his hands... (Pyle, 227).
Somehow I got started kissing babies that were held up by their parents ... (Pyle, 456).
Hold up your right hand and be sworn (Gardner, 187).
She lifted the cleaver out of a drawer, held it up, put it back... (Cain, 5).
"Barrington and I were preparing supper," said the lieutenant, holding up the chicken feathers... (Pyle, 239).
Mason held up his hand, and said, "No, no, Miss Lade, not a word from you" (Gardner, 201).
But Mr. Boole held up a finger, smiled, and came over (Cain, 33).

4. To charge extortionately; to get another to pay a ridiculously high price.

But if it wasn't justified, and Hogarty was trying to hold him up... (Gardner, 172).

5. To remain constant; not to change. (This implies when used with weather; good, pleasant, clear weather.)

...the weather was still holding up (Yank, 207).

to hold up --- end. To do one's share; to assume one's responsibility.

I can still--hold up my end of it--if that's what you're talking about (Cain, 143).

to hold up --- hand. To raise one's hand above one's head. (This is the usual practice in taking an oeath.)

...pinch-waisted his way across the courtroom, held up his hand, and was sworn (Gardner, 143).

to hold up --- hands. To put one's hands above one's head to indicate surrender, defeat.

...one of them held up his hands crying, "Me surrender! Me surrender!" (Yank, 8).

to hold --- up to ridicule. To ridicule; to be sarcastic about.

...he had deliberately tried...to hold her up to ridicule... (Cain, 167).

hold your horses. Be patient; wait a minute; take it easy; don't get excited.

Now just hold your horses a minute (Cain, 201).

a hole in one. In golf a score of one, absolutely perfect, on one hole. By extension a very lucky shot or performance.

A German bazooka gunner...made one of those freakish hole-in-one hits... (Pyle, 424).

to hole up. To hide oneself in a hole; to get into a cave or other rather secret place to hide.

...some Germans were holed up and firing desperately (Pyle, 457).
...they were holed up in the saddle of a mountain... (Yank, 123).

to holler for. To yell and to request; to yell asking for.

...play the pyanner so they'd all be hollering for her (Cain, 189).

to holler out. To yell; to speak out very loudly.

And I have heard them...holler out...to Shorty: "So long, pal" (Yank, 137).

hollow(ed) cheeks. Cheeks which are sunken; not full round cheeks. (This implies worry, fatigue, distress, etc.)

Her black eyes, staring out from above hollowed cheeks... (Gardner, 4).

a Hollywood set. A setting, scenery, prepared for the cinema, moving pictures, in Hollywood in a rather romantic execution.

A street scene in Cherbourg looks so much like the Hollywood sets of old European cities... (Pyle, 415).

Holy Grail. The platter or cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper. Hence, anything of extreme value and worthy of work and sacrifice.

The restaurant...was a sort of Holy Grail... (Cain, 130).

holy hell. (An exclamationnot usually considered polite or acceptable in normal social intercourse.)

"Holy hell!" the G.I. hollered (Yank, 129).

home andfireside. Home. (This carries all the connotations of the word home.)

In the evening he came back to something approximately a home and fireside (Pyle, 157).

a home away from home. A place to live which is not one's home. (This is often used in hotel advertising to imply that the hotel offers all the comforts and conveniences of home.)

...Leaky Gables, which is the name that we give our home away from home for the duration (Yank, 161).

home base. The base at which, in baseball, the score is made. Hence, by extension one's town, center of operation, chief residence.

Although he called Phoenix, Arizona, home base, we of New Mexico could claim him without much resistance on his part (Pyle, 129).
So, although they lived well when at home base, they weren't on any picnic when they went out to work (Pyle, 164).

home cooking. Simple, homey cuisine, cooking; well prepared and well cooked food.

They specialize in home cooking (Gardner, 98).

home diggings. Home; place of residence.

Pleasant Valley, Arizona, was Pruitt's home diggings (Pyle, 332).

the home front. The work for the war effort within the United States' boundaries. (Also attributive.)

...the home front is shamelessly relaxing on the war effort (Yank, 217).
But by pounding away at home-front morale..., psychological warfare may create a sense of defeat... (Yank, 127-8).

--- home field. An airfield where one is stationed; the airfield to which one is assigned.

He found his home field just as he ran out of gas (Pyle, 169).

home from. Arriving at one's residence after having been away at.

...when a certain plane came swinging low over the tower, home from Berlin, one late afternoon (Yank, 85).

home made. Made at one's home. Hence, by extension, very good, excellent, superior.

There were two choices open to the unfortunate recipient of home-made cookies (Yank, 140).
...for each new departure to give a little reminder of the home-made pies she had for sale... (Cain, 122).

...consisted of one of two items...candy or home-made cookies (Yank, 140).

a home on wheels. A place to eat and sleep on a conveyance such as a Pullman or trailer.

The railroads were your home on wheels, and how you could sleep and relax on the railroads (Marquand, 412).

--- home town. The city or town in which one lives. The city in which one was born and reared. (Also attributive.)

...Hapner, who kept talking about his home town... (Yank, 207).
He had the Chicken Shack at Sabinol, Texas, his home town (Pyle, 341).
I married a girl from your home town (Pyle, 344).
...enlisted men were reading home-town newspapers... (Yank, 206).

honest to God. Genuine; reliable; certifiable, real.

It's the first honest-to-God's chance he's had to get started... (Cain, 177).

honey bunch. (A term of endearment for one's spouse or fiancee.)

"Now honey bunch," Hal said (Marquand, 435).

honky tonk. A not very respectable night club; an inferior place of amusement at which alcoholic drinks are served and in which there is questionable entertainment.

...all night session at a neighboring honky-tonk... (Yank, 155).

honorable discharge. A release from the armed forces stating that the service man has served his country honorably and has been discharged, released, from the service under honorable conditions.

The Army gave me an honorable discharge... (Yank, 172).

honor roll. A list of names to which honor is attached; a rool of honor.

Why be content with your name on a billboard honor roll in a vacant lot (Yank, 175).

to hook --- arm through ---. To join arms with another so that the insides of both elbows are touching each other.

She hooked her arm through his (Cain, 249).

to hope for. To wish for; to desire; to want.

...the call that Mildred hoped for didn't come (Cain, 229).
...turning into a fiasco, everything she had hoped for slipping away from her in one nightmare of an evening (Cain, 123).

to hop in. To enter, to get in, a car.

Then she hopped in (Cain, 162).
You could hop in a car and be at 42nd Street in an hour and a half... (Marquand, 111).
Just hop in my car, all of you (Yank, 159).

to hop out. To get out of a car.

...Bert hopped out before the car stopped rolling (Cain, 203).
Pierce had hopped out and had opened the door and was pulling the rug carefully from their knees (Marquand, 373).

to hop to it. To begin; to start; to go at it. (This implies not only the beginning but also a working at.)

"There's the phone," he said. "Hop to it" (Gardner, 98).

to hop up. To rise quickly; to get up rapidly.

Everybody hopped up and stood at attention (Pyle, 341).

horse and buggy doctor. An old fashioned, out of date, physican; a physician who has not kept up with modern medical knowledge and practice.

Dr. Kildare and hospital nurses and horse-and-buggy doctors... (Marquand, 24).

horse cavalry. Soldiers mounted on horses rather than on mechanized equipment.

General Herr said...'The precise methods of employment as well as the scope of action of horse cavalry has been affected...by air and mechanization' (Topeka Journal, Apr. 3, 1940, 13/2-3).

horse drawn. Designed and built to be drawn by horses.

Near it was a German horse-drawn ammunition cart, upside down (Pyle, 452).

to horse it. To act in broad comedy; to burlesque.

...Dick was saying that as far as he could see, they were horsing it (Marquand, 292).

a horse of another color. Different; not the same thing.

He used such expressions as..."a horse of another color" (Pyle, 307).

hot chocolate. A drink composed of milk or cream, sugar, and chocolate all of which is served hot.

He learned to drink hot chocolate instead of coffee... (Yank, 23).

hot dog! (An exclamation of approval.)

Mason said gleefully, "Hot dog!" (Gardner, 156).

hotel lobby. A main waiting room, sitting room in a hotel, usually on the same floor as the maindesk.

The lobby of the Shoreham was crowded like every other hotel lobby in Washington... (Marquand, 554-5).

hotel register. The record on which a hotel guest signs his name and states his residence when he applies for a room in the hotel.

...defendant forged the name of Bill Hogarty to various hotel registers, that when he left the Klondike he went for a time under the name... (Gardner, 138).
Who signed the hotel registers (Gardner, 76).
Of old saloons, of a dance in Dawson City, of hotel registers, and a photostaticcopy of a marriage license (Gardner, 75).

hotel suite. A suite of rooms in a hotel; two or more rooms making one unit, as a bedroom and a sitting room, in a hotel.

New York, night clubs, dances, orchids, hotel suites, clothes for the refugee (Marquand, 424).

hot flush. A redness of one's skin due to physical exertion or to fever.

The hot flush of the last few minutes was gone, also the animation of life... (Cain, 108).

hot from the oven. Freshly cooked; fresh from the oven.

The bread is hot from the oven, with a heavy, sweet-smelling wetness (Yank, 69).

a hot lead. A fresh spoor; an important bit of information which could lead to the discovery of more information.

My man got a hot lead, and beat the police to it by only twn minutes (Gardner, 86).

hot licks. Fashionable played jazz; hot music.

...if hot licks were what it took, the kid had them (Cain, 212).
...if they had the right hot licks on their first broadcast, they hit the big time overnight (Cain, 211).

hot off the press. Newly printed; very recently published.

...last week the Map Section in Washington printed, placed in water-proofed cases, and delivered to the boats those eighty-three tons of maps, hot off the presses (Pyle, 64).

a hot reception. A bitter fight; much trouble.

They got a hot reception from our thousands of guns, and a still better one from our own planes, which...were waiting (Pyle, 22-23).

a hot shot. One who can do something very well; one who performs excellently.

He was a hot shot and no fooling (Pyle, 37).

a hot spot. A night club; a honky tonk; a dance hall.

Born in Puerto Rico 24 years ago, he...played the maraccas and drums in a rumba band in a Greenwich Village hot spot (Yank, 25).

hot stuff. Very good; excellent; superior.

You think I'm hot stuff, don't you (Cain, 187).

a hot tip. New fresh, important news or information.

Okay, here's a hot tip for you (Gardner, 175).

a hot war. A war in which there is shooting, battles, and the like, as compared to cold war, a war of nerves.

The ideological war of the Communists is as ruthless and as determined 'as a hot war' (Newsweek, Nov. 17, 1947, 25).

hot water bottle. A container of aluminum, rubber, porcelain ware, or the like, for hot water which is often used to heat a bed.

...getting Mildred...a hot-water bottle (Cain, 174).
As they approached the room an orderly hurried past them, carrying hot-water bottles (Cain, 102).
Take off the hot-water bottles (Cain, 102).
As the nurse pulled out the hot-water bottles and dropped them to the floor the room began to fill (Cain, 102).

a hot welcome. A bitter fight; a hard struggle; a vicious battle. (See: a hot reception.)

...our men gave the enemy a hot welcome (Yank, 146).

to hound to death. To question; to pursue; to inquire about one; to tag at one. (This implies a relentlessness.)

"My God," she said, "can't anyone cash a check without being hounded to death?" (Gardner, 18).

hour after hour. Hours on end; seemingly endless hours; seemingly endlessly.

...our guns were fired incessantly hour after hour (Pyle, 255).
Hour after hour, day after day, the Gun kept throwing its 33-pound projectiles (Yank, 33).

hour by hour. After each hour; hourly; every hour.

Hour by hour the total...was chalked up (Pyle, 285).

hours ticked by. Hours pass; time goes on.

Hours ticked by (Yank, 44).

house coat. A coat designed to be worn in the house.

Albert was in his alpaca house coat (Marquand, 305).

a house of call. (Also a call house.) A center, headquarters, for prostitutes, whores, who are sent out to clients on receipt of a telephone message.

But I'm not running a house of call, and it just happens that at the moment receptionists are out. (Cain, 37).

house physician. A physician, medical doctor, who serves a hotel.

He felt as coldly professional as a house physician (Marquand, 292).

house wifey. Domestic; feminine.

Blanche was several years older than Mildred, and had a house-wifey look, with some touch about her of the ineffectuality... (Cain, 111).

to hover around. To remain close; to stay nearby.

...Kegan beamed and hovered around (Yank, 226).

how about. Would you like; would something be pleasing. (This is used as an introduction to an invitation.)

How about a set of tennis, Jeff? (Marquand, 258).

If you're not busy how about you and Sally and me taking a picnic and going somewhere (Marquand, 544).
How about stopping right here and eating in the car? (Marquand, 549).
"How about here?" Jim asked (Marquand, 549).
"How about finding one now?" Jim said (Marquand, 548).
"How about it, Della," he asked, "Can you put this place in order?" (Gardner, 69).
How about a drink (Marquand, 147).
How about a drink (Marquand, 129).
"I said," Mr. Fernold told him, "how about a drink?" (Marquand, 199).

how are you? Hello; how do you do?

How are you? (Cain, 223).
You haven't even asked me how I am, yet (Cain, 223).

how come. How is it (that)? Why is it (that)? (This is an introduction to a question.)

How come you've been nine months and only one stripe (Yank, 160).
...a long explanation from a certain chick about how come she ain't home when I make a LD station-to-station call... (Yank, 161).
"How come?" Mason asked (Gardner, 184).

how could --- do it? I don't understand one's motives; one's motives are not clear to me since his actions are not what I approve.

...to lead him on, to get money out of him--how could you do it (Cain, 206).

how does --- like (it)?

1. Is it pleasing to one? Does one get pleasure from it?

Well, how do you like it (Cain, 118).

2. What has been done has been done whether one likes it or not.

...the quarry and the bait had fallen in love, and how did she like that (Cain, 253).

how is --- doing. How is one getting along; in what condition one is; in what fortune one is.

I wonder how Ed's doing (Marquand, 137).
Every half hour or so we'd stop and send runners back to see how the tail end of the column was doing... (Pyle, 202).
The captain asked me how I was doing and then said that we didn't have much further to go... (Yank, 58).
During the invasion of Sicily we would often say to each other that we wish we were back in New York so we could find out how we were doing (Pyle, 41).

how is --- getting along. How is one doing; in what condition one is; what fortune one enjoys.

How's Barkler getting along? (Gardner, 24).

how --- goes about it. The method one uses in doing something; the manner in which one does something.

He had never intended to be a newspaper man, and he did not know how one went about it... (Marquand, 188).

how the hell. (An expletive used as an intensive.)

"How the hell should I know?" Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 120).

how in hell. (An expletive used as an intensive.)

"Just how in hell, George," the first man said, "can they get to any bulge in this hemisphere across the Atlantic Ocean?" (Marquand, 346).
How in hell did I get here? (Marquand, 140).
How in the hell did you get here anyway? (Cain, 163).

how in the world. (An exclamation used as an intensive.)

...when Madge had asked Beckie afterward how in the world they had found so much to talk about... (Marquand, 105).
She naturally asked the teller how in the world he had managed to get the pennies out without breaking it (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).

how is everything. How do you do; hello. (A form of greeting.)

...as though the liquor were his own, and asked how was every little thing quite as though nothing had happened (Cain, 58).
Jeff -- how's everything back there? (Marquand, 51).

how is it going? How are you; how do you do.

"Hello, Pops," he heard Jim saying, "how's it going, Pops?" (Marquand, 440).

how is yourself. How are you; how do you do. (This often is in answer to some such greeting as: how are you.)

Can't complain. How's yourself? (Cain, 53).

how it is. What the situation, condition, is.

And that's how it was with us; it had never occurred to me before that this might be the way in enemy waters during war times (Pyle, 17).
I don't know how it was once -- (Cain, 166).

to howl at. To laugh at; to be amused so that one laughs hard at.

...the three of them were howling with laughter, howling at Veda's Diary... (Cain, 233).

to howl with laughter. To laugh hard; to go into gales of laughter.

...the three of them were howling with laughter... (Cain, 233).

how stupid of ---. Excuse me; I'm sorry.

How stupid of me, Mrs. Pierce (Cain, 193).

how things are. What the situation, condition, of things are.

I'd see how things were in Naples, and whether the Island of Capri was as pretty as they say (Pyle, 95).
Everybody was friendly and terribly anxious to know how things were at home (Pyle, 93).
As usual, the area immediately became full of stories about prisoners who'd lived years in Brooklyn and who came up grinning, asking how things were in dear old Flatbush (Pyle, 31).

how to (infinitive.). The method, manner, way to.

When those soldiers first started learning how to run a boat they were sometimes seasick... (Pyle, 278).
...Mildred tried to think how to begin (Cain, 196).

how under the sun. (An exclamation used as an intensive.)

That futile wonder at how under the sun he had ever got there usually came to Jeffrey in Hollywood more strongly... (Marquand, 418).

how would it be. Would it be all right; would it be pleasing.

So how would it be if Mr. Wilson just forgot about it, and let Mr. Gorman go down to Maxon's and stock up while there was... (Marquand, 516).

to huddle around. To group together closely; to get close to each other in small groups.

When we huddled around on the dark decks, it was these little hopes and ambitions that made up the sum total of our worry at leaving... (Pyle, 6).

huffing and puffing. Filled with a sense of one's own importance; strutting; posturing; posing.

A colonel from Corps came up, huffing and puffing to blow the rock in (Yank, 167).

to hug the beach. To stay close, near to, the beach.

...our destroyer moved closer, almost hugging the beach (Yank, 250).

to hug the shore. To stay close, near to, the shore.

...evidently it hugged the shore by day to avoid detection by our bombers (Yank, 254).

to hug a wall. To stay close, near to, in the protection of, a wall.

The soldiers hugged the walls on both sides of the street... (Pyle, 403).

a human being. A human; homo sapiens; man; a person.

He was one of the nicest human beings I ever met (Pyle, 409).
...if they could only have talked they could have reached some understanding, for they were two human beings (Marquand, 237).
There wasn't a human being in sight anywhere (Pyle, 406).

the human race. Humans; human beings; humans as compared to animals.

But little things like that do sort of make you feel good about the human race (Pyle, 376).
...she drove home very late, full of a gulpy love for the whole human race (Cain, 68).

human story. A sympathetic story; a story in which the characters act real.

...thenewspapers decided this was strange, exciting, and human story... (Cain, 256).

hunched up. Drawn up; pulled up and together.

He went around poking his head out from hunched-up shoulders with a quizzical grin on his face (Pyle, 332).

a hundred and. A hundred plus; that which is in addition to a hundred.

...a hundred and forty-four... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

a hundred to one. The odds are one hundred to one; the bet is one hundred to one. (These are almost impossible odds and mean that there is only a slight chance for or against.)

Beware of the soldier who comes to your house;

It's a hundred to one he's a wolf or a louse (Yank, 210).

hundred yard dash. A race which is over a course one hundred yards long.

Then T/Sgt. Perry Maki of South Swansea, Massachusetts, who used to run the 100-yard dash for Boston College, pointed out the direction... (Yank, 31).

a hunted look. Browbeaten look; an appearance of being misused; a hang dog look.

The Hotchkiss staff...had a harassed and hunted look (Marquand, 35).

to hunt up. To hunt for and to find; to search for and discover.

I hunted up the crew to see how they did it (Pyle, 383).
...soldiers came to rest before going on back to hunt up their outfit (Pyle, 375).
I'm going to tell her things which will make her hunt up her brother (Gardner, 47).
So I hunted up the landlady and ran a blazer on her... (Gardner, 10).
The first thing I wanted to do was hunt up the other correspondents... (Pyle, 363).
Major Frankel hunted up the Italian owner...and gave him back everything ... (Pyle, 242).

hurry, hurry, hurry. Rush; speed; haste.

And it was thrilling, too, to see the incessant hurry-hurry-hurry of the supply trucks... (Pyle, 235).

to hurry down. To go hurriedly; to go to a place in a hurry.

Having been told that a man named Joseph Carroll...we hurried down to have a talk with him (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).

to hurry home. To go home directly; to go home.

...Pfc. Shea would hurry home to celebrate Christmas Eve at his mother's house (Yank, 183).

to hurry off. To leave hurriedly; to go away in a rush.

And he hurried off (Yank, 226).

to hurry out. To exit hurriedly; to go out in a hurry; to leave hurriedly.

...Minot would get them for him and that they must all hurry out now and have a good time (Marquand, 258).

She dipped soup...and hurried out with the tray, leaving butter, salad, and water to Arline (Cain, 124).
...after the place closed, ...Ida hurrying out with a glance at the clock, as though she might be catching a bus (Cain, 64).
As she hurried out carrying the apron she would wear in the kitchen, and slip off when she came out... (Cain, 119).

to hurry up. To hasten; to move, act, with greater speed; to speed up; to hurry.

So I noticed particularly the time when the order came in, and kept hurrying the cook up to get it out (Gardner, 147).
"Come on," Mason said. "Hurry up" (Gardner, 165).
You can't escape the atmosphere of hurry up, hurry up--get it done, get it done (Yank, 75).
...I wish Uncle would hurry up with those overshoes (Pyle, 150).

to hurt --- feelings. To make one feel sad, discouraged; to humiliate one.

It hurts their feelings if you don't change them every week (Marquand, 269).
In other words, nothing personal about it and I don't want to hurt your feelings... (Cain, 37).

to hurtle by. To pass very rapidly, as if thrown or shot.

...and as they looked, an express train hurtled by on its way to Boston (Marquand, 92).

not to hurt to (infinitive). There is no evil to; it might be good to.

...Priss Jenks, or someone from the Saturday Review of Literature--it never hurt to meet a critic, did it? (Marquand, 337).

a hushed silence. A silence which seems forced; an unnatural silence.

...there was hushed silence that seemed to last for a full minute... (Yank, 201).

a hush falls. Everything, everyone becomes strangely silent, quiet.

As she was fingering this a hush fell over the room, and she turned... (Cain, 108).

to hush up. To keep quiet; to hold in secret; to keep secret; not to let generally known.

You try to hush up anything like that, and you wind up in a lot hotter water than when you started... (Gardner, 77).

hustle and bustle. Activity; busy motions; movement.

It resembled the hustle and bustle of New York Harbor (Pyle, 272).
We weren't told what day we were to sail, but it was obvious it wasn't going to be immediately for there was still too much coming, and going, too much hustle and bustle about the port (Pyle, 2).

ice bag. A water proof,rubberized, canvas container for holding ice. The purpose of the device is to cool a part of the body for medical reasons.

...before she even got the ice bag off her head... (Cain, 256).

to ice a cake. To put icing on a cake; to cover a cake with icing, frosting.

Then he strolled back to the kitchen, a counterpart of the bathroom, where his wife was icing a cake. (Cain, 3).

ice cake. A cake of ice; a large piece of ice.

It was eleven in the morning and he could see ice cakes on the river (Marquand, 327).

ice cream. A food, confection, frozen in a manner to leave it creamy. It contains cream, sugar, and flavoring. (Also attributive.)

They had ice cream... (Pyle, 338).
He concentrated on ice cream and cake... (Cain, 152).
There is an ice-cream plant... (Yank, 232).

ice(d) tea. Tea which is iced; tea to which pieces of ice are added in a glass.

I think it's nice to have things nice when you have iced tea, don't you? (Marquand, 185).
"And iced tea," Mrs. Barnes said... (Marquand, 188).
I'll get you some more iced tea (Marquand, 189).
I'm afraid I didn't make enough iced tea (Marquand, 189).
He sipped his iced tea thoughtfully (Marquand, 185).
It was just the day for iced tea (Marquand, 183).
It took a moment to grasp that she was asking him to accompany her to her home to have iced tea... (Marquand, 182).
"Iced tea," Louella said (Marquand, 182).
It's just the right afternoon for iced tea, isn't it? (Marquand, 182).
He was sitting on that rocking chair again, looking at the iced tea glasses (Marquand, 322).

ice house. A place where ice is stored.

"Tojo's Ice House"... is also out of commission... (Yank, 233).

ice wagon. A wagon, truck, conveyance, on which ice is transported.

A Cadillac car went by and then a Ford...and then an ice wagon (Marquand, 185).

an idea occurs to _____ An idea comes into one's mind; one gets an idea.

Mason said, "So it does," as though the idea had just occurred to him (Gardner, 54).

an idea is born. An idea is developed; an idea occurs to one; an idea is thought of.

It was really there that the idea for the Alaska Scouts was born (Yank, 190).

if and when. Whenever possible; when able. (See: if, as, and when.)

He was filthy, ate if and when, slept on hard ground without cover (Pyle, 3).

if anything. At all events; in any case; still.

If anything, their attitude was more that of a liberated people than the case in French North Africa, and they seemed to look to us more eagerly for relief from their hunger (Pyle, 88).

if, as, and when. Whenever possible; when able; when happening, occurring.

...plus tips, if, as and when there are any... (Cain, 149).
...plus tips...and if, as, and when I'm not too proud to pick them up... (Cain, 149).

if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. One must continue his efforts to succeed; success depends on continued efforts.

Whereupon, as though to illustrate the maxim of, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again, the dead man was murdered again... (Gardner, 123).

if _____ doesn't mind. If one has no objections; if one does not object.

If you don't mind my asking (Cain, 166).

if _____ has anything to do with it. If one has any control over the situation; if one has any power to do something about it.

She...said that no child of hers was going to be made the victim of any such gyp, if she had anything to do with it (Cain, 247).

if I remember correctly. According to my memory; as I remember it; it seems to me although my memory may be wrong.

If I remember correctly there is nothing in the bayonet drill that could possibly wound a man in just that way (Yank, 193).

I for one. I, for example; I for instance; I among others.

I for one had always romanticized it in my mind as a lush green, picturesque island (Pyle, 31).

If it isn't one thing, it's another. There is always something happening to a person; no sooner is one thing cared for than something else comes up.

If it wasn't one thing it was another (Marquand, 520).

if it was. If it were; if it should be.

A dirty, mussed-up dollar bill still looks as if it was worth a dollar (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept, 13, 1947, 26).
...you act as if it was Europe (Cain, 225).
If she was going to take my things to the pool... (Cain, 70).
...if she wasn't excited... (Cain, 212).

if I was(n't). Were I not.

...two boys in uniform leaned over from the next table and asked if I wasn't So-And-So (Pyle, 320).

if _____ (must, got to) know. If one insists upon knowing; if one asks to know something. (This often implies that the information should not be given to one.)

It's what I've been so jittery about, if you've got to know. (Cain, 177).

if need be. Should it be necessary; if the necessity arises.

Are we not...sworn to fight for and die if need be for this our country? (Yank, 213).

if not more so. Perhaps more than another; perhaps more.

Certainly the people were just as friendly, if not more so (Pyle, 88).

if only. If for no other reason.

Jeffrey always liked the Plaza, if only because it was one of the few surviving buildings... (Marquand, 240).

if the spirit moves _____ . Should one so desire; if one wishes; in case one wants to.

...drink at the bar itself, or else, if the spirit moved you, you could slide up the whole back wall and there the bar would be, right in Hal's workroom (Marquand, 433).

if _____ stops to think of it. Should one consider it carefully; when one thinks about it carefully.

...the phrase, if you stopped to think of it, implied an intolerable sort of patronage (Marquand, 145).

If there was. Should there be; in case there is.

But actually he thought little about it, and if there was going to be any red tape about it he would say nuts to it (Pyle, 137).

if you ask me. My opinion is; this is what I think. (This is often used when one wishes to give his opinion when he has not been asked for it.)

That's practically all the time, if you ask me (Cain, 4).

I grant you. I admit that much; that is true; yes; certainly.

Not so bad in an ordinary room, I grant you, but backing out of one of those long royal rooms takes doing (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

I guess. I suppose; I think; perhaps.

And it's that spirit, I guess, that wins wars (Pyle, 254).
...it was used at the front more than any other, I guess (Pyle, 242).

ill at ease. Not comfortable; not relaxed; tense.

Phyllis Leeds, seated within the bar, looking ill at ease, returned Mason's reassuring smile with a nervous twist of the lips. (Gardner, 25).

I'll be seeing you. Goodbye; so long; bye now; be seeing you.

Then I'll be seeing you (Cain, 59).
I wish I could see you, I'll be seeing you (Marquand, 442).
I wish I could see you, but I'll be seeing you (Marquand, 443).

I'll bet. It is my opinion; I believe; I am willing to bet that.

I'll bet they've just been up in reserve... (Pyle, 270).
I'll bet they haven't been in the line at all (Pyle, 270).

I'll say. Of course; certainly; surely. (This is frequently used as an intensive.)

"I'll say she did," Della Street said (Gardner, 186).

I'm afraid ____ is. I do not like to admit it but it is probably true; it is unpleasant but true.

Yes, Mother, I'm afraid I am (Cain, 197).

image orthicon. A television camera tube.

The product of RCA engineers...the device is known as an "image orthicon"... (Birmingham News, Oct. 29, 1945, 9).

impediment of speech. A hindrance in one's speech; an unnatural articulation. (Stuttering, stammering, lisping, producing a lateral "s" are impediments of speech.)

...Alden Leeds has become afflicted with a temporary impediment of speech which prevents him from answering any questions (Gardner, 124).

impervious to change. Unchanging; absolutely stable; fixed.

Time should have changed him in some way, and he seemed impervious to change (Marquand, 69).

to impose upon. To take advantage of; to use another for one's purposes.

...in which a man, somewhat past the prime of life, is very apparently imposed upon by greedy and officious relatives.. (Gardner, 34).

to be impressed by. To have respect for; to recognize something's worth and importance.

...her mind rejected it, and yet her heart, somehow, was impressed by it, it made her feel small, mean, and vulgar (Cain, 95).

to be impressed with. To have respect for; to recognize one's worth and importance.

Now the court is not in the least impressed with Dr. Londonberry's reason for not producing Alden Leeds in court (Gardner, 34).

improper relations. Sexual relationships; sexual intercourse.

...a member of this unit has been having improper relations with a local girl (Yank, 181).

I must say. Really; indeed. (This is most often used as an intensive.)

I must say I find his social theories quite fascinating (Cain, 157).

in about. In approximately; in almost.

It petered out in about ten days (Gardner, 114).

in action.

1. In operation; at work; working; operating.

...Sgt. Yoder soon had the Gun in action (Yank, 33).
He had no idea it was still in action (Yank, 47).
...4.2 mortars were in action... (Yank, 124).

2. In battle; in a fight.

...the Purple Heart may be awarded to personnel wounded in action... (Yank, 173).
...I am in Italy and have been in action (Yank, 177).
Its crew has never seen the enemy in action... (Yank, 32).

in addition. Furthermore; also; too.

In addition we could buy soap, tooth paste...and a dozen other little things (Pyle, 305).
In addition, German E-boats...lurked on the edge of our concentration of ships... (Pyle, 272).
In addition, the ship had four padded cells for extreme cases (Pyle, 289).
In addition, notices had been placed in the afternoon papers, though the morning notices would have to wait... (Cain, 105).
In addition, Mac...has a Jap soldier's pay book... (Yank, 22).
In addition, a handful of old correspondents were allowed in the club (Pyle, 342).
In addition, our engineers bulldozed miles of road across the field (Pyle, 236).

in addition to. Added to; further than; more than; as extra to.

In addition to her job as society editor, Mary has been helping out... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
In addition to safety, those dugouts provided two other comforts... (Pyle, 237).
In addition to its regular job...the Quartermaster Corps ran the bakery... (Pyle, 283).
On the tinted walls, in addition to the coat of arms, were three paintings.. (Cain, 2).
...choosing Ida and Mrs. Gessler as her two directors, in addition to herself (Cain, 180).
They carry all this in addition to ordered field equipment (Yank, 192).
In addition to blacking their faces and pulling their hats low over their eyes... (Yank, 55).
In addition to that, it would be necessary to make certain photographs... (Gardner, 93).

...in addition to Mr. Ekstein, Mr. Rossi...and representatives of three wholesale grocers... (Cain, 245).
In addition to the huge Willow Run mess, there were a number of smaller messes (Pyle, 341).
In addition to being dirty bastards, and very dumb clucks, they are also goddam liars (Cain, 23).
And in addition to that, she resented... (Cain, 132).
In addition tothat, the bar had a rationing system... (Pyle, 343).

in advance. Before hand; before doing something.

I'll pay for both rooms in advance (Gardner, 106).
...by buying up Senora Meneses' crop in advance, at a fancy price (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
I'd more or less discounted them in advance... (Gardner, 153).
Let's not worry about that in advance (Gardner, 153).
...she...probably rehearsed her main points in advance (Cain, 207).

in advance of. In front of; before.

The sergeant...had been assigned as bodyguard to Col. Edward Palmer Earle... on a recon foray in advance of the American lines (Yank, 180).

in all. In total; as a total amount; altogether.

How much money have you given him in all (Gardner, 52).
No one knows how many bursts there were in all... (Yank, 252).
...she had allowed herself $75 a week from each of the corporations four component parts...or $300 a week in all (Cain, 243).
In all, 20 were saved (Yank, 24).
...these must be pleated approximately every three feet all the way around, or seven times in all (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

in all the while. While; during; all during; throughout the time.

In all the time I was with them we never had an uninterrupted night's sleep (Pyle, 397).

in and around. Throughout; here and there about; everywhere around.

...who was accustomed to plant potatoes in and around the ruins... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
Shells were falling on every side, in and around the CP... (Yank, 251).
Our four guns were set in and around a grape arbor (Pyle, 99).

in and out (of).

1. Entering and departing from; going in and going out (of).

The strong, swirling tides of the Normandy coast line shifted the contours of the sandy beach as they moved in and out (Pyle, 368).

Officers and civilians were passing in and out and it seemed to Jeffrey that if he wore the uniform again... (Marquand, 271).
...they discussed all those other acquaintances who moved in and out of their daily lives... (Marquand, 309).
...it was necessary to make over the station but to allow the trains still to go in and out of it... (Marquand, 211).
...jumped over a block of masonry and leaped in and out of a crater, never daring to look back (Yank, 60).
So many people were going in and out of the radio shack that we were in darkness half the time... (Pyle, 7).
...fast craft shot in and out of the great flock of ships...
He saw Japs moving leisurely across the terrain, going in and out of the huts... (Yank, 7).
...when all that furniture had stood in the street, suddenly naked and insignificant on its passage in and out of moving vans (Marquand, 58).

2. Throughout; here and there; mixed in.

And in and out through it all were nondescript ships... (Pyle, 358).

in an effort to (infinitive) In an attempt to; trying to.

Flame throwers were brought up in an effort to heat the Japs out of the ground... (Yank, 17).

in the annals of. In the records of; in the statistics of; in the chronicles of.

...the worst storm in the annals of the Los Angeles weather bureau... (Cain, 173).

in answer to. Answering; in reply to.

As if in answer to Bogart's crack, the 88 began to belch fire (Yank, 109).
...four or five letters...in answer to my letter... (Yank, 213).

in any event. Regardless; nevertheless; notwithstanding.

In any event, it was only a matter of days before Tschopik came down with jaundice... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

in any way. In any fashion; in any manner.

Did the defendant describe William Hogarty to you in any way? (Gardner, 137).
...she's willing to co-operate in any way... (Yank, 170).
...omit words essential to a fair report, or in any way leave an implication of untruthfulness (Cain, 14).

in any way, shape, or form (fashion). In any manner; in any fashion, in any way, (Intensive).

See there's no gravy on mine in any way, shape, or form (Cain, 47).

in arriving at. In coming to; in making.

I merely commented on what I thought had happened, in order to assist the court in arriving at a decision (Gardner, 208).

in as much as. Since; in that; to the extent that; because.

Inasmuch as she seemed to evaporate into thin air during a time when the hotel was under the closest surveillance... (Gardner, 124).

in astonishment. Being astonished; in surprise; with astonishment.

He looked at her in astonishment (Cain, 166).
Veda started to cry, as Mildred stared in astonishment (Cain, 137).

in back.

1. Behind; not at the front.

It is tied in back by a large bow ribbon (Marquand, 497).
...the dark oak tables and the grill in back where they did the steaks (Marquand, 282).
Ethel's hair was done in a pompadour with rats in it and was tied in back by a large bow... (Marquand, 157).
...then Mr. Fernald went in back to the City Desk... (Marquand, 18).

2. In the back seat of an automobile.

Let's all three sit in back... (Marquand, 528).
I'll sit in back with the lunch (Marquand, 548).

3. At a place to the rear.

The court's in back (Marquand, 261).
...whose husband never could seem to get anywhere but now she had him in back somehwere regluing chairs... (Marquand, 122).

in the background. Away from the front; in an inconspicious place, position.

But he was shy, and for months he kept in the background, just filling his job and saying nothing (Pyle, 127).

in back of.

1. Behind; back of.

He used to go down at six in the morning to the cellar in back of the summer basement kitchen... (Marquand, 107).

...catching the light to its best advantage, and in back of her was the white sand of the beach and the horizon of the Pacific (Marquand, 468).
There was an armchair by the window seat, and in back of it a door opened to a white-tiled bathroom (Marquand, 259).
There was a playground in back of it... (Yank, 187).
The heavy weapons should be in support, in back of us... (Yank, 150).
...the cars on the highway in back of Marianna's house were like incidental sounds off stage (Marquand, 495).
...the hatch cover in back of the pilot's... (Yank, 118).

2. To the rear of; toward the back of; at the back.

...whether other people had them in their thoughts as he did, somewhere in the back of everything immediate (Marquand, 294).
A man in the back of the room had risen (Marquand, 42).

in the back of _____ mind. In one's consciousness but not actively being considered.

He could almost believe that the idea had been in the back of his mind all the time... (Marquand, 171).
But home...was always in the back of their minds... (Pyle, 333).

in _____ backyard. Near one's residence; close to one's place.

...it wasn't every day the Big Three had a powwow in your backyard... (Yank, 165).

in bad. In trouble; in difficulties; having trouble.

He's in bad enough right now (Gardner, 153).

in bad shape. In bad condition; not well; poorly.

It seems his feet got in pretty bad shape... (Pyle, 253).
They were not in bad shape... (Pyle, 250).

in the bag. The outcome of the situation is assured in the way the speaker wants it.

To use one of your jolly American expressions, we have old Hitler in the bag (Marquand, 41).

in balance. Balanced; debits and credits entered and totaled against each other.

...I handle Uncle Alden's financial matters -- keeping his bank account in balance... (Gardner, 6).

in the bargain. Also; too; additionally; in addition.

A large number evidently could speak English in the bargain (Yank, 145).
The... planes...shot down a respectable number of enemy fighters in the bargain and came back (Yank, 127).

in battle. In a battle; in a fight. (This implies a battle as a part of a war.)

The combat outfit had not yet been in battle (Pyle, 343).

in the best of health. In excellent health; well.

Here's hoping this letter finds you in the best of health (Yank, 142).

in between. Between. (This intensifies the position rather than the relation of the two parts.)

...from behind the wheel and lodged in between the bulkhead and the deck (Yank, 45).

in a big way. To a great extent; much.

Then it became very bad in a big way (Yank, 31).

in a blaze of glory. In glory; gloriously; honorably.

...a British destroyer finally goes down in a literal blaze of glory (Yank, 32).

in bloom. Blossoming; in blossom; having blooms.

They were walking up the tarred walk and the white lilacs by the yellow porch were all in bloom (Marquand, 184).

in brief. Briefly; in short.

He could say in brief that Germany was surrounded by a ring of steel... (Marquand, 40).

in a burst of. In a sudden unloosening of; in a sudden outpouring of.

"And," Kittering pointed out, in a sudden burst of inspiration, "There's no objection on the part of..." (Gardner, 188).

in business. Operating a business; in trade; concerned with business.

She was learning the business; in fact, so far as pies went, she was in business already (Cain, 74).
She hadn't been in business very long... (Cain, 131).
Mr. Chris, while his cuisine might not excite her, had been in business many year, and it dawned on her... (Cain, 75).
...if I can just get him...in business again... (Cain, 177).

not to be in business for _____ health. To expect to make a profit from one's business; to expect profitable return.

...we work through our connections, and they're not in business for their health (Cain, 203).

incapable of. Not capable of; not able for; unable for; not having the requisites for.

A few years before, Mildred would have been incapable of presiding over such a party... (Cain, 230).

in _____ care. Under one's care; in one's charge; being one's responsibility.

It was better that she was brought to the hospital, but if she had been put in Mrs. Biederhof's care, I wouldn't have had any objection at all (Cain, 111).

in the care of. In taking care of; in caring for.

The firing stopped and Buck left to help in the care of the wounded (Yank, 47).

in case. Should it be that; if; in the event that; supposing.

In case you don't know... (Pyle, 378).
In the days that followed the landings our head-quarters vessel patrolled back and forth between the American sectors, kept an eye on the shore in case help was needed, directed the fire of other ships... (Pyle, 33).
Perhaps some busy somebody has taken care of the matter...but in case it hasn't been done... (Yank, 11).
All right, but at least let's wait a few minutes, in case this rain'll let up a little (Cain, 26).
Then a small section with mortars, in case they run into something pretty heavy (Pyle, 400).
They said it was there in case the German night patrols tried to filter through (Pyle, 428).
And Jeff, Dear, you'd better sleep in the study in case you fall over things... (Marquand, 71).
Just in case anything comes up while you're in Hollywood... (Marquand, 403).
There were toys for the kiddies, in case you had forgotten the kiddies... (Marquand, 413).
...Baby Ruths and Life Savers, in case you were taken with a spasm of hunger (Marquand, 413).
In case they get tough (Cain, 205).
...and Madge had given Albert and Effie the telephone number where they were staying in case anything should happen... (Marquand, 88).
...and he told her that of course he had money, and she said that he never carried enough with him in case the car broke down... (Marquand, 89).

The cook gets the stuff going, and then, in case you're rushed, he keeps it in the hot oven... (Gardner, 147).
Remember that, in case I need you (Cain, 195).
...he still kept it hidden in his upper bureau drawer under his knitted muffler in case Lilly or his aunt should ask him about it... (Marquand, 191).
...and in case he merely stood there looking at it... (Cain, 160).
But in case you change your mind... (Cain, 166).
...he kept such things around in case they were needed (Cain, 163).
That means a lot, in case you don't know it, because those officers are very snotty, just the way you said they would be (Marquand, 555).
...sign on the barracks, O.H.I.O. which meant, in case you did not know it, "Over the Hill in October" (Marquand, 509).

in case of. In the event of; should it happen there is.

He could see the black smudge-pots under the trees, left there the previous winter in case of cold (Marquand, 478).
...Seeger voluntarily slept at the motor pool in a tent in order to be near at hand in case of emergencies (Pyle, 166).
He could remember the Place de la Concorde and the bridges, and Left Bank and the shop windows, criss-crossed with paper in case of bombing... (Marquand, 222).
...we wouldn't be on the outside in case of attack (Pyle, 366).
She used one of the blanks she always carried...in case of emergency (Cain, 243).

in cash. By means of cash; with cash.

She wanted a receipt showing that the fine had been paid in cash (Gardner, 155).
I gave her fifteen more in cash (Gardner, 109).

incentive pay. (See citation.)

Mr. Charles E. Wilson...isurging war industries to adopt "incentive pay" -- that is, to pay the workers more if they produce more (Readers Digest, Aug., 1943, 11).

in charge. Being responsible; having the care of.

They set up a small Public Relations section, with an officer in charge... (Pyle, 397).
...another branch, with Mrs. Gessler in charge (Cain, 176).
...any attempt to communicate with the sanitarium and prepare the persons in charge for the tour of inspection which is to be made... (Gardner, 35).
He said that the doctor in charge had told him it would be all right (Gardner, 38).
"The doctor in charge," Dr. Londonberry repeated (Gardner, 38).
No, he just said the doctor in charge (Gardner, 38).

The lieutenant in charge took with him two runners... (Yank, 10).
I was introduced to the major in charge and to the rest of the men in the house (Yank, 59).
Then the major in charge turned to Hot Jeep and asked what he could do for him... (Yank, 139).
Judge Knox shouted at the deputy sheriff, who had Leeds in charge... (Gardner, 203).
...when you had finished, you closed the book and gave it to the instructor in charge (Marquand, 446).

in _____ charge. As one's responsibility; under one's care; being responsible to one.

Sergeant Reeves normally had six planes in his charge... (Pyle, 176).

in charge of. Being responsible for; having the care of.

Cpl. Floyd Springer of Jamestown, who was in charge of a nearby gun squad, also agreed (Yank, 24).
They were in charge of the units... (Yank, 26).
A sergeant in charge of one section of the prime movers took me around...
...1st Lt. David B. Henderson, in charge of the base photographic section... (Yank, 206).
...Cpl...Valenski...was in charge of the billets for the entire American party (Yank, 199).
A rain-soaked lieutenant in charge of the detail... (Yank, 198).
A guy named Giulio was in charge of a forward patrol of eight men (Yank, 27).
MacIntyre, now "first assistant in charge of entertainment" dishes up a different floor show... (Yank, 34).
Two captains were refused service by the girl in charge of the cafeteria (Pyle, 341).

to inch forward. To move forward very slowly, cautiously.

...Bagby continued to inch forward... (Yank, 192).
...sweating out the 88's, inching forward over rocks and through rivers... (Yank, 48).

to inch _____ way. To move slowly, cautiously.

Shielded by fog...they inch their way down the sherbet-snow ravines (Yank, 180).

in circulation. Free; not confined.

He's been in circulation for a while, and he seems to get around pretty fast, once he starts moving (Gardner, 50).

in the clear. Free from suspicion; cleared of suspicion.

...If that's the truth, Alden Leeds is in the clear (Gardner, 109).
In the morning when the thing breaks, that call will get you as much in the clear as you can get (Gardner, 79).

in the clinches. In close-in fighting; locked in combat.

...they find out that in the clinches it's not the planes or the tanks, it's the infantry that wins wars (Yank, 24).

to be inclined to (infinitive). To be apt to; to have an inclination to; to have a tendency to.

He doesn't know Hazel Strickland...says he doesn't, and I'm inclined to believe him, but I'm checking back on him (Gardner, 126).

in close. Close; quite close; very near.

"On this one," says Mike, "we didn't want them to get in close" (Yank, 87).
Two destroyers and ourselves were doing the shelling, while all the other ships in close to land were scurrying around... (Pyle, 23-4).

in closing. Finally; lastly. (This is often used to indicate the end of a speech or written communication.)

In closing, I suggest that you bring this page with you next time you feel like getting lost in a jungle (Yank, 97).
In closing, let me say... (Yank, 213).

in code. Coded; prepared, written in code.

These orders came in code, too (Yank, 26).

in cold blood. Remorselessly; without feeling.

...the Germans killed in cold blood more than 15,000 Greeks (Yank, 220).

in college. At college; enrolled in college; at school.

...they had been in college together... (Cain, 235).

in columns of twos. Two abreast in columns; in pairs in a long line.

...by daylight they walked in columns of twos along the road to Fort Lee where an old ferry boat was waiting (Marquand, 583).

in combat. In battle; in a fight. (This implies a battle as a part of a war.) (Cf. in battle.)

We have been and still are in combat... (Yank, 212).

in comes. Enters. (See: to come in.)

Just as we was hatching out the details, in comes the law... (Gardner, 217).

income tax. A tax paid by the individual, corporation, company and the like on the earnings for the year. There are both federal and state income taxes although not all the states have such a tax. (Also attributive.)

On their federal income tax the return due next March for the year 1931... (Cain, 78).
He was always gagging about how lucky the married ones were on income tax day (Cain, 22).
...began to call upon Jeffrey, after he had paid his income tax, with all sorts of questions which he could not answer... (Marquand, 400).
Of course, the income tax is unfair on earned income, very unfair (Marquand, 404).
You see, I've got to pay the bills, and it takes a good deal of money, with the new income taxes (Marquand, 389).
Jeffrey always felt tired in February with March and the income tax around the corner (Marquand, 326).
First you paid out to Santa Claus, and then you paid the income tax (Marquand, 326).
Even with the income tax it meant that he could relax that summer (Marquand, 212).
If it had not been for the war and the income tax, there would no longer have been much worry about money... (Marquand, 305).

in comfort. Comfortably; with ease.

...found a space inside big enough for three to live in comfort (Yank, 41).

in coming. In arriving; arriving; coming.

You stand nervously waiting for direction, and they're not long in coming (Yank, 64).

in common. Equally together; having the same things. (See: to have in common.)

It was always there, something they would always share in common (Marquand, 263).
...wondering what she had seen in it, trying to divcover some taste that they might possess in common (Marquand, 322).

in conference. Attending a conference; conferring with others.

First the operator said that Colonel Swinburne was in conference and she would try again in twenty minutes (Marquand, 564).

in connection with. Relating to; in relation to; in regards to; pertaining to.

...on her trips downtown in connection with the pie business, she began to hear things (Cain, 150).
Never once did he let Mildred come close to him in connection with it (Cain, 142).
She saw him quite a lot in connection with their real-estate relations (Cain, 150).
By an examination of the extent to which the digestive processes had functioned, in connection with the time at which the last meal had been consumed (Gardner, 131).
Would that make any difference in connection with your testimony? (Gardner, 133).

in contact with. Having relationships with; being near to; working with.

When a young officer came in contact with his superiors he generally considered them overbearing and stupid and usually they were (Marquand, 543).

in contrast to. Contrasted to; compared to.

In contrast to this cunning, there were instances of stupidity (Yank, 54).

in the course of.

1. During; in the time of; in the continuance of.

Those boys were B-26 bombardiers and in the course of the evening's events they asked me if I wouldn't come and live with their squadron a while (Pyle, 320).

2. As a part of; in line with.

These meals were ordered from your restaurant, and you took them up in the course of your employment as a waiter? (Gardner, 144).

in court. In a court of law suing, being sued, being tried, or serving as a witness, and the like.

And what those harpies do to you, once they get in court... (Cain, 180).
Next thing she knew, she was in court, raising her hand, swearing to tell the truth... (Cain, 86).

incumbent upon. The obligation of; the duty of.

...that it relates to some particular aspect of the case which it is incumbent upon the state to prove (Gardner, 146).

in dance time. In such a manner that one can dance to it; in dance rhythm.

...and was playing "America the Beautiful" in dance time (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 26, 1947, 22).

in danger. In a condition, position, of danger; in peril; in hazard; in risk.

There is an almost irresistible pull to get close to somebody when you are in danger (Pyle, 401).

in danger of. In peril of; risking; in hazard of.

I care enough for him so that I realized he was in danger of being victimized by an unscrupulous adventuress... (Gardner, 133).

in the dark. Without information; not knowing all there is to be known about something; in ignorance.

I'm doing everything I can do -- but I'm working in the dark (Gardner, 83).

in the days. In the time; at the time.

...no longer the bulging asymmetry it had been in the days when Monty complained about it (Cain, 190).
We got started that way and in the days that followed I came to know him well (Pyle, 194).

in dead earnest. Completely earnest; serious; grave; sincere. (see: in earnest.)

She was in dead earnest... (Cain, 149-150).

in the dead of night. Late at night; in the middle of the night; in the small hours of the night.

You can't realize how nearly impossible it is to arrive in the dead of night at exactly the right spot with a convoy... (Pyle, 26).

in _____ debt. Owing money to one; being in debt to one.

You're ashamed of me, and now that you're in my debt, you had to say what you just said to me, to get even (Cain, 146).

in despair. Despairing; without hope; hopelessly.

In despair, Ida picked up plates, glasses, and napkins so that they were spread across her fingers... (Cain, 48).
...under difficulties that would have forced most artists to throw away their pencils and pads in despair (Yank, 77).

in detail.

1. With all the details; with all the facts.

He gave me the whole invasion plan in detail... (Pyle, 356).
Everything was explained in detail how we would take off... (Pyle 322).

2. With details; with the small, inconspicuous, matter.

Kettering, with a mind which reveled in detail, paused to make sure that the exhibits were properly numbered... (Gardner, 150).

index finger. That finger next to the thumb; the pointing finger; the second finger when counting from the thumb as the first one.

I pulled out this bullet myself, burning my index finger on the hot lead (Yank, 10).

Indian file. Singly; one at a time in a line.

The weary Dead End Kinds put on their packs and moved silently Indian-file out of their perimeter... (Yank, 94).
They were walking Indian file (Pyle, 196).

indifferent to. Being neutral to; not caring about; being unbiased about.

...Mildred was indifferent to the impending event... (Cain, 212).

in the direction of. To; towards.

Kettering strode away in the direction of the judge's chambers (Gardner, 204).

in dismay. Dismayed; hopelessly; without hope.

Emily Milicant fell back in dismay (Gardner, 106).

in the distance. Far off; a long way away; a long way off.

In the far distance was a faint rumble of big guns... (Pyle, 420).
In the distance we could hear the sound of long-range shelling (Yank, 58).

in a dither. Frantic; anxious; bothered; troubled.

...every proprietor...was in a dither to know what to do... (Cain, 150).

in doubt. In a condition of not being able to make up one's mind; uncertain; not sure.

...and the odor left you in no doubt as to the latter function (Yank, 59).

in the drink. In the ocean, sea, large body of water. (This usually implies that one is accidentally in the water.)

That wasn't what put them in the drink (Pyle, 348).

in droves. Countlessly; numerously; in large numbers; of great quantities.

...ships standing in droves out to sea (Pyle, 360).

in due form. In proper manner; in the correct way.

...the Governor of the State of Washington, who is advised that he will shortly receive, in due form, demands... (Gardner, 122).

to indulge in. To allow oneself; to give oneself up to; to give oneself free rein for.

...be...indulged in no personal talk of any kind (Cain, 222).

industrial center. A place where there are many industries; a manufacturing city.

The two of them had been put to work by the Germans in a factory at Weiner Neustadt, the big industrial center near Vienna (Yank, 70).

in earnest. Earnestly; seriously; gravely; sincerely. (See: in dead earnest.)

And when he begins to talk in earnest about the boat, you get the secure feeling that he's not reading from any prepared script (Yank, 65).

in an effort. Attempting; trying.

Monty stared...as though in a great effort of recollection (Cain, 167).

in the end. Finally; at last.

In the end, she decided the bodice was "too much", and took it off (Cain, 237).
Everyone was going back to what he had been doing before...for in the end the talk had been like other talks (Marquand, 42).
...who knew suddenly that freedom was worth dying for, and who in the end... would go and fight for freedom (Marquand, 420).
...a little hard on a girl like Elise, but in the end, if it didn't work, if Elise didn't like... (Marquand, 431).
Veda had to be made to accept this job she had taken, else her days would be dull misery, and in the end she would have to give it up (Cain, 73).
In the end, one always runs up against something unreasonable, something mysterious (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

I never in all my life. (This is used to show surprise, disbelief, astonishment.)

I never in all my life —! (Cain, 201).

in excess of. More than; above; greater than.

This was so grotesquely in excess of her living expenses that the money piled up on her account... (Cain, 243).

in exchange for. By swapping for; by trading for; by bartering for.

...see if any of the chandlers there would take this stuff off his hands, in exchange for the lighter articles used by speedboats (Cain, 18).

in the extreme. Extremely; very much; too much.

We asked Mr. Lipschitz what he thought of Bevin's suggestion, and he replied that he regarded it as foolish in the extreme... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

in _____ eyes. In one's opinion; according to one's ideas; in one's thoughts.

Unquestionably she was becoming a little important, in her own eyes, at least, a little conceited, a little smug (Cain, 69).

in the face of. In view of; in the presence of.

The court will give you every latitude in the matter, Mr. Deputy District Attorney, but in the face of objection, where there is no question of proving malice... (Gardner, 146).
...in the face of a rising storm that made the undertaking hazardous, the advance party sought out the safest beachhead (Yank, 191).
He didn't say so, but we gathered that it was a considerable task to keep up the large church and school in the face of the changes the neighborhood had undergone... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

in fact. In reality; actually; really; truly.

In fact, she was beginning to look matronly (Cain, 179).
The number was quite long, in fact the longest number Mildred had ever heard... (Cain, 241).
In fact, he had forgotten it already, and had fallen sound asleep (Marquand, 198).
In fact when Mr. Fernald returned from lunch to give the last directions... (Marquand, 198).
In fact you hardly saw anybody (Yank, 209).
...roads...so busy, in fact, that one chaplain never travels (Yank, 231).
In fact,..I didn't want any of my pals to see me anyhow (Yank, 165).

In fact, he often complains about it (Cain, 158).
In fact, just between himself and Mr. Wilson it made him feel easier when there was a good crop of tent caterpillars (Marquand, 516).
The walls and the window curtains, in fact the room itself, seemed temporary... (Marquand, 58).
In fact there was no sign of anything... (Yank, 31).
In fact I am a little bit disgusted... (Yank, 30).
In fact, they wanted to give me the town's prettiest girl for a wife (Yank, 28).
In fact, there seem to be more Greek-Americans here than Italian-American in Italy (Yank, 210).
They...in fact had quite a swell time (Yank, 213).
...Legg accomplished in actual fact what has been done very rarely anywhere... (Yank, 125).
In fact they looked to me just the way they must have looked in normal times (Pyle, 461).
In fact, it is one of the branches even the average soldier is little aware of... (Pyle, 417).
In fact, he could read even the watermark of the eye chart (Yank, 166).
Last year, in fact, he showed up paralyzed... (Yank, 183).
In fact, he got so close that the soccer ball got tangled up in the feet of his men (Yank, 185).
Our total casualties were only a fraction, in fact, of what our commanders had been prepared to accept (Pyle, 363).
In fact, the whole regiment of more than three thousand men was on the move (Pyle, 202).
In fact it was hard to think of him as an enlisted man (Pyle, 333).
In fact his father was chief of police... (Pyle, 335).
In fact I felt fine... (Pyle, 250).
In fact, Mr. Merriwell admitted as much himself... (Marquand, 27).
He was, in fact, the man who built our little white house... (Pyle, 302).
Major Rollin Elkins, sometimes known in fact as R. Lafayette Elkins... (Pyle, 259).
In fact we leaned over the other way and furnished water to scores of thousands of Sicilians whose supply had been shattered by bombing (Pyle, 61).
She was learning the business; in fact, so far as pies went, she was in business already (Cain, 74).
In fact I had you paged downstairs, hoping you hadn't left the store (Cain, 34).
So close, in fact, that ground crews could stand on the field and watch their own planes going into their bombing dives (Pyle, 169).
In fact, he became so famous as an audacious patrol leader (Pyle, 140).
In fact there were six Manchester boys in the battery... (Pyle, 386).
...the towns were largely evacuated -- in fact, practically all of them were mere heaps of rubble from bombing and shelling... (Pyle, 182).
In fact, I said I wouldn't mind parading a few stripes myself (Pyle, 136).
In fact, this one would take first prize in an orneriness contest at any season (Pyle, 125).
In fact, we put on more than an American mule could carry over such a trail (Pyle, 145).

In fact the men themselves walked and sat on them all the time (Pyle, 115).
In fact, you're ordered to go (Pyle, 197).
In fact, when I was three monghs old, my father farmed me out to an English lady in Singapore (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
She had taught her self to be a good housekeeper and a fine cook, was in fact earning such little income as she had by peddling... (Cain, 37).
And quick as a flash, in fact quicker... (Yank, 166).
In fact they had only four... (Pyle, 424).
In fact, it became so one-sided that Bell had to make it look good... (Yank, 186).
In fact he did a little bit of everything from sweeping up to passing shells (Pyle, 37).

in a family way. Pregnant; with child, offspring.

...how many of these dogs get in the family way... (Yank, 208).
She's in a family way! (Cain, 198).

infatuated with. Enamored of; in love with.

...I became infatuated with a girl and went to Mexico... (Yank, 174).

in _____ favor. To one's advantage; benefiting one; to one's help, assistance.

Also, German dive bombing had begun at the rate of two per hour, but everyone felt that whatever happened we had a head start that was all in our favor (Pyle, 32).
But speed, maneuverability...were in our favor (Yank, 254).

in favor of. For; favoring; showing preference for.

...Mrs. Gessler...tended to slight the kitchen in favor of the bar (Cain, 178).
Then when Harold found out that Alden Leeds had made a big check in favor of L. C. Conway... (Gardner, 167).
...vines had just started when Prohibition came along and he dug them out, in favor of walnuts (Cain, 6).
There's practically nothing can be said in favor of them, except they're the only ones we've got (Cain, 23).

in the field. In the open, not in barracks when fighting a war; living out of doors in battle.

Ten days in the field was not unusual... (Yank, 23).
When the general was in the field he lived in a truck... (Pyle, 394).
In the field...Stillwell is no collar-ad for what the well-dressed West Point man will wear this season (Yank, 129).
In the field, most of us had mosquite nets (Pyle, 91).

in the fight. Fighting, battling; in battle.

...came supporting salvos, indicating that the Admiral's ship was still in the fight (Yank, 43).

in the first place. In the beginning; at first; firstly.

We drove a total of seventy-five agonizing miles over dusty gravel roads, and then found the hospital all set up and ready for business within four miles of where we had started from in the first place (Pyle, 45).
Why didn't he do that in the first place? (Gardner, 7).
In the first place I got a lunch trade that's almost like the Brown Derby (Cain, 175).
In the first place, a new censorship policy was arrived at... (Pyle, 396).
In the first place, he was a radio gunner (Pyle, 336).
In the first place, Mr. Gorman would know very well that she had written out those questions (Marquand, 503).
And Bob Capa said he never could face C rations in the first place (Pyle, 408).
In the first place, several of them were concerned about how and where to keep bonds (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
In the first place, only a tiny few of our troops ever heard the radio (Pyle, 244).
In the first place, she wasn't under oath (Gardner, 206).
In the first place...that first girl was pretty sweet... (Yank, 174).
...nobody ever inquired about — How I happened to meet Alden Leeds in the first place (Gardner, 216).
She began to cry, and Mildred gathered her into her arms and talked to her as she had wanted to talk in the first place (Cain, 12).
In the first place, what invitations did she accept? (Cain, 167).
In the first place, I would say... (Yank, 214).
In the first place, my friends never read anything anyway... (Yank, 96).
Of course, mailing them in the first place was illegal... (Pyle, 126).
...I am astonished that the good general ever managed to find his way here from the Middle East in the first place (Yank, 31).
Lord knows why I asked that question in the first place (Gardner, 84).
...a division has to be good in the first place if it is going to get good publicity (Pyle, 397).
In the first place, we didn't want the Germans to get them... (Pyle, 423).
In the first place, she had an honest concern for her (Cain, 189).

in a fix. In trouble; in difficulties; having serious problems.

...now that you've tole us, if we don't notify the police, we're in a fix (Gardner, 74).
If you found John had been murdered and didn't notify the police, you're in a fix... (Gardner, 74).

in flames. On fire; afire; burning.

One Jap plane came down in flames (Yank, 203).
Occasionally the pearly moonlit sky will flush into rose color as a Jap bomber plunges in flames (Yank, 42).
...it went down in flames... (Pyle, 391).
The plane went spinning toward the ground in flames... (Yank, 16).

in force. With large numbers; with great strength; forcefully.

...and knew that if they could reach the road in force they could cut the retreat of several hundred Germans (Yank, 48).
...the patrol finally arrived in force... (Yank, 192).
The next day the Germans came back in force... (Yank, 28).

in a foreign language. Speaking a language which is not native to one; speaking another language than the hearer knows.

...Veda was singing in some foreign language... (Cain, 213).

to be in for it. To be about to be punished, reprimanded.

...she knew she was in for it (Cain, 133).

information counter. A desk, place, located in a busy section where one can ask for directions and other information.

...people were moving hurriedly in all directions, or standing with their luggage by the information counter waiting (Marquand, 412).

in a fraction of a second. Very, very quickly; very rapidly.

Of course in a fraction of a second it followed me down... (Pyle, 444).

in a frame of mind. In an emotional condition; in a mood; in a state of mind.

...she found Mildred in a different frame of mind... (Cain, 150).

in fright. Being frightened; afraid; fearing.

Letty and Frieda...stared in fright at the three of them... (Cain, 255).

in from.

1. Toward the center; to the interior.

...that eighteen inches in from the headboard, the bed is nearly seventy inches wide... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

2. To the inside from the outside.

Veda stalked unhurriedly out, and Mildred heard her call Ray in from the street (Cain, 12).

3. Here after having been at.

We turned a corner, and met a group of British naval ensigns in from sea... (Pyle, 134).
First there was a lovely lady...just in from Hollywood... (Marquand, 38).

4. To this place from that or another place. (This place usually seems to imply a sort of center or gathering place.)

They had driven in from the farm in the buggy with the dapple-gray horse... (Marquand, 161).
Great rows of boxed engines line the roads, supply dumps filled the fields, and the road in from the airport was rougher from much convoying (Pyle, 93).
...the rest of the cast sat on wooden chairs or benches looking like a group of people who had just walked in from anywhere (Marquand, 79).

in front.

1. Along the front part of the body; along the clothing which fits over the front part of the body.

...and a bodice that laced in front (Cain, 237).
It gathers up too much in front...doesn't it, Mr. Wilson? (Marquand, 529).
Mother doesn't like it...she thinks it's a little -- too tight in front (Marquand, 205).
...singer's torso, with the dairy quaking in front... (Cain, 254).

2. Around the forehead; in the neighborhood of the forehead.

...L.C. Conway, about fifty-five, around five foot ten, weight a hundred and ninety pounds, bald in front, with dark, curly hair... (Gardner, 11).

3. At the front of a group; before most of the others.

...photographs on the wall of boys in rows, one row standing up and the other row sitting down in front (Marquand, 296).
There's lots of room in front (Marquand, 548).
It was always crowded but there was always room in front (Marquand, 548).

4. At the forward part of a house, building, room; At the entry way or near it.

...Mildred inspected everything, from the great "living room" in front to the cozy "bedrooms" at the rear... (Cain, 16).
It had two doors in front and between the doors was a bulletin board with a voter's list... (Marquand, 163).

5. Confronting; before; opposing.

There were snipers in the tree in front (Pyle, 450).
...more damage to the wall behind him than he did to the tank in front (Yank, 124).
There were Jerry machine-gun nests and snipers in front and at the sides of the OP... (Yank, 107).

6. In, at, the main office.

When even a hockshop had to have this receptionist things out there in front to show it had class (Cain, 37).

in the front lines. At the place where the actual fighting between armies is.

...there are so many men in the front lines fighting (Yank, 130).
They are doing a wonderful job here in the front lines (Yank, 212).

in front of. Before; directly ahead of; ahead of.

A United Nations' car pulled up in front of a midtown hotel one afternoon last week... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
...his waitress set his drink down in front of him... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21.)
The park superintendent of Long Beach, California, resigned because the city auditor wouldn't let him plant yellow pansies in front of the city hall (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
They sure wished they could get out in the country and just once shoot at something that didn't have a hill in front of it (Pyle, 98).
But one day another Italian woman stopped in front of this vendor and gathered up an apronful of apples (Pyle, 135).
It was ironic to walk into a half demolished building and find a command post set up in the remaining rooms, with soldiers sitting in front of a crackling fireplace... (Pyle, 183).
...we saw an occasional cow deliberately walk up and stick her head in front of a rifle just as it went off (Pyle, 239).
You don't talk like that in front of a man when you mean it (Pyle, 261).
The bomb hit smack in front of the door... (Pyle, 282).
In front of the stove was a settee big enough for three people... (Pyle, 327).
...the general always came to our correspondents' camp and, in front of a big map, gave us a complete fill-in on the situation (Pyle, 308).
He spread his blankets in front of the truck... (Pyle, 371).
A narrow valley...was blocked by the German 88, which stopped everything in front of it (Pyle, 384).
The table was placed in front of a window... (Marquand, 3).
...an infantry major sat on an ammunition box with a map in front of him (Marquand, 238).
Walter was standing in front of the great fieldstone fireplace (Marquand, 22).

Walter Newcombe stood in front of the microphone waiting... (Marquand, 39).
The table was placed in front of a window which looked south... (Marquand, 3).
There were discreet scrapes of chairs and the sound of ice and glasses while Walter stood in front of the fire... (Marquand, 136).
...only a stretch of sand and crab grass in front of it, decorated by a rusty bathtub and some assorted lengths of pipe (Marquand, 481).
Suitcases and brief cases were piles in front of the hotel desk (Marquand, 555).
Though those banks were as familiar to Jeffrey as his own face, the sidewalks in front of them and the crowds moving by them seemed shoddy... (Marquand, 265).
Jim was standing in front of the fireplace... (Marquand, 58).
He would not have to sit in front of that typewriter any longer, he would not have to worry... (Marquand, 492).
...both of them hit trees in front of their target (Yank, 19).
Cpl. Bob Havelick and Pfc. Leroy Chilson, both of Jamestown, opened the barbed-wire gate in front of the gun position... (Yank, 24).
...in front of the CP and directly in the Jap line of fire was a Marine outpost (Yank, 23).
Another machine pistol sputtered in front of me (Yank, 21).
I fired a couple of rounds at the man in front of me (Yank, 21).
Terry saw that the men were directly in front of a low brush pile... (Yank, 17).
Our position was about half a mile down the mountain in front of the lines (Yank, 21).
...we were to go on a security mission to guard a 4.2-mortar OP a half-mile in front of the lines (Yank, 20).
Everything in front of the battalion came forward, screaming (Yank, 6).
We didn't know what was in front of us... (Yank, 11).
...translated the metallic sounds which came through the receiver into notes on the pad in front of him... (Gardner, 60).
Drake, violently chewing gum, consulted the three memo pads, one in front of each telephone... (Gardner, 60).
...at the counsel table, his long lets stretched out in front of him, his chin sunk on his chest (Gardner, 31).
I had a tip the car sometimes stood out in front of the apartment house until the small hours of the morning (Gardner, 155).
...they drew up in front of the apartment house... (Gardner, 158).
Mason, hitching sideways in the chair, crossed his long lets in front of him... (Gardner, 178).
These people stayed too long to have been standing in front of the door, knocking and waiting for an answer (Gardner, 68).
On the cold pavement in front of the house, with the first streaks of dawn showing in the east... (Gardner, 80).
...she glanced at the place which had been set in front of Mason at the table... (Gardner, 96).
The officers ceased using the siren, worked their way through a traffic signal, and parked in front of a reserved zone (Gardner, 42).

He...found a piece of music, and put it in front of her (Cain, 135).
...keep the violin part in front of you and give me a little accompaniment of your own (Cain, 135).
As the car rolled around the loop in front of the house... (Cain, 202).
...a crimson rug, with figured border, a settee in front of the fireplace... (Cain, 1).
She got a bridge table out of the closed and set it up in front of the fireplace (Cain, 28).
Then she sat down in front of the dressing table and started combing her hair (Cain, 15).
But her mouth seemed to step out in front of her, and take charge in a somewhat gabby way (Cain, 26).
She hated to wash the dirty linen in front of any more people than she could help... (Cain, 20).
Mildred listened, or tried to, but suddenly a vision leaped in front of her eyes (Cain, 43).
The houses were big and forbidding, with driveways in front of them and clipped grass all around... (Cain, 41).

in full swing. Operating at full capacity; operating, going at full speed.

By dark the work was in full swing and half the men were stripped to the waist (Pyle, 67).

in full view (of). Being seen (by); unconcealed (from); not hidden (from).

...we were in full view of the Jap-held coast line... (Yank, 255).
When five Japs raised their hands and stood up in full view... (Yank, 52).

in general. Generally; in general terms but not in particular terms.

Speak louder and tell me what it is in general (Marquand, 367).
...try to arrange to have their children play with hers, and in general her way with children has become notable (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).

in a general way. Generally; in a manner applicable to all; universally.

And then this man...called back a resigned answer that expressed in a general way every combat soldier's pathetic reason for wanting to live and hating to die (Pyle, 186).

in _____ glory. At one's happiest; at one's best; doing that which one most enjoys.

They were in their glory at our clearing stations; in fact they almost drove the doctors nuts asking questions all the time (Pyle, 49).

in good humor. Pleasantly; pleasingly; graciously.

...she answered them in a very good humor (Yank, 132).

in good order. Orderly; in good condition; in good shape.

We found the village clean and in good order (Yank, 147).

in good standing. Maintaining position or condition through following rules and regulations.

...a framed diploma that certified that John Howland Wilson was a member in good standing of the Eagle Brigade... (Marquand, 160).

to be in good with. To be liked by; to have the cooperation of.

You got to be in good with the Chef! (Cain, 47).
You can't work nowhere without you're in good with the Chef, and you got to call it right for him (Cain, 47).
...it was indeed important to be in good with the Chef (Cain, 49).

ingrained in. Fixed in; having become a part of.

Ingrained in all our brains... (Yank, 155).

in groups. In crowds; with others forming groups.

On large patrols, the men slept in groups, with a sturdy vine reaching under their arms... (Yank, 55).

in guarded tones. Quietly; in a low tone; in a manner that no one will overhear.

...Mildred was ducking into phone booths and talking in guarded tones with Mr. Simons (Cain, 204).

in half. In two; in two parts; in parts.

After it has been torn in half by the 3-year-old ticket taker, it is like nothing (Yank, 73).
First, she cut off the necks, then cut the chicken in half (Cain, 117).
Big B's third target was a Kongo class battleship that passed her starboard beam and was cut in half by a salvo from her No. 3 turret aft (Yank, 43).
They didn't bother to mess up their harbor or to blow out the two river bridges which would have cut our forces in half (Pyle, 29).

in hand. Under control; being controlled.

After seven weeks of war the wreckage was all in hand... (Pyle, 419).

in _____ hands. Possessed by one; controlled by one; under one's control.

...bombing mission against Kiska, then in enemy hands (Yank, 202).
Much of the area between the Burma border and the Burma Road is also in enemy hands (Yank, 177).
...the town was in Ranger hands (Yank, 124).
The hospital was in our hands... (Pyle, 404).

in a hard school. By experience; through experience.

I do know that Uncle Alden was raised in a hard school (Gardner, 172).

in _____ head. In one's mind; mentally.

Walter...had a secret weapon all worked out in his head... (Yank, 137).

in heaps. In piles; making piles.

Some laborers near by were still raking through the rubbish, resurrecting human bones for burial, placing those bones in heaps beside the road (Marquand, 227).

in _____ heart. Honestly; actually; really. (This implies what one really knows, feels, thinks as opposed to what he may wish to know, feel, think.)

In her heart, Mildred knew that Monty was being as dishonest about Veda as he was being about the rest of it (Cain, 147).

in the heat of. During the most exciting part of; at the most dangerous part of.

In the heat of the fight Isaman noticed what Boughner did not... (Yank, 8).
In the heat of the fight, men were too busy to think... (Yank, 6).

in heaven. In the place of one's reward; in paradise. (Heaven is a commonly accepted place of reward after death among the Christians.)

She's in heaven, she's got to be (Cain, 106).

in here. Here; at this place within.

He's right in here (Cain, 58).
I swear to God, I came in here for nothing but to pull those apron strings (Cain, 29).
I don't need help, and I didn't ask you in here (Cain, 28).
In here you mark your number, you'r no. 9 (Cain, 46).
You come in 'ere... (Cain, 219).
...first t'ing she do is come in here... (Cain, 219).
O.K., then do just like I say, and we'll get Mildred's pies in here, 'stead of them cow pies we got now (Cain, 66).

in hiding. Hidden; being hidden; secret.

They identified themselves by special armbands which they had kept in hiding (Pyle, 416).
It was as though life had taken a holiday and death was in hiding (Pyle, 374).

in high. At high speed; efficient in high speed.

The well-oiled machine was in high now, humming smoothly, pulling its load (Cain, 122).

in high gear. At full speed; with enthusiam; enthusiastically.

...he went back to the job in high gear... (Pyle, 282).

in high spirits. Full of animal spirits; animated; vivacious; lively.

They were in high spirits... (Cain, 235).

in a hole. In trouble; in difficulties.

They're in one hell of a hole (Cain, 79).

in _____ honor. Honoring one; being an honor to one; in respect to one.

Ed's plane was named "Annie Jane" in her honor (Pyle, 165).

in the hope of. With hopes of; hoping for, desiring of.

...a spot along our route that the Kraut sprayed every so often in the hope of catching just such a party as ours (Yank, 58).

in hopes. Hoping; wishing; desiring.

Laughing at each weary mile
In hopes that you'll look down and smile from home up there (Yank, 156).

in hot water. In trouble; in difficulties.

You try to hush up anything like that, and you wind up in a lot hotter water than when you started (Gardner, 77).

in the humor (for). In the mood; in the state of mind; in the fancy.

...I'm not much in the humor for -- (Cain, 129).
Mildred half listened, no longer in any humor for Wally, her mind on the car... (Cain, 58).
I doubt if you're in the humor for gags (Cain, 126).

in a hurry. In a rush; in haste; hastily; moving quickly.

Mildred...was in no hurry about it (Cain, 175).
...if they were in a hurry and had left their mess kits behind they just borrowed from soldiers... (Pyle, 420).
You were certainly in one hell of a hurry (Cain, 93).
We were both in a hurry and we ate fast (Gardner, 191).
We dragged him from the hills but we've got to get help to him in a hurry (Yank, 108).
The SS agents apparently left in a hurry... (Yank, 220).
...many...were... hiding their coats and htas in odd corners where they could get them in a hurry (Marquand, 35).
There is many a ripped jungle hammock netting on this beach-head to testify that the owner left in such a hurry that he had no time to unzip it (Yank, 42).
If they're just phonies, bought in a hurry...it'll look like that living room... (Cain, 228).
...you'd better sit down in a hurry... (Yank, 173).

in hysterics. Hysterical; in a disordered emotional state; without control of emotions.

Mrs. Hannen's almost in hysterics about it (Cain, 181).

to initiate divorce proceedings. To begin the legal action for obtaining a divorce from one's spouse.

If you are interested in initiating divorce proceedings you should consult your Legal Assistance Officer... (Yank, 174).

in itself.. Alone; by itself; with no other help, proof, assistance, and the like.

Of course...an arcus senilis is not in itself indicative of psychosis (Gardner, 33).

to be in it together. To be in the same situation with others; to be in the same boat.

At Anzio everybody was right in it together (Pyle, 236).
We're in it together (Gardner, 70).

in a jam. In trouble; in difficulties.

I've always been too much the other way, but I've learned to think for myself in a jam (Gardner, 78).
All I said was, "The boss is in a jam" (Cain, 45).
...but he'll step aside any night of the week and give you his bed if you're in a jam (Yank, 36).

in jig time. In a hurry; rapidly; quickly; without delay.

Only in...China...could this job have been done in such jig time (Yank, 120).

in keeping with. In accordance with; in accord with; according to.

...Mac performed what Col. Bryant E. Moore, then commanding the 164th, said was "commendable service in keeping with the traditions"... (Yank, 23).

in laws. One's spouse's relatives; relatives by marriage.

But I didn't know at the time that I had a set of in-laws that couldn't even find a place for a sick child... (Cain, 98).

in the least. At all; to any extent; to any degree.

Somehow Peking was not what he had thought it would be in the least (Marquand, 28).
...Louella must have regretted that playful gesture, because, without intending to in the least, he had taken advantage of it (Marquand, 204).

in the light of. With added information, knowledge; with the consideration of.

In the light of a couple of days of retrospection, we sat and talked... (Pyle, 363).

in the light of day. In daylight; in the daytime when one can see.

His fellow in the light of day had turned out to be a pile of horse manure (Pyle, 371).

in line. In a row; arranged in a row; in single file.

The toes of their shoes sticking up in a line as though on drill (Pyle, 360).
Floyd Pringle waited his turn in line at the induction station... (Yank, 175).
We were back in line again in the swept channel (Pyle, 357).

in the line of fire. In the path of bullets, shrapnel, etc.

...directly in the Jap line of fire was a Marine outpost (Yank, 23).

in line with. Lined up with; making a line with; making a line from something to something else.

...the tank was still right in line with the hidden German gun (Pyle, 405).

in the long run. Eventually; finally; ultimately.

I'm sure things will work out in the long run (Yank, 164).

in a long time. For some time; for a long time.

She's the most delightful little thing I've met in a long time, but never mind about her (Cain, 126).

in love. In a condition of loving someone; being in love with another person.

Married people can't always be in love (Marquand, 103).
They were in love again (Marquand, 289).
I claim you didn't know what you were getting into, that you were in love, and that it's up to us... (Gardner, 161).
When two people were in love the way he and Madge were, nothing could make much sense and he was glad of it... (Marquand, 287).
We were awfully in love ourselves once, Madge (Marquand, 540).
I suppose I'm secretly in love myself with Jim and I don't know it (Marquand, 539).
Madge could never have stood it if they had not been so much in love (Marquand, 304).
They were in love again, (Marquand, 389).
He was thinking about Madge, and they were in love again (Marquand, 289).
When you were in love you had a feeling that all problems would be automatically settled... (Marquand, 67).
Listen, just remember you were in love once yourself (Marquand, 61).
Just remember you were in love once yourself (Marquand, 61).
They've been in love quite a while... (Marquand, 541).
He could, if still in love and his sweetheart sent them, try to eat the cookies (Yank, 140).
If the guy wasn't in love... (Yank, 140).

in love with. Loving; enamored of.

This spring you're in love with a girl named Sally Sales (Marquand, 61).
In love with her? (Marquand, 61).
And don't put it off by saying you're in love with me (Marquand, 103).
It just seems to me he's in love with her, awfully in love with her, and she's awfully in love with him (Marquand, 540).
Tell the police that you're in love with Emily Milicant, that you hope she does you the honor of marrying you... (Gardner, 117).
Emily Milicant had realized she was still in love with him (Gardner, 214).
Jeffrey, are you in love with anyone now? (Marquand, 103).

in low gear. In first gear; in the most powerful and the slowest gear that an automobile has. (Cf. in high gear.)

We were in low gear all the time, and even that was too fast (Pyle, 191).

in a low voice. In low tones; quietly.

Bert, in a low voice...said... (Cain, 250).

in a matter of. In no more than; within; in about.

They were for it -- and they would be dead in a matter of seconds... (Marquand, 230).
...to keep the gunners in touch with every part of the beachhead and to summon artillery to assistance in a matter of seconds (Yank, 39).
...they had radio communication established with the rear in a matter of minutes, using portable equipment (Yank, 40).
In a matter of hours the holocaust would swirl over us (Pyle, 356).
Big freighters anchored a mile from shore were emptied into hordes of swarming, clamoring small boats, in a matter of eighteen hours (Pyle, 35).

in the meantime. Meanwhile; in the meanwhile; at the same time.

And what were you doing in the meantime? (Gardner, 195).
In the meantime, the implacable Hogarty, under the name of Conway, had built up a lottery business which he had sold to Serle (Gardner, 214).
In the meantime, the prisoner is remanded to the custody of the sheriff (Gardner, 152).

in the meanwhile. Meanwhile; meantime; in the meantime; at the same time.

In the meanwhile, the R.A.F. has not been idle (Marquand, 532).
In the meanwhile, Beckie knew they must start... (Marquand, 108).

in a measure. Somewhat; almost; approximately.

It would have given him, in a measure, the same pleasure he had known when he had taken Jim to the circus... (Marquand, 427).

in mid air. Being suspended temporarily; stopping momentarily in the air.

But the cigarette, suddenly still in mid-air... (Cain, 157).

in the middle of. In. (This has temporal, spatial, and relational implications, and it serves as an intensive for the meaning of in.)

...get your things out of this house right now or you'll find them in the middle of Pierce Drive... (Cain, 208).
...she jumped up and began spinning around in the middle of the floor, laughing at the top of her lungs (Cain, 5-6).

Suddenly three German soldiers came out a side road and foolishly stopped to talk right in the middle of the crossroads (Pyle, 450).
I had to stop right in the middle of the open space... (Pyle, 402).
He appeared a couple of years ago, right in the middle of the picture (Gardner, 127).

Because right in the middle of rush hour you wonderful little home-makers have a habit of getting... (Cain, 38).
And in the middle of it you would have this Frenchman... (Pyle, 459-460).
...Buchanan is just in the middle of a poem (Marquand, 144).

in the midst of. In. (See in the middle of.)

And in the midst of it all was a tandem bicycle... (Pyle, 460).
Right in the midst of battle is a funny place to be giving sardines to a man... (Pyle, 414).
In the midst of all this confusion a Flying Fortress flew over the field... (Pyle, 174).
Standing there in the midst of it all, I thought it was the most violent and terrifying thing I'd ever been through (Pyle, 116).

in _____ mind's eye. In one's imagination; according to one's imagination.

In her mind's eye, she could already see the neon sign, a neat blue one, without red or green in it.... (Cain, 79).

in a minute.

1. Immediately; at once; right away.

If I wasn't an old man with a family, I'd volunteer in a minute (Yank, 160).

2. Soon; before very long; in a little while.

In a minute, I guess (Yank, 229).
In a minute or two Veda came in... (Cain, 196).
Mr. Rosen...came out to tell us she would be ready in a minute (Yank, 132).
Find Miss Blair, we'll be starting in a minute (Marquand, 164).
A wounded guy asked how they were dloing with the doors and they said they'd have them open in a minute (Yank, 168).
"Pleanty of seats in just a minute," the men in the horizon-blue uniforms were saying (Marquand, 226).

in a moment. Soon; in a little while; in a minute.

They took the little road to the right, and in a moment were stealing through great mountain pines... (Cain, 92).
Mystified, she went to the kitchen, and still more mystified, saw Wally appear there in a moment or two... (Cain, 117).
In a moment the brocaded coat was off... (Cain, 171).

in the money. Rich; well off; well to do, wealthy.

The torch singers with these big name bands, they're in the money... (Cain, 211).

"You're in the money," Alf said (Marquand, 282).

in _____ natural voice. As one normally speaks; in a not affected, unnatural manner of speaking.

...Mildred...noted that Veda was now talking in her natural voice (Cain, 258).

in need of. Needing; having need for.

...I am badly in need of a rod and staff to comfort me (Yank, 164).
To Jeffrey Jim might always seem young, and often in need of help... (Marquand, 592).

in nothing flat. Very quickly; almost at once; immediately.

Prefabricated offices are pounded together in almost nothing flat by sweating engineers (Yank, 75).
...they jumped into their clothes in nothing flat, and were on the way to breakfast... (Pyle, 208).

in no time. Quickly; very soon; at once.

...the war would be over in no time (Yank, 166).
Then there came Russia's Five Year Plan, which was going to industrialize Russia in no time... (Marquand, 210).
Simply go where he tells you to go and, in no time at all, you won't have the slightest idea of where you are (Yank, 97).
...and, in no time, there was the old Rockwell bar with its brass rail and the old beer steins... (Marquand, 281).

in the numbers. According to numerology, a system of counting letters in one's name to arrive at the auspicious time and place.

They were married that night at Los Vagas, because it was down in the numbers (Marquand, 476).

in numerical order. According to number in sequence from 1 upward, as 1, 2, 3, 4; 55, 56, 57, etc.

...paused to make sure that the exhibits were properly numbered in numerical order (Gardner, 150).

in a nutshell. Briefly; succinctly; economically; in the fewest words.

And here is what happened in the best nutshell I can devise from the conversation of a brave man... (Pyle, 464).
To put the whole thing in a nutshell now that he and his author had finished their dessert...he did not want an author on his list who did not give him that warm feeling... (Marquand, 336).

...and a dear, sweet kick to everybody; that puts it in a nutshell, rahly (Marquand, 354).
...would stay home where they belonged instead of trying to round out pictures in a nutshell (Marquand, 351).
...they all gave rapt attention to that tinseled, pathetic little story in a nutshell (Marquand, 351).
"It's a picture," Jeffrey said, "a picture in a nutshell" (Marquand, 351).
Well, there you had it in a nutshell, or in the thumbnail sketch, if you wanted it put that way (Marquand, 349).
When he had finished his peach that man made a gesture, which rounded out the whole picture and put it in a nutshell (Marquand, 350).

in the old days. In the past; in the days gone by; of old.

...liquor, when it came back, wasn't going to be the same as it had been in the old days (Cain, 149).

in on.

1. Cooperating; participating in.

Dieppe...a small party of Rangers were in on the deal (Yank, 122).
A guy up here...was in on the landing at Attu... (Yank, 173).
...Three companies were in on it (Yank, 123).

2. In a position of benefiting in.

Then if you can, I might be able to put you in on a deal (Cain, 78).

not to have been in one place long enough to (infinitive). To have moved frequently from place to place so that one cannot; to be on the move so much that one cannot.

...since then he had never been in one place long enough to get a plate made (Pyle, 275).

in one way and another. In different ways; in various ways, manners.

...and having imaginary triumphs over people who had upset her in one way and another (Cain, 18).
She would be too late, or not qualified, or disqualified, on account of the children, or unsuitable in one way and another (Cain, 32).
...all of them, in one way or another, were but the faces worn by her own desperate situation (Cain, 58).

in the open.

1. Openly; not secretly; publicly.

...they had not dared to sing in the open for 22 years (Yank, 28).

2. No longer secret; spoken, stated, as opposed to implied, inferred.

Once this was in the open there was a long grave pause... (Cain, 246).

3. Out of doors; not within a building; out doors.

We just threw our blankets down on the ground and slept in the open (Pyle, 91).

4. From hiding into open view; into clear sight.

He came out in the open, looked around and turned to signal the others... (Yank, 21).
...the Americans ceased firing and came out in the open, too (Yank, 52).

in _____ opinion. According to one's thoughts; according to one's ideas.

...in his opinion the net result of their efforts addded up to almost nothing (Marquand, 231).
Bert was...saying...in his opinion that conductor could very well have allowed Veda to sing an encore... (Cain, 240).
Mother, at this stage it's a matter of opinion, and in my opinion, I am (Cain, 206).

in order.

1. Proper; according to good taste; polite.

Even the resorting to that common sign of approbationg, clapping of hands would not have been quite in order (Marquand, 146).

2. Orderly; well arranged; clean and neat.

Then, satisfied that everything was in order, she started for the drug-store (Cain, 91).
Mildred's eye checked the tray, finding it in order (Cain, 121).

3. According to rank, arrangement; methodically; logically.

Well, let's take them up in order (Gardner, 31).

in order to (infinitive). So that something can; permitting, allowing, for the purpose, to.

A person would have had to make a long tour clear around the big pasture, in order to realize that anything was going on at all (Pyle, 420).
...we traded our rations for the cafe's regular dinner, in order not to take anything away from the French (pyle, 408)

I had to talk my head off in order to get a free hand, and now you start getting hard (Gardner, 99).
...he had to beg the doctors to waive the ear defect in order to let him go overseas (Pyle, 448).
Correspondents were dribbled out of sight a few at a time in order not to give a tip off to the enemy by a sudden mass exodus (Pyle, 1).
He wished that he did not have to keep moving into different worlds in order to earn his living (Marquand, 418).
They decided to back up in order to get their bearings... (Pyle, 405).
They have to be timed, in order for everything to mesh... (Pyle, 362).
And if I don't tell them, they'll claim I murdered him in order to free myself of a blackmailer (Gardner, 119).
We have decided to spend a little time in order to let you know about some real fighting men (Yank, 212).
...some of the troops swung over to the Anzio beachhead custom of building dugouts in order to be safe from falling flak (Pyle, 382).
But you did have him strong-armed out of an automobile in order to place him in an institution... (Gardner, 134).
...the curtains should have been drawn and the lights turned on in order to conceal a day that was dying (Marquand, 385).
...they must appear to be brave in order to set an example (Pyle, 380).
...in order to answer Charley's question, it would be necessary to give a number of specious explanations (Marquand, 223-4).
All four units of the corporation...would be showing a profit if it were not for the merciless milking Mildred was giving them in order to keep up the establishment in Pasadena (Cain, 246).
...we have to condone certain irregularities in order to combat criminal activities (Gardner, 209).
I merely commented on what I thought had happened, in order to assist the court in arriving at a decision (Gardner, 208).
In order to represent you, I ought to know where I stand (Gardner, 177).
...Seeger voluntarily slept at the motor pool in a tent in order to be near at hand... (Pyle, 166).
In order to find what fiend dreamed it up... (Yank, 236).
...a three-man medical board, which decides whether the operation is necessary in order for you "to perform properly" your military duties (Yank, 170).

in other words. In a different wording; saying it differently; by way of explanation.

"In other words," Judge Treadwell said, "if I should be taking a ride in an automobile..." (Gardner, 34).
"In other words," Mason said with a grin, "regardless of our own convenience..." (Gardner, 150).
In other words, nothing personal about it and I don't want to hurt your feelings... (Cain, 37).
In other words, they didn't ask the waiter what was on the menu and then make a selection (Gardner, 210).

In other words, why don't you get the hell out of here and let working men get a decent night's sleep? (Gardner, 68).
Suppose that in the event of his death...you stood no chance of profiting, in other words, that you were not a natural heir... (Gardner, 133).
In other words, he had the beginning of Anzio anxiety... (Pyle, 282).
"In other words," Mason said, "the airport, and make it snappy" (Gardner, 121).
In other words, the Germans weren't admitting that they were whipped (Pyle, 124).

in out of. In from; to this place after having been at that place.

Then he saw it, limping in out of the fog (Yank, 230).

in outlook. In one's view, thoughts, opinions.

They weren't as all round hard in outlook (Pyle, 4).

in _____ own good time. At the time one desires; no sooner than one wishes; when one wishes.

...that's the piano you're going to practice on, until I get ready, in my own good time, to buy you another (Cain, 158).

in _____ own way. In one's particular manner; after one's peculiar manner.

...you'd know that I was dealing in my own way with what otherwise would have been a situation (Cain, 147).

in pain. Suffering pain; in suffering; undergoing pain.

...as though he were in great pain... (Cain, 135).

in pairs. By two; two abreast; two together.

...we started to retreat in pairs (Yank, 21).

in _____ palmiest days. During its best time; when it was best; at its best.

The place, no more saleable, even in its palmiest days, than a white elephant (Cain, 220).

in panic. In fright; being frightened, scared.

...Mildred gripped her chair in sheer panic (Cain, 213).
Mildred was in such a panic over the bank holiday... (Cain, 140).

in part. Partly; partially; in some measure; to a degree, extent.

Are we not waging a war, in part, for this fundamental of democracy? (Yank, 213).

in particular. Especially; definitely.

...search for information concerning the deceased Bill Hogarty, and, in particular, as to the manner in which he lost his toes (Gardner, 123).
There was one in particular, something by Chopin, that she liked... (Cain, 181).

in payment of. To pay for; as a payment for.

...I bought a post office money order for twenty-five bucks...scribbled a note that it was in payment of the merchandize I've ordered... (Gardner, 11).

in person. With one's bodily presence as opposed to a message, messenger, or others in lieu of one.

I fix each one up as they come
in person or by phone
And out they go to dance or show... (Yank, 156).
...that gentleman arrived in person (Cain, 238).
...Veda took the hamper over in person... (Cain, 182).
...the court is required to send a process server to deliver the summons in person (Yank, 142).
He said he could do the work by telephone but by going in person he could talk things over with the entire division staff... (Pyle, 312).

in perspective. Objectively; without emotional incumbrances to thought.

He could see her now in her right perspective, a little girl somewhat too carefully dressed... (Marquand, 527-8).

in pictures. In motion pictures as an actor or actress; in the cinema.

...where Veda really belonged was in pictures... (Cain, 189).

in a pig's eye. What has just been said is not true.

The garden spot of the world -- in the pig's eye (Cain, 156).

in a pinch. In financial difficulties; in a condition of not having sufficient money.

Why, whenever a man finds himself in a pinch, or when there's an emergency (Gardner, 52).

the pinches. When things are difficult, hard; in times of stress.

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acular ways... (Pyle, 181).

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y Germans in the place (Yank, 11).

____ place. In its, one's, stead.

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ain, 223).

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In proper position; at the correct location.

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Proper; according to good taste; stylish; acceptable.

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all, you can't count a man AWOL when he's in plain sight (Yank, 138).
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ts (Pyle, 336).

pleasant humor. In a good mood; pleasant; pleasing.

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1. In proper position; at the correct location.

For we were right on his tail, just where we should have been, and everybody else was in place too (Pyle, 323).
She had got the last rosebud in place, and was removing stray flecks of icing... (Cain, 8).
...when green shutters were in place... (Cain, 227).
He could see the way her hair curled tightly over her ears, held in place by her hair net (Marquand, 187).
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...thinking to get revenge on Conway, in place of which, the trap had closed on Serle... (Gardner, 214).

in plain sight. Easily visible; obvious.

They were now in plain sight (Yank, 92).
He had been lying in plain sight... (Yank, 192).
After all, you can't count a man AWOL when he's in plain sight (Yank, 138).
Always in plain sight under the end of his cot was a pair of cowboy boots (Pyle, 336).

in a pleasant humor. In a good mood; pleasant; pleasing.

...she was in a pleasant humor (Cain, 131).

in poor health. Sickly; not well; ill.

My mother is 68 and in very poor health (Yank, 171).

in the popular mind. In the thinking of most people; according to the opinions of the majority of the people.

There is, in the popular mind, a supposition that murder is a final gesture (Gardner, 123).

in position. In place; in the proper place, arrangement, situation.

Finally we were in position, flying almost wing to wing, there in the English night (Pyle, 323).

in a position to (infinitive). In a condition, situation, to; so situated to.

I never wanted to enter into this argument, since I was in no position to know (Pyle, 159).
...that you were not a natural heir of his and, therefore, not in a position to share in his estate or contest his will... (Gardner, 133-4).

in the position. In a condition; in a situation.

...you're in exactly the position he's in too (Cain, 158).

in _____ possession. Being held, owned by one; being under one's control.

...wouldn't it have been only natural for Milicant to have used the documents in his possession to substantiate a spurious claim... (Gardner, 212).
I think you'll find them in his possession right now (Gardner, 203).

to be in the possession of. To own; to possess; to have.

If it appears that Alden Leeds is in the possession of his mental faculties to the extent usually found... (Gardner, 35).

in practice. Proficient; skillful; able.

But it was good policy to keep in practice on camouflage (Pyle, 419).

in praise (of). Praising; lauding; in applause.

...there wasn't anything they could write in praise would add to it (Yank, 132).
...they were all excellent reasons, all in praise of Veda (Cain, 138).

in the presence of. With; face to face with; in the company of.

...her sense of inferiority in the presence of "society people"... (Cain, 230).
...realization that she was in the presence of a point of view completely alien to her... (Cain, 185).

in prime condition. In excellent shape, condition; very good; excellent.

...them birds was in such prime condition he hated to see anybody else get them (Cain, 116).

in private. Privately; with no others about; by oneselves; alone.

He wished that people, if they wanted to do that sort of thing, would chase each other in private (Marquand, 262).

in progress. Happening; going on; occurring.

...as soon as landing operations of the main force were in progress... (Yank, 191).

in public. Publicly; openly; in the presence of others.

They answered the questions they were asked in public... (Yank, 122).

in question. Underdiscussion; being talked, spoken, written, about.

Now, on the evening in question, did you so serve a meal? (Gardner, 144).
...we found that the person in question had died approximately two hours after a meal... (Gardner, 130).
On the morning in question, the Terminal was a rich pie of delights (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).

to inquire around. To ask in different places; to ask in first one place and then in another.

...he had done a little inquiring around... (Cain, 200).
Several of us inquired around when we got to land after daylight (Pyle, 22).

into the open. From out of hiding; into public view. (See; in the open.)

That habeas corpus is going to scare them into the open (Gardner, 24).

in rags. In very poor, worn, clothing; ragged; with no decent clothes on.

...Veda, not only as cold, hungry, and in rags... (Cain, 209).

in the raw. Naked; with no clothes on; undressed.

In the raw he looked kind of big in the biceps (Yank, 166).

in reality. Really; actually; in fact.

...it might be that someone who suspected rather strongly that Alden Leeds was in reality Bill Hogarty... (Gardner, 92).

in real life. In reality; actually; really; in fact. (This emphasizes the difference between theatrical public life and actual life.)

...Veda in real life, rarely wept (Cain, 209).

in record time. Very, very quickly; rapidly; very hurriedly.

In record time the general and one of the PWB officers wrote a leaflet... (Yank, 128).

in the red. Losing money; not financially profitable.

The best that can be said is that the project is not going in the red as fast as it used to (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

in regard to. Regarding; as regards; in relation to; about.

I am writing to you in regard to the incident told... (Yank, 213).
...Pfc. James Scott's letter in regard to the feelings of the mothers of Brownwood... (Yank, 211).
...I have a duty toward her, in regard to the expenses of her musical education (Cain, 215).
Apparently in regard to raising bail (Gardner, 86).
And what is your suggestion in regard to this patient? (Gardner, 30).

in relays. Taking turns; alternating; one after the other.

There were two men and two women on the job working in relays (Gardner, 77).

in reply to. In answer to; answering; as an answer, reply, to.

This is the last of a series of GI comments in reply to Pvt. Luckey's letter (Yank, 212).

in repose. At rest; resting; quiet; not moving.

...her skin seeming smooth enough when her face was in repose but showing hard little lines which sprang into existence... (Gardner, 18).

in return. Reciprocally; in recompense.

...to guarantee in return you would meet intersting and worth-while people there (Marquand, 340).
Lt. Hillard gave him a very snappy salute in return (Yank, 95).

in return for. In payment for; in recompense for.

"In return for having that lottery business squared?" Mason asked (Gardner, 97).

in reverse. Backwards; the other way around; arsy versy.

This is psychological warfare in reverse (Yank, 129).

In _____ right mind. Sanely; with good sense; with common sense.

...over rocks and through rivers to mountains that no one in his right mind would ever want (Yank, 48).

to be in right with. To be friendly with; to be well liked by.

...it was always well to be in right with those people whom hotel managers affectionately called "newspaper boys and girls" (Marquand, 34).

in a row.

1. In a line; one following another in a line; forming a row.

...the rug that Madge had given him, and photographs on the wall in rows... (Marquand, 296).
That plus the bodies of soldiers lying in rows... (Pyle, 360).
My tents are lined up in a row... (Yank, 157).

2. In sequence; consecutively.

But it did impress one after it happened several times in a row (Pyle, 178).
But you don't give a guy 30 nights in a row and no leave (Yank, 89).

in ruin. Ruined; in bad shape, condition.

...that would land the whole thing in ruin (Cain, 213).

in a rush. In a hurry; hurrying; rushing.

"No," he said, "we're in a rush" (Gardner, 145).

in the rush. In, among, people hurrying; in the great activity.

I always froze wherever I was for about five minutes, to keep from getting bowled over in the rush (Pyle, 33).

in safety. Safely; without danger.

This meant that sightseers could walk up almost to the scene of the fighting itself in comparative safety (Yank, 52).

in the same boat. In a like condition; in the same position, condition, situation.

Here, literally, everybody is in the same boat (Yank, 65).
Table waiters were in the same boat (Pyle, 240).
Other correspondents were in the same boat -- many of them much more so (Pyle, 232).

in the same box with. In the same boat with; in the same, similar, like condition, situation, position with.

...yet this was something to which you could adjust yourself, because everyone was in the same box with you (Marquand, 221).

in the same line. In the same, identical, like business, profession, vocation.

...repair companies were made up largely of men who were craftsmen in the same line in civil life (Pyle, 418).

in the same way. In a like manner; in a similar fashion.

In the same way that I know you are Mr. Kittering, the deputy district attorney -- because he told me so (Gardner, 189).

ins and outs. Details; the major and minor parts of; workings.

Joe had lived for seven years in Naples and didn't go to America until he was twenty years old, so he knew all the ins and outs (Pyle, 111).
They know the ins and outs of war... (Pyle, 363).

insane asylum. A place for the safe keeping of insane people.

He was afraid he was going to be railroaded into an insane asylum (Gardner, 107).

in search of. Looking for; hunting for; searching for.

...1st Lt. John Hetherington...headed back for the beach in search of his motor sergeant... (Yank, 250).
...G.I.s who go out in search of quiet relaxation (Yank, 201).
...Miami, Fla., where literally thousands of vacationists...in search of race tracks... (Yank, 217).
The only thing left was to go in search of the nonexistent envelopes... (Yank, 29).

in season. During the proper season, time; during the time for something.

Like so many cowboys, he made the rodeos in season (Pyle, 194).

in the second place. Secondly; second; as a second reason, proposition, fact, or the like.

In the second place, all she said was, "That's him" (Gardner, 206).
In the second place, many foreign divorces are looked upon with deep suspicion by the ODB... (Yank, 174).
In the second place, she had become so accustomed to domineering... (Yank, 189).
In the second place, my friends are all goldbrickers and they don't want... (Yank, 96).

in a sense. To a degree; to an extent; largely but not wholly.

And, in a sense, this man is both of these (Yank, 247).
...they seemed to regard her as their representative in a sense, and didn't propose to have her made a goat (Cain, 45).

in a sense of the word. In one meaning of the word; according to a particular significance of a word.

Priding themselves on being soldiers, in the finest sense of the word, they were natural...leaders... (Yank, 148).
...the question may, in one sense of the word, call for hearsay evidence, in another sense of the word, it is the sort of hearsay evidence which, by law and custom... (Gardner, 187).

in shape. In good condition; in operation; running; operating.

The guns required a great deal of daytime work to keep them in shape... (Pyle, 285).

in shirtsleeves. With one's shirt on but without a coat on; wearing only a shirt for a covering of the upper part of the body.

Walter was in his shirt sleeves and in light tropical trousers supported by pink suspenders (Marquand, 456).
A sound, sensible costume for the occasion we thought -- more than likely to arouse admiration in the hearts of those of his neighbors who were shivering in their shirtsleeves (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

in _____ shoes. In one's situation, position, condition.

Gee, I wish I was in your shoes (Yank, 160).
...If I were in his shoes, Phyllis would get everything (Gardner, 22).

in short. Summing up; briefly; putting in a few words.

In short, she wanted an architect who would work both with her, as she said, and for her (Marquand, 109).

in short order. Quickly; rapidly; in a hurry.

Mason said, "All right, I'll fix that in short order" (Gardner, 13).

in shorts. Wearing shorts; having shorts on.

Suddenly a wounded Jap in shorts, apparently an officer, screamed something... (Yank, 52).

inside coat pocket. A pocket inside a man's coat usually on the right side.

Without looking at it, Mason dropped it into his inside coat pocket (Gardner, 77).

inside of.

1. Within; in no longer than.

You play it right, and inside of a week your financial situation will be greatly eased... (Cain, 25).
...inside of a month you'll have him begging for a chance to buy that divorce (Cain, 25).
...it seemed to me they should all be down with pneumonia inside of a week (Pyle, 253).
Why, John would have broken her heart inside of two months (Gardner, 110).

2. Within; on the interior; in.

...Veda screamed as though demons were inside of her (Cain, 73).
...she nevertheless craved relief from this aching void inside of her, and little heat lightnings began to shoot through it (Cain, 105).
...and the other climbs into the tree what I am inside of and he hangs from a branch... (Yank, 162).

inside tip. Information from one who is supposed to know; information coming from one who is in a position to know.

I had an inside tip that Australian armored cars were going to break through... (Yank, 31).

inside the wire. In a prisoner of war camp; confined in a prison camp.

...pleased with life as they washed their laundry or did other personal chores inside the wire (Yank, 56).

in sight.

1. To be seen; visible.

There were no troops in sight... (Yank, 144).
This letter isn't meant for all returning boys, just those punks who are... yelling 4-F to every civilian in sight... (Yank, 217).
Another came in sight... (Yank, 217)
There were no Jerries in sight... (Yank, 21).
...there was no medic in sight (Pyle, 406).
There wasn't a human being in sight anywhere (Pyle, 406).
At that time, the only green things in sight were Lucky Strike wrappers (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
...in a few minutes the English coast would be in sight (Yank, 16).
Anzio and Nettuno were in sight... (Pyle, 231).
When he ran out of anything to do he just sat around, always in sight, awaiting our pleasure (Pyle, 119).

2. In the near future; coming soon; happening soon.

As a sign that the long-awaited buyers' market may at least be in sight... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

in sight of. Visible by, able to be seen by.

...in sight of half a million passersby... (Yank, 236).

in silence. Silently; without talking; without making a noise.

The two men smoked in silence (Gardner, 15).
...he sat in silence for some little time before he went on...
They...rode homeward in silence (Cain, 251).
They ate hurriedly and for the most part in silence (Gardner, 157).
They drove in silence for several blocks, then Drake turned a corner and said... (Gardner, 17).

to insist on. To demand; to require.

The bank... insisted on amortization of her loan as well as regular interest payments... (Cain, 243).
...I don't insist on it (Cain, 225).

in size. According to size; in relation to size.

The packs were similar in size...to those of popular U.S. brands (Yank, 176).

in slow motion. In an exaggerated slow movement; very, very slowly. (This term often applies to a sort of motion picture in which the camera was made to operate very rapidly so that the picture in turn seems to show the people or other action going very slowly.)

The strip unfolded...going by in slow motion until it seemed we had been roaring along a full ten minutes and were still not airborne (Yank, 117).
From nose to tail it disappeared in flame...as in a slow-motion waltz (Pyle, 435).

in a small way. Not elaborately; simply; in a simple unassuming manner.

...she would need a thousand dollars' worth of equipment before she could start, even in a small way (Cain, 76).

in solving. To solve; in coming to a solution.

I have a problem and any help you can give me in solving it... (Yank, 173).

not in so many words. Implied; inferred.

"Not in so many words," Drake said (Gardner, 47).

in some way. To some extent; to some degree; in some manner.

Each group were talking in some way about their chances of survival (Pyle, 6).

in speculation. Speculating; thinking.

...confine his discussion to the present, and wishes to neglect the duties of his office, to waste time in idle speculation on the future... (Gardner, 209).

in spirit. Emotionally; in feelings.

...Veda...horribly bruised in spirit... (Cain, 209).

in spite of. Notwithstanding; despite.

...he had called up the agents in spite of her telling him not to... (Cain, 222).
Whenever any of the old crowd spoke of Walter afterward, in spite of all the years between, they would somehow get back to the statue (Marquand, 18).
In spite of being a professional soldier he despised war... (Pyle, 294).
It was embarrassing, that he still could not remember anyone in France named Dick Sales, in spite of that episode in Paris... (Marquand, 132).
In spite of the clearness of the connection, Jim was very far away (Marquand, 583).
He could see she had been thinking that, in spite of everything, they might have taken him... (Marquand, 580).
In spite of all he had tried to tell her, Alf must have been a shock to her (Marquand, 482).
In spite of all the years, a certain reluctant admiration and awe returned when Jeffrey heard Alf (Marquand, 482).

And now suddenly, in spite of the noise of the motors, in spite of all that sea of sound, he felt entirely alone (Marquand, 493).
In spite of the warm glow from its windows, the mocking clarity of the moonlight made it look deserted... (Marquand, 140).
In spite of any sort of hope, or any individual belief that you would never get it... (Marquand, 220).
In spite of the importance of the work they are doing, the American crews gripe because they can't carry a few bombs... (Yank, 129).
So adroit was this sleight-of-hand that the children, in spite of their sharpest watching... (Cain, 55).
He wanted to change the subject, in spite of all that time (Marquand, 172).
In spite of everything, he was pleased, on that summer morning in 1935... (Marquand, 212).
It made Jeffrey feel that they were friends in spite of all the difficulties that stood in the way... (Marquand, 61).
...and there were adffodils in the bowl on the table by the wall, but in spite of those signs of spring the living room still... (Marquand, 57).
The ones that died in the winter wouldn't be worth anything in the spring if they'd livind, in spite of what Mrs. Wilson said (Marquand, 501).
...in spite of all such facilities, a division has to be good... (Pyle, 397).
Once during the next summer even in spite of the gas rationing, Jeffrey took the station wagon by himself... (Marquand, 549).
In spite of her best concentration most of it was a jumble (Cain, 46).
In spite of the way in which she had followed all instructions, and the way he had justified... (Cain, 29).
He was a smallish man, in his middle thirites, but in spite of the stains on his trousers, he wore them with an air (Cain, 1).
As for seeking a job, he couldn't bring himself to do it, and in spite of all he told mildred, he hadn't made the slightest effort in this direction (Cain, 7).
All its decorations were now in place, but in spite of their somewhat conventional design, it had an aroma, a texture, a totality... (Cain, 9).
She waited a moment or two, as she often did when angered, but in spite of her effort to sound casual... (Cain, 29).
Custom moved on doggedly, in spite of the war (Marquand, 326).
...tell him that in spite of the week end he was not seriously contemplating such a thing (Marquand, 247).
In spite of the number of times he had been there, he was always acutely conscious of not being a member (Marquand, 241).
It lives, in spite of protocol... (Yank, 155).
In spite of hard times, her business grew better... (Cain, 174).
In spite of the liquor... (Cain, 165).
In spite of work, money, and everything she could do... (Cain, 149).
For in spite of mishaps... (Cain, 129).
And in spite of mounting expenses...the money kept rolling in (Cain, 179).
In spite of her almost religious conviction... (Cain, 132).
In spite of success, money and long experience at dealing with people... (Cain, 226).
Entertainment isn't too bad in spite of the early curfew (Yank, 66).
In spite of her effort, Mildred had been unable to get started (Cain, 196).

in spite of _____ . In opposition to one's desires, feelings, knowledge. (This implies that one does something that one does not approve of or want to do because one knows better.)

In spite of herself, so did Mildred (Cain, 233).
In spite of himself, Jeffrey discovered that he was doing what Gwen wanted... (Marquand, 65).
In spite of herself, her voice was shrill (Cain, 123).
In spite of herself, the limousine, the chauffer, and the grand piano began to gleam before her eyes... (Cain, 75).
But then Mr. Gessler caught her arm, and she was looking in spite of herself (Cain, 108).
At this, Mildred began to understand Letty's strange conduct, and had to laugh in spite of herself (Cain, 71).
...uncritically, but he thought of it analytically now, in spite of himself, and this seemed almost disloyal (Marquand, 384).
In spite of themselves, the men would run up close... (Pyle, 401).

in a spot. In difficulties; facing a problem; on the spot.

Bill was in a spot, and had to declare rubber panties extinct in Italy too (Pyle, 135).
You're in a spot (Cain, 57).

instead of. In place of; in lieu of; rather than.

...that this girl, instead of being chastened by adversity... (Cain, 213).
...she would have a property that somebody might conceivably want to buy, instead of a monstrosity (Cain, 242).
Instead of being heavy or pretentious or baroque, the Clinton Club had a slightly run down atmosphere... (Marquand, 242).
Instead of bearded figures, caked with mud, there is a colonel out of "Esquire" going by... (Yank, 39).
The Dead End Kids would up in India for training instead of in the States (Yank, 91).
...the bonnet, instead of being on Veda's head, was carried in her hand (Cain, 240).
Picking up her handbag, Mildred left the library, but instead of turning toward the kitchen, she marched straight for the front door... (Cain, 43).
Instead of putting his money in a bank, he had invested it in A. T. and T. ... (Cain, 7).
Finally, instead of a blackout, there are lights sparkling gaily... (Yank, 39).
Instead of notches in the trees as guide marks for the pathfinders, there are wooden signs... (Yank, 39).
Instead of reading Superman and the "Green Hornet"...is busy on his correspondence course... (Yank, 39).
Instead of tired runners and battle scarred pigeons carrying messages, there are French telephones... (Yank, 39).
Instead of hand-to-hand struggle with the wily Japs, there are movies being shown 300 yards behind the front lines (Yank, 39).

in store for. In reserve for; in readiness for; saved up for.

Gradually we...came out to see what the sky had in store for us (Pyle, 437).

in support. Supporting; giving assistance; furnishing aid.

The heavy weapons should be in support...shooting over our heads (Yank, 150).

insurance policy. An agreement with an insurance company that for regular payments to it, it will on the death or injury of the insured, according to the agreement, pay the insured an agreed amount of money.

My insurance policy (Cain, 60).

in surprise. Surprised; astonished; in astonishment.

"Gave me back the money!" Leeds said in surprise (Gardner, 109).

intake of breath. An inhaling; a breathing in of air into the lungs.

He could hear the startled intake of breath and Jeffrey remembered speaking... (Marquand, 237).

in tears. Crying; weeping; shedding tears.

He didn't have to worry about saying something that would make Aunt Minnie leave the table in tears... (Yank, 184).
Hazel Harris was in tears and the playwright had passed out on the bed in the next room (Marquand, 169).

intent upon. Concentrating upon; thinking hard about.

Then you left, intent upon building up an alibi (Gardner, 200).

interested in. Concerned with; attentive to.

Another of the pilots was diving on a truck and got so interested in what he was doing that he ran into a tree (Pyle, 167).
...Mr. Treviso...became more interested in his subject than he had intended (Cain, 216).
...it hadn't occurred to him she could possibly be interested in this formidable pile (Cain, 222).
These people, these employers on the greens, they're not much interested in Willie (Cain, 38).

to interest _____ to know. One may like to know; here is some information one may wish to have. (Often ironic.)

It may interest you to know that he's been back (Cain, 205).

to interfere with. To hinder; to hamper; to obstruct.

...a daily ritual that not even a trip to her grandfather's was going to interfere with (Cain, 12).
...this turn of events was badly interfering with it (Cain, 165).
...and interfere with her work... (Cain, 129).

interior decorating. Designing and applying the design to the interiors of buildings. (Often this is a circumlocution for paperhanging, painting; and the like.)

...take a lesson in interior decorating (Cain, 228).

in terms of

1. In relation to; as regards; regarding.

Not in terms of you and me, dear...but if you notice her eyes and forehead you'll see what I mean (Marquand, 539).
...he had not considered them entirely in terms of himself (Marquand, 542).
There was one part of the Book...that I did think of in terms of a play... (Marquand, 346).

2. In the media of; in the manner relating to.

They always thought in terms of money because they had always had it (Marquand, 559).
So he still thought in terms of the vast deeds he would do when things got a little better (Cain, 7).

in that case. Since that is assumed or proven; in that event.

In that case I will inform you of certain essentials... (Yank, 142).
Now, in that case, there's no reason why the Twenty-Third Psalm, and the little passage ... (Cain, 109).

in that light. According to this manner, mode, fashion; according to this situation.

When Jeffrey thought of them in that light, it no longer mattered what they said (Marquand, 353).

in that way. In that manner; according to that mode, fashion.

Yet even so, he knew that he would always believe that nothing like that had happened in just that way before (Marquand, 451).
Jim looked surprised, as though he had never thought of it in that way (Marquand, 64).

in theory. Theoretically; in theory as compared to actual practice.

The ODB never paid this one... so in theory...they owe you $468 (Yank, 171).
It was only later that Jeffrey realized that the Old Man knew nothing much about this except in theory (Marquand, 177).
Its small complement, whose job in theory was to back up only one division in medium repair work, carried all repair work... (Pyle, 419).

in there. At a place within; within a place. (This implies that the speaker subject is not within.) (Cf. in here.)

She tiptoes in there, got her pajamas, came back, took off her dress (Cain, 15).
...I had an idea maybe there was a jane in there (Gardner, 147).
Get in there with them -- if they haven't walked out on you (Cain, 48).
...fear as to what Veda might be doing in there (Cain, 186).

in the thick of. In the midst of; involved in; caught up in.

...pretty soon we were in the thick of conversation (Pyle, 409).
...they were in the thick of the Tunisia campaign (Pyle, 349).
They had been in the thick of the fighting... (Pyle, 256).

in the third place. Thirdly; as a third reason, problem, situation, condition, or the like.

And in the third place, there was this feeling she had about Veda... (Cain, 189).

in this business. According to, relating to, this business, occupation, vocation.

Many are called, in this business, but few are chosen (Cain, 137).

in this case. In this instance; in this situation. (Cf. in that case.)

In this case, however, the tears were largely induced by our violent efforts to refrain from clutching at our throats (Pyle, 378).
And in this case the percentage of error was really very small... (Pyle, 459).

in this instance. In this case; in this situation.

In those instances, it was impossible to bypass at all... (Pyle, 59).
A good handwriting expert offers only his opinion...but in this instance it's virtually a mathematical certainty (Gardner, 92).

in this world or the next. Here or hereafter; in the world of the living or the world of the dead.

Jeffrey realized again that he could never be like Minot in this world or the next (Marquand, 243).

in those days. Then; in the past.

...the fashionable thing to do in Europe in those days (Yank, 218).

in those terms. That way; in that manner.

When you thought of it in those terms, Walter Newcombe might be egregrious but not preposterous (Marquand, 51).

in tight circles. In very small circles; circling in a short path; turning shortly.

...all the other ships in close to land were scurrying around to make themselves hard to hit, turning in tight circles, leaving half-moon wakes behind them (Pyle, 23-4).

in a tight spot. In a very difficult situation, condition. (CF. in a spot.)

I couldn't conceive of his being rattled in a tight spot (Pyle, 140).

in time.

1. Early enough; soon enough; in good season; before it is too late.

...the American fleet could meet the Japanese fleet any morning and it would all be over in time for lunch (Marquand, 510).
...I might get to arrowhead in time for a little swimming before the sun goes down (Cain, 89).
...he could expect the planes back in time for dinner... (Yank, 229).
...and then, just in time, he recollected that it was a rule of the paper never to start a lead with "The" (Marquand, 198).
...she looked around in time to see Mr. Treviso...mounting his little stand ... (Cain, 239).
Thanks to you, Jim, old boy, we got here in time (Marquand, 43).
He arrived overseas just in time for the invasion (Pyle, 37).
Those not flying got up just in time... (Pyle, 337).
He had crashed -- though he must have come out of his dive in time, so that it was not entirely a crash... (Marquand, 229).
I think we got it in time (Gardner, 43).
I'll step on it and get back to the office in time to hear what he had to say before we go back to court (Gardner, 40).
I couldn't get up in time... (Pyle, 342).
...the medics grabbed him in time to save the rest of him (Yank, 197).
Will we get back in time to see "Wake Island"...tonight? (Yank, 195).
...Conway -- Milicant -- might get sore if I didn't get the grub up to him in time (Gardner, 147).
Just in time, she had remembered that the Pierces were paying for everything... (Cain, 109).

Walter could hear Fred and Beckie whispering to them in low undertones that they were just in time... (Marquand, 136).
The patrol went out, fought sharply and within two hours was back again, just in time (Yank, 6).
She would have to get back in time for dinner, back where her winter house was on Murray Hill... (Marquand, 286).
...it looked as if they might not get through in time to catch the next convoy (Pyle, 280).
...she was in time to hear Veda... (Cain, 154).
...say your final prayers as fast as you can for fear you won't get them done in time... (Yank, 42).

2. With the passage of time; after some time; after a while.

She had hoped, in time, to make $50 a week (Cain, 176).
Friends who, in time, will be much closer, dearer to you than you would believe possible (Yank, 212).

3. Without changing, passing, growing older; with no regard to the passage of time.

It stayed there, suspended in time (Marquand, 263).

in _____ time. During one's life; while one was active; in one's vigorous period.

She's knocked around plenty in her time, but now she's developed complexes... (Gardner, 71).

in time to. With the same rhythm, beat, accent, of.

...everyone in the room would stamp perfunctorily in time to your footsteps, because it was a custom (Marquand, 446).
...it's a fancy step -- first one foot forward and then hesitate with the other, in time to the music (Marquand, 164).

in time of war. During war; while a war is going on.

...refusal to submit to...medical operation in time of war... (Yank, 170).

intimate relations (with). Personal, private relations (with). (This very frequently means sexual relations, sexual intercourse, coitus.)

...making fun of her most intimate relations with him... (Cain, 157).

into a dither. Into a frenzy; into a nervousness.

He now went into a perfect dither of anxiety over what had happened to her... (Cain, 57).

into the fold. Into the church; into salvation.

...after I experienced a slight success in bringing some of the boys into the fold, they put another chaplain over me (Yank, 164).

in a tone of voice. In a manner of speaking; in a fashion of speech.

Mason said, in a tone of voice which was that of an ordinary, informal conversation... (Gardner, 192).

into the night. From the first part of the night and continuing into the night; during most of the night.

It rained all through that day and into the night, a cold driving rain... (Yank, 49).

into play. Into action; into use.

Her range finders set on the enemy fire, Big B swung her heavies into play... (Yank, 43).

into some semblance of. Into a kind of; into a sort of. (This implies that there is in reality little resemblance to something.)

We peered through the open gate, and far down the platform we could make out a group of children being formed into some semblance of a line (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

into thin air. Unaccountably; without leaving a trace.

...on his trail, and ran away -- vanished into thin air, leaving his wife behind him (Gardner, 168).
Inasmuch as she seemed to evaporate into thin air during a time when the hotel was under the closest surveillance... (Gardner, 124).
Then he turned another loose into thin air (Yank, 186).

in touch. In a state, condition, position, of having certain information.

...no business man could always be right, always, and besides, Milton was "in touch" (Marquand, 399).

in touch with. In contact with; in communication with.

I haven't been in touch with him for a while... (Gardner, 40).
Stick around the office, keep in touch with developments, and eat after I get back (Gardner, 93).
I don't suppose you were much in touch with the war in Hollywood (Marquand, 506).
...there are French telephones in the machine-gun nests to keep the gunners in touch with every other part of the beachhead... (Yank, 39).

...lot of sifting ourselves, before we place a name on file, and it puts him in touch with a better class of girls (Cain, 35).

in tow. Accompanying; being led.

Della Street, who had gone down to Drake's office to notify him that Mason was back, came in with the detective in tow (Gardner, 154).

in town. In the city; at a certain town.

Mr. Levinson showed up, saying he happened to be in town... (Cain, 257).
If you could let me know some day when you'll be in town, I'll meet you there (Marquand, 316).
I wish we could have lunch together someday, if you ever find yourself in town, only because any friend of Jim's... (Marquand, 315-16).
They were in town on leave... (Pyle, 347).
I want you to go in town and get one custom-made (Marquand, 529).

in a trade. By trading; by bartering.

...translucent dice, and perfume bottles they had obtained in trades with other children (Cain, 54).

in training. During a course of training; while being trained.

With 12 bullets he killed nine and got one possible, although in training back in the States he had failed... (Yank, 53).

in trim. In good physical condition; healthy and strong.

Are you in fighting trim these days, old boy? (Yank, 100).
"I'm always in fighting trim, ole boy," Artie said (Yank, 100).

in triplicate. In three copies; with three exactly alike.

Here you are...the powers, in triplicate (Marquand, 403).

to introduce _____. To make oneself known to another; to tell another one's name.

Gen. Stilwell introduced himself to the surprised soldier... (Yank, 130).

in trouble. In difficulties; having trouble; confronted with problems.

The plane was in trouble (Pyle, 174).

to intrude on. To enter without invitation; to force oneself upon.

...far be if from me to intrude on her life... (Cain, 215).

in truth. Really; actually; in reality; factually.

In truth,...she looked rather interesting (Cain, 221).
He had, in truth, seen better days (Cain, 6).

in tune with. In harmony with; in agreement with; in concord with.

His step was firmer, his eye was clearer; he was in tune with everything... (Marquand, 191).

in turn.

1. In order; one after another.

And each...in turn dropped its own hurtling marker to guide those behind (Pyle, 438).
The bigger freight ships had to lie off the harbor and be unloaded into smaller boats, which in turn unloaded onto the docks... (Pyle, 272).

2. In retaliation; in reciprocation.

They in turn asked us where we were going (Pyle, 379).
He in turn took the same razzing about his Oxford accent (Pyle, 301).
...trap had closed on Serle, and Serle, in turn, had made demands on Hogarty (Gardner, 214).

in a twinkle. Very quickly; rapidly.

...as much as she loved her washing machine that washed and dried everything in a twinkle... (Marquand, 357).

in a twinkling (of an eye). Quickly; rapidly; hurriedly.

"Behind the ropes! Camp train!" shouted a pale faced guard, and in a twinkling we found ourselves pressed... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

in two. Into two parts; into two pieces.

A BAR man sliced the Jap officer in two, from the belly through the head (Yank, 55).
The plane broke in two (Pyle, 348).

in under. Under; beneath.

...and I tried to get closer to the ground and curl my long legs in under me (Yank, 58).

in uniform. Wearing a uniform; wearing the prescribed clothes. (This most often refers to the clothing worn by service men.)

One night in London I was sitting at a table with some friends in a public house when two boys in uniform leaned over from the next table and asked if I wasn't So-and-So (Pyle, 320).
...he had as hard a time recognizing himself as anyone else did who had been in uniform for two years (Marquand, 254).
...why...are we in uniform (Yank, 213).
...our own men -- in uniform... (Yank, 213).

in up to. Into something to a certain depth.

Mechanically he had dashed it in up to the oiler (Yank, 54).

in the usual manner. In the ordinary way; according to the accepted fashion.

...dinner had been ordered at the Blue and White Cafe, not in the usual manner, but in a most extraordinary manner (Gardner, 210).

in the usual sense of the word. In the accepted sense of the word; in the most often used sense of the word; according to the common meaning of the word. (Cf. in _____ sense of the word.)

False teeth are not considered "property" in the usual sense of the word... (Yank, 171).

in the usual way. In the ordinary manner; according to the usual fashion, manner.

The broadcast had started in the usual way... (Cain, 212).

in vain. Vainly; without success; unsuccessfully.

Late spectators, shuffling into the courtroom, looking in vain for seats, were admonished... (Gardner, 185).
Years later...he tried in vain to put those early impressions into words (Marquand, 287).
He would wait in vain... (Pyle, 368).

invasion coin. A coin especially minted by one country for use in the invasion of another.

He has...a few Japanese invasion coins he picked up... (Yank, 22).

to be in vaudeville. To act in vaudeville; to be in a vaudeville act; to be an actor in vaudeville.

...neither of the Gish sisters had ever been in vaudeville... (Cain, 237).

in view. In plain sight; easily seen; plainly visible.

A circular bed is...prominently in view through the window (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

in view of. With something in mind; considering one thing with something else in mind.

The situation is rendered more puzzling **in view of** the fact that a well-known criminal attorney, whose dramatic exploits... (Gardner, 123).
"**In view of** the evidence," the doctor said positively, "I fix the time of death definitely as not before ten..." (Gardner, 131).
I think...that **in view of** the proof which we now have available... (Gardner, 191).

to invite ____ out. To ask another to accompany one to an entertainment, dinner, party, or the like. (This implies that the entertainment is not in one's home.)

...I never heard what his superiors did when he got there, but I bet they didn't **invite** him **out** for a round of golf (Pyle, 280).
We were **invited out** (Pyle, 342).
...Mrs. Gessler...told Mildred to close the place as she herself was **invited out** (Cain, 229).

to invite _____ to. To ask another to a place; to request another to come somewhere usually as one's guest.

...Bert called up **to invite** her **to** the broadcast (Cain, 208).

in a voice. In a tone of voice; in a manner of speaking. (Usually an adjective accompanies this idiom.)

...she began to talk to herself **in a** bitter **voice**... (Cain, 187).
Then, **in a** low shaking **voice**, she said... (Cain, 145).
After a long pause she went on **in a** passionate, trembling **voice** (Cain, 146).

in want. Poor; in poverty; pauperized.

...I don't think Veda will be **in want** (Cain, 200).
Thus she was in relative affluence when others were in want, and had time on her hands (Cain, 7).

in waves. One group after another group with time and space intervening.

On Hill 600 they attacked frontally **in waves**, just what our machine-gunner would have ordered (Yank, 54).

in (the, a) way. In, according to, the manner, fashion, mode.

Well, now...**in** what **way**, Mr. Wilson? (Marquand, 513).
...he was very conscious of Marianna, but **in a way** which was not altogether comfortable (Marquand, 448).
...Leeds, without suspecting what was in the wind, answered the letter **in** such **a way** that he wrote the name not only once but twice (Gardner, 92).

...it sounded as if he had often said in just that way and that it was never just this morning but any other morning (Marquand, 577).
I don't worry in the way you think... (Marquand, 392).
Bill Swinburne looked at him in the way in which acquaintances of their age always regarded each other... (Marquand, 572).

in a way. To a degree; to an extent; partially.

Von Ripper was quite a guy -- a soldier of fortune in a way, yet he didn't look or act like one (Pyle, 139).
In a vague and indirect way, I suppose, the privilege of listening to your enemy trying to undermine you...expresses what we are fighting for (Pyle, 10).
The best thing about it all was that she was like his conscience in a way (Marquand, 472).
In a way it seemed as though Mr. Gorman were right (Marquand, 511).
In a way it did not seem decent for him to be there... (Marquand, 170).
In a way, it was like preparing for a confessional, or for a minor operation ... (Marquand, 402).
"Yes," he said, "I suppose so, in a way" (Marquand, 390).
It was all about Mrs. Biederhof, and in a way this was a relief (Cain, 14).
In a way, what Mac did in Iran was in repayment... (Yank, 34).
In a way it was like going to the Bulldog Club again... (Marquand, 78).
He was twenty-nine, and in a way the most remarkable man at the station (Pyle, 335).
...they would be glad in a way when they could get outdoors... (Pyle, 350).
I suppose in a way you could say it was the same... (Pyle, 335).
In a way, those black-market operators were the meanest of all the Kyetie Fascists (Yank, 26).
It startled Jeffrey, because she was right in a way (Marquand, 539).
It was in a way not what he wanted, but what she wanted, and it was better than he had thought... (Marquand, 566).
...he realized it represented, in a way, a combination of his and Madge's life (Marquand, 565-6).
Well, yes -- in a way (Gardner, 135).

in the way. Obstructing; impeding.

She wanted the barn to be full of the things that those dear old people used ...not in the way, of course, but still there... (Marquand, 108).

in _____ way. Interfering with one; being an obstruction to one.

...he was in her way while she was fixing the turkey (Yank, 184).
The rifle was in my way, and I couldn't use my hands (Yank, 21).

in the way of. With regard to; amounting to; in respect to.

...but refused to lend anything at all until repairs were made to the property, particularly in the way of a new roof (Cain, 242).

There was nothing in the way of shrubbery, only a stretch of sand and crab grass in front of it... (Marquand, 481).
Neither the town nor the hostel offers anything in the way of amusement (Yank, 29).
...he had not wanted anything done with it in the way of decoration (Marquand, 508).

in the wind. Happening; going on.

...Leeds, without suspecting what was in the wind, answered the letter in such a way that he wrote the name not only once but twice (Gardner, 92).

iron bed. A bed whose frame is made of iron, steel. (old fashioned.)

...only furnishings were a cotton rug, a chair, and an iron bed, made up neatly with blankets (Cain, 92).
...the same iron bed... (Cain, 224)

iron clad. Impenetrable; unassailable. (This is very often used with ideas, arguments, alibis, and the like.)

It looked iron-clad on the face of it, but alibis should never be taken at their face value (Gardner, 210).
Moreover, it's always been my idea that when a man has an iron-clad alibi in a murder case, it's a very good thing to inspect that alibi closely (Gardner, 210).

iron gray. Partially gray; black with some white streaks showing. (This is often used to refer to hair that is turning white when there is still much other color than the white.)

He...has his iron-gray hair cropped in GI style (Yank, 130).

to iron out. To remove wrinkles; to cause to be smooth and unruffled.

The Teutonic faces seemed to him neither happy nor unhappy, the expressions ironed-out and masklike (Marquand, 226).

island hopping. In World War II in the Pacific the strategy of attacking Japanese held islands well within the Japanese perimeter of defense and leaving other islands held by the Japanese unattacked. Hence, a going from island to island.

Between major actions Bill fills in by island-hopping about the Pacific... (Newsweek, July 17, 1944, 9).
A cartoon called Island Hopping shows a steel-spring mannikin stepping triumphantly toward the Jap home fortress over Pacific Islands which are not all terra firma (Time, June 25, 1945, 69).

I take it. As I understand it; it is my understanding that.

And I take it, counselor, your question didn't call for such a communication? (Gardner, 189).
...I take it, this patient isn't wandering around clad in a night-gown (Gardner, 37).

it all. All of it.

He wondered if it all struck Madge in the same way (Marquand, 92).
What does it all mean? (Cain, 196).
You have written it all before (Pyle, 365).
It had all been so easy... (Pyle, 32).

itchy fingered. Being of a disposition to shoot quickly; being apt to shoot first and ask questions afterward.

One night Von Ripper, returning from patrol, was stopped by an itchy-fingered sentry... (Pyle, 140).

it is all very well. It is one thing; it is perhaps good. (This implies that while desirable that there are difficulties to getting something accomplished or done.)

It was all very well to say the boy had to marry Veda, but how could they make him do it? (Cain, 199).

it is him. It is he.

I still contend that it was him (Gardner, 207).
Dammit, it is him! (Gardner, 207).
I'll go into any court on any contempt proceedings, or otherwise, and insist that it's him (Gardner, 207).
That's all she said:-- "It's him!" (Gardner, 207).
She said it was him (Gardner, 207).

it is just as well. It is well, good, that something happened or didn't happen.

It was just as well that they had closed the doors and windows (Marquand, 523).
Perhaps it was just as well not to know too much (Marquand, 55).
...they didn't make the newspapers like that any more and maybe it was just as well (Marquand, 195).
Perhaps it's just as well (Marquand, 45).
"Oh," Jeffrey said, "yes, it's just as well" (Marquand, 589).

it isn't every day. It isn't often; it happens infrequently.

...it wasn't every day you had a birthday (Yank, 165).
...it wasn't every day the Big Three had a powwow in your back yard... (Yank, 165).
...it wasn't every day you had a snort with two captains... (Yank, 165).

it is not _____ funeral. It is not one's hard luck; it is not one's responsibility; one doesn't have to answer for the happenings.

It was not his funeral and he was glad to be gitting (sic) (Marquand, 520).

it is not so much. Something is not as important as something else.

It was not so much the money that was involved, as the dignity (Marquand, 402).

it is this way. This is the way, manner, fashion; this is the situation, condition.

Well, sir, it's this way (Yank, 170).
"Well, it's this way," Jim said (Marquand, 367).

it is _____ time. It is the time for one's death; one's time for death has come.

I thought it was my time...I figured my number had come up...(Marquand, 166).

it looks. It appears; it seems.

It looked as if North Africa from the Atlantic to Cairo had become a war depot of unprecedented proportions (Pyle, 93).
Well, it looks as if I owe you eighty bucks... (Pyle, 165).
It looks as though he's broke again... (Marquand, 12).

it may interest _____ to know. To want another to know something; to offer another information which one thinks another does not have. (This is usually ironic, sarcastic.)

It may interest you to know that that's why he's such a good friend of yours (Cain, 158).

it rains. Rain falls; there is rain.

It rained all through that day and into the night... (Yank, 49).
It rained again that night... (Yank, 50).
When it rains... (Yank, 232).
It only has three rooms and when it rains the bedroom leaks (Marquand, 555).

it's a free country. One cannot tell another what to do; one is free; one does not take orders from another.

It's a free country (Cain, 252).

it's all in. The most important part is; the essential is.

"It's all in the lemon," Minot said (Marquand, 70).

it seems. It appears; it looks.

She knew a lady, it seemed, with a brocade coat (Cain, 159).
It seemed to Jeffrey that very few people that summer understood that war was a matter of killing (Marquand, 509-10).
I just mean...it seems to me silly not to be happy when you have a chance... (Marquand, 549).

it's great to (infinitive). It is wonderful; it is pleasant to.

It's great to see you, Minot... (Marquand, 74).
It's great to see you, boy (Marquand, 74).
It's great to see you, Jeff (Marquand, 47).

It's not the same. It does not seem right; it is not as pleasant; things are different.

It's never the same when you're gone... (Marquand, 408).

It's time. The time has come; it is now appropriate for.

...it's time you knew what was going on with Veda (Cain, 191).
Well...it's time I was going (Marquand, 182).

it's a shame. It is too bad; it is regrettable.

It's a shame somebody didn't shave with it once in a while (Pyle, 240).

It strikes me. It seem striking to me; it appears unusual to me.

Jim is quite a boy...but it always strikes me queer -- he looks like you (Marquand, 96).

it won't be long now. It will be soon; it will not be long off.

It won't be long now... (Marquand, 551).
"How do you mean," Jim asked, "It won't be long now?" (Marquand, 551).

it wouldn't do. It would not be proper, the thing to do; it would be improper.

It wouldn't do for you to get angry -- let's see, how old are you (Gardner, 33).

it won't hurt _____ to (Infinitive). There will be nothing wrong in doing something; one has nothing to lose by doing something.

It won't hurt you to see Bill (Marquand, 556).

it will never do. It is not right; it is not proper; it is not the thing to do.

It would never do to return to Pontianak and tell them I just took a ferry ride (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

I wouldn't say. I am not certain; I am not sure, positive.

Now, I wouldn't say they were engaged (Cain, 194).

jack hammer. A hammer operated by hand and powered by compressed air. (Also attributive.)

...jack hammers were put on the job, cutting eight-foot holes in the rock... (Yank, 178).
Two jack-hammer operators were working all alone up near "The Point" (Yank, 178).

Jack in the box. A child's toy consisting of a box in which there is a doll of sorts attached to a spring so constructed that when the lid of the box is opened, the doll flies out.

In the V of a tree was a Jap with a BAR which he let fly at intervals as he ducked up and down. They called him "Jack-in-the-box" (Yank, 6).

the jack pot. (See: to hit the jackpot.) A large amount of money put aside in a gambling game and won by an especially lucky combination. Hence, anything valuable which one gets, wins, falls heir to.

This new wife, this time, Alf had told him, was the jack pot (Marquand, 475).

a jam up. A tie up; a ceasing to function due to too much of something; a stopping caused by crowding.

...Audrey had been taken on...just to forestall the possibility of another jam-up (Cain, 152).

a jaunty air. A spirit of sprightliness, happiness, and unconcern.

...a brooding, hang-dog look that was very different from the jaunty air he had once had (Cain, 222).

jazz band. A dance orchestra; an orchestra which plays jazz, dance music.

...with a big jazz band... (Cain, 210).

to jerk out of. To remove from; to cause to get up, rise.

...we were all jerked out of our sleeping holes at 3 o'clock... (Yank, 181).

to jerk sodas. To mix soft drinks in a confectionery, drug store, or the like.

Jerking sodas isn't easy... (Yank, 154).

the jig is up. Everything is finished; one is caught doing something he should not do and he is to be punished.

In that flash of recognition, the German Oberleutnant knew that his jig was up, if that girl lived (Marquand, 424).
The jig is up (Gardner, 160).

Jim Crow. (Jim Crow is a term implying all aspects of the racial intolerance of the whites for the Negro in the U.S.A. A Jim Crow car is a railroad car in which Negroes must ride.)

As you know, Old Man Jim Crow rules (Yank, 212).

Jim Crowism. Discrimination against the Negroes.

His vote against Jim Crowism (Nation, Jan, 7, 1939, 27).
The Negro organizations...want an end to Jim Crowism (Propaganda Analysis, Aug. 26, 1941, 1).

a job to do. A task which must be done but for which there is no pleasure or sense of accomplishment in the doing.

But since then it's been a job to do, just a job of muddy, hard work (Pyle, 173).

to jockey for position. To attempt to get the best place in a race, contest, any situation where people are competing against each other.

...crowd of silent people in the hallway outside the personnel offices, and the tense, desperate jockeying for position when the doors opened at ten o'clock (Cain, 32-33).

to jog up. To attempt to arouse one from sleep, inactivity, emotional emptiness.

...when she still moped, Mildred thought it time to jog her up a bit (Cain, 183).

to join a church. To become a member of a church officially by enrolling one's name with the minister.

The trouble was that Mom, who had been originally a Methodist, only joining the Episcopal Church after marrying Mr. Pierce... (Cain, 109).

to join in. To join with others in some activity; to take part.

When I saw my first game back in the States I joined in... (Yank, 173).
...she had joined in... (Cain, 128).
He often joins the bull sessions of the corporals and privates... (Yank, 130).
...two adoptees...stowed away and joined in the Anzio beachhead landing on D-day (Pyle, 243).

to join the party. To joins others in some activity; to take part.

Then four more came up and joined the party (Yank, 194).

to join up.

1. To join; to become a member. (This often implies enlisting in the armed forces.)

Before joining up he did common labor at Army camps and fruit farms (Pyle, 40).
"Do you mean you're joing up?" Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 556).
Some of them even wanted to join up with us... (Yank, 26).

2. To fit; to become an integral part.

...it joined up quite neatly (Cain, 136).

to join with. To cooperate with; to assist.

...white people...would stand up, join with us and help us to prove to their white friends... (Yank, 213).

to joke about. To make a joke concerning; to be humorous about, regarding.

All this he took cheerfully, for many of his friends were in the same plight, and he could joke about it, and even boast about it (Cain, 7).
They weren't joking about it, either (Pyle, 340).

to be a joke on ---. To be the butt of a joke; to have others laugh at one because of something funny one has done or said.

Then he burst into loud laughter, and pointed a derisive finger at Ida, as though it was a great joke on her (Cain, 68).

to juggle the books. To arrange financial accounts so that a discrepancy is not shown; to make false entries in financial accounts usually for illegal reasons.

There's no way.. any of them can juggle the books to keep him out of it... (Cain, 200).

juke box. A large automatic record player which contains dials so that one can select the recording he wished to have played. It is activated by insertion of a coin, usually a five cent piece.

Regan...went over to the juke box to play "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (Yank, 226).
Well, yes -- in the local version of a drug-store there is a juke box like none other you've ever heard (Yank, 75).

to jump a claim. To seize, take, and hold, usually by force, another's claim to a mining venture, mine, place where one intends to dig a mine.

When a man has a gold mine, he doesn't give his friends a chance to jump the claim (Gardner, 101).

to jump at a conclusion. To come to an idea, a conclusion, illogically; to make poor inferences and judgments without careful thought.

"There isn't any conclusion to jump at, dear," he could hear her say (Marquand, 442).

to jump down. To jump and to descend.

The pilot...jumped down (Yank, 229).
...the men...jumped down from the rail... (Cain, 213).

to be jumped by. To be surprised by; to be suddenly confronted by.

One...asked what two lone American soldiers could do if they were suddenly jumped by an enemy patrol party (Yank, 178).

jumping standard. A device consisting of two upright pieces across which there is a movable bar which can easily be dislodged. It is used for high jump and vaulting contests.

The jumping standards were up just opposite them, and Minot walked the horse to the center of the ring... (Marquand, 378).
He turned back toward the fallen jumping standard and pulled a handkerchief from the pocket... (Marquand, 379).

to jump off.

1. To jump away from something; to get off, descend, by jumping.

...a lot of guys were jumping off the side of the boat (Yank, 168).

2. To attack the enemy in force, in concerted action; to leave one's fixed defenses and to attack the enemy.

...no battalion commander could have given you the exact location of his various units five minutes after they had jumped off (Pyle, 442).

to jump out (of).

1. To leave by jumping; to get away from hurriedly.

They probably jumped out to swim for shore... (Yank, 253).
...about six men jumped out (Yank, 208).
...the wolf jumped out of bed and chased Red Riding Hood... (Yank, 255).

2. To get out of a car, vehicle, hurriedly.

Four officers in uniform jumped out (Marquand, 119).
Veda...jumped out of the car... (Cain, 186).

A good strong man in the prime of life...could have jumped out and trotted beside it without too much trouble... (Yank, 115).

jump pay. The additional payment made to paratroopers, service men who descend from airplanes by means of parachutes.

He had 20 month's pay or a top kick coming, plus $50 a month jump pay, plus 20 per cent overseas pay (Yank, 28).

to jump to attention. To come to attention hurriedly; to hurry to attention.

...all his officers jumped to attention when he walked in the room (Yank, 130).

to jump to --- feet. To rise rapidly; to get on one's feet quickly; to stand up quickly.

...we'd jump to our feet and run like scared rabbits... (Yank, 187).

to jump up. To stand up, get up, rise, quickly, rapidly; to get to one's feet in haste.

I jumped up and grabbed him by the arm... (Yank, 12).
Mildred...jumped up, her eyes blazing... (Cain, 205).
...Mr. Hobey jumped up... (Cain, 236).
Mildred Jumped up, followed... (Cain, 186).
...she...jumped up and met Veda in the kitchen (Cain, 196).
Lt. Hillard jumped up in his chair and banged the desk with his fist (Yank, 95).
He jumped up, and found Anna's finger not six inches from his nose, leveled at him... (Cain, 67).
As soon as she got half of her fizz water down, she jumped up and began spinning around... (Cain, 56).
...Muncy jumped up and said... (Pyle, 220).
...he...jumped up, and -- ... (Cain, 128).
...there was a lively jumping up to give her a seat (Cain, 212).
...they jumped up, hit the driver on the shoulder to get the car stopped... (Pyle, 379).
We jumped up and ran down the slope (Pyle, 426).
A buzzer sounded, and Walter jumped up (Marquand, 48).
I jumped up, startled. The engines were stopped (Pyle, 20).
I jump up... (Cain, 218).
I jumped up... (Yank, 239).

June bug. A large, brown beetle (genus Phyllophaga).

...they were jubilant as June bugs and ready for more (Pyle, 405).

a June bride. (June is the most popular month for weddings in the U.S.)

I feel just like a June bride... (Yank, 143).

jungle kit. A kit, package, of instruments, food, and other necessaries for a serviceman lost in the jungle.

I replaced my parachute with another, becausemine had no jungle kit attached (Yank, 117).

jungle rot. Any of several skin diseases prevalent in the jungles of the tropics.

My life consists of bully beef....
.....
Gun-shot wounds and jungle rot... (Yank, 156).

jungle wall. The seemingly impenetrable growth, arrangement of trees, vines, and so on, composing a jungle. It is often so thick as to suggest a wall.

...struggling desperately to keep their flimsy foothold a few feet inside the jungle wall where the sand ends (Yank, 39).

junior high school. In the public, tax supported, schools of the U.S. the grades 7, 8, and 9; the school for students usually of ages 13, 14 and 15.

He had taught music in junior high school there (Pyle, 339).

junior miss. An early teen-age girl; a girl from 13-16 years of age.

Junior Misses Frock No. 8820... (Vogue, Jan. 15, 1947, 106).

just a drop of. Only a little bit of; only a small portion of.

"Just a drop of Scotch," Buchanan said, "and plain water, please" (Marquand, 147).

just another. A common one; an ordinary one.

He actually thought...that Mr. Newcombe's manuscript...was just another of those books (Marquand, 27).

just as. Exactly as; as.

...and sure enough, just as Lizzie had said, Madge's Uncle Judson... was walking down the stairs (Marquand, 96).

just as soon. Rather; sooner; please.

"Minot," Jeffrey said, "if you'd just as soon, would you hum something else?" (Marquand, 382).
...but it is mostly the loose-bowelled kind that you would just as soon be without (Yank, 48).
"I'd just as soon you wouldn't say that," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 300).

just between us. Secretly; in secret.

Personally, just between us both, there was something Hemingway and Faulkner and Steinbeck that left Sinclair just a little cold (Marquand, 335-336).

just the beginning. Only a small segment, part, of the whole.

I only know that 400 was just the beginning (Pyle, 438).

just in case. (See: in case.) Should something untoward happen; in the event of some occurrence.

They always keep the air dead ahead of you full of shells, just in case (Pyle, 163).
...MP's had armored cars...there ready for action just in case anything did happen (Pyle, 380).
It's a good thing to have, just in case (Cain, 204).

just like that. With, for, no valid reason; without a logical reason; thoughtlessly.

Walked out on you, just like that? (Cain, 9).

just a minute.

1. A short time; not a long time; a brief time.

And then he said, 'Well, I could run up for just a minute' (Gardner, 103).
Their coats and hats reminded him for just a minute of undertakers at a country funeral (Marquand, 599).

2. Wait, stay for a short time. (Polite form.)

Just a minute, please (Marquand, 437).
Mason said, "Just a minute, Barkler, before you leave" (Gardner, 59).

just off. Immediately adjacent to; right next to.

Mr. Hannen lived just off the Pasadena traffic circle... (Cain, 134).

...he was mistaken for a mess officer and installed in a cubby-hole, just off the mess kitchen... (Yank, 164).
...the golden-oak chairs in the little dining room just off the kitchen ... (Marquand, 362).
The town was just off the crest of the mountains... (Yank, 48).

just people. Common, unpretentious people.

I found them to be just people, and nice people like the soldiers (Pyle, 3).

just the same. Nevertheless; notwithstanding; all the same.

Just the same, she was annoyed (Cain, 116).
Just the same he has put together a good stable... (Yank, 233).
Just the same, I have a duty toward her... (Cain, 215).
Just the same, I didn't like the signs "Military Personnel -- Officers Only" one bit (Yank, 212).
Just the same, it certainly seemed funny... (Cain, 211).
Just the same, we mean to get our money (Cain, 248).
Just the same, most people find it hard to make the distinction and -- to them, what they see isn't a body (Cain, 110).
It's not a report that he'd swear to, but it'll be something you can bank on just the same (Gardner, 90).
It was a tiny bald spot, with black hair all around it, but was a bald spot just the same (Cain, 88).
But I remind you, just the same, that there was none of this kind of stinginess when... (Cain, 55).
It's sublet, but the manager likes to take people from our lists, just the same (Cain, 35).

just say so. Say it briefly and to the point. (This implies a request for a blunt, economical answer.)

If you don't just say so and all I've got to do is call up and tell her ... (Cain, 41).

just so. With precision; precisely; exactly; accurately.

...he was impressed by the steely neatness of the countryside -- trees growing just so on every hill... (Marquand, 226).
"Everything's gotta be just so with you," muttered Snell (Yank, 138).
Everybody looked just so, and exactly like everybody else (Pyle, 298).

to keel over. To faint; to lose consciousness.

...I was still weak and I didn't want to disgrace myself by suddenly keeling over at the sight of a bad wound (Pyle, 54).

to keep abreast of. To keep up with; to continue to read and study current material.

...so they should represent a cross section of thoughtful, intelligent people who kept abreast of the new books (Marquand, 339).

to keep account of. To keep a record of; to record.

...I don't keep any account of it (Gardner, 52).

to keep after. To continue asking, ordering, etc.; to prod.

There are two kinds of boys...the ones you can pat on the back and those you have to keep after (Yank, 149).

to keep ahead. To maintain a lead; to keep an advantage.

They tried to keep ahead by fifty graves or so (Pyle, 284).

to keep alive. To maintain life; to hold onto life.

...this Frankenstein that so many white people are keeping alive (Yank, 213).
The average combat soldier was so preoccupied with the job of merely keeping alive... (Pyle, 137).

to keep an appointment. To meet someone as agreed beforehand; to go to an appointment; to keep a date.

...he put on a swell act of a man about town keeping business appointments (Gardner, 46).
I have to rush to keep an appointment (Gardner, 24).

to keep at ---.

1. To continue with something; to keep on.

She...doggedly kept at the job... (Cain, 129).

2. To continue something with a person. (This implies a prodding, a continuing asking.)

But the sergeant kept at him (Pyle, 316).

to keep awake. To remain awake; to stay awake; to be wakeful; not to sleep.

...the same drug I remembered using...to keep awake for my final exams (Yank, 118).

After three solid weeks of being kept awake...that was not hard to believe (Pyle, 381).
...their main success was in keeping us awake... (Pyle, 381).

to keep away. To remain away; to stay away; not to come.

First there was the summer when you kept away as much as you possibly could (Marquand, 325).

to keep away from. Not to go near; to maintain a distance from.

Keep Japs away from grounded plane and pilot until reinforcements arrive... (Gardner, 167).
He can't keep away from them (Gardner, 167).

to keep --- balance. To maintain one's balance; not to fall but to remain upright.

...having it slip from under him while he made an undignified effort to keep his balance (Marquand, 270).

to keep behind. Not to allow to go, leave; to force to remain.

...they were always kept behind as instructors or sent to Corps Headquarters (Marquand, 231).

to keep books. To maintain a record of financial matters; to keep accounts.

I don't keep books on her (Cain, 246).
I keep house for him and keep his books (Gardner, 26).
...Mrs. Jaeckel, the lady she employed to keep the books (Cain, 243).

to keep busy. To manage to be doing something; to have something to do.

Oh, I manage to keep busy (Cain, 21).

to keep --- chin up. (Very often in the imperative.) Don't be downhearted; don't be discouraged; be manly.

Keep your chin up, sir (Yank, 164).

to keep clean. To maintain cleanliness; to clean; to clean up.

They had to keep their own tents clean... (Pyle, 214).

to keep --- company. To accompany one; to be with one; to be in the company of one.

She still had to make the inexorable pies, and as he kept her company in the kitchen, and even helped her where he could... (Cain, 110).

Fine company for me to be keeping (Pyle, 339).

to keep confidential. To hold in secret; to keep secret; to hold in confidence.

...a matter that I shall have to ask you to keep confidential... (Cain, 215).

to keep cool. To to get excited; to remain calm.

Just took my time, kept cool and, damn, I got them (Yank, 53).

to keep down.

1. Not to allow to rise; to hold down.

...flowers around their pyramidal tents — for beauty and to keep the dust down (Yank, 234).

2. Not to allow to grow; to hold down growth.

That's why the lawn keeps shooting up and why you can't keep it down with a twenty-five dollar mower (Marquand, 515).

to keep --- ears peeled. To listen intently; to keep one's ears open.

I could hear them talking in there something about race horses, and I sort of kept my ears peeled because Louise...sometime... (Gardner, 145).

to keep an eye on. To watch; to be attentive of; to heed. (This implies attention to something especially should a mishap occur.)

While I'm away, I wish you'd keep an eye on Jim (Marquand, 391).
Thought I'd better keep an eye on the one here (Gardner, 165).
Just keep an eye on him, but don't make up his mind for him (Marquand, 396).
...the burst had killed two of the fellows who had offered to keep an eye on the jeep... (Yank, 196).
In the days that followed the landings our headquarters vessel patrolled back and forth between the American sectors, kept an eye on the shore in case help was needed... (Pyle, 33).
...should've kept his eye on the boy (Yank, 226).
He kept his eyes on the ground, and I think he might have cried... (Pyle, 197).

to keep an eye out for. To watch for; to look for; to try to find.

He had a letter from home telling him to keep an eye out for me (Pyle, 246).

to keep from. To restrain from; to restrict from; to suppress.

...everybody on the side lines...nearly choked while trying to keep from laughing (Yank, 186).
The soldiers said at time he had kept them from going nuts (Pyle, 284).

...what it would mean to them financially if they could keep Alden Leeds from marrying or making a will (Gardner, 155).
She...walked on the grass to keep from making a noise... (Cain, 252).
...and they don't want handy pocket guides that tell them how to keep from getting lose (Yank, 96).

to keep --- from ---. Not to let one know about something; to keep a secret from one.

Jeff...why do you keep things from me...? (Marquand, 7).

to keep going.

1. To continue to go; to keep on going; to go.

We...decided it was all right to keep going as long as there were crowds (Pyle, 457).
Often in cases like that we just went around the woods and kept going... (Pyle, 442).
"Keep going," then, turning to Della Street, "Come on, Della" (Gardner, 65).

2. To continue; to keep on.

A single gun blast set off a continuous rebounding of sound, against clouds and rocky slopes, which would keep going for ten seconds or more (Pyle, 203).
And yet the war couldn't keep going without it (Pyle, 417).

3. To keep in repair; to maintain in operating condition.

"It's always one long fight," Jeffrey said, "to keep a garden going"
I felt big and important, driving...out to get another load of the precous supplies that kept everything going on that tiny cameo of a beachhead (Pyle, 275).
As the fight progressed, Newbrough, alone on the gun, kept it going constantly (Yank, 7).
With his machine-gun corporal...Hall managed to keep the gun going by pouring water into the jacket from every available canteen (Yank, 93).

to keep --- hand in. To keep in practice; not to lose one's touch; to continue to utilize one's capabilities so that they remain useful.

...so he took his typewriter with him and wrote scads of letters to the folks back home, just to keep his hand in (Pyle, 127).

to keep --- head down. To place one's head low; to put one's head lower than normal. (This is usually for protection.).

Others kept their heads down and wouldn't look up (Pyle, 370).
...the Navy men in the bow hollered to us to keep our heads down... (Yank, 144).

to keep a highway clear. Not to allow obstruction on a highway, road; to keep things off a highway.

The thousands of behicles of the division were halted some ten miles back in order to keep the highway clear for the engineers (Pyle, 67).

to keep hours. To maintain hours for business, pleasure, and the like; the time for business, pleasure, etc.

...with this restaurant of yours you keep somewhat peculiar hours (Cain, 147).

to keep house. To manage, clean, care for a house and to cook, wash, etc., as a housewife.

...the filthy way she keeps house (Cain, 14).
I keep house for him, and keep his books (Gardner, 26).

to keep --- in the dark. Not to let one know the facts; to keep knowledge from one.

He stayed straight for a week or two, and then went back to the old life, keeping his sister in the dark (Gardner, 72).

to keep in shape. To keep in repair; to maintain.

The guns required a great deal of daytime work to keep them in shape... (Pyle, 385).

to keep it up. To continue; to keep on.

She said Veda was trying to blackmail her boy into marrying her and if she kept it up she'd have the law on her (Cain, 195).

to keep low. To remain in a lying position; to stay down.

...the massage-center people kept low and played Battleship (Yank, 6).

to keep --- mind on. To continue to think about; to concentrate on.

"That's fine," Jeffrey said, "keep your mind on me" (Marquand, 295).
Yet it was hard to keep his mind on what Minot was saying (Marquand, 249).
"Then keep your mind on it," Madge said, "and don't start thinking about the war" (Marquand, 89).
He wished he were like Madge, able to keep his mind on a single idea (Marquand, 343).
He hasn't been able to keep his mind on a solitary thing, dear (Marquand, 566).
"Keep your mind on your stomach," Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 464).

to keep --- mouth shut. Not to tell something; to keep a secret; not to talk.

I told her you'd stand back of her as long as she kept her mouth shut (Gardner, 118).
...despite the instructions they received upon arrival in the U.S. to keep their mouths shut (Yank, 217).
Charlie's cue was just to keep his mouth shut and blush modestly at the proper time (Pyle, 120).

to keep off. To protect from; to bar; to keep away.

...the bread board and the butter dish with its netting frame to keep off the flies (Marquand, 382).
There they were loaded on the small, flat-decked LCTs, which has canvas over the top to keep off rain (Pyle, 286).

to keep on.

1. To continue; to go on.

The shell went from high to low instantly, and instead of starting to arc downwards as it hit the slower speed, it amazingly kept on in an almost flat trajectory as though it were on wheels being propelled along a level road (Pyle, 26).
The $25 check kept on going to your mother... (Yank, 171).
...now that he was started, that tune would keep on with him all the evening (Marquand, 73).
If Charley kept on kicking the stones he would ruin the toes of those shoes of his... (Marquand, 222).
"Keep on walking," Bill Swinburne said... (Marquand, 573).
There's only one thing I've ever done, and I want to keep on doing it (Marquand, 390).
"You always say you're sorry," Madge said, "and then you keep on doing it" (Marquand, 568).
...and still Jeffrey kept on reading (Marquand, 498).
...not to worry about him, but to keep right on working just the way you're doing now (Gardner, 58).
Glancing at the gas, she saw there were two gallons in the tank, and kept on straight ahead (Cain, 61).
She would say she wanted him to "keep on liking her," that he might feel differently... (Cain, 63).
...then I'll have pies to take out, and keep on getting all the wholesale pie... (Cain, 77).
...they were her first guests, and she hoped they liked her place and would keep on being her guests (Cain, 121).
Keep on, Mildred, keep right on (Cain, 5).
He sold his business to Guy L. Serle and gave Serle the right to keep on using the name of Conway Appliance Company (Gardner, 16).
Then the subject was exhausted...you could not keep going on about the telephone (Marquand, 577).
Alf looked at him from the corners of his eyes and kept on reciting (Marquand, 486).
Their orders were to keep right on baking... (Pyle, 245).

He kept on flying by his map for a long time... (Pyle, 169).
After lunch, I kept on moving... (Yank, 31).
But the fellow kept right on going (Pyle, 80).
I don't ever want to fly again, but if they tell me to keep on flying then I'll just keep on... (Pyle, 224).
So Cheek kept on reading the 'Reader's Digest' (Yank, 47).
...Section 4 is waiting to push into the continent and keep on terrorizing the enemy (Yank, 33).
"All right," Jeffrey said, "you go and keep on trying" (Marquand, 405).
We've got to keep on trying (Marquand, 405).
Tex kept on guiding Sweeney... (Pyle, 16).
I saluted him back and kept on going (Yank, 199).
The new soldier stopped and stared at it and kept on staring (Pyle, 154).
But Big B kept right on rolling (Yank, 43).
...the trembling kept on (Cain, 154).
...and he'd never look at you -- he'd just keep on walking (Yank, 53).
At one point they tunneled under the barbed wire and kept on crawling deeper into our area... (Yank, 54).
He wanted to keep on firing and he had been told to hold back (Yank, 110).
She's got to kick in, and keep on kicking (Cain, 251).

2. To stay at; to remain using.

You're going to keep on the telephone in direct communication with your men who are watching Conway's apartment (Gardner, 68).

3. To use; to employ; to hire.

We don't do a big dinner business here, so we only keep three girls on at night, but they take turns (Cain, 49).

to keep out.

1. To exclude; not to allow to come in, to enter.

Madge had always been very good about putting clothes in closets, sending coats to the cleaners' and keeping out the moths (Marquand, 410).
He pulled back the door with a flourish and closed it quickly to keep out the March wind (Marquand, 397).
...military police at the door to keep out the "untouchables" (Yank, 212).
...a female secretary who had been told to keep everyone out, but everyone (Marquand, 419).

2. Not to join in; not to become part of.

There was no way of knowing whether aid to Britain would keep us out or get us into war that October morning (Marquand, 88).

to keep out of.

1. Not to enter; to remain outside of, away from.

There's a lot of talk around here about whether we ought to get in it or keep out of it... (Marquand, 300).
...we had learned long ago to keep out of draws (Yank, 241).
Keep out of draws. Jerry has his mortars zeroed in on them (Yank, 150).

2. To exclude; to prohibit entrance.

There's no way the mother...can juggle the books to keep him out of it (Cain, 200).
This was an impasse which he had tried to keep out of his mind and it had not been there much... (Marquand, 477).
Guards theoretically kept Italians out of the airfield areas... (Pyle, 206).

3. Not to allow to join in; not to permit taking part in.

I'll see that they occupy a room where they'll be kept out of mischief for some time (Gardner, 37).
Remember, Wilson kept us out of war? (Marquand, 72).

to keep posted. To gather information; to learn what is happening.

He seems to keep pretty well posted (Gardner, 58).
Keep me posted (Gardner, 50).

to keep quiet.

1. Not to talk; to remain silent.

...when Hal told her to be quiet, she kept quiet (Marquand, 435).
After trying to keep quiet, she lashed out... (Cain, 207).
Then Mildred, After trying to keep quiet, went on: "I was at Lake Arrowhead, if you have to know" (Cain, 98).
She worked furiously at the dough, tried to keep quiet, then wheeled on him (Cain, 83).
I'm too damned jumpy to keep quiet (Yank, 168).
How can you enjoy your beer with half the barracks snoring and the other half yelling at you to keep quiet (Yank, 34).

2. Not to divulge information; to keep secret.

Louis told Harold to keep quiet about what he knew (Gardner, 167).

to keep right. To turn to the right side; to go to the right as opposed to the left.

Midgets and Papooses to the left, Junior Highs, Green Arrows, and Squaw Men keep right (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

to keep secret. Not to divulge information; not to talk, write, about something.

...but Lou takes great care to make sure this record is kept secret (Yank, 110).

to keep --- shirt on. To be patient; not to hurry, rush; to take it easy. (Very often in the imperative.)

"...I told them 'Hey, keep your shirt on'" (Cain, 155).
I told him to stay where he was and to keep his shirt on (Marquand, 368).
"Yes, Dick," Jeffrey said, "just keep your shirt on, Dick" (Marquand, 293).
"Well, keep your shirt on," Jeffrey said, "and don't take any wooden nickles" (Marquand, 583).

to keep --- up. To cause another to stay up late at night; not to let another go to bed.

...not to keep Veda up late... (Cain, 127).

to keep step. To walk in step; to put the left foot to the ground at the same time another does when walking together and to do the same with the right foot.

Men don't try to keep step (Pyle, 200).

to keep still. Not to move; to remain motionless.

Jeffrey told him to keep still and asked how he felt (Marquand, 236).
In a moment she was out there, rattling the knob, but he kept still (Cain, 7).

to keep store. To manage, operate, run, a store; to be in charge of stores.

Ream was a storekeeper third class, but that doesn't necessarily mean he kept store (Pyle, 37).

to keep --- straight. Not to allow to become confused with something else; to keep accurately.

It's the only way we can keep it straight (Cain, 151).

to keep things going. To maintain something in operation; to manage something successfully. (Cf. to keep going)

...Letty...kept things going smoothly (Cain, 230).

to keep to ---. Not to tell; not to talk about; to say nothing about.

Just in time she had remembered that the Pierces were paying for everything, and kept her reflections to herself (Cain, 109).
You certainly kept it to yourself (Cain, 21).

it's cleared when you talk something out instead of keeping it to yourself (Marquand, 394).
"Don't keep it to yourself," Jeffrey said, "be sure to tell us, Minot" (Marquand, 71).
...we'd have gone to court already, asked for receivers, and strictly kept our questions to ourselves (Cain, 246).
He...decided to keep his intentions to himself... (Cain, 168).

to keep track of. To maintain current information about; to continue to learn about.

...Mildred had kept track of Monty these last three years... (Cain, 220).
I tell you I never kept track of it (Gardner, 52).

to keep under --- hat. To keep secret; not to tell; not to talk about something.

...because it's different this time and I know you'll keep it under your hat (Marquand, 62).

to keep up.

1. To continue; to go on with.

Keeping up a sort of self-conscious commentary... (Cain, 223).
Our guns kept up their booming... (Pyle, 370).
But Veda kept up her bass... (Cain, 236).
...Mrs. Floyd sat there and kept up a running harange about mothers who run off with some man... (Cain, 98).
If you keep this up, you might find yourself the victim of some ravening brute... (Cain, 223).
This kept up for three days... (Yank, 135).
...with his 50-caliber machine gun and kept up tracer bursts until our heavy artillery... (Yank, 55).
You know, John, you keep up a running fire of comment (Gardner, 22).
...keeping up a heavy barrage of fire, they moved to the spot... (Yank, 24).
Throughout the night the artillery of both sides kept up a steady pounding (Pyle, 202).
Out in the darkness, one of the mule skinners kept up a long monologue... (Pyle, 203).
Somebody's gonna get hurt if this keeps up (Yank, 239).

2. To maintain; to support.

...the merciless milking Mildred was giving them in order to keep up the establishment in Pasadena (Cain, 246).
...a couple of fresh ones were buttoning up to go into the lines and keep up the vigil (Yank, 197).
...she wondered how long she could keep up the pretenses and whether she could get another job before her bluff was called (Cain, 74).

...why...kid yourself about keeping up morale? (Yank, 214).
...they say that it is supposed to keep up the morale of the servicemen... (Yank, 214).

3. To carry on the maintenance; to keep in repair.

...we gathered that it was a considerable task to keep up the large church and school in the face of the changes the neighborhood had undergone (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
...the grounds would be expensive to keep up (Cain, 176).
...the least he could do was to pay for the plumbing and the painting and for keeping up the grounds (Marquand, 211).

to keep up a smooth front. To maintain, keep up, appearances; to maintain a certain aspect, look.

...but it was kind of good to know he could keep up a smooth front like any junior gold braid (Yank, 89).

to keep up with.

1. To continue to learn about; to know the current information concerning.

That was the fun of being a bookman and of keeping up with book fairs.... (Marquand, 338).
You ought to keep up with the times (Cain, 166).

2. To go as fast as; to move with as rapid a pace as.

...so Ford and I flew down the mountain side together, going so fast the rocks we kicked loose couldn't even keep up with us (Pyle, 149).
As we struggled to keep up with our guide's pace... (Yank, 197).
...the burros couldn't keep up with the infantry so they had to abandon them for the stronger Sicilian mules (Pyle, 86).

to keep --- waiting. To cause one to wait; to delay one.

She always kept us waiting, but her Aunt Clara was punctual (Marquand, 97).
I've got to know whether they're having vegetables or waffle before I can start, so don't keep me waiting (Cain, 119).
"No, no, Uncle Judson," Madge said, "I don't want to keep you waiting" (Marquand, 95).
I'm sorry to keep you waiting, but most of these people are old friends... (Cain, 33).
...I can only keep the others waiting a minute or two (Gardner, 2).

a key chain. A small jewelry chain, or the like, which is used to fasten one's keys to one's clothes. (Most often this refers to men.)

He twirled his lengthy key chain... (Yank, 155).

key container. A leather, or similar folder in which one carries keys.

There is a pigskin key container, a watch, a cigarette case... (Gardner, 129).

key man. The most important person; the essential man.

...the platoon sergeant is usually the key man in any line action (Yank, 148).

to kick in. To pay; to furnish money; to give financial aid.

She's got to kick in, and keep on kicking (Cain, 251).
Veda has to kick in (Cain, 249).
His money was in the fruit company, but when that folded his mother kicked in (Cain, 141).

to kick loose with. To release; to give.

We couldn't get the post office to kick loose with a forwarding address so we sent twenty-five bucks on a chance (Gardner, 98).

to kick off.

1. To remove unceremoniously; to force out.

No longer was there any possibility of our getting kicked off (Pyle, 432).

2. To begin; to start.

...then the ground troops would kick off... (Pyle, 431).

the kick off line. The starting place; the line which marks the beginning.

...I compromised and picked a farmyard about 800 yards back of the kickoff line (Pyle, 434).

to kick ---. To reprimand oneself; to admit one's own foolishness.

It couldn't have been helped, but I'm kicking myself just the same (Gardner, 61).
The officers told me that they were kicking themselves for not noticing the gunner's nervousness in time... (Pyle, 224).

to kick out. To remove by kicking; to cause to lose by kicking.

...little guys...got buck teeth which we kicked out (Yank, 161).

to kick --- out (of). To eject; to force to leave; to remove forcibly.

...the top is coming in here and kick you out of his chair (Yank, 98).

When the money was gone you kicked him out (Cain, 206).

to kick up.

1. To cause to rise quickly; to force upward; to flick up.

The blast of the gun had kicked up so much dirt... (Pyle, 393).
Each explosion kicked up dirt... (Yank, 252).

2. To act abnormally; to perform in a manner not expected nor liked.

Dawn came up gray and misty, and the sea began to kick up (Pyle, 18).

to kick up --- heels. To show great pleasure; to exhibit a pleasurable emotion.

Mildred wanted to kick up her heels and laugh at Veda... (Cain, 135).

a kid brother. A younger brother.

...you won't regret it, Jesse, and this is my kid brother (Marquand, 283).
This is my kid brother, loveliness (Marquand, 279).

to kid the pants off (of). To tease; to harass with jokes, humor.

He would kid the pants off us about the way we talked (Pyle, 301).

to kid with. To talk humorously with; to banter with; to talk lightly with.

I tried to kid with the boys (Yank, 20).

to kill a day. To spend a day; to do throughout a day. (This implies uselessness.)

So I stayed aboard, and just killed a full day doing nothing (Pyle, 226).

to be killed in action. To die in battle; to die in war. (This implies that one dies in actual combat rather than from any other causes.)

...your son was killed in action? (Yank, 217).
...the Purple Heart...is often given posthumously to men killed in action... (Yank, 173).

to kill off. To eradicate; to kill; to destroy.

...many saplings were killed off by the heat and methane gas thus generated (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

to kill time. To occupy time rather uselessly; to spend time not doing anything worthwhile (see: to kill a day.)

As soldiers do everywhere, the gun crews killed time be gambling (Pyle, 104).
I went occasionally, just to kill time at night... (Pyle, 244).
But there is almost always time to kill (Yank, 234).
While his division was killing time in the last few days before leaving England... (Pyle, 449).

to kill two birds with one stone. To do two things at one; to accomplish two ends with one single action.

Remember that the man who killed one bird with two stones had only to throw the rock (Gardner, 119).
...an effort to kill two birds with one stone... (Cain, 159).
I've heard of guys killing two birds with one stone, but when one corpse squares two murders--that's what I call a natural (Gardner, 218).
You apparently managed to kill two birds with one stone (Gardner, 215).

kind hearted. Kindly; sympathetic.

He's kind hearted (Yank, 36).

kind heartedness. Kindliness; sympathy.

This...wasn't because of...German kind-heartedness (Yank, 219).

kind of.

1. Variety of; species of.

...they had a dozen or so fans, each filled with the same kind of part (Pyle, 421).
Every one of them had some kind of plan laid (Pyle, 333).
You say you want to know what kinds of food in the jungle are safe to eat (Yank, 96).
It was a kind of holiday for the local people (Pyle, 376).
This was the kind of stuff we loved to do... (Yank, 123).
How did you know what kind of merchandise he was selling? (Gardner, 12).
It was the kind of thing they were most schooled in (Yank, 123).
When he put his arm around her, in a casual, friendly kind of way, she didn't resist... (Cain, 53).
I've taken the only kind of a job I could get... (Cain, 72).
It is doing the same filthy job day after day with a kind of purposeless insanity... (Yank, 48).
For some reason he could not define, the whole thing was a kind of grim slur on decency, and Jim was not like that (Marquand, 523).
It's a mean kind of day, isn't it... (Marquand, 511).
What kind of a place, Mother? (Cain, 74).
What kind of business? (Cain, 76).

...realized she should have her notes and memoranda in some kind of order if she was to impress him... (Cain, 76).
I hate Sunkist, and Sunmaid, and every other kind of a label with that wholesome-looking girl on it (Cain, 94).
There is always a large wall clock on this kind of parlor... (Yank, 188).
I leave that kind of stuff for the medical officers (Yank, 193).
We were going to be married, but something struck her, some kind of spiritual ack-ack (Yank, 187).
I'm constructive kinda person (Yank, 132).
...but all the time she was thinking in a sick, frightened kind of way, or trying to think... (Cain, 31).
...people distrust any kind of paper money... (Yank, 219).
Don't believe in reading destructive kinda trash (Yank, 132).
...that's the kind of round waffle that people really like (Cain, 120).
...you boys reall thought I was that kinda woman... (Yank, 132).
That's the kind of shooting the battalion has done ever since (Yank, 134).
...he doesn't come across any kind of dog very often (Yank, 136).
The idea that generals are the only kind of Army personnel capable of figuring out... (Yank, 137).
...but what kind of planning can you do with a dog... (Yank, 137).
...you could give me credit for some kind of decent motives... (Cain, 201).
An enemy shell would have to have a pilot...to find this kind of a spot (Yank, 196).
What kind of a business was it? (Gardner, 145).
...she was precisely the kind of snob that he was himself... (Cain, 147).
...and they give him some kind of gas to inhale (Cain, 181).
The Navy has four kinds of service... (Yank, 170).
...he had performed two kinds of service (Yank, 170).
...he always understood this kind of thing ran in families (Cain, 139).
But the kind of piano she ought to have...costs eleven hundred dollars (Cain, 140).
This was the kind of talk she wanted, at last (Cain, 139).
It's a kind of a double offer (Cain, 236).
Will I need some kind of a license? (Cain, 150).
...when the kid was seeing the right kind of people, she was true blue inside (Cain, 257).
...if only the right kind of evening had presented itself (Cain, 159).
He was the kind of boy who drew people to him (Yank, 244).
...as for her trying to throw some kind of a shindig for them, what are you trying to do, make me laugh? (Cain, 168).
Church didn't like Harvey's kind of talk because you were never too sure what it meant... (Yank, 90).
But be careful about the kind of monkey he is before you start associating with him (Yank, 96).

2. Rather; in some manner; to a certain degree, extent.

The whole thing seemed kind of ridiculous, when I sat down and thought of it (Pyle, 88).
Captain Mac said he kind of went to the bottom of the barrel over Ross (Pyle, 303).

Alf always struck me...as being kind of wild (Marquand, 52).
...our attempts...fell kind of flat (Pyle, 387).
"Maybe this is going to be kind of important to him," Serle suggested (Gardner, 104).
I'd kind of like to take a look at Jim myself (Marquand, 518).
I kind of want to take a look at Jim in his uniform and all (Marquand, 518).
"Well," Mr. Gorman said, "it's kind of a mena hot day, isn't it, Mrs. Wilson?" (Marquand, 519).
...but it was kind of good to know he could keep us a smooth front like any junior gold braid (Yank, 89).
If you did, that would kind of ease the pressure all around (Cain, 247).
Kind of get that a little straightened out? (Cain, 246).
It has been a kind of a mean day (Marquand, 580).
It's been kind of a mean day, hasn't it? (Marquand, 580).
...don't you think your suit is kind of drab? (Yank, 143).
You could either starve the ground...or else you could have it nice and rich and kind of let it get away from you (Marquand, 516).
By jinks, you couldn't kind of help things getting away from you when there was good stuff underneath (Marquand, 515).

to be kind of (one). To be decent of one; to be a kindly action on one's part.

It was kind of you to come (Marquand, 99).
"That's awfully kind of you," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 284).
"It's very kind of you to have me here," he said (Marquand, 257).

to kiss --- goodbye. To kiss as a method of saying farewell; to kiss one in leaving.

This girl wants to kiss you good-bye (Pyle, 222).

to kiss --- on the mouth. To kiss; to place one's lips on another's lips in a kiss. (This is to emphasize the mouth to mouth relation.)

She...took the lovely creature in her arms and kissed her, hard on the mouth (Cain, 233).
She lifted the mask of the oxygen apparatus, bent down, kissed Ray on the mouth, and pulled the sheet over her face (Cain, 103).

kitchen chair. A rather simple, often unpainted or unvarnished, wooden chair.

The chairs were simple wooden kitchen chairs which Fred and Beckie had been collecting... (Marquand, 128).

a knack for. An ability for; a special liking and capability for.

...his knack for fixing things had given him a sort of haloed status... (Pyle, 410).

a knack to. A special manner, way, method, for.

There's a knack to it (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

knee deep. In depth to one's knees; about a foot and a half to two feet deep.

...four medics, knee-deep in custard mud, lugged his tough, stringy body from where he lay... (Yank, 180).
The lieutenant led us...into a knee-deep donkey path... (Yank, 197).
...the ground was knee-deep in mud (Pyle, 395).

to kneel down. To lower oneself so as to stand on one's knees; to lower oneself to one's knees.

I kneel down and pray, too (Yank, 189).
The chaplain knelt down beside him and two wardboys squatted nearby (Pyle, 50).
He knew it was going to hit and knelt down in the compartment (Yank, 46).

knee mortar. A special kind of Japanese mortar, small cannon, with a sort of rounded fork at the base. (Also attributive.)

Knee-mortar shells...began to sprinkle the landing beach... (Yank, 250).
Knee-mortars started clicking out grenades at close range (Yank, 93).

to knife --- in the back. To do one harm surreptitiously; to harm one when one is not expecting it.

...everybody was friendly and no one tried to knife you in the back (Marquand, 195).

to knit --- eyebrows. To cause one's eyebrows to come close together to each other; to frown in such a way that the eyebrows come closer to each other than is normal.

Leeds knitted his frosty eyebrows for a moment in thought, then glanced at Mason with a smile (Gardner, 215).

to knock apart. To disassemble; to take down; to take apart.

Some of the tents had wooden floors--made by knocking apart the long boxes that frag bombs come in... (Pyle, 209).

to knock around.

1. To wander; to move about purposely.

They were just knocking around, throwing stakes at each other... (Yank, 182).

2. To travel and to observe; to go places and do things; to gain experience.

She's knocked around plenty in her time, but now she's developed complexes... (Gardner, 71).
I've been knocking around this Army for 24 months... (Yank, 215).
I've knocked around a bit myself, and I saw to that (Gardner, 72).

to knock --- around. To strike playfully; aimlessly.

I can think better while I'm knocking the ball around (Gardner, 103).

a knock at a door. A rapping at a door; a noise of some sort at a door. (This implies someone is asking for permission to enter through the door, or to attract attention.)

There was a knock at my door and two young lieutenants walked in (Pyle, 347).

to knock at a door. To rap, to make a noise, at a door with the purpose of asking permission to enter or attract someone inside to come to the door.

She wore the look that a certain type of woman wears when a Fuller Brush man comes knocking at the door (Marquand, 171).

to knock down.

1. To cause to fall; to force downward.

...by evening all the rooms had been cleared, shaky wally knocked down... (Pyle, 250).
Every time they would string up the hose an explosion would knock it down (Yank, 169).
...mangrove leaves, evidently knocked down from the tree... (Yank, 250).
I know of one who was knocked down four times by near-misses on his first day there (Pyle, 232).
...it almost knocked us down with fright (Pyle, 232).

2. To shoot down; to cause to fall by shooting at and hitting.

He had shot at a few planes but never knocked one down (Pyle, 331).

3. To destroy; to cause to come to ruin.

...some people...are knocking down everything that we are fighting for (Yank, 213).

4. To disassemble; to take apart; to take to pieces.

The station could knock down and set up again in an incredibly short time (Pyle, 52).

5. To discourage; to dishearten.

Things like that knock the boys down for a few days (Pyle, 103).

a knock down (and) drag out. A terrible (fight); a bitter (battle).

They had a knockdown and drag-out battle (Gardner, 181).

to knock off.

1. To kill; to destroy.

There were...soldiers on both sides getting knocked off like flies (Pyle, 186).
Our work was mostly knocking off stray German vehicles... (Yank, 124).
The soldiers...were looking for the chance to knock off a few Japs (Yank, 243).

2. To eat; to consume by eating.

They get hungry, they knock off a couple of woims (Yank, 102).

3. To write; to prepare in writing.

Let's drop in at the USO and knock off a couple of letters (Yank, 209).

4. To remove by a blow; to strike and take off.

...there were shell craters and tree limbs knocked off and trunks sliced by bullets (Pyle, 432).
...I looked to see what was the matter with it---trigger knocked off... (Pyle, 423).
Then he was knocked off his bucked by a shell hit (Yank, 45).
The blow had knocked off his glasses but not broken them (Pyle, 121).
Knocked-off branches littered the ground (Pyle, 123).
...every house and shed had at least a corner knocked off (Pyle, 184).
Just a few feet ahead of us was a brick-red American tank, still smoking, and with its turret knocked off (Pyle, 452).
There were boats with their suspension doors knocked off (Pyle, 366).
Up in the tree some of the lead knocked off Pung's canteen and splattered all around him (Yank, 92).

4. To stop; to quit; to desist.

Why don't you knock it off? (Yank, 89).

to knock on a door. To rap at a door; to make a noise at a door. (See: to knock at a door.)

Well, I took the food up in the elevator, and knocked on the door (Gardner, 145).
...The SS headquarters...the place where..."they took you when they knocked on your door in the night" (Yank, 220).

to knock --- for a row. To please one greatly; to surprise one pleasurably.

It knocked them for a row, kid (Gardner, 280).

to knock out.

1. To cause another to lose consciousness; to strike one so that one loses consciousness.

He was knocked out (Yank, 124).

2. To kill; to destroy.

Shortly after dawn, our shore troops and Navy gunboats had knocked out the last of the enemy artillery on the hillsides (Pyle, 27).
Tanks had only just made the beach before being knocked out (Pyle, 366).
...Naval gunfire knocked out the big emplacements (Pyle, 362).
They had knocked it out, however, before being knocked out themselves (Pyle, 406).
We assumed that they were from the second knocked-out pillbox (Pyle, 407).
I didn't stay to see how the remaining pill-box was knocked out (Pyle, 407).
Altogether they knocked out nine pillboxes in six minutes... (Yank, 18).
...a crew of ack-ackers had knocked out a German 88 deeply ensconced in a thick concrete emplacement... (Pyle, 383).
A couple of these...bombs...had knocked out one engine and the radio... (Pyle, 175).
The first hit knocked out his motor (Pyle, 454).
They first tried to knock out the machine gun... (Pyle, 441).
...12 of the Jerry tanks were knocked out and the others quit (Yank, 124).
The other 19 were knocked out by either mortar or artillery fire (Yank, 125).
...the raids could not have knocked out every Jap plane in the area... (Yank, 119).
...there might be a chance of knocking out this one machine gun... (Yank, 10).
...three heavy shells crashed into the invisible steeple, completely knocking it out--and the infantry advanced through the town (Yank, 134).
We've had machine guns knocked out by mortars... (Yank, 150).
...and we raced across the Rapido, bounced past a couple of knocked-out tanks and came to an intersection (Yank, 57).
It takes experience to knock out a pillbox at 25 yards from a prone position. (Yank, 150).
...the SS...knocked out four of the guns (Yank, 244).
The bomb had knocked the power out (Yank, 168).
The only thing that could knock us out was a direct bomb (Yank, 59).
They could have moved two feet, for a better range of fire, and knocked the whole outfit out (Yank, 149).

3. To remove by striking; to remove forcibly.

His teeth had been knocked out in an auto wreck... (Pyle, 275).
The previous fall Lieutenant Shortlidge had fallen down, knocked out his upper front teeth and cut his chin (Pyle, 172).
...she'll...get some of the conceit knocked out of her (Cain, 137).
...the windows had all been knocked out by concussion... (Pyle, 403).
...20 landing boats were beached, some with their bottoms knocked out on the rocky coast... (Yank, 202).
...one man with a tooth knocked out (Yank, 240).
Flash floods...knock out the piles under bridges... (Yank, 233).

to knock --- over.

1. To strike and cause to fall.

He dashed out and chased the man down the street, knocking people over as he went (Pyle, 95).

2. To perform successfully; to do well.

They'll knock it over (Cain, 213).

to knock up. To cause to become pregnant; to get with child. (A man knocks up a woman; a woman gets herself knocked up.)

...you got yourself knocked up... (Cain, 206).

to knock the wind out of ---. To paralyze temporarily one's diaphragm by a blow so that one can not breathe for a short time.

He was choking and gasping for his breath, because the wind had been knocked out of him (Marquand, 231).

a knot of people. A small group of people; a little group of people gathered closely together.

A little knot of people had penned Walter Newcombe into a corner of the room (Marquand, 43).

to know about. To have knowledge concerning; to have information regarding.

...so we mentioned streets, cafes and places that only somebody who had been there would know about (Yank, 128).
...if he knew anything about it, these people were eating it up... (Cain, 240).

to know all there is to know. To have much information; to have great knowledge.

I know all there is to know about music (Cain, 187).
...they know all there is to know before they're even been told about Santa Claus (Cain, 166).

not to know anyone to speak to. Not to have acquaintance; not to know people.

...after all, though he hardly knew anyone to speak to after four years in college, he was a college man (Marquand, 184).

to know better. To have more sense; to have more intelligence.

He should have known better than to mess with an Alabama boy like that (Yank, 181).

to know by name. To know someone's name. (This emphasizes the difference between knowing a person by having seen him and knowing his name.)

Mrs. Boole was rather good-looking, and seemed to know most of the applicants by name (Cain, 33).

to know --- by name. To know one's name and use it when speaking to a person; to know one rather well.

He knew bartenders and policemen by their first names... (Marquand, 32).

not to know the difference. To be none the wiser; not to be able to distinguish differences.

...the driver of an M-19 could carry ten thousand feather beds and never know the difference (Pyle, 426).
You could have put officers' uniforms on half of them and no one would have known the difference (Pyle, 170).

not to know --- from ---. Not to be able to distinguish between; not to recognize differences between.

...fakes and advertisers in Los Angeles, and I dont know one from another... (Cain, 183).

not to know from sour apples. Not to know anything (about); to have no information (about).

We didn't know nothing from sour apples about a boat (Pyle, 278).

know how. Special skill, ability, obtained by practice and repeated performance of a particular process or operation.

Standard Oil...would not permit an agent of the Justice Department to go into its laboratories and make sure that the 'know how'on its rubber and tuluol patents was made available to other companies (Nation, April 18, 1942, 45).
...Charley Anderson, the boy with the knowhow (John Dos Passos, The Big Money, Modern Library Giant Ed., 1936, 287).
Throughout the battle, the Japs seesawed between shrewd know-how and striking ignorance (Yank, 53).

not to know --- if (one) sees ---. To have no information, knowledge, about it.

We figured we would not know the Papoose if we saw him, so we departed (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

to know --- inside out. To know about completely; to have full knowledge, information, regarding.

As far as anyone could tell, he never seemed to get around anywhere, but he knew the city inside out (Marquand, 278).

to know little and care less. To be indifferent; not to care; to have no feelings one way or the other.

War was crashing in Europe, but she knew little of it, and cared less (Cain, 233).

known as. Named; designated.

...somewhere up there beyond the scrubby squares of forest land on the heights to the wouthward west of a ruined town known as Brieullessur-Meuse (Marquand, 230).

not to have known --- to (infinitive). Not to have observed one, or heard of one, doing something.

His aides said they had never known him to speak harshly to anyone (Pyle, 307).

to know of. To know about; to have information, knowledge, concerning.

I know of no law which requires counsel to be courteous... (Gardner, 134).
...he didn't know of any music on Mildred's side or his... (Cain, 139).
I knew of two pilots who developed such neuroses against airplanes that they had to be sent to a rest spot... (Pyle, 178).

to know --- place. To accept one's inferior position, condition, and to show respect for one's superiors.

She knows her place, I hope (Cain, 71).

to know --- stuff. To have ability; to be able to perform well.

...you've got to have somebody that knows his stuff (Cain, 178).
...the battery commander knew his stuff (Yank, 32).

to know --- way around

1. To be sophisticated; to be wordly wise; to be able to do the proper thing.

Don't you know your way around? (Marquand, 281).

2. To know the machinations of a group with which one is associated; to be able to deal with a group diplomatically from a full knowledge of the persons in the group.

You know your way around (Marquand, 427).
"Yes," Jeffrey said, "I know my way around" (Marquand, 427).

3. To know a place well; to know how to go about in a place without getting lost.

Joe had been in the Navy from 1924 to 1928, so he knew his way around on ships (Pyle, 36).

not to know what hit --- . To be attacked so suddenly that one is incapable to know what is hitting him. (This is often used in connection with sudden death.)

We were like rats...and we didn't know what hit us (Yank, 230).

not to know what --- is doing. To be ignorant of something; not to have information about something.

Someone who didn't know what he was doing... (Yank, 239).

to know what --- is talking about. To have specific information, knowledge about something.

I don't want you to be in there until you have to be, and I know what I'm talking about... (Marquand, 415).

to know what the score is. To be sophisticated, wordly wise.

...I've been around and know what the score is (Yank, 213).

not to know what to do. To be undecided; not to be decisive; to be indecisive.

We were so stunned at first we didn't know what to do (Yank, 185).

to know whereof --- speaks. To speak from experience and knowledge; to know what one is talking about.

It didn't seem possible at the time, but they knew whereof they spoke (Pyle, 70).

to know where --- stands. To know, recognize, one's place, position, condition, in relation to someone else.

In order to represent you, I ought to know where I stand (Gardner, 177).
...when she heard about the swank cottage by the lake, she knew where she stood (Cain, 98).

to labor the point. To reiterate; to repeat.

And it labored the point that, for all the sporting flavor, this pocket-sized war was the real game and for keeps (Yank, 53).

to lace --- fingers through ---. To take another's hand and to alternate one's fingers with another's fingers.

He laced his fingers through hers, squeezed hard (Cain, 155).

ladder of success. (In the American conception success is represented often as being at the top of a ladder and that as one works and is ever more successful in what he does, he mounts the ladder.)

The sudden shift of status
On the ladder of success
Will make some worthy gentlemen
Feel like an awful mess (Yank, 154).

a ladies' man. A man, young man, who is extraordinarily fond of the company of women and one who is well liked by women.

John Milicant was quite a ladies' man (Gardner, 126).

ladies' room. A rest room for women; a woman's comfort station; a toilet reserved for women.

At five-thirty she went to the ladies' room to change for the evening... (Cain, 119).

a lady friend. (Also girl friend) A fiancee; sweetheart. (This does not mean bethrothal.)

These are business friends of Ike's with their lady friends, all right guys... (Cain, 22).

to be laid in. To be represented as having occurred in, as Hamlet is "laid in" Denmark.

But it has to be laid in America... (Marquand, 421).
It is to be a Miller vehicle, but it must be laid in America (Marquand, 421).
That was why the action -- some of the action -- was to be laid in Norway (Marquand, 421).

to be laid up. To be ill; to be sick; to be indisposed.

There was a hard-luck pilot...who was laid up a long time with a bad flak wound in the leg (Pyle, 173).

lamb chops. A cut of meat including the rib of a lamb. (This is a

very popular meat when broiled.)

One was filet of sole and baked potatoes, the other roast lamb chops, peas, and baked potatoes (Gardner, 198).
The waiter was told to get lamb chops, green peas, and potatoes, and if he didn't have them available, to get them (Gardner, 210).
...and it's absolutely unique for a man who has been eating a lamb chop to devour the bone (Gardner, 210).

landing barge. A quite small boat used to transport soldiers directly from a ship to the shore.

We were crouched low in a landing barge headed for the ...channel... (Yank, 144).

landing craft. Any of several different types of rather small ships, boats, used to transport soldiers to a shore.

There were small landing crafts half submerged (Pyle, 366).
There were fleets of big landing craft... (Pyle, 358).

landing mat. "A section of meshed steel 12 by 3 feet containing fasteners so that a number can be joined together to form a surface of any desired area. So called because used as a landing surface for aircraft during the war. Peace-time uses include reinforcing concrete" AS.

Since then a hundred thousand tons of steel have steamed into Butler factories to be made into steel landing mat (Time, July 10, 1944, 76).

to land in jail. To be sent to jail; to be arrested and put in jail; to be jailed.

...I've dealt with the government enough to know that if some fast stuff like that was pulled, we'd all land in jail (Cain, 80).

to land on --- feet. To be able to make the best of a bad situation; to come out of a bad situation all right.

Alf could land on his feet anywhere (Marquand, 281).

lantern jawed. A condition of having a long jaw and hollow, sunken cheeks.

Mr. Facoley was lantern-jawed, and had plainly taken his assignment seriously... (Marquand, 39).

a lapse of.

1. A failure of; a temporary stopping of.

...Mr. Hobey experienced a slight lapse of the senses... (Cain, 235).

2. A passing of; the passage of.

There are, of course, certain allowances to be made for the lapse of time (Gardner, 92).

to lapse back into. To slip back into; to change into again gradually. (This often refers to habits.)

They told how he tried to speak in a flat accent whenever he gave them a talk, but without realizing it he would lapse back into his broad a (Pyle, 260).

a large order. Quite a bit; a lot to ask; a lot.

Mason similed, and said, "That's rather a large order" (Gardner, 8).

to lash on. To tie on; to fasten; to fix. (This implies a fastening by means of a rope.)

We lashed on four cans of water... (Pyle, 245).

to lash out.

1. To strike hard; to strike savagely.

The sergeant roared and lashed out in an arc around him... (Yank, 224).

2. To speak harshly, savagely.

...she lashed out: "But why?" (Cain, 207).

last but not least. Last to be mentioned but not least in importance. (This is used so frequently that it almost always causes amusement.)

They were..."Boy Scout Handbook" and -- last but not least -- a "Rhyming Dictionary of Poetic Words and Phrases" (Yank, 176).
And last but not least...there came the nurse-dietitian... (Pyle, 292).

the last days of. Toward the end of; during the final stages of.

We saw that in the last days of Tunisia (Pyle, 36).

the last --- hears of ---. The latest news one has of another; the latest thing one know of another.

"He is down in New York, sir," Jeffrey said, "the last we heard of him" (Marquand, 189).

the last ---knows. According to one's latest information; according

to one's knowledge.

Fred Davis was a captain...the last we knew... (Yank, 243).
...the last we knew he was in New Guinea (Yank, 243).

the last leg of a (trip). The last part, section, division of a trip, journey.

The battalion CO cautioned us about the last leg of our trip (Yank, 197).

to last long. To stay; to remain, exist, for a long time.

But that behign state didn't last long (Pyle, 436).

a last look around. A final inspection; a last scrutiny.

After a last look around, the PTs...made tracks for home... (Yank, 255).

the last minute. The latest possible time; the final moment. (Also attributive.)

There are some things you don't know until just about the last minute (Marquand, 583).
...get his work done with and not have it hanging over him until the last minute (Marquand, 4).
In Washington, hugh staffs worked on it until the last minute and then moved... (Pyle, 16).
Owing to a last-minute alteration in the arrangements, I didn't arrive until morning... (Pyle, 360).
...a sense of last-minute sitting before a holocaust (Pyle, 433).
They smoked a few last-minute cigarettes (Pyle, 389).

the last moment. The final moment; the latest possible time.

There isn't much more than an hour and don't throw things in at the last moment the way you always do (Marquand, 409).

the last of. The end of; the final parts of.

The last of March or early in April, I think (Marquand, 354).

the last person --- wants to see. Not to want to see, visit with, one; not to desire one's company.

It was Beckie's husband, Fred, and he was the last person Jeffrey wanted to see because he knew that Madge would hear about it eventually (Marquand, 576).

a last resort. A final recourse; a last resource. (This implies an action which one does not want to take but takes when all else fails.)

As a last resort she had rung Mrs. Biederhof, and while that lady told h her which hospital... (Cain, 98).

the last straw. Something which happens after many other things which seems to be more than one can stand, bear. (Also: the straw that broke the camel's back.)

That was the last straw (Yank, 176).

the last thing --- has in mind. Something which one does not consider; a thing one is not planning for.

This was the last thing they ever had in mind when they brought interesting people together... (Marquand, 338).

the last thing --- wants. The thing one does not want; that which one has no desire for.

Actually, the last thing he wanted was a college boy and he had especially not wanted... (Marquand, 184).

to latch on to. To seize; to grasp; to take hold of. (This implies a taking for possession.)

Nuthin' but a busted doll an' a hunk of old chair. Latch on to 'em, Sonny--our fortune is made (Reg'lar Fellars cartoon by Gene Byrnes, April 2, 1947.)

Boys, there's a million bucks buried under a tree in this burg. We oughta latch onto it (Ella Cinders, cartoon by Charlie Plumb, July 7, 1947).

Well, blue-boy Canyon, are you torn between thinking I'm a crook--and wondering what sort of flying job I've latched on to? (Steve Canyon, cartoon by Milton Caniff, April 30, 1947).

late in. Towards the end of; the final part of.

Late in November a corporal from New York City was making bets... (Yank, 23).

to be late in the game. To be too late for, past the time when, changes can be well made.

It's pretty late in the game to wonder--we'll be married twenty-one years December (Marquand, 14).

a lateral pass. In football a throwing of the ball to the side or behind but not forward. (Also attributive.)

It looked like a well-drilled college backfield handling a tricky lateral pass play (Yank, 134).

a late comer. One who enters late; one who comes after he should have come; one who is tardy.

...there was a murmur like the murmur of the ocean, as the later comers ran...to find their seats (Cain, 239).

later on. Afterward; subsequently; at a later time.

Things got even winder back home later on... (Yank, 159).
...fault of a lot of things he couldn't talk about now, but would explain later on some time (Cain, 13).
Later on they went up and played around at 10,000 feet... (Yank, 203).
He saw hundreds of similar holes later on... (Yank, 250).
Later on they heard a rumor he was in Seattle (Gardner, 182).
After we got the dope later on, we found out how he could be sore (Gardner, 62).

to be later than --- thinks. There is not much time left; the time is passing very rapidly.

It was later than he thought--and there was another of those phrases (Marquand, 354).
It was time to be going, later than he thought (Marquand, 355).
Jeffrey could not find Madge, and it was later than he thought (Marquand, 354).

latest news. News; the newest of information, news.

The soldiers occupying the house gathered around the carrying party to get all the latest news and rumors from camp (Yank, 59).

the late twenties. During the years 1927-1929.

In the late Twenties and even the early Thirties, a lot of good writers had taken a crack at it... (Marquand, 231).

to laugh at. To be amused by; to be caused to laugh by. (To laugh at a person is derision, but to laught at his humor is normal.)

What are you laughing at?" Jim asked him (Marquand, 60).
...those Boche prisoners of war must be still laughing at us (Yank, 213).
Mildred wanted to...laugh at Veda (Cain, 135).
...they were laughing at the party in the kitchen (Cain, 153).

to be laughed out (of). To be forced to leave by derision; to be humiliated by laughter and to feel forced to leave.

The poor fellow was almost laughed out of the room (Pyle, 352).

to laught --- off. To treat as a joke, humor, something that could be serious; to dismiss as humor.

We don't know whether to feel sorry for this guy or just laugh the thing off... (Yank, 211).

to laugh to ---. To be amused but not to show it in any way; to be secretly amused.

...I had to laugh to myself at their pitiful plight (Pyle, 445).

to launch into. To begin something with vigor; to start something forcefully.

Then Veda launched into a piece known to Mildred as Rachmaninoff Prelude (Cain, 134).
...he...launched into a dissertation on the relations between the sexes (Cain, 145).
Bert said absolutely not, and launched into details as to how the lots were sold (Cain, 58).

law abiding. Law obeying; respectable; decent, honorable.

From Glendale to Lake Arrowhead, for any law-abiding citizen, is a trip of two hours and a half (Cain, 92).

lawn mower. A device for cutting grass on a lawn.

If Charley went on kicking gravel into the grass, it would dent the lawn mower... (Marquand, 222).
Now the lawn mower, she's on the blink again, and that hand cultivator and the pruning shears (Marquand, 512).
...it would dent the lawnmower and then the lawnmower would have to be carried in the station wagon down town... (Marquand, 222).
Somehow extreme old age and a bad disposition went with sharpening lawn mowers (Marquand, 222).

law of averages. A law in statistics which states that in numerous repetitions there is practically no opportunity for deviation from the normal pattern.

In spite of any sort of hope, or any individual belief that you would never get it, common sense and the law of averages told you that you would (Marquand, 220).

to lay aside. To put to one side; to place somewhere out of the way.

When she got to the wrist watch she examined it with casual interest, laid it aside... (Cain, 145).

to lay --- cards on the table. To speak frankly, openly, honestly, of one's plans, ideas, and the like.

He encouraged her...to lay her cards on the table, so something could be arranged (Cain, 246).

to lay down.

1. To cause to lie.

They laid down hundreds of yards of burlap and placed chicken wire on top of it, making a firm roadbed up and down the beach (Pyle, 28).
"Cold," Stan said, and Jeffrey laid him down and brought a blanket (Marquand, 234).

2. To fire, shoot, rapidly, as artillery.

In a single day 5000 rounds of artillery fire were laid down on one advancing Jap unit... (Yank, 41).
...our artillery and machine guns laid down a barrage... (Yank, 10).
We were laying down a mortar concentration... (Yank, 123).

3. To establish; to set; to formulate; as a law, rule, of conduct.

He minded because there were also paragraphs laid down as to conduct when one found oneself in such a situation (Marquand, 247).

4. To remove a burden from oneself; to put down after carrying.

...if they were to lay them down they had to have help to lift them upright (Pyle, 460).

layer cake. One cake consisting of two or more sections one on top of another with some filling between the sections.

Mother's baking layer cake... (Yank, 157).

to lay eyes on. To see; to look at.

He...was altogether the toughest-looking soldier I ever laid eyes on (Pyle, 269).
I've known it ever since I first laid eyes on her (Cain, 13).
Sergeant McDonnell...had never laid eyes on an enemy plane (Pyle, 218).

to lay a fire. To prepare wood, coal, for a fire but not to light it, cause it to burn; to do everything toward making a fire except causing it to burn.

Around six she laid a fire, feeling a little guilty that most of the wood consisted of the dead limbs... (Cain, 25).

to lay for. To hunt for; to lie in wait for; to search for. (This implies that there is to be punishment, physical attack, or the like.)

...he went into full particulars as to...the way he would lay for the boy...and how he would let him have it (Cain, 198).

to lay a foundation. To make preparations; to prepare.

...but I think you had better first lay a foundation so that the court can determine intelligently how much of a time factor... (Gardner, 188).
...pass this question for the moment, counselor, and lay some foundation to show that it's pertinent to the case (Gardner, 195).
"Well," Judge Knox said irritably, "lay some foundation anyway" (Gardner, 189).

to be able to lay --- hands on. All one can possibly get, obtain, acquire, find.

They rang in cooks, truck drivers, clerks and anybody else they could lay their hands on (Pyle, 144).

to lay in (a gun, cannon). To place gun in proper direction and elevation, range.

I had thought it took hours to lay in the gun mathematically, get it all braced and everything... (Pyle, 113-4).

They always tried to lay in their guns behind a hill where the enemy's long range guns couldn't reach them (Pyle, 102).

to lay in on. To direct the fire, shells, etc., of a gun, cannon, or the like.

Enemy artillery fire started laying in on us (Yank, 20).
"They can lay them in on you," he said... (Yank, 54).

the lay of the land. The situation; the condition.

..."Col. Buch" got the lay of the land and went back to coordinate the action (Yank, 18).

to lay off.

1. To have nothing more to do with; to stop any connection, relation with.

I'm laying off the dames (Yank, 101).
Lay off the pie--unless you're really tired of this life, and prefer to be dead (Cain, 67).

2. To dismiss from a job; to discharge from a position. (This usually implies that the person being laid off is not to blame for his discharge.)

They're all laid off, there's no goods moving, but I don't see how I could put you ahead of them (Cain, 39).

to lay on the line. To produce something concerte in the way of evidence, money, and the like.

...nothing said to Wally or Veda until they had something to "lay on the line" (Cain, 204).

to lay out.

1. To divide an area into suitable parts; to set off sections of an area for different things.

The officers were busy laying out battery areas... (Yank, 133).

2. To take from a place of storage and to place in an open place. (Clothes are laid out when a person puts his clothes, for example, on a bed before dressing.)

Clothes had been laid out and discarded (Gardner, 69).
...evening dress...a black one, that she liked very well, and she had just laid it out... (Cain, 226).
...she laid out some of Veda's new finery; a brown silk dress, a brown hat... (Cain, 133).

to lay over. To delay travel en route; to interrupt a journey and to remain temporarily in a place.

We laid over for twenty-four hours (Pyle, 226).
We had to lay over until the next day for our train (Yank, 212).

to lay plans. To make plans; to plan.

So we laid a plan (Pyle, 408).

to lay up with. To have sexual intercourse with; to have coitus with.

...be a sap, while you lay up with another woman and don't even use the car... (Cain, 61).

to lead a double life. To have two different sets of friends, and to have two different sets of morals; to follow one set of customs with one set of friends, and different customs with others. (Often this may imply a respectable man's having a mistress.)

..why do you keep things from me, as though he led a double life...? (Marquand, 7).

to lead off. To be the first; to be the initial one.

Bill was to lead off (Yank, 20).

to lead --- on. To delude another and to cause him to believe one is sincere.

...to lead him on, to get money out of him--how do you do it? (Cain, 206).

to lead --- on a merry chase. To cause one to follow vainly; to cause one to go to much useless trouble.

He went right along about his business, leading the fellows on a merry chase while he put an a swell act of a man about town... (Gardner, 46).

to lead out.

1. To go out of a place with another or others following; to be first in going out.

A group of natives in front of the hotel smiled their approval as the girls were led out (Yank, 105).

2. To guide away from; to serve a route, road, path, out from, away from.

...scores of crooked paths led out to where each plane was individually parked... (Pyle, 206).

to lead a quiet life. To live quietly, without stress or great excitement; to live peacefully.

...leads a quiet life... (Cain, 132).

to leave the rest to ---. To allow one to be responsible for something; to give the responsibility of doing something to one.

...Bert said if she felt like making pies again, just leave the rest to him (Cain, 258).

to lead --- to believe. To cause one to believe; to be the cause of one's belief, believing.

He wrote a letter which led me to believe... (Gardner, 100).
But do not let anyone lead you to believe that they have been low (Pyle, 464).

to lead up. To guide upward; to serve as a route, path, road, upward.

...steps leading up (Pyle, 251).

to lead up to. To lay a foundation rather carefully for an idea, plan of action, or the like; to prepare carefully for the acceptance of an idea, act, etc.

...this was what she had been trying to lead up to all the time... (Cain, 149).
She didn't know what you were leading up to... (Pyle, 31).
What are you leading up to? (Gardner, 96).

to lead the way. To guide; to go first in order to show others where and how to go.

He led the way up the big staircase... (Cain, 164).
...Veda led the way down the big staircase (Cain, 255).
As the major led the way, I side stepped our barbed wire, jumped over a block of masonry... (Yank, 60).
Dr. Londenberry, as ruffled and indignant as a wet cat, led the way down a long corridor (Gardner, 35).
Lead the way, Doctor, and please remember that we wish to drop in on the patient unannounced (Gardner, 35).
Marvin Whittaker silently led the way up the stairs (Gardner, 18).
He led the way down a long, dark corridor... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
Mason led the way out into the corridor (Gardner, 172).
Drake said, "Let's go," and led the way up to the entrance of the apartment house (Gardner, 158).

lean and hard. In good physical condition, healthy, with little fat on one and with strong muscles.

Lt. Hillard was neat and trim, as lean and hard as any 21-year old boy should be (Yank, 95).

to lean back.

1. To rest; to relax; to rest one's back.

We just ate and chatted and leaned back in our chairs... (Pyle, 314).
Jeffrey leaned back and reached very slowly for his gladd (Marquand, 50).
...this guy leaned back in his chair and said, "Finished" (Yank, 166).

2. To move away from the perpendicular so that the top moves a little backward.

The ship shrugged, leaned back into a volley of 6 and 8 inch shells that raked through the sky control tower... (Yank, 44).

to lean down. To bend over; to bow; to bend forwards.

I lea ned down, shouting... (Yank, 218).

to lean on. To rest on; to support weight on.

He was leaning on it... (Cain, 252).

to lean over.

1. to lean so that one is close to someone or something; to bend one's body so as to be closer to something, someone.

Two or three times he leaned over and remarked on what an unusually nice formation they were flying that morning (Pyle, 325).
...a lady fashion writer...leaned over and whispered... (Yank, 228).
I could lean over and watch the men down below... (Pyle, 279).

2. To be in an unnatural position; to be out of perpendicular or out of the horizontal.

The wings leaned over to one side (Yank, 230).

to lean over the other way. To do something which one is not expected to do from duty, obligation, etc.

In fact we leaned over the other way, and furnished water to scores of Sicilians whose supply had been shattered by bombing (Pyle, 61).

to leap at. To jump at, toward.

...he leaped at her... (Cain, 169).

to leap a hurdle. To overcome an obstacle; to get something accomplished that is required.

Then after he had leaped the overseas hurdle and felt qualified to go home he couldn't get there of course (Pyle, 62).

to leap out (of). To leave quickly; to go away from something hurriedly.

In a few minutes Terry leaped out again... (Yank, 17).
One man in each tent would leap out of his sleeping bag and get the stove going... (Pyle, 208).

to leap to life. To become suddenly vigorated; full of life, animated.

Our engineer leaped to life and we hurtled toward the dark shape on the water (Yank, 254).

to leap up. To rise, stand up, get up, hurriedly, rapidly.

The major leaped up and caled out; "Take positions, men" (Yank, 59).

to learn better. To learn to do ou not to do something; to learn that it is better to do, not to do, something.

They did at first, but they learned better (Pyle, 441).

to learn by heart. To memorize; to get by heart.

Those people lived according to a book of rules which they had learned by heart without ever stopping to analyze them (Marquand, 246).

to learn the game. To learn the rules, obligations; duties, responsiblities, the manner of operation, etc., of something.

...Lieutenant John Coyle...was learning the game (Pyle, 277).

to learn a trade. To become proficient at a vocation, trade; to learn how to do certain skilled work.

He worries mainly about the fact that in the Infantry he hasn't learned a trade... (Yank, 24).

not the least bit. Not at all; not in the least; not.

...with Shorty...not the least bit sure of what he istrying to do... (Yank, 136).

the least bit. Somewhat; a little; to a small extent, degree.

...she was getting the least little bit fat (Cain, 149).

the least --- can do. One is obligated almost to do something; one should do something.

...I think the least you can do is let him tell us what to do... (Cain, 201).
She had bought the house, and having bought it, the least he could do was to pay for the plumbing and the painting... (Marquand, 211).
...the least Mildred could do was provide Veda with a home (Cain, 257).
We figure the least we can do is get the old lady some things she can dit down in or sleep in without going through to the floor (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

least of all. Less than anyone else; to a lesser extent than others.

...for a while nobody knew exactly what was going on, least of all the Jap (Yank, 5).

leather bound. Covered with leather; with leather covers, outsides.

Charlie's room was filled with leather-bound books which he brought home from school... (Marquand, 505).

to leave alone. To allow to be undistrubed; to leave by oneself; itself.

...the most badly wounded wanted to be left alone (Pyle, 290).

"You leave Jeff alone," she said (Marquand, 83).
The worst came that evening, when she was left alone, with nobody to console her, nobody to be brave in front of... (Cain, 114).
Madame, you leave dees girl alone (Cain, 216).
...they're just a bunch of peaceable guys who like to be left alone... (Yank, 193).
Left alone, Lt. Posenthal had decided to go on with the bombing run (Yank, 86).
...she was incapable of leaving Veda alone (Cain, 189).
Leaving Veda alone was something that hadn't entered her mind (Cain, 189).
Can't you leave her alone? (Cain, 189).
No matter how often he had asked her not to interrupt, she had never been able to leave him alone for long (Marquand, 328).
...then he remembered Bill Swinburne, whom Minot had gone to see and whom the General could not leave alone for a single minute (Marquand, 563).

to leave behind. To discard; to get rid of; to leave.

...all those other articles which were usually left behind after a few weeks in France (Marquand, 215).
But now I find that I was blind
To all those things I lfet behind... (Yank, 156).
We had to leave Nemo behind (Yank, 21).
...I had left my Army gas mask behind (Pyle, 9).

to leave by. To go by means of; to go through the agency of.

The patient didn't leavy by this window... (Gardner, 37).

to leave --- cold. Not to excite one's emotions; not to arouse one's emotions, feelings.

...something about Hemingway and Faulkner and Steinbeck that left Sinclair just a little cold (Marquand, 336).
He did not know why it was theat Hemingway and Faulkner and Steinbeck left him just a little cold (Marquand, 336).

to leave for home. To go home; to depart from others or a place and to go home.

That was why he left formation and left for home before the Fokkers came (Marquand, 230).

to leave --- free. Not to obstruct; not to get in the way.

...the wiring, cunningly tacked to the back in such a manner as to leave the panels free to slide (Cain, 118).

to leave home. To go away from one's home or one's country.

...things were different when you left home (Yank, 228).

to leave it to ——. (Often in the imperative.) To let one do something; to allow one to take the responsibility for something.

Just leave it to me (Cain, 140).
Just leave it to me (Cain, 65).
You leave it to me, Mildred (Cain, 65).
Just leave it all to me (Cain, 65).
I'll leave it to you (Cain, 8).
They'll take Pierce or thei'll take Opie Lucas--they leave it to me (Cain, 236).
You leave it to me, Jeff (Marquand, 406).

to leave it at that. To do no more; to stop at some particular point without necessarily finishing, doing completely.

"Well, let's leave it at that," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 381).

a leave of absence. Permission to be absent; permission to be away from one's duties.

The crew always gets a leave of absence (Pyle, 248).

to leave off.

1. To stop; to quit; to do no more.

Judge Eggers' years as a criminal judge make him owrthy to take up where I left off (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
Wherever the Army left off in providing comfort, they boys took over themselves (Yank, 40).

2. To extinguish, turn off, and not to turn on again.

I'm not certain but that some of them weren't just turned out and left offq for good (Pyle, 22).

3. To disconnect; to disunite.

...if you let me leave the trailer off I can pull anything... (Pyle, 426).

to leave on. To allow to remain in operation as a motor, an electric light, radio, etc.

Usually the ward lights were left on (Pyle, 291).

to leave a mark on. To be evident in; to change the appearance of.

...the strain of the last three years has left its mark on him (Yank, 221).

to leave out. To omit; not to include.

The estate had been divided between himself and Ethel, and Alf had been left out (Marquand, 277).
...the unusual circumstances of her marriage, she conveniently left out ... (Cain, 249).

to leave --- out of ---. Not to include one; not to make one a part of. (Jocularly -- include me out.)

I'll tell him about me, and leave you out of it, Emily... (Gardner, 111).

to leave --- wide open. To allow oneself no defense; to put oneself in an undefended position, condition.

Don't throw yourself into the case and leave yourself wide open (Gardnerer, 173).

to leave word. To leave a message; to give a message to someone to give to another.

Also I have...left word downstairs that when you come in I was to be notified immediately (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

leaves are out. The leaves of trees, shrubs, etc., have formed. (This is a sign of spring.)

...the orioles and the robins were singing and all the leaves were out on the trumpet vine (Marquand, 157).

to leave a tip. To tip; to give a gratuity.

Even a leg feeler, if properly handled, could be nursed into a regular who left good tips, no doubt... (Cain, 63).

to leave time for. To allow some time for; to give time for.

The battalion once fired 1500 rounds in 24 hours, which didn't leave any time for sleeping (Yank, 134).

to leave --- to --- judgment. To let one decide about something; to allow one to make a decision regarding something.

...it seemed out of the question merely to call up the editors, twll them a local girl was going to appear, and leave the rest to their judgement (Cain, 238).

to leave a wake. To cause a wake; to cause ripples, waves, in water by passing through the water with a ship, boat, or the like. (The wake is always to the rear of the boat.)

...the PT boat left a phosphorescent wake of foam... (Yank, 254).

left hand drive. An arrangement in an automobile whereby the steering wheel, gear shift, accelerator, clutch, and brake pedal are on the left side of the car.

...a shrapnel-scarred truck with a left-hand drive (Yank, 235).

a left handed monkey wrench. A non-existent tool. (Apprentices are often sent to get a left-handed monkey wrench for the journeyman. This is considered by some to be very funny.)

...this has no connection with left-handed monkey wrenches... (Yank, 172).

a left hook. A blow struck by the fist which follows an arc in comparison with a blow coming straight from the shoulder.

...the captain said, "Now," knocked the machine pistol aside and hit the German with a left hook (Yank, 49).

to be left out in the cold. Not to be included; to be disregarded.

...Mildred's feeling of being left out in the cold increased... (Cain, 214).

left over. Remaining; left.

...there was some batter left over, and I made up some little cakes I was saving for the children (Cain, 4).
...they emptied anything left over into a garbage pail (Pyle, 337).
At an Army chow line...there were usually a few solemn and patient children with tin buckets to get what was left over (Pyle, 193).
For soup, she served some chicken jelly she had had left over from the middle of the week... (Cain, 28).
Little children stood in line at the battery kitchen with tin pails to get what was left over (Pyle, 98).
...after she pays all them agents, teachers, and chislers, she must have quite a lot left over (Cain, 247).

to leg it. To walk.

He...went legging it home... (Cain, 211).

a leg up. A boost; assistance; aid; help.

The capture of Gibralter was to have given Mussolini a leg-up in his attack on Egypt (De Witt Mackenzie in Topeka Journal, Oct. 2, 1940, 20).

leg work. The gathering of information by direct, personal, inquiry which requires a person to walk a great deal to visit his various sources

of information.

"Oh, just a lot of leg work," Drake said wearily (Gardner, 15).

to lend an ear. To listen; to hear.

They spill their guts...to all nurses...that will lend an ear... (Yank, 217).

to lend a hand. To help; to assist; to aid.

As someone walked past him into Batt II he called out, "Lend a hand, you fool!" (Yank, 46).
D-plus-two saw a Ranger company lend a hand to the 1st Division... (Yank, 123).

lend-lease. The supplying, during the world war II, of items of food and militage goods to the allies of the U.S.

Is Lend Lease a step to war? (New Republic, Jan. 27, 1941, 3).
...then a national emergency, and hemispheric solidarity and lend lease, and the Draft Act... (Marquand, 407).

to lend moral support. To encourage; to give courage; to give hope; to inspire.

...convalescent cases test their legs while perhaps a nurse in khaki lends moral support (Yank, 76).

length of time. Time; some time; an amount of time.

There was nothing so lonely as traveling by yourself for any length of time (Marquand, 413).

less and less. Fewer things; not so much.

Madge told Jeffrey that Mr. Gorman was doing less and less but Mr. Gorman had a different story (Marquand, 502).

let alone. Much less; not to mention; to say nothing of.

They couldn't have stopped a cow, let alone a tank (Pyle, 29).
...he couldn't even have paid the interest on, let alone — (Cain, 206).

to let alone. Not to touch; not to bother with; to withdraw from; to go away from. (Cf. to leave alone.)

...one half of him...telling him to let the zipper alone... (Cain, 224).
Let her alone (Cain, 123).
Those things, the rule is to let them strictly alone, especially on the upper lip (Cain, 99).

You should have let him alone (Marquand, 440).
You never let him alone (Marquand, 440).
...you almost certainly will be let alone from here on in (Yank, 170).

don't let anyone kid you. Don't be deceived; don't let anyone mislead you.

"They can lay them in on you," he said; "don't let anyone kid you about that" (Yank, 54).

to let the cat out of the bag. To tell a secret; to disclose secret information; to make known a secret.

...Veda who let the cat out of the bag (Cain, 141).
...for the purpose of checking handwriting, but naturally, he was afraid to let the cat out of the bag, so he wrote a letter asking... (Gardner, 92).

let down. Dispririted; dejected.

Several banking gentlemen with whom we spoke were feling rather let down by the fact that business was so slow despite the excellent press they had received (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

to let down. To allow to descend; to allow to get down.

Let her clear down (Pyle, 74).
Tell these people to let me down (Yank, 218).

to let --- down. To fail in one's obligations to another; to disappoint one.

Other people don't let old friends down (Marquand, 6).
...if you had been in the Squadron you could not let someone down hard who had been in it too (Marquand, 564).

to let fly. To shoot, fire a gun, rifle, or the like.

I let fly at him and missed... (Yank, 125).
In the V of a tree was a Jap with a BAR which he let fly at intervals... (Yank, 6).

to let go.

1. To release; to set free, to free.

Just let her go, Jesse (Marquand, 81).
...we let them go (Yank, 26).
I know that it got Louis twenty grand, and he said it was going to get him another...eighty grand, before he'd let go of them (Gardner, 74).
The poor old woman never let it go. She clung to it... (Pyle, 228).

When Minot was up in the saddle the man let go, and the horse began bouncing sideways (Marquand, 375).
Let go of me (Cain, 205).
Some of the Fascists we let go... (Yank, 26).
And then there were some in-between Fascists we let go... (Yank, 26).

2. Not to attend to; to disregard; to neglect.

The officers told me that they were kicking themselves for not noticing the gunner's nervousness in time and for letting it go until he had to hurt his pride by asking... (Pyle, 224).
Then that summer Mr. Gorman had let the front lawn go (Marquand, 501).
He had let get ahead of him because it did lawns good to be let go for o one summer (Marquand, 501).
Sometimes the men let trench foot go so long without complaining that... (Pyle, 149).

3. To leave; not to arrange, put in order, work with.

...she pointedly told Arline she could let the tables go until later (Cain, 192).

4. To shoot, fire, a gun, rifle, or the like.

But as they did, the Japs moved in toward them, letting go with a Lewis gun... (Yank, 9).
Giulio let go at the first truck... (Yank, 28).
Before long we could see the tanks let go at the town (Pyle, 24).
...far out to sea the ships themselves let go at the...German motors in sky (Pyle, 272).
Just as the men reached the well, a barrage of mortars let go... (Yank, 59).
...our scout, with a tommy gun, let go with a whole drum of ammo... (Yank, 125).
Then Terry leaped from behind the tree and let go a burst of .45 slugs at the pillbox (Yank, 17).
All the Germans had to do was take easy aim and let go at the sitting duck (Pyle, 405).

to let --- go. To give vent to one's emotions; not to attempt to control one's emotions.

One of them...let himself go (Yank, 122).
If he had let himself go, he would have pinched her cheek playfully (Marquand, 65).

to let --- go on. To allow one to talk foolishly, overemotionally.

Ida professed to be highly indignant, that he should "let her go on like that" when he knew... (Cain, 68).

to let --- hair down. Not to arrange one's hair but to allow it to hang free. (Refers to women.)

Let your hair string down (Gardner, 79).

to let --- have ---.

1. To give it to one; to hand over to one.

...if you'll just let me have the check... (Cain, 304).

2. To punish one; to strike one; to hit one; to shoot one.

We couldn't go around them through the flat peaceful valleys, because the Germans were up there looking down upon us, and they would let us have it (Pyle, 141).
We never did find out for sure why the Italian big guns didn't let us have it (Pyle, 22).
Over a certain area the Germans began letting him have it from the ground... (Pyle, 454).
But I suppose our second tank eventually pulled up to the corner, turned and let the pillbox have it (Pyle, 407).
...he went into full particulars as to where he was going to buy the gun ...and how he would let him have it (Cain, 198).
We let him have it right there (Yank, 26).
...every member of our crew let the barge have it... (Yank, 254).

to let --- have it straight. To tell one directly and economically; to tell one bluntly and without circumlocution.

I sat down and let him have it straight (Yank, 164).

to let her roll. To allow to operate at full speed; to allow to go uninhibited.

Machine guns were rarely fired except in flashes...but once some Jerry just held the trigger down and let her roll for about fifteen seconds (Pyle, 199).

to let --- in. To allow to enter; to permit to come in.

She...let herself in the front door (Cain, 252).
...Mildred saw the Engels drive up with her mother, and sent her out to let them in (Cain, 111).
As soon as the girl had gone, it developed that when she had let them in, they had all shaken hands, taking her for "a freind" (Cain, 112).
"Don't let anybody in except generals," said the shavetail (Yank, 200).
A few seconds later, Drake knocked at the door, and Mason let him in (Gardner, 46).
We won't let Marianna in (Marquand, 103).

to let --- in. To allow one to enter; to permit one to come in.

...I see the little nun who let me in eat up the gunner's wings and the service ribbons (Yank, 188).
A little nun lets me in (Yank, 188).
Mildred said it was she, to let her in, she had to see him (Cain, 252).
She...commanded him to let her in (Cain, 252).

to let --- in on. To permit, allow, one to share; to include one in a secret, venture, etc.

Hogarty refused to let her in on that (Gardner, 181).

to let it come. Not to inhibit, prohibit.

Mrs. Gessler took her clothes off, massaged her back, patted her, told her to let it come, not to try to hold back (Cain, 51).

to let it go at that. Not to do, say, think, any more about it; to let it alone.

So you salute me once every morning, and we'll let it go at that (Yank, 95).
...apparently a coloratura couldn't merely buy a dress, and let it go at that (Cain, 237).

to let it pass. To say nothing about; not to inquire about.

...phrases with which he was not familiar, debating whether to let it pass and whether, if he did, he might not miss something... (Marquand, 253).
This slightly waspish remark Monty let pass without answering... (Cain, 132).

to let it ride.

1. To take no action regarding something; to leave it alone.

Just let it ride... (Cain, 205).

2. In craps when one is winning to allow his winnings along with his original bet to become his next bet so that his winnings increase geometrically.

But if you made apass, you could let it ride and keep on building up (Gardner, 22).

to let --- know. To give one information; to tell one.

I'll let you know if there's an answer (Gardner, 116).

to let loose. Something begins action, as a gun shoots, or clouds rain, etc.

Then the biggest guns on our ship let loose (Pyle, 7).
In Sicily he got shot in his behind when a German tank let loose on him (Pyle, 130).
...the low black skies of Normandy let loose on us... (Pyle, 400).
...it came closer before letting loose a barrage (Yank, 16).
...a machine gun let loose on me (Yank, 126).
Suddenly the antiaircraft guns let loose (Pyle, 247).

let me see. Allow me to think; give me a moment to try to remember.

"Let me see," Uncle Judson said, "you were an aivator in the last war, weren't you?" (Marquand, 96).
Let me see, I haven't seen you for some time (Marquand, 96).
"Winterstein," Louella said, "let me see" (Marquand, 184).
"Let me see," Buchanan said, "where was I?" (Marquand, 145).
"Oh, no," Walter said, "let me see, where was I?" (Marquand, 136).

let me tell you ---. (Used to intensify and emphasize the statement that follows.)

But let me tell you one thing (Cain, 195).
And lemme tell ya someth'n, Pierce (Cain, 236).

to let off. To shoot, fire, as a gun, rifle, cannon, or the like.

...just as we passed a hidden big gun at the roadside it let off a blast right over our head (Pyle, 311).

to let out.

1. To release; to allow to go out.

Some of them seemed to relax tensed lips to let out the breath they'd been holding (Yank, 223).
...sucking the smoke in and letting it out in thick curls... (Cain, 254).
...I wish...she'd never let him out of the house (Yank, 136).
"Who let you out with that tie?" she asked (Marquand, 84).

2. To allow one to escape; to let one go free.

They won't let him out now until he's signed a written statement... (Gardner, 88).
"Lord, let me out and I'll change my ways," he said aloud (Yank, 44).

3. To say; to speak; to make a sound with a voice.

He listened gravely, except for the laugh he let out over the "Sir" episode (Cain, 138).

When I got within about fifty yards he looked up, let out a yell, and called out... (Pyle, 96).
When she finished, she felt the key tickling her instep and let out the first ripple of real laughter... (Cain, 59).
From the yelp of pain the German press and radio let out the next day, you would have thought the leaflets were even more damaging that high explosives (Yank, 127).
One day one of the ammunition carriers, a slight fellow, slipped with his heavy shell and let out an irritated "Goddamit!" (Pyle, 100).

4. To allow one to get out of a car.

Chief, let me out! (Gardner, 42).

to let --- out. To relieve one of responsibility; to free one from implications.

...push the door open, and find him, and be on a spot that would let me out (Gardner, 78).
If you don't just say so and all I've got to do is call up and tell her, and that lets me out (Cain, 41).

not to let --- rest till. To give one no peace until one does something; to keep after one; to nag one.

...she won't let me rest till he's promoted (Yank, 237).

let's go. It's time to go; it is time to start.

"Crew inspection! Let's go!" Capt...Harte...was speaking (Yank, 117).
Come on. Let's go (Gardner, 17).
Put it up at three feet six. Let's go (Marquand, 377).
"Well," Minot said, "let's go" (Marquand, 378).
"Okay," said the captain, "let's go" (Yank, 109).
OKay, Paul, let's go (Gardner, 166).
Drake said, "Let's go," and led the way up to the entrance of the apartment house (Gardner, 158).
...take a reef in your pants. Let's go (Marquand, 76).
...in the dusk of early morning. "Let's go" (Marquand, 76).

let's have it. Tell me what you have to say; give me the information.

"All right," Mason said, "let's have it" (Gardner, 13).
"All right," Mason said, "let's have it" (Gardner, 71).
...adeptly scrped a match along the sole of one of her Chinese shoes and said, "All right, let's have it" (Gardner, 18).

to let --- slip. To divulge; to tell a secret; to give away a secret.

Serle let something slip about a conversation Milicant had over the phone (Gardner, 105).

let's see. Let me think; allow me to consider; give me time to remember. (See: let me see.)

"Hi, old man," he said, "let's see, you met Mildred, didn't you?" (Marquand, 119).
Then, let's see (Cain, 151).
Well, let's see now, the reflectors, they were seven cents apiece, six of them, that's forty-two cents (Cain, 118).
Now, let's see, how much money do you think you'll make this year? (Marquand, 4040).

to let up.

1. To decrease in intensity; to subside; to reduce in volume.

He kept constantly prodding his commanders to push hard, not to let up ... (Pyle, 446).
Around five o'clock, when it didn't let up... (Cain, 160).
In a long drive an infantry company often went for a couple of days without letting up (Pyle, 443).
All right, but at least let's wait a few minutes, in case this rain'll let up a little (Cain, 26).

2. To stop; to quit; to desist.

...that windbag won't let up till morning... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
...please let up on the cock and bull and feminine propaganda (Yank, 214).

let us say. Permit me to say; perhaps we should say.

Let us say different communities (Cain, 195).

to level off.

1. To fly horizontally after flying toward the vertical. (Also figuratively.)

He was only four hundred feet above the ground when he leveled off... (Pyle, 166).
...that old B-26 leveled off a foot above the ground... (Pyle, 330).
By some miracle, Kit was able to level the ship off (Yank, 207).
...the plane started to level off (Yank, 240).
...turn left at the traffic circle, continue over the bridge, and level off for Glendale and Bert (Cain, 249).

2. To act in a normal fashion after some abnormalities.

You scramble to obey, and the butterflies level off a little (Yank, 64).

...then a strange hysterical sort of crisis, then a leveling off in January, and then wondering in February... (Marquand, 326).

liability insurance. Insurance against obligation to pay for damage to a person or to property.

She bought fantastic liability insurance... (Cain, 180).

to lick --- lips. To run, pass one's tongue over one's lips. (This is a gesture of nervousness, anticipation, etc.)

Mildred licked her lips... (Cain, 1540).

to lick --- weight. To fight anyone else no heavier than one and to defeat him; to fight and defeat another who is of the same weight.

It was just that he said he could lick any so-and-so his weight in the world (Marquand, 588).
"I'm just going out," Jeffrey said, "to lick anyone my weight in the world" (Marquand, 589).
But I can lick anyone my weight in the world (Marquand, 589).

to lie ahead. To be in the future; to come in the future.

...no ordinary night in her life, and that she must take stock, see what she had to offer against what lay ahead (Cain, 17).
Meantime, he's anxious only to finish the hard fighting that he knows lies ahead (Yank, 24).
...leaflets were dropped...telling the people in Cassino about the terrible destruction thay lay ahead... (Yank, 127).

to lie around.

1. To lie in no order; to lie helter skelter.

...we lay around on the ground talking... (Pyle, 251).
...we sat and lay around on the grass while they wrote short letters home... (Pyle, 387).
...the crews relaxed and squatted or lay around... (Pyle, 389).
...an empty iodine bottle laying around somewhere... (Cain, 186).

2. To be idle; to do nothing constructive; to waste time.

...they were just like men who take a day off from the office to lie around home (Pyle, 188).
...you said I couldn't lie around here all the time (Cain, 191).

to lie awake. Not to sleep; to remain awake although trying to sleep.

That night she lay awake... (Cain, 151).

Those people, it hurts me, it makes me lie awake nights, that I've got nothing for them (Cain, 39).

a lie detector. The polygraph; a machine which indicates unusual changes in blood pressure which occur when one lies, does not tell the truth.

The Lie Detector (Literary Digest, Dec. 26, 1931, 35).

to lie down.

1. To lie; to recline; to be prostrate.

If you had offered him his choice between voting in November and finding a dirty cowshed to lie down in out of the rain, the cowshed would have won (Pyle, 137).
At ten o'clock I lay down with my clothes on (Pyle, 20).
We lay down on the ground there in the pigshed (Pyle, 198).
Any time he said "Bed"...Tarfu went reluctantly into his doghouse and lay down (Pyle, 221).
After watching six or seven such departures, Mildred went to the bedroom and lay down... (cain, 19).
We just lay down on the ground (Pyle, 370).
...Monty...telling her to relax, to lie down... (Cain, 255).
Mildred went to the bedroom, lay down... (Cain, 259).
...he could lie down for a while with his head in the shade of a sagebrush (Yank, 138).
He lay down by a big sagebrush just before dawn... (Yank, 138).
At eleven, she...lay down, pulling a blanket over her... (Cain, 196).
...the mule stopped dead and lay down (Yank, 176).
...Mildred...lay down on the bed... (Cain, 154).
She was about to lie down when she heard a yoo-hoo and Mrs. Gessler joined her... (Cain, 50).
I went back and lay down on the ground among my other friends... (Pyle, 198).
Gradually the boys wrapped up in their blankets and lay down on the floor... (Pyle, 392).
...she would tiptoe to her bedroom, lie down... (Cain, 181).
Mr. Wilson, can't you get Dick to lie down? (Marquand, 293).
No room to lie down (Yank, 116).

2. To do poorly; not to do well; to goof off.

...at that stage of the game we had little contact with other American forces and we thought the Italians might havelain down there in order to fight harder somewhere else (Pyle, 30).

to lie down and die. To die; to cease to be.

I think he will lie down and die of a broken heart... (Yank, 137).

to lie idle. Not to be productive; to produce nothing.

...this depressed him so much that for a time his land lay idle, while he tried to get his bearings... (Cain, 6).

to lie in wait for. Secretly to wait for someone; to hide and to remain in hiding waiting to observe, catch, one.

That was only one of the discoveries lying in wait for them in the old house (Marquand, 110).

to lie off. To remain, stay, away from the shore and out in the sea, ocean, as a ship.

All the machine guns on the ships lying off the beaches cut loose... (Pyle, 382).
Once out there we had to lie off and wait... (Pyle, 386).

to lie out of. To tell a falsehood in order to get oneself out of difficulty.

She'd lie out of it (Gardner, 159).
What's the use of trying to lie out of it now (Gardner, 166).

to lie to. To tell a falsehood to; to make a deliberate mistatement of fact to.

...I lied to the recruiting officer... (Yank, 172).

a life belt. A belt made of kapoc or other very light material worn by people in danger of being forced into water. The life belt supports one in the water. (Also life preserver, life saver.)

Somehow I had it in my head that Navy people never wore life belts but I was wrong (Pyle, 13).
There were jumbled heaps of lefe belts (Pyle, 367).
There were...big stacks of thrown-away lefe belts... (Pyle, 366).
Men wearing life belts sat reading... (Pyle, 259).

life companion. A spouse; husband or wife.

Maybe a few would meet life companions... (Yank, 210).

life flows into ---. One begins to show signs of life (breathing, strong pulse, color) after having seemed dead or almost dead.

Gradually life began to flow into him again... (Pyle, 301).

life guard. A person trained to rescuing those who are drowning from water. (Most public beaches have life guards.)

He's the life guard, and he's stuck on her (Cain, 71).

--- life is a closed book. One does not talk about one's past life; one does not give any information about one's past.

Mason said, "John's life must have been a closed book back of a certain date" (Mardner, 119).

life is too short. It is not worth bothering about; at best life is too short to worry.

And then the first pay check you draw, there's eighteen attachments on it--and life's too short (Cain, 38).

life jacket. A kind of jacket which is made of very light material to support a person in the water. (Also: Mae West.)

...Page noticed a life jacket on one of the bodies periodically smoulder and burst into flames (Yank, 46).

life preserver. A life jacket.

Red Dog got me a pair of flying boots, a Mae West life preserver... (Pyle, 322).

life raft. A raft of the very lightest material used for carrying people in the ocean whena ship sinks.

In the water floated empty life rafts... (Pyle, 366).

to lift off. To remove by lifting; to take off in a lifting motion.

Even the Americans were reluctant to unlash and lift off the bodies... (Pyle, 154).

to lift --- face. To change one's facial appearance by surgery; hence, to change the appearance radically.

Downstairs at the Rockwell was not what it had been once, because the face of the Rockwell had been lifted, like the faces of so many other New York hotels (Marquand, 273).

to lift up the receiver. To pick up a telephone; to start to use a telephone.

Any time you lift up the receiver, they're on it (Marquand, 577).

a light burns in a window. A light shows through a window from the inside; a light makes a windownbright.

The lights were burning in the windows (Marquand, 530).

the light changes. The signal lights, stop lights, traffic lights, change from red to green to amber and again to red in directing the traffic.

...she began to dread the stop signals, for sitting there, waiting for the light to change, she would have time to think... (Cain, 104).
...the bare branches of the trees along the sidewalk, while he was standing waiting for the light to change before he crossed the Avenue (Marquand, 593).

to light a cigar. To cause a cigar to burn.

...he lit a cigar... (Cain, 236).

to light a cigarette. To cause a cigarette brun.

Mason strolled over to one of the chairs, sat down, and lit a cigarette (Gardner, 177).
...Veda came in...lit a cigarette... (Cain, 196).
Veda sat up, lit another cigarette... (Cain, 197).
...for she lit another cigarette... (Cain, 149).
Mrs. Gessler lit a cigarette... (Cain, 149).
Veda picked up a package of cigarettes...lit one... (Cain, 156).
Mason finished his salad, cleaned up his plate, lit a cigarette, and sipped coffee (Gardner, 99).

a light comes on. A light is turned on; a light is put on.

...suddenly the light came on... (Cain, 171).

to light a fire. To cause something to burn; to burn something; to start a fire.

...brought him into the den, through she didn't bother to light a fire or serve a drink (Cain, 52).
It might come in handy to light a fire with (Yank, 97).

to light out for. To leave hurriedly for a place; to go towards a place in a hurry.

...three of us skipped chow and lit out for town (Yank, 209).

to light out of. To leave hurriedly from a place; to go away from a place in a hurry.

With a whoop, Artie lit out of the orderly room in the direction of his barracks (Yank, 99).

the lights are low. The artificial lights are not bright; a room or place is almost dark. (This often implies a romantic notion.)

...the lights are soft and low... (Yank, 157).

lights out. The extinguishing, turning off, of artificial lights at night usually at a fixed time in such places as dormitories, barracks, and the like.

The merchandising was carried on in hurried shirll yells, like a girls' dormitory after lights out... (Yank, 115).
Now it's "lights out" and you're lying quietly in bed thinking (Yank, 65).
We sat and talked and laughed until amost lights-out... (Pyle, 220).

the lights turn. (See: the light changes.) The traffic signal lights change color from red to green to amber to red again and so on in directing traffic.

Then the lights turned and they all moved by him like a stream (Marquand, 54).

a light switch. A device in which there are electrical connections whereby one can turn on or extinguish electric lights; a wall switch; a toggle wwitch.

Not touching any light switch, she tiptoed to the bed... (Cain, 252).
Her hand...flipped the light switch (Cain, 253).

to light up. To begin to smoke any type of tobacco: cigarettes, cigars, pipes.

...Collins...got out some cigarettes and we all lit up except Red Dog, who didn't smoke (Pyle, 324).
...and then passed his cigarettes around so the others could light up (Yank, 59).
...they threw themselves down and started to light up (Yank, 59).
It was all right to smoke in the gun pit, and everybody did, but when that urge hit him he couldn't always take time to light up (Pyle, 109).

2. To illuminate; to brighten.

Now and then a front-line flare would light up the sky... (Pyle, 202).
...the sky lighted up with flares... (Pyle, 233).
Then suddenly the showcase lighted up, and she gave a little cry, and went running out (Cain, 118).
As Jeffrey listened a flash of lightning lit up the room where he and Madge were sleeping so that he knew he had been dreaming... (Marquand, 533).
The dropped flares and lit up the whole sky (Yank, 71).
Often the enemy dropped flares that lighted up the whole beach area... (Pyle, 382).

to light up --- face. To cause one's face to seem pleasant, happy, cheerful.

...it came slowly and lighted up her entire face, and Jeffrey had taught her not to use it too often (Marquand, 80).

as like as not. As likely as not; it is likely; likely.

Like as not, China won't have any effect... (Yank, 30).

like a bone to a starving dog. Being of no real value; too small, little, to be of worth.

...one small stripe thrown to me like a bone to a starving dog...

like a drowned rat. Wet; soaking wet; very, very wet.

You look like a drowned rat (Cain, 93).

like floating on air. Very soft, comfortable.

But it felt like floating on air (Yank, 28).

like a good ---. As an obliging person would; like an obedient person.

Sergeant, I want you to tell me like a good fellow just how you came to fall on your bayonet (Yank, 193).

like hot cakes. Rapidly; fast. (This often implies selling, distributing.)

The fifty others went like hot cakes (Pyle, 304).

like hell. Not; absolutely not.

He will like hell (Cain, 187).
It will like hell (Cain, 148).

like a hot knife through butter. Rapidly and easily; very fast and easy.

...I went through that like a hot knife through butter... (Cain, 232).

like hunting a needle in a haystack. Practically impossible to do something; beyond human ingenuity to do.

It was like hunting a needle in a haystack (Pyle, 373).

not to like it any too well. Not to be very well pleased with it; not to be happy about it.

...he said he didn't like it any too well (Pyle, 280).

like a man. Manfully; as a man would be expected to do.

Whenever I think of our soldiers and sailors in camps back home, I am apt to visualize -- and no doubt wrongly -- a draftee who is going through his training like a man, but still reluctantly and without intense interest (Pyle, 33).

like a one armed paper hanger. Hurriedly; busily.

He was working like a one-armed paperhanger and if Mr. Wilson wanted to have the place like Mr. Haskell's why he could do it... (Marquand, 502).
I bet at that camp they've been working him like a one-armed apperhanger (Marquand, 518).
I've been working like a one-armed paperhanger, and maybe I forgot (Marquand, 511).

like sitting ducks. Being an easy target; being easy to hit; being easy to hit as an unmoving target.

We'll knock 'em off like sitting ducks (Yank, 44).

like --- says. As one says; according to one's orders, directions.

O.K. then do just like I say, and we'll get Mildred's pies in here, 'stead of them cow pies we got now (Cain, 66).

like a snowball. Rapidly; quickly.

He had seen it growing in fashion, like a snowball rolling downhill (Marquand, 412).
To top it all off he spoke perfect French and was picking up Italian like a snowball (Pyle, 73).

like that. Of that nature; similar to that.

I've heard him say something like that (Gardner, 54).

like --- was. As if one were.

I feel like I was forty-five years old (Pyle, 267).
Well, I feel like I was, too, and I damn near am (Pyle, 267).

like water off a duck's(back). Easily; without disturbing one.

Tom said that when he first went into the Navy the sailors' profanity shocked him, but before long it rolled off his back like water off a duck (Pyle, 38).

like you or me. Like a normal individual; like average people.

...they were genial, ordinary fellows too, not stand-offish or stuck up, but very much like you or me (Marquand, 25).
It seemed that they enjoyed ping-pong...just like you or me (Marquand, 26).
They were tousle-headed, florid-faced...and they put you at ease at once, just like you and me (Marquand, 26).
...he was an ordinary fellow, too, just like you and me (Marquand, 26).
It seemed that they all had all sorts of personal habits, just like you or me (Marquand, 260).

the line forms on the right. (Often when there is a line, queue, it begins and forms on the right side of an entrance, box office, or the like.)

The line is forming on the right (Marquand, 556).

line soldier. A combat soldier; and infantryman who actually does fighting.

...there's only one line soldier left... (Yank, 243).

a line up. A line of men, usually prisoners of some sort, placed before a witness who is to identify one or more of them as having committeed a crime.

...her parents, who will be here to review the men and pick the guilty one out of the line-up (Yank, 182).

to line up.

1. To arrange in a line, queue; to form into a line.

There the men of the company lined up for meals... (Pyle, 420).
Then all day and all night vehicles of the regiment from miles around lined up and filled their cans, tanks, and radiators (Pyle, 60).
...if there were some way to line them up and shoot them through whenever you wanted to... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
Lining up with all the other boys (Marquand, 556).
...he looked down and directly under him saw an airfield with a dozen or more small German planes lined up alongside the runway (Pyle, 169).
They lined up and passed through a chow line (Pyle, 337).
He lined them up against a tree... (Yank, 28).
We were lined up in straight columns (Pyle, 357).
The enlisted crewmen lined up... (Yank, 117).
...I've heard...about GIs lining up to get medals from a barrel... (Yank, 173).
My tents are lined up in a row... (Yank, 155).
We lined up and were served sandwiches... (Yank, 115).

2. To make plans and to arrange; to get in readiness.

We had five soldiers from the USO lined up for this thing, but...they had to go on a clambake with Look (Yank, 159).

to linger on. To remain; to stay; not to be lost.

...I'm sure the story of the searchlight will linger on in her wardroom and forecastle like a legend (Pyle, 21).

to link --- arm through ---. To join arms with another. (Often considered a sign of comaraderie.)

"Don't scold him, dear," she said, and she linked her arm through his (Marquand, 115).

to listen around. To try to get some information from various sources by listening unobtrusively.

I deliberately listened around for a while (Pyle, 6).

to listen in on. To listen secretly to the conversation of others; to listen unobtrusively.

They liked to listen in on their radios as the RAF pilots talked to each other (Pyle, 162).
Mason said, "You tapped my telephone line and listened in on confidential ..." (Gardner, 208).
When the police walk into a trap by means of wire tapping and listening in on confidential conversations... (Gardner, 217).

to listen to. To hear and to pay attention to; to be attentive to by listening.

Mr. Eckstein...listened to Mildred with expressionless eyes... (Cain, 245).
Mildred, who had listened to this eulogy... (Cain, 219).
But they wouldn't listen to me (Yank, 201).
The boys called them "screaming meamies" instead and, brother, they were bad indeed to listen to (Pyle, 193).
Mildred...listened to the radio... (Cain, 250).

to listen to reason. To be reasonable; to be tractable.

...now she'll listen to reason, and we figure she can run this business ... (Cain, 248).
...he is patient, he will listen to reason (Yank, 137).

not to listen to such a thing. To be opposed to something; not to approve of something.

Ida...said at first she wouldn't even listen to such a thing (Cain, 248).

to listen with half an ear. To listen inattentively; not to listen with attention; to half listen.

...he...listened with half an ear... (Cain, 131).

literal minded. Matter of fact; unimaginative; lacking in imagination.

She was a little too literal-minded for such analysis... (Cain, 58).
...squint that was anything but alluring, that betrayed a rather appalling literal-mindedness, or matter-of-factness... (Cain, 16).

literary agency. An agency which represents authors and sells their stories, novels, to magazines, publishers, or papers.

...Ella Fredericks, who was doing a perfectly swell job in a literary agency... (Marquand, 337).

literary agent. An agent, person, who represents authors, writers, and sell their writings to publishers, magazines, newspapers.

He saw George Stanhope, the literary agent, who handled Walter Newcombe ... (Marquand, 343).

litter bearer. One of two who carry a litter, stretcher, on which is carried a sick or wounded person.

One of my men helped me back to the command post where litter bearers took me back to a dispensary (Yank, 11).
We sure could use another litter-bearer (Yank, 169).
Two litter-bearers had just come in to report nothing doing... (Yank, 197).
...we heard someone calling for litter-bearers... (Yank, 169).
In a few minutes our litter-bearers came past, carrying a captain (Pyle, 445).

a little beyond. Out of someone's ken; too complicated, deep, for someone's understanding.

These points were a little beyond Mildred... (Cain, 237).

a little bird. (Used to keep secret the name of a person who divulged information.)

Then Miss Pringle had said that a little bird, but it was a little bird that was off the record... (Marquand, 453).

a little bird told ---. (Used to keep secret how one obtained information.)

And Jeffrey had said that of course he had, and if the little bird hadn't told Miss Pringle who it was, he could tell her (Marquand, 453).

...a little bird had told her that Mr. Wilson had been quite often at the lovely home of a certain Someone at Malibu Beach (Marquand, 453).
Then Miss Pringle had said that...a little bird had told her... (Marquand, 435).
"When we came to that," Ethel said, "a little bird told me--" and she gave her head a toss--" a little bird told me something about someone named Louella" (Marquand, 159).
"A little bird told me," he said (Gardner, 128).

a little bit of everything. Many different things; a wide variety of things.

...a little bit of everything came ashore on that emmorable day (Pyle, 383).
In fact he did a little bit of everything from sweeping up to passing shells (Pyle, 37).
What he actually did was a little bit of everything when things were normal (Pyle, 38).

a little boy. A helper; one who can assist. (Used jocularly.)

I told him that what he needed most was a little boy to do his saluting for him (Pyle, 308).

little by little. Gradually; by degrees; slowly.

Little by little, day by day, those cities were reduced to destruction ... (Pyle, 235).
Little by little, the fiendish rain of explosives upon the hillsides softened the Germans (Pyle, 142).
...but little by little, Mildred thought, it was getting smoother (Cain, 136).
"Little by little," he said again, and blew a thick cloud of smoke out of his bearded mouth (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
But everything has to be done little by little, and I won't be here to see it finished (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
Yet with typical American tenderheartdness they felt sorry for them and little by little they became sort of fond of them (Pyle, 118).

a little knot of (people). A small group; a small crowd close together.

...there was always a little knot of them standing behind some plane... (Pyle, 206).

a little later. Later on; afterwards.

A little later we got the story on the Fortress (Pyle, 175).

a little luck. Some luck; luck.

We had a little luck (Cain, 204).

little magazine. A pocket sized magazine; a magazine about 5 by 8 inches in size.

...Ulrich, the Little Magazine (Princeton University Press, 1946, 245).

a little more of. More of; somewhat more of.

Monty...at least a little more of an authority, said...that no encores were ever sung in the first half of the program (Cain, 240).

to be a little off. Not to be quite accurate; to be inaccurate.

Perhaps his timetable may be a little off (Marquand, 507).

a little on the ---side. Somewhat; to a degree; to some extent.

She was a little on the fat side (Marquand, 476).
Miss Turner...turned out to be a trim little person, not much older than Mildred, and a little on the hardboiled side (Cain, 36).
...she's very sweet in a great many ways, but I don't see why you've never seen that she's a little on the dull side (Marquand, 536).

the little people. The common people; the everyday people; the common man.

It seemed to him that the Little People themselves would have every right to resent it... (marquand, 145).
...he wished that their discoverers would not invariably refer to them as Little People (Marquand, 145).
He was saying something about the little people and about our way of life (Marquand, 135).
The lines revealed to Jeffrey that Buchanan Greene's acquaintance with the Little People...was purely academic (Marquand, 146).
Buchanan Greene would not have known what to say to the Little People, and neither would most of the others who listened to him... (Marquand, 146).
All they knew...about Little People was what Buchanan Greene was telling them (Marquand, 146).
There was no doubt that Buchanan Greene was right--the Little People were correct in being very, very angry (Marquand, 146).
...everyone waited to hear some more strictures from the Little People, but none came (Marquand, 146).
The poem was about the little people whose small voices rose to reproach the privileged few who were living wrongly in the present (Marquand, 145).
They were reporachful because they, the little people, and not their drivers, made this, our country (Marquand, 145).
He was thinking that everyone now wrote and talked about the Little People and that the Little People were a new discovery... (Marquand, 145).

a little slow on the uptake. Slow in perception; slow to understand; slow witted.

Walter was always a little slow on the uptake then... (Marquand, 16).

a little talk. A conversation; a talking together.

...she...held Mrs. Gessler after closing time for alittle talk (Cain, 177).
...how often this all changed when a critic and an author had a little talk in the company of a lot... (Marquand, 339).

the little things. Ordinarily inconspicuous actions, acts.

But we could sense from little things that they were glad to have us (Pyle, 377).

the little things in life. The homey pleasures; simple, ordinary, pleasures.

The little things in life are what Uncle Joe enjoys most (Yank, 131).

a little too. Too; conspicuously too.

Things were a little too quiet, even for a Sunday (Yank, 91).

a little undecided. Somewhat undecided; undecided.

I was standing behind an Italian farmhouse a little undecided about things (Yank, 11).

a little way off. At a short distance; not far away.

...we spotted about 50 more Japs off a little way (Yank, 145).

a little while. A short time; not for long; a little space of time.

A German M34 machine gun had been chattering a little while before across a corn patch... (Yank, 11).
...we sat and talked a little while alone (Pyle, 194).
You could get away from the war for a little while, but not for long... (Ma rquand, 15).
...I'm leaving in a little while from Union Air Terminal, in Burbank (Cain, 258).
In a little while Jeffrey would be calling Marianna "dear," whether he felt that way or not (Marquand, 80).
They let it sit that way a little while (Pyle, 220).
Then we talked a little while in low tones... (Pyle, 199).

the little woman. One's wife; one's helpmeet.

To the best little woman that any guy was crazy enough to let get away from him (Cain, 127).

live bait. Minnows, worms, grubs, frogs, which are alive are used as bait by fishermen.

...what she had forgotten was that he was live bait... (Cain, 253).

to live down. To continue to live one's normal life after some happening which has caused gossip, talk about one, and to seem to prove by one's conduct that the rumor was not true.

But eht B-26 lived down the bad name (Pyle, 321).
But he lived that down, and all their other jokes about him (Pyle, 260).

to live for. To have for, as the philosphical basis of life; to consider as the most important part of life.

It's what we live for and what we die for (Marquand, 352).

to live off ---. To receive one's income, food, shelter, from another usually without payment of any kind.

...she be living off you, and rolling in dough... (Cain, 251).
...if he had to live off the Government... (Yank, 216).

to live on.

1. To have money enough for one's needs; to possess or receive regularly enough money to be able to furnish food, clothing, and shelter.

You know he isn't old enough to know the sort of girl he wants and they have nothing to live on (Marquand, 524).
...so you can live on what you make (Cain, 248).

2. To use as food; to eat; to subsist on.

She lived on oatmeal and bread, reserving for the children such eggs, chicken, and milk as she could come by (Cain, 40).

to live on a desert island with. To have a woman for one's own pleasure the rest of one's life. (This is usually a romantic notion and a man thinks of a woman with a beautiful face and a perfect figure.)

If I had to pick between the two of them to live on a desert island with, I'd pick Sales... (Marquand, 535).

to live --- own life. To make one's one decisions and to be responsible for them only to onseself; to stand on one's own feet.

Jim has to start living his own life sometime, and it doesn't help to monkey with other people's lives (Marquand, 312).

to live together. To occupy the same house, apartment, rooms.

In the same hotel, but not living together (Gardner, 184).

to live together as man and wife. To occupy the same rooms, house, apartment, and to cohabit, have coitus. (This always refers to a man and woman.)

They lived together as man and wife for some time, then finally broke up, but remained good friends (Gardner, 168).

to live up to. To act in accordance with; to behave in a manner as.

...they are...designed for the lady who gracefully lives up to the importance of her place in the world (Yank, 228).
...Pvt. Luckey better live up to his last name if he gois into combat ... (Yank, 211).

to live well. To have plenty of money for one's physical needs; to enjoy a comfortable life; to have enough food, shelter, clothing.

Oh we lived very well before the Depression... (Cain, 250).

to live with.

1. To cohabit; to have sexual intercourse with.

"Jeffrey, you don't think he—" and her voice changed again—"he's—living with her?" (Marquand, 312).
...she is living with yet another fellow... (Yank, 170).
I lived with her only one night (Yank, 174).
...I started living with another woman (Yank, 173).
Didn't you think, Jeff—perhaps they're living with each other now? (Marquand, 522).
Perhaps if you just told Jim it would be all right to—live with her—...then he would get over it (Marquand, 522).

2. To occupy the same house; apartment; rooms.

And your uncle is living with you? (Gardner, 26).
...he was living with Mom and Mr. Pierce (Cain, 229).
...your wife...claiming that your son lives with her (Yank, 171).
...that was something, after living with you all my life (Cain, 187).

living room. The room in a house or apartment for sitting; sitting room; the main room. (Also attributive.)

The big living room of the house (Cain, 178).

Jerking his thumb toward the living room... (Cain, 154).
...no longer a drawing room, but a big living room... (Cain, 228).
It's that living room of yours... (Cain, 228).
...it'll look like that living room over there... (Cain, 229).
Going to the living room again... (Cain, 154).
It was the living room of a rough mountain shack, with a rough board floor... (Cain, 92).
...a bit too loud, a shade too clear as though intended for the company in the living room rather than God (Cain, 113).
But Bert took her arm and Veda her hand, and she went slowly through the living room (Cain, 113).
The air in the living room was heavy; he put down his bag... (Marquand, 303).
He had never liked that living room or any of that apartment (Marquand, 303).
...she began to cry, and went in the living room to resume a vigil that was rapidly becoming a habit (Cain, 19).
The living room he stepped into corresponded to the lawn he left (Cain, 1).
It was indeed the standard living room sent out by department stores as suitable for a Spanish bungalow... (Cain, 1).
One might object that this living room achieved the remarkable feat of being cold and at the same time stuffy... (Cain, 2).
"Laura, let's go into the living room," Madge said (Marquand, 403).
...on the other side of the chimney from the living room (Cain, 25).
In the living room there was exactly that sort of silence which he had expected... (Marquand, 443).
The living room was restful (Marquand, 432).
...the wind would blow all the books and cigarette boxes right off the table in the living room... (Marquand, 432).
There he was, sitting in the living room, opening a silver cigarette box... (Marquand, 305).
...so he sat down on the living room sofa and lighted a cigarette (Marquand, 303).
The living room was open and shafts of sunlught came through the windows... (Marquand, 589).

not a living soul. No one; nobody.

Not a living soul except Inez (Gardner, 171).

a living thing. Anything which is alive; something with life.

Though I spent most of the morning looking out the window with binoculars, I douldn't pick out a living thing (Yank, 60).

loaded dice. Dice so arranged either by weighting or shaving off a side or corners that a person can throw the dice and cause a desired number to show.

Mason took the loaded dice from his pocket, rolled them casually across

the top of the desk, and watched the figures...show up with amazing regularity (Gardner, 215).
He picked up the agency for this loaded dice business (Gardner, 100).
Mason opened his desk drawer and took out the pair of loaded dice... (Gardner, 51).

to load --- in a car. To put in a car; to cause to get in a car.

She figeted while Letty served Veda, then loaded Veda in the car, and took her for another vigil (Cain, 99).

to load up. To put in a load of something; to fill a carriage, carrier, with a load of something.

It must be hell on them to load up and then have to go out and unload ... (Yank, 207).

to loaf around. To waste time; to spend time doing nothing; to loaf.

The others...just loafed around (Pyle, 383).
...they just loafed around most of the day (Pyle, 270).

lo and behold. Behold; see; listen.

We were standing out waiting for our squadron to come back from a mission, when, lo and behold, the entire caboodle came back at once (Pyle, 174).

to loan --- out. To lend; to loan.

...the CO even loaned him out to his friends (Yank, 139).

local train. A slow train which stops at every station in comparison to an express train which stops at selected stations.

Jeffrey waited on the platform for a half an hour at Stamford for the local train (Marquand, 256).
When he took the local train and sat looking out of the window, there were no soldiers on the platform and no Military Police (Marquand, 256).

local yokel. A provincial person; a rustic; a yokel. (Jocular.)

"Jeff," Madge said, "you don't have to be a local yokel, too." (Marquand, 115).
...perhaps some of the others will begin to think you always talk this way--just like a local yokel (Marquand, 115).

locker room. A room in which lockers are kept; a room filled with many separate compartments which are used for storage.

In the locker room, locker thirty-five (Gardner, 37).

to lock in. To lock a door, room, drawer, vault, storage place so as to confine someone, something.

Lock yourself in (Gardner, 116).

to lock out. To be unable to enter because of a locked door, gate, or the like.

We'd pretend we were locked out... (Yank, 187).

lock, stock, and barrel. Completely; wholly; in toto.

Serle's sold us out to the D.A., lock, stock, and barrel (Gardner, 105).

to lock up.

1. To lock all entrances, doors, windows, to a house, apartment, building.

But when they got there with her the house was all locked up and they rang him again (Cain, 98).

2. To imprison; to put in jail. (This implies arrest preceding imprisonment.

The Germans were locked up and a guard placed outside their building (Yank, 49).
I'd driven a knife through its heart, and locked it up... (Cain, 232).
...Please notify the FBI, G-2, anything -- but have that guy locked up! (Yank, 211).

3. To lock the door of a store, business place for the night; to close a store for the night.

...we'd quit for the day and lock up (Yank, 188).
Mildred...started her preparations to lock up. (Cain, 161).
...prepared to lock up (Cain, 127).

log book. A record book for daily activities; a book in which records are kept of each day's activities.

...the log book for recording the number of rounds fired was empty (Yank, 32).
With the gun came a field manual and a log book (Yank, 32).
Today the log book is full (Yank, 32).

log rolling. Undue influencing of someone through favors granted him. (The political meaning differs in that it means mutual assistance among legislators for passage of certain bills.)

...very hurt if they heard anyone say anything about making hay or log rolling, or anything like that (Marquand, 338).
Now, certainly, this was not hay making or log rolling, or anything like that (Marquand, 339).

long ago. A long time ago; a long time since; a long time in the past.

The war had been over long ago, but he was not at ease (Marquand, 226).
Now it must have been given away long ago, or else it was in the attic somewhere... (Marquand, 544).

long awaited. Anticipated; expected and hoped for.

...skyrockets...saved for this long-awaited occasion (Yank, 219).
...they...got that long-awaited mail drop and a chance to write V-mail replies (Yank, 177).

long barreled. A rifle.

In the second big category of ack-ack is the Bofors, a 40 millimeter long-barreled gun... (Pyle, 384).

long distance. The calling on a telephone from or to another city than the place where one is. (Also attributive.)

...Stew called up long distance... (Pyle, 262).
When he heard Madge on the telephone he wondered whether she was calling long distance, and talking for half an hour... (Marquand, 327).
The long distance operator ignored the sally (Gardner, 66).
Let's get to a telephone where I can put through a long distance call (Gardner, 173).
In the morning, he called Della Street on the long distance telephone (Gardner, 121).

long drawn out. Lengthy; interminable; intolerably long.

...a bombshell which was legally powerful, yet which lacked dramatic force because of the long, drawn out manner in which the details had been dragged through the record (Gardner, 151).
The screaming meanies...even when they were going off at an angle some distance away they made a long-drawn-out moaning sound that was blood-curdling (Pyle, 193).

long drawers. Long underwear; heavy underwear which covers the body to the wrists and ankles; long Johns; long handles.

Red Dog gave me an extra pair of long drawers to put on (Pyle, 322).

a long dryspell. A time of drouth; a period of no rain. (By extension a period when there is no alcoholic beverages available.)

...beer hit Iran after a long dry spell (Yank, 34).

long enough. For a sufficient period of time; for enough time.

No one wants to hang around long enough to start one (Yank, 66).
...the prosecution would like to remove the fingerprint expert from the stand long enough to interrogate a new witness... (Gardner, 186).

to long for. To desire; to wish for; to want.

The hearts turned seaward from the battlefields
And longed for haven shores and peaceful planes... (Yank, 198).

long Johns. Long underwear; long drawers; heavy underwear which covers the body to the wrists and ankles.

Some of the other guys slapped their wrists when they piped the red long Johns (Yank, 166).

long legged. Having legs longer than most people; having long legs.

This was a long-legged major... (Yank, 190).

long line of. An old family of; a family which generation after generation practiced something.

Our family sprang from a long line of Norman Milkmaids (Pyle, 414).

long lost. Lost for a long time; lost and given up hope of seeing again.

...ragged, unkempt, and asking for a meal, do you think you would have recognized him as your long-lost brother? (Gardner, 140).

long pants. Trousers, pants, which extend from a man's waist to his ankles or shoes. (Used in comparison to short pants which extend only to the knees.) (Also attributive.)

Then Mildred saw Williams, a boy of twelve, in what was evidently his first long-pants suit (Cain, 112).

long range. At a long distance; at a distance farther than average, normal.

In the distance we could hear the sound of long-range shelling (Yank, 58).
Strategic psychological warfare...strikes at German cities far behind the lines and has strictly long-range objectives (Yank, 127).

long since. Long ago; for a long time.

...it has long since ceased to surprise him... (Yank, 148).

a long story. A story, history, situation, with many ramifications; a recital of a complicated situation.

"It's a long story," Mason said (Gardner, 121).

long term. Extending over a long period of time; consuming much time.

The farther back from the lines the bigger become the outfits and the more elaborately equipped and more capable of doing heavy, long-term work (Pyle, 418).

long time. Much time.

It was completely unexpected, but they must have been doing that sort of thing for a long, long time, and it caused Jeffrey no embarrassment (Marquand, 551).
They have been gone a long time... (Pyle, 466).
One officer had served a long time in the Pacific... (Pyle, 374).
...a colonel I had known a long time was walking up and down... (Pyle, 439).
He hunted a long time for morphine before he found it... (Yank, 43).
He worked a long time around Twin Falls... (Pyle, 194).
It had been a long time since he had seen Mrs. Newcombe or had thought of Walter (Marquand, 347).

a long time back. A long time ago; much time ago in the past.

First idea I had, a long time back, before I went to Hollywood... (Yank, 132).

long tom. The 155 mm. rifle; a large cannon. (Also attributive.)

Even in a land rocked day and night by the thunder of Long Toms...it was a pip (Yank, 167).
...a tired MP at a cross road was helping to straighten out a Long Tom truck... (Yank, 168).

long underwear. Underwear which extends to one's wrists and ankles; long drawers; long Johns.

...he wore long red underwear (Yank, 166).
Most everybody had on his long underwear (Pyle, 378).

a long way off. Far away; at a great distance.

Her voice came through his thoughts as though she were a long way off even when he held her hand (Marquand, 587).

a long while. A long time; a long period of time.

I've known Marianna for a long while, but you're wrong in your assumptions, Minot (Marquand, 247).
...we haven't seen each other for a long while, have we? (Marquand, 183).
Louella was gone for such a long while that he wondered whether she might not be sorry... (Marquand, 185).
...Jeffrey hoped that it would last for a long while (Marquand, 165).
As he sat there listening he could see why...Jesse had hesitated for a long while to produce it (Marquand, 83).
He had not seen him so gay in a long while (Marquand, 557).
...everything else that you planted looked as though they had been around your house for a long while (Marquand, 428).
No one had understood Alf for a long while (Marquand, 476).
It was like being offered something that had belonged to him once and which had been lost for a long while (Marquand, 546).
There had been no one for a long while to whom he could tell everything ... (Marquand, 451).
...they must have talked for a long while about all sorts of things (Marquand, 457).

to look about. To look in several directions; to look at different things in different places.

At the end of that first day of our invasion of Sicily we Americans looked about us with awe and unbelief and not a little alarm. (Pyle, 32).

to look after. To care for; to see about; to take care of.

They were the enlisted men...who drove us correspondents around and fed us and looked after us (Pyle, 293).
...there was nobody left to look after it (Pyle, 410).
Jeffrey had never known about this until Milton had told him one day, shortly after he began looking after Madge's things... (Marquand, 400).
...Madge had said that Milton ought to look after his things too, because he was looking after her things (Marquand, 400).
When Madge's father had died, she had started right away having Mitlton look after her things... (Marquand, 399).
Think of all she's been through today, and the beautiful way she's looked after everybody, without giving one thought to herself! (Cain, 114).
...back in Dayton for another furlough and I am looking after Lulu, just like you asked me to (Yank, 83).
...my thanks to some unknown GI who looked after my mother... (Yank, 212).
...the crew had to look after the Gun's care (Yank, 33).

to look around.

1. To turn one's head and body so that one can look behind oneself.

"Don't look around, darling," she said and she laughed (Marquand, 468).
Without looking around I knew that Gerhardt had seen them, too (Yank, 21).
...she looked around in time to see Mr. Treviso...mounting his little stand... (Cain, 239).

2. To look at all sides one one; to look in all directions.

Then with seasoned eyes they looked around for a place to do some target shooting (Pyle, 188).
"Look around you," Minot said (Marquand, 557).
He came out in the open, looked around and turned to signal the others ...
..she snapped on the bed light, looked around (Cain, 252).
The men finger their rifles uneasily, looking around at each other (Yank, 204).

3. To inspect; to examine; to view.

Mildred looked around... (Cain, 239).
I didn't feel like going back to bed and decided to look around the place
As I looked around I saw a couple of other sewing machines sitting on boxes (Pyle, 190).
I started out...to go up to a battalion command post and just look around (Pyle, 398).
As we were looking around the room the landlady opened a wardrobe door ... (Pyle, 462).
He looked around (Yank, 43).
...if he looks around he'll find other unwarlike facilities (Yank, 231).
Then we waded ashore and looked around and there right ahead of me was a while house... (Pyle, 26).
Ida looked around, taking things in (Cain,122).
Would you like to look around? (Cain, 122).
Well, I looked around the apartment a little, and opened the bathroom door (Gardner, 171).
While he was doing this she looked around (Cain, 92).

to look as if. To appear as though; to seem like.

Looks to us as if you'll just have to hide in the jungle... (Yank, 172).
...but no one has and it doesn't look as if anybody intends to (Yank, 64).
...it looked as if they might not get through in time to catch the next convoy (Pyle, 280).

to look as though. To seem as if; to appear as though.

...it did look as though Treviso would want to give the kid a break... (Cain, 240).

to look at.

1. To see; to view.

It was old women in the crowd that I could hardly bear to look at (Pyle, 227).
...now they had become the sort of thing that guests would look at surreptitiously and speak of gently... (Marquand, 285).
They went in with Ray for a few minutes, and then Bert went out to look at the flowers (Cain, 111).
You know exactly what you're going to have, and yet you keep looking at it (Cain, 89).
Then she noticed him looking at the showcase (Cain, 117).
...Veda looked at her ina pretty, contrite way... (Cain, 197).
Veda was looking at her from the bed (Cain, 253).
But you do want them talked about, and looked at... (Cain, 166).
...the flowers were meant to be looked at and not to be torn to pieces ... (Marquand, 58).
...together they looked at the picture... (Cain, 209).
An LST isn't such a glorious ship to look at (Pyle, 228).
...she...saw Mr. Rossi look at Mr. Eckstein (Cain, 247).
A girl ...was looking at a movie billboard (Yank, 137).
He looked at her in astonishment (Cain, 166).
She...looked at him (Cain, 146).
Veda looked blankly at the music (Cain, 135).
...he kept...looking at Mildred in an accusing way... (Cain, 244).
...Monty looked at Mildred... (Cain, 241).
As she looked at him... (Cain, 219).
...causing even Monty to look at her with sincere admiration (Cain, 230).
Though she was only eleven she was something to look at twice (Cain, 10).

2. To consider; to think about; to think of.

I look at it this way -- they've been poor for a long time and it wasn't us that made them poor (Pyle, 118).
"Look at it this way," Milton said (Marquand, 405).
Let's look at it this way (Marquand, 405).
"Madge," he said, "I wish you'd look at it this way (Marquand, 524).
No two people...could possibly look at any subject in exactly the same way (Marquand, 12).
Look at the sandwich trade (Cain, 175).
And look at the prices you'll get (Cain, 175).
Look at the fountain trade (Cain, 175).
Because, he said dramatically look at Irving Berlin (Cain, 139).

to look away. To turn one's eyes away from something.

Jeffrey wanted to look away, but he could not (Marquand, 460).
He looked away quickly... (Cain, 224).

...he quickly agreed, and looked away... (Cain, 235).
Jeffrey looked away, because it seemed indecent for him to watch (Marquand, 46).

to look back.

1. To look to the rear; to look rearwards.

She stopped, and Jeffrey looked back at the letter... (Marquand, 12).
She was looking back at him, still puzzled (Marquand, 12).
...I was feeling badly about leaving and didn't want to look out, or even look back (Pyle, 293).
Milicant never even looked back (Gardner, 46).
Looking back, I could see the faces of the men behind me reflecting the loght of the flares (Yank, 51).
I looked back at the town, still lit by the flares... (Yank, 61).
...jumped over a block of masonry and leaped in and out of a crater, never daring to look back (Yank, 60).
...he made the mistake of turning to look back (Yank, 240).
They saw this German motorcyclist who kept looking back over his shoulder in terror of the approaching planes... (Pyle, 171).
I looked back, and the strawstack was blazing like a bonfire... (Yank, 239).

2. To consider, think about in retrospect; to consider something which happened in the past.

Out on our ship it seemed that all hell was breaking loose ashore, but later when I looked back on it, actually knowing what had happened, it didn't seem so very dramatic (Pyle, 25).
Looking back over the whole Italian campaign... (Yank, 239).

to look down. To look downward; to look at something below one.

When he looked down he started laughing (Pyle, 371).
...he looked down and directly under him saw an airfield... (Pyle, 169).
...the three of us drove up to the foothills so we could look down over the valley... (Pyle, 260).
We couldn't go around them through the flat peaceful valleys, because the Germans were up there lookind down upon us, and they would let us have it (Pyle, 141).
...every human being on the beachhead felt that the Germans were looking down at him individually with their evil eyes (Pyle, 272).
When I looked down I saw he was only sleeping (Pyle, 368).
...for an hour he had been standing looking down at the bombs--wondering why the hell he ever chose to be an engineer anyway (Pyle, 175).
...the captain stooped, looked down and noticed a movement... (Yank, 251).

to look down --- nose at. To look at haughtily; to regard with disdain.

I think the family were inclined to look down their noses at him until they found out that Uncle Alden was exceedingly wealthy (Gardner, 3).

to look down on. To feel superior to; to regard someone, something, as inferior.

You look down on me because I work (Cain, 174).
You look down on everybody that works... (Cain, 147).

to look down upon. To be above and adjacent to.

We stopped next at the picturesque little town of Barnville which looks down upon the western sea (Pyle, 376).

to look familiar. To seem familiar; to appear recognizable.

He said things certainly did look familiar... (Cain, 200).

to look for. To search for; to hunt; to attempt to find; to try to locate.

Colonel Monnier knew exactly what to look for, what to do, and how to do it... (Pyle, 285).
When he sat down near her, and announced he felt sure she was the person he was looking for, she became suspicious (Cain, 32).
Mr. Fernald said that he had been too damned busy with the war news to go out looking for anyone... (Marquand, 194).
During the six weeks Mildred has been looking for work, she had seen quite a little of Wally (Cain, 52).
The soldiers...were looking for the chance to knock off a few Japs (Yank, 253).
Once Marianna had been like that, looking for a job, but if Marianna had heard him being silly... (Marquand, 269).
"You see," says he, "I'm all alone and looking for a date..." (Yank, 156).
It was everything that the writers of light fiction were always looking for (Marquand, 72).

to look forward (to). To anticipate; to expect.

When the Army doesn't have women, furloughs, ice cream, beer or clean clothes, it certainly has to have something to look forward to, even if only a faint hope for some kind of change that lies buried in an illogical rumor (Pyle, 90).
...that taste of civilized living had been a strange delight, and yet in a perverse way I looked forward to going back to the old soldier's routine of sleeping on the ground, not washing before breakfast, and fighting off fleas (Pyle, 44).
I've been looking forward so much to meeting you (Cain, 192).
...he had looked forward for a long time to those ten days when Jim would be at home (Marquand, 542).

look here. Pay attention; listen to me. (Most often in the imperative.)

"Look here," Jeffrey told her," we're just having breakfast, aren't we?" (Marquand, 13).
Look here, Miss Leeds (Gardner, 83).
Leeds said, "Look here, Mason" (Gardner, 180).
"Look here," Mason interrupted, "if you're absolutely certain your brother telephoned you at ten-twenty-five..." (Gardner, 109).
Look here, Mr. Mason, I think Marcia was going to see John (Gardner, 110).
"Look here," said Serle abruptly, "what do you want?" (Gardner, 98).
"Look here," Serle said, "I'm not supposed to do any talking to anyone, newspaper men or anyone" (Gardner, 97).
Mason said, "Look here, Miss Milicant, I'm going to be frank with you" (Gardner, 54).
"Look here," Jeffrey said, "why do we have to go into this the first thing in the morning?" (Marquand, 13).
"Look here," Jeffrey told her, "I don't see why you bring it up" (Marquand, 14).

to look in. To view something inside from the outside; to look inward; to look within.

That way people coming along the streets look in through the windows... (Gardner, 150).
Tom...heard a rustling in the hole and looked in to see a Jap scampering for the opposite exit (Yank, 18).
He crept to the mouth of the hollow...and looked in (Yank, 192).

to look --- in the eye. To look at another's eyes while he looks in return at one's eyes; to look one in the face.

...she was...afraid to look Miss Jaekel in the eye... (Cain, 245).
...looking Wally in the eye, she went on... (Cain, 247).
...she must wear a veil, so she needn't look people in the eye (Cain, 255).
Veda looked Mildred in the eye with haughty, offended dignity (Cain, 70).
Don't stand there and look me in the eye and pretend you don't know what I'm talking about (Cain, 55).

to look in on. To visit; to attend; to call on.

I looked in on the patient about an hour ago (Gardner, 38).
...I just thought I'd like to look in on Alf (Marquand, 484).

to look into. To inspect; to consider carefully; to observe cautiously.

On his way there, he talked with an old jungle explorer who told him

about a limestone cave in the Monzon River Valley that might be worth looking into (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
So I stopped to look into this phenomenon (Pyle, 241).
...there were legal angles she would have to look into... (Cain, 247).
...when I became Sultan, I decided I'd better look into the matter (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
It was suggested to us the other day that we look into the matter of the books the department stores use to add verisimilitude to otherwise bald displays of furniture (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to look into a gun. To be threatened with a gun, pistol, rifle; to have a gun pointing at one.

They were looking straight into the bore of the gun... (Yank, 8).

to look like. To appear as if; to seem as though; to seem like.

Looks like we could go into what we think is important (Cain, 246).
But looks like we're entitled to little consideration too, don't it? (Cain, 246).

to look like hell. To appear terrible; to present a bad appearance.

"It looks like hell now," Mason said (Gardner, 117).
My God, Granny, you look like hell (Yank, 155).

to look like rain. To seem as if it might rain; to have indications of rain.

It looks like rain (Yank, 72).

to look on.

1. To observe; to look at; to view. (This usually implies that one is observing some action and in no way taking part in it.)

There must have been two hundred people on the deck...just looking on (Pyle, 226).
The ward looked on half-interested (Yank, 224).
I stood on the outside looking on... (Yank, 213).

2. To consider; to think of; to think about.

...I believed the average infantryman looked on the combat pilot's job as too dangerous to be envied (Pyle, 177).
The other kids have always looked on me as an abstraction, but there was always Jim (Marquand, 480).

a look on --- face. One's facial expression; the expression of emotion, feelings, one one's face.

At the look on Mildred's face, Bert...took her hand (Cain, 210).
...at the cold look on Veda's face... (Cain, 154).
Bert and Monty stood...with stern, noble looks on their faces (Cain, 239).

to look out. To beware; to be careful; to watch out.

You better look out, I might say yes (Cain, 89).
If you don't look out, I'll cry (Cain, 78).
I told you to look out (Cain, 89).
If you don't look out I'll begin wondering who you were expecting (Cain, 163).

to look out (of). To look outward from inside, within.

When he took the local train and sat looking out of the window, there were no soldiers on the platforms... (Marquand, 256).
I...looked out of a side blister as the ship...pounded and blasted her way down the runway (Yank, 117).
Jeffrey looked out of the window (Marquand, 75).
...Jeffrey looked out of the window at the buildings... (Marquand, 11).
The navigator told me to look out the left side (Yank, 15).
...I stand by the window looking out (Yank, 187).
I stand looking out at downtown Boston... (Yank, 187).
As I looked out, Cassino reminded me of a ghost town wearing down with the years (Yank, 60).
...here I am in Boston looking out a window (Yank, 187).
The executive officer pushed aside one of the men to look out the slot and drew back his hand covered with blood (Yank, 45).
We looked out and saw 18 big Tigers (PzKWVIs) coming in... (Yank, 124).
...Bill White looked out and saw a big hole in the right wing (Pyle, 348).
When she heard a car door slam she didn't have a chance to look out and count customers (Cain, 123).
And then after lunch we looked out again, and the sea was veritably crawling with new ships—hundreds of the, big and little (Pyle, 35).
Sitting there writing within safe walls, and looking out the window... it was already hard to believe there ever had been a war... (Pyle, 461).
On the way out we flew right past the magnificence of Vesuvius, but I was feeling badly about leaving and didn't want to look out... (Pyle, 293).
Though I spent most of the morning looking out the window with binoculars, I couldn't pick out a living thing (Yank, 59).
...he had looked out the window the first morning he woke in Iran... (Yank, 201).
I...looked out at the gray morning (Yank, 14).
I looked out the entrance and couldn't see a hundred yards in front of me (Yank, 61).

to look out for. To care for; to take care of; to see about; to

minister to.

Please look out for my patient
And the whole darn Infantry (Yank, 156).
...it was his business and Jim's business, and he could look out for it better than a lot of other people... (Marquand, 368).
But ask the Lord to look out for
The whole darn Infantry (Yank, 156).
...he need not do anything about Charley while she was away--that Charley could look out for himself... (Marquand, 223).

to look over.

1. To scrutinize; to examine.

As we looked over the collection of elegant and lacy valentines currently on exhibition at the Museum of the City of New York... (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
He looks the girls over with an appraising eye, and makes passesat the pretty ones... (Gardner, 127).
I'll look it over, see if it's okay, and leave the key at the desk when I come down (Gardner, 106).
...but if you call sometime, I shall be glad to look it over personally (Marquand, 284).
...a three man...patrol took off anyway to look over the site as a forward OP (Yank, 134).
By now you've looked over the camp, and you're impressed most by its impermance (Yank, 64).
Joe bent his head toward the dining room and looked it over (Yank, 229).
Jeffrey and the stocky foreigner looked each other over with polite disinterest (Marquand, 343).
Colwell dropped down and looking the situation over, immediately radioed headquarters (Yank, 194).
...another MP, who looked him over suspiciously... (Yank, 201).
Rosie came down through the bomb bay too look over his crew (Yank, 86).
She drove down a number of times and looked it over (Cain, 176).

2. To be above and adjacent to.

It looked out over an abrupt cliff... (Yank, 240).

to look promising. To seem profitable; to appear valuable.

Arlene, a small, half pretty girl of twenty-five, hadn't looked very promising, but Ida had recommended her highly (Cain, 115).
But occasionally something looked promising (Cain, 32).

to look south. To face south; to have a front towards the south.

The table was placed in front of a window which looked south... (Marquand, 3).

to look --- straight in the face. To look one in the eye; to look directly at one's eyes; to meet one's glance.

"I won't be bothering you forever," Alf said, and he turned and looked Jeffrey straight in the face (Marquand, 487).

to look through. To serve as a passage, outlet, source of vision, of seeing.

On LSTs the bridge is completely enclosed with heavy armor plating which has little slits of thick, bullet-proof glass to look through (Pyle, 230).

to look up (at).

1. To raise one's eyes; to lift one's eyes.

He saw Madge look up at him, startled (Marquand, 313).
She was looking up at him, smiling, and that memory always had a queer discordant note of triviality (Marquand, 262).
He had a habit of...looking up at him with a quizzical smirk like a laughing cat (Pyle, 446).
When I got within about fifty yards he looked up, let out a yell, and called out... (Pyle, 96).
If a man looked up and saw one a mile above him, he couldn't tell where it was headed (Pyle, 160).
He happened to look up and there were German soldiers walking past him (Pyle, 189).
Walter looked up quickly from the flyleaf of World Assignment (Marquand, 50).
After a long time the nurse looked up (Cain, 102).
An orderly came in with more bottles, which the nurse pushed under the covers without looking up (Cain, 102).
A nurse looked up, but didn't stop spooning ice into the fluttering little mouth (Cain, 100).
But as they passed Archie, he looked up and made a gesture... (Cain, 49).
Charley looked up very brightly (Marquand, 504).
The other Rangers...didn't look up... (Yank, 122).
Then Mrs. Forrester smilingly looked up (Cain, 42).
She didn't look up (Cain, 8).
The voice fell on Jeffrey's ears, suave and familiar, and he looked up and saw Minot Roberts (Marquand, 456).
...he looked up at Mildred (Cain, 213).
I...looked up at the roof of the house (Yank, 240).
Jeffrey stood leaning over her shoulder, and she looked up at him (Marquand, 14).
Two minutes later we looked up and there came two planes... (Pyle, 264).
Jeffrey sat down with the script on his knee and looked up at the stage (Marquand, 80).
...Jeffrey wanted to twll her that he liked it, when she looked up at him and smiled... (Marquand, 126).

They looked up and smiled and moved a little, as women always did when men came in after dinner (Marquand, 406).
...as Jeffrey made his way toward the Oak Room, several members looked up at him... (Marquand, 242).
When Mildred looked up, Ida was standing in the door (Cain, 122).
Mason looked up inquiringly (Gardner, 216).
Looking up, she saw Arline at her dusting again... (Cain, 195).
I looked up toward the sound and saw two Jap float planes... (Yank, 203).
Others wouldn't look up... (Pyle, 370).
...when he finally looked up, Charley had disappeared... (Marquand, 214).
When he looked up, everyone waited for what he was going to say (Marquand, 157).
Both of them looked up with a smile, Veda exclaiming how pretty Mildred's dress was... (Cain, 121).
She looked up (Cain, 120).
...she waved to Mildred to a small desk, and without looking up, told her to fill out a card (Cain, 36).
But Veda...didn't look up... (Cain, 186).
Bill looked up... (Pyle, 348).
He saw the two Frenchmen look up with the hard, appraising glance that Frenchmen bestow on women (Marquand, 319).
The guy was sore for a minute, but he looked up and seen Alden in the window of the sanitarium (Gardner, 56).
Milton looked up, and the lights were reflected from his glasses (Marquand, 404).
say something amusing so that they could look up and smile, please (Marquand, 291).
Jeffrey looked up from the shaker (Marquand, 70).
Lying in his foxhole, he looked up to see a dark figure approaching, walking straight upright (Yank, 19).
I just looked up... (Yank, 21).
"Here comes his iron rations," one soldier said to me, looking up from his stew (Yank, 61).
He looked up and saw me, and quit talking (Gardner, 82).
Jim's voice made him look up (Marquand, 61).
Jeffrey was looking for his brushes, and...but her voice made him look up (Marquand, 125).
Again Carrel answered without looking up (Gardner, 135).
Carrel again fidgeted, then said without looking up, " No." (Gardner, 134).
...but at these last words she looked up (Cain, 156).
Then he looked up (Cain, 168).
He looked up from the envelope... (Yank, 157).

2. To search for and to discover; to hunt for and to find.

Mason returned to his own office, said, "I wanted to look up a matter" (Gardner, 23).
He left presently, saying he would talk to his colleagues and look up the law... (Cain, 80).

I looked it up, and found that it was an unlisted number, in the name of L. C. Conway... (Gardner, 61).
When I had him look it up, he found the receipt stub showing payment by this Colton baby (Gardner, 155).
So we looked up Marcia Whittaker... (Gardner, 10).
He called on me, and I ought to look him up (Marquand, 472).
...when Jeffrey had been in Boston, he had looked up Mr. Frenald in Woburn (Marquand, 29).
They made friends among the British people, and they looked up those same friends on the next trip to town (Pyle, 329).
Why didn't you look me up, kid? (Marquand, 279).
If it's important, Wally, you'd better look Bert up yourself (Cain, 20).
The Army was soon in the process of looking up regulations... (Pyle, 414).
...I gathered you wanted me to look up Emily Milicant's past (Gardner, 47).
We drew blanks until we looked up the occupant of 881 (Gardner, 125).
...he made a mental note that some day he would look the fellow up for a little chat (Pyle, 317).
"I know," he heard Bill Swinburne say, "I looked you up, Jeffie" (Marquand, 573).
My operatives looked it up (Gardner, 90).

to look upon. To consider; to think of.

He had read "The Enormous Room" by E.E. Cummings, which at one time he had looked upon as an intellectual's artistic whimpering... (Marquand, 231).
...like David Copperfield, whom he had always looked upon as an impossible, sniveling and conceited little fellow... (Marquand, 257).
...many foreign divorces are looked upon with deep suspicion by the ODB ... (Yank, 174).

to look up to. To revere; to respect highly; to admire. (In this quotation humorous.)

General Mark Clark, who is six feet two, always said he was glad to see Tregaskis because he was one of the few men he could look up to (Pyle, 122).

to look --- way. To look toward one; to look in one's direction. (This does not imply that one is seen.)

Costanzo looked our way... (Yank, 205).

to look worried. To show worry; to show anxiety in one's expression.

He was beginning to look a little worried (Yank, 103).

to loom up. To appear suddenly; to seem to come from nowhere.

The Jap craft loomed up ahead... (Yank, 254).

loose bowled. Associated with loose bowels, mild dysentery, a running off of the bowels. (Also attributive.)

Sometimes there is excitement, but it is mostly the loose-boweled kind that you would just as soon be without (Yank, 48).

loose change. Silver money; coins.

...six dollars and twelve cents in loose change found in the trousers pocket of the deceased... (Gardner, 129).

to loosen up. To relax; to become less tense.

If he had known more, if he had "loosened up" as Alf often advised him ... (Marquand, 179).

loose talk. Irresponsible gossip, conversation; idle talk.

There's been a lot of loose talk around here about what constitutes professional ethics (Gardner, 206).

a loose woman. A woman, girl, who has a low moral standard; a slut; a whore.

Be sure he doesn't drink too much or run around with loose women (Yank, 96).

to lop off. To chop off; to cut off.

The Samurai swords, cruel weapons used for generations to lop off the heads of the Emperor's powerless enemies... (Yank, 56).

Lord knows. Only God knows; God only knows; God alone knows.

Lord knows why I asked that question in the first place (Gardner, 84). ...Lord knows how I ever thought of that... (Pyle, 269).

to lose all sense of time. To have no idea as to what time it is; not to know in any way what time it is, or what day itis.

He had lost all sense of time (Marquand, 235).

to lose --- balance. To fall; to topple.

...he had found his heels locked together in an unexpected moment and had nearly lost his balance... (Marquand, 526).

to lose control of. To be able to control no longer; to let something get out of control.

And then he lost control of his voice (Marquand, 523).

to lose count. To become confused in counting and to forget the number; to forget to count.

When it gets past 10, you lose count and lose interest... (Yank, 234).

to lose face. To lose prestige; to lose the esteem of others.

Finally the officer saw he was losing more face than we were... (Yank, 185).
But Senora Meneses concluded that she was losing face by allowing an American woman to excavate in her garden... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

to lose --- figure. To get fat; to become unshapely.

And I am not going to lose my figure (Pyle, 3).

to lose interest. To cease being interested; to stop being concerned.

When it gets past 10, you lose count and lose interest (Yank, 234).

to lose a job. To be fired; to be discharged; to be sacked.

He had lost job after job... (Marquand, 190).
...get drawn into talk, for fear she would say what she thought, and lose her job (Cain, 63).

to lose --- head.

1. Not to control oneself; to do something foolish.

The first thing to remember if you want to get lost in a jungle is not to lose your head (Yank, 96).
"I guess I sort of lost my head," he says (Yank, 200).

2. To fall in love; to be infatuated.

He's just the sort of boy that a girl might lose her hea d over (Marquand, 311).
It means--Jeffrey, he's completely lost his head about her (Marquand, 521).
...she was completely losing her head about him (Marquand, 439).

to lose out on. Not to be able to participate in; not to be included in.

...I know I've lost out on some good deals... (Yank, 172).
They're afraid they'll lose out on the money (Gardner, 3).

to lose the point. To forget, ignore, the essential part, thread, idea.

He was impatient with commanders who lost the main point of the war... (Pyle, 446).

to lose --- temper. To get mad; to become angered.

...Mildred left the kitchen, lest she lose her temper... (Cain, 189).
He never loses his temper, is kind, courteous, and considerate... (Gardner, 26).
Madge had told him that he must be perfectly firm with Mr. Gorman and at the same time that he must not lose his temper (Marquand, 502).

to lose time. To waste time; not to use time fully; to be idle.

And if you think I'm going to pound around on my feet and ride busses, and lose all that time, and be a sap... (Cain, 61).

to lose track of. To misplace; to lose; to become thoroughly confused about.

...her kitchen was swamped...she had completely lost track of her orders,... not even a starter was moving (Cain, 123).
...we lost track of him (Yank, 243).
You have lost track of the continuity, but fortunately, with the Marx Brothers, that doesn't matter much (Yank, 73).

to lose voice. Not to be able to voice sounds; to have one's vocal cords function properly.

You didn't lose any voice...that night... (Cain, 258).

lost and found department. A place where lost articles are deposited by the finders and where one who has lost something can find it. (Also attributive.)

Somebody put me up a blackboard behind the lost-and-found department (Yank, 185).

to be lost on. Not to be appreciated by; not to be enjoyed by.

He had known that the scene with Mr. Gorman would not be entirely lost on Madge (Marquand, 522).
But his sarcasm was lost on Charley (Marquand, 506).

a lot can happen. Many things can occur; there can be much done.

But a lot could happen in 24 hours (Yank, 92).

a lot of. Many; several; much. (The use of a lot of, lots of avoids the necessity of distinguishing between many and much.)

Lots of times I've filled my mess kit (Pyle, 194).

Lots of soldiers had picked up local dogs as pets (Pyle, 115).
Most of the mules were pretty poor and we lost lots of them both by artillery fire and by plain exhaustion (Pyle, 86).
She was lots of fun, and she thought all Americans, including me, were wonderful (Yank, 23).
...lots and lots of cloisters with rooms opening right out upon lots and lots of miniature gardens... (Marquand, 455).
Hanging from the arches of the cloisters were lots and lots of birds in gay lacquer cages... (Marquand, 455).
There's a lot of talk around here about whether we ought to get in it or keep out of it... (Marquand, 299-300).
I've made quite a lot of money (Marquand, 279).
...she knows directors. Lots of them (Cain, 191).

loud mouthed. A condition of talking too loudly, too much and too conspiciously.

...okay, you loud mouthed orderly-room jerk (Yank, 138).

loud speaker. A device attached to a radio, electric phonograph, public address system, which transfers electrical energy into sound and amplifies the sound.

He created a little private radio station and hooked it by loud-speakers into barracks (Pyle, 336).

lounging pajamas. An informal costume, similar to pajamas, for wear only in one's home.

...perfectly formed curves visible beneath the sheer silk of the lounging pajamas... (Gardner, 160).

to be lousy with. To have many, much, of; to have lots of.

The airdrome was lousy with Hoosiers (Pyle, 173).

love affair. Affaire de coeur; being in love with another. (Among older people this implies sexual intercourse in addition.)

Anything to cover up...the love affair you'd been having...with your own stepfather (Cain, 259).

to be love at first sight. To fall in love with another on first seeing the other; to become infatuated with someone on the first meeting.

And it was simply love at first sight (Cain, 193).

loved ones. Members of one's family; one's blood relations.

...but is there a family...who isn't worried about the fate of a ...

loved one overseas? (Yank, 217).

love laughs at locksmiths. Love is unconquerable, indomitable; a person in love will not be kept from his lover.

The language difficulty is a slight barrier but love laughs at linquists as well as locksmiths (Yank, 66).

a love nest. A trysting place; a secret place where lovers meet. (This implies sexual intercourse, illicit love.)

The radio listed...the address of their love nest (Yank, 76).
We located that Fascist late at night in the love nest... (Yank, 76).

lover's moon. A full moon; the moon in a complete circle.

...when the bombers drone overhead in the light of a lover's moon (Yank, 42).

to love to (infinitive). To desire to; to want to; to wish to.

Mildred, pouring her a cup of coffee, said she'd love to come, but as she has a date... (Cain, 22).

the low down. Full and complete information; all of the information.

"The low down," Mason said (Gardner, 98).

lower lip. The bottom lip.

His soft, pendulous lower lip hanging down... (Cain, 236).

to lower --- voice. To speak less loudly; to speak quietly after speaking loudly.

Then, lowering her voice, Arline added... (Cain, 192).

low flying. Flying an airplane at lower than usual heights; flying at a low altitude.

Whena low-flying strafer comes in everybody...shoots at him... (Pyle, 382).

low hanging. Low; close to earth. (Usually used in reference to a cloud, fog, mist, or the like.)

...a U.S. Navy destroyer...nosed through the low-hanging mist... (Yank, 180).

low pitched. Quiet; soft in volume; not loud.

...where the two deputies...were engaged in a low-pitched conversation with Alden Leeds (Gardner, 205).
...wreathed in a confident smile, but the low-pitched words which came from his lips, and were only audible to the ears of the defendant... (Gardner, 152).

low tide. The state in the tide when the tide has moved out, is the lowest.

At low tide you could still see those iron snares... (Pyle, 266).

low voice. Quiet voice; not a loud voice.

"I care nothing whatever about my uncle's money," Carrel said in a low voice" (Gardner, 134).

luck comes --- way. One is lucky; something fortunate happens for one.

Luck finally came my way just two hours before take-off (Yank, 117).

a lucky break. A bit of luck; a fortunate circumstance.

Anyway it was a lucky break (Gardner, 11).

to lug around. To carry from place to place; to transport here and there.

It was too heavy to lug around for a year or more of war... (Pyle, 176).

to lug in. To carry in; to carry; to transport.

At the airport Reid lugged in my bedroll and bags for me... (Pyle, 292).

a lull in. A quiet period during; an intermission in.

Regaining his sight and finding that there was a lull in the battle (Yank, 46).

lumber camp. A place where men live who cut trees to be used for lumber, boards.

The 'Canal' also has a lumber camp... (Yank, 231).

a lump in --- throat. A constriction of the muscles in one's throat. (Usually indicative of sadness, melancholy.)

"I sort of had a lump in my throat," Kennedy said (Yank, 200).
...and I for one had a lump in my throat (Pyle, 433).

a lump rises in --- throat. One's throat muscles constrict, tighten.

(Usually implies sadness, melancholy.)

It made a lump rise in his throat, because she was so kind (Marquand, 498).
Then a great lump rose in her throat... (Cain, 155).
When he looked at Jim, he felt a lump rising in his throat (Marquand, 298).
It made a lump rise in Jeffrey's throat (Marquand, 527).
Then, for some reason, he felt a lump rise in his throat (Marquand, 419).

lunch counter. A counter in a restaurant, coffee shop, drug store, at which one may sit to eat.

There was a lunch counter running half the length of the restaurant on one side (Gardner, 94).
Opposite the lunch counter were tables capable of seating four, and along the wall there were a number of booths (Gardner, 94).

luncheon meat. Cold, processed meat; such as bologna, pressed ham, weiners.

...the mess sergeant gathers up another 10-day supply of luncheon meat ... (Yank, 34).

lunch hour. 12 noon to one o'clock p.m. (Also attributive.)

There was that steamy smell which always permeated drugstores during the lunch hour... (Marquand, 240).
When he passed the open door of a drugstore, he could see the lunch-hour crowd... (Marquand, 240).

to lurch to --- feet. To rise quickly and awkwardly; to stand up hurreidly and awkwardly.

...she lurched to her feet (Cain, 153).

lyonnaise potatoes. Potatoes cooked with fried onions.

He had cold guinea hen and lyonnaise potatoes had come with it (Marquand, 250).

Lyster bag. A large canvas bag used to contain and dispense water for the soldiers.

A listless hag with a Lyster bag came to me in a dream (Yank, 142).

a machine gun. Usually a gun mounted in some manner that automatically fires small ammunition. (Also attributive.)

...a stream of machine-gun bullets went between their bodies, less than 6 inches apart (Yank, 6).
Early next morning we were awakened by the sounds of machine-gun fire coming from every direction (Yank, 59).
Often I could hear short bursts of machine-gun fire (Yank, 59).

to machine gun. To shoot someone with a machine gun.. (Considered very brutal.)

When the ditch was dug, the Fascists machine-gunned the prisoners... (Yank, 27).
He lined them up against a tree and machine-gunned them (Yank, 28).

machine gun nest. A position, usually well hidden, in which a machine gun is set up.

...had movies running ina hospital ward tent 50 feet behind the front line between two machine-gun nests (Yank, 39).
...there are French telephones in the machine-gun nests to keep the gunners in touch with every other part... (Yank, 39).
They had hidden machine-gun nests on the forward slopes... (Pyle, 361).
Our men...circle machine-gun nests... (Pyle, 363).

machine pistol. An automatic, portable gun used by the Germans in World War II.

We heard German machine pistols (Yank, 20).
A machine pistol opened up and tore the top of his head off (Yank, 21).

to be mad at. To be angry with, at; to be angered by.

Are your officers mad at you? (Yank, 84).

made to order. Custom made; manufactured according to specifications and plans of the buyer; not ready made.

This was the most expensive piece of furniture she had, and the only one that had been made to order (Cain, 117).

to be made up of. To consist of; to have as the elements of; component parts of.

He lived in an environment unknown to Jeffrey, made up of small work benches... (Marquand, 213).
Tom Collins quite expensive, made up of lukewarm Orange Crush and poor gin... (Yank, 212).
...our post is made up mostly of men of talent... (Yank, 136).

The lawns and meadows which had once surrounded it were cut by little roads that led into real estate developments made up of small houses, each with a garage attached (Marquand, 91).
The Forty-fifth Division was originally made up large of men from Oklahoma and West Texas (Pyle, 49).
A flak vest is made up of little squares of steel plating (Pyle, 336).
Our convoy was made up entirely of LST's (Pyle, 356).
Ours carried infantry and had hundreds of ships; the bulk of it was made up of scores of new-type landing craft carrying men, trucks, tanks, supplies of all kinds (Pyle, 28).
...the underground was made up of cells, five people to a cell (Pyle, 416).
...repair companies were made up largely of men who were craftsmen... (Pyle, 418).

a mad scramble. Incessant hurrying; a rushing and scurrying around.

The previous two weeks had been a mad scramble in which it had seemed she would never find time for all she had to do (Cain, 87).

a Mae West (life preserver). A life jacket; a life preserver made in the fashion of a vest or jacket, usually sleeveless. (See letter from Miss West, first citation.) (Cf. life preserver, life jacket.)

...a letter Miss West sent to the R.A.F. when she heard that her name had been attached to a life-saving jacket. The last two paragraphs...

> If I do get in the dictionary -- where you say you want to put me -- how will they describe me? As a warm clinging life-saving garment worn by aviators? As an aviator's jacket that supplies the woman's touch while the boys are flying around nights? I've been in Who's Who and I know what's what, but it'll be the first time I ever made the Dictionary.

(Henry Alexander, "Words and the War," AS, XIX, 1944, 277).
I also drew...a rubber Mae West life jacket... (Yank, 117).
Each man was wearing a Mae West over his parachute (Yank, 118).
...Mae West for a life jacket (Readers' Digest, May, 1940, 38).
Red Dog got me a pair of flying boots, a Mae West life preserver, a parachute and a set of earphones (Pyle, 322).

maiden name. A woman's surname beofre she marries; the surname, last name, of an unmarried woman.

She's going under her maiden name (Gardner, 49).

maid of honor. An unmarried woman, girl, who is the honored, chief, attendant to the bride. (A married woman is a matron of honor. A maid of honor is the feminine equivalent of the best man.)

And Madge had been the maid of honor at the wedding (Marquand, 106).

maid service. The service of a maid to clean, sweep, dust a room,

to make beds, and the like.

My own room was a big corner one, with easy chairs...and maid and hall-porter service (Pyle, 461).

maid's night out. (Once a week a maid, woman domestic servant, is free on one evening of the week to go where she pleases.)

...he always helps Sally and me with the dishes on the maid's night out (Marquand, 131).
...visits to antique shops when they had money, of nurses' days off, of restaurants on the maid's night out... (Marquand, 305).
The mention of the maid's night out indicated quite accurately their social position and their financial bracket (Marquand, 131).

to mail a letter. To place an envelope, letter, with sufficient stamps on it and with an address on it in the post office or in a mail box.

She was just as casual about it as though I'd told her to mail a letter (Gardner, 46).

mail order. Doing business through the mails; selling only on orders received by mail. (Also attributive.)

...I kept the name because it was a mail-order business (Gardner, 101).

a main artery. A main street; a street; road which has very much traffic; an arterial road.

They cut speed somewhat as they turned into the main artery (Gardner, 42).

the main idea. The principal, essential, fundamental, idea.

It was a rest...but that wasn't the main idea (Cain, 180).

the main line. A principal, important, highway; a through road.

Right on the main line... (Cain, 177).

main street. The chief street of a town, city; the most used street of a town.

The camera pans to the main street of the village, and you see Selma Holm... (Marquand, 423).

the main thing. The most important, the essential thing.

The kid comes into dough on his twenty-first birthday, that's the main thing (Cain, 200).

...the main thing a man wants is not to be alone (Pyle, 271).
Soothingly, Mildred explained that if she really meant to pay it back, this was the main thing, and presently Veda was quiet (Cain, 104).

to make advances. To attempt to seduce a woman; to try to have intercourse with a woman.

...who had never taken the slightest interest in her before, should begin making advances the moment he found out she had no husband any more (Cain, 21).

to make all the difference in the world. To make a great difference; to be very important to something.

It made all the difference in the world if someone who was sensitive mixed the dressing... (Marquand, 128).

to make an allowance for. To allow for; to consider in proper perspective; to make a concession for.

...the style a little more cramped but, making proper allowances for that, the simplicity between... (Gardner, 92).
...fully explained to them that she was a new girl, and that allowances had to be made for her (Cain, 48).

to make an allusion to. To allude to; to refer to in a roundabout way, indirectly.

...he made no more allusions to the $520, or Glendale... (Cain, 227).

to make an apology for. To apologize for; to say one is sorry about something one has done, said.

...we feel compelled to make an apology for this issue (Yank, 214).

to make arrangements. To put things in place; to get something ready, prepared.

It's better that she not be here while -- arrangements are being made (Cain, 105).

to make --- at home. To make oneself comfortable; to act, behave, as though one were one's own home. (As an invitation this is a request to a person to relax and be comfortable; as a statement it is often somewhat ironic.)

"There," Louella said, "sit down and make yourself at home" (Marquand, 185).
...six Indians made themselves very much at home...preparing and eating their native dishes... (Yank, 115).
Just sit down and make yourself at home... (Marquand, 184).

...gentlemen...make yourselves at home (Yank, 237).
...they...made themselves at home (Yank, 122).

to make bail. To arrange for bail; to deposit money or assurance with an officer of the law guaranteeing that one will appear in court when necessary.

He said he was coming up and surrender and make bail, and left right after that (Gardner, 87).

make believe. Pretense; simulation; feigning. (Also attributive.)

There was no make-belive or illusion about that vacant theater... (Marquand, 79).
...the Dead End Kids confused and harassed their make-believe enemy with screwball tactics they had picked up... (Yank, 91).

to make believe. To pretend; to feign.

Gerhardt, a Dutchman from Pennsylvania, made believe he was going to sleep (Yank, 20).
I shut my eyes and make believe
I'm in New Jersey State (Yank, 157).

to make the best of ---. To do as well as one can with it; to use to the best of one's abilities.

...one has to make the best of an opportunity, for it may only knock once (Yank, 155).
But we made the best of it (Yank, 203).

to make bets. To bet; to wager.

...a corporal from New York City was making bets that the United States would be at war... (Yank, 23).

to make --- blood boil. To make one mad, angry; to cause one to become angered.

That made Sergeant Adams' blood boil (Pyle, 255).

to make a blunder. To blunder; to do something poorly through stupidity, carelessness, awkwardness.

Besides, we made several blunders, such as promising the Italians a nice comfortable prison camp in the States... (Yank, 128).

to make a break. To escape from prison; to break out of confinement.

When they heard via the grapevine of the Italian surrender in September 1943, they made a general break (Yank, 25).

to make --- burn. To cause one to become very angry; to anger one; to make one mad.

Such a statement...makes us burn (Yank, 217).

to make change. To give another his change; to give another the difference between the money he gives one and the money he owes one. (For example: X buys an article costing 55¢ and pays for it with a dollar bill. One makes change by returning 45¢ to X.)

In a short time she saw many bills in the box, as Ida repeatedly came in, made change, and sent Arline out with it, so she would get her tip (Cain, 124).

To make clear. To clarify; to make understandable; to leave no doubt.

She would want to make it clear that she knew about golf and tennis and lived on Park Avenue... (Marquand, 267).
He wished to make it clear that these ideas were not his own (Marquand, 40).
Having made this clear, Mrs. Lenhardt tried to calm down... (Cain, 194).
I want that made clear (Cain, 194).
I want to make this clear... (Cain, 194).
...Mr. Treviso stepped nearer, to make his meaning clear (Cain, 219).
...a judge advocate ruling on that question makes it very clear... (Yank, 174).
...did not understand what he wanted, at all, although he had tried to make it as clear as he could without being rude (Marquand, 292).

to make a comment. To comment; to say something; to speak.

As to how she looked, he made no comment... (Cain, 222).
...but...made no comment... (Cain, 215).
He made no comment... (Cain, 134).

to make contact. To contact; to visit; to call on.

I wish we had a little more on her before we make the contact... (Gardner, 155).

to make a contribution. To contribute; to do something valuable for someone, something.

When one of the authors...had made a real creative contribution to our time, it was only fair to them... (Marquand, 339).

to make a crack. To say something sarcastic, ironic; to make a double entendre.

Why did you make that crack about Leeds finding Hogarty dead, and then

searching the apartment? (Gardner, 204).

to make a cup of tea. To prepare tea; to brew tea.

...she had to make herself a cup of tea... (Cain, 152).

to make a dash for. To dash for; to hurry to; to go to rapidly.

Occassionally, when he was wounded badly, he would call out...and the medics would make a dash for him (Pyle, 252).

to make a date. To make an engagement; to arrange to meet someone at a specific time.

Yes, we made a date that I was to take her home, so I did (Cain, 128).

to make a deal. To make a bargain; to come to an agreement.

The cosmopolitan Capa made a deal and we traded rations... (Pyle, 408).

to make a debut. To appear for the first time; to come out.

...the prospect of making her debut in the world of mink with nothing but her battered blue haunted her horribly (Cain, 159).

to make a deposit on. To give another money which is to be used as part of a payment for something.

...when the summer had gone, she had managed to make only three deposits on the piano (Cain, 144).

not to make any difference (to make no difference). Not to be important, essential; to be of no moment.

It doesn't make any difference, Arch... (Marquand, 421).
Is makes no difference to me who pay (Cain, 216).
...up here it's just a drop in the bucket and makes no difference at all (Pyle, 30).
It made no difference to Sinclair that this work sold only two hundred and fifty copies (Marquand, 338).
Of course, rank didn't make much difference... (Yank, 26).
Wop or spig, I wouldn't trust either one as far as a snail can hop, so it doesn't make much difference one way or the other (Cain, 91).
...didn't make a bit of difference what they paid... (Cain, 209).
...it didn't make a bit of difference whether you could play the piano or not... (Cain, 139).
...nobody here can take one dime of your money...to staisfy the claims they got, makes no difference how reasonable the claims may be (Cain, 247).
...it didn't make any difference whether this Jap threw over handed or not (Yank, 185).

Well, it won't make any difference now anyhow (Pyle, 248).
...had never heard of it except as a mire in "The Hound of the Baskervilles," but after all, this made no difference (Marquand, 337).
"I don't see why he minded," she said, "what difference did it make?" (Marquand, 321).
What difference does it make? (Gardner, 53).
Does it make any difference what such nitwits do... (Cain, 253).

to make a dig. To say something sarcastic, ironic, humiliating, or the like.

But our guide, spotting Major Eland as an Air Force man, made a four or five deadpan yet subtle digs about the bombings (Pyle, 134).

to make a distinction. To distinguish; to see, recognize, differences.

Just the same, most people find it hard to make the distinction, and — to them, what they see isn't a body (Cain, 110).

to make a dive for. To hurry to; to go rapidly to.

Ida made a dive for the left spigot; drew two glasses of water... (Cain, 48).

to make dough. To earn, make, money; to get money.

And that's where we make the dough (Cain, 177).

to make — a drink. To prepare a drink, usually alcoholic, for one; to mix a drink.

...he made himself a drink (cain, 225).

to make an effort. To strive; to attempt; to try hard.

...when...Japs run out unarmed we should make an effort to take them alive... (Yank, 211).
Without making special effort to do so, Mildred had kept track of Monty... (Cain, 220).
But by now her dislike of Ida was intense, and she made no effort to keep the acid out of her voice... (Cain, 49).

to make an engagement. To agree to meet someone at a certain time.

She...made an engagement... (Cain, 133).

to make an exception. Not to include in a general rule; to exclude from a generalization.

Though we generally react strongly...we're prepared to make an exception in the case of... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

to make an excuse. To excuse; to give an excuse; to attempt to justify.

He broke in frequently, making excuses for himself, and repeating there was no work... (Cain, 5).

to make a face. To wrinkle up one's face; to show emotion by frowning.

Now and then some youngster would get hurt and make a terrible face and cry (Pyle, 227).
Veda could make a very funny face when she wanted to... (Cain, 233).
The landlady...made a face and dropped it on a chair (Pyle, 463).

to make --- feel good. To cause one to be pleased, happy; to give one a sense of pleasure.

...he said, but that made him feel good... (Cain, 257).

to make a fetish of. To insist upon; to demand as very important.

They made a fetish of every man eating every bit he took (Pyle, 340).

to make a (fine, good) job of. To do well with; to succeed with.

Pancho had indeed made a fine job of the drapes; the fixtures were all up and he was hanging the last of them (Cain, 116).

to make a (fine, good) (spouse) for. To be potentially a good spouse for; to have the qualities of being a good spouse.

I always said you'd make some guy a fine wife if you didn't live in Glendale (Cain, 225).
...you'd make a fine wife for somebody (Cain, 168).

to make a fire. To put wood or coal, paper, kindling together preparatory to lighting a fire; to build a fire.

Bert got wood, and made a fire, and lit it (Cain, 111).

to make the first move. To move, act, speak, apologize, or the like in anticipation of similar acts from anothers.

...Veda...would have to make the first move (Cain, 2140.

to make a fool of ---. To do something foolish, stupid; to act in a foolish way, manner, fashion.

When he shook hands with Jim, his eye kept smarting and for a moment he thought he was going to make a fool of himself right there... (Marquand, 528).

He realized that he must not make a fool of himself, that it was not time to show resentment (Marquand, 439).
...he is making a fool of himself (Yank, 136).
...if he did not think of something else, he would make a fool of himself (Marquand, 298).
Perhaps the man knew he had made a fool of himself, but it would have been better to have passed over the explanation (Marquand, 262).

to make for.

1. To hurry to; to go to rapidly.

Mason upset his chair, jumped to his feet and made for the door (Gardner, 164).
A machine-gun pillbox was shooting at them and they made up hill for it, about a quarter mile away (Pyle, 27).
...were starting to make for the aid station when the first blast came (Yank, 168).
"That night," Serrano says, "three of us made for the field" (Yank, 27).
He made for the coast all alone, easy meat for any German fighter that might come along (Pyle, 162).
Then under this covering screen our tank - carrying barges and more infantry boats made for the shore (Pyle, 24).

2. To induce; to lead to; to cause; to contribute to.

All that dampness make for ruddy cheeks... (Pyle, 378).

to make a fortune. To earn, get, receive, make , a great deal, much money.

...the Arab population...made a fortune by collecting British-American surrender leaflets at night and selling them... (Yank, 128).

to make a friend. To become friendly; to get to know someone and like him and to have him like you.

Making friends, just as we did (Yank, 212).
They made friends among the British people... (Pyle, 329).

to make the full use of. To utilize; use fully, to the utmost; to utlilize wholly.

Northeast Sicily, where the mountains are close together and the valleys and steep and narrow, was ideal country for withdrawing, and the Germans made the full use of it (Pyle, 58).

to make fun of. To ridicule; to deride; to mock; to taunt.

Jeffrey could not have stood it if he had thought they were making fun of him (Marquand, 158).

...this man...had...been making fun of her most intimate relations with him... (Cain, 157).
"Don't make fun of us," he said, "we're just poor boys trying to get along" (Marquand, 244).
...those who remained liked to make fun of their own shakes (Pyle, 285).

to make a fuss over.

1. To become excited about; to become nervous about.

Really, Mother, it seems to me you made a great fuss over nothing (Cain, 71).

2. To do many things for; to be very polite and considerate of.

One middle-aged Frenchwoman made a fuss over him... (Pyle, 409).

to make --- a goat. To cause one to be a victim; to victimize one; to do something in such a way that another will be held responsible.

...they seemed to regard her as their representative in a sense, and didn't propose to have her made a goat (Cain, 45).
He recognized that it wasn't fair to make me the goat in his business (Gardner, 192).

to make a go of. To be successful with; to succeed in; to do well with.

If I can make a go of it, I can give them what I want them to have... (Cain, 85).

to make good.

1. To succeed; to be successful.

He's making good on that promise now, having recaptured Northern Burma ... (Yank, 131).
I'd been joking and bragging on the way down about what a crack rifle shot I was, so I had to make good or else (Pyle, 1880).

2. To repay; to pay the equivalent.

...if there's not enough money to pay the depositors, then the stockholders have to make it good (Cain, 141).

to make a habit of. To have as a habit; to do habitually; to do continually.

The American outfit, wise in jungle combat, makes a habit of remaining silent... (Yank, 19).

to make hay. To take an opportunity when one has the chance; to do something when one has the opportunity.

Now, certainly this was not hay making or log rolling or anything like that (Marquand, 339).
And both Ella and Sinclair were very hurt if they heard anyone say anything about making hay or log rolling... (Marquand, 338).
But that summer he got switched back onto the main track again and he had been making hay fast while the bombs fell (Pyle, 83).

to make --- head swim. To make one dizzy; to cause dizziness, vertigo.

They never did hit any of us, but they came so close it made our heads swim (Pyle, 23).

to make --- heard above. To speak loudly enough so that another can hear (over the other noises); to speak loudly and distinctly.

I leaned down, shouting...to make myself heard above the roaring crowd ... (Yank, 218).

to make --- heart thump. To cause one's heart to beat harder, more vigourously; (This is often associated with surpoise, great emotion.)

The equipment was in, particularly a gigantic range that made her heart thump when she looked at it... (Cain, 88).

to make a hit with. To be well liked by; to cause another to like one.

He made a great hit with the Polish waitresses... (Yank, 199).

to make a home. To take care of a house; to cook, to sew, to clean, to wash and the like.

...while other women were learning professions, she had been making a home raising two children... (Cain, 37).

to make an impression. To impress; to give another an idea of one; to cause another to think of one in some manner.

...they made no particular impression on her (Cain, 230).
This woman has certainly made a bad impression of herself, her club and the state of Texas... (Yank, 210).

to make inquiries. To inquire; to ask about.

Can't you make inquiries? (Cain, 183).
But she drove over to Beverly and made inquiries... (Cain, 175).

Monty...didn't notice her mood, or make any inquiries about it (Cain, 229).

to make into. To transform; to change into; to re-do.

We made that into a kind of lounge (Cain, 121).

to make it. To be successful in doing someting; to succeed in doing something.

There were big derricks that didn't make it (Pyle, 366).
Some of the Japs may have made it to a tiny island near by... (Yank, 9).
...I probably wouldn't have made it (Yank, 12).
From the bottom of the mountain to the top a good walker carrying nothing whatever could make it in three hours (Pyle, 147).
Sometimes going up the mountain you got to the point where you know you can't make it (Pyle, 148).
...love to come, but as she had a date, she wasn't sure she could make it (Cain, 22).
He splashed in after it...and then made it across the creek (Yank, 198).

to make it a career. To make a career of it; to spend one's life at; to do for one's livlihood.

He didn't, however, intend to make it a career (Pyle, 329).

to make it hard for. To cause difficulties for; to cause trouble for.

...the harder he makes it for you the harder he's making it for the kids (Cain, 84).

to make it plain. To clarify; to make clear; to say or indicate so that another understands.

She was not having a happy time and she wanted to make it plain that she was Mildred Hughes... (Marquand, 119).

to make it short. To shorten; not to take a long time; to do quickly.

And kindly make it short (Yank, 164).

to make it snappy. To hurry; to do quickly; to rush.

In other words...the airport, and make it snappy (Gardner, 121).

to make a joke of. Not to consider serisouly; to treat humorously instead of seriously.

It was exactly what Minot Roberts would have done — try to make a joke of it (Marquand, 232).

to make --- jump. To cause another to tense his muscles; to startle another; to frighten another momentarily.

She had gone only a block or two when she heard a horn, so close it made her jump (Cain, 91).

to make a killing. To make an extraordinary amount of money; to get, make, much money.

He told me he'd made a killing, had picked up twenty grand on the first installment... (Gardner, 101).

to make --- laugh. To be the cause of one's merriment; to say, do, something another considers funny.

Monty, you just make me laugh (Cain, 147).

to make like. To pretend to be; to feign; to behave as.

...the battle casualties made like hep cats... (Yank, 223).

to make a list. To list; to prepare a list.

...hadn't Beda better make a list... (Cain, 154).

to make a living. To earn money by which one lives, has food, shelter, clothing; to earn a livlihood.

...fellows can make a living out of drilling square holes... (Yank, 172).
How can I give parties...with a living to make? (Cain, 169).
You'd have just stood around some store, all day long, waiting for the chance to make a living, and not making it (Cain, 50).
She taunted him with not making a living for his family, with standing in her way every time she tried to make the living (Cain, 83).
...all-right guys, trying to make a living same as anybody else, but a little rough, and a little noisy (Cain, 22).

to make a long story short. To get to the crux of the matter; to state briefly and succinctly.

To make a long story short I am getting a job as an advanced scout on the lookout for the enemy (Yank, 162).

to make love to. To woo; to court; to pay court to.

The most frequently expressed opinion heard aboard ship was that is they ever got to Berlin they'd first like to sock Olga on the chin — and then make love to her (Pyle, 42).

to make a lunge at. To lunge at; to go suddenly at, to; to make a thurst at.

"...if it hadn't been that I —" Mildred swallowed, made a wild lunge at something, anything, and went on ... (Cain, 74).

to make --- mad. To anger one; to cause one to become angry; to raise one's ire.

...that makes her think he's just a playboy; just Cafe Society, and that makes her mad and she says she only likes people who do something... (Marquand, 288).

to make a mess of. To ruin; to do something very poorly, bad.

The ambulance doctor made a mess of it... (Cain, 181).
You have sure made a mess of this affair (Pyle, 316).

to make a mistake. To err; to be in error.

Miss Pierce, you made a slight mistake (Cain, 158).
...the only mistake he made was reaching for the grenade that was tied to the sergeant's jacket (Yank, 49).
...high-level bombers can and do quite excusably make mistakes (Pyle, 433).
...apparently he's made the mistake of confusing Jason Carrel with Harold Leeds... (Gardner, 163).

to make money. To earn money; to work and to receive money for it.

...she's the one that's making money (Cain, 250).
I could, but I couldn't make any money at it (gardner, 112).

to make a monkey of. To make a fool of; to do something foolish, stupid.

Walter...don't make a God-damned moneky of yourself (Marquand, 120).

to make the most of. To make the best of; to do as well as one can with; to utilize something to the fullest.

The Germans made the most of those funnellike traps... (Pyle, 361).
...they made the most of it (Yank, 5).

to make a move.

1. To move; to change one's bodily position.

He made no move, but he didn't repulse her either... (Cain, 170).

2. To make an attempt; to try; to show, indicate, willingness to try.

The German told them if they made a move to surrender, he'd kill them (Yank, 125).

For the moment she made no move to leave (Gardner, 55).
When she made no move to give it to him, he went downstairs (Cain, 165).

to make a noise. To cause a noise; to do something noisily.

She...walked on the grass to keep from making a noise... (Cain, 252).

to make a note of. To note; to write down some information so as to remember it.

Mason took out his notebook, made a note of the address, thought a moment... (Gardner, 154).

to make an objection (to). To object to; not to like, want, desire, to and to say as much.

And did he make any objection to entering the sanitarium? (Gardner, 29).

to make out.

1. To distinguish; to see well enough to recognize; to discern.

We peered through the open gate, and far down the platform we could make out a group of children being formed into some semblance of a line (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

I could make out the high hedgerow surrounding out field... (Pyle, 390).
...I could just barely make out the vague white shape of the map... (Pyle, 201).
...we made out a blob of land ahead of us (Yank, 254).
...and by now the letters are so worn that sometimes it is hard to make them out (Yank, 68).
Now we could make out a lot of other stretchers lying on the ground (Yank, 168).
After a while we made out the outlines of a wooden shack (Yank, 168).
The only way we could see the Japs...was to let them get close enough to we could make them out against the sky... (Yank, 145).

2. To prepare; to write out; to draw up.

One of them, leaving the prowl car, started to make out a ticket (Gardner, 41).
While you're pouring the whiskey, Della will make out the check which raises your salary twenty dollars a month... (Gardner, 44).
You made out still another Class E allotment in June 1942... (Yank, 171).

3. To exist; to get along; to be moderately successful.

Then follow his example and you'll make out okay (Yank, 96).
But we all made out okay (Yank, 203).

4. To solve a problem; to understand after reflective thought.

She couldn't make out... whether there was to be a ballet or not... (Cain, 239).

5. To tell; to say; to recount.

...a military career...almost as spectacular as he himself made it out ... (Yank, 190).

to make out of. To prepare from; to use as an ingredient of.

Soldiers are made out of the strangest people (Pyle, 448).

to make --- out of ---. To transform into; to change one into; to cause one to become.

...you had to make a chauffeur out of me, didn't you? (Cain, 170).

to make over. To redo; to remake; to transform; to redecorate.

Edward Mace agreed with Mr. Tugwell that it was necessary to make over the station... (Marquand, 211).

to make a pass. In a craps game to make a point, to throw the dice so that one achieves one's point.

But if you made a pass, you could let it ride and keep on building up (Gardner, 22).

to make a pass at.

1. To flirt with; to make amorous advances toward.

He looks the girls over with an appraising eye, and makes passes at the pretty one when he thinks he can get away with it... (Gardner, 127).

2. To attack quickly and to go away; to strike at but not to continue striking.

...occasionally a German fighter sneaked in and made a pass at them (Pyle, 240).

to make a point. To prove a point; issue; to emphasize, reiterate a point, issue.

But before she could make the point, he went on... (Cain, 82).
for each point she made Mrs. Gessler made two points (Cain, 149).

to make a point of. To consider something as important and to be attentive to it.

"I made a point of it," Alf said, "that's how I get along (Marquand, 154).

to make popular. To cause to become popular; to cause many others to like.

...this was one of the things that Veda had made popular on the radio (Cain, 241).

to make a practice to (infinitive.) To do something regularly; to do continually, customarily.

...we made it a practice to shop for eggs... (Pyle, 416).

to make a profit. To earn money from a business, an investment, to receive money in excess of one's expenses.

...she knew she could make a good profit if she got any business at all (Cain, 176).

to make a promise. To promise; to give one's word.

He said that..."Roosevelt is known as a man who makes promises and then doesn't keep them (Yank, 127).

to make public. To cause to become generally known; to let many people know something that but few have known.

...in possession of the dead man, papers which would make public the very disclosures he had sought to repress (Gardner, 202).

to make a remark. To speak; to say something.

...if he made any more such remarks (Cain, 212).

to make a reply. To reply; to answer.

To all of this, Mr. Chris made no reply whatever, merely hunching over his desk, and acting as though he was deaf (Cain, 67).

to make the rodeos. To attend rodeos; to go to rodeos.

Like so many cowboys, he made the rodeos in season (Pyle, 194).

to make room for. To allow space for; to give room, space, to.

...he had been ousted from his warm office to make room for the Red Cross (Yank, 164).
To make room for the grenades in my meat-can pouch, I put aside assorted Life Savers... (Yank, 20).

to make the rounds (of). To go from one place to another regularly; to go regularly to different places.

The major went out to make the rounds of his forward platoons (Yank, 59).
She made thr rounds of the department stores, and became dismally familiar with the crowd of silent people... (Cain, 32).
And when at last the chaplain, making his rounds, gave him cigarettes, candy...he sat up grinning... (Pyle, 56).
Around ten, she loaded her pies into the car, made the rounds of delivery, and arrived at the hospital about eleven (Cain, 100).
...she drove back to the house, picked up her pies, and made the rounds of delivery (Cain, 116).
Every morning a medical aid man made the rounds of all the gun pits in our battery (Pyle, 105).

to make a run for. To run towards, to; to run for.

His crew had manned their plane's guns until it got too hot; and then made a run for an old bomb crater... (Pyle, 316).

to make a sap of ---. To cause one to appear foolish; to be the cause of one's foolish acts.

...quite apologetic about what he had said, and penitently asserted he had made a sap of himself (Cain, 52).

to make a scene. To cause a disturbance; to cause disorder; confusion.

...please don't make a scene (Yank, 163).
For the last two years, Gwen had made a scene out of every trivial incident... (Marquand, 562).

to make a secret of. To keep something secret; not to tell about.

She made no secret of the pies; she couldn't very well (Cain, 68).

to make sense. To seem intelligently conceived, done, executed; to appear rational.

...you had to be versatile to have it fill the space and still make sense (Marquand, 20).
He was walking up the tarpath off Center Street again, not that it made any sense (Marquand, 322).
He tried to piece something together from her words, but they did not make much sense (Marquand, 264).
It doesn't make any sense (Marquand, 391).
...no road makes sense... (Yank, 31).

to make --- sick. To disgust one; to nauseate one.

The stories make you sick when you hear them (Yank, 72).

to make --- sick at the stomach. To nauseate one; to disgust one.

...if there was anything that made me sick at the stomach it was an enemy military installation in good working order (Pyle, 321).

to make a slip. To make an error; to err; to make a mistake.

After the first few bars, when she sensed that Veda...would make no slip...Mildred relaxed... (Cain, 240).
...even attempt such vocal gymnastics without making some slip (Cain, 213).
...Veda made no slip (Cain, 213).

to make a speech. To give a speech; to deliver a talk.

She...made her little speech... (Cain, 215).
She then made her little speech... (Cain, 215).
Then at his surprised look, she would make a little speech... (Cain, 160).
The interview, obviously, was ended, but Mildred forced herslef to make a little speech, a sales talk (Cain, 37).
"What they always do," Jeffrey said, "made speeches and sang songs" (Marquand, 77).
But when he sat down beside her and put his arm around her, she got up and made one of her little speeches (Cain, 52).
...and two children, but she made them a pretty little speech, saying they were her first guests... (Cain, 121).
On the day Serrano left, he made a speech in the town piazza (Yank, 28).

to make a strike. To locate a valuable mineral deposit; to find good ore.

We went up in the Tanana district, and made a pretty good strike (Gardner, 112).

to make sure. To make certain; to satisfy oneself as to something; to be sure, certain.

Veda was...looking at them both as though to make sure they got things straight... (Cain, 232).
He leaned down close, looked melodramatically around, as though to make sure nobody could hear (Cain, 78).
If I had a wife I would make sure her picture was up... (Yank, 214).
Just to make sure, phone and ask them to hold it up until we get back (Yank, 195).
It is on his service record of course, but Lou takes great care to make sure this record is kept secret (Yank, 110).

Regan had made sure that the corporal got the bunk... (Yank, 226).
...then slammed him over the head with a couple of times to make sure he was dead (Yank, 49).
In choosing this process server make sure that he is not an alcoholic ... (Yank, 142).
Ask them to please send someone out to the apartment to make sure he's all right (Gardner, 78).
Then, trying it to make sure it was locked, she started town the drive, but at a pace in comic contrast... (Cain, 90).
I could hear the captain moving about to make sure that everyone was safe (Yank, 58).
Wally said it had all sounded pretty funny to him, but he wanted to make sure (Cain, 58).
...she was addicted to a deal of peeping into theoven, and giving them one more minute, just to make sure (Cain, 75-76).
I know, but before I get too excited about it, you'd better make sure (Cain, 80).
...the Ninth made sure that the correspondents themselves would feel at home with them (Pyle, 397).
Kittering, with a mind which reveled in detail, paused to make sure that the exhibits were properly numbered in numerical order (Gardner, 150).
He took her home, handed her to the door, made sure she had her key (Cain, 97).
The chicken she gave a good smelling, to make sure it was still fresh (Cain, 25).
Serrano headed for the house of a Partisan sympathizer, first making sure that a red light was showing in the window... (Yank, 26).
I made sure not to take any more wrong roads... (Yank, 126).
He made plenty sure I had proper credentials... (Pyle, 345).
It was a daily practice just to make sure everything was in readiness ... (Pyle, 263).
The lieteanant and the sergeant would call for me occasionally to make sure I was still along (Pyle, 200).
...examined his trees, to make sure the water hadn't drawn the slings too tight (Cain, 1).
When the leader made sure he had spotted the target he wiggled his wings... (Pyle, 160).

to make things easy. To simplify something; to cause to be simple, easy, not difficult.

I want to make things easy for you (Cain, 200).

to make things worse. To cause something to worsen; to make it more difficult.

Then to make things worse, this officer gave the command; to the rear march (Yank, 185).

to make tracks (for). To go hurriedly; fast, towards, to; to go as speedily as possible to.

...the PTs opened up and made tracks for home... (Yank, 255).
When the sergeant was released from the hospital he promptly made tracks for Guadalcanal (Yank, 110).

to make a trip.

1. To go on a journey; to take a trip; to travel.

...Monty had been invited to make the trip (Cain, 142).
...but was too poor to make the trip (Yank, 248).
He studies at the North China Language School...making frequent trips into the interior... (Yank, 131).
...Gen. Stillwell...has made almost daily trips to forward positions (Yank, 130).

2. To go.

Don't never make a trip, in our out, without something in your hand (Cain, 48).
Before he got through, he made five trips to the cave... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to make trouble. To cause trouble; to make difficulties.

He kept reminding her that nobody wanted to make trouble (Cain, 246).
...where he'd never find me, because he's just the type to make trouble (Gardner, 167).
He might make trouble (Cain, 81).

to make a turn. To turn; to change directions; to go in another direction.

We made the turn at Hell's Fire Corner, clearly marked by stips of mine tape... (Yank, 57).
...she made a sharp left turn, and headed back toward the Yellow Sea (Yank, 118).
...the whole group of B-26s made a turn and headed back for the target (Pyle, 324).

make up.

1. Cosmetics; rouge, powder, lipstick, eyeshadow, and the like.

Don't have any make-up on your face (Gardner, 79).

2. Personality; character traits.

His make-up is not the make-up of a tough platoon sergeant (Yank, 243).

to make up.

1. To constitute; to be integral parts of something.

When we huddled around together on the dark decks, it was these little hopes and ambitions that made up the sum total of our worry at leaving... (Pyle, 6).
...the world is appalling even to those who make up the individual cells of that strength (Pyle, 465).
The trouble was that there were too many kinds making up the world in New York (Marquand, 55).
...the rest of her pay being made up of free quarters in the upper part of the house... (Cain, 179).
Sometimes it would be made up of groups that had the mistaken idea that it was going to be musical comedy... (Marquand, 291).
The railroad men, longshoremen and truck drivers who make up the bulk of this...depot's Army population... (Yank, 199).

2. To invent; to draw from one's imagination.

Oh, I just made that up (Pyle, 334).
"No, I didn't make it up," he said (Marquand, 10).
"Jeffrey," Madge asked, "did you make that up?" (Marquand, 10).
I heard about a soldier who wrote to his girl that he had been wounded, and then wrote to his mother and tipped her off that he had just made it up (Pyle, 137).
You could almost make up a caption to put beneath him as you saw him standing there (Marquand, 69).

3. To prepare; to draw up.

...in March of 1940, when Miss Jaeckel made up the income statements... (Cain, 243).
...when Miss Jaeckel made up the income statements, and took them down to a notary...Mildred was in a cold sweat (Cain, 243).

4. To equal; to be the same as.

What the theaters lack in...soft seats, they make up in fancy names... the Coconut Bowl... (Yank, 234).
But what he lost by his bad sense of direction he made up with dice (Pyle, 11).
...Hot Jeep would go out and pick up enough to make up the deficit... (Yank, 139).

5. To make; to prepare; to put together.

...there was some batter left over, and I made up some little cakes I was saving for the children (Cain, 4).
He just had a few in the icebox, not enough to put on the menu, but he made up an order for two all right... (Gardner, 144).
From now on we get an even break with the people who make up packages (Yank, 140).

6. To set in order; to put in proper condition.

...only furnishings were a cotton rug, a chair, and an iron bed, made up neatly with blankets (Cain, 72).

7. To become friendly again after an argument, dispute, etc; to get on friendly terms as before.

There was an argument, of course, a period of hot words and accusations, then they made up (Gardner, 168).

to make up --- face. To apply cosmetics to one's face; to put rouge, lipstick, eyebrow pencil, eye shadow, powder on one's face.

She put on the print dress, made her face up nicely, and went over there (Cain, 32).

to make up --- mind. To decide; to make a decision; to come to a conclusion, judgment.

Madge had said that he had simply made up his mind not to like Germany ... (Marquand, 226).
He...took a week making up his mind that nothing unlawful had been done ... (Cain, 244).
...she made up her mind (Cain, 175).
...Veda tried it on a dozen times, unable to make up her mind... (Cain, 237).
"We've made up our minds," Beckie said (Marquand, 133).
...she suddenly made up her mind that...she was going to deny everything ... (Cain, 192).
...two or three trucks stood by discreetly waiting for him to make up his mind (Yank, 136).
Make up your mind (Cain, 40).
...he made up his mind, as soon as he began entertaining authors at the Yale Club, that he was going to be what he called a "bookman" (Marquand, 334).
God, I can't tell you what it does to you when you make up your mind (Marquand, 557).
"Make up your mind," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 85).
It must have been in the middle of the dinner that Jeffrey made up his mind to speak about what he was writing (Marquand, 284).
...when he knew about Mildred's pies all the time, and had already made up his mind to take them (Cain, 68).
...once he made up his mind nothing swayed him (Pyle, 308).
"Well, make up your mind," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 84).
Ther Germans couldn't seem to make up their minds exactly what they were trying to do inthe air (Pyle, 382).
At first I couldn't seem to make up my mind... (Pyle, 296).
Just keep an eye on him, but don't make up his mind for him (Marquand, 396).

to make use of. To use; to utilize.

...he'd be shocked at my party, it's a question of whether you're making proper use of your time (Cain, 23).

to make a victim of. To victimize; to make a goat of; to leave holding the sack.

She...said that no child of hers was going to be made the victim of any such gyp... (Cain, 247).

to make --- way. To walk; to go; to move.

They had been in a concentration camp for three years, and finally escaped and made their way to the Partisans (Yank, 69).
He was met by a round of applause as he made his way to the center of the stage and came to a stop... (Marquand, 165).
...as Jeffrey made his way toward the Oak Room, several members looked up at him... (Marquand, 242).
Serrano made his way back up to Servigliano... (Yank, 28).
Serrano and 19 other Partisans made their way down the mountain... (Yank, 25).
...and bomb craters large enough to hide a six-by-six, we made our way along (Yank, 58).
Meanwhile the rest of the crew had landed under heavy enemy fire and made their way inland... (Yank, 32).

to make a (weekend) of it. To remain, stay, for the (weekend).

But still they dawdled, he arguing they should stay another day, and make a weekend of it (Cain, 95).

to make --- welcome. To welcome; to cause to feel welcome.

If he wanted to see her on that basis she would try to make him welcome, and she really wanted him to come (Cain, 52).

to make --- what --- is. To be the cause of something's present condition; to cause something to become what it presently is.

It was Ella who had made Happy Rocks what it was (Marquand, 337).

to make the wheels go round. To be important to an operation; business, an affair; to be the motivating power.

Here area few sketches of some of the men who made the wheels go round (Pyle, 36).

to make a will. To prepare, draw up, a will, last testament.

...what it would mean to them financially if they could keep Alden Leeds

from marrying or making a will (Gardner, 155).

to make a wisecrack. To say something intended to be funny.

The boys made wisecracks along the way (Pyle, 372).
He begged me not to make any wisecracks about his cussing and tobacco-chewing when I wrote him up (Pyle, 38).

to make worthwhile. To cause to be valuable; to cause to be of worth, worthy.

This...was what made everything worthwhile (Cain, 181).

male nurse. A man who is a nurse; a man who is qualified by studying nursing to be a nurse.

...I would be very much inclined to resent a highhanded interference with my liberties by any male nurses at your institution, Doctor (Gardner, 34).

a malted milk shake. A confection consisting of milk, ice cream, flavoring (Usually chocolate) and malt. (Often caled simply a malted, a malt, a chocolate malt.)

They had made him stand in front of a fluoroscope and drink barium, which tasted like a bad malted milk-shake (Marquand, 276).

a man about town. An important personage; a man of affairs.

...leading the fellows on a merry chase while he put on a swell act of a man about town keeping business appointments (Gardner, 46).

managing editor. General editor, manager, in charge of a publication, newspaper, magazine.

He used to be managing editor of the Houston Press (Pyle, 337).

a man in white. A doctor; a physician; a surgeon.

He was the Man in White (Marquand, 25).

man made. Produced, manufactured, by man as contrasted to natural or supernatural phenomena.

...man-made opposition has not been their only problem here (Yank, 178).
...charges of dynamite that would blast man-made ledges for the bull-dozer to follow through (Yank, 178).

manna from (heaven, the sky). Unexpected sustenance; a welcome, unsought through needed, gift.

...the unit I was with finally received manna from the sky -- an air-drop of books (Yank, 176).

a man of few words. A quiet person; one who speaks, talks, says, little.

Being a man of few words, I said... (Pyle, 354).

a man of vision. One who looks to the future; one who risks in order to profit in the future. (This is contrasted to a visionary who is usually considered unpractical.)

...he became a subdivider, a community builder, a man of vision, a big shot (Cain, 6).

a man of the world. A sophisticate; a worldly man; one who has been around.

He is...a man of the world (Yank, 248).

a man of --- years. One at that age; one being as old as one is.

...is in the possession of his mental fa culties to the extent usually found in a man of his years, the court is going to take drastic action... (Gardner, 35).

man size(d). Large; big.

It looks as though Italy couldn't grow a man-sized tree... (Yank, 21).
So you see Ordnance had a man-sized job (Pyle, 417).
...they made a man-sized war... (Pyle, 442).

a man's man. A man who is thoroughly masculine; a virile man.

You're a man's man now (Yank, 189).

man to man.

1. Frankly; without subterfuge; honestly.

I mean man to man (Yank, 98).
...just come around and ask me, man to man, kid (Marquand, 155).
I don't mind telling you, Jeff, as man to man (Marquand, 155).
...and there is the announcer again, patronizing the soldiers, talking to them man to man (Yank, 72).
...he could understand him even less, now that Charley had begun talking to him as man to man, using Anglo-Saxon words... (Marquand, 505).
He whispered to us, as man to man, that Saint Valentine's Day is the Christian successor to the pagan festival of the Lupercalia... (New Yorker, XXIII, Feb. 15, 1947, 22).

2. One man with another; two men together; two men paired off.

It was almost man-to-man warfare (Pyle, 374).

manual labor. Unskilled labor; labor working with hands as opposed to machine labor.

...while they went to do manual labor on the airfields (Yank, 120).

many are called but few are chosen. Many people wish to do something but few are allowed to, few are equal to it. (Matt. 20:16).

Many are called, in this business, but few are chosen... (Cain, 137).

to march along. To march; to walk as though marching.

...painted five little puppy dogs marching along in a row... (Pyle, 338).

to march around. To come to a place; to go to a place. (This implies a rather determined attitude.)

...Veda marched around in a perfect lather... (Cain, 238).

to march down. To march downward; to walk to a lower place. (Also causitive.)

They asked the soldier to take the Germans back up about fifty feet, then march them down again past the cameras (Pyle, 152).

to march in. To enter marching; to march into a place.

...we marched in to be classified (Yank, 166).

to march up and down. To walk back and forth.

Wally...marched up and down in front of Mildred... (Cain, 201).

marked cards. Playing cards which have been cleverly marked on the backs so that one person can tell what cards another one has.

Marked cards (Gardner, 16).

the market is shot. The market for some kind of goods is not functioning; no one wants to buy something.

From all he had heard, that market was shot anyhow (Cain, 139).

to mark down.

1. To lower in price; to reduce the price.

...in a luggage store near Franklyn Street where everything was marked down fifty per cent for the August sale (Marquand, 255).

2. To note; to write down as a note.

We marked him down on our score card as a man exceptionally sensitive to atmospheric changes and capable of reversing himself to meet a new situation (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

to mark --- off. To eliminate; to take off.

Buck mentally marked turret No. 3 off his list (Yank, 46).

to mark time. To wait; to delay.

He hasn't the Ities' mobile passion; rather, he's marking time for better days (Yank, 36).

marriage license. A license issued by the state through the office of the county clerk authorizing a couple to be married.

...hotel register, and a photostatic copy of a marriage license (Gardner, 75).

to be married by. To have a marriage ceremony performed by.

...we were married by him (Yank, 174).

to be married to. To have as a spouse; to be a marrieage partner of.

I'm still not married to my son's mother... (Yank, 170).

to marry into a family. To marry and become a part of one's spouse's family; to associate with a family through marriage with one of its members.

His sister was figuring on marrying into a rich family (Gardner, 72).

to marshal facts. To arrange facts in good order; to order facts; to arrange facts.

...Charley was marshaling his facts, thinking on his feet, just as he had been taught to do when he had won... (Marquand, 506).

marshaling yards. Freight yards; that part of a railway system where railway cars are put together and made into trains.

As the invasion neared, much of their work was on railroad marshaling yards... (Pyle, 321).

to marvel at. To wonder at; to be astonished at, by.

...they marvel at how the American Army...gets along so well (Yank, 213).

mashed potatoes. A method of preparing potatoes whereby one peels the potatoes, boils them, then mixes into the potatoes butter, milk, and salt and mashes them into a creamy mixture.

The food was about what we had back home -- mashed potatoes... (Pyle, 340).

to mash up. To mash; to crush thoroughly.

...he could use the mashed-up goo for pasting French postcards or YANK pin-ups on his barracks wall (Yank, 140).

to masquerade as. To pretend to be; to feign to be.

...disguised his identity by taking none other than the name of the murdered man, and left the Yukon, masquerading as Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 123).

to mass produce. To produce, manufacture, in great quantities in one place of manufacture.

U.S. Now Mass Produces (Life, Dec. 9, 1940, 84).

master at arms. A non-commissioned officer in charge of police duties at sea on ship board.

...CPO D.A. Dean of Dallas, Tex., master at arms of our transport... (Yank, 250).

master('s) bedroom. The largest bedroom in a house or apartment usually occupied by the husband and wife.

The master's bedroom was larger than any he and Madge had ever slept in (Marquand, 306).

to match up. To match; to find members of the same group; to put all like things together.

They...matched up shoes of the same size... (Pyle, 283).

the matter in hand. The matter under discussion; that which is being discussed, treated, handled, etc.

He enjoined silence about the matter in hand while dinner was being served... (Cain, 246).

not to matter a fig. To be of no importance; to be of no value.

It did not matter a fig...whether the Grimpian Press had mother (or was it fathered?) that book or not (Marquand, 339).

a matter of. A question of; a situation requiring.

It was simply a matter of throwing China overboard (Marquand, 561).

matter of fact. Unimaginative; factual; literal.

The rest of the "True Guide" demonstrates that the author had it in mind to deal with love in a matter-of-fact scientific way (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 22).
That little suggestion of delirium was the only thing that remarkable man said...that wasn't as dispassionate and matter-of-fact as though he had been sitting comfortably... (Pyle, 455).
...prompted by a matter-of-fact determination not to let such a costume go to waste... (Cain, 1 59).
...Veda...got brassier in a completely matter-of-fact way (Cain, 133).
...betrayed a rather appalling literal-mindedness, or matter of fact-ness, or whatever it might be called...more than complete vacuity inside (Cain, 16).
...no road makes sense unless it goes matter-of-factly in one direction (Yank, 31).

a matter of life and death. A situation involving someone's life; a situation if successfully handled will save a life, if not will lose a life.

Before another twenty-four hours, the two regiments would be twenty miles ahead of us and in contact with the enemy, so getting that hole bridged and supplies and supporting guns to them was indeed a matter of life and death (Pyle, 66).

a matter of opinion. A situation, condition, unsupported by facts; facts which may support different opinions.

...it's a matter of opinion, and in my opinion, I am (Cain, 206).

the matter with. The trouble with; the difficulties with.

"There's nothing the matter with it, Howland," Aunt Martha said... (Marquand, 157).
"Martha," he asked, "what's the matter with her shirtwaist?" (Marquand, 157).

(may, might) as well.

1. (It is as well for one to do something as for one not to, hence) it is better to do something; must; should; ought.

But I might as well tell you, Bert wasn't the only one that got fed up (Cain, 14).

Then you might as well pack up now, and leave for good... (Cain, 5).
...I might as well stop now (Yank, 26).
It was not exactly queer because it was a concrete fact to which one might as well adjust oneself (Marquand, 92).
Then someone would yawn deliberately and say he might as well be turning in... (Marquand, 219).
She told herself that it was her duty to be helping somebody, and that it might as well be somebody that meant something to her (Cain, 144).
You may as well understand here and now...that I shall prevent this marriage (Cain, 195).
Nothing important, but might as well take them along (Cain, 60).
They said we might as well save ourselves (Yank, 169).
Look, Mildred, you might as well get this thing cleaned up (Cain, 81).
...he...said they might as well get the horrible part over (Cain, 134).
It was half an hour before train time, but he knew he might as well be going (Marquand, 411).
Well, you got to talk about something and it might as well be overshoes (Pyle, 104).
Treviso might just as well save his time (Cain, 134).
Since Sicily was new terrain for me I figured I might as well get sick right away and get it over with (Pyle, 44).
...between French captions, Irani cut-ins and English dialogue, you may as well give up (Yank, 73).

2. Could; might; may.

...Mr. Wilson and I might as well have met (Marquand, 119).
Our two blankets might as well have been handkerchiefs... (Pyle, 371).

3. For all the good one is doing, he could do something else, go somewhere else.

...they might as well not be there (Pyle, 363).

may --- rest in peace. (Said of the dead and often found on tombstones in English and sometimes in Latin: Requiescat in Pace.)

...my old, grandmother, may she rest in peace, is dying... (Yank, 162).

mealy mouthed. Insincere but vocal with flattery, cajolery.

He's a mealy-mouthed hypocrite who always tried to make Uncle Alden feel he loved him... (Gardner, 25).

to mean (any)thing to. To have a meaning, significance, for; to be important to.

...if meeting them means anything to you, that's easy fixed (Cain, 146).
...an extraneous personality who would never mean anything to him in the present or the future (Marquand, 30).

Not one thing in it -- until the piano came in...ever meant a thing to you... (Cain, 228).
...it does have to be furnished with things that mean something to you (Cain, 228).

to mean business. To be serious about something; to fulfill one's obligations seriously and in a business like manner.

The sentries really meant business (Pyle, 373).
He really meant business on food wastage (Pyle, 340).
When we got out that warrant, that showed we meant business (Cain, 202).

to mean by. To signify through the agency of something; to indicate by.

Now I know what that woman meant by blackmail (Cain, 205).
That brings us to the question of what you mean by 'from time to time' (Gardner, 52).

a mean day. A difficult, hard, disagreeable, day.

It's been kind of a mean day, hasn't it? (Marquand, 580).
It has been a kind of a mean day (Marquand, 580).

to mean nothing to. To have no significance for; to have no importance for.

The first number, the Fire Bird, meant nothing to Mildred (Cain, 239).
She means nothing to me either (Cain, 146).

means of livlihood. Manner of making a living; way of earning money for one's living.

...she had deprived Veda of her "means of livlihood" (Cain, 257).

means of support. A way of making a living; manner of earning money for one's living.

...is whether a shrewd lawyer could show that your brother regarded you as a means of support (Gardner, 51).

measured tones. Slow, careful, well modulated, voice and diction.

Everyone was speaking in careful, measured tones as you always did before the cocktails, but it was different later (Marquand, 127).

meat inspector. One employed by the federal, state, or local government to inspect meat for quality and purity and to classify meat according to grade.

By then, quite a few people were there...and to Mildred's surprise, Mr.

Otis, the federal meat inspector, who had seen the notice in one of the afternoon papers (Cain, 108).

meat pie. A pie with a meat and meat sauce, gravy, filling.

The waitress brought a fruit salad, a plate of delicious meat pie made with tender squares of meat, rich, yellow carrots, new potatoes, walnut-sized onions, and steaming gravy (Gardner, 97).

a mechanical smile. A smile which seems not to be the result of genuine amusement; an artificial smile.

...of their age always regarded each other, and his face broke into a quick mechanical smile (Marquand, 572).

medicine cabinet. A small cupboard, cabinet, about 1½ feet by 2 feet which fits flush into the wall. Very often used in bathrooms directly above the lavatory.

A bathroom door, standing open disclosed a white tile floor, a porcelain washstand with a medicine cabinet and mirror on the wall (Gardner, 36).

to meditate about. To think about; to cogitate on.

...she went around meditating about it... (Cain, 228).

to meet the eye. To be visible; to be apparent.

...nothing ominous met the eye (Cain, 160).

to meet --- eyes. To look into one's eyes; to meet one's look; to look one in the face, eye.

She met his eyes steadily, and said, "No," (Gardner, 55).
Again she met his eyes, and again, in the same positive voice, said, "No" (Gardner, 55).

to meet up with. To meet; to come upon, on; to encounter.

They get the old vernal urge, they meet up with some woman boid (Yank, 102).

Melba toast. Toast made from very thin, ¼ inch slice of bread and toasted to a dark brown.

He could see Madge's orange juice and her Melba toast and her black coffee, which she always took without any cream or sugar (Marquand, 585).

to metl away. To disappear; to vanish; to go away. (This implies

a gradual vanishing.)

The apprehensive infantry begins to melt away... (Yank, 204).
...two sides his precious camouflage blazed and melted away (Yank, 19).

to melt on --- tongue. To be very delicate, tender, and delicious.

...inexorable confectioner test; It must melt on the tongue (Cain, 9).

men only. Only men allowed; not any women.

At the Rockwell there had once been a grillroom in the basement, frequented by men only... (Marquand, 273).

mental defective. One with less than average intelligence; one not quite bright.

John Milicant was a mental defective (Gardner, 110).

a mere child. Not an adult; an immature person.

She's a mere child (Vcain, 217).

to mess around. To fool around; to do something without careful plan. (This is often used ironically to represent the speaker's attitude toward another's work.)

...Some cope were out at the house messing around with fingerprints and stuff (Gardner, 55).
Since you want to mess around in my private affairs, why doesn't he marry me? (Gardner, 19).
"It isn't messing around, looking at the points," Charley said (Marquand, 504).
If you're going to mess around with the car (Marquand, 504).
...a bunch of damn busybodies, if you ask me, messing around and wanting to take a guy's fingerprints (Gardner, 57).
I'd messed around there altogether too much (Gardner, 171).

mess hall. A dining hall; a large room for eating used by soldiers.

...we set up the mess hall for supper... (Yank, 229).
...he reached the mess hall again... (Yank, 230).
...their mess hall (Yank, 232).
Then we headed for the mess hall (Pyle, 325).
He had a nice leisurely breakfast in the mess hall (Yank, 184).
Everyone in the mess hall turned around... (Yank, 226).
The briefing room, like the mess hall, was bright and noisy... (Yank, 14).
He...kept the mess hall going (Yank, 224).
He had a fine big turkey dinner in the mess hall... (Yank, 184).
...Put this in the mess hall to scare the rats away (Yank, 141).

mess kit. A service man's plate for eating; mess can.

The chow hounds get their mess kits out... (Yank, 157).
There the men of the company lined up for meals with mess kits... (Pyle, 420).

a mess officer. The commissioned officer in charge of the collection, preparation, and distribution of food.

...the mess officer told Gen. Marshall that he was going to serve them the first fresh meat ever received by the command (Yank, 200).

mess sergeant. The sergeant in charge of the preparation and serving of food to a company of service men.

...everyone pitched in to haul ammunition, from the mess sergeant to the first sergeant (Yank, 33).
Last week the mess sergeant was clubbed to death with empty cans... (Yank, 151).
To most GIs, ration day is just the day when the mess sergeatn gathers up another 10-day supply of luncheon meat... (Yank, 34).

mess up. To get out of order; to disarrange; to foul up.

They didn't bother to mess up their harbor or to blow out the two river bridges which would have cut our forces in half (Pyle, 29).

to mess with. To interfere with; to meddle with; to concern oneself with.

Hell, I'm not trying to mess with your job--you can have the lousy personnel office (Yank, 89).

middle age. The age from about fifty to sixty years.

...he was tired...with just a touch of middle age dragging at...a youthful face (Cain, 170).
Then a ruddy-faced man of middle age drove up... (Pyle, 377).
They were all ages, through youth to middle age... (Marquand, 35).

middle aged. Being approximately between fifty and sixty years old.

Sir Thomas was pink and slumpish, middle-aged and a trifle bald... (Marquand, 251).
...Buchanan Greene was talking to a middle-aged lady who kept nodding (Marquand, 352).
...she had tried to be facetious, and said something about their being "middle-aged" (Cain, 235).
...a middle-aged nurse... (Yank, 224).
A couple of middle-aged women... (Yank, 209).

A middle-aged Frenchwoman made a fuss over him... (Pyle, 409).
The doorman's solid face was middle-aged, like his own (Marquand, 297).

the middle age spread. A fatness around the abdomen; a large belly or hips. (This fatness is usually associated with persons approaching their middle age.)

She had a middle-aged spread; her hair was comfortably gray... (Marquand, 357).

middle finger. The third finger of the hand.

You will note the prints of the middle finger of the right hand (Gardner, 151).
I have here an enlarged copy of that print, together with an enlarged copy of the print of the middle finger of the defendant's right hand (Gardner, 151).

the middle of the night. Late at night; in the small hours of the night.

He wished that Madge did not feel it necessary to go over Sally Sales in the middle of the night (Marquand, 534).
There in the middle of the night he seemed to be more involved with Sally Sales than he was with Marianna Miller... (Marquand, 537).

the middle of the week. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, or any of them.

For soup, she served some chicken jelly she had had left over from the middle of the week and it struck him as very high toned (Marquand, 28).

the Middle West. The states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin.

He still had the Middle West in hsi vocabulary (Pyle, 307).

the midnight ride of Paul Revere. Paul Revere, an American Revolutionary figure, is supposed to have ridden out of Boston at midnight to warn the New Englanders of an imminent British attack. The ride occurred on the night of April 18, 1775. The phrase itself comes from H.W. Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride", one of the Tales of a Wayside Inn: "Listen, my children, and you shall hear / Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,"

...a real old tap bar such as had existed in taverns at the time of the midnight ride of Paul Revere (Marquand, 126).

a might have been. One, something, that could well have developed

into something important but did not.

The afternoon was tense and full of caution and dire little might-have-beens (Pyle, 443).
That's the way war was on an afternoon that was tense and full of might-have-beens for some of us... (Pyle, 445).

miles and miles. Many miles; a long distance.

Over to the north, he could see the lights of the city against the sky, miles and miles of lights (Marquand, 446).

military age. Of an age to enter the armed services; approximately 18 years old to about thirty years of age.

You see, I've been to one war, Jesse, but now there's Jim -- and he's about miliatry age (Marquand, 272).

military brushes. A pair of hair brushes alike without handles.

...there was no doubt that it was solid gold and so were the backs of the miliatry brushes in his toilet kit (Marquand, 221).

milk fed. Fed on milk; eating milk as the large portion of food. (Compare: corn fed).

He did raise fine chickens, honestly corn-fed, not milk fed, and fine chickens she had to have (Cain, 116).

a milk run. In aviation an uneventful flight in an airplane on a regularly scheduled run often where the airplane is carrying some sort of cargo.

But if you got back it's a milk run (Yank, 86).
Loaded with bombs and guns primed, this Marine Corps diver bomber passes over Henderson Field...at the start of what is called the "milk run" (San Francisco Call-Bulletin, July 17, 1943, 2).

milk toast. Toast buttered and placed in a bowl over which is poured hot milk.

Just milk toast tonight, Jules...at a table in back... (Marquand, 274).

to mill around. To move about purposely in a crowd; to go from place to place in a group without purpose.

The apprehensive Infantry begins to melt away...those up close milling around... (Yank, 204).

a million things. Several things; many things.

A million things had to be thought of and provided (Pyle, 16).

the mills of the gods grind slow but they grind exceeding (small, fine). Retribution, vengeance, may be slow to come to a person but when it comes it is very hard.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, Walter said, but they grind exceeding small... (Marquand, 40).

not to mince words. To speak bluntly and forcefully; to tell, say without making the speech polite in any way.

..,the whole story was a humbug...and he didn't mince words saying so (Yank, 167).

---mind is on. One is thinking about; one reflects on; one cogitates about.

Mer mind was on higher things (Cain, 211).
Now that his mind was on Europe, he recalled an earlier visit which he and Madge had made (Marquand, 227).
Mildred only half-listened, no longer in any humor for Wally, her mind on the car, and thinking only how she would begin (Cain, 58).
He was even looking at his watch and thinking that the 7:02 was nearly always late, but his mind was not on it (Marquand, 525).

mind over matter. (The brain of a human can through thought control the inert matter.)

Maybe the answer lay in mind over matter (Pyle, 253).

to mind --- own business. Not to interfere with the affairs of another; not to intrude on another.

No one can mind his own business really (Marquand, 552).
You mind your own business... (Marquand, 158).
Bill told me to mind my own business (Marquand, 112).

a mind reader. One who practices telepathy; one who seems to know what another is thinking.

Mrs. Pierce, I'm not a mind reader (Cain, 195).

mind you. Understand; get this clearly.

Mind you, jess met her lass night, but I'm completely gone (Yank, 98).
Mind you, I ain't saying she's perfect or nothing like that (Yank, 96).

mine detector. A device for locating explosive mines used in warfare.

After La Haye du Puits it was issued mine detectors but it has not had timeto use them (Yank, 134).
...there were mine detectors twisted and ruined (Pyle, 367).

a mine field. An area where explosive mines are set, laid, to deter advancing soldiers.

Furthermore, the Australian armored cars were not able to get through the German mine field in the neighborhood... (Yank, 31).

a minimum of. The very least of; the least possible amount of.

...she had place her icebox, range, materials, and utensils so she could work with the mimimum of effort (Cain, 120).

a minor key. A key in one of the minor modes in music.

In the next field a canoneer sang a song called "Low-down Babe" in a high minor key (Yank, 133).

Miss America. A girl chosen for her physical beauty each year at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Each state choses a contestant and from these Miss America is chosen; hence, jocularly, any beautiful woman.

How's Miss America? (Marquand, 358).

missing in action. Lost, not accounted for, in battle.

...or another ship sloping down to the libmo of "missing in action" (Yank, 85).

to miss out on. Not to be included in; not to participate, take part, in.

...the dangers of the mission...meant much less to them than the danger of missing out on bombing Japan (Yank, 117).
A fifth remarked jocularly, "I'll have to write the old lady tonight and tell her she missed out on that ten thousand dollars again (Pyle, 50).

Mr. Fixit. One who is skilled in repairing all sorts of things.

Sanders was the "Mr. Fixit" of the Ninth Division (Pyle, 410).

to be mixed up in. To be entangeled in, with; to be involved in.

I'd hurt it, and I can't afford to get mixed up in this thing (Gardner, 166).
She may not have been mixed up in that murder (Gardner, 161).
...he was already thinking of it in scenes, and Bragg was mixed up in it... (Marquand, 430).

to be mixed up with. To have an illicit affair with; to be entangled with a person.

He isn't mixed up with some woman, is he? (Marquand, 392).

to mix in with. To add to throughout; to mingle with; to blend with.

...there was considerable talk about money mixed in with the chase... (Cain, 253).

to mix up.

1. To confuse; to perplex.

They had been mixed up with thirteen many times... (Pyle, 350).
...he had got mixed up about the passage of time (Pyle, 453).
Nine times out of ten the people are mixed up (Pyle, 344).
Gradually the front got all mixed up (Pyle, 442).
Our only chance is to mix this thing all up, so the D.A. doesn't know just what to go after... (Gardner, 88).
I want to mix this case up so much and rush it through so fast that he'll be one jump behind... (Gardner, 128).
It mixes everything up...that's all I mean (Marquand, 142).
That's so you don't get mixed up on them other girls' books (Cain, 46).
As Mr. Pierce told her, she had the burial service, the communion service...so thoroughly mixed up that it was rather difficult to disentangle them (Cain, 109).
...well, Rodge had come to him in an awful state, because his things were all mixed up... (Marquand, 400).
...took Madge's mink coat and Madge told her please be careful...and not get it mixed up with somebody else's... (Marquand, 341).
I got mixed up in that trip to Mdilla... (Yank, 31).
As I lay on the straw in the darkness they became mixed up, and I was confused and not quite sure which was which (Pyle, 99).
We're only mixed up with the details (Marquand, 422).

2. To mix; to blend together.

He took two one-gallon cans of egg-powder, poured in sixteen cans of condensed milk and four quarts of water, mixed it up in a batter, then dipped it out with a ladle and fried it in boiling lard (Pyle, 114).

model home. A house built by a contractor, builder, for advertising purposes in which he puts labor saving devices, all kinds of pleasant attractions, and which he designs to appeal to people.

She had special, rather romantic reasons for remembering the model home (Cain, 78).

to moisten --- lips. To wet one's lips by passing one's tongue over them.

He moistened his lips, asked: "Is Veda home?" (Cain, 8).

Molatov breadbasket. A large bomb that explodes in mid air releasing many smaller bombs. (Also butterfly bomb.)

Doolittle also told us that we could carry another bomb, a 500 pound incendiary, something like the old Russian Molatov Breadbasket (Robert Consadine, Thirty Seconds over Tokyo, New York, Random House, 1943, p. 40).
The "Molatov Breadbasket"...appeared to consist of two types (Illustrated London News, April 6, 1940, 446).

Molatov cocktail. Empty pint beer bottles, scored so that they will easily break, filled with explosives and corked. A fuse is then attached to each bottle.

...ran up to them and threw grenades and Molatov cocktails on the bkacs to set them afire (Yank, 54).
Now he had Molotoff cocktails... (Yank, 19).

the moment has come. The time has come; it is the time.

Mildred knew that the moment had come for the special prayers made necessary by Mom's stipulations... (Cain, 113).

a moment of suspense. A tense moment; an exciting moment; a moment of tenseness, tension.

...there was a moment of suspense and then flames started to spit... (Yank, 168).

money belt. A belt which one wears next to his skin in which there are pockets for safe keeping for valuables.

...twenty thousand dollars in his possession, probably on his person in a money belt (Gardner, 199).

money is easy. It is not difficult to get, earn, money; money is easy to come by.

He did not realise until later that entertainment money was very easy at that time... (Marquand, 285).

money isn't everything. Money is not the most important thing in the world.

Don't worry, though. Money isn't everything (Yank, 171).

money order. A check, order to pay, which is obtained at a post office.

Just send us your money order for two bucks... (Yank, 212).
I sent the money order for two bucks... (Yank, 212).
...he isn't going to take a chance on cashing a post office money order without giving the sucker some sort of a run for his money (Gardner, 12).
...I bought a post office money order for twenty-five bucks payable to the Conway Appliance Company... (Gardner, 11).

money rolls in. One makes, receives, much money rapidly; one gets money easily and continually.

...the money kept rolling in (Cain, 180).

to monkey around. To act foolishly; to do things purposelessly.

When things are tense like that a person gets impatient of monkeying around (Pyle, 428).
Yet he put it in there as though he were using a pointer, and he put it in fast too, no monkeying around (Pyle, 232).

monkey business. Foolishness; something not as it should be due to mischief, underhandedness, carelessness.

They were too busy getting equipment ashore, rounding up the real enemies and establishing a foothold, to indulge in any hand-waving monkey business (Pyle, 31).
He suspected moneky business (Pyle, 373).

to monkey with. To handle, work with, carelessly, purposelessly; to fool with.

Jim had to start living his own life sometime, and it doesn't halp to monkey with other people's lives (Marquand, 312).

monkey wrench. A common wrench which has two parallel jaws one of which is fixed and the other is adjustable.

...run to the spot with equipment that includes everything from fire extinguishers to monkey wrenches (Yank, 46).

the moon comes up. The moon rises; the moon appears to rise, as does the sun.

The moon had come up by this time, bringing the slopes of Montecassino out of the darkness (Yank, 57).
When the moon came up, we could see the Japs... (Yank, 146).

moon faced. Round faced; having a face which is almost round.

The Lieutenant's carbine misfired as he leveled it at a little moon-faced Jap only an arm's length away (Yank, 64).

the moon goes out. The moon disappears; the moon sets.

The moon had gone out and it was very dark (Pyle, 322).

the moon is down. The moon has set; the moon has disappeared for the night.

The moon was down... (Yank, 12).

moonlight requisition. A theft; stealing.

This was known as "moonlight requisitioning" (Yank, 139).

to mop --- brow. To wipe the perspiration from one's forehead; to wipe one's brow.

The private walked out mopping his brow... (Yank, 201).

to mop --- face. To wipe one's face.

...he took out a handkerchief and mopped his face (Cain, 170).

to mop --- forehead. To wipe (one's) forehead, brow.

Jeffrey smoothed his coat and mopped his forehead and then folded his handkerchief... (Marquand, 185).
Jeffrey pulled out his handkerchief and mopped his forehead (Marquand, 479).

a mop of hair. Unruly head of hair; a great deal of hair which seems untrained.

Jason Carrel, a thin young man in the thirties with high cheekbones, close-set eyes, and a mop of coal black hair... (Gardner, 28).
The poet is a tall young man with a mop of black hair (Yank, 29).

mop up. The killing, capturing, destroying those of the enemy remaining after most of them have been destroyed. (Also attributive.)

...mop-up squads came back to clean out all the holes they coudl find ... (Yank, 252).
Next day when the mop-up came, there was nothing left there to bother them (Yank, 9).

to mop up.

1. To clean by wiping; to clean with a mop of with a similar instrument or action.

...working all day at taking tips, and wearing a uniform, and mopping up crumbs (Cain, 41).

2. To remove, capture, kill those of the enemy remaining after most of them have been destroyed.

...the entire battalion was ordered back...to mop up the southern... side of the island... (Yank, 252).

morals charge. Rape, statutory rape, indecent exposure, and the like.

On the morals charge, all the jury wants to know is the age of the girl... (Cain, 202).
Just a little morals charge, and same afternoon, couple of the boys went over to serve it (Cain, 201).

more and more. Many more; increasingly more..

More and more guests had flowed out of the big room of the penthouse into the dining room... (Marquand, 354).
Mr. Gorman said that all the time there were more and more things to do and he was busy as a one-armed paperhanger (Marquand, 502).
...the little print dress was becoming more and more uncomfortable despite its pleasing appearance (Cain, 28).
...and growing more and more weary... (Pyle, 144).

more or less. Somewhat; to a degree; to an extent.

I went back to the ship and stayed aboard almost a week before going ashore more or less permanently (Pyle, 32).
...Air Forces...could live a more or less permanent life (Pyle, 220).
The British have always been against it...and American has more or less followed suit (Pyle, 158).
And perhaps the best thing to do about this whole conversation...would be more or less to forget it... (Marquand, 336).
...we finally arrived more or less intact (Yank, 247).
...set an ashtray near him, and pulled the covers over his more or less lovely nakedness (Cain, 29).

more particularly. In particular; specifically.

In Jeffrey's experience, writers, particularly novelists and more particularly woman novelists, were, as a rule... (Marquand, 344).

more than. In excess of; beyond; to an extent, degree, greater than.

More than a year ago I wrote an item... (Pyle, 240).

more than --- can stand. To be something one cannot abide, countenance; to be of such nature that one does not like something and can put up with it.

...it was almost more than she could stand, and she stumbled hurriedly

out... (Cain, 230).

morning mail. Mail, letters, which arrive in the morning post, mail.

Perry Mason stared at the morning mail with evident distaste (Gardner, 1).

morning, noon, and night. All day; all the time; very frequently.

After the big rush they gave me...Ma having me over morning, noon, and night... (Cain, 196).

morning paper. A newspaper printed at such a time to as to be distributed early in the morning.

...the morning paper was still on the grass... (Cain, 182).

the morning sun. The sun in the morning.

I...watched the morning sun break over the hills... (Yank, 116).

mosquito bar. Mosquito net; a netting which is placed usually over a bed for the purpose of keeping insects from a sleeping person.

He should also bring the following items: Mosquito bars... (Yank, 142).

mosquito net. (See: mosquito bar.)

...beneath the mosquito-net cover of a bed... (Yank, 119).

most of all. To the greatest extent, degree; for the most part.

But most of all they listened to the sweet music from German stations ... (Pyle, 207).
Mildred was tempted...most of all by the chance to go somewhere, to sit undersoft lights... (Cain, 26).

to be most trying. To be hard, difficult; to be hard to please.

And audiences are most trying (New Yorker, XIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

mother in law. One's spouse's mother.

He had wanted Jim to be his, not his mother-in-law's child... (Marquand, 304).

mother plane. A plane which controls another plane (drone) by means of electro-magnetic waves.

Everything it sees is projected by radio on a screen in a mother plane

or on the ground (Time, Nov. 19, 1945, 52).
The Navy's drones will be sent into the cloud by one mother ship (Birmingham News, June 25, 1946, 2).

to motion --- out of. To indicate by a motion, movement, that another should leave, go away.

...Mr. Treviso...motioned the little fat woman out of the room... (Cain, 216).

motor freight. The hauling of freight, goods, by truck as contrasted to a railroad. (Also attributive.)

Pappy used to be in the motor freight business before the war (Pyle, 335).
...he was still in the motor freight business... (Pyle, 335).

motor pool. A place where automobiles are stored and from which one may take an automobile for use. A motor pool is usually operated for an organization.

...a mortar concentration on the motor pool... (Yank, 123).
I remember watching a motor pool... (Yank, 123).
Then we walked around a couple of hedgerows to our motor pool... (Pyle, 408).

mountain shack. A mountain cabin; a small house used for vacations in the mountains.

You've taken me to mountain shacks... (Cain, 146).

mourner's bench. The anxious seat; in some protestant churches a seat, or pew, reserved for the mourners. Hence, any seat, chair, bench where one waits with some anxiety.

The morners' bench is full; its crowded ranks
Decry man's inhumanity to man (Yank, 153).
The mourners' bench is full, and still it seems
There's always room for more (Yank, 153).
The mourners' bench is full... (Yank, 153).

a mouthful of. A bite of; a sizeable bit of something in one's mouth.

He too had waked up before he could get a mouthful of food (Pyle, 190).

to mouth a phrase. To say something glibly; insincerely; to say something as if one had said it so often that it had lost its meaning.

...somehow his voice as he mouthed the phrase had left a sour note (Marquand, 43).

to move about. To go from place to place; to go from one place to another.

...someone in whose mind he still lived vividly...still moving about in performance, which he had left forever (Marquand, 32).
The German gunners could move about without exposing themselves (Pyle, 361).
I could hear the captain moving about to make sure that everyone was safe (Yank, 58).
You move about so fast on a tour (Marquand, 361).

to move along.

1. To go; to go to another place.

...came out from inside and passed the word for the group to move along (Yank, 46).

2. To continue to go; to keep on moving, giving.

I was moving along... (Yank, 123).

to move around. To move; to exercise; to relieve muscles tired from inaction by movement.

I got to--get someplace where I can move around (Cain, 198).
We all got up, welcoming a chance to move around... (Pyle, 371).

to move away. To go to live in another place; to change one's residence.

...for he was the only one who had not sold and moved away... (Marquand, 93).

to move away from. To go from; to leave; to depart from.

The ship wavered and moved away from the others... (Yank, 168).
But Madge's mind had moved away from it (Marquand, 586).

to move back. To move to the rear; rearward; to go toward the rear.

The captain ordered the litter to be moved back (Yank, 108).
...another company relieved them, and they moved back a couple of miles... (Pyle, 268).

to move by. To go by; to go past.

Then the lights turned and they all moved by him like a stream (Marquand, 54).

to be moved by. To be affected emotionally by; to be emotionally

disturbed by.

Bert was greatly moved by the details of Veda's arrival... (Cain, 257).
Nevertheless he had always been moved by church architecture, particularly the Early Gothic (Marquand, 594).

to move in.

1. To enter, go to, a place which is to become one's residence, home, domicile.

Then after we moved in the Germans would shell it heavily (Pyle, 117).
A newcomer just went from room to room until he found either an empty bed or some floor space for his bedroll, and moved in (Pyle, 94).
Beforethose Italians moved in, when all the farms in the soft blue valley were going to seed... (Marquand, 106).
He said that after he got his dugout finished and moved in he discovered a mole burrowing in the wall (Pyle, 263).
Mechanics for the aviation plant and for the shipyards at Wilmington w were moving in (Marquand, 425).

2. To approach; to go toward.

They worked like a good body puncher, moving in all the time... (Yank, 33).
Then we moved in to a pier (Pyle, 7).
...supplies were moved in over the beachhead (Yank, 252).

3. To move inward; to go toward the center.

But as they did, the Japs moved in toward them... (Yank, 9).
...we had moved in under our jeep for protection... (Pyle, 271).

to move in different worlds. To be in different classes of society; to have different friends, different habits, different amusements, and the like.

Furthermore, they move in two different worlds... (Cain, 194).

to move in on. To apporach so as to capture; to go toward with the purpose of catching.

It looked as though they've moved in on us (Gardner, 184).

to move off. To go away; to move away; to lea ve.

They said that when anyone came along the path the new man would move off to one side so as not to be seen (Pyle, 184).
The unburdened mules move off to their olive grove (Pyle, 155).
The thunder was moving off eastward to the Sound but it still sounded like artillery (Marquand, 540).

The sergeant moved off (Pyle, 200).
When we moved off, the captain placed me behind him and explained... (Yank, 58).
...the voice moved off somewhere... (Cain, 234).

to move on.

1. To move; to go.

We moved on into the enveloping night that might have a morning for us, or might not (Pyle, 12).
Our fighter moved on after the enemy... (Pyle, 452).
He killed the Jap and moved on (Yank, 251).
We continued to move on (Yank, 212).
One came directly from American, stopping only long enoughfor the troop to stretch their legs, then moving right on again (Pyle, 15).
...and the lights moved on (Yank, 118).
The platoons moved on... (Yank, 8).
We moved on, on our bellies (Yank, 10).
The Mad Russian flipped in a grenade, almost indifferently, and then moved on to direct the fight (Yank, 18).
The figure moved up to him, dropped a grenade and moved on (Yank, 19).
The talk moved on to London, but Jeffrey was not listening (Marquand, 252).
Gradually we moved on... (Pyle, 403).
...they moved on to the right to a 31-caliber machine-gun emplacement (Yank, 18).
Then he and Shupe moved on (Yank, 18).
Apparently an entire family had stopped to rest and had never moved on again (Yank, 178).
Once Jeffrey had hoped that his life would become simpler as time moved on (Marquand, 356).
...the regiment...moved on to relieve elements of the 1st Division... (Yank, 244).

2. To continue; to keep on; to go on.

It was astonishing to see everything move on as it had always moved... (Marquand, 590).
Custom moved on doggedly, in spite of the war (Marquand, 326).

to move out of.

1. To go away; to depart; to leave.

The shell fish...kept building pearly rooms and then moving out of them (Marquand, 31).
...Mildred, before she moved out of the Baragon mansion... (Cain, 256).
Then, and then only, did some Italian families move out (Pyle, 238).
I can shove two twos together, but not until I get Miss Ida moved out ... (Cain, 123).

...the company prepared to move out (Yank, 241).
...and told them to be ready to move out as soon as it got dark (Yank, 50).
She was also smart enoughto go home, pack up her things and move out that afternoon (Gardner, 10).
...it had moved out suddenly and left no forwarding address (Gardner, 11).
If you are going out to the Coast the way you say you are, the Jasons say they will move out somewhere and you can have their room... (Marquand, 555).
"Is Mr. Newcombe moving out?" Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 456).
Bill and I had moved out, and let Emily have the cabin (Gardner, 113).
The whole place seemed to be waiting for them to move out and go somewhere else... (Marquand, 303).
The platoon moves out (Yank, 148).
As the engineers moved out... (Yank, 250).
The three mortarmen came up and we moved out (Yank, 20).
They were moving out in a motor convoy (Pyle, 254).

2. To go from the center; to move outward.

At that the captain moved us farther out (Pyle, 231).

to move out with. To make one's residence, home, with; to move one's belongings into a place with.

...the hospital invited Wick Fowler and me to move out with them... (Pyle, 250).

to move over.

1. To move sideways; to move to the side.

...she gladly moved over while he pulled away from the curb... (Cain, 249).
Della Street's hand moved over to grip Mason's arm, a wordless pledge of loyalty (Gardner, 173).

2. To take one's belongings to a place.

She moved Letty over, with a room of her own... (Cain, 229).

3. To go across, over, something; to move; to go.

As court adjourned, Mason moved over to place a reassuring hand on Alden Leed's shoulder (Gardner, 152).

to move to town. To go to live in a city after having lived in the country.

Madge and her family had moved to town by then and Jeffrey had been seeing too much of Madge, her family thought (Marquand, 281).

to move up.

1. To move forward; to go toward the front; to advance.

Then he reported back to Battalion, which moved up to direct an artillery concentration... (Yank, 7).
Tell the captain to move the ship up close (Pyle, 355).
Japs were moving up with infantry supported by machine-guns and mortar fire (Yank, 23).
We could see them when we moved up a few feet (pyle, 401).
...a crack 155mm howitzer battalion...received orders to move up (Yank, 133).
A pack-mule company of Merrill's Marauders, moving up, forced Gen. Stilwell's jeep to the side of the narrow jungle trail (Yank, 129).
You've got to guard against the tendency of the American heavy weapon to move right up (Yank, 150).
...and one other battalion moved up to secure the first battalion's flank (Yank, 50).
Occasionally we passed companies of Infantry replacements moving up (Yank, 57).
Rumors can be wilder on the battle front than in any barracks latrine back in the States but anyway I joined a well known regiment moving up (Yank, 109).
Our skipper...ordered the engineer to cut the motors to idling speed so we could move up as noiselessly as possible (Yank, 254).
As 1st Lt. George Johnson...moved up with his company... (Yank, 251).
...the infantry moving up 50 yards behind it (Yank, 243).
The infantry doesn't sing much, especially moving up (Yank, 242).
...we were moving up to an assembly area... (Yank, 242).
A small force moving up the right flank to the river... (Yank, 147).

2. To advance in rank, position, condition.

Everyone had to move up and Mr. Grimes, the managing editor, had offered Mr. Fernald... (Marquand, 194).

movie camera. A camera which takes motion pictures; a motion picture camera. (Also attributive.)

...a 35-mm Mitchell movie-camera machine... (Yank, 199).

a movie star. An important actor, actress; a well known and well liked cinema actor, actress.

...following the model of the write-ups about the movie stars... (Yank, 175).

a moving experience. An experience which affects one's emotions.

There's nothing especially remarkable about it but it was a moving experience to see it happen (Pyle, 9).

moving picture show. A cinema; a movie.

Then, after an early supper, she had Letty take Veda to a moving picture show (Cain, 114).

to mow down. To kill; to destroy.

They yelled at their machine gunners and BAR men to "Mow down that bunch over there, boy!" (Yank, 92).
I just mowed them down (Yank, 53).
We mowed them down with the bow gun (Yank, 54).
...now he'll mow 'em down for the United Nations (Yank, 175).
Sometimes they tried to run for it and were mowed down (Pyle, 441).

Mr. Anthony. A radio performer who solicited people to come before the microphone and publicly tell their troubles. He then advised them how to solve their problems.

I've a problem that even Mr. Anthony couldn't solve (Yank, 170).

Mr. and Mrs. America. The average American husband and wife.

They were not like individuals just then, but like types, the wife and the husband, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. America (Marquand, 312).

not much to look at. Not to be pretty; to be ugly; homely.

...a look that made him think that even when they were young they would not have been much to look at... (Marquand, 344).

much to --- surprise. Surprisingly; astonishing;

The legs, much to their surprise, belonged to a major (Yank, 182).

to muck up. To be covered with mud, muck; to be muddied.

...already the tracks were mucked up and field wire was tripping the feet of GIs... (Yank, 144).

muffled talk. Quiet, undistinguishable, conversation.

Then there would be muffled talk (Cain, 184).

to muff a play. To do something poorly; to bungle; to treat, behave, awkwardly.

I muffed that play (Gardner, 63).

a mule train. A group of mules used to haul things; a pack train.

...and the major was out trying to arrange a mule train to go down and get some rations (Yank, 48).
...chief of the unit radio section, entered the perimeter, leading a mule pack train loaded with all kinds of ammunition (Yank, 93).
He brought back the ammunition mule train through an even more sever shelling (Yank, 93).
The mule train returned from the valley with boxes of ammunition and K rations... (Yank, 50).
When the mule trains became scarcer we caught up with jeeps pulling loaded trailers (Yank, 57).

to munch on. To chew; to masticate; to eat.

That's because we bring them crackers and butter and go off and leave them for a while, and they munch on crackers (Gardner, 149).

muscle bound. A condition of being unable to move due to tired muscles; a condition of tense, unrelaxed, distended muscles.

...his right arm had become muscle-bound from waving it too much (Pyle, 298).

musette bag. A bag, usually made of canvas, to which is attached a strap. The strap is placed on the shoulder for carrying the bag.

...I put them in my musette bag... (Pyle, 414).

musical comedy. A farce, comedy, which has as a part of it singing and dancing.

Sometimes it would be made up of groups that had the mistaken idea that it was going to be musical comedy... (Marquand, 291).
...when she came out to greet the customers, she looked like the cook in a musical comedy (Cain, 119).

a music lesson. A lesson in a musical instrument or in singing.

He doesn't hand you over to your music lesson... (Cain, 158).

mustard gas. A poisonous gas used for warfare: $(ClCH_2CH_2)_2S$.

...the cordite fumes from the shelling, and the faint antiseptic odor of mustard gas (Marquand, 236).

muster roll. The roll of a military company; the names of those in the muster, ranks, troops.

He got him a rating and had him placed on the muster roll as chaplain's yeoman (Yank, 46).

mutual esteem. A condition in which two persons, groups, think very

highly of each other. (Also attributive.)

But in the engineers it was a sort of mutual-esteem society (Pyle, 79).

my dear. (A polite form of address. Often used ironically, sarcastically.)

My dear, I heard her, and I was astonished... (Cain, 226).

my foot. No; not; like hell. (This implies that what is said is not true.)

Line solider, my foot... (Yank, 193).

my God. (An oath which is not condidered polite.)

"My God!" Mason exclaimed (Gardner, 61).
"My God," she said, "can't anyone cash a check without being hounded to death?" (Gardner, 18).

my goodness. Goodness gracious. (An exclamation with no real meaning.)

Well my goodness, you act as if it was Europe (Cain, 225).
Well, my goodness, the Biltmore's not in Burbank (Cain, 165).
Well, my goodness, this is where I get off (Yank, 143).
Well, my goodness, you don't have to scare everybody to death (Cain, 186).
...if you say my goodness one more time I shall scream... (Cain, 187).
Well my goodness, he's not gone yet (Cain, 181).
Well, my goodness, it's not your fault (Cain, 34).

the mystery to ---. What one does not understand; what is not clear to one.

The mystery to me is that there is anybody at all, no matter how strong, who can keep his spirit from breaking in the midst of battle (Pyle, 154).

nail file. A small file for cutting and shaping fingernails.

But when a stone is loosened by hammer blows, you can ship around it with the nail file and finally pryit out (Yank, 128).
You can't do much against a stone wall with a nail file (Yank, 128).

the naked eye. The unaided eye; without telescope, opera glasses, or any magnifying lenses.

As soon as he can't be seen with the naked eye, he's AWOL (Yank, 138).

to name after. To give a baby the same Christian, first, name, as another.

He said he was named after Mark Twain's brother (Pyle, 399).

a name band. A popular, famous, dance band, dance orchestra.

The torch singers with these big name bands... (Cain, 211).

to name names. To give someon's name in a report; to specify an individual by name.

She named no names, but made them quite rich and high-toned.

narrow escape. A close shave; a condition in which one is almost hurt, almost caught or the like.

The number of narrowescapes we had must have been very discouraging to the Axis fliers (Pyle, 33).

narrow minded. Not liberal; bigtoed; a condition of not being able or or willing to widen one's scope.

My narrow-minded opinion has changed... (Yank, 215).

native tongue. The language one learns as a baby; the language spoken in the land on one's birth.

There were also two corpulent French refugees speaking in their native tongue and two young men... (Yank, 318).

national advertising. Advertising which is so organized that it covers all of the U. S.; country wide advertising.

...a guarantee of mention in 25% of Consol's national advertising... (Cain, 235).

national hook up. A system of radio broadcasting whereby stations all over the U. S. broadcast the same program simultaneously.

...she'd got this chance on a big national hook-up (Cain, 210).

a natural born. Seeming to have a characteristic from birth; seeming to be born with a characteristic, in contrast to having developed it.

I'm a natural born rebel (Yank, 101).
He was just a natural-born center of any stage... (Pyle, 73).

natural selection. The selection which is responsible in part for the survival of the fittest. (Associated with Darwin.)

...Jeffrey wondered what whim of natural selection had brought those two together (Marquand, 110).

near by. Close at hand; in the vicinity.

Some laborers near by were still raking through the rubbish... (Marquand, 227).
They had stripped the prisoners of their identifications and clothes, he said, and had taken them to a field near by (Yank, 27).

the near side. That side closest to the speaker or subject (of the sentence).

Our kickoff infantry had been pulled back a few hundred yards from the near side of the road (Pyle, 433).

near to.

1. Close to; near.

...he got as near to the ground as he could (Pyle, 171).

2. In intimate understanding with.

Intermingling of Pierce Homes, Inc., with Mildred Pierce, Inc.....had brought Bert nearer to her than he had ever been before... (Cain, 250).

near sighted. Myopic; being unable to see clearly what is far away from the eyes.

...his eyes had the same near-sighted intensity (Marquand, 39).

neat and trim. In good physical condition, not being fat.

Lt. Hillard was neat and trim, as lean and hard as any 21-year old boy should be (Yank, 95).

neck and neck. Together; one not being ahead of the other.

For a while there two ships were running a neck-and-neck race for the most missions flown (Yank, 171).

needless to say. It is apparent; it is obvious.

Needless to say, it was a rare pleasure... (Yank, 199).

to be neither here nor there. To be of no importance; to be unessentia.

... but that is neither here nor there (Yank, 227).

Nero fiddled while Rome burned. (The emperor Nero is supposed to have idly played a musical instrument during the burning of the city of Rome. Hence, t this is applied to anyone who is idle when there is a great emergency.)

Anzio is where Nero is supposed to have fiddled while Rome burned... (Pyle, 234).

nerve racking. Causing great nervous tension; causing nervous tention and excitement.

Air raids at night were far more nerve-racking then the daylight ones... (Pyle, 34).
The first day we had snipers firing...which was very nerve-racking..... (Yank, 9).

a nervous stomach. A stomach which is susceptible to nervous tension causing nausea, indigestion, headaches, and the like.

You got nervous stomach (Yank, 217).

nervous strain. Nervous tension; a tenseness of the muscles as well as the nerve due to worry, fatigue, and the like.

...that was what the doctors said, the emotional wear and tear and the nervous strain (Marquand, 276).

nervous wreck. A condition of having a nervous breakdown, nervous prostration.

Red Riding Hood was a nervous wreck... (Yank, 155).

a nest of. A nest containing; a hiding place of.

And at Savo Island, just north of Guadalcanal, it found a nest of hiding Jap ships and got mixed up... (Yank, 43).

net result. The result; the consequence; the effect.

Most of the men had also received galoshes, and the net result of this issue was that the medics were treating far fewer cases of feet... (Yank, 196).

...in his opinion the net result of their efforts added up to almost nothing (Marquand, 321).

never a dull moment. Always excitement; always something happening. (Often ironic.)

There was never a dull moment... (Yank, 199).

never ending. Endless; perpetual; continuous. (As the preparation of a glossary.)

...never-ending queues of workers... (Yank, 120).

never mind.

1. Pay no attention to; not to heed; not to note.

"No", Jim said quickly, "Sally, she--Well, never mind it now" (Marquand,551).
"Never mind about women", Jeffrey said (Marquand, 514).
Sometime...I'd like to talk to you about war, but never mind it now.... (Marquand, 551).
Yes...but never mind it now (Marquand, 449).
Never mind it, Madge (Marquand, 536).
Never mind it now... (Marquand, 118).
Oh...never mind it, Madge... (Marquand, 330).
Yes...but never mind it now (Marquand, 562).
...but never mind about that (Cain, 137).
Never mind it, Charley (Marquand, 224).
Never mind, it, Gwen (Marquand, 224).
Never mind, Madge...that's all right (Marquand, 366).
Never mind it, Minot... (Marquand, 371).
Never mind it now (Marquand, 159).
Oh, never mind that (Cain, 118).
Mason said, "Never mind that" (Gardner, 67).
Minot...never mind it (Marquand, 395).
Never mind it, Milton (Marquand, 404).
Never mind it now, Madge... (Marquand, 440).
...when he handed Jeffrey his key, but Jeffrey said never mind them, now (Marquand, 429).
Well...never mind it, now (Marquand, 429).
I had quite a time in the war...but never mind it now (Marquand, 436).
"Never mind it now,", Jeffrey answered, "I'm talking about Jim" (Marquand, 396).
Now, never mind lies, tears, or sentiment (Gardner, 108).
Never mind whether it's becoming or not (Cain, 70).
She's the most delightful little thing I've ever met in a long time, but never mind about her (Cain, 126).
Never mind your nicknames... (Yank, 166).
Never mind about having mentioned it (Marquand, 49).
Never mind about me (Marquand, 48).
Never mind it, that's just life... (Marquand, 48).
Never mind about other people... (Marquand, 12).

2. Do not bother; do not do something (because someone else will do it or it is not of value enough to be done).

Never mind. I got 'em (Cain 210).
"It was all right,", Jeffrey said, "but - never mind" (Marquand, 113).
Never mind. I can handle this (Marquand, 503).
"Never mind,", Jeffrey said (Marquand, 502).
"Darling", he told her, "never mind" (Marquand, 150).
...oh well, never mind (Cain, 183).
"Never mind", Jeffrey said, "I'll read it" (Marquand, 320).

new blood. New people; new and different people, persons.

There was a continual transfusion of new blood (Marquand, 24).

a new deal. Another chance; another opportunity.

All Mr. Gorman needed was a whole new deal, as you might say..... (Marquand, 615).

a new man. A revitalized person; an invigorated, restored person.

"I am a new man," Artie said (Yank, 98).

to be a new one on. To have not heard of, seen, before; to be new, novel, for one.

That's a new one on me: I never heard that before (Pyle, 120).

new potatoes. Potatoes freshly dug; potatoes which have not bee in storage. (These are usually boiled and served whole.)

...meat pie made with tender squares of meat, rich, yellow carrots, new potatoes, walnut-sized onions, and steaming gravy (Gardner, 97).

news ace. A good reporter for a newspaper, magazine; an ace reporter.

He may be Walter Newcombe, the news ace... (Marquand, 34).

news behind the news. The secret affairs; the actual happenings which cause events.

...ended up, in the uncertain days of the Roosevelt administration when everybody sought avidly for news behind the news, as a syndicated columnist... (Marquand, 278).

no news is good news. If one receives no news, things must be all right; one always hears of bad news.

...guys who can't believe that no news is good news (Yank, 35).

newspaper game. Newspaper work; newspaper publishing, editing, writing, managing.

My brother's in the newspaper game. (Marquand, 293).
Poops was in the newspaper game once himself (Marquand, 34).

a newspaper man. A reporter; a newspaper writer; a man connected with a newspaper.

"All these newspaper men," Minot said, "are like anybody else who comes from a small town and gets ahead" (Marquand, 245).

news reel. A movie about current events; a cinema concerning actual happenings.

The evening's entertainment opens with news reels in French, Russian, and Persian (Yank, 73).

news stand. A kiosk; a place where newspapers, magazines, are sold.

When he stopped at the news-stand to buy a morning paper, a porter asked if he might carry his suitcase (Marquand, 255).

to be new to. To be novel for; to be different for; to be something one has not experienced before, previously.

It was a new idea to Mildred... (Cain, 228).
He did not mind because everything was still new to him (Marquand, 256).

a new wrinkle. A new device, method, plan; a novelty.

The Dime-a-Dozeners worked out several new wrinkles in jungle fighting.. (Yank, 55).

New Year's. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, if it refers to a party, entertainment, for the like; January 1, otherwise.

...her choice of the New Year's party... (Cain, 159).
It would be at the New Year's party... (Cain, 159).
Then before you got over Chirstmas there was New Years with eggnog parties ... (Marquand, 326).

next day. The day following; on the following day.

The next day planes of the Tactical Air Force dropped a million leaflets... (Yank, 128).
...out you run, and maybe you come back next day, and maybe you come back next week (Cain, 38).
...the next day came worse trouble... (Yank, 124).
...the next day, when the newspapers...published it under big headlines... (Cain, 256).

It began the first evening, and by the next day had grown to unbelievable proportions (Pyle, 458).
...they might have to move the next day, and maybe... (Pyle, 426).
Our company was to march that night and start its own attack next day (Pyle, 188).
Somebody buried the leg the next day (Pyle, 184).

next door. Near by; adjacent to.

...that stringbean that lives next door... (Cain, 169).
...there was a rap on the screen door, and Mrs. Gessler, who lived next door, came in (Cain, 8).
...I was only taking the evidence of the people who had the apartment next door and the landlady who ran the joint (Gardner, 21).

next door neighbors. Neighbors who live adjacent to one, or who live near by.

We started off for our next door neighbor's (Yank, 60).

next morning. The following morning; on the subsequent morning.

The Germans took the mayor and 10 others hostages, held them overnight in one of the buildings and hanged six of them the next morning in the town square (Yank, 49).

the next move. The subsequent action; the next act.

....so far as his doing anything goes, I'd say the next move was up to them (Cain, 202).

the next thing knows. Seemingly without any interval; before one knows it.

Next thing she knew, she was in court, raising her hand, swearing to tell the truth... (Cain, 86).
...the next thing I knew I was being squeezed...kissed... (Yank, 218).
...the next thing I knew I was here in the general hospital (Yank, 217).
...the next thing they knew, the three of them were howling with laughter ... (Cain, 233).

next to last. Penultimate; the last but one.

In fact when Mr. Fernald returned from lunch to give the last directions for the page on the next to last edition... (Marquand, 198).
...they had a new weel on the plane by the time the next-to-last ship of the squadron was taking off (Pyle, 171).

next week. The following week; during the following week.

...out you run, and maybe you come back next day, and maybe you come back next week (Cain, 38).

a nice girl. A pleasant, respectable, usually not too vivacious girl.

They were not nice girls like Louells Barnes (Marquand, 179).

to be nice of. To be thoughtful, pleasant, kindly, of one.

It was nice of her to say it (Marquand, 408).
It was certainly nice of her (Cain, 210).
It was nice of Jim to tell him (Marquand, 61).
That's nice of you, Walter (Marquand, 50).

to be nice to. To be pleasant, kindly, thoughtful, to one.

...as this was the first girl Veda had ever chosen as a friend, she tried to "be nice to her" (Cain, 191).

to nick for. To get from another; to have another pay one.

You'll have your own quarters and I think you can nick her for one fifty if you get tough... (Cain, 40).

night after night. For many nights; nightly.

I know it works, for I saw it in one of Captain Allamon's aid stations night after night (Pyle, 153).

night and day. Continually; almost all the time. (See: day and night.)

...she has prayed for me night and day... (Yank, 189).
...and the perpetual moving and the never settling down and the go, go, go, night and day, and on through the night again (Pyle, 85).

the night before. The previous night; the preceding night.

...the spire of the Congregational Church with its rooster weathervane all seemed to have been washed clean by the shower the night before (Marquand, 153).

a night clerk. The clerk who works at night in a hotel renting rooms, etc. He is usually in charge of the hotel at night.

Hello, is this the night clerk of the Border City Hotel? (Gardner, 174).

a night club. A retaurant at which alcholic drinks are serve and in which there is a dance floor for dancing, and in which there are usually entertainers performing acts or singing. (Also attributive.)

...the only skiing possible in such a coat could be done at a night club (Yank, 228).
New York, night clubs, dances, orchids, hotel suites, clothes for the refugee (Marquand, 424).

...the civilians I saw at those night clubs I attended (Yank, 212).
...privately owned, operated-for-profit night clubs open to all the public ... (Yank, 212).
Then, like a clap of thunder, in the night club, just when they were dancing to the Blue Danube... (Marquand, 424).
They went to dances and night clubs and shows (Pyle, 329).

night comes on. Night draws near; day is ending.

With night coming on and the enemy still intact, the battalion pulled back ... (Yank, 5).

night fall. The beginning of night; dusk.

....by night-fall the field was full (Yank, 2020).

a night off. A free night; an evening, night, when one has no obligations, when one does not have to work.

Given the chance, he's handy with his nights off (Yank, 36).

nine out of ten. Most; the great majority.

The boys said it was the best squadron in England. Nine out of ten squadrons...will say the same thing about themselves (Pyle, 320-21).

nine times out of ten. Most often; usually; very frequently.

Nine times out of ten these people had picked up weight... (Pyle, 239).
Nine times out of ten the people are mixed up (Pyle, 344).
...nine times out of ten it was some goof--standing out in a field...who hit them (Pyle, 164).

to be no answer. No one answered the telephone; there is no answer to the telephone.

They rang, and there was no answer (Cain, 182).

nobody in God's world. Nobody; on one.

...there's no use bothering about that when nobody in God's world knows what the income taxes will be next year (Marquand, 399).

nobody in particular. One who is not well known famous; an average person.

Jeffrey had a feeling that everyone else at the party was like him, nobody in particular, waiting for... (Marquand, 342).

to be nobody's business. To be of no concern to anyone; to be the affair of no one.

That's nobody's business but mine (Cain, 246).

a nodding acquaintance. One who is recognized and known by appearance only; a person to whom one speaks but whom one does not know intimately.

Later, Jeffrey knew that it was impossible for Jesse to have had more than a nodding acquaintance with any of these people... (Marquand, 384).
I got to know a great many of the sailors personally and almost all of them by nodding acquaintance (Pyle, 3).

to nod head. To indicate; to point. (One nods his head toward someone, something.)

Mason interrupted her to nod his head toward where the two deputies..... (Gardner, 205).

no doubt.

1. Doubtlessly; without question; unquestionably; surely.

No doubt he was looking quizzical and interesting as he lighted his pipe (Marquand, 471).
That was no doubt less because of German beneficience than because of the nature of the country (Pyle, 415).
...no doubt because she was precisely the kind of snob that he was himself ...(Cain, 147).

2. No question; certainty; absolute conviction.

...Minot would pull out his gold cigareete case, and there was no doubt that it was solid gold... (Marquand, 221).
There was no doubt that they were engaged (Marquand, 209).
...there was no doubt how the doughboy had died (Marquand, 324).

no fooling. Honestly, surely; positvely.

He was a hot shot and no fooling (Pyle, 37).

no fun. Bad; not at all pleasant.

Even GI's who claim they have been through 500 bombings admit raids are still no fun (Yank, 42).

no good. Bad evil.

I tell you, those Fascists were no good (Yank, 27).
I'm no God-damn good... (Cain, 188).

no less than. At least; at the minimum.

There was also no less than eight copies of a volume entitled "REsponsible Drinking".... (New Yorker, XXIII, September 6, 1947, 20).

no longer. Not any more; having done, been so but not doing, being, so now.

The French no longer had that warm gratitude toward Americans which they had evinced in other days (Marquand, 229).
...this child was no longer a child (Cain, 190).

no man's land. The space between two armies; the land lying between the most advanced soldiers of two opposing armies.

He only found out later that he was in no man's land, and that the lines were very fluid (Marquand, 235).
Some soldiers told about running onto another soldier stretched out in the back seat of a jeep, way up front, almost in No Man's Land (Pyle, 241).
He had crashed...in a sort of pastoral no man's land (Pyle, 454).
If a plan went down in No Man's Land, more than half the troops on the beachhead could see it fall (Pyle, 336).

no matter. Regardless of; without regard to, concern of.

No matter what we asked him to do...he did it goodnaturedly.. (Pyle, 409).
The M.P.'s very seldom troubled them no matter what they did (Marquand, 218).
No matter how the day broke, she was home at threeo'clock in the afternoon ... (Cain, 180).
Do her letters say she misses you, and is willing to wait no matter how long? (Yank, 35).
But even when water is plentiful you nver see him take a drink of it straight no matter how much you watch him (Yank, 36).
Sir Thomas was an Englishman, and no matter how you tried to put it there was no way of escaping what Sir Thomas thought of Americans (Marquand, 252).
"No matter what happens?" she repeated (Marquand, 494).
No matter what happens, I can't thank you enought for it (Marquand, 494).
But no matter how tough the tree... (Yank, 323).
That was what you always said no matter where you were (Marquand, 530).
No matter how long he lived he still made curious and disturbing discoveries about himself (Marquand, 537).
She couldn't break Veda, no matter how much she beat her (Cain, 73).
...no matter what hour he showed up (Pyle, 259).

no mistake about it. That is sure, certain, real.

...they're in the money, and no mistake about it (Cain, 211(.

no more and no less. Exactly, precisely.

Do exactly as I told you, no more and no less (Gardner, 118).

a non-com. A non-commissioned officer.

A non-com from the patrol must have been with him too... (Marquand, 282).

no need. No necessity; no use.

...there was no need to take oxygen... (Yank, 117).

to be none of business. Not to be one's affair; to be of no concern to one.

None of it's anybody's business, as far as that goes. (Cain, 246).
It's noen of my business... (Marquand, 323).
I suppose it's none of my business (Marquand, 5520).
That's none of your business (Gardner, 163).
It was none of my business but all the time you were answering those ads ... (Cain, 50).
Bert was sitting on the box again, saying it was none of his business, but in his opinion that conductor could...have allowed Veda to sing an encore ... (Cain, 240).
Mildred, it may be none of my business, but it's time you knew what was going on with Veda (Cain, 191).
Mildred choked back an impulse to tell her it was none of her business where she had been... (Cain, 97).
"...for that check?" "None of your business" (Gardner, 18).
"...with the money?" "None of your business" (Gardner, 18).

no one else. No other person; none other.

...after Fred met Beckie at one of the Met dances...there had been no one else for Fred (Marquand, 105).

a noose draws tight. A trap is about to be sprung on some one; some one is about to be caught, captured.

The noose was drawing tighter (Marquand, 41).

no parking. Parking is prohibited; do not park here.

....there are wooden signs right out of your home town;... "No Parking" ... (Yank, 39).

no place to go. No home; no house; no refuge; no place where one belongs.

An outfit would pick up some kid, usually one who had been orphaned by bombing and had no home and no place to go (Pyle, 243).

to be no point in. To be no purpose in; not to be of any value in.

There was no point in wondering what he might have become... (Marquand, 220).

to be no question of. To be no possibility of.

...so there was no question of kidding (Cain, 232).

to nose along. To move cautionsly and to examine the way as one goes.

I nosed along, followed by a few GIs... (Yank, 11).

nose and throat specialist. A physician, surgeon, who specializes in the diseases of the nose and throat.

That room is like the office of a nose and throat specialist. (Marquand, 243).

to nose around. To hunt; to search. (This implies a search from place to place without knowing exactly where to find something.)

...German vehicles that...were nosing around to find out if were still there ... (Yank, 124).
After nosing around into all the nice conveniences of the place, I discovered we also had a toilet and a shower (Pyle, 287).
None of us really believe we had heard music, but a little nosing around next morning disclosed that antiaircraft gun crew high up the hillside had a protable radio... (Pyle, 107).
When the truck came back the little dog was running ahead of it, nosing around into everyting, still acting awfully important (Pyle, 115).

nose is to the grindstone. One works steadily and hard.

Not worth mentioning, and I'm headed back to put my nose to the grindstone... (Gardner, 9).
I can see you've been painting the town red while I've been holding my nose to the grindstone (Gardner, 61).

to nose out.

1. To search for and to find; to discover through inquiry.

...Sinclair - and so did Ella---know that Jeff Wilson was the man to nose it out (Marquand, 340).

2. To move away cautiously, slowly.

We nosed out to sea for amile or so, then dropped anchor for a couple of hours... (Pyle, 320).

to nose over. To go down vertically, head first.

...he wiggled his wings, raised his diving brakes, rolled on his back, nosed over, and down he went (Pyle, 160).

nose runs. One has a cold and the nasal discharge drips from one's nose.

His nose was running and he was waiting for his tip... (Marquand, 228).

to be no sign of. To be no indication of; to be no signs of.

There was no live human being, no sign of movement anywhere (Pyle, 452).
There was no sign of Veda (Cain, 252).

to be no skin off (back, shin). To be of no value to; to be no loss to; to be worthless to.

Well, he said that if the prosecuting witness didn't show up, it was no skin off their shins (Gardner, 197).

no sooner...than. As soon as; at the time that; just when.

She had no sooner made this decision than she saw Mrs. Forrester eyeing her sharply (Cain, 192).
...I no sooner turn my back than you turn into some kind of yodeler...

No sonner had it git the ground than big black dog...grabbed the genade... (Pyle, 191).
Both of them spoke with elaborate casualness, but she was no sooner alone than she pitched the bag on the bed... (Cain, 93).

not bad. Fairly good; good.

"Oh, I don't know," muttered Pfc. Shea. "It wasn't so bad" (Yank, 184).
...later he pulled Jeffrey back to the office to work on rewrite, which was not a bad idea, because Jeffrey wrote clean copy fast (Marquand, 278).
Mason lit a cigarette. "Not bad, Paul" (Gardner, 11).

not a bit. None; not; never.

"not a bit of it", Mason said (Gardner, 121).
"Not a bit", Della Street said (Gardner, 186).

not a chance in a thousand. No chance; practically no opportunity.

Not one chance in ten thousand (Gardner, 148).

not a chance in the world. No chance; practically no opportunity.

"Not a chance in the world," Mason told her, "and I don't even dare to try" (Gardner, 77).

not even. (This serves as a negative intensive.)

...nobody, not even a general, is to get through (Yank, 179).

not ever. Never.

And Beckie would never tell Madge...what it was that she remembered because it was something that she could never tell anyone, not ever (Marquand, 105).

not hardly. Hardly; scarcely; barely.

...I don't hardly get them cleared out... (Cain, 175).

not long. Soon; a short time.

Not long before the company left the States... (Yank, 245).

not only that but. In addition; also.

Not only that, but with military police at the door to keep out the "untouchables" (Yank, 212).

not that knows of. One is unaware of something; one knows nothing about something.

Not that I know of. (Gardner, 85).
Why..not that I know of. (Cain, 22).
Why, nothing that I know of (Cain, 21).

nothing but. Only; but; just.

I saw them arrive at gun stations wearing nothing but their drawers... (Pyle, 33).
Because they're nothing but children (Cain, 194).

nothing can do about (it). To be helpless concerning; not be able to take action regarding.

He stopped, there was nothing more that he could do about it (Marqudnd, 362).
...like a fly upon the ceiling, but there was nothing you could do about it --everyone else was walking upside down (Marquand, 204).
...vivaciously and passionately, and there was nothing you could do about it the way the world was going (Marquand, 540).

And she was right, there was nothing you could do about it (Marquand, 15).

nothing can say. To be in a condition in which anything one might say would be misconstrued.

There was nothing you could say (Marquand, 21).

nothing comes of (it). It amounts to practically nothing; it did not develope into anything.

I suppose nothing will come of it, if we're really honest about it (Cain, 137)
Well, nothing came of it Gardner, 145).
...I hung around the planes...but nothing came of it except that I got a large quantity of dirt-blown in my face (Pyle, 22).
Nothing came of the adpanswering (Cain, 32).
If nothing more came of it, he could easily write another (Marquand, 290).

nothing doing. No action; no movements.

Two litter bearers had just come into report nothing doing... (Yank, 197).

nothing matters. Anything is acceptable; anything goes.

Nothing mattered that afternoon (Marquand, 476).

nothing more than. Only; just; nothing but.

Actually they were nothing more than the famous P-51 Mustang equipped with diving brakes (Pyle, 159).

nothing much. Nothing; practically nothing.

When you got right down to it there was nothing much else he could do... (Yank, 48).
"What's the Bulldog Club?"..."Oh, nothing much", he said (Marquand, 4).

nothing of the kind. Not; no; not to do something.

You'll do nothing of the kind (Cain, 205).
What do you mean, I'll do nothing of the kind? (Cain, 205).

nothing of the sort. Not; no.

"I did nothing of the sort," Serle said with dogged persistence (Gardner, 200
"I had her do nothing of the sort", mason said... (Gardner, 206).

nothing of value. Nothing worthwhile; only thing which are worthless.

They left practically nothing of value or interest behind. (Pyle, 147).

nothing short of. Truly; really; absolutely.

They even had ice cream and Coca-Cola. That seemed nothing short of miraculous (Pyle, 2).

nothing to go on. To have no guide, precedent.

...he designed Hale's first round bed in 1936...with nothing to go on but the inspiration... (New Yorker, X_XIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

no time.

1. Insufficient time; a lacking of time.

Jeffrey started to answer, but there was no time (Marquand, 114).
...but decided there was no time to do anything about it now... (Yank, 58).
There was no time at all now, since you were face to face with something that was very close to zero (Marquand, 220).

...Jeffrey wanted to tell her that he liked it, when she looked up at him and smiled, but there was no time (Marquand, 126).
There was more that Jeffrey wanted to say, but there was no time for any of it (Marquand, 442).

2. Not a proper time; not a reasonable time.

He realized that he must not make a fool of himself, that it was no time to show resentment (Marquand, 439).

not the least. Quite a noticealbe; rather a stroking.

Not the least odd feature of the battle scene was the behavior of Jap prisoners in the stockade (Yank, 45).

not long. A short time; soon.

"Not very long", Mason admitted (Gardner, 210).
...not long ago she applied for...a family allowance... (Yank, 173).
Not long before that some German raiders did not get through and a bomb explosion killed three men and wounded nearly a dozen others (Fyle, 103).

not much of. Poor; bad insufficient; not good.

They had been in the same Squadron in the last war, and Bill had been an observer, and not much of an observer either (Marquand, 563).

not much to look at. Ugly homely; unattractive.

She wasn't so much to look at (Marquand, 476).
She wasn't so much to look at, but she could do anything with numbers...
She wasn't much to look at, but he was tired of looks (Marquand, 476).

not only--but (also). This...and in addition.

Not only had it taken in large sums itself, but it had drawn a bigger dinner trade, and a better dinner trade (Cain, 152).
She had come to depend on her tall, thin, profance bartender...not only for shrewd business advice but also for some sort of emotional support ... (Cain, 176).
...the resort was coming up, not only for summer trippers, but for year-round residents as well (Cain, 176).

not so hot. Poor; bad; not good.

The Chetniks are not so hot, Tito added... (Yank, 249).
...the bottompart of it isn't so hot. Yank, 133).

not so long ago. Shortly before; only a short time ago.

He called me up not so long ago (Marquand, 395).

not to be the only thing on earth. Not to be of most importance; not to be essential.

...the piano isn't the only thing on earth... (Cain, 187).

not to be much use. Not to do very much good; to be of little significance.

My! of course, I did what I could to discourage them, to make them uncomfortable, but it wasn't much use (New Yorker, SSIII, September 13, 1947, 25).

to be of no use. To be of no value, importance, significance.

...it was no use (Cain, 153).
We tried to duck the challenge, but it was no use (Yank, 186).
...it was only right they should have it when the child was dead, and also there was no use telling her there would be no prayers for the child's soul (Cain, 109).
...there's no use telling me, you can't raise signers in Glendale (Cain, 234).

not a word. Nothing; no information; news, opinion.

"You mean Veda hasN't told you anything?" "Not a word" (Cain, 193).
"Not a word," she said (Gardner, 165).

the novelty wears off. It is no longer new, different; the strangeness disappears.

He could not blame Marianna for thinking so because Alf always struck strangers that way until the novelty wore off (Marquand, 484).

now and then. Occasionally; off and on; frequently; once in a while; from time to time.

Now and then some youngsters would get hurt... (Pyle, 226).
We did manage to gain a little wright now and then (Pyle, 343).
He was a driver, and now and then he got an assignment to drive some high officers (Pyle, 414).
Now and then a man was buried (Pyle, 257).
Now and then I saw a farmer plowing... (Pyle, 238).
...decided that Anna rated a free pie now and then, too (Cain, 66).
...now and then shell fragments skipped across the water (Yank, 169).
Now and then Shorty will bediscovered in the middle of the street... (Yank, 136).
Now and then we would see a military convoy... (Pyle, 324).
Now and then somebody slipped.... (Pyle, 211).
Also, now and then an artillery burst... (Pyle, 149).
Now and then they even had to go on a cleanup detail... (Pyle, 214).
Now and then a forrnt line flare would light up the sky... (Pyle, 202).

...ust inside the gate, in front of that little one*position switch-board that she gets a right number out of now and then, mostly then (Cain, 36).
Every now and then I heard a story of a wreck caused by the brakes giving out (Pyle, 276).
They painted the town and blew off steam as any active man who lives dangerously must do now and then (Pyle, 329).
...they didn't have a casualty now and then... (Pyle, 423).
Now and then a light would flash on the ground... (Pyle, 324).
Minot had mentioned Bill Swinburne now and then, since Minot was always loyal to everyone in the Squadron (Marquand, 570-71).
Yougave him a Christmas present and now and then another present, but he maintained his private life inviolate (Marquand, 397).
Now and then blasts from a 20-millimeter gun would splatter the buildings around us (Pyle, 407).
But now and then a wall would have a round hole through it... (Pyle, 403).
...nothing to do all day long but ride around in the boat and doge a shell now and then (Pyle, 277).
Chief talked now and then on the interphone to the rest of the crew (Pyle, 325).
Now and then we'd get clear under the blanet... (Pyle, 199).
...and now and then some dirty guy who had different sentiments would run out and take a shot at them (Pyle, 167).
Now and then we stopped one and questioned him... . (Pyle, 98).
Now and then we could see a red tracer bullet arching throughthe darkness (Pyle 25).
Now and then a soldier would crack up before he ever went into action (Pyle, 189).
Now and then he returned to the front with his old outfit (Pyle, 139).
Now and then he could watch her with an amused sort of detachment..... (marquand, 435).
But now and then they'd pick up a lulu of a spot which would take anywhere up to twenty-four hours to get around (Pyle, 58).
Now and then they had steak (Pyle, 219).
I used to go up and have dinner with him now and then. (Pyle, 314).
...this benighted fellow just sat staring at the floor and now and then shaking his head.... (Pyle, 318).
Now and then she would give a boy a look... (Pyle, 290).
...and now and then we could hear the ratta-ta-tat-tat of machinegunning...
Now and then I saw an Army truck radiator decorator with a pair of those horns (Pyle, 238).

Now I lay me down to sleep. The first line of the children's prayer; "NOw I layme down to sleep, I praythe Lord my soul to keep; and Should I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

It was as simple as "Now I lay me down to sleep" (Marquand, 138).

now look at. See what one has become; see what one is. (This is often ironic.)

Corporal Hernandez, a half-track driver, described himself as "one of those guys who wanted to see action, and now look at me" (Pyle, 267).

now that you mention it. (Serve to imply that the speaker had forgotten something, but now remembers it.)

"Now that you metntion it, "Jeffrey said, "That's perfectly true, but I never thought of it in quite that way (Marquand, 345).

now then. (This is used as an attention getting device usually beofre making a point after certain statements have been made.)

Now then, after you left the sanitarium, you wrote out another twnety thousand dollar check... (Gardner, 117).
"Now then," Mason said conversationally, "suppose that it should appear that the defendant... (Gardner, 133).

null and void. Invalid; ov no validity.

...you gotta stop this guy from being a nuisance and perchance making null and void several just debts you got out standing (Yank, 162).

number comes up. To die; to be killed.

She must have been one of the girls you knew...in Paris when you knew that your number was coming up soon... (Marquand, 215).
I thought it was my time...I figured my number had come up... (Pyle, 166).

number is up. One is about to die; one is about to be killed.

Now there was Stan - he always knew his number was up (Marquand, 75).

a number of. Several; quite a few.

A number of others had been there, too... (Marquand, 233).
He was going out to the West Coast as he had every winter for a number of years... (Marquand, 407).
She drove down a number of times and looked it over (Cain, 176).
She told of her progress with the Choping Grand Valse Billiante, repeating the title of the piece a number of times... (Cain, 11).

the nut house. Insance asylum; a place of safe keeping for those who are insane, crasy.

...they put my uncle Joseph Aloysius McGonigle in the nut house... (Yank, 162)

to be nuts about. To be fond of; to like; to enjoy.

The captain of the guard at the Shanghai camp was nuts about softball... (Yank, 185).

nuts to. (Impolite form of **no**.)

But actually he thought little about it, and if there was going to be any red tape about it, he would say **nuts to** it (Pyle, 137).
"**Nuts to you**", Drake said... (Gardner, 9).

oak leaves. An insignia colored gold in the shape of a leaf which indicates that the wearer is either a major or lieutenant colonel in the army or a lieutenant commander or commander in the navy. (A gold leaf is the sign of lower rank and silver of a higher rank.)

The guy...was...sporting a pair of oak leaves... (Yank, 141).

to object to. Not to like; to be annoyed at; to dislike. (This implies that one is vocal in his dislike.)

Is there anything in particular that you object to? (Cain, 156).

to be obscured by. To be hidden by; to be the cause of not being able to see clearly.

This view of the future was somewhat obscured by the circumstances that Mildred didn't know... (Cain, 208).

an obsession with. A preoccupation with; a constant thinking about something.

The piano had become an obsession with her... (Cain, 144).

to obtain from. To get, receive, from.

...Mildred didn't know exactly how much Veda had obtained from the Lenhardts... (Cain, 209).

to obtrude on. To force itself on; to come into without invitation or desire of another.

...no such motive obtruded on her virtuous consciousness (Cain, 160).

the occasion demands. It is necessary; it must be; it is essential.

Although he is a strict disciplinarian when occasion demands, Stilwell is no stickler for the more rigid military courtesies (Yank, 130).

occupational hazard. Something of danger one faces in one's job, business, occupation.

Getting hit was regarded as an occupational hazard, and nobody seemed to worry about it (Yank, 52).

to occur to. To come to one's mind; to be thought of by. (Often introduced by it.)

It didn't occur to her that she was acting less like a mother than a lover... (Cain, 208).
...it occured to Mildred that her encouragement to Mr. Treviso's story-telling might have been a stall for time (Cain, 185).

...it hadn't occurred to him she could possibly be interested in this formidable pile (Cain, 222).
It didn't occur to her that there was an element of justice in this arrangement... (Cain, 247).
Has it occurred to anyone... (Yank, 213).
It hadn't occurred to me you'd care to meet any of them (Cain, 146).
Presently it occurred to her that he might be hungry... (Cain, 225).
It never occurred to you there'd be something like that, did it? (Cain, 172).
It never occurred to him that of course she might know the writing, having seen it before on envelopes addressed to Jim (Marquand, 317).
It didn't occur to me until later... (Pyle, 444).
But has it ever occurred to you that Kettering's prophecy is undoubtedly correct? (Gardner, 212).

oh, come. Please; now really. (This implies difficulty of belief.)

Oh, come, come, come (Cain, 166).
Oh come, come, Mrs. Pierce (Cain, 193).

odds and ends. Different, unrelated things; different things of no value.

Odds and ends from the battered diary of a footsore YANK correspondent... (Yank, 176).
My patients lounge about the place...
.....
And doing little odds and ends
But never very much (Yank, 157).
...I asked her odds and ends of questions, and she answered them (Yank, 132).
You pick up odds and ends of information that are worth remembering (Yank, 76).

of all. Of any one; of all the rest of the people.

...the other boys told me he had the worst experiences of all (Pyle, 217).

of all the ---. From all the; out of all the. (This implies a selection of one or a few from many.)

That was why of all the people Jeffrey knew in Washington he thought that Bill Swinburne would be the best... (Marquand, 564).

of all things. (Indicates mild surprise, astonishment on the part of the speaker.)

"Well, of all things," said Mrs. Barnes, "if it isn't Jeffrey Wilson" (Marquand, 188).
Artist Wall was then, of all things, a cook and KP in an infantry regiment mess (Pyle, 448).

...yet he wore only summer Khaki trousers and...of all things, tennis shoes (Pyle, 231).

of course. Naturally; certainly; it goes without saying.

I of course understand that aside from your duties as president of the paper you have numerous other committments... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
Of course the poorest people of both countries were pretty close to starvation... (Pyle, 119).
The new boys were afraid, of course, and very eager to hear and learn (Pyle, 189).
The children went along of their own free will, of course (Pyle, 243).
Our prisoner-collecting points were staffed, of course, with American soldiers who spoke perfect German (Pyle, 124).
I can't, of course, tell you in figures the total of that magnificant job they did (Pyle, 285).
Of course, they wanted to go home (Pyle, 349).
Of course it couldn't be otherwise, but the aloneness of that man as he went through the last few minutes of his life was what tormented me (Pyle, 51).
Of course not all of them did that; it depended on the severity of their wounds and on their individual personalities, just as it would in peacetime (Pyle, 48).
Of course we had casualties... (Pyle, 255).
Of course the people of Paris did suffer during these four years of darkness (Pyle, 461).
Of course, there had to be some guarantee that propellers didn't get to whirling inside the plane (Pyle, 211).
Of course, this delivery guy will probably be a rat-faced punk who thinks he's a big shot... (Gardner, 12).
Of course, Phyllis knows all about it (Gardner, 20).
There are, of course, certain allowances to be made for the lapse of time (Gardner, 92).
Of course, I did it! (Gardner, 73).
Of course I guess I know my own brother's voice (Gardner, 109).
Of course, it's the truth (Gardner, 109).
To help Alden Leeds, of course... (Gardner, 109).
Of course, it was blackmail! (Gardner, 101).
Of course, there wasn't any bribery or anything like that, but, as one of the main witnesses... (Gardner, 126).
Then, of course, I went to Conway (Gardner, 101).
Why, of course I'll sleep with you, mother! (Cain, 114).
Of course, if I'd seen you I'd remember it (Cain, 192).
To find out the prices, of course (Cain, 89).
...called him to many different parts of the world, where, of course, she would be expected to travel with him (Cain, 32).
Of course, the store doesn't have anything to do with that (Cain, 35).
He feels it makes a better tie up, and then of course we do quite a lot of sifting ourselves... (Cain, 35).
Of course I'm going to work! (Cain, 147).

Of course he has no money now... (Cain, 206).
...she'll call you up, of course she will (Cain, 210).
Of course I never met your mother (Cain, 132).
Yes, of course (Cain, 128).
Madge puckered her forehead and smiled, seemingly amused by her own forgetfulness, but of course she knew her name (Marquand, 537).
Of course, superficially she's rather pretty, and she has a pretty figure (Marquand, 537).
Jeffrey wondered how it had ever got into Charley's mind, and then he realized that, of course, it had come from the progressive school... (Marquand, 223).
But of course he knew what Minot Roberts meant (Marquand, 246).
Of course, it all came back to Jeffrey's mind at once (Marquand, 398).
...goodbye to something he would never see again, for of course he would see it all again (Marquand, 408).
"Why, Jeff," he said, "of course I will" (Marquand, 395).
This, of course, was before Bankers and Executives were swept away into the Limbo of disrepute... (Marquand, 24).
It meant of course that Jim loved her... (Marquand, 131).
"Well," Jeffrey said, "of course he can't help that" (Marquand, 96).
Sometimes, of course, there is more than excitement... (Yank, 48).
And then, of course, I leave it to become a chaplain (Yank, 164).
Of course, rank didn't make much difference... (Yank, 26).
Morgan, of course, was there in his underwear... (Yank, 181).
Your draft board might try to reinduct you into the Army, of course... (Yank, 170).
They were divided into the American and National League and, of course, we had our own World Series (Yank, 185).
Later, of course, he would casually show the scar and speak disparagingly of it... (Yank, 193).
...everybody on the side lines, except the Japs, of course, nearly choked... (Yank, 186).
Of course I had the usual run of small jobs (Yank, 95).
Of course, I ain't got too much to complain about (Yank, 101).

of every description. Of all kinds; of many different varieties, kinds.

By midafternoon the countryside extending far inland was packed with troops and vehicles of every description (Pyle, 28).

of an evening. In the evening; at night.

And when they sat around together of an evening, nine tenths of their conversation was exuberant and full of howling jokes (Pyle, 178).

of it all. Of all of it; of it.

The amazed Sicilians just stood and stared in wonder at the swift precision of it all (Pyle, 29).

of --- own free will. Without pressure, force, from another.

The children went along of their free will, of course (Pyle, 243).

of --- own accord. Without pressure, force, from another; of one's own free will.

...the door, as though of its own accord, swung slowly open (Cain, 230).

to be of service. To be of assistance; to be a help to someone.

The soldier was giving him his thanks, and asking him if he could be of further service, and Jeffrey told him no (Marquand, 229).

of some kind. (Cf. some kind of.) (This implies something which is not valid, genuine, of the best quality.)

...she obviously submitted a marriage certificate of some kind... (Yank, 174).

of sorts. Of a kind. (This implies something that is hardly valid, genuine, of the best quality.).

This time it's an intermission of sorts (Yank, 73).
The Army had managed shelter of sorts from the first... (Yank, 42).

of stone. Constructed, made, with stone.

Everything is of stone (Pyle, 415).

off and on. Frequently; occasionally; now and then.

We shot off and on... (Pyle, 391).
I'd known Louis off and on for several years (Gardner, 100).
I chatted off and on with Clayton... (Pyle, 449).

off at a tangent. Away from and not toward the speaker.

The German shells traveled off at a tangent from us, and we were in no danger (Pyle, 202).

off balance. Not balanced; not in balance.

Picking up my coil, I noticed that it was off balance but decided there was no time... (Yank, 58).

off the beaten track. Away from the usual traffic; at an infrequently visited place.

Their post is hundreds of miles off any beaten track... (Yank, 29).

off the coast of. In the sea, lake, ocean, near to.

Then he went to the Balearic Island off the coast of Spain (Pyle, 138).

off color. Vulgar; bawdy; salacious, pornographic.

...he was always a little bawdy and off-color whenever they went to Fred's and Beckie's... (Marquand, 117).
There was a little bit of a bar, made to look like a bistro with some slightly off-color Parisian illustrations (Marquand, 318).

off the cuff. Impromptu; without preparation. (This implies a speech, talk, report, etc.)

Day before the freezing order the President had explained why in the simplest vernacular. Talking off the cuff to a group of civilian-defense volunteers he made them a little homily (Time (Air Express Ed.) Aug. 4, 1941, 1).

off guard. Not attentive; not watchful; relaxed and not watching.

He...chatted with Mildred until she was off guard... (Cain, 134).

off hours. Time not at work; free time.

...off hours are spent right at the battle stations (Pyle, 10).

office boy. A young man who works in an office to run errands and do odd jobs.

He wants an office boy, and you can start in tomorrow (Marquand, 163).

office building. A building usually in the center of a city, or business section, whose upper stories are used for offices.

...the lunch-hour crowd -- the girls and boys from the office buildings, pressing against the soda counter... (Marquand, 240).

an officer and a gentleman. (An officer of the U.S. armed forces is supposed to conduct himself at all times as a gentleman.)

He was a commissioned officer and a gentleman who in ten days would be going to war (Marquand, 526).
He was helping a girl down very carefully because he was an officer and a gentleman (Marquand, 527).

officers' quarters. A building in which armed forces officers live.

There weren't any special officers' quarters in our caves... (Yank, 27).

office work. Work in an office including typing, stenography, filing, etc.

Any one of them could take charge of all the office work for a small firm... (Cain, 39).

off in. Away in; in; not near in.

...shells fly through the air like three red dots slowly converging into one, the landing off in the distance (Yank, 45).

off into. Away into; going into.

...the others went scuttling off into the night... (Cain, 161).

off on.

1. Going away on; leaving on.

We slid past, off on our mission into the unknown (Pyle, 11).

2. Away on; at a distance away at.

...a GI off on a flank answered the Jap with an accurate shot (Yank, 52).

off pitch. Not on the proper musical note; off key.

...she's off pitch half the time... (Cain, 234).

off limits. (A term designating a place where service men are forbidden to go.) (Also attributive).

...Pvt. Morris Humphrey of East Point, G., was posted to enforce the "Off Limits" edict (Yank, 179).

off the record. Not to be quoted; not to be used, written or spoken about. (This implies a statement to newspaper reporters which one does not want published.)

Once, in a confidential mood and very much off the record, Walter's publisher had said that he was everlastingly damned if he could say (Marquand, 27).
...they were asked to speak for fifteen...minutes on any subject they pleased, entirely off the record... (Marquand, 34).
Poops is talking to us -- off the record, just to his old pals (Marquand, 34).
Your Correspondent confidences off the record which may be revealed fifty or sixty years from now, confidences a bit too heady for you or me at present (Marquand, 26).
Then Miss Pringle had said that a little bird, but it was a little bird that was off the record...a little bird told her... (Marquand, 453).
...more or less to forget it, because it had been all a little off the record (Marquand, 336).
It was off the record, just among friends, but Walter's own impression... (Marquand, 349).

off the road. Not adjacent to, but not far from, near, the road.

A gray stone farmhouse sat dimly off the road (Pyle, 427).

off shore. In the sea, lake, ocean, near to the shore.

They had floating mines off-shore... (Pyle, 362).
...Mac and his squad watched the biggest naval battle of the Solomons, on 20 miles off shore... (Yank, 24).

off to.

1. At a distance away to.

I moved way off to the right (Yank, 21).
Anzio and Nettuno were in sight off to our right (Pyle, 231).
Say, who is that crazy pilot that left your formation and dropped his bombs off to the side? (Pyle, 206).
...P-46s that were strafing something off to the left (Yank, 242).
...the terrain off to our left... (Yank, 242).
There was a voice yelling off to my right (Yank, 168).
...the crack of rifles off to the right (Yank, 144).
A group of Americans off to one side had a burner going under coffee... (Yank, 52).
...the voice moved off somewhere, and another one began, off to one side... (Cain, 234).

2. Away to.

Then she sent both children off to their grandfather's (Cain, 13).
Somewhere in the rear a band strikes up and you're off to your last camp in the States (Yank, 64).
We were off to war again (Pyle, 354).
Then off to work I go... (Yank, 157).

off white. White which has just a little color in it; not a perfect white.

She went to Bullocks, and bought sharkskin dresses, of a shade just off white, with a tint of cream in it... (Cain, 119).

oil burner. An automatic furnace which burns oil.

...there would be the same amount of money, the same cars in the garage, the same oil burner in the cellar and the same electric water system... (Marquand, 511).

an oil portrait. An oil painting of some person; a portrait painted with oil colors.

...an oil portrait of my wife... (Yank, 237).

okey doke. OK; all right.

He said gee that was swell of her, and if she really meant it, it was okey-doke by him (Cain, 52).

O.K. by --- . All right with one; agreeable with one. (Cf. okey doke.)

O.K. by me (Cain, 27).

the old army game. Any game of chance in all the players except one are practically certain to lose; any sort of gamble in which one is almost certain to lose.

It' nothing but...the old army game (Cain, 200).

an old bird. A disagreeable person; an unliked, unpopular, person.

This "old bird", as Fred called him, although he sometimes referred to him as... (Marquand, 107).

old boy. (A friendly term for greeting, usually used only by friends)

"Are you in fighting trim these days, old boy?" we wanted to know (Yank, 100).
I'm always in fighting trim, ole boy... (Yank, 100).
I got faith in meself, ole boy (Yank, 103).
Thanks to you, Jim, old boy, we got here in time (Gardner, 43).

old codger. An old person; one in old age.

He began to feel like a sweet old codger, but there was no way to prevent it (Marquand,131).
...but then, perhaps, that was the way it was when you suddenly became an old codger and thought of your children (Marquand, 132).

old cronies. Very close friends; two or more persons who are on intimate terms with each other.

They're great friends -- old cronies, you know (Gardner, 8).

the old days. The past; the past time; time in the past; old times.

The old days on the paper seemed just like that (Marquand, 196).
He's a card...talks occasionally about the old days in the Yukon country, never mentions any of his own adventures... (Gardner, 127).

an old fashioned. An alcoholic drink prepared by mixing rye, or any whiskey, with sugar, bitters, slice of orange and lemon, and a cherry.

She looked the way a well bred woman, a wife and mother, ought to look... and not more than one old-fashioned (Marquand, 130).

...a guy with an old-fashioned on the table likes to listen to the bumble-bees (Cain, 178).
Anybody who doesn't want an old-fashioned yell... (Marquand, 126).

old fashioned. Out of date; antiquated; sticking to old customs.

...maybe he was old fashioned... (Pyle, 335).
...the crashings around us were not artillery but plain old-fashioned thunder and lightning (Pyle, 466).
We may seem old-fashioned... (Yank, 213).
The good sergeant...alibis that perhaps they are old-fashioned... (Yank, 214).
Just an old-fashioned custom...one that's almost out of date... (Gardner, 185).
Fortunately I could still turn the cylinder the old-fashioned way... (Pyle, 136).

an old fogy. An old fashioned person; one who is dull and boring.

Just an old fogy that eats lunch with me every day (Cain, 77).

old hat. Old fashioned; out of date.

A passel of furtive folk vigorously committing homicide to get hold of a bejeweled statuette of a falcon may sound old-hat to present day cinema-goers, but Director John Huston makes their...activities...immediate (Time, Oct. 20, 1941, 28).

old home week. Originally a homecoming, a returning to the home village, town; hence, a meeting, reunion, of old friends.

It was like Old Home Week for a while (Pyle, 259).

old lady. Mother.

...to talk to her old lady... (Yank, 161).

old line. Old, respectable, established.

When Sinclair broke away from what he called being a wage slave and a yes man in that old-line publishing company... (Marquand, 337).
A few more are old-line dog faces with years of service... (Yank, 190).
...it had seemed to him that there were only a few old-line houses which had published all the books...all with a long and dignified tradition (Marquand, 334).

an old house. An old, established, respectable, business.

...not being presented to his public as he should be (although of course he was being published by a fine old house,...) (Marquand, 334).

--- old love. One's former deep interest; a fascination. (This in no way implies the love of a man for a woman unless it is so designated.)

...he spent most of his time with his old love. The Chinese fighting man (Yank, 131).
I went with the infantry because it is my old love... (Pyle, 431).

old man.

1. Old boy. (A polite, friendly greeting between friends.)

"Old man," Walter said, "how about a drink in a quiet corner somewhere? (Marquand, 43).
I'd like to very much, old man, but it's...impossible (Yank, 237).
"I tell you what, Greengroin, old man," the top said... (Yank, 99).
Aw, wait a minute, ole man... (Yank, 99).
"Hi, old man," he said... (Marquand, 119).

2. Father.

The old man ran the trolley to Holden... (Marquand, 7).
...my old man is always unemployed... (Yank, 161).
"Don't," the Old Man said (Marquand, 158).
"Lilly," the Old Man called (Marquand, 158).
"That's enough," the Old Man said (Marquand, 159).
The Old Man's face was turned towards Jeffrey, but he did not seem to be looking at him (Marquand, 159).
Everybody works in our house but my Old Man -- and he drinks Peruna (Marquand, 158).
"No," the Old Man answered, "I won't be going until after Jeffrey graduates" (Marquand, 157).
"You go to the bank, Alf," the Old Man said (Marquand, 158).
The Old Man drank his coffee (Marquand, 157).
The Old Man doesn't use it... (Marquand, 153).
"The Old Man doesn't use it," Alf told him, "because he doesn't go around" (Marquand, 153).
...my old man was down for his physical the other day... (Yank, 236).
The Old Man will give you five (Marquand, 155).
It was only later that Jeffrey realized that the Old Man knew nothing much about this except in theory (Marquand, 177).

3. The commanding officer; the boss.

The Ol' Man just beat your score (Yank, 225).
Then when the Old Man made him his assistant and he had to read plays... (Marquand, 275).
All they had to do was let the Old Man know... (Yank, 139).
The Old Man made me a tech the time I sneaked behind the Jerry lines at Gafsa... (Yank, 139).
But don't tell the Old Man about this (Yank, 138).
The Old Man was beginning to wonder, I think (Yank, 138).

Riding with us on the mission was the "Old Man", Lt. Comdr....Bulkeley... (Yank, 253).

4. A man advanced in years; a man past middle age.

The relatives are closing in on the old man, that's all (Gardner, 14).

of the old school. Holding ideas and concepts and disciplines of a former time.

...he was a newspaper man of the old school (Marquand, 17).

old shoe. Unpretentious; easy going; not formal.

...he was sort of old shoe and easy to talk with... (Pyle, 394).

old stuff. Not a novelty; something to which one is accustomed.

The post-war air age is old stuff to the ingenious bush pilots of the Far North (Coronet, Jan, 1946, 53).

old timer. One who has been in something for a relatively long time.

The old-timers...gravitated together... (Pyle, 353).
And that is how I was first introduced to Sergeant Frank "Buck" Eversole, one of the old-timers (Pyle, 194).

old times. The past; the idealized past time; the good old days.

He understood what Walter meant, but it wasn't like old times (Marquand, 123).
It's like old times (Marquand, 123).

olive drab. A dark green with some yellow in it used often in military uniforms. (Also attributive.)

...a muddy blanket, a hand grenade, a torn section of an olive-drab puttee, a rifle with a pair of socks near it... (Marquand, 233).
Then he saw that three dead men were lying about ten feet in front of him, two in German field-gray and one in olive-drab (Marquand, 233).

to be on --- . To be paid for by one; to be one's treat.

Let me order...this is on me (Marquand, 36).
Whatever outlay it involves is on me, because I've become inspired... (Cain, 23).

on account of

1. Because of; due to.

It's on account of the children and I don't want anybody at all to know it... (Cain, 52).
And it'll all be on account of you (Cain, 75).
Every good thing that happens is on account of you, if Mother only had sense enough to know it (Cain, 75).
...decided on Alice Brooks Turner mainly on account of the crisp succinctness of her advertisement... (Cain, 35).
She would be too late, or not qualified, or disqualified, on account of the children, or unsuitable in one way and another (Cain, 32).
...the other to take the place of a lady who had to retire on account of ill health (Cain, 34).
So Bert came around, and Mildred was excited by him, mainly on account of his dashing ways (Cain, 16).
Well, you know, I've got a couple of toes off on account of frostbite -- taken off in Dawson City (Gardner, 216).
So, on account of all that fine domestic efficiency you were telling me about... (Cain, 40).
There was some little trouble about it, on account of zoning regulations (Cain, 174).
...Mildren presently broached the subject of an operation. It was something she knew little about, and hated, not only on account of its physical aspect... (Cain, 199).
They wouldn't take me on account of my eyes (Yank, 160).
...a wan, smiling wraith who talked in whispers, on account of the condition of her throat... (Cain, 257).

2. Because; for the reason that.

The Ities call us "Black Death" ...on account of our work was at night (Yank, 123).
I don't like this situation on account of there is a couple of guys back in camp that owe me dough... (Yank, 162).
...I can reach out and touch the Nip on account of there is a hole in the tree (Yank, 162).
...I am worried about that Purple Heart business on account of they put my uncle Joseph Aloysius McGonigle in the nut house when he said he had blue blood (Yank, 162).

on across. Across; over or beyond something and across.

But the Japs surged on across the field until they fell (Yank, 93).
Plans call for it to continue on across more miles...to meet the old Burma Road... (Yank, 177).

on ahead. Ahead; before; in front of.

On ahead there were single rifle shots... (Pyle, 428).

on the air. Performing on the radio.

...her daughter was on the air (Cain, 212).

...her regular spot on the air was Wednesdays... (Cain, 214).
You mean she's playing on the air? (Cain, 209).
...Veda had been on the air quite a lot... (Cain, 210).

on all sides. All round; everywhere nearby.

But on all sides I heard: "It was never this bad in Tunisia" (Pyle, 141).
...Jap rifle fire sounded on all sides... (Yank, 250).

on and off. First working and then free; on duty and off duty.

They worked two hours on and four off... (Yank, 202).

on and on. Without stopping; continuously; seemingly endlessly.

The men worked on and on, and every one of the Company officers stayed throughout the night just to be there to make decisions when difficulties arose (Pyle, 69).
It is true we didn't fight on and on like the infantry, that we were usually under fire only briefly and that, indeed, we lived better than the average soldier (Pyle, 85).
Men in battle reach that stage and still go on and on (Pyle, 85).

on arrival. When on, it, arrives at a place; at the time it, one, arrives, gets, to a place.

I will see that the best possible care is taken of him on arrival (Yank, 142).

on --- back. Supine; lying with the back down.

One lay right side up, the other on its back (Pyle, 452).

on back to. Back to; towards the rear to. (Cf. back to.)

...he led them on back to our side of the invisible fence of battle (Pyle, 407).
What it hasn't time or facilities for doing it hands on back to the next echelon in the rear (Pyle, 419).
The idea all along the way is to do as little actual surgical work as possible, but at each stop merely to keep a man in good enough condition to stand the trip on back to the hospital, where there are full facilities for any kind of work (Pyle, 51).

on beyond. Farther than something; beyond.

We went through shattered Carentan and on beyond for a few miles (Pyle, 426).

on the black market. Available in, sold by, the black market. (See: black market.)

A pack of any one of the leading U.S. brands of cigarettes costs 80 cents on the black market (Yank, 66).

on the blink. Not operating properly; not in good mechanical condition.

Now the lawn mower, she's on the blink again, and that hand cultivator and the pruning shears (Marquand, 512).

on the block. As it were on the executioner's block; in a position where one is unable to defend oneself.

...this searchlight business meant the enemy had us on the block (Pyle, 21).

on business. In relation to some business as contrasted to on pleasure.

Mr. Levinson happened to be in town on business... (Cain, 257).

on the button. On the chin; hence, in any vulnerable spot, place.

We hit them on the button this time (Marquand, 544).

on call. Subject to duty only when needed.

You're on call twice a week from five to nine, same wages as in the daytime (Cain, 49).
He's on call all the time, too (Cain, 179).
Around headquarters the two aides were on call constantly... (Pyle, 309).

once in a while. Occasionally; now and then; frequently.

I bet you civilians raise the Merry Old Ned once in a while (Yank, 143).
...once in a while a rare hara-kari knife... (Yank, 235).
She gets to see him once in a while (Yank, 70).

on the chance. Taking a chance; chancing.

...Mildred went to her own room, on the chance Veda had gone there to wait for her... (Cain, 252).

on --- conscience. Bothering one; worrying one. (This implies that one's conscience troubles one.)

Pvt. Luckey will have no dead Japs on his conscience when they kill him (Yank, 211).

on the contrary. Just the opposite; the opposite is true.

"On the contrary, I really care for him," Carrel retorted (Gardner, 133).

on a date.

1. While one has an engagement; during a date.

Any girl that has to have a chaperone along on a date... (Yank, 211).

2. In relation to, in regard to, an engagement, date.

They can't go around hammering on the apartment doors of all the men in the city who have stood up trollops on dates (Gardner, 79).

on the (day, evening, etc.) of. During the time; at any time of the day.

You saw him on the evening of the seventh of this month? (Gardner, 190).

on the dot. Precisely; exactly. (Implies time.)

At ten o'clock on the dot (Gardner, 192).
I got up there at eight-ten on the dot (Gardner, 148).
...Hazzy Cowe somehow managed to get both himself and me up right on the dot (Pyle, 292).

on the double. In a hurry; hurriedly.

There are some fighter detachments in the village and they came out on the double, fanning into position on the mountain (Yank, 71).

on down.

1. From the highest rank, degree, to the lowest; in descending order of rank, importance, size, or the like.

Everybody from the commanding general on down depended on him... (Pyle, 411).
Regimental handed me down to battalion, and battalion on down to the company I was to stay with (Pyle, 181).

2. Continuing away from; going away from. (This implies that one is going away from the speaker.)

Bob Copa braved the dangerous funnel...leapfrogging past it and on down the street to meet the Germans (Pyle, 407).

3. Downward; below.

They were going on down head first (Pyle, 348).

on the drawing boards. In the planning stage; being planned.

While the plans were still on the drawing boards, the preliminary clearing ...was...in progress (Yank, 120).

on a drunk. Becoming drunk, intoxicated, and staying in that condition for some time; extended drunkeness.

...if Mrs. Gessler had...not gone off on her four-day drunk... (Cain, 255).

on duty. Working; at work; actively responsible for something.

Since Matt was on duty all the time... (Yank, 199).
Slides and cave-ins kept the road maintnance crews on 24-hour duty (Yank, 179).
At his apartment house the elevator boys and the doorman were on duty (Marquand, 303).
The man who was on duty at the switchboard knew Perry Mason (Gardner, 60).

on earth. (An intensive.)

...there's one like me in every Glendale on earth... (Cain, 187).
There's no question on earth as to when he ate his dinner (Gardner, 85).
...I didn't see why I was the one person on earth that had to stay home (Cain, 98).

on edge. Nervous; strained; tense.

I think everybody was a little on edge (Pyle, 428).

on the edge of. Barely on; on the verge of.

...Bert, who sat on the edge of her box and...held her hand... (Cain, 238).
Walter was sitting on the edge of his chair (Marquand, 49).

on either side. On both sides.

The leaves of the newly planted trees between the concrete lanes were turning like the larger trees on either side (Marquand, 103).
Here and there on either side of the road were the bodies of dead Germans, their equipment scattered around (Yank, 106).
Parking is in the center of the street leaving plenty of room on either side for the Iranian Army which is strong on marching (Yank, 66).
...the seat that opened for rubbers with the mirror above it and racks for canes and umbrellas on either side... (Marquand, 95).

on end. Seemingly without end; without number; many.

He was at the front only a few hours of the day, instead of day and night for months on end (Pyle, 157).

on --- end. Being placed so that one end is down as contrasted to a side or top.

...he put four big cartons on their ends (Yank, 34).

on the end of a limb. Without a defense; defenseless.

"Right on the end of the limb," Mason said (Gardner, 76).

on an errand. Performing an errand; engaged in an errand.

...sent Letty on an errand that would take her all afternoon (Cain, 200).

on the face of the globe. Anywhere.

The palace is perhaps the ugliest building on the face of the globe (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

on the face of it. Apparently; seemingly, appearing to be something which in reality may not actually be.

It looked iron clad on the face of it, but alibis should never be taken at their face value (Gardner, 210).

on --- feet. Standing up; standing.

Kettering was on his feet (Gardner, 193).
Kettering was on his feet (Gardner, 199).
Opposing counsel was on his feet (Gardner, 27).
...we found Hague awake and on his feet (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

on the fence. Undecided; unable to make up one's mind.

Personally, I am sort of on the fence (Pyle, 154).

on file. In the files; in a classified, well arranged collection of papers.

...we do quite a lot of sifting ourselves, before we place a name on file... (Cain, 35).

on fire. Afire; burning; in flames. (Cf. to set on fire.)

...a secret-service man came up and told them one of the hoods was on fire (Yank, 199).
A shelter half...was on fire (Yank, 240).
You were on the telephone, and I scremed, when I saw the smoke, that the place was on fire (Gardner, 43).
...all of Eniwetok seemed on fire (Yank, 250).
...a Jap came running out with his clothes on fire (Yank, 192).

on foot. Walking; by means of walking; afoot.

...the general started out on foot around the area... (Pyle, 395).
Nothing could cross it, not even men on foot... (Pyle, 361).

Wandering on foot and observing very carefully, you could see the signs... (Pyle, 117).
Most of these trips are on foot because the narrow jungle trails stymie even jeeps (Yank, 130).
So the officers left Orlie waiting in the jeep while they went ahead on foot (Pyle, 120).
...our driver parked the jeep under a tree and we proceeded on foot alongside the infantrymen (Yank, 107).
It was hot and there were no transportation facilities, but Lou had covered the distance on foot (Yank, 111).
They had been fighting and moving constantly forward on foot... (Pyle, 399).
A man could just barely make it on foot by holding on to the rock juttings and practically crawling... (Pyle, 66).

on furlough. Having official leave, vacation, from the army.

They went home on furlough... (Yank, 122).

on the go. Active; moving from place to place; in action.

During the critical periods he would be on the go till 4 A.M., snatch a couple of hours' sleep on the ground, and be off again at seven (Pyle, 53).

on the ground. At a place; to a place.

On the other hand, California authorities, who have appeared on the ground in Seattle, are equally positive that Alden Leeds... (Gardner, 122).

on the ground(s) that. For the reason that; because.

...she stopped Mrs. Kramer from sectioning more chickens, on the ground that nobody would be there to eat them... (Cain, 160).

on the ground floor. In a position of having information; in an important position.

For every general there ought to be one private on the ground floor (Yank, 137).

on guard. On duty as a guard; watching; guarding.

The men who were not on guard sat around talking sex and politics, except for the night guards who were sleeping (Yank, 60).
...a fellow on guard told us why this was a dull day... (Yank, 196).
One soldier...pretended to be on guard... (Yank, 202).
...we usually have two men to a hole and an outpost, one on guard and one asleep (Yank, 149).

on --- guard. (See: on guard) Watchful; attentive to danger.

...a young lieutenant warned me, "You'd better be on your guard for snipers" (Yank, 106).

on hand. Available in reserve; in storage which is convenient.

...package of cigarettes Mildred kept on hand for Monty... (Cain, 156).
You've got a good deal of cash on hand (Marquand, 404).
...very little gas on hand (Yank, 121).
...mortars capable of out distancing anything the Yanks had on hand (Yank, 191).

to be on hand. To be at a particular place.

Over the years, we have been on hand many times to watch the boys and girls take off from Grand Central for their summer camps (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
...he might be routed out on an early mission, and he had to be on hand (Pyle, 330).
Captain Jed Daily...was on hand too (Pyle, 250).

on —— hands.

1. To be dealt with.

But try to put anything over on him, and you have a righteous uproar on your hands (Yank, 36).
Any time you cross Uncle Alden, you have a fight on your hands (Gardner, 172).

2. For use; available.

...the people had more butter on their hands than they knew what to do with (Pyle, 415).
An air crew man had lots of spare time on his hands (Pyle, 328).

on hands and knees. On all fours; supporting oneself on one's hands and knees; crawling.

I followed...forward on hands and knees through the long padded tunnel over the bomb bay (Yank, 117).
...then he was Stan Rhett crawling away from the side of the plane slowly on his hands and knees (Marquand, 231).
The press photographers were setting up lights in the corner, crawling about on their hands and knees looking under chairs and divans... (Marquand, 291).
We...dropped on our hands and knees to peek through a tiny hole in the side (Pyle, 453).

on the heels of. Immediately after; directly following.

The other bad moment came on the heels of the storm (Pyle, 21).

on a high horse. In a state of assuming great dignity, much position.

It was only the dyed-in-the-wool Nazis who got on their high horses and refused to talk (Pyle, 123).

on the high seas. On the ocean; at sea.

"It'll do you good," said his father, who had been a private in a Quartermaster outfit on the high seas... (Yank, 22).

on --- honor. Having as the only restraint one's honor; restrained by one's honor.

Every person was on his honor not to drink... (Pyle, 343).

on the hoof. In a condition of not being skinned, gutted, nor having hoofs, feet, removed; the total of an animal.

...after that, they're Congressmen, or they talk about beef on the hoof or mining properties... (Marquand, 414).

on the horizon. In the near future; not far away in time.

First there had been the Bolsheviki, a menace which had appeared on the horizon with the close of the war (Marquand, 210).

on a hot spot. In a bad condition; in trouble, difficulty. (Cf. on the spot.)

You're standing on a red-hot spot (Gardner, 76).

on the inside. Within an organization; being a member of a group as opposed to one who is not a member.

Because if they're just giving it away, it looks as though there'd be somebody, on the inside-- (Cain, 80).

on installments. (To buy or sell) in partial payments; paying part on a regular, agreed, schedule.

...or any of those other appliances which she and Wilbur had been buying on installments--and Wilbur could get them at special rates... (Marquand, 357).

on the job. At work; working.

With you on the job, I don't see why we should lose a lot of sleep (Gardner, 65).
With you on the job, I feel that I don't have to worry (Gardner, 84).
"Paul Drake had operatives on the job all last night," Mason went on (Gardner, 81).
Give Phyllis Leeds a ring after a while just to let her know we're on the job (Gardner, 93).

...why did you want me to keep on the job last night and this morning... (Gardner, 84).
I'll be on the job pretty much from now on (Gardner, 84).
...a large party that had gone down with them on the job, spotted a Jap officer... (Yank, 55).
"I can," he said, "get someone on the job down there by telephone, and then can send..." (Gardner, 157).
Heuser, too, was back on the job (Yank, 16).
Lieutenant Tousineau had been on the job for six weeks (Pyle, 277).
He was very conscientious and always on the job (Pyle, 104).

on --- knees.

1. Standing on one's knees; supporting oneself on one's knees instead of on one's feet.

Sally was on her knees taking out the picnic and laying it on the ground... (Marquand, 551).

2. In supplication; with humble entreaty.

...she knew...how she would make even a coloratura come grovelling, on her knees (Cain, 220).

on land. Ashore as contrasted to being on water, the sea, ocean, lake, or the like.

On land the G I finds more than 200 miles of roads... (Yank, 231).
...past sailors and soldiers on land who weren't going along and who waved good-bye to us (Pyle, 11).

on leave. (See: on furlough.) Having an official vacation from the army or navy.

Pilots from the various fields dropped in there when they were in town on leave (Pyle, 164).
It must have been one of those times on leave when faces and scenes shifted too fast (Marquand, 132).
There was no use sleeping when you were on leave (Marquand, 222).
When they were on leave, they liked to stick together... (Marquand, 218).
He thought he was like those pictures of officers he had seen in advertisements and he was coming home on leave (Marquand, 525).
...there was almost always one man away on leave (Pyle, 326).
Transients...on leave did eat at this mess... (Pyle, 339).
They were in town on leave... (Pyle, 347).
We were both on leave (Marquand, 116).
...and groups of crumpled-looking dough boys on leave from the front lines, eating peanuts (Pyle, 134).

on leaving. When leaving; when departing from.

...release which he used to feel on leaving a room where he had been struggling with a college examination (Marquand, 446).

on the level (with). Honest with; fair to.

They call me because I'm on the level with them and save them the trouble of talking to nitwits to nitwits like you (Cain, 38).

on the line. Speaking on the telephone; to the telephone.

The girl at the switchboard said, "Miss Leeds on the line, says it's a matter of the greatest importance " (Gardner, 13).
...he sounded impatient, as though he had been on the line for a long while (Marquand, 582).
Della Street was on the line (Gardner, 104).
"I'll talk with whoever's on the line," Mason told her (Gardner, 174).
That was your office on the line (Gardner, 89).

on location. At a place away from a moving picture studio where a part of a picture is to be filmed.

The U.S. Army isn't on location for a sarong opera (Yank, 74).

to be on the lookout (for). To be watchful for; to keep an eye peeled for; to look for.

...naval force had always to be on the lookout for them (Pyle, 272).

to be only the beginning. To be but a small part of; to be but a fraction of.

That was only the beginning... (Yank, 164).

only a minute. A short time; a very little time.

I'll be only a minute (Marquand, 184).

to be only to glad to (infinitive). To be well pleased to; to be happy to; to be glad to. (A polite form.)

I'll be only to glad to let you know -- by paid telegram (Cain, 34).

on the make. Attempting to get money, pleasure, from some one in an easy manner.

...hard-looking tarts on the make (Yank, 212).

on the menu. Printed on a menu and available for eating in a restaurant, cafe, or the like.

In other words, they didn't ask the waiter what was on the menu and then make a selection (Gardner, 210).

on --- mind. In one's thoughts; thinking of, about, by one.

What seemed to be on her mind? (Yank, 157).
...a commendable attitude, we thought; for a man with a great many things on his mind (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
What's on your mind? (Yank, 65).
The Monday pies, however, were on her mind, and she knew she had to get at them (Cain, 95).
Nothing's on my mind (Marquand, 14).
It hasn't been on my mind at all (Marquand, 14).

on a mission. On an assigned air flight; on an official trip in an airplane. (Often this means a flight for fighting or dropping bombs.)

I've already mentioned that interesting psychological thing accompanying the "rubbing out" process of the last few missions a combat airman went on before he completed that final one and returned to America (Pyle, 172).
They finally let him go on a few missions to try him out (Yank, 186).
Ordinarily a gunner went on only one mission a day... (Pyle, 24).
...he had balled up half the missions he had gone on... (Pyle, 216).

on the move. Moving; going away; leaving.

On the eleventh day the battalion was on the move again... (Yank, 8).
In fact, the whole regiment of more than three thousand men was on the move (Pyle, 202).

on --- neck. Serving as an obstacle, hindrance, to one; being a trouble to one.

It kept tenaciously on the enemy's neck (Pyle, 397).

on an occasion. Once; one time.

On one occasion during maneuvers, the general was absent from his headquarters for two days (Yank, 131).

on the off chance. On the bare possibility; with little hopes of success.

So I went up and checked through the traffic violations on the off chance I might find something (Gardner, 156).

on the offensive. Taking the offensive action; making the attack.

...Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and his Axis troops were on the offensive (Yank, 128).

on one point. Concerning one point; regarding one issue, point, fact, or the like.

On one point we were all agreed (Yank, 180).

on order. Ordered; bought but not paid for; not delivered.

At the ranch where her chickens were on order, she found twenty-six waiting for her... (Cain, 116).

on or off. Being or not being; to be or not to be.

...we hadn't known for sure till after breakfast whether it was on or off again (Pyle, 432).

on the other hand. Yet; still; notwithstanding; however. (This implies a statement before to which this is a rebuttal.)

On the other hand, comparatively few men do crack up (Pyle, 154).
On the other hand, I did try, while Wick never raised an arm (Pyle, 239).
On the other hand, in little towns only ten miles from Paris you could get eggs... (Pyle, 462).
If, on the other hand, you had noted any unnatural apathy of the emotions, you would have suspected dementia praecox (Gardner, 32).
On the other hand, California authorities, who have appeared on the ground in Seattle, are equally positive... (Gardner, 122).
On the other hand, if an author wanted to think it over and wanted to come to him and be one of his... (Marquand, 336).
On the other hand, if the going gets tough you pray... (Pyle, 442).
But on the other hand, maybe not (Yank, 89).
...the new replacements, on the other hand, have suffered nearly 50 percent casualties or missing (Yank, 148).
And, on the other hand...it might be that someone who suspected rather strongly... (Gardner, 91-2).

on the outside. Not confined in prison; outside of a prison.

The people on the outside would pick up the game on the short wave and slip us the batteries and inning-by inning scores... (Yank, 185).

on --- own. Being unaided, unsupervised by any others; being in a position in which one must follow one's own decisions, inclinations.

After going the rounds I decided that if the Army failed to get ashore on D-day there would be enough...correspondents to force through a beachhead on their own (Pyle, 298).
But Buck went on his own before he was sixteen... (Pyle, 194).
On its own, the band was liable to go in any direction, careening and screaming through the air (Pyle, 115).
The publishing world was changing when Sinclair Merriwell got started on his own (Marquand, 337).
...If Sammy gets married, he'll be completely on his own... (Cain, 194).
...Greek men and women -- working all day on their own with picks and shovels... (Yank, 218).
...we were on our own most of the time (Yank, 122).

on --- own inititative. Without pressure, force, from any one else; of one's own free will.

If he's a decent boy, he'll do the right thing on his own inititative... (Cain, 200).

on a paper. Employed by a newspaper; working for a newspaper.

The old man ran the trolley to Holden, and Walter was on the paper in Boston (Marquand, 7).
At least this was what his old friends on the paper told Jeffrey (Marquand, 17).

on --- (parent's) side. Related by blood to one of one's parents.

A cousin on his mother's side, Pvt. Don Tracy of Jamestown, is a Japanese prisoner of war... (Yank, 22).

on the part of. By; from.

His question goes to show bias on the part of this witness (Gardner, 139).
The low pitched hum of buzzing conversation, the rustling of restless motion on the part of the spectators... (Gardner, 186).

on a par with. Equal to; of the same value as.

It is quite on a par with the tactics that counsel has used... (Gardner, 134).

on pass. Having a short vacation. (One, two, or three days) usually from the armed forces.

...that night he was on pass (Yank, 205).

on patrol. Patrolling; going on a regular beat, journey, watching, guarding.

Cpl. Wilbur C. Beghtal of Eldon, Iowa...went out on patrol... (Yank, 145).
...some other GIs went on another patrol... (Yank, 145).
...the others in the company were on patrol to the right and left flanks... (Yank, 18).

on --- person. Carried on one's own body; on one's body.

...twenty thousand dollars in his possession, probably on his person in a money belt (Gardner, 199).

on a picnic.

1. Attending, being a member of a picnic.

Jeffrey had not been on a picnic for years and years with Madge or with anyone (Marquand, 546).

2. Having an easy, pleasant, time; not encountering any difficulties.

So...they weren't on any picnic when they went out to work (Pyle, 164).

on the point of (gerund). On the verge of; about to.

For a second or two, it seemed that she was on the point of rushing into swift speech (Gardner, 162).

on purpose. Purposely; intentionally.

You know you were doing it on purpose (Marquand, 31).
On purpose I didn't... (Yank, 226).
It was solid as though it had been done on purpose (Pyle, 55).

on the radio. Through, by means of, the radio; performing on the radio.

...this was one of the things that Veda had made popular on the radio (Cain, 241).

on relief. Being supported by public funds; receiving money from the government on which to live after having certified that one has no money.

I'm not exactly on relief... (Cain, 194).

on --- (right, left). On one's right or left side; to the right or left of one.

The unit on the battalion's right had pushed ahead... (Yank, 5).

on the right track. In the proper direction; according to proper, good, principles.

You could see that the playboy had good stuff in him -- if someone would put him on the right track -- and someone would (Marquand, 423).

on --- rounds. On a regularly scheduled visit to different places in turn; going regularly from place to place.

The boys had started out on their day's round... (Pyle, 363).

on the run. Running; hurrying; in a hurry.

She jerked off the headset and started for the door on the run (Gardner, 59).

to be on the safe side. To be perfectly safe; to take steps to assure success, safety.

To be on the safe side, they hired two pagos, at a cost of fifteen dollars each (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).

on sale. For sale; ready for selling; available to sell.

There's nothing like it on sale anywhere (Cain, 159).

on the same line. About the same thing; regarding the same.

There were half a dozen other broadcasts on the same lines (Yank, 127).

on --- say so. Because one says something; due to one's word; on the strength of one's request, asking, command, statement, or the like.

Surely you don't think the district attorney's going to quit cold simply on your say-so (Gardner, 110).

on second thought. After thinking a while; upon thinking about it.

On second thought, I remembered an even meaner trick (Pyle, 125).

on the side. In addition to one's regular job but not a part of it; another job than one's regular one.

...you made $50 a week salary and $1,500 on the side (Pyle, 447).
He thought he would do all right and make a little money on the side (Pyle, 190).
Tom told me his mother was a high school teacher at Far Rockaway, Long Island, and that she wrote on the side (Pyle, 38).

on --- side. Agreeing with and supporting one; defending one.

In the endless bickerings that had marked the last few months, she had invariably been on his side, and often withered her mother... (Cain, 12).

to be on the side of. (See: on --- side.) To defend; to take the part of.

Jeffrey found himself being on the side of weeds and cutworms... (Marquand, 226).

to be on speaking terms with. To be friendly with; to have friendly relations with.

I ain't on speaking toims with him (Yank, 98).

on a splurge. On a spending spree; spending much money. (This implies one time rather than a continuation.)

That would send her on a splurge, not make her settle down... (Gardner, 15).

on the spot.

1. At a place in person.

But to us there on the spot at the time it was known simply as the "breakthrough" (Pyle, 430).

2. In trouble; in difficulties.

...the defense lawyer is trying to tamper with one of his witnesses, and they'll have you on the spot so fast you won't have a chance... (Gardner, 98).
...someone else might come to see Louis, and push the door open, and find him, and be on a spot that would let me out (Gardner, 78).

on the square. Honest; above board; fair.

He was lucky with dice all right, and the game was on the square (Gardner, 72).

on stage. On a stage before an audience.

...Veda alone on stage for at least ten minutes... (Cain, 234).

to be on the stage. To be an actor or actress professionally.

Besides, Marianna Miller was on the stage, and stage people did just one thing according to Minot's book of rules (Marquand, 247).
It turned out that his father...was for many years on the stage... (Pyle, 178).

on the strength of. Because of; due to; on account of.

Several men...quietly requested an interview with the captain on the strength of this bulletin (Yank, 182).
On the strength of her new contract, she had a phone put in, and began to drum up more trade... (Cain, 68).
Serle went down and gave himself up on the strength of it (Gardner, 87).

on the subject. Regarding, concerning a topic.

YANK received a great number of letters on the subject... (Yank, 212).

on the surface. Noticeably; being evident.

With each step Jeffrey had expected something to change but nothing had, on the surface (Marquand, 407).

on tap. Ready; prepared.

They waited table in the officers' mess and ran the wardroom pantry where hot coffee was on tap twenty-four hours a day (Pyle, 40).

on --- tail. Immediately following one; just behind one.

For we were right on his tail, just where we should have been... (Pyle, 323).

on the tail (of). (See: on one's tail.) Following closely; just behind.

But the weirdest one I heard of was described by a pilot who was on the tail of a Messerschmitt one day (Pyle, 168).

on a technicality. Because of, due to, a technicality.

...and look up the law, and she went to bed frantic lest this, her first big chance, would be lost on a legal technicality (Cain, 80).

on the telephone. Speaking by means of a telephone; on the phone; on the line.

On the telephone? (Gardner, 108).

on that score. Because of that; due to that.

I didn't complain on that score (Cain, 147).

on the theory. On the assumption; assuming; believing.

...began to drum up more trade with the neighborhood customers, on the theory that a few extra pies were no more trouble... (Cain, 68).
...I could move to strike out this entire testimony on the theory that it is predicated upon facts which are beyond the doctor's knowledge (Gardner, 131).
...that for years they were searching for Bill Hogarty, on the theory that he had murdered Alden Leeds (Gardner, 123).

on thinking it over. Upon reconsideration; after careful second thought.

On thinking it over later, he knew that Louella must have regretted that playful gesture... (Marquand, 204).

on through. Through; throughout.

...and continued on through Italy... (Pyle, 129).
Those who didn't need immediate further attention were carried right on through to the ward tents to wait for the next ambulance going back to the hospital (Pyle, 53).

on time. At a place, doing something, at the proper time; at the prescribed time.

Milton's always on time (Marquand, 401).

He must have been on time at all his lectures later, on time when he worked in a bond house downtown, on time to his luncheons...on time for golf dates, and now he was on time to dinner, right there on the tick (Marquand, 401).
You know they're always on time (Marquand, 398).
Milton must have been on time for school when he was a little boy (Marquand, 401).
Always on time, eh? (Marquand, 373).
Anyway, we're both on time (Cain, 91).
He was sorry because it made Jesse Fineman very, very nervous when people weren't on time (Marquand, 79).
We arrived just on time... (Pyle, 359).
And yet Company B attacked -- and on time, to the minute! (Pyle, 439).

on (time) off. During one's free time; during the time one is not working.

On his afternoons off he hopped a train... (Pyle, 213).

on tiptoe. On the balls of one's feet. (This implies that one is trying to be very quiet, make no noise.)

There's Harold Leeds, Freeman's boy -- the one walking on tiptoe (Gardner, 25).

on to. To. (This implies a continuation.)

Mr. Mason, would you mind passing the word on to Mr. Drake that operative number twelve telephoned... (Gardner, 89).

to be on --- toes. To be attentive; to be watchful.

On the front bumper of the general's jeep was a red-and-white plate displaying three stars, and of course this drew a salute from every officer or soldier who was on his toes (Pyle, 308).

to be on --- tongue. To say; to speak.

Their names were on her tongue before she fairly saw their faces... (Cain, 121).

on top. Above; on the top.

You've captured yourself a lower and Florida is on top (Yank, 64).
In addition, the packers would cram their pockets with cigarettes for the boys on top (Pyle, 144).

on top of.

1. On; above; over.

They laid down hundreds of yards of burlap and placed chicken wire on top of it, making a firm roadbed up and down the beach (Pyle, 28).
...the lieutenant came tumbling down on top of him (Pyle, 282).
It was on top of a mountain almost overlooking the main road that the Jerries were using (Yank, 48).
...then a 60-mm hit right on top of him and he just disappeared... (Yank, 123).
Two of the boys...landed right on top of a mine (Yank, 122).
Crossing the Mediterranean I knotted myself up on top of a pile of mail sacks... (Pyle, 295).
...he nailed them together and made a raft to float on top of the water (Pyle, 254).
The soldiers' dugouts were made by digging a square...hole about shoulder-deep, then roffing it with boards and logs, piling earth on top of that... (Pyle, 257).
One day an ammunition truck drove past and it had a little black-and-white dog standing on top of the hood (Pyle, 115).
...each table shaded by a deep blue canvas umbrella on the top of a pole plunged through the table's vitals (Marquand, 115).
On top of Hill 608 he had a home of canvas, bamboo and sandbags, labeled "Sky Room" (Yank, 55).
...the nude lady on top of the marble fountain was basking in the sun... (Marquand, 240).
...when Aunt Minnie opened the door he almost fell in on top of her (Yank, 183).
...her sensible, backwoodsy sort of hat, also trimmed with gray squirrel, was on top of it (Marquand, 357).
Two of his sergeants were ahead of him, almost on top of a Jap pillbox, working together as a team (Yank, 17).
Bullets splattered into everything, cutting down the shelter half on top of him... (Yank, 7).
Once Jim had pulled the drum table on top of himself, and there was still a slight scar... (Marquand, 58).
...covered with a silk Persian rug, and on top of the rug was a cluster of photographs of Minot's friends and family, each in a heavy silver frame (Marquand, 385).
There also were a good many pet dogs riding into the battle on top of tanks and trucks (Pyle, 460).
Above her was a high bank, evidently with some sort of sidewalk on top of it (Cain, 173).
...when I see a guy on top of one... (Cain, 132).

2. In addition to; as an extra to.

On top of that, he ran the place as bookkeeper... (Pyle, 294).
And then on top of that I got a late trade... (Cain, 175).
...on top of that I got a little dinner trade.... (Cain, 175).
A cigar on top of this dinner would make you feel at peace with the world, generous, kindhearted, and impulsive (Marquand, 158).

3. Very much crowded together with; closely packed with.

There were boats stacked on top of each other... (Pyle, 366).

4. Following closely; immediately after.

When the Germans would withdraw a little the Ninth was right on top of them (Pyle, 397).

to be on the town. To live by prostitution; to be a harlot, whore.

I'm on the town (Cain, 31).

on the trail. Following one or something; searching for something after having located a spoor.

She may telephone, and let her know we're on the trail (Gardner, 159).

on --- trail. Following one; tracing one; tracking one. (This implies detection into one's activities.)

I knew one thing, I'd hate to have him on my trail (Gardner, 172).
Then, in some way, Leeds found out Hogarty was on his trail, and ran away... (Gardner, 168).

on trial. Being tried in court, being in court as a defendant.

You are a nephew of the Alden Leeds who is on trial here in this action as a defendant (Gardner, 187).

on a trip. Taking a journey; journeying.

...she wasn't feeling well on a train trip from Illinois... (Yank, 212).

on up. Up; upward; farther up.

...I crawls on up to the branch to investigate (Yank, 162).
We passed by, of course, and went backing on up the road (Pyle, 429).

on the up and up. Honest; true; fair.

If this tip proves on the up and up, you'll get the thanks of the department (Gardner, 176).
It'll be on the up and up (Cain, 80).
She wanted to keep the family background on the up and up, and make a nice impression on Alden Leeds (Gardner, 72).

on the verge of. Immediately preceding; almost having, doing, something.

...particularly Glendale, was on the verge of the real-estate boom of the 1920's... (Cain, 6).

onward and upward. To ever greater improvement; to increasingly better and superior knowledge, moral values, etc.

...but the light of faith and their gratitutde to Old Bragg High would lead them, onward and upward (Marquand, 165).

on the warpath. Fighting; battling; angry.

Although they are only twice the size of the black ants back in the States, they are ferocious creatures, always on the warpath, and they snap... (Yank, 42).

on the way.

1. Going; moving.

On the way up we were sailing along across a rise when, "Bang!"... (Pyle, 264).
...Lindley was sweating out a picture that was supposed to be on the way over (Yank, 208).
I stayed in the nose until we were well on the way home, and then crawled back and sat in the copilot's seat (Pyle, 324).
"On the way," Hodgson yelled again (Yank, 107).
It wasn't the heavy flak up above or the medium flak on the way down that worried the pilots so much... (Pyle, 164).
Other people's husbands were out of the house and on their way downtown by eight-thirty... (Marquand, 4).
I am on my way to see my girl in Boston... (Yank, 187).
Anyhow, I was to go to his apartment at ten-thirty, and in the morning, we were to get married, and be on our way (Gardner, 73).
In a few more weeks they were on their way to California again... (Yank, 23).
On Christmas Day they were on their way to Oregon... (Yank, 23).
They were on their way to an Italian Partisan camp... (Yank, 25).
She's here in Boston...and I'm on my way to see her (Yank, 187).
...kids on their way home from Westwood... (Cain, 175).
He was dressed now in army boots, sport jacket and knickers, and was on his way to Naples where he lived (Yank, 50).
She'd left a note, saying that she saw it wouldn't work out, and she was on her way, that we weren't to try to follow (Gardner, 113).
...and as they looked, an express train hurtled by it on its way to Boston (Marquand, 92).
...were on their way to Tel Aviv (Yank, 116).
Every so often we'd pass some Infantry replacements going in, others on their way out (Yank, 58).
As soon as he has recovered...we will be on our way back to civilization... (Yank, 142).
I trust he is already on his way... (Yank, 142).
He would probably have been on his way home by then (Pyle, 336).

2. While going; while traveling.

They...told the soldiers...what road strafing they did on the way home (Pyle, 179).
On the way back Bill looked out (Pyle, 348).

...giving Buck syrettes of morphine to administer inside the superstructure on the way down (Yank, 46).
I did not know him very well before, but I got to know him on the way back... (Marquand, 216).
I'd been joking and bragging on the way down about what a crack rifle shot I was... (Pyle, 188).
It was true that they were to stop on the way at Madge's Uncle Judson's for lunch, but there would be nothing to do if they got there early (Marquand, 89).
We walked through on our way to work and idly stopped to listen... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
On my way to Italy, I flew across the Mediterranean... (Pyle, 142).
We used to sit in those doorways at midnight, on our way home... (Yank, 187).
...they had forded a river on their way up and their feet were freezing (Yank, 48).
On our way to the front lines in the battle for Cherbourg, we stopped at a town... (Yank, 105).
...plunge to ruin was so rapid he could hardly see Pierce Homes disappear on his way down (Cain, 7).

3. Located on one's path, street, way of going somewhere; not out of one's way.

Why, it's right on my way (Cain, 64).
"We're going to a happy land where everything is bright," Minot said, "and 52nd Street is on the way" (Marquand, 72).

on --- way. Going about one's business in an accustomed manner; doing things as usual.

...he and Madge were having breakfast just as though the world were on its way to peace (Marquand, 586).

on wheels. Mounted on wheels, rollers; arranged with wheels for easy moving.

...and a great many tables on wheels so that salads and crepes Suzettes could be prepared right under the noses of you and your companion (Marquand, 318).

on the whole. Generally; for the most part; in general.

...she submitted to what, on the whole, seemed a reasonably appropriate finale... (Cain, 129).
...though on the whole not quite so satisfactory... (Cain, 129).
There were sit-down strikers in France and there was unrest in Spain, but on the whole, the world seemed quiet (Marquand, 212).
But on the whole the letters showed no general tendency to give up (Pyle, 124).
On the whole, they applauded... (Pyle, 172).

On the whole our troops found Sicily perhaps a little better than North Africa (Pyle, 88).
...on the whole they aren't very good at the job... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).
A majority who truly loved to fly and at times found a certain real exhileration in combat, but who on the whole existed only for the day when they could do their flying more peacefully (Pyle, 178).
...on the whole the adults looked like people anywhere -- both good and bad (Pyle, 416).
...on the whole it had been bitter (Pyle, 293).
But on the whole the duck is almost as wonderful in this war as the jeep (Pyle, 276).
On the whole the natives seemed a pretty third-rate lot (Pyle, 31).
The corners were knocked off a few buildings and some good-sized holes were gouged in the streets, but on the whole, Licata had got off pretty nicely (Pyle, 30).

on the witness stand. In court as a witness; in court to testify.

"I don't suppose," Mason said, "That under the circumstances, you'd care to go on the witness stand and tell your story" (Gardner, 183).

on the world. To earn, make, one's own way, living.

No, I was thrown out on the world when I was a child (Gardner, 52).

on the wrong track. Doing the wrong, incorrect, thing; following a wrong trail, spoor, idea, etc.

If we're on the wrong track, we want to know it. (Gardner, 159).

on your way. Go away; leave; get away.

On your way, son (Gardner, 145).

once and for all. Finally; for good; without more to do with or concern over.

She raised one leg, looked at it judiciously, decided once and for all it was not bowed... (Cain, 29).
But she also knew, from the look that went around, that now it was squelched, once and for all (Cain, 108).
...high time that this festering sore was cut out...once and for all (Yank, 213).

once in a lifetime. Only once in a long time; very seldom; very infrequently.

Come once in a lifetime, sing all a trill... (Cain, 217).
I see what comes once in a lifetime only -- a great coloratura (Cain, 218).

Once in a while. Occasionally; off and on; sometimes; now and then.

Once in awhile they work around to women... (Yank, 192).
...to see her once in a while (Cain, 167).
I drop in once in a while (Gardner, 22).
But once in a while a Fort would go down the runway swiftly and become airborne sooner than the others (Yank, 127).
oh -- might as well be original once in a while (Cain, 90).
Once in a while there was a tankman who had a feeling of claustrophobia... (Pyle, 264).
Our own heavy artillery made such a booming that once in a while we had to wait a few seconds in order to be heard (Pyle, 251).
Once in a while they'd give him the Fascist salute... (Pyle, 308).
It's a shame somebody didn't shave with it once in a while (Pyle, 240).
The general also liked to get up at four o'clock in the morning once in a while... (Pyle, 295).
Down there fliers did get...to town once in a while if there was a town... (Pyle, 328).
Once in a while, we had steak (Pyle, 240).
...also cans of Sterno, so they could heat some coffee once in a while (Pyle, 144).
Once in a while the army set up portable showers... (Pyle, 110).
Once in a while there was a quick flash of a hand grenade (Pyle, 25).
Once in a while, they'll go up a river valley and get isolated (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

once more. Again; another time.

Once more she felt like herself, and began thinking about the job with cool detachment... (Cain, 62).
The Marx Brothers take over once more (Yank, 73).
Then once more her fixed resolve rose in her (Cain, 172).
The wearing of white hats became optional once more (Pyle, 44).

once or twice. A few times; occasionally.

He tried it once or twice... (Yank, 185).
She had been there with him once or twice, and she knew very well that it had not worked (Marquand, 408).

once upon a time. Once; at one time in the past. (This was used very often among writers of fairy tales for the beginning of a romance and it has romantic connotations.)

Once upon a time, he used to press his pants with it... (Pyle, 413).

one after another. First one and then another; one following another.

...he smoked one after another (Pyle, 447).
It's problems, from balancing the dishes to picking up starters, flitted through her mind one after another... (Cain, 62).
As gun after gun came off the stack I looked to see what was the matter with it... (Pyle, 423).
They came in groups...one right after another (Pyle, 434).

One gigantic explosion after another (Pyle, 847).
It was a six-barreled rocket rack which fired one rocket after another, electrically (Pyle, 193).
...a mother who fried things in the kitchen and kept bringing in plate after plate of them all through the acts for the family to eat... (Marquand, 553).
You want to register as having had one cigarette after another, with only a puff or two from each (Gardner, 79).
They tried one target after another, and one of the targets happened to be our ship (Pyle, 23).

the one and only. The only person one loves; the loved one; the sweetheart.

To me he'll always be the one and only... (Cain, 183).
...the picture of his one-and-only was good enough for him and to hell with pin-up pictures (Pyle, 180).

one and the same. The same; identical; self-same.

...I had no idea L.C. Conway and John Milicant were one and the same (Gardner, 108).
...or how you found out Conway and Milicant were one and the same (Gardner, 117).
...Leeds would never know that Conway and John Milicant were one and the same person (Gardner, 73).
...so far there has been no evidence definitely establishing that the decedent and Bill Hogarty were one and the same (Gardner, 146).
Are you trying to suggest to me that your brother and L.C. Conway are one and the same? (Gardner, 54).

one another. Each other; one to the other.

...Smith...and I crouched...to smoke...and tell one another what had happened... (Yank, 251).

one at a time. Singly; individually.

They weren't heroic figures as they moved forward one at a time... (Pyle, 401).
The men went forward one at a time (Pyle, 401).
They dug in one gun at a time... (Pyle, 388).

one big happy family. A family, group, composed of harmonious people. (Often ironic.)

...all one big 'appy family (Cain, 217).

one by one. Singly; individually; one at a time.

The years had been cut off one by one without his knowing where they had gone (Marquand, 533).

One by one the planes of the group had gone down (Yank, 86).
When Tojo gave his orders
To kill us one by one... (Yank, 176).
Jimmy Ryan stood snapping his knuckles one by one (Marquand, 164).
...they'll figure they'll get through somehow, then pick us off one by one... (Yank, 181).
Then they sneaked in, one by one (Yank, 25).
The bombs dropped...one by one... (Yank, 118).
The bombs dropped one by one... (Yank, 118).
One by one the batteries of the battalion rolled in... (Yank, 133).
One by one, the girls filed in the dining room (Cain, 66).
German planes came over one by one (Pyle, 370).
We arrived one by one at the appointed place... (Pyle, 353).
We came back over our airdrome, peeled off one by one, and landed (Pyle, 325).
One by one the platoon leaders felt their way up to the head of the column... (Pyle, 200).
One by one those scores of dive bombers got themselves successfully landed ... (Pyle, 174).
The engines started going clear out, one by one (Pyle, 348).
...and one by one I discovered that --- with one exception--every boy in that tent had been through at least one violent experience (Pyle, 215).
Then, one by one, erratically, the others went out too (Pyle, 22).
...I could sense them moving, one by one, close to Captain Waskow's body (Pyle, 185).
They picked off our soldiers one by one... (Pyle, 373).
...seeing their comrades wounded one by one and taken down the mountain (Pyle, 144).

one day. Once; at one time in the past.

...had been tongue-tied at social gatherings, and then, one day, he too had hit upon the Secret (Marquand, 190).
...one day Wally Burgan strolled into the Pie Wagon... (Cain, 245).
...hatchet that she knew one day would have to fall (Cain, 130).
Returning to field headquarters one day after a long trip in the field... (Yank, 130).
One day she entered an office building and, beginning at the top... (Cain, 40).
John started scheming, and then, one day, he came to me and said he'd used... (Gardner, 73).
One day old Mr. Jenks who customarily wrote this lead... (Marquand, 197).
A Jap 47 objected one day and threw several rounds at Schulte... (Yank, 55).
One day he put it to his boss again the general said... (Pyle, 306).
One day about noon, our commander asked for volunteers... (Yank, 9).
So one day I asked one of the lieutenants... (Yank, 27).
We hit a car one day... (Yank, 124).
One day I went along with an infantry Company... (Pyle, 398).
One day I heard him ask a battalion what his position was (Pyle, 446).
One day my friend Private William Bates Wescott found a mother rabbit... (Pyle, 412).

One day at the hotel, there was a knock at my door (Pyle, 347).
One day I rode around with him on one of his tours (Pyle, 395).
One day I stood by the road... (Pyle, 273).
One day Buck went stalking German officer in close combat... (Pyle, 196).
Murph and I got to talking about newspapermen one day (Pyle, 447).
...Lieutenant Miles...almost shot himself down one day (Pyle, 167).
One day during the Hukawng Valley campaign a frightened Jap prisoner tried to shake hands with him (Yank, 129).
Ed Bland was so interested in his strafing one day that... (Pyle, 167).
One day in battle they were having it tough (Pyle, 186).
One day a tank destroyer rolled in (Pyle, 423).
He told one day about an old cowboy who went to the city (Pyle, 331).
My friend...told me about flying suddenly over a hilltop one day and finding a German truck right in his gunsights (Pyle, 161).

--- hat comes off to. One shows respect for; one admires.

My hat comes off to you fellows in India, Italy, the Aleutians, the South and Central Pacific... (Yank, 218).

--- heart sinks. One loses hope; one becomes frightened, scared.

The squadron leader's heart sank (Pyle, 206).

one hell of a. (This is used as a strong intensive.)

We had one hell of a fight in the spring (Gardner, 115).
...I think he's one hell of an American (Yank, 215).
One hell of an end to a nice vacation (Cain, 110).

one horse. Insignificant; small and of little consequence. (Often used in relation to a town.)

...every one-horse conservatory... (Cain, 187).

one in ---. (Used to show the approximate percentage) (Cf. one out of.)

...about one man in 15 has succeeded in finding his own barracks bag...
'Ere is one voice in a million (Cain, 218).
Only one in ten of them has any instinct for planting... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

one is as good as another. There is no essential difference between the two (or more); one is no better than another.

One guess was as good as another... (Pyle, 255).

one jump behind. Not to be up with; to be slow in understanding as regards; to comprehend slower than another acts.

I want to mix this case up so much and rush it through so fast that he'll be one jump behind us all the way along the line (Gardner, 128).

one man army. A very proficient soldier on the battlefield; a soldier who has killed many of the enemy.

The boys called him a "one-man army" (Pyle, 186).

one moment. Wait a little while; wait a moment.

One moment, please (Marquand, 437).

one night. Once at night; one time at night in the past. (Cf. one day.)

One night I crawled down into an ack-ack battery... (Pyle, 413).
And then one night she came home... (Cain, 142).
One night...Mildred knew Veda was drunk (Cain, 191).
Ida cornered her one night... (Cain, 191).
One night a few weeks later, he noticed four dogfaces... (Yank, 34).
One night up front a corporal...assailed censorship by mail (Yank, 130).
And then one night in the den... (Cain, 145).
One night Sergeant Slim Aarons of Yank Magazine said... (Pyle, 247).
One night, I ran into two soldiers... (Pyle, 246).

one of the boys.

1. A regular fellow; a hair fellow well met; no different person than the others.

...said the commander, "I'm just one of the boys" (Yank, 46).

2. One of a group of men.

Every ration night the GIs begin festivities with a song dreamed up by Bob Lewis, one of the boys in the band (Yank, 34).

one of these days. Sometime; at some time in the future.

If you don't watch out, I may call you one of these days (Cain, 5).
You may even be carrying me one of these days (Pyle, 372).

one of these things. Something; a thing. (This implies something almost beyond rational explanation.)

It's just one of those things that two people hate to think about (Cain, 85).
"Well," Drake said, "it's just one of those things" (Gardner, 87).
It was one of those things that you would half remember and then lose before it assumed any concrete shape (Marquand, 585).
The way I happened to go to that certain squadron was one of those things (Pyle, 320).

to be one on ---. To be something for which one is responsible; for one to be the cause of something.

That was one on you that time, Mr. Wilson (Marquand, 513).
It's one on you, Mr. Wilson, that mower (Marquand, 513).

one out of. (Used to give approximate percentages. Cf. one in.)

One out of 14! (Yank, 230).

one sided. Without equality of responsibility, winnings, etc.; unequal in that one shares, wins, holds, more than others.

But this one-sided correspondence... (Yank, 212).
...it became so one-sided that Bell had to make it look good and let them save face (Yank, 186).

one single thing. Anything; one thing.

Is there one single thing I ever denied you? (Cain, 207).

one step at a time. One move at a time; one action each time. (Cf. at a time).

People just can't realize that we must take one step at a time, and this step we are taking now took nearly half a year to prepare (Cain, 16).

one stop. (Descriptive of a store in which one is able to purchase a great many different items. The implication is that one can purchase everything he may want there.)

[The Columbia, Mo., cooperative grocery store] is a one-stop store (Cooperative Consumer, Mar. 17, 1942, 6).

one summer. Once in a past summer; during a summer in the past.

One summer he worked as an ordinary day laborer... (Yank, 131).

one thing. Something.

One thing you might consider... (Cain, 201).

one thing and another. This and that; many different things.

...presently the thing became so public, what with pieces of paper... and one thing and another... (Cain, 142).

one thing or the other. This or that; either one or the other.

It would be one thing or the other (Marquand, 229).

one time. Once; at one time in the past.

Why, he was in a mutiny one time...well no...I guess he wasn't either (Gardner, 56).

to be one to (infinitive). To be a person who; to be the type of a person who.

Mildred was pretending to herself that she was doing Veda a kindness, but Veda wasn't one to let such a spot go to somebody else (Cain, 114).

a one track mind. A mind capable of thinking of but one thing.

...he has a one-track mind... (Yank, 20).

one way. Capable of being used as a road in only one direction. (Sens unique.) (This refers to roads, streets, etc., where traffic is so heavy that all traffic moves in the same direction.)

In many places we had to make roads one-way for miles (Pyle, 378).
On one street...they had to make sidewalk traffic one-way... (Pyle, 298).

one way or (an)other. In some way, fashion, manner.

Like as not, China won't have any effect one way or another on either of us (Yank, 30).
One recent midweek afternoon, we sneaked out of our office and up to the Polo Grounds, where...an astonishingly large number of citizens who had, one way or another, taken half a day off (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
Wop or spig, I wouldn't trust either one as far as a snail can hop, so it doesn't make much difference, one way or the other (Cain, 91).

not one whit. Not the least; not one bit; not at all.

...with the sensitive awareness of intelligence but without the power to change their course one whit (Marquand, 353).

one word leads to another. To quarrel; to argue angrily.

One word led to another, and guns were pulled (Yank, 220).
One word led to another, and, after two days, we weren't speaking (Gardner, 112).

only too. Very; rather well; extremely.

...she would have been only too glad to regard this as "the first move"... (Cain, 211).

open air. Outdoors; al fresco; out of doors; outside. (Also attributive.)

...to get his coat and hat, and to get into the elevator, and into the open air (Marquand, 353).

It was near the filling stations and the drive-in luncheons and the drugstores and the open-air markets... (Marquand, 455).

open and shut. Clearly decided; of no question.

On a morals charge, all the jury wants to know is the age of the girl -- after that it's dead open and shut (Cain, 202).

to open a branch. (When one has a business which is successful and wishes to expand, one often opens a new store in a different location which may well be almost independent of the original. This is to open a branch.)

...started a campaign to get Mildred to open a branch in Beverly... (Cain, 175).

to open a can. To take off the top from a can so as to be able to remove the contents.

...I'll open myself another can of beans (Cain, 225).

open city. A city, in time of war, which is officially declared to be undefended and therefore, according to international law, not subject to attack.

President Moscicki said his message was in reply to Mr. Roosevelt's message, "in which you recommend that open cities must not be bombed" (New York Times, Sept. 18, 1939, 5).

...the State Department was represented as viewing with favor the suggestion advanced by Norman H. Davis...neutralized hospital zones, a pact restricting bombing of "open" cities... (Newsweek, July 4, 1938, 9).

an open fight. A fight which is carried on openly, publicly.

...the average German soldier fought an open fight and lost (Pyle, 374).

to open fire. To begin shooting; to start firing a gun.

...the after battery once again opened fire, so Buck stayed where he was (Yank, 46).
At 2105 gun No. 2 of Battery B opened fire to register a target for the other 11 guns (Yank, 133).
Mueller and Verde opened fire with BARs, and Holtz rolled grenades down the slope (Yank, 53).
...the Japs spotted them and opened fire (Yank, 191).
...a .30 caliber machine gun opened fire on me (Yank, 10).
The second one threw searchlights on Big B and she opened fire (Yank, 43).

to open a grave. To remove the earth from a grave; to take the dirt out of a grave. (This usually implies that the one opening the grave is intending to remove or to molest the body.)

One group of Japs opened a grave we had dug for others killed two days earlier... (Yank, 54).

open house. An entertainment to which everyone may come; an entertainment, tea, party, for which no invitations are issued in that all are welcome.

That was part of the fun of it, knowing interesting people, having open house for everyone (Marquand, 337).

opening night. The first night; the first performance of a play, opera, musical comedy, or the like.

Changing into her unfirom, Mildred was as nervous as an actress on opening night... (Cain, 66).

to open --- mouth. To prepare to say something; to say something; to make a remark.

His tightening face muscles showed his temper was rising, and he opened his mouth to say something (Cain, 4).
She was opening her mouth to say something peevish... (Cain, 230).
I literally can't open my mouth in a theatre...that she isn't there, bustling down the aisle... (Cain, 253).
Mildred opened her mouth to say she couldn't do any deducting... (Cain, 247).

open mouth(ed). (A term used to indicate surprise, astonishment.)

Wally said by God he had a notion to find out, when all of a sudden he was standing there with open mouth... (Cain,125).
...the mater sat open-mouthed with amazement (Yank, 155).

open to. Available to, for; not closed to, restricted for.

...night clubs open to all the public... (Yank, 212).
There were two choices open to the unfortunate recipient of home-made cookies (Yank, 140).

to open --- trap. To speak; to talk; to say something.

The others seemed so relieved to be out of the war that they just opened their traps and let it run (Pyle, 123).

to open up.

1. To begin to shoot repeatedly.

...we opened up with all our guns (Yank, 10).
George followed him in and opened up with a tommy gun (Yank, 8).
...a machine gunner opened up on us at a range of about 20 feet (Yank, 125).

...by that time everything in the vicinity that could shoot had opened up (Pyle, 160).
The attacking airplanes left, but then Italian guns opened up on the hills back of the beach (Pyle, 23).
A machine pistol opened up and tore the top of his head off (Yank, 21).
He was returning with a patrol one moonlit night when the enemy opened up on them (Pyle, 450).
...just then a .25 caliber machine gun opened up, and we immediately dived into the hole (Yank, 9).
...another .25 caliber opened up from another direction (Yank, 9).
...a .25 caliber machine gun opened up from the left (Yank, 10).
Four of our planes...opened up on the Japs (Yank, 203).
Machine guns, BARs, mortars and rifles opened up in a deafening deluge of fire (Yank, 92).
When the Jap artillery opened up it directed some embarrassingly accurate fire... (Yank, 53).
When a machine gun opens up, the new men squat right where they are (Yank, 148).
...some machine gunner on the other side of the valley opened up (Yank, 180).
The Japs had allowed platoon after platoon of American troops to pass through, before they opened up (Yank, 251).
If they threw a grenade or opened up with their weapons... (Yank, 145).
...the 88s opened up again (Yank, 135).
...a tank would open up across the river... (Yank, 239).

2. To speak freely and to disclose much information; to talk without restraint.

All of them were sort of diffident at first, but they opened up when I had known them for a little while... (Pyle, 333).
...instead of answering questions in a tight-lipped defensive way, as she had at other places, opened up a little (Cain, 33).
By then, Ida had opened up on Mr. Chris, with everybody standing around, to watch the result (Cain, 67).
They were still under a restraint that wouldn't let them open up (Pyle, 377).
But he'll open up on the subject of his home town or his neighborhood beer joint (Yank, 36).

3. To open; to open a door, lid, cover, or the like.

I opened up my dinner unit and began to eat (Yank, 21).
Then you went into a little cubbyhole and opened up the box, and all around you was the... (Marquand, 403).
She took him to the kitchen, opened up the great range (Cain, 96).

4. To develop.

It may well be that, as your case opens up, the evidence will become pertinent (Gardner, 146).

5. To unfold; to expand; to spread out.

The stove has folding legs and folding griddles which opens up... (Pyle, 242).

6. To prepare a store, business, for the day by unlocking the door and getting things ready for business.

It was her morning to open up (Gardner, 95).

7. To open the accelerator; to put on full speed; to go as fast as a vehicle can go.

...the PTs opened up and made tracks for home... (Yank, 255).

8. To establish a place of business operations; to begin a new store, place of working.

...I succeeded in opening up and wiring in the forward CP (Yank, 241).

to open the way. To prepare the way; to make an opening so that one can go through, make progress.

...a 35-day fight that was to open the way to the valley leading to Cassino (Yank, 125).

open your mouth and shut your eyes (and I'll give you something to make you wise). A rhyme one says to another usually when one wants to surprise another with an excellent tid-bit of food.)

"Silly," Louella said, "open your mouth and shut your eyes, and I'll give you something to make you wise" (Marquand, 204).

opera house. An auditorium and stage where opera is performed.

...Mildred became acquainted with...opera houses... (Cain, 234).

to be operated on. To have an operation; to be subjected to surgery.

He had been in the Navy for a year and was operated on for appendicitis after arriving in the Mediterranean (Pyle, 40).

operating room. A room, specially designed, and kept immaculately clean, used for surgery.

...it was as clean as an operating room; everything was in its proper place and everything worked (Cain, 2).

operating table. A table on which a patient lies while being operated on, while being under surgery.

The operating table was moved... (Yank, 146).

orange juice. The juice of an orange. (This drink is very popular at breakfast. Not to be confused with orangeade.)

...eating pale sandwiches stuffes with lettuce and mayonnaise, and gulping double orange juices because they were rich... (Marquand, 240).

to order --- around. To tell another to do something in a rather brusque manner.

She began to order him around... (Cain, 144).
The general did and the soldier never knew he had been ordering the general around (Pyle, 68).

orderly room. The office of a military, army, company; also those who work there. Also attributive.

"Here in the orderly room?" we asked (Yank, 98).
He began to work away from the orderly room... (Yank, 138).
...Walt heard the sharp click as the orderly-room door opened... (Yank, 138).
He kept drifting farther away from the orderly room... (Yank, 138).
Your orderly room failed to notify ODB about your discontinuing the $25 allotment... (Yank, 171).
...okay, you loud mouthed orderly-room jerk (Yank, 138).

orders call for. Instructions, a mandate, requires, insist on.

Orders from Gen. Wheeler called for a road to cross the India-Burma border... (Yank, 178).

orders say. Regulations, instructions, insist on, require.

...my orders says nobody's car...gets by here today (Yank, 179).

to order a taxi. To telephone to a taxi company and ask for a taxi to come for one.

I didn't order any taxi (Cain, 258).

to order up. To order; to call for; to request.

Serle says they were discussing a business deal, and that he ordered up the dinner but can't remember what time it was (Gardner, 85).

or else. Or one will have trouble, difficulties.

You wouldn't think that men could joke about the proximity of death; but they sometimes had to joke about it--or else (Pyle, 285).
I'd been joking and bragging...about what a crack rifle shot I was, so I had to make good or else (Pyle, 188).

original settler. One of the first of European descent to claim land and to live on it in what is now the United States.

My great-great-grandfather was one of the original settlers--you know, the gay caballeros that gypped the Indians... (Cain, 91).

or more. And more than that. (Used to give an approximate amount.)

We talked soldier talk for an hour or more... (Pyle, 155).

or not. Or not (to do something already stated).

I don't remember whether I heard any noise or not (Pyle, 247).
No two people, whether they were married or not, could not possible look at any subject in exactly the same way (Marquand 12).
She didn't know whether to raise her glass or not, but finally did (Cain, 127).
...I don't care if we've got a Depression or not (Cain, 10).
They were divided about fifty-fifty on whether we should draft labor or not (Pyle, 110).
Well, was she angry at him or not? (Cain, 29).
...all they ask is: Do you own property or not? (Cain, 79).
...service stripes can be worn by those "who have served honorably", whether continuously or not... (Yank, 172).
"I don't care whether he's dead or not," she blazed indignantly (Gardner, 110).
I don't know whether it was picked up or not (Pyle, 356).
You didn't care whether you got hit or not (Pyle, 365).
Whether he wanted to or not, he was becoming part of it (Marquand, 423).
Lilicant said, "I don't know whether he and Sis are going to hit it off or not" (Gardner, 22).
...did I want to unlock that door again or not? (Cain, 232).
...it didn't concern him whether I was singing or not... (Cain, 231).
...she wasn't at all certain, after it finished, whether there had been one or not (Cain, 239).
She couldn't make out...whether there was to be a ballet or not... Cain, 239).
...whether the great masters liked it or not (Cain, 188).
...it didn't make a bit of difference whether you could play the piano or not (Cain, 139).

or so. Or about that much. (A device for giving an approximate amount).

She had no trouble for a mile or so... (Cain, 172).
In a day or so, she had asked Mom and Mr. Pierce... Cain, 238).
...after her dozenth or so reappearance, she came out followed by Mr. Treviso... (Cain, 241).
It takes a minute or so before you notice that a rumming commentary in French... (Yank, 73).
For the first year or so it was always "Jerry" (Pyle, 242).
He went around every day or so and inspected... (Pyle, 340).

It often did, she knew, specially when she was a day or so late at the beauty shop... (Cain, 93).
She was a thin, dark woman of forty or so, with lines on her face that might have come from care... (Cain, 8).
As we caught up to within half a mile or so, we could finally see the running lights of other planes... (Pyle, 323).
In a day or so,..Mildred decided... (Cain, 188).
For an hour or so, yes (Gardner, 141).
But at this beachhead just a month or so after the initial attacking wave ... (Yank, 39).
...they din't see even an American plane more than once a month or so (Yank, 29).
An hour or so later I began to get sore... (Pyle, 437).
The tents were scattered throughout the vineyard, fifty or so yards apart ... (Pyle, 207).
...they had a dozen or so pans... (Pyle, 421).
...after you've been here a year or so, you start turning a little whacky (Yank, 30).
...New Year's party he had invited her to, a week or so before (Cain, 159).
...Frank X. Talbot describes Diamond as an inch or so under 6 feet, pushing the scales to the vicinity of 200 pounds (Yank, 110).
After an hour or so, one of our colonels said we'd better move... (Pyle, 370).
...another inch over or so would make it a different story (Yank, 193).
...we drove on out of town for a quarter of a mile or so (Pyle, 425).
I carried it half a mile or so... (Pyle, 367).
...we had to lie off and wait for an hour or so... (Pyle, 286).
They tried to keep ahead by fifty graves or so (Pyle, 284).
We nosed out to sea, for a mile or so, then dropped anchor for a couple of hours... (Pyle, 230).
...the Germans had pulled a tank out of the woods a mile or so away... (Pyle, 192).
He got his instructions from the regimental command post half a mile or so to the rear (Pyle, 100).

or so --- thinks. Or one thinks it is true; or one supposes so, thus.

...that's okay--or so I thought until I found out... (Yank, 173).

or two. Or more. (A term for giving an approximate amount.)

In another day or two, they had strung 50 miles of telephone wire... (Yank, 40).
...within a week or two, two things happened... (Cain, 244).

or words to that effect. Or if not in those words exactly, then in words that mean the same thing.

He'd skin her alive when he got back, or words to that effect (Pyle, 335).

the other day. Not long ago; sometime in the near past.

Only the other day, Roger Newell...well, Roger had come to him in an awful state... (Marquand, 400).
"I had a letter from him the other day," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 276).
A hard-working business girl found a notice in her mailbox the other day saying that a package was being held for her at the Railway Express office (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
It was suggested to us the other day that we... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

the other side. The side away from one; a side where one is not.

About 30 German planes came over, looking for a village on the other side of the mountain... (Yank, 71).
...you could hear the dull boom of the bombs as they dropped on the other side (Yank, 71).
They live on the other side of Huntington Avenue... (Cain, 164).

to be others where --- comes from. To be more of, to be still more of; to be a supply of.

His only thought was...that there must be others where he came from, and that he must not get back to the others... (Marquand, 236).

out above. Projecting away from and over.

The awnings were out above the downstairs windows... (Marquand, 184).

out across. Away from a place and over, across.

This Sunday afternoon the Dead End Kids had patrols out across the river to the north and south of Walawbum (Yank, 91).
When we looked out across our valley... (Pyle, 98).
He glanced out across the desert (Yank, 139).

out against. Prepared against; on the offensive against.

So long as that warrant is out against him, he dare not come back... (Cain, 202).

out ahead. Ahead; on ahead; away from a place and forward.

...a perimeter defense of outposts out ahead of a circular main line of resistance (Yank, 5).
In Sicily even the infantry took off its hat to them--for not infrequently the engineers were actually out ahead of the troops (Pyle, 78).

out along. Away from a place and by, on.

They drove through the main street and out along the Post Road (Marquand, 257).

out at. Away from (here, this place) at.

Some cops were out at the house messing around with fingerprints and stuff (Gardner, 55).
Were you out at the house? (Gardner, 55).
I think she's out at the house (Gardner, 55).
...he shaded his eyes with his hand and looked out at the ocean (Yank, 182).
...the demure, pathetic little figure pouring all this elaborate fretwork out at the stars (Cain, 240).
Instantly mortar fire lobbed out at the exposed Americans, hitting 26 (Yank, 52).
...he had heard Madge saying to someone across the table, when they were out at dinner, that she had bought it... (Marquand, 210).
He laughed excitedly, strolled over to the window, stood looking out at the rain (Cain, 27).
...pulled a chair to the window, and sat there in the dark looking out at the familiar scene... (Cain, 15).
...he had worked on the script a great deal with Mr. Bless out at Palos Verdes (Marquand, 453).

out back. In the rear; at a place behind a house, building.

The yellow and purple iris blooming in the bed out back... (Marquand, 157).
He strode around, throwing up windows, going out back and opening doors, letting air circulate... (Cain, 92).
...when highballs were being served on the lawn, out back... (Cain, 236).
Out back was a lattice, and beyond that the walk that circled the house (Cain, 93).
We slept out back, on balsam boughs--sleeping together for warmth, and neither one of us speaking (Gardner, 113).
...she built an annex, out back of the parking space... (Cain, 174).

out behind. In the rear; out back; behind a building.

...their palatial residence...with...the peacock out behind... (Cain, 141).

outboard motorboat. A small boat, rowboat, powered by a detachable, portable, motor, which is fastened on to the rear temporarily.

...fishing parties in an outboard motorboat...travel up the river... (Yank, 234).
At Kukum, you'll see outboard motorboats... (Yank, 234).

out by. Away from (this) place, here, by.

He stood out by the side of the runway... (Yank, 229).
...the station wagon was out by the front door already with the picnic in the back seat and with Sally waiting to get in (Marquand, 547).

out dancing. Away from one's home in a dance hall, cabaret, night club, dancing.

I saw your old girl friend out dancing the other night (Yank, 100).

to out distance. To go further than; to go faster than.

...the Japs were...well fixed with mortars capable of out distancing anything the Yanks had on hand (Yank, 191).

out door. Al fresco; out of doors.

...tables for out-door drinkers... (Cain, 178).

the out door. The door for going out of a room.

Mildred started for the kitchen, barely missing a girl who appeared in the out door (Cain, 47).

out flat. Flat; not folded, made up, arranged.

Containers in the drawer under the case, they're out flat and you'll have to fold them... (Cain, 124).

to be out for. To be proceeding for; to have the purpose of; to be going for.

...she preceeded at demure leisure, merely a lady out for a Saturday swim... (Cain, 91).

out from. Away from; from within.

The soldiers' dugouts were made by digging a square...or hole about shoulder-deep then roofing it with boards...and digging a trench out from it... (Pyle, 257).
...one of the big shells makes a white geyser a couple of hundred feet in the air...and out from it a quarter of a mile go little corollary white splashes as shrapnel gouges the surface (Pyle, 278).
...plam fronds were floating out from the beach (Yank, 250).
It's going out from the NBC studio right here in Hollywood... (Cain, 210).
He went around poking his head out from hunched-up shoulders with a quizzical half grin on his face (Pyle, 332).
It's just as though I'd taken a whole piece of time out from back somewhere, ... (Marquand, 470).

out front.

1. In front. (This usually implies in front of a house, building.)

He was...watching his boy Earl...mow the patch of lawn out front (Marquand, 19).
He heard Mildred call something to her, and she went out front, where other children were waiting for her (Cain, 7).
I mean their palatial residence on Orange Grove Avenue, with the iron dogs out front... (Cain, 141).

...a great many cars seemed to be parked out front... (Cain, 230).
...one of the pillars, out front, had...been hit by a truck... (Cain, 220).

2. To the forward part of an army in battle; in the battle zone.

Out front the right guide steps alone,
Pivot of the column's tread... (Yank, 152).
We never had to ask no questions about who was out front... (Yank, 122).

3. In the front office; in the office where most people enter.

A receptionist...wants to sit out front where everybody can watch her do it (Cain, 36).
...Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Nichols would come in from the editorial rooms out front and all of them would chat... (Marquand, 202).

4. Into the leading position; into a position of leadership, attention.

It was a little like those marathon runs, where some scrawny, hollowchested boy, the last one who you would think could do it, would cough and wheeze his way out front (Marquand, 19).

out here. Here, as regards somewhere else; here in relation to another place, other places.

...you know how hospitable people out here are (Marquand, 462).
"Any God-damn' tree out here," Mrs. Newcombe said, "is a monkey puzzle tree ..." (Marquand, 461).
...out here in the sun... (Yank, 253).
They don't figure that weather out here can change within a half hour... (Yank, 206).
We'll bring it out here, that is, if you like music, but I guess you'll have to help me (Marquand, 186).
You know how it is, but it's fine out here (Marquand, 583).
"If I lived out here," Jeffrey answered, "I'd want to get back home" (Marquand, 429).
Harold, will you come out here, for a minute? (Marquand, 208).
...he came out here (Cain, 132).
...I've been out here only three months... (Yank, 30).
"I know why you're out here," he said..(Pyle, 319).
"You ought to live out here," Hal said (Marquand, 429).
What are you doing out here in the corridor? (Gardner, 44).

out in. Away from (this place) here and in. (In relation to another place.

...Shorty will be out in the cold, just another dog of the streets... (Yank, 137).
She was lying at anchor out in the harbor---... (Pyle, 1).
Eight of the finest and most hardened soldiers in the American army out in picnic fashion, having fun shooting at rocks... (Pyle, 188).

He was attached to a big general hospital out in the country (Pyle, 303).
Out in the darkness, one of the mule skinners kept up a long monologue... (Pyle, 203).
Jeffrey was out in the street in the best month of the year (Marquand, 15).
...the only rest he got was at the dump out in the country... (Pyle, 275).
The terrier would get out in the fields to play (Pyle, 355).
It was out in the country at the edge of a small town... (Pyle, 157).
The bulletin board of a church out in Queens last week bore the following hospitable message... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...I stayed in the bare, cold room of a hugh empty house out in the country (Pyle, 118).
...the general had an aversion to occupying buildings and usually kept a command post in tents out in the open (Pyle, 308).
Linemen were out in the darkness feeling with their hands... (Pyle, 199).
His response returned to us; out in the darkness the voice was youthful (Pyle, 17).
They scrubbed in gasoline, using sandpaper for guns in bad condition after lying out in the rain and mud (Pyle, 421).
I heated up the dishes before I left, but carrying it out in the air ain't helped it none (Gardner, 145).
I found them at the edge of a small open field far out in the country (Pyle, 383).
Some of our soldiers stood boldly out in the middle of the road (Pyle, 428).
When you are out in the middle of a desert, no road makes sense... (Yank, 31).
...a command post five miles out in the field (Pyle, 233).
Bill Strand...was out in the littered hallway in his underwear... (Pyle, 248).
...standing out in a field, shooting wildly into the air... (Pyle, 164).
...at one of those week-end parties out in Connecticut... (Marquand, 30).
...the crews of ships that sat out in the Mediterranean unloading (Pyle, 278).
He was out in the hallway by the elevator (Marquand, 412).
He had heard the bell out in the hall and he was grateful for the interruption... (Marquand, 330).
They had us out in a place... (Yank, 122).
"They sing it out in Sill," Jim said (Marquand, 548).
A guy walked past out in the street, and Alden turned loose his slingshot, and... (Gardner, 56).
...our mortars out in the yard would get busy (Yank, 239).
I went out in the yard... (Yank, 240).
I really wish I were out in the foxholes with you, but... (Yank, 84).
Out in the corridor, Della Street fell into step with Perry Mason (Gardner, 153).
Out in the rear of Hill 260 on the fork of the Torokina River, four Japs... (Yank, 55).
Here I was, with a dead partner, out in the middle of the north country... (Gardner, 114).
Go out in the other room and sit down (Gardner, 70).
Then Mildred and Mrs. Gessler were out in the corridor where Wally presently found them (Cain, 87).

You musta been out in the jungles a long time... (Yank, 201).
Well, you two girls go out in the kitchen and get the salad (Marquand, 359).
Hardening marches through the snow out in the woods (Yank, 190).
It was a flat carved case with a web strap which looked as though it had been out in the weather (Marquand, 213).

to be out in force. To be out in full strength.

All the Greek political organizations were out in force... (Yank, 219).

out in front (of). In front; before something. (In relation to inside or under protection. Cf. in front of.)

...I don't want to stick you right out in front... (Pyle, 400).
...he was keeping himself in the background and pushing me out in front (Gardner, 73).
Whenever he did, he was out in front getting shot at before you could say scat (Pyle, 139).
...the outposted enemy, sensing that something was out in front of them, opened fire (Yank, 123).

out in the open.

1. Openly; publicly; open; public. (Cf. in the open.)

...it was just as well to have it over and out in the open and not hanging fire (Marquand, 402).
...a drink they can have out in the open, without having to give the password to some yegg... (Cain, 148).

2. Not covered; unprotected; out of doors.

Rows of chairs were placed for them out in the open (Pyle, 191).
...we had to cross a little culvert right out in the open... (Pyle, 401).
More than half the trail was out in the open... (Pyle, 147).
A man is less nervous when he's out in the open... (Pyle, 381).
...I moved my head under and left my stomach out in the open (Pyle, 370).

out in the sticks. In the country; in a rural place.

...I'm not one of those small town hicks, but I love a little girlie who lives way out in the sticks (Marquand, 155).

out into. Away from (this place) into.

"Good night," Mason said, and strode out into the cold rain (Gardner, 121).
...she went to the kitchen door, reached out into the wet, and pulled open the car door (Cain, 162).
...shook hands all around and stepped out into the darkness (Yank, 61).
...escorted Mason through the anteroom, and out into the corridor (Gardner, 183).

Mason led the way out into the corridor (Gardner, 172).
...they drove past the liquor package shop and the stationery shop... past the church and out into the country (Marquand, 528).
...he was blown clear out into the grapevines (Pyle, 219).

outlook on life. Attitude toward life; philosophy.

The average artilleryman's outlook on life can be summed up... (Pyle, 102).

out loud. Aloud; audibly.

One soldier came and looked down, and he said out loud... (Pyle, 155).
...the men...wondered out loud whether Eniwetok was another Kiska... (Yank, 250).
Regan was...groaning out loud (Yank, 226).
At exactly 10 o'clock in the afternoon someone wondered out loud why the Jerries hadn't shelled the town, and 15 minutes later they did (Yank, 50).
...Don't repeat this out loud, Paul (Gardner, 157).
And I said out loud, "Good God!" (Pyle, 453).
Well, I've just been thinking out loud... (Marquand, 44).
Just out loud without fanfare (Marquand, 44).

out of.

1. In a condition of having no more of.

I'm out of ice and seltzer... (Cain, 223).
...remember you're the girl from across the hall, and you're out of matches (Gardner, 160).
He was out of smokes... (Yank, 158).
Out of what? (Marquand, 367).
Somehow Petchal's plane got separated from the rest of the flight and wound up far out over the Sahara Desert and out of gas (Pyle, 217).

2. Not in; no longer a part of. (This implies no more membership in.)

Cpl. Jimmy Martin is out of the guardhouse now... (Yank, 165).
Private Schneider was just out of high school... (Pyle, 276).
...a young, good-looking boy who looks as though he were just out of college (Yank, 70).

3. From the inside to the outside of; through from the inside of.

He drew a pair of dice out of his pocket and threw them across the desk (Gardner, 16).
I stuck the rifle down my pants leg and smuggled it out of the cabin when I went out to get wood (Gardner, 113).
...if there was any delay about cashing the check, he would take his account out of the bank (Gardner, 49).
He strode out of the room, took the elevator to the lobby (Gardner, 119).
Mason hung up and sprinted out of the restaurant (Gardner, 105).

Barkler took the pipe out of his mouth... (Gardner, 9).
Kettering flung himself out of the door (Gardner, 210).
He got to his feet, crossed over the cuspidor, tapped ashes out of his pipe... (Gardner, 58).
You have to sit straight as a ramrod to keep your feet from slipping out of the office during the middle of a conference (Gardner, 60).
Two male nurses come out of the sanitarium and start dragging him out of the car (Gardner, 32).
But you did have him strong-armed out of an automobile in order to place him in an institution... (Gardner, 134).
She went to the bedroom, got it out of the closet, went to the kitchen, and opened it (Cain, 54).
Presently they stopped, and he started out of the kitchen again, but she stopped him (Cain, 5).
...in what was intended to be a lofty, resigned way, and started out of the kitchen (Cain, 4).
Then you might as well pack right now, and leave for good, because if you go out of that door I'm not going to let you come back (Cain, 5).
She lifted the cleaver out of a drawer, held it up, put it back, while he watched contemptuously (Cain, 5).
...the hostess trying to restore order, and the manager flying out of the kitchen (Cain, 44).
Sorry to bother you, Mildred, but my car key must have fallen out of my pocket (Cain, 60).
...let out the first ripple of laughter that had come out of her in months (Cain, 59).
The quart of milk she took out of the icebox with care, so as not to joggle it... (Cain, 25).
He stalked out of the kitchen (Cain, 5).
She got a bridge table out of the closet and set it up in front of the fireplace (Cain, 28).
He was looking out of the window again at the buildings, watching the brightening sunlight (Marquand, 587).
As Jeffrey sat staring out of the black window the sky was aglow with light (Marquand, 579).
He stopped and looked away from Madge and out of the window (Marquand, 521).
Almost the instant they were out of the elevator, a hatchet-faced woman took Jeffrey's coat and hat... (Marquand, 341).
Jeffrey did not want to hear any more of it; he wanted to be out of that room and out of that house and by himself (Marquand, 138).
Jeffrey pushed himself out of his chair (Marquand, 52).
They were pushing out of the room... (Marquand, 42).
He was near enough to see their faces as they stepped out of the car and to see the brief case one of them was holding (Marquand, 559).
Other people's husbands were out of the house and on their way downtown by eight-thirty... (Marquand, 4).
"In this damned study," Jeffrey said, "and looking out of this damned window" (Marquand, 569).
It used to come to him when he landed and climbed out of the pland (Marquand, 218).

A flame about a foot long shot out of the exhausts and it worried me... (Pyle, 323).
...the breeze tore an envelope out of a wounded man's hand... (Pyle, 287).
...bombardiers drop bombs out of planes... (Pyle, 210).
The toilets didn't work, so we had to flush them with a hat full of water dipped out of an always filled bath tub (Pyle, 158).
But still it served its purpose by getting the men out of the foxholes... (Pyle, 245).
...the fleeing German released out of the hail of his plane a parachute... (Pyle, 168).
They were almost blown out of the water once... (Pyle, 226).
...they took the handle out of the front door (Pyle, 378).
...he had invented a gadget that cleaned rust out of a rifle barrel... (Pyle, 422).
The boys rustled up anything they could find out of old buildings (Pyle, 257).
He couldn't see out of his little prison (Pyle, 453).
Three Japs darted out of one hole and ran... (Yank, 251).
Coming out of a crater behind a tank I saw the captain step out of his coil (Yank, 58).
The pilot lifted himself out of the cockpit... (Yank, 229).
Men streamed out of the hangers... (Yank, 230).
They watched the crew come out of the plane... (Yank, 230).
...before he passed out was pulling the butt of his own rifle out of the Jap's forehead (Yank, 54).
I walked out of that convent and back up the hills to camp (Yank, 27).
Then an Italian came out of a farmhouse... (Yank, 11).
The Jerry took his pistol out of its holster... (Yank, 27).
It was a nice warm day with a brisk African wind that...threatened to lift me out of my jeep... (Yank, 31).
...I had pulled a wounded GI out of a truck... (Yank, 168).
Foreign Secretary Bevin having proclaimed his scheme to get the gold out of Fort Knox by Christmas... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
...ultrasonic vibrations will be used in the future to shake the dirt out of clothes (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).
"Little by little," he said again, and blew a thick cloud of smoke out of his bearded mouth (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
He took a pack of cigarettes out of his habit and, after offering us one, lighted a cigarette for himself (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
As we came out of the Delancey Street subway station... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

4. From the inside of to the outside of (a place, area, geographical boundary.

...we drove on out of town for a quarter of a mile or so (Pyle, 452).
But in a big push such as the one that broke us out of the beachhead... (Pyle, 443).
It was the last regiment out of France in the last war (Pyle, 433).
...when I met him he had been out of America for eighteen months (Pyle, 449).
...I can pull anuthing out of anywhere with it (Pyle, 426).

It was the day we began a mighty surge out of our confined Normandy spaces ... (Pyle, 432).
And it gets him out of this lousy place (Cain, 177).
I walked about 40 yards out of the perimeter... (Yank, 9).
Surely history will give a name to the battle that sent us boiling out of Normandy (Pyle, 430).
Then an officer came out of the orchard (Pyle, 428).
Out of the orchard around us roared and thundered our own artillery (Pyle, 427).
...his white tracers came slanting down out of the sky (Pyle, 427).
Little strings of oily gray smoke soon began to sprout upward out of the vineyard (Pyle, 208).
It took us half an hour to feel our way out of the big orchard... (Pyle, 202).
He figured out that the Germans had pulled a tank out of the woods... (Pyle, 192).
Within an hour...they would come screaming out of the sky right on top of that gun and blow it up (Pyle, 159).
The ships sailed from North Africa, out of every port; right down to the smallest ones (Pyle, 15).
Drive who out of France? (Marquand, 243).
...his lungs finally took him out of the field into the hospital (Yank, 243).
...Lt. Comdr. ...Bulkeley...brought Gen. MacArthur out of the Philippines (Yank, 253).
A jeep shot out of the headquarters enclosure... (Yank, 230).
...the truck had bounced out of the yard... (Yank, 137).
Wave after wave of Japs poured out of the jungle and into the clearing... (Yank, 92).
...you'd have been out of here a little sooner than you expected (Cain, 207).
But when she got out of the block her pace quickened (Cain, 91).
They...carried them swiftly out of town... (Yank, 26).
Has he ever carried our dead out of the jungle for burial? (Yank, 211).
...put on their packs and moved silently Indian-file out of their perimeter with their pack mules (Yank, 94).
...the last dead-panned German soldier marched out of the city... (Yank, 218).
Jerry planes tried to bomb them out of the hills (Yank, 27).
The train was pulling out of the station (Marquand, 200).

5. Of; from. (In a sense that something is made of, constructed of, fabricated from something else.

...they took the good parts and started putting them together and making guns out of them again (Pyle, 421).
The boys and their mechanics had built a small shower room out of packing boxes... (Pyle, 327).
The group was based on a magnificent field that had been bulldozed by British engineers out of a gigantic vineyard (Pyle, 206).
Colonel Clizbe had a large dog house for Tarfu, built out of frag-bomb boxes... (Pyle, 221).

They...made a shelter out of their life raft under the wings... (Pyle, 217).
For the last two years, Gwen had made a scene out of every trivial incident... (Marquand, 562).
Our only chance is to mix this thing all up, so the D.A. doesn't know just what to go after, and then grab the facts we want out of the scramble (Gardner, 88).
...all the Green Mountain Boys should get tech sergeancies out of this (Yank, 237).
...the formation...of a complete army...out of absolutely nothing... (Yank, 248).
For bridge nails, the Engineers sharpened the ends of bolts out of artillery-shell cases (Yank, 40).
Well, if we can't use them as interpreters, let's make guides out of them (Pyle, 147).
The first tourniquet which he made out of a piece of gauze and a stick... (Marquand, 234).
There was even a story that they had rendered plants in which they manufactured soap out of their own dead (Marquand, 202).
...GIs make rings...necklaces out of Jap propellers... (Yank, 234).
...a decision built out of theory and experience (Yank, 248).
They made a sort of pancake out of flour... (Pyle, 229).
...he was...whittling silhouettes out of a piece of board (Pyle, 266).
I know how a gunner can make a chapel out of the Sperry lower ball... (Yank, 187).

6. From being in to being away from (as "danger", "control", "range", "character", and the like.)

Out of the flash would come a tiny red dot (Pyle, 25).
...he got me up out of my beauty sleep (Gardner, 95).
It was that sad human desire to keep individuality out of universal experience (Marquand, 451).
But by now her dislike of Ida was intense, and she made no effort to keep the acid out of her voice... (Cain, 49).
Those binoculars seemed to take twenty-five per cent of the darkness out of the night (Pyle, 230).
She couldn't keep the acid out of her voice as she spoke (Cain, 82).
Occasionally sickness or wounds would keep one out of the air... (Pyle, 173).
The six Japs...were the crew, caught out of position (Yank, 8).
Baxter had spotted the German diving after a lone B-17, forced out of formation with a feathered engine... (Yank, 16).
...they were never entirely out of danger (Yank, 33).
Better get it out of your mind... (Gardner, 84).
Out of combat for a brief rest, he spent a few days in an "Exhaustion camp"... (Pyle, 448).
They should have known that no one man could keep a country out of war... (Marquand, 134).
When soldiers came down the mountain out of battle they were dirty, grimy, unshaven and weary (Pyle, 150).

He would live for a while in one of those compartments...and then... some inner force of growth or decay would move him out of there (Marquand, 30).
"You don't like that?" inquired a soldier out of the dusk (Pyle, 428).
...they'll begin to feel normal after two days out of the line (Pyle, 270).
...a whole regiment was out of the line for a long rest (Pyle, 271).
That day Ed couldn't get his plane out of a dive (Pyle, 154).
...he finally got the plane out of the dive... (Pyle, 165).
...he turned out of formation as he neared the field... (Pyle, 172).
Once straightened out of the dive, they went right on down to "the deck", which means flying close to the ground (Pyle, 160).
Another favorite expression of soldiers out of combat ran like this... (Pyle, 150).
The other seemed so relieved to be out of the war that they just opened their traps and let it run (Pyle, 123).
Out of this background as a proven fighting man, Von Ripper was painting the war (Pyle, 140).
He had crashed -- though he must have come out of his dive in time so that it was entirely a crash... (Marquand, 229).
...there might be a few men left in the country who were not glad that Woodrow Wilson had kept us out of war (Marquand, 203).
He steers the five soldiers out of the stream of Hollywood Boulevard traffic (Yank, 159).
We might as well have been out of combat (Yank, 21).
The moon had come up by this time, bringing the slopes of Montecassino out of the darkness (Yank, 57).
We had to come floatin' down to get him out of it (Yank, 223).
Coming out of the dark, I found even this light seemed bright (Yank, 59).
It looks as though we're out of the mess, this time (Marquand, 53).
We think he can do more to keep us out of war (Marquand, 134).
"Keep us out of it?" Beckie began, and then she stopped... (Marquand, 134).
Minot's black town car rolled out of the dusk and stopped at the curb by the apartment awning (Marquand, 72).
...he rather liked the spectacle because it pushed the war out of his mind (Marquand, 240).
He wished that he could get the idea out of his mind that he was saying good-by to something he would never see again... (Marquand, 408).
...for the past three years I haven't been fortunate enough to get into it (or out of it for that matter) (Marquand, 218).

7. Because of; due to; for.

We all peered closely at sentries in every open hedge gate, just out of nervous alertness (Pyle, 427).
Somebody shot his .45 one night, just out of exuberance (Pyle, 327).
Out of the kindness of his heart, and not in any sense out of a desire for personal profit... (Marquand, 190).
...he knew that he would keep on doing it, chiefly out of a fear that he would miss something... (Marquand, 239).
They didn't want to leave...anybody who knew too much about their work in Greece, possibly out of fear... (Yank, 220).

Out of their fear of the Germans these people concealed strange things in strange places (Pyle, 119).
All we can do is fumble and try once more -- try out of the memory of our anguish (Pyle, 466).
Jeffrey had clipped the coupon, largely out of shame because a year before that... (Marquand, 191).

8. Of; belonging to (in the sense of making, representing, a part of the whole).

...they have been taking pay out of my $50 every month (Yank, 174).
If he did not want to pay for it, why, she would pay for it out of her own money... (Marquand, 211).
But Mr. Fernald was there in Woburn in the house that he had bought out of his sixty-five a week (Marquand, 19).
...with beer out of the company fund and cigars... (Yank, 184).
...we charge you twenty-five cents rent on the uniform; that comes out of your check... (Cain, 46).
...one of the pillars...had evidently been hit by a truck, for there was a big chip out of it....(Cain, 220).
Her split out of twenty thousand bucks (Gardner, 15).
Tag served for three months in the British Commandos when volunteers were asked for out of his company... (Pyle, 185).
I figured that the Lieutenant's own "personal hero", out of a whole company of men...must be a real soldier indeed (Pyle, 184).
Out of any front-line rifle company of around two hundred men in the thirty-fourth, there were usually fewer than a dozen men who had first shipped overseas with the division (Pyle, 181).
I don't know of one soldier out of ten thousand who wants to fight (Pyle, 182).
For example, not a single officer out of that regiment had been lost in more than a year of combat (Pyle, 102).
...not more than two out of ten planes ever made their bomb runs... (Pyle, 382).
...Hutch is the only line soldier left out of the old bunch... (Yank, 242).
He's been hitting it for about 15 minutes out of every hours.. (Yank, 197).
...her parents, who will be here to review the men and pick the guilty one out of the line-up (Yank, 182).
Instead of bearded figures, caked with mud, there is a colonel out of "Esquire" going by... (Yank, 39).
...little guys what eight out of 10 wear glasses and got buck teeth... (Yank, 161).
The clippings consisted of colored ads cut out of magazines... (Pyle, 125).
...how the law of averages made it unlikely that our ship out of all the hundreds involved would be hit (Pyle, 5).

9. (Introduces a prepositional phrase which serves as an intensive.)

We scared the sugar out of them first... (Yank, 26).

10. At.

...a long incoherent telegram...dated out of Phoenix... (Cain, 182).

11. Not in.

He thought of the young officers he had seen downstairs and he knew that he was out of it (Marquand, 575).
...not quite of things, yet not quite out of them... (Cain, 152).
It looks as though we're out of the mess, this time (Marquand, 53).
They had come out of the sun, seemingly out of nowhere, the way they often did (Marquand, 230).
Let's sit by the swimming pool...by the wall, out of the wind (Marquand, 447).
It's out of the wind... (Marquand, 447).
If you had offered him his choice between voting in November and finding a dirty cowshed to lie down in out of the rain, the cowshed would have won (Pyle, 137).
It was better to be out of that atmosphere and to maintain his perspective... (Marquand, 293).

12. As a base of operations, center of activity.

He's a detective working under Homicide out of headquarters (Gardner, 185).
...they were then back overseas on their second tour of combat duty, fighting out of Englad...(Pyle, 204).

13. (Indicates complete separation from.)

He would occasionally throw his almost bald head back as though tossing hair out of his eyes. (Pyle, 315).
They'd laugh you out of courts martial! (Yank, 138).
...he was raising his head to wipe the sand out of his eyes.... (Yank, 182).
...he raised his head, wiped the sand out of his eyes... (Yank, 182).

14. By; by means of.

What do horses eat out of? (Marquand, 156).
The gunners had to stand in chow line...and eat out of mess kits (Pyle, 214).
Up in the mountains I saw hundreds of soldiers, stark naked, bathing in Sicilian horse troughs or out of their steel helmets (Pyel, 65).
...while I was there he shaved and then took a sponge bath out of a wash pan (Pyle, 215).
...fellows can make a living out of drilling square holes... (Yank, 172).

15. From. (In the sense of receiving from.)

Twenty thousand dollars cash advance I shook out of him (Marquand, 461).
One night, driving with Wally, she said abruptly: "Wally, I want fifty dollars out of you" (Cain, 69).
A lot of front-line soldiers who hadn't even been in a pup tent for months used to get a laugh out of that one (Pyle, 132).

...just inside the gate, in front of that little one-position switchboard that she gets a right number out of now and then, mostly then (Cain, 36).
Veda got victory out of these struggles, she a trembling, ignoble defeat (Cain, 73).
...said he'd used the Conway connection to get a stake out of Alden Leeds... (Gardner, 73).
...an operative, posing as a friend and doing a lot of talking, got the information out of the hairdresser... (Gardner, 154).
After all, he paid the bills and he might as well get something out of Albert... (Marquand, 62).
I get more out of tools than anybody, but I give 'em wear and they don't stand up like they used to (Marquand, 572).
...to get the most out of everything when she traveled, particularly out of churches and picture galeries (Marquand, 227).
...this shack, that you blackmailed out of my father... (Cain,207).
Pull the crap out of it (Marquand, 425).
...I'm not going to be foreclosed out of my home for a measly fifty bucks (Cain, 69).
He usually wore an Air Forces fleece-lined leather jacket that he once haggled out of some flier friend (Pyle, 261).
...the only invitation Charlie and Roberta ever got out of you (Cain, 167).
...gay caballeros that gypped the Indians out of their land, the king out of his taxes, and then sold out to the Americans... (Cain, 91).
...to bluff information out of Wally... (Cain, 209).

16. From. (In the sense of disrobing, taking off clothes.)

...helping her out of her clothes... (Cain, 173).
Get out of those clothes (Gardner, 79).

17. From. (In the sense of "away from", "from" a container.)

...the sort of happiness that went with...drinking out of glasses with "Whoops" written on them... (Marquand, 1 1).
He gave me a drink out of a bottle (Marquand, 588).
When Bert came back he resumed his seat, took a meditative sip out of his glass... (Cain, 59).

out of action.

1. Not in battle; away from battle.

...after his officer was out of action... (Yank, 125).
But the Old Rangers are out of action (Yank, 126).
The men are out of action... (Pyle, 363).

2. Not in operation usually because of a breakdown; not running due to a fault.

...how they were ever going to hit it with the after turret almost certainly out of action (Yank, 47).

out of bed. Away from the bed. (This often implies a waking of an individual as well as getting him up.)

The average man wasn't out of bed yet (Pyle, 324).
He routed people out of bed... (Pyle, 335).
It was funny to see them come out of bed (Pyle, 332).
She jumped out of bed and began marching around the dark room, bitterly reviewing the history of Pierce Homes, Inc... (Cain, 30).
She...hustled him out of bed... (Cain, 225).

out of the blue. Without warning; without previous notification. (Cf. out of a clear sky.)

...can't you see what it means -- sending a telegram -- just bringing that girl here out of the blue? (Marquand, 521).

out of bounds. Forbidden to enter.

In Cairo...any restaurant with a tablecloth is out of bounds to other ranks (Yank, 116).
...practically every cafe fit to patronize in Cairo, Egypt, is out of bounds to American enlisted men (Yank, 212).

out of breath. Breathless; breathing rapidly; panting.

She was out of breath, and she had stopped laughing, but her lips were parted in a smile (Marquand, 262).

out of a clear sky. Without warning; without previous notification. (Cf. out of the blue.)

There was a lull in the talk among the players, and then out of a clear sky one of the boys, almost as though talking in his sleep, said... (Pyle, 106).
...he designed Hale's first round bed in 1936, out of a clear sky and with nothing to go on but the inspiration... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 19).

out of commission. Not operating; not in working condition; broken.

"Tojo's Ice House"...is also out of commission... (Yank, 233).
Even then some ship or boat would be knocked out of commission (Pyle, 361).
...the interphones were temporarily out of commission (Yank, 186).

out of the corner of --- eye. By looking sideways without turning one's head; without looking directly at something.

Out of the corner of her eye, she could see her, camped in front of the dressing table... (Cain, 72).
The men looked at each other uneasily out of the corners of their eyes (Yank, 204).

He just caught them out of the corner of his eye, and he almost jumped out of his seat (Pyle, 323).

out of the corner of --- mouth. Sotto voice; very quietly.

Every time I passed Hal Boyle...he said out of the corner of his mouth... (Pyle, 313).

out of date. Old fashioned; no longer in fashion.

...it had never occurred to Jeffrey until that afternoon that all that part of Fifth Avenue could ever be out of date (Marquand, 383).
"Just an old-fashioned custom," Mason said "-- one that's almost out of date -- that of shooting square with a client" (Gardner, 185).
If it was out of date, at least it stood for the more recent days of 1929 when... (Marquand, 397).

out of doors. Outside; the open air.

Then the door from the old priest's hole which now connected old Colonel Castlewood's study with the out-of-doors would open... (Marquand, 151).

out of habit. From habit; because of, due to, habit.

Everything that Madge had said was true, but still he liked Jesse Fineman, perhaps out of habit (Marquand, 276).
Once in a while they'd give him the Fascist salute, out of old habit... (Pyle, 309).

out of --- hands. Not any longer one's responsibility, duty, obligation.

...content in the thought that you have done everything you could and it is now out of your hands (Yank, 42).

out of a job. Unemployed; without work; not working.

I've planted an operative who's become friendly with him, posing as a waiter out of a job (Gardner, 126).

out of keeping (with). Improper (for); not correct (for); not the usual thing (for).

...any kind of attack...was so utterly out of keeping with the benignity of the sea... (Pyle, 16).

out of key (with). Not in keeping (with); not usual, ordinary, (with).

There was a grim note in the scene that was obviously out of key with his humor (Cain, 3).

out of the kindness of --- heart. Because of, due to, one's kindness, goodness.

Out of the kindness of his heart, and not in any sense out of a desire for personal profit... (Marquand, 190).

to be out of --- life. To no longer be a part of one's life; to no longer be connected with one.

If Bill left me, and he's out of my life, why do you have to do all this thinking... (Cain, 29).

out of line. Not in line; not lined up straight; crooked.

The remaining skeletons of the Jap revetments are sadly out of line... (Yank, 235).

to be out of --- line. To be something about which one knows little; to be something one is not accustomed to.

It was a little out of his line but he put it across (Yank, 139).
The obvious truth that it was entirely out of his line made it even kinder (Marquand, 370).

out of luck. Luckless; unlucky.

You're going to be out of luck (Cain, 149).
So I guess you're out of luck (Cain, 37).

out of nowhere. Seemingly without point of origin; from no one knows where.

...Ethel was his sister, but she was, and not Madge's sister -- coming out of nowhere, like a thought in the night (Marquand, 256).
They had some out of the sun, seemingly out of nowhere, the way they often did (Marquand, 230).
...and now this storm had to come up out of nowhere (Pyle, 19).
...a question like that would come out of nowhere (Marquand, 13).
Then a rolling little subchaser out of nowhere took a dim shape alongside us... (Pyle, 17).

out of order. Not in the proper, usual, accepted arrangement, classification.

...I will now call one more witness slightly out of order -- Mr. Guy L. Serle (Gardner, 190).

out of the ordinary. Unusual; not customary.

He knew that this idea was a little out of the ordinary line and perhaps was not good for business, or was it? (Marquand, 336).

out of patience. Impatient; restless and dissatisfied.

As we went by, he was, as usual, out of patience (Yank, 110).

out of the picture. Hidden; secret; not talked about, discussed.

When we have that habeas corpus hearing, keep Emily Milicant out of the picture (Gardner, 24).

out of place. Not belonging; improper.

One of them, a sergeant, was a short, slight man of scholarly appearance who seemed out of place in a uniform (Pyle, 142).
He...almost seemed out of place in such a rugged outfit as the paratroopers (Pyle, 151).

out of the question. Impossible; not likely.

Until that's over, work, for me, is out of the question (Cain, 147).
Taking care of the children was out of the question, so she engaged a girl named Letty, who cooked the children's lunch and dinner... (Cain, 68).

out of range. Beyond the limits of a gun's fire; too far away to shoot.

...a plane was either shot down or went out of range... (Pyle, 289).
...targets that were out of range for the riflemen... (Yank, 124).

out of reach. beyond one's ability to touch, grasp; beyond the length of one's arms.

She retreated out of his reach, he followed with slow, lazy strokes... (Cain, 94).
What made me so damn mad was that I was just out of reach of my rifle and couldn't crawl over to it, or I'da got five more of them (Pyle, 54).
...the wounded wire chief had been pulled out of reach of the Japs... (Yank, 145).

out of respect for. Because of, from, due to, respect for.

They also said he was a real soldier, and out of respect for the sergeant's honor, did not question him (Yank, 49).

out of the side of --- mouth. Sotto voce; quietly; aside; out of the corner of one's mouth.

And, I might add out of the side of my mouth, if a person had got real nosey he might have discovered that a couple of those canteens, instead of holding out beautiful pure water... (Pyle, 61-2).

out of sight. Beyond visibility; too far away to be seen.

Zorn tracked the German with his 50s until the plane was out of sight (Yank, 16).
And watched him out of sight (Yank, 156).

Reason: there's an 8 o'clock curfew that sends the sidewalks scurrying out of sight... (Yank, 66).
As soon as the real guard was out of sight... (Yank, 202).
He was...still watching the spot where I had dived out of sight (Yank, 181).
We...saw him lug the load over the rim and out of sight (Yank, 198).
...the target was completely out of sight and that even if it were visibel a Tiger tank at that distance would have looked about as big as a Maryland chigger... (Yank, 134).
...now and then we could hear the ratta-ta-tat-tat of machine-gunning up out of sight in the blue... (Pyle, 251).
...the MP's hid armored cars out of sight so that the generals couldn't see them... (Pyle, 380).
...moving methodically up the slope, and over the crest and out of sight (Marquand, 235).
Now safely out of sight, she ground the soap into her hair, swimming with her free hand (Cain, 93).
As for the cook, as soon as she gets the dishes out of sight, she's going to put on a warm dress (Cain, 28).
Correspondents were dribbled out of sight a few at a time in order not to give a tip-off to the enemy by a sudden mass exodus (Pyle, 1).
...Tarfu would wait about fifteen seconds, then slip out of his doghouse, get into Colonel Clizbe's sleeping bag, and burrow clear down out of sight (Pyle, 221).
Almost out of sight, great graceful cruisers and wicked destroyers raced on out perimeter to protect us (Pyle, 12).

out of thin air. Out of nowhere; seemingly without a point of origin.

As the Sicilian campaign drew to an end and we went into our rest bivouac, rumors by the score popped up out of thin air and swept like a forest fire through the troops (Pyle, 90).
Without any help, and out of thin air, you were obliged to create an imaginary world... (Marquand, 491).

out of this world. Unearthly; supernatural; unbelievable.

It was a poor day when he didn't survive at least one escapade that was slightly out of this world (Pyle, 218).
Lucky is out of this world and should be confined in a small room heavily padded... (Yank, 211).
Everyone thought the American talk a little out of the world, because it seriously discussed... (Yank, 71).

out of touch with. Not in contact, communication, with.

So, you see, there's one advantage in being overseas and out of touch with things (Pyle, 120).

out of turn. Improperly; not in good taste, fashion, breeding.

He was a shy boy, and he knew that he had spoken out of turn... (Marquand, 18).

out of the way.

1. Not preventing; not obstructing.

The molten metal from the shell ran across the floor like lava and he stepped out of the way (Yank, 45).
A plane...pulled itself out of the way (Yank, 230).
The other PT fired...and scurried out of the way (Yank, 255).
...giving Veda time to get her hands out of the way (Cain, 185).
...he knocked him out of the way... (Pyle, 246).
I think you waited to get me out of the way, but there's no use going on about it (Marquand, 439).
It was as safe as any place else, it kept me out of the way, and it gave me a fine view of everything (Pyle, 24).

2. Finished; completed.

Once this election's out of the way, they'll enlarge the Army (Marquand, 251).
It was a ritual, but after the preliminaries were out of the way it was enjoyed by each child differently (Cain, 56).
That time she took care to have her pies out of the way early, and to make a cold lunch (Cain, 84).

out on. Not inside; not within, and on.

It seems he caught a tiny observation plane, similar to our Cubs, while he was out on a low-level mission (Pyle, 171).
He's out on call half the time, and who knows where he goes... (Cain, 244).
Out on our ship it seemed to me that all hell was breaking loose ashore,... (Pyle, 25).
...we found him dead out on the grass one morning (Pyle, 412).
Are those boys yours out on the lawn, Louella? (Marquand, 172).
"Do you remember how you put that girl on roller skates and pushed her out on the floor and ran away and left her?" Mr. Sales asked (Marquand, 116).
...out on deck several half-tracks broke their mooring... (Pyle, 231).
They were out on early tests hops (Pyle, 208).
Several men who had walked out on the catwalk reported that flames... (Yank, 45).
A light-bomber outfit was making a run with a brand new replacement pilot, out on his first mission (Pyle, 206).
...they took turns with me out on the back porch -- dancing (Yank, 83).
Out on the street, she said, "Chief, what does it mean?" (Gardner, 174).
They were out on the terrace with the fine Perpendicular Gothic facade of the old country house behind them... (Marquand, 150).
He slept in a tent right out on the line in order to be near his job (Pyle, 212).

out onto. Not within, inside, and onto.

We conjectured about clambering out onto the trailing pontoon... (Pyle, 356).

out over. Over; away and over; on.

...would be reconciled as man and wife again, as they looked out over Central Park (Marquand, 84).
As I plowed out over the wet sand, I walked around a couple of pieces of of driftwood... (Pyle, 368).
Somehow Petchal's plane got separated from the rest of the flight, and wound up far out over the Sahara Desert... (Pyle, 217).

out ranked. Superceded by a superior officer.

"Yessir, General, sir", the out-ranked but determined Humphrey replied (Yank, 179).

outside of.

1. Not within, inside of.

...the trees looked barer than they ever did outside of New York... (Marquand, 170).

2. Except; but.

Outside of that I don't remember what my emotions were (Pyle, 247).
...but outside of that the hotel was just about the way it must have been in peacetime (Pyle, 461).
No one knows, outside of my office staff and those who are working with me (Gardner, 55).

the outside world. That part of the world outside of one's own environment.

...he knew less than a Brooklynite about the outside world (Yank, 36).

the outskirts of. The outer boundaries of; the part adjacent to, but not in.

I found a sign on the outskirts of Gafsa... (Yank, 31).
Serrano and 19 other Partisans made their way down the mountain paths to the outskirts of the town... (Yank, 25).

out there.

1. At a place away from here; at another place.

We don't know to this day exactly what happened out there, but we do know that the Navy never did fire (Pyle, 68).
If I can go out there and get one crack at them... I can't stay here... (Marquand, 569).
This is just like being out there and givin' 'em hell (Yank, 224).

Of course the house had a bar, like every proper house out there
It seemed unlikely that a naval battle could be going on out there...
(Pyle, 230).
But at other times he may be pinned down by enemy fire so that the aid man can't get to him, and he will have to lie out there for hours before help comes (Pyle, 51).
All day he was out there on the water... (Pyle, 276).
You know how important that is out there (Yank, 185).
And that sergeant, who dedicated himself to Colonel Doolittle that miserable night out there in China, was still General Doolittle's mechanic... (Pyle, 319).
...just one of countless other cockney tommies who were doing their bit out there (Marquand, 349).
...you had to be out there in the desert to understand the democracy of war, that great universal leveler... (Marquand, 349).
Once out there we had to lie off and wait... (Pyle, 286).
Standing out there on the water was the greatest armada man has ever seen (Pyle, 369).
...out there in the morning (Cain, 132).
The gigantic collection of ships that lay out there... (Pyle, 369).
...the guys...were still out there fighting without benefit of kisses or applause (Pyle, 463).
...he felt so sorry for all the kids out there (Pyle, 395).
...who was out there and where they were (Yank, 123).
Going out there again tonight (Yank, 209).
...I turned on the radio and heard what it's really like out there (Cain, 163).
...his time had not been severed suddenly in one grand sweep, as it would have been had he died out there when he was young... (Marquand, 533).
I generally recommend Mr. Murock, out there in Glendale, just a few blocks from you (Cain, 104).
Figure you could handle the situation out there, Perry (Gardner, 165).
...a busy and lonesome burro who had come out there to get away from it all (Yank, 31).
...we're sending quite a lot of troops out there (Marquand, 444).
As the bucket was in the garage and Mildred didn't feel like going out there, Ray began to pout (Cain, 54).
...those boobs have got to feel that I'm their little baby...that they've got to come out there and root for me (Cain, 238).

2. At a place outside, out of doors.

Because it's bad out there (Cain, 162).
...what he had heard that night out there in the park (Cain, 232).
Let's get on the ball out there, Pvt. Durkee (Yank, 138).
What are you doing, drinking that beer out there? (Yank, 34).
...to the running board of Wally's car, andfor some time she has heard them talking out there while she worked (Cain, 125).
In a moment she was out there, rattling the knob, but he kept still (Cain, 7).
Looks pretty nice out there (Cain, 3).

See that bathtub and that hopper out there, kid? (Marquand, 486).

3. At a place not in here; in another room.

The boy's out there (Gardner, 145).
Now she ain't no good out there, none whatever, so let her wipe while he washes, and that'll help (Cain, 123).
Mildred suggested the hallway, and he looked out there (Cain, 57).
When even a hockshop had to have this receptionist thing out there in front to show it had class (Cain, 37).
It's a mess out there (Cain, 45).

4. In the west; on the west coast.

...that was what you called San Bernardino out there, in case you didn't know it... (Marquand, 476).
What time is it out there? (Marquand, 438).
Do you really think you'll have to go out there? (Marquand, 562).
...he had been a rancher out there, and he loved it (Pyle, 410).
He wished that he had been out there for a longer time and more adjusted to his surroundings... (Marquand, 448).
She had been out there with him once or twice, and she knew very well that it had not worked (Marquand, 408).
Out there on the Pacific Coast, it would be the East Indies, or Australia... (Marquand, 583).
I ought to get out there for Christmas (Marquand, 581).
Out there to see Jim (Marquand, 589).
...what about that play of your own you were writing out there in California (Marquand, 289).
I'm awfully glad you're not going out there (Marquand, 588).
Out there they always said "Your bet" (Marquand, 455).

out through. Outward and through; penetrating.

He ambled out through the outer door moving as casually as though he had all the time in the world (Gardner, 51).
...a pot-bellied stove, its pipe running out through the wall (Yank, 247).
It was the vanguards of the city moving out through those stony fields and old orchards (Marquand, 111).

to be out to. (infinitive).

1. To be at a place for the purpose of (doing something).

His current ambition was to land an airplane at the Tulsa airport, with his family and friends all out to meet him (Pyle, 178).

2. To have a purpose; to be determined to; to intend to.

...roared like some gigantic inhuman beast that had broken loose and was out to destroy the world (Pyle, 81).

We're out to win battles, not dress parades (Yank, 129).

out to.

1. To the west to; westward to.

I got out to Seattle, still going under the name of Hogarty (Gardner, 115).
Then sometimes I go out to the Coast (Marquand, 49).
He must think of some excuse as to why he was not going out to the Coast after all (Marquand, 584).
They're sending me out to Denver... (Yank, 189).
He was going out to the West Coast as he had every winter for a number of years... (Marquand, 407).
...it occurred to him that if he went out to the Coast in April as he was planning... (Marquand, 327).
I'm just going out to China on the Clipper... (Marquand, 461).
When you go out to the Coast...tell them about Volsky, Jeff (Marquand, 373).
She had even talked about going out to the Coast with him when he went there again to work on a picture (Marquand 566).
I've got to go out to Hollywood, Minot, and there is something I want to ask you (Marquand, 391).
Jeff...you'll be going out to the Coast this spring, won't you? (Marquand, 143).
If you are going out to the Coast the way you say you are, the Jasons say they will move out... (Marquand, 555).

2. Outside to; to a place outside.

The doorman scurried out to the sidewalk and blew his whistle (Marquand, 72).
The only consolation that stayed with him as he walked out to the street was that he had tried... (Marquand, 575).
The orderly would call Bill Strike, and he would go out to the telephone box and then there would be a little silence when he came back (Marquand, 219).
The front door was open that morning and a draft eddied through the hall from Lime Street out to the back garden... (Marquand, 157).
We got into the jeep again and rode out to the plane (Pyle, 322).
We jumped into our clothes, grabbed towels and ran out to the washhouse for a quick dash of cold water on our faces (Pyle, 322).
But what I say is, when you have a moment, you ought to go out to the barn and get together (Marquand, 512).

3. From inside a room to another room.

...Mildred ran out to the kitchen... (Cain, 186).
They walked out to the corridor, came to angle, went on (Cain, 101).
He led the way down a long, dark corridor, through a sacristry that smelled swetly of incense, and out to the main altar (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

4. To a different place at some distance away.

The officers who would take Retreat would be moving out to their places and there would be... (Marquand, 581).
...it meant that he could take the time to go out to Cambridge to see Jim (Marquand, 291).
...we swam out to her yacht (Yank, 209).
Don't go out to the field with me, sweet (Marquand, 463).
We'd...walk innocently out to them (Yank, 188).
...Sinclair would be awfully glad to hear them, and why not come out to Happy Rocks sometime? (Marquand, 337).
I'd hit a softball out to my outfielders... (Yank, 188).
They moved out to the field sites in armies... (Yank, 120).
...and Hal would let him have a car so that he could drive out to the studio (Marquand, 407).
Ask them to please send someone out to the apartment to make sure he's all right (Gardner, 78).
They can't get their copy out to the world (Pyle, 365).
When Jeffrey took the train out to Woburn to call on Mr. Fernald... (Marquand, 194).
Then Alden Leeds took all the gold, and mused out to civilization (Gardner, 168).
Gwen would be in her room doing homework and perhaps Madge was out to dinner (Marquand, 490).
We drove out to the field in a jeep (Pyle, 322).
For a while he was put on special assignment, living in town and making trips out to the airfield by jeep (Pyle, 128).
...we got into Major Bland's jeep and went touring out to Pompeii (Pyle, 133).
Westcott and I drove out to our bivouac area (Pyle, 370).

out to sea. In the ocean away from the shore, land.

...ships standing in droves out to sea (Pyle, 360).
Then suddenly a flare popped in the sky, out to sea... (Pyle, 391).
They carried soldiers bodies out to sea... (Pyle, 368).
...and a balcony in front of each room where the occupant could sit and look out to sea, if there was not too much wind (Marquand, 432).
The prisoners too were looking out to sea... (Pyle, 369).
...to motor just anywhere and they had parked on that bluff at Palos Verde, looking out to sea (Marquand, 431).
Next morning the battlaion stood on the beach and looked out to sea (Yank, 9).
Far ahead of us, directly out to sea, we saw occasional flashes of gunfire (Pyle, 230).

out toward. Away from this place, here, and toward.

He could see her profile as she looked out toward Center Street (Marquand, 187).

out under. Outside and under.

Out under a tree I saw machines at work... (Pyle, 418).

out upon. On; onto. (This implies an opening to a place outside.)

...lots and lots of cloisters with rooms opening right out upon lots and lots of miniature gardens... (Marquand, 445).

out walking. Walking out of doors.

...operative number twelve telephoned in that Guy L. Serle is out walking the streets? (Gardner, 89).
He's out walking the streets (Gardner, 89).
Of course, I was just a kid, but we used to see you out walking (Marquand, 52).

out --- way. In one's neighborhood; at, near, the place where one lives.

Tremendous families out my way, and farming out is the custom (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

over and above. In addition to.

The liquor will be over and above the five hundred (Cain, 151).
That's over and above all your unfiroms, food, laundry, heat... (Cain, 40).

over and over. Repeatedly; again and again.

...a colonel I had known a long time was walking up and down behind the the farmhouse, snapping his fingers and saying over and over to himself, "goddamit, goddamit." (Pyle, 439).
Over and over, they saluted him as their "Leader"... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
Over and over, she kept saying: "I owed her a nickel!" (Cain, 104).
...we fought the Tunisian wars over and over again (Pyle, 259).
...he was all abubble and said over and over again that he'd had the best time that evening he had ever had in the Army (Pyle, 409).
Over and over they told us they didn't want to fight (Pyle, 31).
Over and over I was told the story of one of the three who had died (Pyle, 103).
For months, over and over, troops and ships practiced landings (Pyle, 16).
He said that over and over for about 10 minutes (Yank, 45).
It says this over and over again (Yank, 188).
The boys liked to tell over and over how the infantry all around them were crouching... (Pyle, 388).
It's like dreaming the same nightmare over and over again (Pyle, 365).

to be over and done with. To be finished completely; to be ended.

It could well be that the European war will be over and done with... (Pyle, 464).

over at. Some distance away at.

What's more, the waiter over at the restaurant remembers the occasion perfectly (Gardner, 85).
But he looked over at Lt. Hillard, noticed the tenseness in the lieutenants face... (Yank, 95).
Jeffrey looked over at the parasols and the chairs with wheels... (Marquand, 122).

over the brow of a hill. Over the top, highest point, of a hill.

...I came over this brow of this hill and a machine gun let loose on me (Yank, 126).

over by. Some distance away by.

Capt. Rodney E. Snow Jr....walked over by the tail of the plane (Yank, 208).
...Miss Jacobs told him that he could find it himself over by the window (Marquand, 178).
Up on top of the Hotchkiss...over by Lexington Avenue (Marquand, 34).

over coffee. While drinking coffee.

"And I'l discuss that over the coffee and the cigarettes," Mason said (Gardner, 124).

over --- head. Beyond one's understanding; too difficult for one to understand, comprehend.

...it's a little over the kaydets' heads (Cain, 212).

over here. Here as contrasted to a place some distance away.

...these people over here in Pasadena... (Cain, 167).
Back to Lt. Harmon -- why are we over here if not to prevent our homes from ever feeling a..."Bombing raid"? (Yank, 217).
We have officers over here that I...would gladly go to hell for (Yank, 216).
...a hell of a lot more USO soldiers over here... (Yank, 216).
Stand over here in the light so I can see you better (Yank, 160).
There's room over here, isn't there? (Cain, 223).
Nobody cared much for stripes back there any more than they do over here now (Yank, 244).
Over here one of the new boys...put it right... (Yank, 244).
...going to industrialize Russia in no time, and make all of Russia so comfortable that people over here would forget the advatages of a democratic system (Marquand, 210).

...I'll be running my own little soiree over here... (Cain, 151).
The loud, tough guys in the States turn out to be the weak sisters over here... (Yank, 148).

over the hill. Absent without leave: AWOL; desertion from the armed forces.

"See a tree, see a tree," something sang in his ear, "over the hill and see a tree" (Yank, 138).
"I was AWOL," muttered Durkee, "I was over the hill..." (Yank, 139).
To see how many angels
Took off -- over the hill (Yank, 157).

over the Hump. Over the mountains between India and China.

...ground and maintenance men flew in over the Hump... (Yank, 121).

over the hump. Past the most difficult part; finished with the hardest part.

The new man had his teeth into the game again, and he was over the hump (Pyle, 205).

over a hurdle. Past, beyond, an obstacle, intervention.

Vitamin pills and an easy work schedule help you over the hurdle (Yank, 42).

over in. Some distance away in.

...I saw this figure, dark-like, over in the ditch... (Yank, 123).
...when I was over in North Africa last summer... (Yank, 170).
It's that den of yours, of Bert's rather, over in Glendale (Cain, 228).
He's over in the corner now, talking about the God-damn war (Marquand, 347).
But I was over in Beverly the other night, and got talking... (Cain, 40).
A lonely night bird was sounding off over in Purple Heart Valley... (Yank, 58).
"Where you dropped it," Mrs. Newcombe said, "over in the corner" (Marquand, 463).
...most of us over in France don't pretend to know the right answer (Pyle, 466).
...ivory thumper over in Glendale... (Cain, 131).
"What's the nice man doing over in the corner?" Mrs. Newcombe asked (Marquand, 130).
Someone over in London... (Marquand, 49).
...over in London you had the exciting, thrilling sense of grinding mills (Marquand, 41).

an overnight bag. A small suitcase; a little piece of luggage.

This time she was carrying an overnight bag (Gardner, 63).

over night kit. A small suitcase; a little piece of luggage.

...she...bought...overnight kits... (Cain, 130).

over on. Some distance away on.

Over on the Burma side... (Yank, 177).
Over on the far hillside where the Germans were we could see a distant light (Pyle, 199).

over the past (years). Over, during, a period of time in the past.

He had bought the furniture over the past few years himself -- a tall filing cabinet, a bookcase... (Marquand, 508).

over the phone. On the telephone; by means of the telephone.

Over the lookout's phone came a voice, "Destroyer sinking on our starboard bow" (Yank, 44).
"I can't tell you -- over the phone," she said (Gardner, 66).
I can tell from the way she was wailing over that phone that it's bad... (Cain, 182).
From over the phone came the Admiral's voice; "Fire when ready." (Yank, 44).
...were jarred away from their positions at the 'scopes but voices came in over the phone (Yank, 44).
The talker repeated the message over the phone, and the commander walked away (Yank, 45).
Some reports of injuries could be heard over the phone but not much (Yank, 47).
...the voice came back plaintively over the phone (Pyle, 317).
You don't remember everything a man says to you over the phone the first time you try to recall the conversation (Gardner, 194).
Serle let something slip about a conversation Milicant had over the phone (Gardner, 105).
...it is almost impossible for her to take long lists of names over the phone after lunch (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

over the telephone. On the telephone; by means of a telephone; over the phone.

Over the telephone (Gardner, 144).
And how about this talk Milicant had over the telephone... (Gardner, 161).
...do not be surprised at any conversations I have with you over the telephone (Gardner, 120).
Be hysterical over the telephone (Gardner, 78).
"I can't tell you over the telephone," Madge said (Marquand, 438).
Something's coming in over the other telephone (Gardner, 60).
Jeff, I can't tell you over the telephone (Marquand, 438).

over there.

1. At a place some distance away.

We started pulling the wounded out of the vehicles and carrying them over there (Yank, 168).
You have to go over there (Cain, 181).
But if you do want it, for God's sake get over there and act like you mean it (Cain, 41).
I'll go over there, as a courtesy to you (Cain, 41).
She put on the print dress, made her face up nicely, and went over there (Cain, 32).
...it's right beyond you, and that is the door over there (Cain, 28).
So get over there (Cain, 41).
Get the dirty dishes over there, on No. 3 (Cain, 48).
I took your daughter over there... (Cain, 147).
...and take Veda over there (Cain, 133).
And over there to the right is Beacon Hill (Yank, 187).
...Mow down the bunch over there, boy! (Yank, 92).
They would stop over there, just around the corner, and when they stopped over there, there was no brook... (Marquand, 545).
It was away off, over there (Marquand, 229).
...it'll look like that living room over there... (Cain, 228).
I think all they're waiting for is to get rid of some more pill boxes and that 88 over there (Yank, 109).
"I didn't ast you to shake hands with Miller over there," whispered the sergeant (Yank, 226).
And you don't have to sit over there yelling at me... (Cain, 223).

2. Overseas. (Used during war times to indicate a place overseas where American soldiers are fighting.)

Seeger thought it was odd that he should be over there during a war... (Pyle, 166).
Over there where liquor was hard to get he drank hardly ever... (Pyle, 307).
Over there and right then was when wound and service stripes would have given a guy a chance to get a little kick out of... (Pyle, 136).
Like all our Army over there they were strung out... (Pyle, 425).
...he didn't have to be over there at all (Pyle, 411).
His folks just happened to be traveling over there... (Pyle, 409).
But it's nothing like the swell job you boys are doing over there (Yank, 83).
He knew what democracy meant because he loved her and because he was an American, and he was going over there to settle things (Marquand, 424).
He was taking the first boat over there because it was his fight as much as hers (Marquand 242).
Whitehead had been in more amphibious landings than any other correspondent over there (Pyle, 365).
There wasn't a correspondent over there... (Pyle, 430).

They had been over there long enough... (Pyle, 343).
They carried a new type of barracks bag, which few of us over there had seen before (Pyle, 226).
Many of the civilian workers over there were allowed membership... (Pyle, 342).
He didn't have to be over there, at all (Pyle, 221).
I actually got jealous when I saw some of the soldiers over there with dogs deeply attached to them (Pyle, 221).
I don't know...but anyhow I got through it and the recording was later broadcast to the troops over there (Pyle, 94).
Jeffrey, it was over there somehwere, wasn't it? (Marquand, 228).
"My husband's airplane," she said, "was shot down over there" (Marquand, 228).
Red Mason was a lieutenant over there somehwere (Yank, 243).
First of all, the Luftwaffe was weak over there at that time (Pyle, 161).

over to. Some distance away to.

...when she comes over to Mother's... (Cain, 132).
...he walked over to the shelves again... (Cain, 135).
...Miss Turner...sent her over to the housekeeper's job... (Cain, 169).
You'd rather live there...and drive over to the club in the afternoon (Cain, 147).
...Mildred...started over to Beverly (Cain, 188).
...he would walk over to Operations... (Yank, 229).
But she drove over to Beverly... (Cain, 175).
...they walked over to the little marker... (Cain, 155).
Mr. Levinson...walked over to Veda... (Cain, 236).
Then she...went over to the cash box... (Cain, 152).
He looked up from the envelope...and over to the girl sitting beside him... (Yank, 157).
...a captain in the CP...came over to the men (Yank, 198).
He was trying rather unsuccessfully to get some young officers over to his table (Yank, 212).
...he came over to me... (Cain, 231).
...the colonel, walking over to the counter of the PX (Yank, 224).
...a few men you've brought over to dinner... (Cain, 146).
Going over to him she slipped it in the breast pocket of his coat (Cain, 143).
Veda...reeled over to the piano... (Cain, 225).
...maybe a week ago, I took Veda over to the Sheriff's office... (Cain, 201).
And Martha, tell me when Father comes and then we'll all walk over to the Hall (Marquand, 159).
...going over to him, she asked... (Cain, 167).
...I rocketed over to the Old Man here (Yank, 171).
Regan...went over to the juke box... (Yank, 226).
I'm going over to the sheriff's office myself (Cain, 205).
Would you like to go over to your grandfather's, darling? (Cain, 105).
It was six o'clock when they drove over to the tavern for an early dinner, and seven before they got started (Cain, 95).

It was dark when they got up and they drove over to the tavern for dinner (Cain, 94).
One of the men came over to him (Yank, 229).
She raced over to the Broadway Hollywood and bought swimming things... (Cain, 90).
He squashed his cigaret and came over to her (Cain, 77).
Ida went over to the cask, picked up a blue pencil came back to the door... (Cain, 66).
Next day, during the luncheon rush, while Mr. Chris had stepped over to the bank to get more change... (Cain, 65).
...one Sunday Mildred drove over to Ida's with a fine, wet, beautifully made blueberry pie (Cain, 64).
Eat your cake now, and then run over to Grandfather's and see if he minds taking me... (Cain, 11).
The bailiff crossed over to Mason... (Gardner, 205).
He broke off as Ketterin; came storming over to their table (Gardner, 204).
Mason strolled over to one of the chairs, sat down, and lit a cigarette (Gardner, 177).
He crossed over to the switchboard operator, paid the toll charges, left her a dollar tip... (Gardner, 124).
He walked over to the curb, gave a shrill whistle, and sprinted for the corner to stop a cruising cab (Gardner, 173).
She felt wretched, wished Veda would come over to her, so she could take her in her arms... (Cain, 12).
Miss Turner got out a card and savagely wrote a note on it, her eyes snapping as she handed it over to Mildred (Cain, 41).
Ida came over to Mildred (Cain, 49).
What was in the envelope, Chief, and why did you rush it over to the expert? (Gardner, 90).
Over to the north, he could see the lights of the city against the sky, miles and miles of lights (Marquand, 446).
He got to his feet, crossed over to the cuspidor, tapped ashes out of his pipe... (Gardner, 58).
...who read a few lines and crossed over to kneel beside Alden Leed's chair (Gardner, 107).
She broke off as the low wail of a siren directly behind them signaled them over to the curb (Gardner, 40).
I butted in and said, "No, it's over to the right and about thirty feet" (Pyle, 200).
...that clipped on the lining of his breast pocket and went over to the small steel mirror on the wall (Yank, 90).
They were complaining about the traffic on their field and they said they believed they'd bring their fifty planes over to our field (Pyle, 175).
A tall, thin, happy woman...came running over to our jeep (Pyle, 456).
Miss Leeds crossed rapidly over to Mason's desk... (Gardner, 2).
I started reading my mail just before going over to meet him (Pyle, 313).

over under. Some distance away and under.

Over under the trees, the ground crew was warming up a grotesquely painted P-40... (Yank, 194).

over the wires. By means of telegraph or teletype.

...the press would flash a story...over the wires... (Yank, 175).

over a woman. Because of a woman; due to a woman.

I understand it was over a woman (Gardner, 138).
At one time, he said that he'd been in a shooting scrape over a woman (Gardner, 138).

over the years. Throughout, during, years in the past time.

Over the years, we have been on hand many times to watch the boys and girls take off from Grand Central for their summer camps... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).

to owe a debt. To be in debt to someone; to owe; to have an obligation.

That'll square up a little debt I owe you, of five hundred and twenty dollars... (Cain, 224).
You owe me a debt? (Cain, 224).

oxygen mask. An apparatus, like a mask, which fits over the nostrils whereby one can breathe oxygen.

...I also drew a helmet with earphones and an oxygen mask... (Yank, 117).
...Dr. Gale had the mask of the oxygen apparatus over her face, and Mildred caught the thunderstorm smell of the gas (Cain, 103).

oxygen tent. A device, like a small tent with a window, which is placed over a sick person and kept filled with oxygen. Used in cases of shock, pneumonia, etc.

...when we brought in an oxygen tent to ease his breathing... (Yank, 193).

to pace the floor. To walk back and forth; to walk nervously within a limited space.

Mason, pacing the floor, said, "Paul, we've simply got to fix the time of the telephone call" (Gardner, 64).
You can't pace the floor (Gardner, 64).
Let's go to an office where we can pace the floor (Gardner, 65).
Back in his office, Mason paced the floor, puffing away at his cigarette... (Gardner, 65).

to pack a bag. To put into a suitcase clothes, toilet articles, etc.

...she acted quite agreeably about it, said of course they could go, and packed a little bag for them (Cain, 19).

to be packed to the gunwales. To be thoroughly packed; to have a completely full load.

The ship was packed to the gunwales (Pyle, 11).

a package of cigarettes. A small container of twenty cigarettes. (Also, a pack of cigarettes.)

Veda picked up a package of cigarettes... (Cain, 156).

a package of gum. A small container of five sticks of chewing gum. (Also, a pack of gum.)

Bring the gentleman over there half a dozen packages of gum (Gardner, 157).

a packet of matches. A book of matches; a match folder.

...I take the packet of matches and stick them in the Jap's back pocket... (Yank, 162).

a pack harness. A harness, several straps, by which a load is fastened on an animal's back.

He wore a long trench coat with pack harness... (Pyle, 410).

a pack mule. A mule used to carry loads on its back.

...their columns started to string out as pack mules tumbled off ridges... (Yank, 176).
...and moved silently Indian-file out of their perimeter with their pack mules (Yank, 94).
A pack-mule company of Merrill's Marauders, moving up, forced Gen. Stilwell's jeep to the side of the narrow jungle trail (Yank, 129).

a pack of. A package of; a container holding.

While we were talking he pulled out a pack of Chesterfields (Yank, 27).

to pack off. To send away; to dismiss roughly; to send off.

...he...will be packed off in the first shipment heading back to his old command (Yank, 171).

a pack of liars. A group, crowd, of liars.

They're a pack of goddam liars (Cain, 23).

a pack train. Several animals (mules, horses, donkeys, usually) carrying loads on their backs forming a unit, train.

Lost contact with the pack train (Yank, 176).

a pack trip. A trip, journey, into an inaccessible region on which trip supplies are carried on the backs of animals.

There was a pack trip, for instance, which he had always wanted to take in the Rockies (Marquand, 68).

to pack up.

1. To put clothing, toilet articles, etc., into a suitcase, trunk, or the like.

He packed up and left, bag and baggage (Gardner, 82).
It made you feel that within five minutes Walter Newcombe could pack up and go (Marquand, 45).
It made you think of Walter Newcombe always packing up, and going... (Marquand, 45).
She was also smart enough to go home, pack up her things and move out that afternoon (Gardner, 10).
His friends had been sympathetic when they packed up and went home... (Yank, 183).
Senora Meneses packed up and left town the next day... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
It could pack up and be under way in probably less than an hour (Pyle, 420).
...these corporals and T-5s to be able to tell the silver eagles to pack up and get out (Yank, 199).
...for my money he can pack up and go to some other post (Yank, 137).
Then pack up, Bert (Cain, 5).
It was one of those houses where the maids unpacked and his everything... but they never packed you up again (Marquand, 124).

2. To carry upward on one's back.

In one ten day period American soldiers packed up this one mountain nearly a hundred thousand pounds of supplies for their battalion (Pyle, 147).

A lot of stuff was packed up by the fighting soldiers (Pyle, 144).

to paddle upstream. To go against the current; to struggle against customs, mores, habits of others.

Such an incident might necessitate paddling upstream through choked Army channels for months... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

page after page. Through many pages; for many pages.

He read the Washington Post, page after page, deliberately, until five minutes after twelve... (Marquand, 576).

page bob. A style of women's hair cut, coiffure, in which the hair is cut at about shoulder length and the ends of the hair are curled in toward the neck.

Madge was looking at the gabardine tailored suit and at the page bob and at the organdy blouse... (Marquand, 531).

paint peels off. Paint sometimes when dry cracks away from the surface on which it was applied and curls outward.

It was of plain board construction, painted green and white once, that universal color of bungalows, but now the paint was peeling off so that it looked more gray... (Marquand, 481).

to paint the town (red). To have a very good time; to enjoy oneself immensely publicly. (This often implies drunkenness, fights, etc.)

I can see you've been painting the town red while I've been holding my nose to a grindstone (Gardner, 61).
They painted the town and blew off steam as any active man who lives dangerously must do now and then (Pyle, 329).

to paint up. To apply germicide, antiseptic, to a body wound.

He had some iodine, and was going around painting up those who had been scratched... (Pyle, 249).

a pair of dice. Two dice.

He drew a pair of dice out of his pocket and threw them across the desk (Gardner, 16).

a pair of long drawers. A suit of long underwear, heavy underwear.

Red Dog gave me an extra pair of long drawers to put on (Pyle, 322).

a pair of opera glasses. Small binoculars for use in a theatre.

Mr. Pierce was handing her a pair of opera glasses (Cain, 240).

a pair of pajamas. A suit of pajamas; pajamas.

Inside his suitcase were the other shirts, the socks, one clean suit of underwear, and one pair of pajamas (Marquand, 255).

a pair of pants. Trousers; pants.

...and an old woman seated on the steps, sewing a patch on a pair of pants (Yank, 69).

a pair of shoes. Two shoes which are mates.

He bought a pair of low tan shoes which cost ten dollars... (Marquand, 255).

a pair of socks. Two identical socks.

...a torn section of an olive-drab puttie, a rifle with a pair of socks near it... (Marquand, 233).
He bought a pair of low tan shoes which cost ten dollars and three pair of socks for a dollar and a half... (Marquand, 255).

a pair of spectacles. Eye glasses; glasses.

He had taken a pair of spectacles from his pocket and placed them on his nose, while Stephen stood there waiting (Marquand, 252).

palm frond. A leaf of the palm tree.

...huge palm fronds were floating out from the beach (Yank, 250).
...started to pull the palm fronds away from the hole (Yank, 145).

the palm of --- hand. One's palm; the inner part of one's hand.

Then he began banging on the steam table with the palm of his hand (Cain, 45).

palsy walsy. Very good friends; good pals.

It's Chiang Kai-shek and his Madam to you, dearie, but they're just palsy-walsies to Walt (Marquand, 458).
Everybody with a name's a palsy-walsy (Marquand, 458).

to pan out. To be successful; to end successfully; to turn out well.

That lead didn't pan out. (Gardner, 10).

pants leg. One leg of a pair of pants, trousers.

I stuck the rifle down my pants leg and smuggled it out of the cabin when I went out to get wood (Gardner, 113).

a panty waist. An effeminate, sissy, person; a prissy person.

...if some of those panty-waists had to be stuck out some place where there were no white women... (Yank, 214).

a paper boy. A boy who delivers the newspapers to one's house.

The paper boy was 12 years old... (Yank, 224).
He'll be a paper boy without a birthday cake if I don't find some way to get it over there (Cain, 11).
Had to beat that lucky paper boy... (Yank, 225).
Sunday the paper boy had five nickles (Yank, 225).
The paper boy also played with it (Yank, 224).
When the paper boy played the pleasure device... (Yank, 224).
...in a few minutes the paper boy entered (Yank, 225).
Oh, the paper boy (Cain, 11).

a paper cup. A cup for drinking made of paper, cardboard, intended to be thrown away, discarded, after use.

...there was no brook, nothing but paper cups which other people had left (Marquand, 545).
Then as he stood there with his sandwich and one of the paper coffee cups that always burned his fingers... (Marquand, 546).

a paper hat. A hat made of paper worn at parties, dances, and the like.

Mildred floated in, seeing faces, flowers...paper hats... (Cain, 230).

the paper is out. The newspaper is printed; an edition of the newspaper has been printed and is ready for sale and distribution.

Although it was only one o'clock, the afternoon papers were out, and Jeffrey bought one at Columbus Circle... (Marquand, 239).

paper work. Planning; designing. (This implies office work of a sort compared to work in construction, and the like.)

...Chinese engineers began paper work in January 1944 (Yank, 120).
In the morning she did harmony, and what she called "paper work" (Cain, 180).
They were relieved to finish paper work... (Pyle, 355).

parade ground. A large place in a military post, establishment, for parades. (Attributive meaning: "conduct becoming a soldier on the parade ground.")

It is not parade-ground discipline but comes from a knowledge and belief in what they are fighting for (Yank, 70).

parcel post. The collection and delivery of parcels, boxes, cartons, and the like by the Post office.

...the demands of soldiers that they be protected against the parcel-post system (Yank, 140).

pardon me. Excuse me. (This is an apology.)

Pardon me while I regain my composure (Cain, 157).

Park Avenue. A very, very fashionable street in New York City.

She would want to make it clear that she knew about golf and tennis and lived on Park Avenue... (Marquand, 267).

a park bench. A bench placed in a park for use of the public. (This carries an implication of poverty in that in the past the poor have slept on park benches.)

Veda would go to her father, her grandfather, the police, or a park bench, but not even whips could make her stay... (Cain, 43).

parking lot. An area set aside for automobile parking.

...he could help on the parking lots (Cain, 179).

parking meter. A device to charge for parking. The insertion of a coin placed into a mechanism placed at the curb...causes a flag to disappear. A clock mechanism is than released which allows the flag to return to full view as the time runs out.

In July of this there came to the attention of the officials in Dallas a device known as the parking meter (American City, Jan., 1936, 9).

parking strip. The area set aside and used for the parking of airplanes.

We turned and taxied to a parking strip (Yank, 119).

a part of.

1. A portion of; a fraction of.

She was already in the brick-red uniform...and obviously wanted to be part of the show (Cain, 150).
...these large outlays were only part of her difficulties (Cain, 243).
They used to escort us part of the way home... (Yank, 188).

2. Characteristic of; a trait of; a quality of.

...it seems to be part of the feminine mind that it can tack indefinitely upwind... (Cain, 220).
...Monty seemed moody...with little of the flippancy that was normally part of him (Cain, 140).

Those banquets, those foolish-looking blueprints of houses that will never be built, are a part of him (Cain, 228).

a party line.

1. A single telephone circuit on which there are several telephones in different houses.

"Yes," Jeffrey said, "it's like a party line" (Marquand, 577).

2. Statements, beliefs, arguments used by a political party. (Now usually associated with the Communist Party.)

Somehow, even talking to one's friends in these days you came to racial issues that bordered on a party line (Marquand, 391).

to pass along. To give from person; to give out; to distribute.

...the French underground...passed along a fake edition of L'Amerique en Guerre... (Yank, 129).

to pass around. To give several different persons; to distribute.

I took it to the front with me, a box at a time, and passed it around (Pyle, 263).
One fellow lit his cigarette with a match and then passed the cigarette around so the others could light up (Yank, 59).
Word was passed around to collect twenty-four hours' field rations... (Pyle, 198).

to pass back. To send to the rear; to pass rearward.

...no word of casualities had been passed back (Pyle, 404).

to pass by.

1. To go by; to go near but not to stop.

...they were so drab next to those of stage Russians who were passing by (Yank, 132).
All the convalescent patients were allowed to go outside to watch the President pass by (Yank, 200).
But the head of the department, addressed by everybody as Mrs. Boole, kept passing her by and she grew furious at this injustice (Cain, 33).
"There goes the Old Man" said Cpl. Thomas Donnelly Jr. of Jersey City, N.J. as the colonel passed by in a jeep (Yank, 109).
Iranians are good horsemen and a body of Iranian cavalry passing by is quite a sight (Yank, 66).
...arranged the casket, and stepped back to permit the guests to pass by (Cain, 108).
We passed by, of course, and went backing on up the road (Pyle, 429).

2. To by-pass; to ignore; to leave alone; to disregard.

It is not true that the war has passed this place by however (Yank, 42).

passenger list. A list of the names of passengers usually on ships or airplanes.

They dug up old passenger lists of the steamship lines (Gardner, 65).

to pass inspection. To be suitably done; to be well done.

...the job they did would pass inspection in any New York tailoring shop (Pyle, 238).

to pass muster. To be suitable; to be acceptable.

She expressed a preference for a quiet place, for she was afraid the print dress wouldn't pass muster anywhere else... (Cain, 53).

to pass on.

1. To receive and to give to another.

Isaman loaded them and passed them on (Yank, 9).
They felt no exuberance about receiving the money since they were merely going to get a look at it and pass it on (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 19, 1947, 26).

2. To die.

Murph and I agreed that it was fortunate his grandfather passed on... (Pyle, 447).

to pass on to.

1. To give to; to distribute to.

A professor might occasionally...pass on to Jeffrey his contagious enthusiasm for a line of poetry of a historical personage...

2. To leave something and go to something else.

...but Mason casually passed on to something else (Gardner, 193).

to pass out.

1. To lose consciousness; to become unconscious. (This sually implies loss of consciousness caused by drinking alcholoic drinks.)

Because so many of his squad had been killed and wounded or had passed out from sheer exhaustion... (Yank, 10).

Hazel Harris was in tears and the playwright had passed out on the bed in the next room (Marquand, 169).
The last thing the lieutenant remembered doing before he passed out was pulling the butt of his own rifle... (Yank, 54).
I just feel like passing out (Marquand, 233).

2. To give to others; to distribute.

After supper she passed out a bottle of Coca-Cola... (Pyle, 290).
...not the Croix de Guerre meant much because the French had always been passing them out to pilots, but still it was a ribbon... (Marquand, 570).
...the crew always helped her pass the cokes out (Pyle, 290).

3. To cease to be; to cease, stop, existing.

...places that can read the handwriting on the wall are going to cash in, and those that can't are going to pass out (Cain, 143).

to pass over.

1. To treat lightly, as of no significance; to disregard.

Perhaps the man knew he had made a fool of himself, but it would have been better to have passed over the explanation (Marquand, 262).
...whenever I come to you with a problem, you try to pass it over (Marquand, 68).

2. To go above; to pass by in flight.

All night long the sky above us was full of the drone of planes -- the RAF passing over on its nightly raids (Pyle, 322).

to pass through. To go through; to go into and beyond; not to stop in.

...they passed on through the city quickly... (Pyle, 463).
During the time I lay at the clearing station with my own slight aches and pains, hundreds of wounded soldiers passed through on their way back to hospitals in the rear (Pyle, 47).
The Japs had allowed platoon after platoon of American troops to pass through... (Yank, 251).
Along the road for twenty or thirty miles behind the fighting front I passed through one demolished town after another (Pyle, 117).
As they passed through, there was scattered firing... (Yank, 8).

to pass through --- hands. To come into one's responsibility and to leave one's charge; to be one's charge for a short time.

...many passed through his hands (Pyle, 423).
Pitiful as wounded men are, it is easy to become hardened and cross with so many passing through your hands (Pyel, 48).

to pass the time. To do something in order to make the passage of time more pleasant; to occupy someone for the purpose of waiting for time to pass; to kill time.

He said they often cooked just to pass the time (Pyle, 214).
Thought it might help pass the time (Cain, 26).

to pass the time of day. To converse about trivial matters; to talk about something unimportant.

Everyone in the Clinton Club felt able to pass the time of day with everyone else... (Marquand, 242).
...I stayed and passed the time of day (Pyle, 257).

to pass up.

1. Not to attend; not to take part in.

We passed up regular breakfast in the mess... (Pyle, 416).

2. To send forward from person to person.

...a message was passed up the line (Yank, 176).

to pass upon. To decide about; to render judgment on.

...the court will retain some reputable psychiatrist to pass upon the condition of Alden Leeds. (Gardner, 34).

to pass word. To send a message from person to person.

Word was passed down the line... (Pyle, 406).
By field telephone, radio and liaison men, word was passed down to the very smallest unit of troops... (Pyle, 433).
Standing at the head of the line, he had been forgotten when the word was passed (Yank, 46).
...Mr. Mason, would you mind passing the word on to Mr. Drake that operative number twelve... (Gardner, 89).
...Capt. Bowman came out from inside and passed the word for the group to move along (Yank, 46).
Shortly after supper a lieutenant...told the sergeants to pass the word to be ready to move in ten minutes (Pyle, 443).
Word had passed around that Cmdr. Bulkeley...would be going along... (Yank, 253).
Occasionally, when he was wounded badly, he would call out, the word would be passed back and medics would make a dash for him (Pyle, 252).
...when the word was passed around that at the next station there was a NAAFI (British Post Exchange)... (Yank, 115).
...the word was passed back down the line... (Pyle, 403).

the past life. The conditions, situations, incidents, acts in one's life prior to the present time.

"Wanted: Information concerning the past life of William Hogarty, age fifty-four years..." (Gardner, 120).
My accurate information as to past life, heirs and former associates of this man will receive liberal reward (Gardner, 120).

to patch things up. To restore unity, harmony, friendship.

Emily tried to patch things up (Gardner, 112).

to patch up.

1. To repair by adding old parts; to repair by patching.

While waiting for the crippled plane to be patched up... (Pyle, 338).
But Sutter and his gang just patched them up, and it kept on flying (Pyle, 222).

2. To treat, care for, hurts, wounds and the like.

They crawled out...and patched up their wounds as best they could (Pyle, 217).
They took a piece out of his leg to patch up his wounded shoulder (Pyle, 261).

patent leather. A leather to which several successive coats of varnish or lacquer have been applied. Inferior grades of leather are often used. (Also attributive.)

Minot was wearing a quilted smoking jacket and patent-leather pumps (Marquand, 387).
...Jeffrey could see the light from the fire reflected on Minot's patent-leather pump (Marquand, 390).
He was dressed in blue serge, didn't wear an overcoat, had black patent leather shoes and was smoking a cigar (Gardner, 63).

to pat on the back. (This implies good fellowship and is a sign of gregariousness.)

There are two kinds of boys, I've found out -- the ones you can pat on the back... (Yank, 149).
Every time they save him they would pat him on the back and say: "Bell, you plenty big man" (Yank, 186).

to pat --- hand. (This is usually considered as a sign of condolence, sympathy.)

She slipped in without a greeting, sat down beside Mildred, and began patting her hand with the infinite tact... (Cain, 107).

Mildred kept patting her hand... (Cain, 138).
...she lingered, patting Ida's hand, basking in her approval (Cain, 122).
She was grateful to Bert when he patted her hand and said he would attend to all that (Cain, 106).
...he...patted her hand... (Cain, 249).

to pat --- on the head. (This is usually thought of as a sign of love, affection.)

Never once did he let Mildred...pat him on the head... (Cain, 142).

to pat --- on the shoulder. (This is usually considered as a sign of approval.)

I reached across the table, patted him on the shoulder... (Yank, 164).
Mason, smiling broadly, patted him on the shoulder as a deputy sheriff approached (Gardner, 153).

to paw at. To handle; to feel; to touch insinuatingly.

Then she stepped quickly aside as he pawed at her (Cain, 60).

payable to. In favor of; to be paid to.

...you wrote out another twenty thousand dollar check also payable to Conway, but endorsed so as to make it payable to bearer (Gardner, 117).

Payable to bearer. To be paid to, in favor of, whoever presents the check, bill, or the like.

...you wrote out another twenty thousand dollar check also payable to Conway, but endorsed so as to make it payable to bearer (Gardner, 117).
That endorsement makes the check payable to bearer (Gardner, 5).
The effect...being virtually to make it a check payable to bearer (Gardner, 7).

to pay alimony. To pay, give money, to an estranged, divorced, spouse. (Most often the husband pays the wife.)

...this...monk...told me I'd have to pay her alimony (Yank, 174).

to pay a call. To visit; to go to see someone.

They had decided to pay a social call (Pyle, 347).

to pay attention. To be attentive; to listen carefully; to concentrate; to read carefully.

Sure he talks all the time, but we don't pay any attention (Pyle, 73).
My sisters pay absolutely no attention to the rule, but everybody else takes it very seriously (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

Nobody paid any attention to him (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
They naturally reached the conclusion that it was a stand-up and paid no further attention to it (Gardner, 82).
...without paying much attention where I was... (Yank, 126).
...Mrs. Levinson paid no attention (Cain, 236).
Mildred...paid no attention (Cain, 213).
...I hope you all paid close attention to the critique of operatic acting... (Cain, 234).
Mildred had intended to pay no attention to the affair... (Cain, 212).
But Jake paid no attention to the others (Yank, 158).
...she paid scant attention to anything except her immediate concerns (Cain, 140).
...Red Riding Hood...walked briskly by, paying little if no attention to him... (Yank, 155).
I paid particular attention to this matter as I lay there, and no wounded man ever made a request that a wardboy didn't go jumping to fulfill (Pyle, 48).
But Bert paid no attention (Cain, 57).
Ida...paid no attention when Mildred introduced her around (Cain, 127).
Doolittle paid no attention (Pyle, 316).
In the last few years, Jesse Fineman had paid attention to his office and a decorator had gone to work on it.... (Marquand, 267).
He had a nice quality...of paying close attention to other people's conversation (Pyle, 308).
But she paid no attention... (Cain, 222).
Paying no attention to Monty... (Cain, 173).
The vehicles had signs on them forbidding anyone to sit in them, but nobody paid a bit of attention to the signs (Pyle, 14).
Nobody paid any attention to that uniform stuff any more (Cain, 51).
She paid little attention to the customer, except to wonder whether his bald spot was brown by nature or from sunburn (Cain, 88).
It must have meant that Mr. and Mrs. Barnes did not think that he was paying Luella too much attention (Marquand, 205).
Paying no attention to Letty... (Cain, 186).
...Mildred was too busy to pay much attention to Veda (Cain, 174).
...afternoon programs that nobody paid any attention to... (Cain, 210).
But Mr. Beragon didn't pay much attention to the law (Cain, 92).
She assembled Pancho, Letty, and Arline for final instructions, paying most attention to Arline (Cain, 119).

to pay back. To repay; to recompense; to return payment.

I'll pay it back (Cain, 50).
But it's to be a loan, and I'll pay you back (Cain, 69).
Oh, Mother, I cheated her out of it, and I meant to pay it back. but -- I owed her a nickel (Cain, 104).
...he omitted his usual mumble about paying it back (Cain, 145).
...tell her...to beg borrow enough money...to pay back every cent she has received... (Yank, 173).
You can pay back part by working summers... (Marquand, 163).

Well -- I'll pay it back (Cain, 143).
...God willing...I'll pay you back (Cain, 170).
All...never pay back a money... (Cain, 217).
Soothingly, Mildred explained that if she really meant to pay it back, this was the main thing, and presently Veda was quiet (Cain, 104).

to pay a bill. To pay a debt; to pay a creditor upon receipt of a bill from him.

...somebody else pay a bill now (Cain, 216).
...if Veda did happen to guess who was paying the bill... (Cain, 216).

to pay cash. To pay in money as contrasted to paying with a check or buying on credit. (A check is sometimes considered cash.)

...Mrs. Gessler had a devil's own time finding liquor, and for much it had to pay cash (Cain, 153-4).

to pay a check. To pay the amount of a check; to pay the amount noted on a slip of paper itemizing what one has received.

He could see the display of brightly packed confections by the cigar counter where you paid your check... (Marquand, 240).

pay day. The day on which employees are paid.

...there is a couple of guys...that owe me dough from last pay day... (Yank, 162).

to pay dividends. To be profitable; to well worth while.

...if you gave cooking and food a little thought, it paid enormous dividends (Marquand, 128).

to pay expenses. To earn enough money to pay bills, expenses, connected with business.

...the wholesale pie business...was paying all expenses... (Cain, 129).

to pay for. To make compensation for; to make payments in full regarding.

...I am expected to pay for them (Yank, 171).
...a GI who accidentally loses his dentures does not have to pay for them... (Yank, 171).

to pay interest. To pay money to another for the interest on a loan, mortagae, contract to sell.

And it was covered with mortgages that he couldn't even have paid the interest on... (Cain, 206).

to pay off.

1. To pay in full, completely.

...she paid off the last of the $4,000 she had owed... (Cain, 174).
I took after 'em, found Hogarty, stuck a gun in his belly and made him pay me off in gold dust (Gardner, 216).
She had to go, to deliver pies, to pay off painters, to check on announcements... (Cain, 99).
Mildred...paid off the mortgages Bert had plastered on the house... (Cain, 180).

2. To be rewarding; to return in good measure.

They don't pay off on work... (Cain, 188).
...they pay off on talent (Cain, 188).
The chance paid off (Gardner, 98).
Its previous battle experience paid off (Pyle, 397).

the pay off. The surprising result, finale, ending.

The pay-off was that one bomb hadn't gone off and was still lodged inside the Fortress's wing... (Pyle, 175).

to pay --- a compliment. To compliment one; to say something nice about someone.

...what he was really doing, if she only had sense enough to know it, was paying her a compliment (Cain, 45).

to pay out. To pay; to expend.

This is all money I'll have to pay out before I can start at all (Cain, 204).
First you paid out to Santa Claus, and then you paid the income tax (Marquand, 326).

to pay rent. To pay money for rent.

...the other three places wouldn't yield enough to pay rent under the lease... (Cain, 244).

to pay --- respects. To say "how do you do" rather formally.

Afte we had paid our respects to the weather... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 16, 1947, 20).

pay roll. A list of names of persons employed by one business, concern, group.

There is no need of listing the names of all the other men in the room because this is supposed to be a Christmas story, not a pay roll... (Yank, 183).

to pay --- share. To pay an amount of money which is one's share, just portion.

She's got to pay her share (Cain, 250).

to pay up. To pay in full; to pay completely.

And Wally, he's not paid up, even a little bit (Cain, 24).
...and her room rent's paid up until the first, and today's payday (Gardner, 95).
Her room rent was paid up (Gardner, 125).
And he's all paid up because he bought your dinner, and that makes it square (Cain, 24).
The policy was for $1,000, paid-up value $256, and he had never taken out more... (Cain, 60).

to pay a visit. To visit; to make a call; to call on.

...sometime you'll pay us a visit there... (Cain, 226).
...she paid a visit to this authority, and found it made no loans of more than $16,000... (Cain, 242).
Every fiber of her being had wanted to pay a visit there... (Cain, 208).

peace of mind. Equanimity; calm temper; composure.

Dear God -- Please give me peace of mind... (Yank, 155).

a peak hour. A time, hour, when activity of some sort is at its greatest; a rush hour.

At peak hours it was hard to get within yelling distance of the bar... (Pyle, 343).

Pearl Harbor. The aerial attack by the Japanese on Honolulu and Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

At a staff conference shortly after Pearl Harbor... (Yank, 130).
Compare these recently abandoned myths in Britain with the pre-Pearl Harbor folklore about the Japanese which prevailed in the United States (Progressive, Jan. 31, 1942, 12).

pedal pushers. A pair of slacks, trousers, for women which come to the knee or thereabouts.

When college girls took to riding bicycles in slacks, they rolled up one trouser leg, then rolled up both. The whimsey has now produced a trim variety of long shorts, called 'pedal pushers' (Life, Aug. 28, 1944, 65).

peek a boo. A term, usually used with small children, when one pretends to hide and then says this to startle the child, or the other way around.

"Peek-a-boo," he said (Marquand, 157).

to peek out. To look out from a hiding place, from within a place, cautiously, carefully.

They seemed to...make us want to cower and hide and peek out from behind an elbow (Pyle, 392).
I went back to the doorway and stood peeking out at the tank (Pyle, 404).
They peeked out and saw a German at a latrine... (Pyle, 375).

to peel off. To curve away from another air craft -- the movement as one machine comes up close to another and then slants away is supposed to resemble the act of peeling off the skin of a banana.

Get in string, peel off and bomb from east to west (Yank, 194).
Four of our planes peeled off from the formation... (Yank, 203).
Both planes peeled off (Yank, 15).
We came back over our home airdrome, peeled off one by one, and landed (Pyle, 325).

to peep in. To look into a place cautiously, carefully.

Then she went to the door, and peeped in (Cain, 222).
We peeped in and he was lying on his mattress on the floor... (Pyle, 289).

to peer out. To look outward from inside something.

The wombat's charming but popeyed offspring peer out from this pouch (Yank, 40).

pen and ink. Characteristic of a kind of drawing in black and white done with a pen.

His sketches...are sometimes distorted and grotesque, and often he goes into pen-and-ink fantasy (Pyle, 140).

a pencil sketch. A drawing made with a pencil.

Somebody had done a pencil sketch of her at a party back home... (Pyle, 266).

a penny for your thoughts. What are you thinking about? What is on your mind?

A penny for your thoughts (Marquand, 329).

pent up. Confined; stored. (This implies a great pressure to break out as in pent up emotions.)

There was an excess of energy, pent up after days at sea... (Yank, 223).

a people's army. An army of civilians; non-professional soldiers.

The intelligence of a people's army is usually good, since its forces are everywhere (Yank, 70).

pep talk. A speech, talk, by which one tries to make others very enthusiastic. (Often used in connection with athletics as a coach usually gives his team a pep talk before a game.)

...he called his staff in for a little pep talk... (Yank, 236).
All the little things had been done, and pep talk no. 103 took place... (Yank, 87).
Rosie always gave us a pep talk before a mission (Yank, 87).

to pep up. To cause to become enthusiastic; to encourage; to become encouraged.

They pep the whole place up (Marquand, 310).

to perch on. To sit on; to rest on; to settle on. (This is a comparison to a bird's alighting on something above the ground as on a tree.)

...two men were left perched on the rail (Cain, 212).
I went in a jeep, perched high on top of a lot of bedrolls (Pyle, 191).

to percolate down. To move, advance, go slowly downward in degree, rank.

According to word percolating down to the family from the youthful Master's study, he is now putting the finishing touches on a work to be entitled... (New Yorker, XIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

to perform a postmortem. To make an examination of a body after death to try to discover the cause of death.

How do you determine the time of death when you are performing a post-mortem, Doctor? (Gardner, 131).

to perform an autopsy. To make an examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death.

But all you know of your own knowledge, Doctor, is that you performed an autopsy on a body, that death had occurred... (Gardner, 132).

to perk up. To become lively, animated.

...things perked up in the valley below (Yank, 198).
...poor Bert perked up... (Cain, 211).

to permit --- a luxury. To enjoy something luxurious and to have it when one wishes.

...one luxury she permitted herself (Cain, 180).

Persian cat. An Angora cat; a domesticated cat with long fur.

...fancy breed, like a blue Persian cat (Cain, 217).

to persist in. To go stubbornly about something; to continue with something regardless of opposition.

Mildred might have persisted in this... (Cain, 189).

personal belongings. Personal property; those things which belong to the individual as clothes, toilet articles, and the like.

...the walking enlisted men...with only a few personal belongings in... ditty bags (Yank, 223).

personal property. Property, belongings, which are not construed as real estate; clothing, toilet articles, automobiles, books, and the like.

...nobody here can take one dime of your money, or your personal property... (Cain, 247).

person to person. A type of long distance telephone call in which one asks the telephone operator to get a specific person. Contrasted to station to station in which one asks simply to speak to anyone who answers the telephone.

After waiting two days for an answer, Jeffrey decided to telephone him, person-to-person, and he sat for two hours, waiting (Marquand, 564).
But Jeffrey said he wanted to talk to Colonel Swinburne, person-to-person, and the operator said she would... (Marquand, 564).

to pertain to. To be associated with; to belong with; to be connected to.

...on whatever pertains to show, to decoration alone, be a little modest (Cain, 228).

to peter out. To come to nothing; to end fruitlessly; to become exhausted. (This implies a gradual dissolution, wasting away.)

It petered out in about ten days (Gardner, 114).

petit point. Embroidery, needle work, whereby one takes a piece of canvas and covers it with embroidery. It often has a black background and highly contrasting colors with pictures or other designs.

There was a bench covered with petit point, with Jacobean legs, standing just in front... (Marquand, 385).
...he walked to the petit-point bellpull and pushed the little button behind it (Marquand, 305).

petty officer. A non-commissioned officer in the Navy; an enlisted man in the Navy appointed by his commanding officer to this rank and having authority over the lower ranks.

There was another petty officer who not only rated him but... (Yank, 43).

a Phi Beta Kappa key. An insignia which shows the wearer is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the famous scholarship fraternity in American colleges and universities.

Lew Brown was a Harvard man, which was something of a handicap, and he wore a Phi Beta Kappa key on his watch chain (Marquand, 278).

a Philadelphia lawyer. A rather sharp, unscrupulous lawyer. (Often used as a comparison: as slippery as a Philadelphia lawyer.)

The Philadelphia lawyer and the sea lawyer are stock American terms for a bore and a pest (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

phone book. A book, issued annually for separate cities, in which are listed the names of people who have telephones and their addresses and telephone numbers.

...any place where he could get to a phone book (Cain, 203).

a phone call. A telephone conversation; a talking by means of a telephone.

...the ol' boy had phone calls from all over the country... (Yank, 225).
...the concert was interrupted by a phone call (Cain, 181).
When he got home he sat there by the telephone, sweating, waiting for the inevitable phone call (Pyle, 206).
...when he made a phone call he always said "if you please" to the Army operator (Pyle, 308).

to phone in. To report by means of a telephone; to phone a report.

...information was phoned in to him (Pyle, 387).

phone number. A telephone number; a number which represents, for the purposes of telephoning, a person.

Here's three, with phone numbers and addresses (Cain, 203).

the phone rings. The bells connected to the telephone are rung indicating someone wishes to speak to another by means of a telephone.

Before he could turn to say anything to the lawyer another phone rang, and Drake picked up the receiver... (Gardner, 64).
The phone rang (Cain, 105).
They sat together by the little fireplace talking in low tones and waiting for the phone to ring (Gardner, 70).

photo finish. The end of a race in which two of the contestants are so close together that it is impossible to tell who won without the aid of a photograph taken at the exact instant of the end of the race; hence, any close race.

...T/5 Ed Berg of Albany, N.Y....couldn't quite pass Sgt. Randall in the photo-finish of the American race to Acland's outstretched hand (Yank, 30).

piano legs. Human legs, usually women's, which are shapeless, straight, having thick ankles.

We used to call you "Piano Legs", do you remember? (Marquand, 360).

to pick between. To choose one of two; to choose between.

If I had to pick between the two of them to live on a desert island with, I'd pick Sales (Marquand, 335).

to pick --- for. To choose one for; to select one for.

Frank said a colonel in Oran picked him for the job because he always kept himself neat and clean (Pyle, 310).

to pick off.

1. To shoot at and to hit; to hit with gun fire.

...the Germans tried to pick off our men as they passed through open sections (Yank, 107).
Every now and then snipers would pick off a man (Pyle, 397).
...they figure they'll get through somehow, then pick us off one by one... (Yank, 181).
We were picking them off all morning... (Yank, 53).
All night long the outfit remained silent and stable, picking off the Japs as they crept forward (Yank, 20).
They picked off our soldiers one by one... (Pyle, 373).
If they flew in a straight line for as long as fifteen seconds, the Germans would pick them off (Pyle, 163).
Nothing could make me any prouder than the way I picked off little white rocks right along with those veterans (Pyle, 188).

2. To remove by picking; to pluck.

I don't know whether or not these are dangerous...but when I saw their fangs, I decided to pick them off the walls of the cave with tweezers (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to pick on. To choose; to select.

What did she have to pick on my boy for? (Cain, 14).

to pick --- teeth. To clean food from between one's teeth with a toothpick, small stick.

They picked their teeth and they put their bridgework in a glass of water every night (Marquand, 26).

to pick --- way. To choose one's way, path, direction, course.

...no bomb fragment made could pick its way through all those roots... (Yank, 41).

to pick out.

1. To select; to choose.

...she actually got around to picking out a house? (Cain, 221).
I've picked out you four for a starter... (Cain, 190).
The colonel had also picked out the officer who was to teach the men the meaning of combat intelligence (Yank, 190).
...he suggested that he pick out his furniture himself... (Cain, 235).
We drove up the road a little farther and picked out another one (Pyle, 445).
The Army had picked out a hotel... (Pyle, 461).
A sergeant had been forwarded about half a mile in a jeep and picked out a farmhouse (Pyle, 445).
Sometimes the Germans would pick out one of the farmhouses...and blow it to smithereens (Pyle, 238).
He had to wear both the dressing gown and the slippers because...Madge had picked them out herself (Marquand, 4).
...the three-quarter mink coat, the exact model she had picked out for herself... (Cain, 190).
She did not want to have books picked out for her beforehand by anyone... (Marquand, 100).
There weren't any tin cans or anything, so we'd pick out tiny white rocks... (Pyle, 183).
Shortly afterward the Germans picked out that house for the center of a barrage (Pyle, 238).
...a place he had picked out for billeting... (Pyle, 242).
And then picked out whoever looked best (Pyle, 281).
...gone into Bullock's and picked out an evening gown (Cain, 159).
In September he had been rich, and Mildred picked out the mink coat she would buy when the weather grew cooler (Cain, 7).
I picked out an empty spot and spread them out (Yank, 59).
Her piano, picked out when Mildred picked out her coat, never actually arrived... (Cain, 11).
...when she handed him the menu to pick out his dessert, she asked innocently... (Cain, 66).

2. To distinguish; to recognize one among many others.

You can't realize how nearly impossible it is to arrive in the dead of night at exactly the right spot with a convoy, feel your way in through the darkness, pick out the designated pinpoint on an utterly strange shore line... (Pyle, 26).
It was close to impossible for a German bomber to pick out their position... (Pyle, 385).
I picked them out from a distance, because I could spot Jack Thompson's beard (Pyle, 363).
...they might even pick out the gun batteries... (Pyle, 391).

3. To remove by picking; to lift out.

They picked out knives and forks...and sorted them into different piles (Pyle, 283).

to pick out of a hat. To select, choose, at random (by taking a slip of paper from a hat).

Take Hemingway, or Faulkner, or Steinbeck just to pick a few names out of the hat at random, and he was not making a pun... (Marquand, 335).

a pick up.

1. A person one meets casually and takes along with one for pleasure; a chance acquaintance.

She settled back, lost a slightly uneasy feeling she had had, of being just a pick-up (Cain, 92).

2. Hastily prepared of whatever is on hand; unplanned. (This refers to a meal.)

Wait, I'll ask Jeff -- if you don't mind a pick-up supper (Marquand, 331).

to pick up.

1. To gather; to lift by picking.

Veda picked up a package of cigarettes... (Cain, 156).
After picking up the menu, and dropping it quickly so the girl wouldn't notice her trembling... (Cain, 44).
She picked up the empty wine bottle, heaved it into the pantry, laughed wildly (Cain, 31).
He picked up her bag and led the way to a small back room whose only furnishings... (Cain, 92).
She put on the rubber slippers, picked up the soap (Cain, 93).
As she picked up the phone a horrible feeling came over her that God had had her number, after all (Cain, 97).
A match in the fireplace caught his attention, and he stooped to pick it up (Cain, 105).
...and wings into four different dishes, and placed them in the icebox so she could pick up a portion with one motion (Cain, 117).

He picked up the violin... (Cain, 135).
Ida went over to the desk, picked up the blue pencil, came back to the door... (Cain, 66).
...never wondered if a dish was done, but always knew, and at that moment picked it up (Cain, 75).
...Mildred...picked up her handbag... (Cain, 188).
And he picked up the paper (Marquand, 77).
Buck was picked up bodily and thrown inside the compartment... (Yank, 46).
...just put it there on the table, son, and come back when we call and pick up the dishes (Gardner, 145).
Alden made signs to him, so he picked up the note and read it and waved his hand to show that he understood (Gardner, 56).
Drake picked it up, said into the transmitter, "Hold the line for just a minute"... (Gardner, 60).
"No," Mason said, "we'll have to pick up the cards and decide how to play our hand when we see what are trumps" (Gardner, 17).
Mason looked at the dice, picked them up and rolled them three or four times, then laughed (Gardner, 16).
Della picked up her menu (Gardner, 156).
Before he could turn to say anything to the lawyer, another phone rang and Drake picked up the receiver... (Gardner, 64).
Mason picked it up, said, "Hello,"... (Gardner, 88).
Mason picked up the telephone... (Gardner, 45).
...every time one tried to pick up his helmet he would pick up the soccer ball instead (Yank, 185).
The top picked up the receiver (Yank, 100).
He picked up a stake... (Yank, 182).
Picking up my coil, I noticed that it was off balance... (Yank, 58).
He picked up the meat dish (Yank, 231).
He...picked up the menu... (Yank, 229).
Anybody can pick up...the Jap post cards... (Yank, 238).
At noon chow Walt Durkee picked up extra sandwiches and fruit (Yank, 138).
He kept drifting farther away from the orderly room, pretending to pick up cigarette butts (Yank, 138).
...he picked up a tiny pin... (Yank, 245).
We were picking them up two days later (Yank, 122).
He picked up both the chair and the coat carefully, and found a hanger in the closet (Marquand, 147).
Jeffrey had picked up his coat and now he held it by the collar (Marquand, 67).
Lizzie was bringing in the clear pale consomme, and Mr. Lapes was picking up his spoon (Marquand, 98).
She was pointing to a letter beside his plate and he looked down at it and picked it up (Marquand, 586).
Minot looked at his glass carefully before he picked it up (Marquand, 244).
He lighted his cigarette carefully and picked up the newspaper... (Marquand, 305).
Jeffrey spelt it and the girl picked up a mimeographed list and then she wrote down the number of a room (Marquand, 571).
Jeffrey picked up a piece of yellow copy paper and a pencil (Marquand, 198).
In the hall, when Jeffrey started to pick up his suitcase, Albert darted forward (Marquand, 306).

Minot Roberts parked the car at the edge of the turn-around at the front of the house and slammed the door and packed up his tennis raquet (Marquand, 261).
He picked up the New York Times and turned to the second page... (Marquand, 214).
We picked one up and admired it (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
As the first boy came through, a man ducked under the rope, picked him up and kissed him (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
Now and then they had to go on cleanup detail and help pick up trash... (Pyle, 214).
The landlady picked it up with the tips of her fingers... (Pyle, 462).
He would pick up something from the discard... (Pyle, 340).
I picked up a...Bible... (Pyle, 367).

2. To collect; to obtain; to get.

An outfit would pick up some kid... (Pyle, 243).
The officers will pick up your mail as it comes in... (Gardner, 101).
I don't know why I picked it up... (Pyle, 367).
...he had already picked up several little antique whiskey glasses... (Pyle, 413).
He boarded up blown-out windows, did our washing, and even picked up the scraps of wood and built a little fire... (Pyle, 119).
Lots of soldiers had picked up local dogs as pets (Pyle, 115).
...I'm not too proud to pick them up... (Cain, 149).
Down on the dock was a big boxlike cart in which they picked up slop buckets and trash... (Pyle, 274).
...there came trucks with the picked-up, rusting rifles of men killed or wounded... (Pyle, 412).
He'd picked up the money in a captured German headquarters (Pyle, 414).
...I don't know whether it was picked up or not (Pyle, 356).
Special Coast Guard tugs were assigned to pick them up (Pyle, 356).
He has...a few Japanese invasion coins he picked up during some 50 days under fire on Guadalcanal (Yank, 22).
It didn't take him to discover that if he saw a book once at Gimbels, he was likely to see it again and again, presumably as a result of its having been picked up in bulk at a remainder sale (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
Recently a hospital orderly picked up a letter to mail for a wounded man (Yank, 36).
A number of others had been there, too, who had dropped things and had forgotten to pick them up... (Marquand, 353).
...its walls were finished in old pine paneling which Beckie had picked up here and there... (Marquand, 126).
She wouldn't pick up a tip (Cain, 170).
Just thought I'd drop around for a little visit and maybe pick up a couple of things I left in the desk... (Cain, 53).
Some guys expect to pick up a new gun from a casualty whenever they need it (Yank, 150).
You can pick up your orders when you bring him in (Yank, 226).

...our request to stick arcund for a few days to pick up a load of pictures and stories (Yank, 196).
They wandered off behind the sand dunes, picking up stakes (Yank, 182).
I'll keep biscuits out all the time, and you pick them up yourself (Cain, 119).
Pick up your own bread and your own biscuits, but put them in separate baskets... (Cain, 119).
Pick them up quick, and pick up enough (Cain, 119).
...she drove back to the house, picked up her pies, and made the rounds of delivery (Cain, 116).
I'll pick it up next week (Cain, 90).
...a woodshed...where GIs may pick up art materials... (Yank, 233).
Each Army outfit...picks up its allotment (Yank, 232).
He picked up their letters and waited for a barrage of shelling to stop before he left (Yank, 59).
Hot Jeep was ordered to go to Oran with a weapons carrier to pick up our rations... (Yank, 139).

3. To meet and take somewhere.

The chauffeur drove them across Wilshire Boulevard on the way to the Bronxville to pick up Jeffrey's bag... (Marquand, 428).
A private runs to pick him up... (Yank, 180).
...I got a jeep and went and picked him up (Pyle, 300).
The Partisans counted 20 Jerry dead and picked up seven wounded... (Yank, 28).
...she went down to Mrs. Biederhof's corner and picked him up (Cain, 198).
...he said they'd already been picked up (Yank, 168).
...she again picked up Bert at Mrs. Biederhof's corner... (Cain, 202).
...and I'll pick Emily up as she leaves the office (Gardner, 51).
Monty said he had no car...and could she pick him up? (Cain, 221).
We'd picked up our patient and were starting back over the ridge... (Yank, 180).
As they parted, Mildred asked Ida if she'd like her to stop by and pick her up on the way over in the morning (Cain, 64).
Minot's coming here to pick me up at seven (Marquand, 66).

4. To arrest by the police or the like; to take into custody of the police.

...the raiders were to pick up several of the town's leading Fascists... (Yank, 25).
Or they'd pick up escaped Allied prisoners for the Germans.... (Yank, 26).
They confiscated a lot of equipment, picked up a couple of underlings... (Gardner, 62).
...others were picked up for wearing baseball caps... (Yank, 231).
...the MPs would have picked me up (Pyle, 299).
I think sheer awe was all that kept the MPs from picking me up (Pyle, 298).

5. To discover; to find.

He picked up the agency for this loaded dice business (Gardner, 100).
The Germans might pick them up forth miles from their target (Pyle, 162).
They were on their way home when they picked up their alternate target... (Pyle, 168).
An Army officer had been washed oberboard but had been picked up by another about four ships behind (Pyle, 20).
Our correspondent wants to know if he's to try and pick up the Hogarty trail (Gardner, 65).
I picked up a partner by the name of Hogarty (Gardner, 112).
...our chances of being picked up would be slight (Pyle, 356).
...searchlights picked up the incoming landing craft... (Yank, 124).
...a plane was picked up within range... (Pyle, 289).
I picked up Serle --a guy about forty, nervous, quick-moving... (Gardner, 16).

6. To learn; to get to know and to use.

To top it all off he spoke perfect French and was picking up Italian like a snowball (Pyle, 73).
They picked up a lot of incriminating stuff, but couldn't prove any deliveries (Gardner, 101).
"I pick up the new words and phrases," Jesse answered (Marquand, 275).
...he too might have been like Walter Newcombe, picking up ideas (Marquand, 41).
You pick up odds and ends of information that are worth remembering (Yank, 76).
...I went around picking up tank lore (Pyle, 264).
I didn't pick up much about the rest of the boys... (Pyle, 387).
...he had picked up some of the rudiments of tailoring (Pyle, 190).
It was the first word that girls like Miss Ainsley picked up (Marquand, 269).
What he didn't see himself, he picked up from the cooks... (Yank, 199).
...confused and harassed their make-believe enemy with screwball tactics they had picked up while fighting the Japs (Yank, 91).
Bricks, labels--where did you pick up that kind of talk? (Yank, 89).
"Say, where did you tend bar?" "Oh, just picked it up" (Cain, 26).
...so-called GI slang, the oft-repeated phrase picked up in boot camp... (Yank, 164).

7. To make an acquaintance with one of the opposite sex and to have an engagement. (This implies no formal introduction and is considered unmannerly.)

And the men they pick up! (Cain, 191).
And all they're up to is picking up men (Cain, 191).
...I'm not good at picking up people in club cars, and when I do, they're not worth picking up (Marquand, 414).
...in a speako Wally had taken her to, and helped Anna pick up a man at a nearby table (Cain, 68).

8. To steal; to purloin.

Our driver even had a feather bed he had picked up from a French family (Pyle, 426).
...Hot Jeep would go out and pick up enough to make up the deficit... (Yank, 139).
Hot Jeep became so proficient at it, particularly at picking up the vehicle from which he derived his name... (Yank, 139).

9. To give enthusiasm; to encourage.

They thought maybe their presence would pick the boys up a bit (Pyle, 319).

10. To begin; to start again.

...all four motors would stop for about five seconds at a time and then pick up again (Pyle, 348).
Madge did not have to drop one chain of relationships and pick up another when she saw Ethel... (Marquand, 356).

11. To get up; to rise; to stand up.

When Jimmy picked himself up off the floor... (Yank, 165).

12. To improve; to get better.

Behind the marble counter, the bankers waited, rubber stamps in hand, for business to pick up (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
After a couple of days down below they began to pick up (Pyle, 150).
...when business picked up...she voted for him... (Cain, 180).

13. To receive as on a radio; to tune in on.

The ship's news came mostly from B.B.C. in London, the German radio in Berlin, and our little daily newspaper assembled from world-wide short wave broadcasts picked up during the night (Pyle, 41).
The Rome radio picked up the item, completely distorted it, and used it for home front propaganda (Pyle, 112).
...up to the radio shack to go over the news reports which the wireless had picked up (Pyle, 7).
The people on the outside would pick up the game on the short wave... (Yank, 185).
It was one of those radios which could pick up Japan as easily as a local station... (Marquand, 386).

14. To clean, arrange, set in order as a room in a house.

The front hall had been picked up very neatly (Marquand, 398).

15. To earn; to get money usually very easily and sometimes not quite honestly.

He told me he'd made a killing, had picked up twenty grand on the first installment... (Gardner, 101).

to pick up a cue. To understand instructions whether plainly stated or implied and to act in accordance with them.

His face froze for a moment but then he picked up his cue with surprising convincingness (Cain, 58).

to pick up --- feet. To lift one's feet when walking.

...he doesn't know how to pick up his feet and walk on grass and rocks (Yank, 149).

to pick up the pieces. To repair damage; to restore harmony, unity.

He wanted to pick up the pieces and start all over again... (Marquand, 476).

to pick up weight. To get fat; to put on flesh; to get heavier.

These people had picked up weight since I last saw them (Pyle, 349).

to pick up where one left off. To begin at the point, place, where another stopped.

Howitzers...have picked up where the heavy barrage from seaward left off (Yank, 180).

picnic basket. A basket designed for carrying food and drink often containing silverware, dishes, cups, and the like, to be used on a picnic.

Then they would get the picnic basket, which was very heavy when it was filled with ice and sandwiches and milk and tea (Marquand, 544).
...with cups and plates and two thermos bottles which had cost sixty-five dollars but somehow the picnic basket had not worked (Marquand, 544).
The summer he and Madge were first married and owned their first car, they had bought a picnic basket with cups and plates... (Marquand, 544).

a picture of. A photograph showing.

...pictures of herself and lengthy accounts of her career... (Cain, 229).
...pictures of Monty and...accounts of his career (Cain, 229).

picture star. A prominent actor, actress, in the cinema, moving pictures.

I'll bet the picture stars don't have anything like that in Hollywood (Marquand, 517).

pie a la mode. A piece of pie with ice cream.

Bring me apple pie a la mode, and lots of coffee (Gardner, 99).

a piece in the paper. A newspaper story; a news story.

But presently the thing became so public, what with pieces in the paper about the sale of his polo ponies... (Cain, 142).

a piece of furniture. A single item of furniture; a chair, table, sofa, or the like.

This was the most expensive piece of furniture she had, and the only one that had been made to order (Cain, 117).

a piece of luck. Luck; good fortune.

But Jeffrey knew that by some piece of luck which was not his fault at all Walter Newcombe was there to sing the dirge of destiny (Marquand, 461).

a piece of music. A musical composition; an aria, lyric, or the like.

...the little fat woman...found a piece of music, sat down at the piano,.. (Cain, 216).
He...found a piece of music... (Cain, 135).

a piece of property. Some real estate; some real property; a house, farm, land, or the like.

You got yourself a piece of property this time, Mildred (Cain, 121).

a piece of tail. Coitus; sexual intercourse.

...that's all I've been to you, a piece of tail (Cain, 146).
...you're still the best piece of tail I ever had, or ever could imagine (Cain, 145).

a piece of work. Work; an item of work.

That Revere did a fine piece of work, and he deserves recognition (Yank, 237).

a piece of writing. Writing; a story, poem, letter, essay, or the like.

...I found the letter...the most disgusting piece of writing I have ever had the misfortune to read (Yank, 210).

to piece together. To put together from many items, pieces, singly; to form by fitting together into a whole.

This is the story of the Big Bastard's first surface action, pieced together from the accounts of the men of her complement (Yank, 43).
All sorts of things began to flit through Mildred's mind, and piece themselves together... (Cain, 258).

pie wagon. A small shop which sells cakes, pies, and coffee.

From you, and your pie-wagon (Cain, 207).
...people that run filling stations...and pie wagons (Cain, 156).
...Sigrid, from the Pie Wagon itself... (Cain, 230).

a pile driver. A large heavy machine for driving large posts into the ground.

For many years he ran a pile driver (Pyle, 186).

to pile in. To get into a car, automobile.

So we piled in and directed Chauffeur Cogan to set out for the nearby village of Le Pieux (Pyle, 408).

to pile out. To get out, leave, a car, automobile.

Finally, we hit the beach and as we piled out into the water we were worse scared than ever (Pyle, 26).
They came piling out of that plane like rockets (Pyle, 348).
The crew piled out through the bottom hatches... (Yank, 119).
We piled out quickly at the beachhead (Yank, 144).
It caught fire, and the whole crew piled out and ran as fast as they could (Pyle, 267).
...the first two assault waves piled out of amphibious tractors... (Yank, 250).

to pile up.

1. To increase; to grow larger.

The Army worked so smoothly that material never piled up on the beaches but got immediately on its way to the front (Pyle, 36).
And as the afternoon droned on with the state remorselessly piling up an avalanche of fingerprint evidence against the defendant... (Gardner, 151-2).
They argued their case in quite noisy fashion, letting the counters pile up with orders while they screamed... (Cain, 45).
...because convoys pile up behind you and can't get around... (Pyle, 426).
...a nice little corporate reserve piled up too (Cain, 243).
This was so...in excess of her living expenses that the money piled up on her account... (Cain, 243).
...an unhappy recollection...of what had been piling up between them these last few months (Cain, 171).
...still it piled up (Cain, 180).
It was also the climax...of a financial catastrophe that had been piling up on her..(Cain, 242).
Corporal Le Barr's plane...had more missions than any other - 23 - and was piling them up by one and two a day (Pyle, 210).

2. To place one on top of another; to form a pile. (This does not imply any order, plan, arrangement.)

I could lean over and watch the men down below piling up ration boxes (Pyle, 279).
...from one piled-up mass of earth and shrubbery to another... (Yank, 243).
We pile up rocks (Yank, 150).
Dead Japs were being piled up on the beach... (Yank, 252).
"The dishes weren't piled up?" Mason asked (Gardner, 170).

a pillar of smoke. Smoke arising into a single commun.

...facing the burning plane that seemed to be rising to heaven in a pillar of smoke (Marquand, 230).

a pill roller. A physician; a medical doctor.

...I am under the care of a bunch of pill rollers... (Yank, 161).

a pinball machine. A game consisting of a glass covered, slightly inclined, table in which there are several holes. In a slot are about 10 steel balls driven by a plunger connected to a spring. The object is to try to put all of the balls in the holes.

...the month the pinball machine was installed (Yank, 224).
...the pinball machine was used by officers... (Yank, 224).
Our pinball machine at the officers' mess... (Yank, 224).

pin boy. The person who resets the bowling pins after they have been knocked down. (He works in a bowling alley.)

The celebrated pin boy from this tiny Ohio town... (Yank, 175).
The famed pin boy did not apply for a commission (Yank, 175).
He used to be pin boy at the Sportland Bowling Alley... (Yank, 175).

to pinch pennies. To be very careful of money; to be very saving; not to be extravagant.

I always have to pinch pennies (Yank, 163).

to pin down. To cause another to be unable to move. (In use in connection with the Armed Forces it means to shoot at a person and force him to lie still.)

...was so close to the enemy that it was pinned down by machine guns and mortars... (Yank, 134).
Terry, in the meantime, was kept busy by a machine-gun pillbox that had pinned him down behind a tree (Yank, 17).
...the German ring that tried to pin us down in the beachhead area (Pyle, 442).
Our men were pinned down for a while... (Pyle, 363).

They were pinned down right on the water's edge... (Pyle, 362).
A patrol had succeeded in pinning down the Japs occupying several pillboxes (Yank, 52).
...sometimes our machine guns get pinned down when they stay up with us (Yank, 150).
...they pinned us down with fire from .50-caliber machine guns... (Yank, 10).
...the whole outfit was pinned down without a field of fire, only a few feet from the sea (Yank, 9).
The men are pinned down on the beach (Pyle, 363).
Tag Allumbaugh way lying within shout distance of where Teck was pinned down... (Pyle, 186).
But at other times he may be pinned down by enemy fire so that the aid men can't get to him, and he will have to lie out there for hours before help comes (Pyle, 51).

a pine knot. A piece of wood from a pine tree at the place where a limb joined the trunk of the tree. (A pine knot has much resin and makes a good fire.)

When they got back it was late, but they gathered pine knots by the car lights... (Cain, 94).
When they got back, it was cold, and they decided to build a fire, of pine knots (Cain, 94).

ping pong. Table tennis; a game something like tennis which is played on a table. (Also attributive.)

...bullets bouncing off him like ping-pong balls (Yank, 166).
There was a ping-pong table in the Rumpus Room... (Marquand, 126).

to pin on.

1. To fasten with a pin.

...she took his orchids out of the icebox and pinned them on... (Cain, 152).
...the general...pinned the Silver Star on the sheet (Yank, 130).

2. To accuse one of something and to force one to be responsible for it.

...one or both of you is quite apt to get a first degree murder rap pinned on you (Gardner, 119).
The natural way for him to get out is to try to pin it on you (Gardner, 75).
The natural way for you to get out is to try to pin the murder on him (Gardner, 75).
They don't have a ghost of a chance of pinning this on you (Gardner, 153).
We're not pinning anything on anyone---but Harold can never convince a jury he didn't do it (Gardner, 164).
You can't pin it on Harold (Gardner, 164).

pint sized. Small; tiny.

One of the Psychological Warfare Branch's major functions is publishing one of the world's biggest newspaper chains -- weekly, pint-sized sheets turned out in German, French, Dutch and Flemish... (Yank, 129).

a pin up. A picture of a scantily dressed girl, usually in a bathing suit. (Also attributive.)

I had known a bunch of Air Force mechanics who boasted thirty-four pin-ups... (Pyle, 266).
...YANK with its pin-ups (Yank, 214).
...he could use the mashed-up goo for pasting...YANK pin-ups on his barracks wall (Yank, 140).
Tacked on the walls were three dozen of the most striking pin-ups I ever saw (Pyle, 180).
Don't slam our pin-ups (Yank, 214).
...who started this idea of pin-ups... (Yank, 214).
...a recent letter about pin-ups in YANK... (Yank, 214).
The boys had a pin-up of Marguerite Chapman, salvaged from a beat-up British magazine (Yank, 60).
Keep the pin-up pictures coming (Yank, 214).
There was one pin-up gallery in a room occupied by six mechanics... (Pyle, 180).
Cordes was also the pin-up champ of the entire Army... (Pyle, 266).

to pin up. To fasten, hold up, with a pin or the like.

...the soldiers carefully took out the needles to pin up that picture of Jane Russell... (Yank, 141).
She pinned Mildred's dress up, so it was a sort of sash around her hips... (Cain, 162).

a pin up girl. A picture of a girl, woman, usually in a bathing suit, often posed in a provocative position.

In that feminine gallery there was one pin-up girl who meant more than the rest (Pyle, 266).
On the tables were pictures of their girls and parents, and on the corrugated steel walls they had pasted pin-up girls from Yank and other magazines (Pyle, 326).
But they had the same pin-up girls, the same flying talk... (Pyle, 333).
Looking at a pin-up girl is pleasant... (Pyle, 180).
There was a controversy...over the pin-up girls versus the girl back home (Pyle, 180).
...was usually bare except for a shelf and some pin-up girls (Pyle, 257).
A redhead -- looked like the champ of all the pin-up girls (Yank, 209).
Is this the much publicized "Pin-Up Girl"...? (Yank, 214).

a pipe dream. An impossibility, improbability; something fantastic, unbelievable.

...then run smack into some modernistic structure that looks like an architect's pipe dream (Yank, 75).

a pipe fitter. One who fastens pipes together; one who cuts, threads, reams, and fastens pipes.

Carmichael used to be a pipe fitter for the gas company... (Pyle, 269).

Piper Cub. Trade name for a small airplane which carries two passengers and has a top speed of less than 100 miles per hour.

This field had been used in the previous two days as a landing area for Piper Cubs evacuating a few wounded... (Yank, 92).
Lt. A.J. Howell...left to take off in a Piper Cub (Yank, 133).

to pipe up. To speak without warning; suddenly to say something.

Suddenly...the cook piped up: "Damned if there isn't a third one dead ahead" (Yank, 254).
...a shave tail that isn't old enough to grow a beard pipes up... (Yank, 172).

pistol belt. A wide, about 3 inches, web, canvas, belt worn by service men.

There were torn pistol belts... (Pyle, 267).

pitch black. Dark; completely without light; without enough light to see by.

...inside the barracks all was pitch black and silent... (Yank, 11).

to pitch in. To assist in the work; to work hard helping.

The merchant seamen also pitched in and helped carry (Pyle, 287).
That was also the time everyone pitched in to haul ammunition... (Yank, 33).
When Dick was working on the rock garden on the lawn, Jim pitched right in and helped him... (Marquand, 131).
But the crew came running, other crews pitched in to help, and they had a new wheel on the plane... (Pyle, 171).

to pitch --- voice. To put one's voice on a note, tone.

You were pitching your voice to two different tones, and doing all the talking yourself (Gardner, 200).

pith helmet. A fiber hat ventilated with holes for wear in hot climates.

He should also bring the following items...pith helmet... (Yank, 142).

to be pitiful to see. To be pitiful; to be a source of sympathy.

Why, it's pitiful to see how grateful they are just to have a hard deck to sleep on (Pyle, 4).

the pit of --- stomach. The upper part of the abdomen; the epigastrium.

It gave Jeffrey a cold sensation in the pit of his stomach (Marquand, 37).

to place a call. To put in a telephone call; to attempt to make a phone call; to give a telephone operator the number one wants to speak to.

...you nevertheless told these men that you were going to place the call at somewhere around ten-thirty? (Gardner, 196).

a place of --- own. A house, a farm, or the like which one owns.

...we's talk about...having a place of our own (Yank, 183).
It was a place of their own where they could keep their own things... (Marquand, 212).

to place on the altar. To offer as a sacrifice, alms, oblation.

To ask the women of Texas to place their daughters on the altar of sacrifice to the evil that will come from the program... (Yank, 210).

to place on a (sound) basis. To arrange affairs according to business practice; to set affairs in order.

...the corporation was to be placed on a sounder basis... (Cain, 247).

to be plagued by. to be annoyed by regularly; to be irritated by.

...I've been plagued by doubting Thomases... (Yank, 172).

a plain clothes man. A detective who does not wear a police uniform but rather wears civilian clothes.

Two plain clothes men, who had been standing near the door, converged on the group of officers (Gardner, 119).

a plain face. A face which is neither handsome nor ugly; an ordinary face.

...taking in the conviviality with a twisted grin that seemed strange and pathetic on her extremely plain face (Cain, 127).

plain silly. Very silly; stupid; foolish.

It was nice of George, but the truth is I'm just plain silly (Pyle, 94).

a plan calls for. The plan demands; the plans are for; it is in the plan.

Plans call for it to continue on across many more miles...to meet the old Burma Road... (Yank, 177).

to plan on. To plan to do something; to make plans to do something. (Plan on is followed by the gerund, while plan to takes the infinitive.)

I think she was...planning on spending the night with him (Gardner, 110).

plate glass. A high grade, thick, polished sheet of glass. (Also attributive.)

...in the light reflected from the plate-glass window at the front of the restaurant (Gardner, 94).
There was not much effort at beauty on porches in those days -- no colored rugs, no tables with plate glass tops... (Marquand 184).
A fragment of flak had broken through the plate glass at his side (Yank, 16).

to play around. To play aimlessly; to enjoy oneself in aimless play.

...they went up and played around at 10,000 feet... (Yank, 203).
We played around for a while (Gardner, 72).

to play ball. To participate in a ball game: football, basketball, baseball, or the like.

There should have been a cow grazing on it...and boys playing ball or tag (Marquand, 112).

to play ball with. To cooperate with; to assist.

To the extent that you play ball with him, I'll play ball with you (Gardner, 77).

to play a part. To be a part; to be an essential; to be important.

Locks played a part in the mountain war (Pyle, 149).

a play boy. A man whose main interest in life is to enjoy himself, to have fun.

I told you, he's just a play-boy, Norman (Marquand, 422).

to play bridge. To participate, take part, in the card game of auction or contract bridge.. (At present this generally implies contract bridge.)

...everyone would smile and shake hands, and then go on playing bridge, or reading... (Marquand, 218).

to play cards. To participate, take part, in a card game.

The sergeants who were playing cards stopped the game (Yank, 207).

to play a dance. To furnish music by playing a musical instrument in an orchestra for a dance.

...Jimmy had to play a dance that night (Yank, 165).

to play dead. To pretend to be dead; to feign death; to play possum.

The Jap officer played dead until Lt. Ross approached and then leaped at him bare-handed (Yank, 55).
...he still lay there playing dead... (Pyle, 189).

to play for ---. To perform on a musical instrument before one; to give a recital for one.

...I'd played for him once, and he wasn't at all appreciative (Cain, 231).

to play --- game. To behave, act, as another desires; to act in accordance with another's wishes.

...many of their own people who...are playing Hitler's game (Yank, 213).

to play a game with. To cooperate in pleasurable, innocent, pretense with, as a father plays a game with his children.

...brought it all back, the game he used to play with Kay, all the gay nonsense between the elephant and the monk (Cain, 105).

to play golf. To go golfing; to take part in a game of golf.

Sometimes he played golf (Pyle, 337).

to play --- hand. To behave, act in a rather complicated situation; to perform a series of actions all related to the achievement of one's goal.

...we'll have to pick up the cards and decide how to play our hand when we see what are trumps (Gardner, 17).

to play hide and seek. To take part in a child's game in which one of the children allows the others to hide from him and then attempts to find them: hence, to take part in any extended hiding and searching for.

Snipers, too, play hide and seek in the fog (Yank, 180).

to play hob (with). To ruin; to destroy; to make a mess of.

The armored divisions practically ran amuck, racing long distances and playing hob... (Pyle, 442).
The war played hob with his business (Pyle, 410).

to play the horses. To bet on horse races; to wager on horse races.

He's just a punk kid who's drifted around...plays what money he can get on the horses... (Gardner, 126).

to play a hunch. To act in accordance with intuition; to act on a hunch.

"I couldn't," Drake admitted, "unless I'd been up on my toes and played a hunch" (Gardner, 63).
But good detective work consists of a lot of luck and a lot of hunch playing (Gardner, 63).

to play into --- hands. To act, behave, just as another wants; to do something unconsciously for another's benefit; unintentionally to act for another's good.

"Well," Mason said, on the road down, "I've played right into the D.A.'s hands" (Gardner, 172).

not to be able to play a note. To be unable to perform on a musical instrument.

...the guy couldn't play a note...Irving Berlin (Cain, 139).

to play out.

1. To perform; to act as in a drama.

On the opposite bank of the crater, two huge soldier audiences stood watching that noisily profane craftsman play out his role (Pyle, 74).

2. To diminish to nothing; to become exhausted.

I knew it might play out tomorrow or the next day or the next week... (Gardner, 114).
...the counterattack had played out (Yank, 241).

to play a part. To feign, to pretend.

...you try to make me play little part... (Cain, 219).

to play the piano. To perform on the piano.

...you can forget you ever tried to play the piano... (Cain, 187).
...with fingers like steel from playing the piano... (Cain, 254).
...it didn't make a bit of difference whether you could play the piano, or not (Cain, 139).

to play a piece. To perform a musical composition on a musical instrument.

To have Veda play the piece about rainbows... (Cain, 189).
...Veda had played the piece... (Cain, 186).

to play politics. To participate in, take part in, politics; hence, to engage in activity of a sort to try to get support for oneself.

...block him off from a job he was entitled to have, and then go around playing all the politics you know how, to get it for yourself (Cain, 30).

to play polo. To participate in, take part in, the game of polo.

He plays polo for Midwich, and he lives in Pasadena, and he's rich... (Cain, 125).

to play the ponies. To bet on, wager on horse races. (See: to play the horses.)

A lot of people play the ponies these days (Gardner, 126).

to play possum. To pretend to be dead; to feign death; to play dead.

I played possum until he got back (Yank, 192).

to play the races. To bet on, wager on, races. (This usually implies horse races but it may also mean greyhound races.)

He played the races (Gardner, 126).
Hazel played the races and Oscar Boker played them (Gardner, 126).

to play a slot machine. To gamble by means of a slot machine.

...whispered Life, "they shot craps, played slot machines free" (Yank, 159).
"Here," Beckie called, "here are nickels for anyone who wants to play the slot machines" (Marquand, 126).
Mr. Sales and Marianna were playing the slot machines (Marquand, 126).

to play tennis. To participate in, take part in, the game of tennis.

...before they start playing tennis (Cain, 175).

to play a trick (on). To trick; to deceive by means of artifice; to defraud. (This does not imply serious deception.)

In a way, she had played him a trick (Cain, 235).
And that trick I played on you, making you improvise an accompaniment to the little gavotte... (Cain, 137).
Well, I sort of owe Hogarty one for the trick he played on me with those galloping dominoes (Gardner, 217).

to play a tune. To perform a musical composition on a musical instrument.

...the orchestra played the tune... (Cain, 241).

to play to a full house. To draw capacity audiences; to fill a theater.

...it had been panned unanimously by the first night wolf pack, but it was still playing to full houses with standees (Yank, 132).

a pleasant air. Pleasant, pleasing, conditions, influence.

...a cluster of small dining rooms, each with a pleasant air of intimacy about it (Cain, 178).

a pleasant glow. A pleasurable sensation, feeling.

...back to work as soon as he left, though in a pleasant glow now, feeling that everybody was trying to help her (Cain, 118).

to be pleased with ---. To be self-satisfied; to be self-complacent.

...he looked so pleased with himself... (Pyle, 377).

plenty of. Enough; sufficient.

There are plenty of chairs and tables... (Yank, 34).
From that moment on, the Big Bastard and the rest of the U.S. task force saw plenty of action (Yank, 43).
But there have been plenty of others she's met, girls her own age... (Cain, 168).
...I had plenty of reason for not walking to meet the honorable signor... (Cain, 321).
...they took plenty of baths (Pyle, 327).

to plop down. To drop down; to drop and fall relaxed.

Then she plopped down in a chair.... (Cain, 127).
I plopped down and wiped some of the sweat off my face (Yank, 59).

to plough a path. To force one's way; to push others or things out of one's way to make a path.

...a fat lady with a small Cairn terrier, who got off at the fourth floor by ploughing a path through the interesting people (Marquand, 340).

to plow up. To turn earth over with a plow; hence, to turn earth; to disturb the surface of the ground, soil.

...the nearby fields were gradually being plowed up (Pyle, 256).

to plug along. To continue slowly but with determination.

"We're plugging along," Mason said (Gardner, 50).

to plug in. To connect to the electric wires; to connect to the electricity.

...Mrs. Gessler plugged in the big radio... (Cain, 212).
Each ack-ack battery had a portable generator, so Lamparty just plugged it in (Pyle, 413).

a plumber's helper. A person who assists a plumber by handing him tools, running errands, etc.

"Why hell, Church, you wanted me to work as a plumber's helper" (Yank, 90).

a pocket Bible. A small Bible usually containing the New Testament only.

I picked up a pocket Bible... (Pyle, 367).

a pocket guide. A small booklet which tells about places of interest, where to go, what to see.

...and they don't want handy pocket guides that tell them how to keep from getting lost (Yank, 96).
Everybody in the Army seems to be writing handy pocket guides these days telling you How to Keep from Getting Lost in a Jungle (Yank, 96).

pocket lighter. (Also cigarette lighter.) A small device having a flint, steel striking wheel, and burning benzine used for lighting cigars, pipes, cigarettes, etc.

There is a pigskin key container, a watch, a cigarette case, and a pocket lighter (Gardner, 129).

poetic license. Freedom of the use of language by a poet.

It sounded well, but granting the necessity for poetic license it did not sound like the voice of a fisherman (Marquand, 146).

poet laureate. The preeminent poet of a group, place, city, state, etc.

The Marauders...had at least one jungle-happy poet laureate among them (Yank, 176).

point blank. Aimed directly at with no allowances for wind, curvature of the earth, etc. (This usually implies a very short distance between the gun and the object aimed at.)

...he hauled down on the thing point-blank... (Yank, 134).
Our bazookas were firing point-blank (Yank, 124).
We...fired point-blank into its bottom... (Yank, 355).
Then he saw that the Jap ship had been hit almost point-blank by all three shells (Yank, 47).

...destroyers had it out point-blank with the big guns in those concrete emplacements (Pyle, 362).
Our men had been caught there that first night by a tank in the valley below firing at them point-blank (Pyle, 184).

to point a finger at. To point at by using one's index finger.

Then he burst into loud laughter, and pointed a derisive finger at Ida, as though it was a great joke on her (Cain, 67-68).

the point is. The essential, important thing is.

...think it was right around ten-thirty, but the point is, they aren't sure (Gardner, 88).
The point is that the general flatness forbade whole armies taking cover (Pyle, 236).
The point is that somewhere in the world there is a louse of a man with two quarts of whisky inside him who should have his neck wrung off (Pyle, 126).

the point of death. Death; the division between life and death.

Twice on that trip, he had been near the point of death (Gardner, 215).

a point of view. Viewpoint; one's method, stand, standards, by which one judges, thinks; the opinion, inferences, resulting from such a viewpoint.

I'm only repeating a point of view... (Marquand, 42).
"You mean," Jeffrey said slowly, "that we all made a big mistake--is that your point of view?" (Marquand, 64).
...all mixed together in a confusion that made him curious about the point of view of the people who had planted them (Marquand, 428).
...who carry over to the battle-field many of their peacetime habits and points of view (Yank, 51).
...I hope I have a mature point of view on these matters (Cain, 157).
...only two readers supported the point of view advocated by Pvt. Luckey (Yank, 212).
I think it's fun, don't you, Ethel, when people have two opposing points of view, to compare them? (Marquand, 360).
"What point of view?" Jim asked (Marquand, 551).
"It gives you a different point of view," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 551).
...in not being afraid of dying, but Jeffrey could not develop that point of view (Marquand, 371).
He was obliged to shift his point of view so often that he was not sure he had any of his own (Marquand, 356).
...with his irritating point of view... (Cain, 131).
...a point of view completely alien to her... (Cain, 185).

to point out.

1. To state; to say to tell. (This implies an emphasis not in the synonyms given.)

He went on to point out that "there is no bad boys in Jersey City"... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
It was true, as the Research Department had pointed out, that another book had appeared... (Marquand, 420).
"But this witness...the night of the murder," Judge Knox pointed out (Gardner, 198-99).
Then, after pointing out what was to be done in the kitchen, she got in the car again, to resume her errends (Cain, 116).
"And," Kettering pointed out, in a sudden burst of inspiration, "there's no obligation..." (Gardner, 188).
...they pointed out such cases as that of the soldier who was discharged from the Army on physical grounds... (Pyle, 177).
"But," Mason pointed out, "your only knowledge of when dinner was eaten is predicated entirely..." (Gardner, 131).
They pointed out that the crossing would have to be made at a point 3,8000 feet up in the mountains... (Yank, 178).
The experts...point out that these are the high points of a planned Nipponese tour of the Pacific... (Yank, 235).
Beg, Walter pointed out, was not quite the word for it (Marquand, 41).
...he pointed out that there are many qualified Yugoslavan pilots... (Yank, 249).

2. To show by pointing; to indicate by pointing.

"It's a little hard to point it out," he said (Marquand, 229).
Mr. Mintz had a lovely home in Beverly Hills which was pointed out by sight-seeing busses... (Marquand, 418).
...where they got such wonderful pies, and when she pointed out Mildred, she was amazed (Cain, 67).
They reached the dining room, and Ida pointed out the station (Cain, 46).
He proudly pointed out the tiny reflectors that screwed into the maple, almost invisible... (Cain, 118).
...lifting the painters' cloths to show him the new maple tables, pointing out the smart linoleum floor covering... (Cain, 96).
The map was of Central Italy, and he would point out the target (Pyle, 209).
Then T/Sgt. Perry Maki of South Swansea, Mass.,...pointed out the direction ... (Yank, 31).
Now can you give me a line on the other relatives without seeming to point them out? (Gardner, 25).
You won't know what I look like, but if you ask any of the waiters for me, they'll point me out (Marquand, 316).
He...flew all over the state, pointing out all the spots of interest (Yank, 166).
...tell him that Perry Mason, the lawyer, wants to see him and point me out to him (Gardner, 94).
...then point that standing person out to a witness when I'm asking a question (Gardner, 207).

the point to. The essential in; the meaning of.

There's never any point to anything, but Beckie will take care of me

poison ivy. Rhus toxicondendron; a poisonous Sumac; east of the Rocky Mountains also poison oak; a low bush whose branches and leaves contain an oil which causes blisters on a person's skin.

...you have much less chance of catching poison ivy in the average jungle than you have around... (Yank, 96).

poison oak. Rhus quercifolia; a poisonous Sumac; east of the Rocky Mountains confused with poison ivy. The plant grows in the western part of the country. It has the same toxic effect of poison ivy.

Along the same line are the vicious local cousins of poison oak and sumac (Yank, 42).

to poison --- mind against. To talk about a person to another saying disparaging things about him and causing the other to believe them.

She let Wally Burgen poison her mind against me (Cain, 211).

to poke around. To visit and to examine.

The general also liked...to go poking around into message centers... (Pyle, 395).

poker faced. Having a face which is devoid of expression; a condition of repressing the expression of emotion of one's face; dead panned.

Carrel, poker-faced, steady-eyed, came forward, raised his right hand, and was sworn (Gardner, 132).

to poke out. To stick out beyond something; to penetrate and to remain festened to.

...Buck could see the big 16-inch barrels poked out over the starboard rail (Yank, 46).
A rifle poked out of a foxhole at the officer's feet and covered the Marine (Yank, 52).

to poke up a fire. To stir a fire so that it burns better.

...and there were his mother and sister fixing some hot food over a wood fire, and poking up the fire so he could warm his feet (Pyle, 189).

a police record. A record of arrests in connection with crimes; a record of a person's arrests by the police.

I'd never had a police record (Gardner, 73).

to police up. To clean up an area by picking up trash and in general making the area neat. (This implies a military establishment.)

He's policing up the area (Yank, 138).
Your first duty will be to police up the area (Yank, 138).
After two hours of policing up Walt found three small bones and a dried up rattlesnake skin (Yank, 138).
...he resumed his policing up duties (Yank, 138).
Did you finish policin' up? (Yank, 139).

police whistle. A whistle carried by the police.

The police whistles were blowing, crowds were streaming solidly across the street (Marquand, 266).

to polish off.

1. To finish with; to end; to bring to a conclusion.

...a detail Hague and the other boys on the auditorium's stage polished off in less than sixty seconds (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).
...we had a big breakfast and polished it off with a cigarette... (Yank, 14).
Then, having polished off the past, he looked at the future (Cain, 139).
...trun ((sic)) me out in the cold every morning to do an extended order, to be polished off with some close order (Yank, 102).

2. To remove by polishing.

So I took my silk handkerchief, polished off all the doorknobs I'd touched, and beat it (Gardner, 171).

to polish up. To renew; to redecorate; to repair and clean up.

The things they had done in polishing up and landscaping those old New England farms... (Marquand, 107).

polo coat. An informal topcoat, overcoat, made of camel's hair or an imitation of it.

...maroon sweater, plaid skirt, polo coat, leather beret... (Cain, 133).

a polo player. One who takes part, participates, in the game of polo.

...maybe one day he'll be a polo player (Cain, 132).

a polo pony. A horse trained for the game of polo.

...the sale of his polo ponies... (Cain, 142).

a polo shirt. A T shirt; a shirt made of knitted material with quite short sleeves and a loose collar or none at all.

...he put on a fresh pair, with polo shirt and blue lounge coat (Cain, 2).

to ponder on. To think about; to reflect on; to consider.

While we...
.....
Would hesitate and ponder on a scheme
To bargain interest to preserve their dream (Yank, 151).

a poodle dog. Any of the dogs of the poodle family.

To get your money's worth? A lackey, a poodle dog (Cain, 170).

a pool of blood. A blob of blood; a large spot of blood.

From the little pools of blood on the roadside, blood had only begun to congeal... (Pyle, 451).

a pool room. A business establishment which rents pool tables to people who want to play the game of pool. (This has an unsavory connotation in that people feel that disreputable persons stay in pool rooms.) (Also attributive.)

You left there after the murder and went to the pool room where you knew you could find... (Gardner, 200).
And from the pool room, you went directly to the police station... (Gardner, 200).
Isn't it a fact that when you entered the pool room, you told witnesses there ... (Gardner, 195).
Notwithstanding the fact that you knew when you entered the pool room that you intended to call..(Gardner, 195).
He hung around a pool room for two or three hours, then put through a call to Conway (Gardner, 86).
I saw no reason for telling pool-room loafers all of my private affairs (Gardner, 195).

to be pooped out. To be very tired; to be worn out; to be fatigued.

The old man's pooped out... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

poor but honest. Unsullied; plain; simple.

...dressed neatly in patched fatigues to give the impression of a poor but honest homespun G.I. (Yank, 164).

to be a poor day when. To be an unusual day that; to be an extraordinary day when.

It was a poor day when he didn't survive at least one escapade that was slightly out of this world (Pyle, 218).

poor dear. (A term expressing sympathy, but it is usually considered too saccharin.)

He just wanted to help his poor dear uncle, and that was all he thought about (Gardner, 155).
Why you poor, dear Mother! (Cain,114).

a poor show. A poor showing; a bad performance.

The local people said the reason their army put up such a poor show in our sector was that the soldiers didn't want to fight (Pyle, 30).

pop goes the weasel. (It had suddenly disappeared; it is no more.)

That's the way the money goes. Pop goes the weasel (Marquand, 285).
The House of Seragon is go-finished...alsa it is no more. Pop goes the weasel (Cain, 141).

to pop in. To enter suddenly and unexpectedly. (This usually implies a short visit, staying.)

No, she evidently hadn't even taken her hat off, just popped in and popped out again (Gardner, 64).
Mr. Rosen popped his head in again... (Yank, 133).
Mr. Rosen popped his head in the door... (Yank, 133).

to pop out. To leave, go out, quickly and unexpectedly.

No, she evidently hadn't even taken her hat off, just popped in and popped out again (Gardner, 64).
So out he popped and gave her a great big smackeroo... (Pyle, 222).
...Walter used to sit at the telegraph desk and when the dispatches popped out of the tube...Walter would pull them out of their leather projectiles... (Marquand, 16).
...Monty popped out of the door... (Cain, 163).

to pop up. To appear; to become evident. (This implies a suddenness of action.)

It's funny how people pop up when you least expect it... (Marquand, 4).
At Christmastime they went AWOL in droves, popping up in several Indian cities to spend wads of dough... (Yank, 91).
As the Sicilian campaign drew to an end and we went into our rest bivouac, rumors by the score popped up out of thin air and swept like a forest fire through the troops (Pyle, 90).
In the remotest and most ancient town, we found that half the people had relatives in America, and there was always somebody popping up from behind every bush or around every corner who had lived for twenty years in Buffalo or thirty years in Chicago (Pyle, 89).

pork chop. A slice of pork with the rib and part of the tenderloin. (On menus, and in general use, the term is usually in the plural.)

They had such things as pork chops... (Pyle, 338).
The food was about what we had back home -- pork chops... (Pyle, 340).

a portable typewriter. A small typewriter with a carrying case. (Also known as a portable.)

He was seated to the left by a card table before a portable typewriter (Marquand, 468).
...his brief case and the case for his portable typewriter (Marquand, 407).

portal to portal pay. A term used originally by the United Mine Workers to mean pay to be figured as beginning when the laborer entered the mine property instead of when he began work and continuing until the time he left the mine property.)

He emerged with proposed contract No. 3: an intricate formula which cagily skirts any mention of increased hourly wages or "portal-to-portal" pay (Time, Oct. 25, 1943, 21).

a port of call. A seaport into which a ship sails and remains for loading or unloading cargo; hence, a place of visiting.

Knowing my weakness for the foot soldier, you won't be surprised to learn that my next port of call was an infantry company... (Pyle, 181).

a possible doubt. A possibility of doubt; a question of doubt.

...and a comparison of the word "Hogar" and "Hogarty" remove any possible doubt (Gardner, 92).

to post a guard. To place, put, a sentinel or sentinels around, at, an area to be on guard, to watch.

The way we caught ..."Mad Morgan"...was by posting a guard around the bulletin board... (Yank, 181).
We posted a guard around the bulletin board..(Yank, 182).

post mortem. An examination of a body after death to determine the cause and time of death.

How do you determine the time of death when you are performing a post-mortem, Doctor? (Gardner, 131).
...while the time of death as fixed in a post-mortem depends upon various elastic factors... (Gardner, 130).

post office. The branch of the federal government concerned with the collection and distribution of mail; more commonly the building where a local post office is housed.

We couldn't get the post-office to kick loose with a forwarding address so we sent twenty-five bucks on a chance (Gardner, 98).
They made a U turn and passed the old Post Office and turned uptown on Broadway (Marquand, 281).

post operative. (Also postoperative) After, following, a surgical operation, surgery.

That's a post-operative case, and I carried on the best I could (Gardner, 38).

a potato masher. A German hand grenade.

On the other side of him...were two potato mashers (hand grenades) (Pyle, 372).

pot bellied. Having a fat stomach, abdomen.

He's a fine, upstanding, decent young man, that looks a little like a pot-bellied rat... (Cain, 23).

pot bellied stove. A cast iron heating stove which is larger in the middle than at the top or bottom.

...there was a pot-bellied stove... (Yank, 247).

pot boiling. Writing exclusively for money instead of for art.

That was what they always called it, "pot-boiling" (Marquand, 389).
Jeff, why don't you write something of your own instead of doing pot-boiling for someone else? (Marquand, 389).

a pot of coffee.

1. A container holding coffee, often two cups.

You say there was a pot of coffee? (Gardner, 170).

2. Some coffee.

My boy friend's been working late, and I'm making a pot of coffee and some scrambled eggs (Gardner, 160).

to pounce on. to seize; to grasp; to take hold of.

One of the things psychiatrists like to pounce on in senile dementai cases (Gardner, 17).

to pound away at. To reiterate; to emphasize.

But by pounding away at home-front morale and raising doubts in the German mind, psychological warfare may create a sense of defeat... (Yank, 127-8).

to pound out. To cause a loud noise by beating, striking, hard, banging.

When the planes were really close and the guns were pounding out a mania of sound, we put on our steel helmets... (Pyle, 383).

to pour a drink. To pour a beverage from a pitcher or the like into a glass. (This usually implies an alcoholic drink).

The bottle was getting low now, but he poured himself another drink, and got around to what he had come for (Cain, 60).
First he poured two stiff drinks for the children, cluck-clucking loudly at what rummies they were getting to be... (Cain, 55).

to pour fire. To shoot continuously; to shoot, fire, unceasingly.

Her secondary batteries continued to pour fire into eight Jap destroyers hiding in a cove (Yank, 43).

to pour in.

1. To enter in large numbers, quantities; to cause to enter in great quantities.

...German infantry that poured in behind the tanks (Yank, 244).
...suddenly all that pent-up candy came pouring in... (Pyle, 262).
...the shells our artillery was pouring in there would have hit the limbs and burst before they struck the ground... (Yank, 197).
He came down on it, pouring in bullets... (Pyle, 168).

2. To add to by pouring.

He took two one-gallon cans of egg powder, poured in sixteen cans of condensed milk... (Pyle, 114).
Then another soldier poured in some sugar (Yank, 109).

to pour it on. To do something with vigor, speed, and with great volume, intensity.

Then they really poured it on him (Pyle, 454).
"Pour it on", ordered Lt. Knight... (Yank, 284).

to pour oil on troubled waters. To be diplomatic and to calm people who are excited, angry; to make peaceful, calm.

Mason said, after the manner of pouring oil on troubled waters, "Why don't you go and have a frank talk with her, Paul?" (Gardner, 159).

to pour out.

1. To hurry out, away, in large numbers; to leave rapidly in great quantities.

Floods of American uniforms poured out of the buildings (Pyle, 297).
...the man...forgot everything except what was pouring out into the night (Cain, 213).
I don't know why the German's didn't fire at them as they poured out (Pyle, 405).
All that money pouring out! (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
The infantrymen poured out on the beach... (Yank, 147).
Everyone came pouring out of the village to watch (Yank, 71).

2. To pour from a container.

The louey poured out four stiff glasses of vodka (Yank, 165).
At first some of the packers would cheat a little and pour out some of the precious water... (Pyle, 147).
There's the bottle. Pour it out (Marquand, 444).

3. To tell about, reveal, something quickly and without restraint.

He kept asking questions, and she poured out the whole story, excitedly flattered that a professional loafer could be interested (Cain, 96).

to powder --- nose. For a woman to apply face powder to one's nose. (This can also mean for a woman to put make-up on her face.)

..."I don't want her to see me until I powder my nose," and dashed for the bathroom (Gardner, 70).

power of attorney. A written document giving another authority to act, buy and sell, for one.

All he had wanted was to sign the powers of attorney (Marquand, 404).
He wanted you to sign your powers of attorney before you go (Marquand, 398).
The time had come for us to make our powers of attorney... (Pyle, 352).

the powers that be. Those in authority, command; persons of authority, power.

In one of the outfits I noticed the boys always used the word "uncle" when they meant the powers that be (Pyle, 150).

practical joker. One who makes a joke of an action rather than of words.

...cursing the unknown practical joker (Yank, 181).
One of the meanest stunts I heard of was a Christmas envelope full of clippings that a practical joker back home sent a soldier (Pyle, 125).

to practice music. To practice on a musical instrument or with the voice.

...about the limousine they would have, and the grand piano, on which she could practice her music (Cain, 74).
You could practice your piano lessons, or play, or whatever you want to do (Cain, 105).

a practiced eye. Acute ability for observation; a sharp eye.

Avline surveyed the place with a practiced eye, counting tables (Cain, 119).

praise for. Saying good and complimentary things about.

Bert called, with all wishes for her happiness, and sincere praise for Monty... (Cain, 229).

a pratt fall. A fall, falling, in which one lands on one's bottom.

Like a vaudevillian taking a pratt-fall (Stephen Longstreet Last Man Around the World, Random House, N.Y., 344).

prayer book. A book of prayers and liturgy; a book in the Anglican, Episcopalian, church dating back to 1549 and containing all necessary prayers, liturgy, and the Psalms; The Book of Common Prayer.

Somewhere she had dug up a prayer book, and it was a moment before Mildred realized she was reading responses... (Cain, 113).

a prayer shawl. A shawl worn by an adult male in the synagogue at morning worship, weekday or Sabbath, among Orthodox or conservative Jews. It may be worn at the home for private service.

Old men in prayer shawls
Were dragged and hung with signs:
"I am a Jew", (Yank, 139).

to be predicated on. To be based on; to be founded on.

...imposed upon by greedy and officious relatives, whose effection is predicated primarily on a financial consideration... (Gardner, 34).

a prejudice against. A dislike for; a prejudice which caused one not to like, enjoy, be pleased with.

Mildred had no such critical prejudice against Mr. Somerville... (Cain, 211).

a preliminary hearing. A preliminary examination; a hearing, examination, before a judge to determine if a crime has been committed and if enough evidence exists to believe the arrested man to be guilty and held in jail.

This is the time heretofore fixed pursuant to stipulation for the preliminary hearing (Gardner, 128).

to prepare for. To get ready for; to ready for.

...as though he had been prepared for burial... (Cain, 185).

to be present or accounted for. A military answer that all men in a company battalion, or the like, are present or if not present the commanders know where they are.

...there would be the commands and the batteries would be present or accounted for, and the senior officer would take over (Marquand, 581).

to preside over. To be in charge of a meeting; to be the principal person at a gathering; to take charge of.

...Mildred would have been incapable of presiding over such a party... (Cain, 230).
...a large cash register presided over by a genial, fat man whose lips were held in a good-natured grin of easy affability (Gardner, 94).

to press down. To press; to push.

Towards the end the boys were clowning, holding the guns out at arm's length and shutting their eyes like girls, and pressing down the trigger and just letting the gun jump (Pyle, 188).

to press into service. To be ordered into service; to be forced to do something.

...the Air Corps engineers were pressed into service as road builders... (Yank, 178).

to press --- luck too far. To take too many chances; to be too reckless, careless.

We thought there was such a thing as pressing our luck too far in one spot (Pyle, 250).

pretty good. Quite good; very good.

She's pretty good that way (Marquand, 550).
...he figured that would be a pretty good trade to stick to after the war (Pyle, 331).

pretty much the same. Essentially the same; of little difference.

Cpl. Stenker was about to say it was pretty much the same, especially... (Yank, 95).

pretty nicely. Quite, rather, well.

The corners were knocked off a few buildings and some good-sized holes were gouged in the streets, but on the whole, Licate had good off pretty nicely (Pyle, 30).

pretty soon. Soon; in a little while, before long.

...pretty soon we were in the thick of conversation (Pyle, 409).
It'll be the bank's house pretty soon if I don't find a way to raise the interest money (Cain, 15).
Pretty soon he glanced in the other direction (Pyle, 348).
Hey--you go back to the kitchen, then, and wait, and believe me pretty soon you're going to see something (Cain, 117).
Pretty soon he came to the door and motioned (Pyle, 408).
Pretty soon I heard them snoring (Pyle, 392).
Pretty soon the word passed back down the line that the street had been cleared... (Pyle, 403).
...pretty soon a medic came... (Pyle, 406).
Pretty soon they were weary... (Yank, 122).
Then we talked a little while in low tones, but pretty soon somebody started to move and before long all of us were asleep... (Pyle, 199).

to pretty up. To make oneself attractive by applying make up to the face and by putting on clean clothes.

You could tell that the women had prettied up especially (Pyle, 459).

pretty well. Well; rather well.

I pretty well knew (Pyle, 423).
They said they could pretty well guess... (Pyle, 416).

to prevent from. To keep from; to stop; to cause to stop.

...Alden Leeds has become afflicted with a temporary impediment of speech which prevents him from answering any questions (Gardner, 124).

to price out of the market. To raise prices so that others find it difficult or impossible to buy.

Many customers were being priced right out of the market...by the accelerated rise in living costs (Your Investments, Sept. 1946, 9.)

a prickly wave. An odd sensation in the skin or near the surface of the skin in which the flesh seems to contract, to become goose-flesh.

...as cold prickly waves kept sweeping over her... (Cain, 213).

to prick out. To cut small bits; to prick.

With a penknife, he pricked out designs on all his medals (Pyle, 216).

to pride --- on. To take pride in; to be proud of.

Priding themselves on being soldiers...they were natural...unassuming leaders... (Yank, 148).

a prime mover. A very large tractor, truck, often driven by all wheels, and often mounted on caterpillar treads.

Them prime movers don't give a damn what they hit (Yank, 225).
A sergeant in charge of one section of the prime movers took me around... (Pyle, 425).

the prime of life. The period of one's life when one is at one's best physically and mentally, when one is strangest and alertest. (This is a very elastic term in that as a person grows older he believes that he is still in the prime of life.)

A good strong man in the prime of life, who did not smoke too much, could have jumped out and trotted beside it... (Yank, 115).
...one of those cases in which a man, somewhat past the prime of life, is very apparently imposed upon... (Gardner, 34).

a print dress. A dress made of material with the pattern printed, stamped, on it rather than woven into it.

What with the rain, and the general clammy feel of the night, the little print dress was becoming more and more uncomfortable... (Cain, 28).

prior to. Before; in advance of.

...by examining the state to which those digestive processes have progressed prior to death, we can, when there is food in the stomach... (Gardner, 130).
...that death had occurred from eight to fourteen hours prior to the time you made your examination... (Gardner, 132).

a prisoner of war. One of the enemy captured and held by an army usually a service man: soldier, sailor, marine.

...two dozen German prisoners of war...came to the station (Yank, 213).
...incredible that German prisoners of war should be afforded the amenities... (Yank, 213).
...those Boche prisoners of war... (Yank, 213).
Pvt. Don Tracy of Jamestown is a Japanese prisoner of war... (Yank, 22).

--- private affairs. One's own business, affairs.

I saw no reason for telling pool-room loafers all of my private affairs (Gardner, 135).
Since you want to mess around in my private affairs, why doesn't he marry me? (Gardner, 19).

a private bath. A bathroom connected to a bedroom for the sole use of the occupants of the bedroom; a bathroom whose use is restricted to one or more particular persons.

...Tommy, with a room and private bath (Cain, 229).

a private detective. A detective who offers his services to anyone who will pay him; a detective who is in business for himself as contrasted to a detective who is employed by the public.

What this needs is a private detective (Cain, 203).
His appearance of general lassitude and lugubrious disinterest in life kept anyone from suspecting that he might be a private detective (Gardner, 9).

a privet hedge. A hedge made of the privet plant, Ligustrum vulgare, an ornamental evergreen shrub.

He always heard the snipping of shears, squaring off a privet hedge, and voices and laughter from the lawns (Marquand, 260).

pro and con. For and against.

...and argued pro and con over whether Germany had some hidden Luftwaffe... (Pyle, 5).

to probe a wound. To speak, talk, about a touchy subject; to talk about a situation, problem, which is not open to criticism.

He...probes an old wound... (Yank, 213).

a process server. One who delivers in person legal summons, subpoenas.

...you're getting her out of that house, so no process server can find you (Cain, 251).
I believe by law the court is required to send a process server to deliver the summons in person (Yank, 142).
In choosing this process server make sure he is not an alchoholic... (Yank, 142).

a professional comic. A professional actor who is a comedian; an actor specializing in humor.

Cpl. Billy MacIntyre, professional comic from Washington, D.C., came over... (Yank, 34).

--- professional pride. The pride one has for one's profession, its standards, its ethics.

My professional pride is hurt (Yank, 162).

the professional touch. The assistance, performance, of one who is a professional in contrast to the performance of an amateur.

...I agreed to lend a professional touch to the ships daily...newspaper... (Pyle, 3).

to be proficient at. To be good at; to do well; to have a facility for.

Hot Jeep became so proficient at it... (Yank, 139).

a progressive school. A high school or elementary school which bases its discipline and curriculum largely on the philosophy of John Dewey; a school which does not emphasize discipline, subject matter, nor skills, but rather says it educates the "whole child" by allowing it to select its own interests and needs. (The term itself is in bad odor even with those who practice its creed because of the excesses performed in its name and by its starry eyed devotees.)

Charley had gone to a progressive school something unheard-of in Jeffrey's youth (Marquand, 213).
They did not teach spelling or manners to the pupils in progressive schools but they did teach them to be natural and rude to their elders (Marquand, 213).
...then he realized that, of course, it had come from the progressive school, where children now discussed such problems (Marquand, 223).

to promote to. To raise in rank, degree, to; to advance, elevate, in station.

...Mrs. Kramer had been promoted to cook... (Cain, 179).

a property man. The person in a dramatic production in charge of properties: furniture and those things handled by the actors, in fact everything except scenery and costumes; a prop man.

They could talk to the property men and actors... (Marquand, 427).

to propose a toast. To propose, suggest, that a group drink to the honor of somebody, something.

Now I'm going to propose a toast (Cain, 127).

to prop up. To support by propping.

Madge had propped herself up on her elbow and was looking at him across the space... (Marquand, 534).

proptective coloration. A design in color on something which blends with the background color so that the object, usually an animal, bird, or insect, is not readily seen.

...his costume was so like the house that it resembled a sort of protective coloration (Marquand, 481).

a proud father. (A term used to designate a man whose wife has just given birth to a baby.)

I wonder what a proud father would say... (Yank, 217).

to be proud of. To have pride in; to be proud about; to be well pleased about.

One of the things the battalion is most proud of is the time it scored a direct hit on the turret of a Tiger tank from 16,000 yards (Yank, 134).

not to be able to prove it by ---. For one not to have any information, news, knowledge, about something.

...Bert said...you couldn't prove it by him... (Cain, 210).
I don't know how it was once...you can't prove it by me (Cain, 166).

to prove nothing. To be unessential; to be worthless; to be of no moment.

The whole procedure proved absolutely nothing, and yet Jeffrey felt very nervouse, very tense. (Marquand, 380).

to prove to be. To be; to become recognized as.

Betner proved to be a handwriting and fingerprint expert who qualified himself as an expert... (Gardner, 150).
The monastery proved to be an ancient red brick building... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

to prove too much for. To be too difficult for; to be more than one can cope with, handle.

The overwhelming automatic firepower facing the Japs proved too much for them, and 700 were slaughtered in one day (Yank, 54).

to be provoked by. To be aroused by; to be incited by.

...she went into a rage almost as bad as the one that had been provoked by Mr. Hobey (Cain, 238).

to prowl around. To search here and there rather aimlessly; to look at place after place without much intent.

But they get the idea they can prowl around in the dark... (Yank, 181).
...but if I catch anyone prowling around the house, he's going to wish I hadn't (Gardner, 50).

a prowl car. A squad car; a car owned by local police which has a two-way radio and which can be dispatched by the radio from headquarters to a place of trouble. The prowl car usually carries two policemen and travels constantly about the city.

One of them, leaving the prowl car, started to make out a ticket (Gardner, 41).

to prune back. To prune severly; to cut excess or unwanted limbs, branches, from a tree, bush, vine rather severely.

The crimson woodbine around the gateposts had been pruned back... (Marquand, 94).

pruning shears. A pair of shears, a scissors like instrument, for cutting limbs, branches, from trees, bushes, vines.

Now the lawn mower, she's on the blink again, and that hand cultivator and the pruning shears (Marquand, 512).

to pry out. To remove by prying.

But when a stone is loosened by hammer blows, you can chip around it with the nail file and finally pry it out (Yank, 128).

ptomaine poisoning. (An inexact term which covers food poisoning of almost all kinds.)

...those five people that got ptomaine poisoning, from the fish... (Cain, 180).

a public address system. An electronic device consisting of a microphone, an amplifier, and a loudspeaker with which speech, music, can be amplified and heard by large groups of people at once and at one place: a P.A.

...and by 0630 the people have gathered around the public address system which the staff has rigged up outside the house (Yank, 68).
...to broadcast a message to his comrades over a front-line public address system (Yank, 56).

a public hearing. A hearing, examination, a presentation of arguments, proofs, before an official of the court open to the public to determine whether a crime has been committed and if there is enough evidence to hold the man arrested for the crime.

In his present nervous state, the patient would become highly excited if he were brought into a public hearing (Gardner, 31).

public relations. The activities of a corporation, college, labor union, business, or the like to present propaganda putting themselves in a good light with someone else, usually the general public. (Also attributive.)

"Public relations, boy", Bill Swinburne said (Marquand, 573).
He could see what was coming -- Public Relations, and the movies and then Bill Swinburne opened the door again (Marquand, 574).
...some of us have got to stay right here and we've got to build up public relations (Marquand, 574).
...there was room in the Public Relations particularly for someone who had been overseas and who knew the spirit of the Air Corps (Marquand, 574).
...what about that sergeancy for my public-relations man? (Yank, 237).
...S/Sgt. Jim Smith...divisional public-relations noncom... (Yank, 40).
The first ones in the city to stay were...public relations men and correspondents (Pyle, 463).

public telephone. A telephone which anyone may use. It is usually a pay phone.

They drove a dozen blocks before Mason found an all-night restaurant with a public telephone (Gardner, 80).

to be puffed up. To be personally flattered, encouraged; to have one's ego inflated.

buoyed and puffed up by this international osculation, I floated onto the plane and we were off (Pyle, 293).

to puff a cigarette. To draw smoke through a cigarette and to blow it out the mouth.

Veda puffed her cigarette... (Cain, 207).

to pull anchor. To weigh anchor; to take an anchor off the sea bottom.

As soon as that was finished we pulled anchor and sailed (Pyle, 287).
It was a thrilling thing to see an LST pull anchor when its turn came... (Pyle, 235).

to pull aside. To take to one side; to take one away a little distance from others.

Lt. Col. Kidd and Col. Harding pulled Rosie aside to find out things (Yank, 87).

to pull away. To leave; to go away; to depart.

...he pulled away from the curb in the easy, grand style... (Cain, 249).
She pulled away and drove home (Cain, 61).
When the taxi door slammed, and it had noisily pulled away... (Cain, 259).

to pull back.

1. To take out of the front lines in war; to move toward the rear.

Whenever his company pulled back from battle... (Pyle, 260).
...they pulled back for training and replacements (Yank, 125).
The Rangers pulled back again to train (Yank, 125).
...they pulled back to allow the artillery and mortars to give the place a thorough working over (Yank, 5).
...the battalion pulled back to O'Brien Hill... (Yank, 5).
The Infantry pulled back to gather itself for another try (Yank, 17).
...the Rangers pulled back to Nemours, on the coast of Algeria (Yank, 124).
They received fire from pillboxes and pulled back to let the mortars in (Yank, 9).
...the German defenders of the hedgerow started pulling back (Pyle, 441).
...they were pulled back for a rest... (Yank, 177).
Our second tank pulled back a little and just waited (Pyle, 407).
For instance, when I pulled back of the lines to do some writing for a few days... (Pyle, 118).

2. To pull towards one; to cause something, someone, to come towards one when the other is going away.

...he was...trying to pull her back (Cain, 171).

to pull a boner. To do something foolish, stupid; to act, behave, foolishly. (This implies that one made a mistake.)

How did you pull a boner, Paul? (Gardner, 63).
Well, now, here's where we pulled our boner (Gardner, 63).
It's bad enough to pull a boner without telling a client about it (Gardner, 63).

to pull candy. (Certain candy like taffy, after it has been cooked must be pulled, stretched, and folded back and pulled again and again before it becomes brittle.)

Her hair was the color of pulled molasses candy, very fine with little crinkles in it. (Marquand, 319).

to pull --- chestnuts out of the fire. To do another's dirty work for him; to assume another's responsibility which is odious.

...torrent of distracted words -- America First...the age-old quarrels of Europe...pulling their chestnuts out...Thumbs up... (Marquand, 464).

to pull down the shades. To draw the blinds; to lower the shades; to cover a window so that no one can see in.

Then she pulled down the shades and turned on several lamps (Cain, 26).
Inside, she pulled her own shades down, locked all doors, checked ice-box, range, water heater, and spigots (Cain, 90).
So, with the door tightly locked, the shades pulled down and the key-hole stuffed up... (Cain, 53).

to pull a hitch. To serve a period of enlistment in one of the armed services.

He had pulled a hitch at Schofield Barracks, and he told us stories about the Army... (Yank, 243).

to pull in.

1. To move, go, inward.

We pulled in and parked under a tree (Pyle, 370).
Once she...pulled in at the curb (Cain, 214).
She pulled in to the curb... (Cain, 171).

2. To draw; to attract.

And it'll pull in more people for the dinner trade (Cain, 150).

to pull into. To enter; to go into.

He had pulled into an apple orchard... (Pyle, 371).

to pull --- leg. To tease one; to kid one.

...resentful officers thought I was pulling their legs when they interviewed me for various jobs (Yank, 172).
"God damn you," he said, "don't pull her leg" (Marquand, 346).

to pull off.

1. To remove; to take off; to take away.

...they could still pull me off this boat and back to duty (Yank, 226).

2. To move away; to go off. (This implies going but a short distance.)

If we were really puzzled about our destination we'd have to pull off and study the hodge-podge for five minutes before finding out anything (Pyle, 132).

3. To be successful in doing something; to do something well.

...the kid was all set, and before very long she'd be pulling off something big (Cain, 139).

to pull on. To don; to put on.

She pulled on boath coats... (Cain, 171).
She was at the door, pulling on her gloves... (Cain, 186).

to pull --- punches. To be discreet, prudent, circumspect.

In peacetime the guides had to be discreet with mixed groups of tourists but in wartime they didn't have to pull their punches... (Pyle, 134).

to pull --- thoughts together. To collect one's wits; to arrange one's thoughts in order.

"Madge," Jeffrey began, and he pulled his thoughts together (Marquand, 562).

to pull --- together. To rally oneself; to bring oneself to a state of well being, mental stability, equanimity.

This had pulled me all together (Marquand, 32).
Jeffrey would tell her that breakfast was the only meal that ever pulled him together... (Marquand, 3).
It's great to see you, Jeff. You pull me all together (Marquand, 47).
It pulled me all together (Marquand, 44).
At Mrs. Gessler's look, Mildred pulled herself together, at least tried to make intelligible her violent outburst (Cain, 51).
Jeffrey pulled himself together (Marquand, 66).
Jeffrey pulled himself together (Marquand, 65).

to pull out.

1. To remove by pulling; to pull out; to cause to come from the inside of something.

...when the Associated Press dispatches popped out of the tube...Walter would pull them out of their leather projectiles... (Marquand, 16).
Drawers were pulled out of the desks, and the filing cabinets were open (Gardner, 49).
...Walter opened a lower drawer of the secretary desk and pulled out a bottle of whiskey... (Marquand, 47).
He pulled out his fountain pen (Marquand, 50).
So I pull out a box of matches... (Yank, 162).
Jeffrey's father sat down on a golden-oak easy chair and pulled out his silver watch (Marquand, 160).
...assistant third gunner, pulled the pins out and took off increments from the shells (Yank, 107).
Then he pulled out the comb that clipped on the lining... (Yank, 90).
He crossed the room to one of the shelves and pulled out a book (Marquand, 14).
He pulled out an envelope... (Pyle, 365).
While we were talking he pulled out a pack of Chesterfields... (Yank, 27).
Joe...pulled out a pack of paper napkins (Yank, 230).
I pulled out this bullet myself... (Yank, 10).
...he pulled out his bottle (Marquand, 10).
He pulled out his notebook, glanced through the description and said, "It fits" (Gardner, 23).
He could remember how Minot would pull out his gold cigarette case... (Marquand, 221).

He pulled out his handkerchief and rubbed it hard across his forehead (Marquand, 443).
...circumstantial account of how Miss Alissa Landi had pulled out the gun and shot Mr. Lionel Barrymore in the stomach (Cain, 114).
As the nurse pulled out the hot-water bottles and dropped them to the floor the room began to fill (Cain, 102).
And Red will have to pull her out! (Cain, 71).
...after he was mortally wounded he pulled out a grenade... (Yank, 192).
Miss Turner pulled out a lot of drawers, set them in a row on her desk (Cain, 37).
Then I'd pull out my razor and cut my way out (Yank, 178).

2. To remove; to take away.

...all we had to do was hook a chain to the tank and pull it out of the ditch (Pyle, 429).
...I...practically pulled you out of the gutter... (Cain, 231).
...when they pulled Bull out of the foxhole... (Yank, 243).
His regimental commander had shortly before commended him for running his jeep right down to the edge of a battlefield and pulling out the wounded (Pyle, 152).
There were two small branches...that went up to pull out crippled tanks under fire (Pyle, 418).
...companies were pulled out for a rest...
...there was an order for our ordanance evacuation company to pull out some crippled tanks (Pyle, 426).
Worst part of being pulled out when it's dark like that and you're sleepy... (Yank, 181).
By pulling out the officers and men for the patrol, the battalion weakened the perimeter... (Yank, 6).
He was pulled out, unhurt (Yank, 7).
...the Rangers were pulled out for a little more than a month... (Yank, 126).
...we would...pull the guys out when they got hit... (Yank, 125).

3. To leave; to go away; to depart.

The train for Palestine pulled out of Cairo station slowly... (Yank, 115).
We had hardly got aboard and we pulled out (Pyle, 356).
We pulled out through the hedgerow gate onto the main macadam highway (Pyle, 426).
They always "pulled out" in the morning (Marquand, 441).
We're pulling out tomorrow morning (Marquand, 441).
It was just daylight when we pulled out (Pyle, 355).
...the rest pulled out and ran for miles (Pyle, 451-2).

4. To extricate; to get out of; to right.

...they had pulled out of the dives (Yank, 242).
The planes...pulled out in tight circles... (Yank, 242).
They "hit the deck" the minute they pulled out of their bombing dive...

A regular fighter would get to going too fast...and the pilot would have to start pulling out of his dive so early that he'd have to drop his bombs from too great a height (Pyle, 109).
...Walter had been eating a can of peaches while waiting for someone to pull it out (Marquand, 350).
Yet somehow he pulled out and up to about a thousand feet (Pyle, 34).

5. To move, go, to one side.

When an Army truck pulled out to let his three star jeep pass, he always turned and said "Thank you" to the driver (Pyle, 388).

to pull over. To move, go, to one side.

Then unexpectedly Bert pulled over, stopped, and looked at her (Cain, 251).

to pull a pistol on ---. To withdraw a pistol from its holster and to point it at one.

...one Jerry pulled a pistol on him (Yank, 28).

to pull a rabbit out of a hat. To do something extraordinary; to do something that appears magical.

Act on the assumption that you can pull a rabbit out of the hat any time any place (Gardner, 203).

to pull rank. To assert one's privileges, rights, due to one's superior rank in the armed forces; to demand another to obey due to one's superior rank.

There's no rank pulling (Yank, 208).
...it certainly wasn't because he pulled his rank (Yank, 216).

to pull shut. To close; to shut.

I pulled it shut (Gardner, 147).

to pull (some) stuff. To do something which may seem sneaky, unethical.

You can't pull that stuff and get away with it... (Gardner, 204).

to pull a stunt. To do something unexpected, tricky; to play a trick; to deceive.

They shot my best friend in Italy by pulling that stunt (Yank, 108).

to pull through. To live, cause to live, during an illness; to recover from a sickness; to get well.

He and the other doctors were proud of pulling Dick through -- as well they might be (Pyle, 121).

Meaning he was going to pull through (Pyle, 49).

to pull together. To coordinate; to unify.

I have a sort of reputation for pulling things together (Marquand, 389).

to pull to one side. To go, move, to one side. (This implies usually a stopping in an automible.)

She stopped, and pulled to one side of Foothill Boulevard (Cain, 198).

to pull to pieces. To analyze and criticize sarcastically; to reduce by sarcasm, ridicule.

I didn't come here to pull you to pieces... (Marquand, 298).

to pull a trick. To trick; to do something sneaky, unethical.

Hell, you know I wouldn't pull any cheap tricks like that on you, don't you? (Cain, 29).

to pull a trigger. To shoot a gun; to fire.

...he didn't pull the trigger (Yank, 167).

to pull up.

1. To stop; to end a forward movement; to arrive and stop.

A gentleman...was distracted when a maroon Rolls pulled up and a liveried chauffeur in his late sixties stepped out... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
A United Nations' car pulled up in front of a midtown hotel one afternoon last week... (New Yorker. XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).
But I suppose our second tank eventually pulled up to the corner... (Pyle, 407).
...Veda's car pulled up at the curb (Cain, 182).
Pulling up in front of our meeting place we quickly unloaded the wire (Yank, 57).
We could hear their trucks pulling up and every once in a while we could spot a few... (Yank, 91).
Finally a laundry truck pulled up, and she got the driver to straighten her out (Cain, 42).
...twisted through bushes that whacked the windshields, and pulled up with a jerk behind a little shingled shack (Cain, 92).
...when they pulled up at the gate of the settlement it was only a little after two (Cain, 92).
One of our planes pulled up and came down at him in a dive (Pyle, 171).
Men...pulled up sharply at the edge of the flying field (Yank, 230).
It pulled up at the end of the field... (Yank, 229).

2. To draw; to pull; to drag. (This implies a movement toward one.)

...when she felt it catch the curb, pulled up the hand brake (Cain, 172).
Then he pulled up a chair and sat down (Cain, 77).
Mildred pulled up a chair and sat down beside Mrs. Gessler who at once began making queer noises (Cain, 126).

to pull up stakes. To leave; to depart; to go away.

...why they could write it off and pull up stakes and try something else (Marquand, 431).

to pull the wool over --- eyes. To deceive one; to mislead one.

She sent me a phony letter from a Yuma hotel, hoping that would pull the wool over my eyes (Gardner, 180).
He said she ought to know by now she couldn't pull the wool over his eyes (Cain, 83).

a punk kid. A youth, young man, a kid. (This is a term of derision.)

he's just a punk kid who's drifted around, flunky in a lumber camp, waiter... (Gardner, 126).

a pup tent. A tent, composed of two separable pieces, large enough for but two men; a shelter tent. (The halves are each a shelter half.)

...they would take only pup tents and two blankets apiece... (Pyle, 347).

pure and simple. Actually; really. (This is an intensive.)

It was the old siphon system, pure and simple (Pyle, 207).

the Purple Heart. A medal given to any service man who is wounded in action against the enemy.

...the Purple Heart may be awarded to personnel wounded in action... (Yank, 173).
The word "element"...permits award of the Purple Heart to personnel severly frostbitten... (Yank, 173).
...he wears a Purple Heart (Yank, 173).
...two men in my barracks had the Purple Heart (Pyle, 334).

to push ahead. To be ambitious and to attempt to realize one's ambitions.

Well, I know you never try to push yourself ahead... (Yank, 163).
What hidden springs had there been within him that had pushed him ahead? (Marquand, 19)

to push ahead of. To get in front of; to move before.

At least that's the way it was with one battalion of Infantry when it pushed ahead of the rest of the Fifty Army... (Yank, 48).

to push around. To force another to do as one wishes; to force one's will on another.

Why are we pushed around like cattle? (Yank, 213).
But I'm not going to be pushed around (Gardner, 5).
They'd have pushed him around to get to it... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
You could always get more writers on it, but then you couldn't push writers around too much, either, because they had temperament (Marquand, 419).

to push aside. To push to one side; to push out of the way.

The executive officer pushed aside one of the men to look out the slot and drew back his hand covered with blood (Yank, 45).

to push away. To force away by pushing.

...they had to push her away (Pyle, 191).
...both palms in Monty's face, push him away... (Cain, 171).

to push back.

1. To cause to retreat; to cause to go away from the front.

...we landed in France and began pushing the Germans back (Pyle, 373).
The initial enemy resistance had been pushed back... (Yank, 32).

2. To push away from one.

"Oh, God," Mr. Fernald said, "excuse me just a minute," and he pushed back his swivel chair and ran out... (Marquand, 18).
Serle scraped his plate and pushed it back with a gesture of irritation (Gardner, 99).
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3. To push away from a center, central place.

Chairs were being pushed back (Marquand, 42).

to push on.

1. To move, go, forward in the midst of difficulties.

Those units pushed on inland without rest... (Pyle, 363).
Fresh men were rushing vast supplies to keep our armies pushing on into France (Pyle, 368).

2. To go away; to leave; to depart.

"Maybe we'd better be pushing on," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 71).

to push out. To remove, take out, by pushing.

...Mr. Treviso accompanied her on the piano that had been pushed out during the intermission (Cain, 241).
He had to push it out, and the glasses rattled (Marquand, 319).

a push over. A very simple, easy, task, affair.

"It'll be a push-over," he heard someone say (Yank, 44).

to push through. To penetrate by pushing.

Our Ninth Division pushed through... (Pyle, 374).

to push up.

1. To raise; to elevate; to lift.

Then he had bulldozers push up a thick wall of dirt around every cache (Pyle, 281).
Sally was wearing a green pull-over sweater, the sleeves of which were pushed up (Marquand, 547).
...the leading edge of the wing was pushed up about eight inches and crumpled like an accordian (Pyle, 167).

2. To force oneself forward; to center attention on oneself.

...his aides were full of stories about how he stayed in the background rather than call attention to himself by pushing up where he had a right to be (Pyle, 307).

to push --- way. To move, go, in a difficult place; to move in the midst of difficulties which seem to retard.

...when our formidably escorted convoy pushed its way blindly into... Massacre Bay (Yank, 180).
"Okay, Inez," Drake said, pushing his way into the room and taking care not to remove his hat (Gardner, 160).
They began pushing their way into the living room (Marquand, 341).
...completely disregarding the group, pushed his way through them to stand in the corridor and summon the nurse (Gardner, 36).
The German's shoulder had been stooped forward as he pushed his way through the thicket... (Marquand, 237).

to put across.

1. To be successful; to do well. (This implies persuading someone to do as one wants.)

He told me I'd have to help him put it across that then we'd get married... (Gardner, 73).
It was a little out of his line but he put it across (Yank, 139).
I wasn't certain I could put it across, so I didn't want to tell you about it (Gardner, 44).

I certainly think I can put it across (Cain, 77).
You really think you can put that across? (Cain, 77).
But I don't think we can put that across with a jury now (Garnder, 178).
...there goes your restaurant, and the prettiest deal I've had a chance to put across since Pierce Homes folded (Cain, 80).
She put that one across all right (Cain, 213).

2. To act successfully in a play, opera, or the like, so that the audience thoroughly appreciates the characterization.

...the whole test of operatic acting is how few motions they have to make to put across what they're trying to deliver (Cain, 234).

to put an ad in the paper. To pay a newspaper to print, publish, an advertisement.

...they put an ad in the paper (Pyle, 417).

not to put any stock in. Not to believe, trust, in; not to have faith in.

No one puts much stock in it (Yank, 215).

to put --- arm around another. To embrace another; to hug another.

...he put his arm around her (Cain, 224).
...while he put his arm around her he continued sombre... (Cain, 225).
Rosie came down the line, put his arms around Mike's shoulders and said... (Yank, 87).
...put your arm around my neck (Cain, 173).
He came over, put one arm around her... (Cain, 170).
When he put his arm around her... (Cain, 165).
But when he sat down beside her and put his arm around her, she got up... (Cain, 52).
When he put his arm around her, in a casual, friendly kind of way, she didn't resist... (Cain, 53).

to put --- arm through (another's). To link arms; to join arms.

...not put his arm though his (Marquand, 556).

to put around. To place in different positions.

Arline had put the tables around, so that what had been a dreary pile of wood, metal, and cloth... (Cain, 116).

to put aside. To ignore; to forget temporarily; to put out of mind.

She tried to put this aside... (Cain, 214).

to put at ease. To cause to be comfortable; to cause to be relaxed.

He always put people at their ease (Pyle, 307).
They were tousle-headed, florid-faced...and they put you at ease at once, just like you and me (Marquand, 26).
He knew that he should say something to put them all at their ease... (Marquand, 296).
...there was a new man to be put at ease by Rosie (Yank, 87).

to put away. To store; to place in storage.

...the gun was put away (Pyle, 394).
...so she sighed, put the things away, and watched while Veda tossed out her own idea of suitable garb... (Cain, 133).
She put the car away... (Cain, 252).
...Mrs. Hannen put the violin away... (Cain, 136).
Unpack that bag and put the things away (Gardner, 70).
I'll put the table away for you (Cain, 28).
She put the car away, closed the garage, and ran into the house with her bundles... (Cain, 90).
Adam will put it away, and he'll rustle up the bags. (Marquand, 115).
I think this butter ought to be put away (Yank, 231).

to put back. To replace; to put in a place where it has been previously.

...that was just enough to back the car out of the garage, wash it and put it back again (Yank, 155).
We can put him back on squadron-area duty as of tomorrow's morning report (Yank, 139).
...one of the most attractive features of a dehexing ceremony is the fact that the hex is put back on the person who started it (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
Each time it was repaired and put back into action (Pyle, 405).

to put the bee on ---. To exert pressure on one; to intimidate one.

...you put the bee on him and say that's what he's been up to all along (Cain, 66).

to put behind ---. To ignore; to forget; to disregard. (This implies that one is trying to forget something that has already happened.)

Now it was a question of taking up where he had left off, of putting it behind him, and of going back to the other room (Marquand, 443).

not to be able to put a book down. To be so interested in a book that one continues reading it until one has finished it.

That book weighs about a ton, but I couldn't put it down (Marquand, 52).

to put down.

1. To set; to lay; to place. (This implies a releasing or relaxing, a freeing of oneself from the object placed down.)

Planes by the score roared over and dropped their deadly loads, and as they left our artillery put down the most devastating barrage we'd ever used against a single point, even outdoing any shooting we did in Tunisia (Pyle, 81).
Then he put that down and said: "So the invasion's started" (Yank, 95).
The youngster who was put down beside me said, "Hi, pop, how you getting along?" (Pyle, 50).
He put our man down on the ground... (Pyle, 372).
He had never been more conscious of silence than at the moment when he put down that telephone (Marquand, 442).
"Every danged thing grows when you put down good dressing," Mr. Gorman said (Marquand, 515).
Jeffrey put down the paper (Marquand, 562).
If Uncle Sam ever told me to fight the Russians, I'd just put down my gun and go home (Pyle, 106).
Jeffrey was in his study at half-past three in the afternoon when he put down the telephone (Marquand, 565).
I noticed that smoke shells were being put down in front of the town, blocking out... (Yank, 57).
"What's the matter?" Perry asked, putting the dice down on the desk (Gardner, 53).
If you put your head down somewhere for a minute while you are washing your feet or pressing your pants... (Yank, 96).
When she set it in front of Mr. Hand the other men didn't even let her get the ice cream down (Cain, 67).
All these things, though, she noted without interest until he put down the menu and glanced at her (Cain, 88).
...I put it back down on the beach (Pyle, 367).
...he put down his hammer and wire... (Cain, 328).
Every few minutes he would have to rest and put star down (Marquand, 257).
But after a few moments, she put them down (Cain, 241).
I put it down again (Pyle, 367).
"Loveliness," Alf was saying, "put down that True Love Story Magazine" (Marquand, 279).

2. To write; to record; to make a record.

They have been put down as scoundrels... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
Next I put down Sergeant Charles Ramseur... (Pyle, 216).
...his Prindle could put that down, if she wanted to: No emotion and good work (Marquand, 454).
...I would duck in and talk for a moment and put down a name or two (Pyle, 404).
...I forgot to put down his name (Pyle, 444).
Walter saw everything, and he put down everything (Marquand, 28).
Finally I started to put down their names... (Pyle, 215).
The words you put down about it sounded feeble to the point of asininity (Pyle, 457).

I was just starting to put down the boys' names when my turn came to go (Pyle, 402).
Down here, put down everything they order, and the first thing you got to learn... (Cain, 46).
If there was something else you could do, you'd have put it down in great big letters, right on the card (Cain, 37).
Beckie had three large account books...and she put everything down in those books (Marquand, 104).

to put an end to. To stop; to finish; to end.

Mildred began getting annoyed, but it was Veda who put an end to the discussion (Cain, 112).
I beg of you to put an end to this mistake... (Yank, 173).
...he was going to put an end to all this Hoover extravagance... (Cain, 131).

to put the finger on. To identify and to point out.

...we have no one who knows her personally, and no one to put the finger on her (Gardner, 154).

to put --- finger on. To locate; to indicate; to touch.

Mr. Gorman had put his finger upon the crox of the difficulty, and Jeffrey knew that Mr. Gorman would keep his finger there (Marquand, 114).
I don't know how to put my finger on it, but you sort of became more human (Yank, 207).

to put the finishing touches on. To be nearing completion of; to be finishing.

...he is now putting the finishing touches on a work to be entitled... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

to put --- foot down. To refuse; to be obdurate in one's decision.

I put my foot down (Cain, 80).

to put --- hand over (another's). To take another's hand; to hold another's hand.

Quickly she put her hand over his and patted it (Cain, 140).

to put in.

1. To install; to have an appliance placed in a home, store, office or the like and connected.

...we've since collected enough money to lay concrete and put in jungle gyms, swings, and a basket ball court (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 20).

They had not yet been put in the prison cage (Pyle, 369).
After the bombs were clamped inside the bomb bay, they put in the fuses (Pyle, 211).
Alf was going to put in a bathroom (Marquand, 586).
...the people you have to have, for every little feature you put in (Cain, 77).
On the strength of her new contract, she had a phone put in, and began to drum up more trade... (Cain, 68).

2. To place; to put an application, claim, order, or the like before the proper person.

Wick said he would be glad to appear at my court martial and put in a plea of insanity for me (Pyle, 239).
...warned him what you were doing, and begged him to go down and put his claim in, and he wouldn't do it... (Cain, 30).

3. To include; to make a part of.

...she started to talk. She put in everything that seemed relevent... (Cain, 198).
His father deliberately put in the middle name so the initials would make TNT (Pyle, 58).
Sure, that's why they put them in (Gardner, 148).
We tell them what to put in (Yank, 140).

4. To place within; to place, put, inside.

Frank told me he had the damnedest quirk -- he didn't smoke a great deal, but the moment the crew was called to the gun and was just about ready to put the shell in, he went crazy for a cigarette (Pyle, 109).
Yet he put it in there as though he were using a pointer, and he put it in fast too... (Pyle, 232).
...I'm going to open a special account down at the bank, and keep putting in... (Cain, 140).
Now she put them in by the clock andtook them out by the clock... (Cain, 76).

5. To work; to be at work.

...some truck and duck drivers put in 12 hours on many days (Yank, 234).
...they would have to put in a full shift next day... (Yank, 253).

to put --- in bed. To cause one to go to bed, retire.

...and put her to bed... (Cain, 128).

to put in a call. To ask a telephone operator, often the long distance operator, to try to get a telephone connection with another person.

I put in the call and dinner came up (Gardner, 191).

We're going to put in a call (Gardner, 175).
The phone rang two or three times, and he put in a couple of calls (Gardner, 102).

to put in the hands of ---. To give one the charge of; to put one in charge of something.

There's nothing about that place that can't be put in the hands of an agent, and handled like any other (Cain, 147).

to put in order. To arrange neatly and orderly; to make neat.

She got a dustcloth and began moving about the house, cleaning, dusting, putting things in order (Cain, 111).
"How about it, Della," he asked, "can you put the place in order?" (Gardner, 69).

to put in place. To place; to put in a proper position.

They carried mines...for the engineers to put in place (Pyle, 265).

to put in a position. To place; to arrange. (This implies a placing in relation to something, someone else.)

Leeds' innocence, however, puts your office in an entirely different position, and puts Mason in a different position, legally, ethically, and morally (Gardner, 209).
He had never dreamed that Charley could put him in a position where he would be so completely uncomfortable (Marquand, 224).

to put into.

1. To make a part of; to include in.

They don't begrudge the toil and sweat they're putting into it... (Yank, 179).

2. To sail into as a boat. (This implies a harbor, port.)

There was a general impression that Gessler trucks often dropped down to Point Loma, where certain low, fast boats put into the cove (Cain, 9).

to put into action. To begin; to start. (This implies actual movement contrasted to planning, thinking.)

...they were glad to start putting their plans into action (Pyle, 355).

to put into a capsule. To summarize briefly; to epitomize; to state succinctly.

It was necessary for him to say something, to put it all in a casual capsule (Marquand, 143).
He had to put the whole thing in a capsule (Marquand, 443).

to put into effect. To cause something to be done; to cause to become.

...Beragon, Sr., put into effect his bizarre ideas for improvement (Cain, 242).
And the whole plan was originated, organized and put into effect in five short months... (Pyle, 14).

to put into --- head. To cause one to think of something; to be responsible for one's thinking of something; to suggest to one.

I don't know what put it into her head, and it doesn't do any good to tell her that I'm not in a wheelchair yet (Marquand, 579).

to put into print. To print; to publish.

His feelings can't very well be put into print (Pyle, 374).

to put into words. To say (it); to verbalize; to speak.

...he was very glad that he had tried to put it into words (Marquand, 271).
They couldn't put into words what they were fighting for... (Pyle, 333).

to put it. To say it; to put it into words.

It was easy enough to say that the work of Walter Newcombe possessed a plus quality of literary essence, as his publisher put it... (Marquand, 28).
The main art of making salad consisted in fatiguing it properly, as the French so picturesquely put it (Marquand, 129).
That's one way to put it (Marquand, 551).
...but Jeffrey knew that Walter wouldn't put it just that way (Marquand, 134).
It -- well, put it this way (Marquand, 582).
"Suppose I put it this way," he said slowly, "suppose I come tomorrow" (Marquand, 582).
...that the house which published him, as bookmen put it, had done absolutely nothing about promoting his last book... (Marquand, 335).
Well, there you had it in a nutshell, or in a thumbnail sketch, if you wanted to put it that way (Marquand, 349).
...no matter how you tried to put it, there was no way of escaping what Sir Thomas thought of Americans (Marquand, 252).
You wouldn't have put it that way either -- once (Marquand, 379).
...not wanting to have their parties too booky or provincial, too printer's inksy -- winksy, as Ella put it (Marquand, 340).
As S/Sgt. Ray H. Robinson...put it, "the first night after Breman we were too scared..." (Yank, 86).
He was thinking of the hideous indelicacy of the way Walter put it (Marquand, 82).

Prince Valsky was a disciple of the forward seat, a perch, as he put it, such that the rider's weight was... (Marquand, 372).
"You can put it that way if you want to," the doctor snapped (Gardner, 132).
Frank's duties were, as he put it, "to keep the general happy" (Pyle, 310).
...Madge told him not to put it in such a horried way (Marquand, 102).
...as a first sergeant put it: "Sometimes...that Jerry artillery made you want to cry" (Yank, 122).
It was not exactly true that Bill Swinburne had asked him to come down to Washington, but somehow it seemed right to put it that way to Madge (Marquand, 568).
A chinese divisional commander later put it another way (Yank, 34).
You haven't so many ties -- that may be one way to put it (Marquand, 470).
She engaged...ent and Frieda, and couple who had worked for Mr. Beragon before "es went kaput," as Kurt put it (Cain, 229).
For her weekly broadcast Veda received $500, and was "sewed", as Mr. Levinson put it, for a year... (Cain, 275).
He puts it this way... (Yank, 179).
'Never take the mistress if you can get the maid', is the way he puts it (Cain, 157).
He was not thinking of Jesse as much as he was wishing that he could put it all more clearly (Marquand, 271).
"Combat," as one of them put it, "seems to seduce a guy" (Yank, 91).
...nothing said to Wally or Veda until they had something to "lay on the line", as Bert put it (Cain, 204).
One day he put it to his boss again and the general said... (Pyle, 206).
...one of the new boys...put it right: "We had to take the chow up to the line..." (Yank, 244).
He had, to put it mildly, a strange taste in clothes (Yank, 166).

to put --- mind on. To think about; to consider; to reflect on.

Of course, I haven't put my mind on it as much as you have, but I thought Baldwin rather discounted the Russians (Marquand, 507).
Why don't you put your mind on Gwen? (Marquand, 68).
Marianna was not like Madge, who had so many things to do that she could very seldom put her mind on what he said (Marquand, 467).
It was like those books he had always planned to read when he was young, something which he had meant to put his mind on when he had the time... (Marquand, 327).
...he and everyone else would have to put their minds on work (Marquand, 78).
And he put his mind on it (Marquand, 443).

to put off. To delay; to procrastinate; to defer.

...I have had to put off this memo (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).
I'd watied for a slack time -- maybe sort of put it off (Gardner, 148).
...nothing could put off the moment when he must speak unless he drop ed dead or ran away (Marquand, 165).

The invasion would have to occur between 4:39 AM. today and 4:41 A.M. tomorrow or else be put off for a month (Pyle, 297).
...it cannot be put off for long (Pyle, 464).
You can't keep putting it off (Marquand, 6).
And don't put it off by saying your in love with me (Marquand, 103).
He could tell himself that he was tired, but his anxiety to put it off came from something much deeper (Marquand 494).
There was hot water to shave with, unless you wanted to put off shaving until later.... (Marquand, 219-200).
She had put off buying it until the last moment... (Cain, 153).

to put on.

1. To don.

Everyone began to struggle into his heavy flak suit, putting it on over the parachute... (Yank, 118).
So thereafter, when a hard day's work was done, he would go back to the base, shave, take a helmet bath, put on clean clothes, sit down against a tree and light a big gift cigar in his own honor (Pyle, 72).
Naturally they didn't take time to put on leggings (Pyle, 109).
Then when it got light and the firing mission was over they lay around scraping mud off their shoes and putting on their leggings (Pyle, 109).
...as though the boys were likely to put on full dress and spend an evening in a night club (Pyle, 125).
The actors had finished and they were in the orchestra putting on their hats and coats (Marquand, 84).
A Canadian woman who has been practicing flying by putting on a pair of homemade wings... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
Dry socks were wet five minutes after they were put on (Pyle, 252).
My pants had been lying on the chair that went through the door, so I dug them out...put them on... (Pyle, 248).
When I went to put on my boots... (Pyle, 242).
...I just put on my steel helmet... (Pyle, 247).
As the second game started, Dewey put his suit coat on again (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
It made me so damn mad that I just called his gun out of action while we all sat down and put on the leggings (Pyle, 110).
Then she put on the galoshes... (Cain, 173).
The airplane business so astounded and impressed Jack's company commander that he clean up, put on his dress blouse for the first time since he had left America... (Pyle, 127).
I just reached out and put my steel helmet on... (Pyle, 255).
Jeffrey put on his dinner coat (Marquand, 67).
I put on a helmet... (Yank, 16).
...noticed the smell of the carbenias and had started to put on his gas mask... (Yank, 46).
...the pretext that she must put on a suitable dress for the occasion (Cain, 230).
Lt. Haddow...didn't put on...flak suits (Yank, 118).

He took off his hat...then quickly put it on again... (Cain, 163).
...we put on our steel helmets in bed... (Pyle, 385).
Red Dog gave me an extra pair of long drawers to put on (Pyle, 322).
"Well, put on something else," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 504).
...he was in the front hall of the apartment putting on his hat and coat (Marquand, 539).
Milton took off his glasses and looked at them and put them on again (Marquand, 405).
Mildred...put on her hat (Cain, 207).
He put them on (Yank, 15).
One soldier put on all his equipment... (Yank, 202).
Her shoes, by careful sparing, were in fair shape, and she put on simple black ones (Cain, 25).
She examined a great many stockings, found two that showed no signs of runs, put them on (Cain, 25).
She put on a print dress, the best she had (Cain, 25).
Mildred never put on a uniform (Cain, 179).
As for the cook, as soon as she gets the dishes out of sight, she's going to put on a warmer dress (Cain, 28).
Slacks hadn't made their appearance then, but gray flannels had: he put on a fresh pair, with polo shirt and blue lounge coat (Cain, 2).
She put on the print dress, made her face up nicely... (Cain, 32).
She put on the rubber slippers, picked up the soap (Cain, 93).
Veda's things were there, even the dress she had put on tonight... (Cain, 253).
...she...put on a kimono... (Cain, 152).
And she told you to put that uniform on? (Cain, 69).
She had her put an apron on over the wash dresses she came to work in... (Cain, 69).
I told her right off, but she hollered and carried on so I put it on just to keep her quiet (Cain, 69).
She put on her pajamas, turned out the light, but kept walking around the room... (Cain, 78).
...that all I'm good for is putting on a uniform and waiting on other people... (Cain, 81).
...I was still in my beach shorts, and I had to put on some pants (Cain, 110).
Now, she hurriedly got into one, put on her flip-flop shoes, stuck on the little cap (Cain, 119).
He started to put on his combat pack (Yank, 103).
By now they were putting their coats on... (Yank, 163).
Alf put on his coat, which was tight at the waist that it made his shoulders... (Marquand, 154).
The weary Dead End Kids put on their packs and moved silently Indian file... (Yank, 94).

2. To attach to; to fasten on; to apply (to).

Then uncannily it would drop to a much slower speed, as though it had put on a brake (Pyle, 25-6).
...she...never put on the brake... (Cain, 130).

Bob...washed the blood off my face before putting on the iodine (Pyle, 249).
In fact, we put on more than an American mule could carry over such a trail (Pyle, 145).
"Boy, he'll have to put on a new barrel after that one," a soldier said (Pyle, 199).
He lit a cigarette with the cool competent carelessness of a woman putting on lipstick before going downstairs... (Yank, 89).
...another thing they wanted to put on it was: 'Erected by her loving grandparents...' (Cain, 155).
They wanted to put a quotation on it, 'Suffer the little children...' (Cain, 155).
...the 1st of July, when the interest would be due on the mortgage; Bert would put on the house (Cain, 31).
"You put it on after shaving," Alf said (Marquand, 153).
...you'll have to fold them, then tie them up and put the carrying handles on (Cain, 124).
Put it on your face, and now hold still and let me brush you off (Marquand, 124).
"Put it on your sleeve," bellows the major (Yank, 204).

5. To employ; to hire; to set to work at, on.

Four days later Serrano was put on an Italian destroyer... (Yank, 25).
For a while he was put on special assignment... (Pyle, 128).
Got some men you can put on Emily Milicant when she leaves, Paul? (Gardner, 48).
I put a man on him when he left your office, and got another man to tag along for relief (Gardner, 46).
I want a damn clever operative put on that party (Gardner, 157).
...I was put on a detail as a sort of "bucket brigade" member... (Yank, 171).
...You've got to put somebody on! (Cain, 45).

4. To produce; to cause a performance of.

...there was no reason to put on a facade for Marianna, but it was different with Hal Bliss and Elise (Marquand, 443).
Isadora Duncan's brother put on a one-man play, entitled "My Life Story"... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).
"It wasn't fun," Jeffrey answered, "but he puts on quite a show" (Marquand, 99).
...he had organized a few amateur talent acts and put on a floor show (Yank, 34).
But before the colonel could put on his mortar show... (Yank, 53).

5. To cook; to place on a fire for cooking.

I haven't put the potatoes on yet... (Pyle, 215).
They went back to the den until it should be time to put the vegetables on to boil... (Cain, 37).

6. To turn on; to switch on.

She went to the switch box, put on the lights (Cain, 120).
You put the light on... (Cain, 163).

7. To place, set, lay, on.

...and as he put the accent on the last syllable she asked: "Is it French?" (Cain, 91).
...those dear little cobblers, benches that you could stand in front of the fireplace to put things on... (Marquand, 108).

8. To grow; to develop. (This implies a vegetative growth.)

Now when you had good stuff around little apple trees they put on big soft juicy foliage... (Marquand, 516).

9. To pretend; to feign.

And put it on thick (Cain, 66).

to put --- on. To make a telephone connection for one to talk to another. (This implies usually a private switch board so that the telephone operator can ask if one wishes to speak to the caller. The answer is: Put him on.)

Okay, this is Drake talking. Put him on (Gardner, 64).
Mason said, "Put her on," then cupping his hand over the mouthpiece... (Gardner, 13).
"Put him on," Mason said. (Gardner, 92).

to put on an act. To behave; to act. (This implies a pretending, feigning, an insincerity.)

...you'll have plenty of excuse for having had a sleepless night and putting on the weep act (Gardner, 79).
...leading the fellows on a merry chase while he put on a swell act of a man about town keeping business appointments (Gardner, 48).
Our squadron leader stood there putting on an act of alternately tearing his hair and hiding his face (Pyle, 174).

to put on airs. To act, behave, in a superior manner; to behave as one thinks those in a higher station act.

Well, if you ask me, I don't think his family have any right to put on airs (Gardner, 19).

to put --- on the defensive. To cause one to have to defend himself or his position, belief, statement, or the like.

Then Dr. Aldous arrived, a tall, gray, kindly man who sat near Mildred, and didn't put her on the defensive at all for not being a member of his church (Cain, 109-0).
The offhand dismissal of the subject put her on the defensive too (Cain, 95).
It puts the enemy on the defensive (Yank, 129).

to put on display. To display; to show to the public.

...one was sold the day Mr. Barnhuetter's postwar round bed was put on display (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

to put one foot in front of another. To walk.

...they were no longer able to put one foot in front of the other (Yank, 198).

to put on --- feet. To get into a sound financial condition; to put on a sound basis.

...it was going to put the restaurant business on its feet (Cain, 149).

to put on the job. To set to work at a job; to cause to work at a job.

...the air-line hose and jack hammers were put on the job cutting eight-foot holes in the rack... (Yank, 178).

to put on the nosebag. To eat.

Well, we've got to put on the old nosebag now (Marquand, 156).

to put on pounds. To grow heavier; to get fat; to put on weight.

He weighed 117 pounds when he went in but had put on 43 more in those three years (Pyle, 104).

to put on --- tail. To set to following one; to set to tracking, shadowing, one.

Do you have an operative you can put on his tail? (Gardner, 23).

to put on weight. To get fat; to grow heavier.

He said he'd had his nose broken since and had put on a lot of weight... (Gardner, 189).
Her hair was darker, and she had put on weight, but she looked the way he knew she would... (Marquand, 171).
...she hadn't put on any more weight... (Cain, 221).
He had put on some weight but his heart and blood pressure were normal and he knew quite a lot about war (Marquand, 563).

to put out.

1. To place in an accessible place; to remove from storage and place in the open.

...would you put out my evening clothes, please, Albert? (Marquand, 63).
But you know how he is, so tomorrow, when I put out the samples Mildred's going to bring... (Cain, 66).
She put out whiskey, ice, and seltzer... (Cain, 225).
...no bottles to put out, no cash to count... (Cain, 161).
Mildred...put out wine and whiskey... (Cain, 152).
...I'll put out the green pajamas... (Cain, 166).
...they would wait until just before the men came to put out the food... (Yank, 230).

2. To extinguish as a fire, a light.

You better put that out, sir... (Pyle, 427).
...volunteering to climb to the top of a smoke stack to put out a fire there (Yank, 46).
Putting the light out she felt her way upstairs... (Cain, 252).
Put it out yourself (Yank, 200).
You'll put out that cigarette... (Cain, 156).

3. To cause to leave, depart, go away. (This implies an exclusion from a house, building, or the like.)

...so she could have an income, and not be put out of the house on the 1st of July, when the interest would be due... (Cain, 31).
It certainly did have to come if you went and put that poor boy out (Cain, 14).
You mean---you put Bert out? (Cain, 14).

4. To serve; to have available for serving.

It's just awful, the pie you put out here, and expect people to pay for it (Cain, 63).
...a place that will put out a real line of ready desserts (Cain, 175).

5. To publish; to print.

...L'Amerique en Guerre, the newspaper put out by PWB for the French (Yank, 129).

6. To emit; to discharge; to send out.

...smoke pots ashore put out a blinding cloud of fog (Pyle, 272).
...with two bullets he put it out of action (Yank, 18).
...a direct hit by the 81s put it out of action (Yank, 8).
The Gun is still working and will continue to work until it is put out of action... (Yank, 33).

to put out of commission. To incapacitate; to make unfit for use; to put out of action.

Giulio let go at the first truck and put it out of commission (Yank, 28).

to put over.

1. To be successful; to do something well.

When he puts over a deal-.... (Cain, 84).
...do you feel run-down, a little headachy, without the old pep to put things over? (Marquand, 387).
He said he was putting over a couple of big deals (Gardner, 102).

2. To cover.

But Madge only put her hand over the transmitter and called up to him (Marquand, 567).

3. To send above, over.

How many waves of heavy bombers we put over I have no idea (Pyle, 438).

4. To deceive; to fool.

But try to put anything over on him, and you have a righteous uproar on your hands (Yank, 36).
You're not putting anything over on us (Yank, 60).

to put pressure on. To apply pressure on; to press; to exert pressure on.

We've put enough pressure on already to break this situation, but still they hang on, so we'll have to figure out some other way (Pyle, 312).

to put a tail on. To engage someone to follow, shadow, trail, another.

Tell him Ned Barkler is in my office, that he's leaving, right away; to put a tail on him (Gardner, 59).
I put a tail on him to see if he has any contact with Conway (Gardner, 16).
You see, Perry, I can't put a tail on her because we have no one who knows her personally... (Gardner, 154).

to putter about. To engage in seemingly aimless activity; to work half-heartedly.

The girl puttered about, complained of the service that was demanded of her... (Cain, 44).

to putter around. To engage in seemingly aimless work or activity; to work half-heartedly.

He saw Japs...puttering around as if there were no war within a thousand miles (Yank, 7).

to put through.

1. To dispatch; to send; to deliver.

...if any call came from New York, they would put it through to Mr. Bliss's house? (Marquand, 429).
...his orders had not been put through (Pyle, 216).

2. To penetrate; to cut out.

...a drill hole was put through to handle electric lines (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

to put through a call. To place a call; to make a phone call.

Let's get to a telephone where I can put through a long distance call (Gardner, 173).
He hung around a pool room for two or three hours, then put through a call to Conway (Gardner, 86).
He put through the call, and asked if everything was okay (Gardner, 87).

to put the tips of --- fingers together. To cup the palms of both hands and to touch the thumb of the right hand to the thumb of the left hand and so on with the other fingers.

Jesse put his elbows on the red leather desk, put the tips of his fingers together, and cleared his throat softly (Marquand, 268).
Jesse put the tips of his fingers together again (Marquand, 268).

to put to. To set one at; to cause one to begin; to put one to.

She handed out uniforms and put them both to work (Cain, 115).
She started the other soup, the cream of tomato, and put Pancho to preparing vegetables (Cain, 117).
...I'll have to put an operative to work... (Cain, 303).
Bill was detached from straight soldier duty after a year in the infantry, and put to work on the division's weekly paper (Pyle, 129).
The two of them had been put to work by the Germans in a factory at Wiener Neustadt, the big industrial center near Vienna (Yank, 70).
If they refuse they are put to work and held for exchange (Yank, 70).
I'll hire a detective agency and put men to work (Gardner, 8).
I might tie it on you, and put you to work (Cain, 27).

to put --- to bed. To cause one to retire, to go to bed.

After putting the children to bed she went to the living room... (Cain, 11).

Home again, she put Veda to bed, but when she went to bed herself, she couldn't sleep (Cain, 100).
So they put me to bed on a cot, gave me paregoric and bismuth, aspirin and codeine, soup and tomato juice... (Pyle, 45).

to put --- to an expense. To cause one to spend money; to cause one to have, make expenditures.

Mildred, I've probably put you to a lot of expense over nothing (Cain, 101).
...Aurt and Frieda at $150 a month, put her to somewhat heavier expenses in the kitchen than she had expected (Cain, 243).

to put together.

1. To assemble; to fit together.

...they took the good parts and started putting them together... (Pyle, 421).

2. To develop; to build up; to form.

...he has put together a good stable... (Yank, 283).

to put --- to sleep. To cause one to go to sleep; to cause one to sleep.

Late that night he arrived at the hospital, was put to sleep on morphine, and Major William Pitts performed the brain operation (Pyle, 121).
...the last thing he did before the morphine put him to sleep... (Pyle, 122).
The capsules not only put us to sleep, but they constricted our throats... (Pyle, 258).

to put to the test. To test; to try.

This brilliant scheme...was never put to the test (Cain, 189).

to put --- to trouble. To cause one to have trouble; to give one difficulties. (This implies that the trouble comes as a result of one's trying to help.)

Mother...I'm trying to arrange things myself, without putting you to all kinds of trouble about it" (Cain, 199).
Damn it, the trouble you're putting me to! (Cain, 172).

to put two and two together. To infer from facts or observation; to realize what is going on.

"Putting two and two together," Mason said (Gardner, 83).

to put up.

1. To offer; to give.

When a guy's going to put up the cash to spring you on a felony rap, you don't let half an hour slip through your fingers (Gardner, 104).
Then go down to jail, be booked, put up a cash bond, and walk right out... (Gardner, 102).
...you also insisted that he must put up bail (Gardner, 19-).
The local people said the reason their army put up such a poor show in our sector was that the soldiers didn't want to fight (Pyle, 30).
...the call from the station, jump in a cab, come down, and put up the bail, and that would be all there was to it... (Gardner, 103).
...Serle called for Conway to come down and put up the bail... (Gardner, 88).
At last they decided to put it up in a raffle, and use the proceeds to care for children whose fathers had been killed serving the regiment (Pyle, 112).
Then Private Lamyl Yancey, of Kentucky, got a miniature bottle of Coca-Cola and he put it up as second prize (Pyle, 112).

2. To erect; to assemble; to build; to set up.

This consisted of a motorized pump, a sand filter, a chlorinating machine, and a collapsible 3,000-gallon canvas tank which stood about shoulder high when put up (Pyle, 60).
Somebody put up a blackboard behind the lose-and-found department... (Yank, 185).
The hospital invited Wick Fowler...saying they'd put up a tent for us (Pyle, 250).
...Jeffrey asked to put up the table (Marquand, 413).
...the captain...had a cot with a mattress on it put up for me on deck...
They put that up when they first arrived because someone told them the station was in Sherwood Forest (Pyle, 327).
That worked the daylights out of the boys who took down and put up the tents (Pyle, 397).
The men are putting up their shelter halves... (Yank, 235).

3. To attach in a relatively high place; to exhibit.

...after signs had been put up along the road... (Cain, 178).
That was why the walls were bare and why Madge had never put up any curtains (Marquand, 508).
Up in the gallery, workmen...were putting up a backdrop showing a fishing scene... (Marquand, 413).
The Jerries kept putting the wires up and we kept tearing them down (Yank, 26).
Both American and British armies had put up thousands of stenciled and painted signs along the way... (Pyle, 131).
Last August, as a gag, someone had put up the red ribbon across to Berlin... (Yank, 87).

4. To give one a place to stay; to give one a bed. (This generally implies a temporary visit.)

The Army had commandeered several hotels, and I was put up in a dungeon-like cell that overlooked an alley inhabited by a melee of Sicilians who screamed constantly and never cleaned up anything (Pyle, 90).
...e can put you up in the living room on the day bed (Yank, 160).

5. To recommend; to represent as worthy.

...they were about to be put up for presidential citation (Pyle, 426).
...in any squadron were many men willing to fly beyond the stated missions if it was put up to them... (Pyle, 223).

6. To raise; to lift.

Before any unsuspecting Yank could put up his own head in reply, a GI off on a flank... (Yank, 52).

to put up a bluff. To bluff; to feign to be something, someone, one is not.

I guess I've put up quite a bluff,
I really thought I had the stuff.... (Yank, 156).

to put up with. To endure; to abide.

...her...cruel insults to Mr. Levinson, her raving...were a little more than even Mildred could put up with amiably (Cain, 236).
...not only put up with him... (Cain, 130).
...she would put up with Monty... (Cain, 131).
Jeffrey had always put up with it and he supposed that Fred had too (Marquand, 376).
...they would have to put up with his mistakes... (Marquand, 40).
...this man, whom she had to put up with because he brought Veda closer to her... (Cain, 157).
Then Lieutenant Libertore started telling me all that he had to put up with (Pyle, 187).

to put --- where --- is. To be the cause of one's success or failure.

...who the hell put that girl where she is today? (Cain, 250).

pyramidal tent. A tent shaped like a pyramid capable of housing eight or ten men.

The battalion was living in pyramidal tents... (Pyle, 347).

a question of. A matter of; a matter concerning.

...an exact account of what the quarrel was about, and let her ascribe it to "a question of discipline" (Cain, 256).
Then the question of a hat had to be decided (Cain, 287).
This is not a question of money (Cain, 216).

to queue up. To line up; to arrange in a line.

...back from Munster to the French coast, enemy fighters queueing up on them (Yank, 86).

quick as a flash. Very rapidly; quickly.

And quick as a flash...he was down to his red underwear (Yank, 166).
Quick as a flash they jumped up... (Fyle, 379).

to be quick to (infinitive). To be ready to; to do something easily.

The sailors and soldiers at the rail were quick to spot them... (Fyle, 287).

to quiet down. To become quiet; to become calm.

...when things began to quiet down (Yank, 204).

a quiet little talk. A confidential conversation.

"You mean you want to have a quiet little talk." Jim said (Marquand, 294).

to quit cold. To stop completely; to quit.

Surely you don't expect the district attorney's going to quit cold simply on your say-so (Gardner, 110).
They quit us cold (Fyle, 4).

to quit school. To stop going to school before one finishes a course or receives a diploma.

...Veda...persuaded Mildred to let her quit high school... (Cain, 180).

quite all right. All right; suitable; acceptable.

It seemed quite all right that he was there (Marquand, 111).

quite a bit. A lot; much.

I've found out quite a bit of family history (Gardner, 121).
Perle kids one of the waitresses quite a bit, and she seems to like him (Gardner, 30).

quite a boy. (A term which is often ironically used to mean the boy is often in mischief. It may also be a compliment meaning the person is a good, honest, able person.)

Tommy's quite a boy (Marquand, 348).
Jim's quite a boy (Marquand, 350).

quite a few. A lot; many.

"Yes sir," Volpa answered, "there are quite a few of them, but I think we can do it all right" (Yank, 108).
"Quite a few," Cpl. Stenker said, filing his reports (Yank, 96).

quite a girl. (See: quite a boy. This term is used both ironically and in a complimentary way.)

Sally's quite a girl (Marquand, 442).

quite a guy. (See: quite a boy.)

Von Aipper was quite a guy--a soldier of forture in a way, yet he didn't look or act like one (Pyle, 139).

quite a kid. (See: quite a boy.)

"Kid," Alf said, "you're kind of different, but I always knew that you'd be quite a kid" (Marquand, 292).

quite a little. A lot; much.

During the six weeks Mildred had been looking for work, she had seen quite a little of Wally (Cain, 52).

quite a lot. A lot; much; many.

You two kids like each other quite a lot, don't you? (Marquand, 502).
She saw him quite a lot, in connection with their real-estate relations (Cain, 150).
"You see, some of us were killed," he said, "not so many, but quite a lot" (Marquand, 64).

quite possible. Wholly possible; entirely possible.

It is quite possible that Alden Leeds could make a statement which would go far toward explaining the matter... (Gardner, 134).

quite a way. Some distance; not close; near.

When we started back down, German shells began roaring quite a way behind us (Pyle, 148).

quite a while. A long time.

They talked about it for quite a while because it made a bridge between them... (Marquand, 134).
...I had known General Eddy for quite a while... (Pyle, 390).

"No," Jeffrey said, "not for quite a while" (Marquand, 365).
...I think this is the last quiet summer we're going to have for quite a while (Marquand, 512).
They stayed quite a while in one place... (Pyle, 388).
It's more like being allowed to do something that you should have done quite a while ago (Marquand, 470).
That had been at one of those theatrical parties somewhere in New York... and that was quite a while ago (Marquand, 435).
First she had been an ingenue in one of those boy-and-girl plays...and that was quite a while ago (Marquand, 448).
Well, I suppose this has been building up for quite a while (Marquand, 480).
I suppose it's been building up, building up, for quite a while (Marquand, 479).
They had to hunt quite a while... (Pyle, 384).

rabbit warren. A rabbit hutch; a warren; a place, pens, for raising rabbits.

...every little group of German soldiers had its own rabbit warren (Pyle, 412).

to race around. To move hurriedly; to move rapidly from place to place.

Our ship and the other command ships raced around herding their broods into proper formation... (Pyle, 12).

to race away. To leave, depart, hurriedly, rapidly.

...the driver raced away, leaving the captain and me alone with our reels of barbed wire (Yank, 57).

race horses. Horses bred and trained to race.

I could hear them talking there something about race horses, and I sort of kept my ears peeled... (Gardner, 148).

to race out of. To depart from, to go away from, hurriedly, rapidly.

to race past. To go by, pass by, hurriedly, rapidly.

Behind us a group of Legionnaires raced past, shooting cap pistols at two nuns who leaped into the air and fled through the gate of Track 25 (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).

a race track. An elliptical, egg shaped track, roadway, for racing. (Usually implies a place for horse racing. Also the track.)

I met Harold out at the race track (Gardner, 167).
...vacationists pack the sunny city in search of race tracks... (Yank, 217).
...the race tracks are far more enticing.... (Yank, 217).

to race up.

1. To hurry upwards in, on through.

...thousands of people sitting there waiting...other thousands racing up the ramps and along the aisles... (Cain, 239).
Looking over the starboard rail he saw a Jap ship racing up (Yank, 47).

2. To hurry towards someone, something.

Looking over the starboard rail he saw a Jap ship racing up (Yank, 47).

to radio back. To answer by means of radio; to send a message in answer by radio.

...they had radioed back the "all clear" signal (Yank, 202).

a radio car. A prowl car; a squad car. (A car equipped with a radio telephone owned by the police and carrying usually two policemen.)

They'll hand you a line and tell you they'll have a radio car drop by for an inspection... (Gardner, 79).

Radio City. A large building which is part of Rockerfeller Center in New York City.

He had reached Fifty Avenue by then, and the bulk of Radio City stood in front of him... (Marquand, 593).

radio page. The section of a newspaper, magazine, which reports the news about radio, radio programs, radio actors, and the like.

She found the radio page of the Times... (Cain, 39).

to rage at. To storm at; to speak to in great, uncontrolled, anger.

...Archie was raging at the inferior quality of the top sirloins... (Cain, 245).

--- rage mounts. One gets angrier and angrier; one gets increasingly mad.

Her rage mounted still higher (Cain, 167).

a railroad man. A man who is employed by a railroad.

...lived...on a pension he received as a former railroad man (Cain, 13).

to rain cats and dogs. To rain hard; to pour rain; to rain buckets.

"It's raining cats and dogs," Mr. Barnes said (Marquand, 208).
It was raining cats and dogs... (Pyle, 395).

to rain down. To seem to fall like rain; to fall in a rain-like manner.

Schrapnel rained down on the decks, making a terrific clatter (Pyle, 7).
There was a blinding flash and roar and shrapnel rained down like cinders (Yank, 46).
The whole vessel shook with every salvo, and scorched wadding came raining down on the deck (Pyle, 23).

to rain in. For the rain to enter an enclosure, house, building, or the like.

...all they had time to do at night was dig a hole, drop a poncho in the bottom and let it rain in (Yank, 42).

rain soaked. Wet with rain; soaked with rain.

A rain-soaked lieutenant in charge of the detail... (Yank, 198).

rain water. Water directly from rain; water from rain as it falls.

...but the rain water running off their backs...kept washing it off (Yank, 196).

to raise bail. To arrange for bail; to get someone to put up bail; to get someone to go bail.

Evidently Conway had agreed to raise bail for him (Gardner, 87).

to raise a child. To rear a child; to take care of a child all of his immature years and to train him, educate him, and give him a moral sense.

...while other women were learning professions, she had been making a home, raising two children... (Cain, 37).

to raise a doubt. To create a doubt; to cause disbelief.

But by pounding away at home-front morale and raising doubts in the German mind, psychological warfare may create a sense of defeat... (Yank, 127-8).

to raise a glass to. To drink to one's honor.

Mrs. Gessler was quite positive about it, and everybody laughed, and raised a glass to Mildred (Cain, 127).

to raise hell. To cause trouble; to make a disturbance; to create a disturbance.

We better stop or the colonel might raise hell about wasting ammunition (Pyle, 188).
...this bunch of Yank fighter-pilots who have raised so much hell with with the Japs in Burma (Yank, 194).
And Maggie, she raised hell about taking May to the hospital (Cain, 110).

to raise merry Ned. To have a good time though in a riotous way; to be boisterous in enjoying oneself.

I bet you civilians raise the Merry Old Ned once in a while (Yank, 143).

to raise money. To get, obtain, money.

You got to raise some money.... (Cain, 248).
It'll be the bank's house pretty soon if I don't find a way to raise the interest money (Cain, 15).

He probably told Serle he knew where he could raise the money (Gardner, 87).

to raise --- stick. For the conductor of an orchestra to lift his baton to indicate to the orchestra members that he is ready to begin.

...there seemed to be a little more tension than usual before Mr. Treviso raised his stick... (Cain, 240).

to raise a stink. To cause difficulties, trouble; to raise hell.

Mayor La Guardia raised an awful stink when that happened... (Yank, 207).

to raise up. To rise; to lift up.

He raised up and said... (Pyle, 205).
Then he would raise his head up and...come out (Yank, 245).
When the medical men went to help him he raised what was left of himself up on his elbows... (Pyle, 103).

to raise --- voice. To lift one's voice, to speak louder.

He worked all night along with the rest and he never got cross or raised his voice (Pyle, 72).

to rake off. To remove by raking.

The funniest thing about this was that whenever a train approached a tunnel it stopped in order to let the hangers on get off, so they wouldn't be raked off by the tunnel walls (Pyle, 135).

a ranch hand. One who works on a ranch; a cowboy.

He too was tall, more than six feet; he had been a ranch hand back home, and his voice was almost like a musical instrument (Pyle, 48).

to range in. To find the range; to locate the proper distance.

I ranged in with tracers... (Yank, 124).

the rape of Nanking. The scandalous behavior of the Japanese army in the destruction and looting of Nanking.

...veterans of six years' fighting in China and of the rape of Nanking (Yank, 51).

rapid fire. Staccato; rapid; fast.

...Della Street, catching up with her fountain pen on the rapid-fire conversation, held her hand poised over the shorthand notebook (Gardner, 171).

rat faced. A thin, unpleasant face with a sharp nose, sharp chin, and small furtive eyes.

Of course, this delivery guy will probably be a rat-faced punk who thinks he's a big shot... (Gardner, 12).

rather than. In place of; instead of.

...to carry on a monologue, rather than cope with an extraneous personality who would never mean anything to him... (Marquand, 30).

ration points. (During World War II when rationing was in effect each person was allowed a certain number of points per month. Different articles of food and gasoline and shoes were rationed and each article was rated at a certain prescribed number of points. The buyer had to deliver to the seller ration points as well as money.)

Must be 10 times tougher than usual figuring out ration points for all them Christmas orders (Yank, 184).

to rattle the knob. To shake a doorknob so as to make a noise.

In a moment she was out there, rattling the knob, but he kept still (Cain, 7).

to rattle off. To speak rapidly and seemingly without thinking.

...then when he spoke he rattled the phrase off so fast I felt I was being left behind (Kyle, 152).

to rattle through. To perform, go through, hurriedly, rapidly.

Veda rattled through this piece like a human pianola... (Cain, 135).

a raving beauty. A very, very beautiful woman.

I wouldn't call you a raving beauty, but you've got an A-1 shape... (Cain, 37).

raw boned. Gaunt; having little flesh. (This implies having big bones.)

He was a big, raw-boned man, with a heavy coat of sunburn and a hint of the sea in his large blue eyes (Cain, 112).
The animal was boney -- big boned, Jeffrey supposed the technical term would have been, or raw-boned... (Marquand, 374).

raw materials. Materials before being manufactured into goods; unprocessed materials.

As an investment, baby, an investment in time, effort, and raw materials (Cain, 23).

to reach down. To reach downward; to extend one's hand lower than one.

Then the first men squatted down, and he reached down and took the captain's hand... (Pyle, 156).

to reach for. To extend one's hand to grasp.

One of the deputy sheriffs reached for the telephone (Gardner, 183).
She had a moment of complacency as she reached for the chicken: now she could reap her reward... (Cain, 120).

to reach the limit. To arrive at, come to, the limit, end.

...for I've quite reached the limit of my patience! (Cain, 195).

to reach out. To extend one's hand; to stick out one's hand.

Somebody reached out and tickled the blind guy (Yank, 224).
...I can reach out and touch the Nip... (Yank, 162).
...until he came to his hip, then reached out for his hand (Yank, 45).
I just reached out and put my steel helmet on... (Pyle, 255).
...we could have reached out and touched them (Pyle, 254).

to reach over. To extend one's hand. (This implies, emphasizes, the distance separating.)

She...reached over and rubbed his bald spot (Cain, 170).
The fliers on the ground began acting out comically exaggerated scenes of how the ambulance drivers' faces would look as they'd reach over in disgust and turn off their switches (Pyle, 175).
He reached over and gently straightened the points of the captain's shirt collar... (Pyle, 156).

to reach --- peak. To arrive at, come to, a high point of operation, condition.

Hot Jeep probably reached his peak on a trip to Oran (Yank, 139).
The hazelnut and almond season reached its peak just as the campaign ended (Pyle, 91).

to reach a point. To arrive at, come to a point, place, position.

...it looked as though he and she had reached that point (Cain, 160).
On Hastings Ridge it reached a point where individual action and individual courage were knitted together... (Yank, 17).
Gradually he even reached a point where he could think in Chinese (Yank, 131).

to reach a settlement. To come to an agreement; to agree. (This implies argument or discussion.)

...I told them the property settlement had been reached out of court (Cain, 87).

to reach up.

1. To raise oneself upward; to lift oneself upward.

There was one funny little old woman, so short she couldn't reach up to kiss him... (Pyle, 459).
Whereupon the little maid reached up with her pretty foot and gave it a huge kick... (Pyle, 463).

2. To raise one's hands upward.

So Ed...reached clear up to the dash... (Pyle, 165).

to read about. To read concerning, regarding.

I wonder what's happened to the old Navy we used to read about (Pyle, 37).

to read and read. To read a great deal, very much.

He was taking a course on the English novel that year and it was a hard course for him because it was necessary to read and read (Marquand, 178).

to read absently. To appear to read; to look at as if reading. (This implies a reading but one's mind is thinking about something else.)

Lt. Hillard opened a War Department letter and read it absently (Yank, 95).

to read between the lines. To infer; to get from what is said or written more than is actually there.

It was hardly necessary to read between the lines to understand what Minot was taking for granted (Marquand, 247).
He found himself examining it exactly as though he were Jim, trying to read between the lines to discover whether she was glad... (Marquand, 317).

to read by sight. To play, sing, a musical composition the first time one sees it having no practice. (Cf. sight-reading.)

...maybe I'ave somet'ing she can read by sight (Cain, 218).
...dees girl...read a whole Inflammatus by sight... (Cain, 218).

to read the handwriting on the wall. To know, realize, understand, that calamity is to come; to see the future failure, disintegration of something. (From Daniel's interpretation of Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin, Daniel V. 25.)

And places that can read the handwriting on the wall are going to cash in... (Cain, 148).

to read in --- eyes. To infer from one's facial expression.

I can read it in his eyes (Gardner, 113).

reading glasses. Glasses, spectacles, one uses only for reading.

They must have been reading glasses and not bifocals, because when he took them off... (Marquand, 481).

to read --- mind. To know what another is thinking; to practice mental telepathy.

I read your mind (Gardner, 47).
"I'm supposed to read your mind?" Drake asked (Gardner, 17).

not to be able to read a note. To be unable to understand written music.

Caruso, 'e could not read one note... (Cain, 218).

to read --- off. To read aloud, usually something short, for another person to hear.

"I took down the schedule as Paul Drake read it off," she said (Gardner, 68).

ready for action. In readiness; prepared; ready.

...the MP's hid armored cars...there ready for action... (Pyle, 380).

ready for more. Not satisfied; desirous of more, not satiated.

...they still were ready for more (Marquand, 36).

ready made.

1. Made already; previously made; made before needed.

...the ready-made German foxholes... (Yank, 242).

2. Clothing made in large quantities not to an individual's order, as opposed to tailor made, custom made.

A sallow-skinned lad in the early twenties, whose clothes were the cheapest of ready-mades, yet cut in the most extreme style... (Gardner, 143).

ready to go. In readiness; prepared; in good shape.

...the crews had that plane patched and ready to go on the next mission...

ready with your call. (A phrase used by long-distance telephone operators when they have completed a telephone connection, indicating that one may now talk.)

We're ready with your call to Mr. Mason (Gardner, 66).

real estate. Real property; property such as houses, buildings, land, farms, or the like. (Also attributive.)

...was always undergoing alterations, so that personal relationships were nearly as impermanent as real estate values... (Marquand, 97).
...the Army's contract with the real-estate people has a clause... (Yank, 236).
She was glad, somehow, that since the real-estate deal started, Wally had been curiously silent about romance (Cain, 87).
...particularly Glendale, was on the verge of the real-estate boom of the 1920's... (Cain, 6).
Real Estate -- Insurance (Marquand, 160).
...their real-estate relations (Cain, 150).

to reap --- reward. To obtain one's profit; to get one's returns.

...now she could reap her reward for all her observing, thinking, and planning (Cain, 120).

rear echelon. The command, the echelon, concerned with supplying the army's need in contrast to the forward echelon which is fighting. Hence, an outfit not in combat. (Also attributive.)

He scorns the comfortable rear-echelon headquarters in New Delhi... (Yank, 130).

a reassuring smile. A smile, pleasant expression, which implies support, approval, aid.

Phyllis Leeds, seated within the bar, looking ill at ease, returned Mason's reassuring smile with a nervous twist of the lips (Gardner, 25).

to receive a jolt. To be astonished; to be astounded.

She received her first jolt when she...found it made no loans of more than $16,000 (Cain, 242).
She received another jolt when she went to her bank (Cain, 242).

to receive word. To receive, get, a message; to hear.

The commanding officer has received word that a member of this unit has been having improper relations with a local girl (Yank, 181).

reception desk. A desk at which one goes when entering a business office for information.

He was taken to the long reception desk just below the stairs where a thin, tired-looking girl looked up at him... (Marquand, 571).

a reception room. A room where one goes on entering a large establishment, business, for the first time; a room for receiving people.

That big reception room -- perfect for the restaurant part (Cain, 78).

a reclining chair. A chair whose back is adjustable; a chair whose back can be raised to the vertical or lowered to the horizontal.

...an immaculate hospital bed with snowy white linen, a reclining chair, a white enameled bedroom table... (Gardner, 36).

to recommend --- highly. To give one a very good recommendation.

Arline, a small, half-pretty girl of twenty-five, hadn't looked very promising, but Ida had recommended her highly (Cain, 115).

to recover from. To get over; to recuperate from.

...Letty recovered from her fright (Cain, 173).
...the car, never quiet recovered from the battering it took in the storm... (Cain, 174).
As soon as he has recovered from his jungle trip... (Yank, 142).

red clay. A clay which is tinted any of several shades of red usually by oxide of iron.

...the seat of my pants were plastered thick with wet red clay... (Pyle, 444).

red hot. Very, very hot; heat enough to cause iron to turn red.

But our harmless rotating band, we found a few minutes later, was a jagged, red-hot, foot-square fragment of steel... (Pyle, 398).
Not until the flames from below made the deck almost red hot and set his pants afire did he move (Yank, 45).

a red hot mamma. A very passionate girl, woman; a lustful woman.

To him, you were a red-hot mamma the second he found out about you (Cain, 22).

to be red in the face. To be flushed; to have the blood rush to one's face. (Thought to be caused by embarrassment, exertion, anger, etc.)

We all got kissed until we were literally red in the face, and I must say we enjoyed it (Pyle, 456).

a red light. Once a sign of a whore house, a house of prostitution. (Not common at present.)

...about the record in the apartment house, I thought we'd find a red light burning over the door (Gardner, 21).

red pencil. A pencil with a red lead as contrasted to the usual pencil which has black lead.

...a map of the city of Los Angeles with the course she would take marked in red pencil... (Yank, 155).

red tape. The scrupulous, exact, methodical adherence to rules and regulations in administration and handling of routine matters.

They're here, not to unwind red tape, but to administer justice (Gardner, 206).
All they had to do was let the Old Man know the red tape had them down... (Yank, 139).
We leave red tape...to the flagship down the coast... (Yank, 253).
There was always someone who had been to Washington, who would say it was a madhouse and that all the new bureaus were clogged with red tape... (Marquand, 509).
...there was little red tape about it (Pyle, 324).
But actually he thought little about it, and if there was going to be any red tape about it he would say nuts to it (Pyle, 137).

to reduce --- to dollars and cents. To consider in terms of money; to think about, speak of, in terms of money.

He saw Ethel looking at it and he knew that she was reducing the things there into dollars and cents... (Marquand, 368).

to reduce --- to rubble. To destroy; to make rubble, waste, of something.

...Allied bombers in Italy were preparing the intensive aerial blitz that was to reduce Cassino to rubble (Yank, 127).

red, white, and blue. The colors of the United States flag; colors representative of the U.S. (Also attributive.)

All that separated the bulldozer from Burma soil was a red-white-and-blue ribbon (Yank, 177).

refectory table. A dining table usually long and narrow.

The hall of Minot's apartment was dark oak with an Italian refectory table and a Venetian gilded mirror above it... (Marquand, 384).

to refer to. To speak, write, in reference to; to call attention to.

And then there were people whom his father referred to as "scrubs", the workers in the carpet mills... (Marquand, 177).

to refrain from. To abstain from; to avoid; to keep oneself from.

He...refrained from asking embarrassing questions (Cain, 303).

to regain --- composure. To get oneself under control after having lost control of one's emotions.

Pardon me while I regain my shattered composure (Cain, 157).

regardless of. In spite of; no matter what; not considering.

...he'll do the right thing on his own initiative, regardless of what his family says (Cain, 200).
Everyone salutes everyone else regardless of his rank (Yank, 70).

regular army. The permanent army of the U.S.; the professional army as contrasted to the National Guard, the Organized Reserves, etc. (Also attributive.)

It's very funny being an officer's wife and seeing regular army officers' wives who have moved around everywhere (Larquand, 555).

a regular guy. An ordinary, well liked, person with no unusual idiosyncrasies.

Everybody said he was a "regular guy"... (Yank, 175).
And for my dough, he's a regular guy (Yank, 200).

to relate to. To be connected with; to have a relation to; to pertain to.

...the court will receive it on your statement that it will be connected up and that it is related to some particular aspect of the case... (Gardner, 146).

to relieve --- of. To free one from; to take from one. (This implies a burden, responsibility, or the like.)

...she began to feel driven, and relieved herself of every detail she could possibly assign to others (Cain, 179).
...when I try to relieve you of responsibility... (Cain, 201).
Two days later the shavetail was relieved of his censoring duties (Yank, 130).

a religious conviction. A religious belief; a strong belief in religion; hence a strong faith, belief.

...her almost religious conviction... (Cain, 132).
...she had a deep, almost religious conviction that Veda was "talented", and although she didn't exactly know what it... (Cain, 11).

to remark on. To speak, tell, talk, about.

...he...remarked on what an unusually nice formation they were flying that morning (Pyle, 325).

to remember about. To think about; to come to one's mind.

...she was slipping him $10's and $20's regularly, either when she remembered about it... (Cain, 143).

to remind --- of. To cause one to think about; to bring to one's mind.

From every rotten, stinking thing that reminds me of the place... (Cain, 207).

remote control. Operation, control, electrically or electronically from a distance.

A gunner turned a switch on the side of the gun, and it went into remote control (Pyle, 390-1).

to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's. (Mark XII, 17.) To pay due respect and honor to one; to give one respect and honor that is his due but not anything more.

Gen. Sitwell's ruling simply rendered unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's, to GIs the things that were GI (Yank, 130).

to rent out. To rent; to be used on a rental basis.

...a gal who can rent herself out as an ice cube any day (Yank, 209).

a repeat performance. A re-doing; a second performance.

The visitor had to return to the station for a repeat performance (Yank, 201).
His Adam's apple slid down his throat and rose majestically again, to await a repeat performance (Yank, 29).

to report back.

1. To report; to give an accout, report, to someone who has asked that an investigation be made.

...the company commander first reported back to Regiment... (Yank, 167).
We made a check and reported back... (Yank, 240).
...you report back with information and let it go at that (Yank, 18).

2. To present, announce, oneself at one's headquarters, after having been away.

A saw packer after packer report back in at the bottom of the trail saying he "couldn't make her" (Pyle, 148).

a report card. A formal report issued regularly from a school to a student's parents on the student's progress, ability, and deportment in school.

Mildred told him the main news about them: how they had got good report cards from school... (Cain, 54).

to report in. To announce, present, oneself at one's headquarters.

They...reported in to Camp Butler... (Yank, 128).

to resort to. To have recourse to; to use; to apply. (This implies stringent measures, great difficulties, a last resort.)

...couldn't you have come to me, instead of resorting to -- blackmail (Cain, 207).

to respect --- opinions. Not to belittle, to ridicule, another's opinions; to honor another's idea, opinion.

He had a nice quality of respecting other people's opinions... (Pyle, 308).

to be responsible for. To be in charge of; to have the responsibility of, for.

Stilwell's understanding treatment of his enlisted men is responsible for his most popular nickname, Uncle Joe (Yank, 130).
I would not care to be responsible for the results following such an appearance (Gardner, 31).
...showed Arline how to dip it up, reminding her she would be responsible for desserts as well as starters (Cain, 118).

to rest assured. To be certain, sure, positive.

"That's mighty white of you, Mr. Mason," he said, "and you can rest assured that I'll keep all of this under my hat" (Gardner, 172).

to rest on.

1. To place on; to set on; to lay on.

Another Marauder...rested his carbine on the fender and asked... (Yank, 129).

2. To depend on; to be supported by.

But what he didn't realize was that all these things rested squarely on money... (Cain, 144).

to rest on --- laurels. To be content with one's achievement; to be satisfied with what honor one has achieved, obtained, and not to work for any more honor.

If I'd had his wound I would have gone home and rested on my laurels forever (Pyle, 122).

to result in. To have as a result; to end in.

...severe frostbite...sometimes results in amputation (Yank, 173).
The 7th Division's showing in the maneuvers resulted in Gen. Stilwell's appointment as CG of the III Army Corps... (Yank, 131).

to be retained by. To be employed by; to be hired by. (This implies a lawyer or other professional man who is being employed.)

...he had been retained by several of her creditors as a lawyer (Cain, 245).

a retaining wall. A wall usually of stone, brick, or concrete, built to hold earth in place, to prevent its sliding and washing away.

...had any verbal promise been made at the time of the sale that the corporation would put a retaining wall in the rear? (Cain, 58).

to retire from. To sever professional connections with; to quit. (This implies a severance from a position in such a manner that both employer and employee are satisfied and the employer usually provides a portion of salary.)

When peace comes, he plans to retire from the Army... (Yank, 131).

return address. The sender's address which is usually placed on the upper left hand corner of an envelope or package and sometimes on the back of the envelope.

...an envelope with no return address, addressed to L.C. Conway, and containing scribbled memoranda (Gardner, 139).

to return a favor. To return a kindness; to do for another a kindness in repayment for the kindness another has done for one; to do as much for another.

Perhaps I can return the favor some day, soldier (Yank, 212).

return fire. Shooting, fire from guns, artillery, in return; another's shooting at one after being shot at.

This time there was no return fire from the first big barge... (Yank, 225).

to return fire. To shoot at one after having been shot at; to shoot in return.

In too-cramped a position to return fire the Jap swung his long Arisaka rifle as a club... (Yank, 14).

to return from the dead. To remain alive when others have lost hope for one; to return from a mission which seems suicidal.

In celebration of their return from the dead they named him Omer (Pyle, 338).

to return a salute. To salute another after he has saluted one; to salute in return.

I fumbled a second and then returned the salute with my left hand (Pyle, 239).

a rich strike. A fabulously rich discovered depost of ore; a finding of ore bearing much metal.

...left in a shallow grave by Alden Leeds following a rich strike which the partners made in a mining claim (Gardner, 123).

to ride along. To ride. (along is here an intensive.)

They were just riding along in their jeep... (Pyle, 425).
They rode along, each trying to think of something... (Cain, 203).
As he rode along in a truck he would shake his fist at some tough looking crew chief... (Pyle, 212).

to ride around. To ride here and there; to go to different places in a vehicle, usually an automobile.

...I rode around with him on one of his tours (Pyle, 395).
The General rode around the front a great deal (Pyle, 308).
...would he be good enough to ride around with her, and let her get her the rings before she... got around to picking out a house? (Cain, 221).
He rode around for a while and then went up to her hotel room... (Yank, 209).
...now about calling some agents, so they could ride around too... (Cain, 221).
All day long he rode around in an LCVP... (Pyle, 276).
I rode around with him one day... (Pyle, 276).
Lex O'Neilly rode around in a boat for six hours... (Pyle, 365).
...nothing to do all day long but ride around in a boat... (Pyle, 277).

to ride off. To leave, go away, depart, by riding.

Then the crew rode off in great style to the interrogation, each man on a jeep (Yank, 85).

to ride out. To go to a place some distance away, usually outside of town.

Would you like to ride out and take a look at the new Army camp? (Yank, 160).

to ride out of town on a rail. To show contempt, ridicule, for one by forcing to sit astride a rail and carrying him out of town. (The implication is that one is not to return.)

Most of his guests would have preferred being ridden out of town on a rail (Pyle, 276).

to ride up. To approach, come near, by riding.

And Julia and Ida, they liked to have you ride up in a car when you went to see them... (Marquand, 283).
Soldiers from a French desert outpost rode up to the caravan and took charge of them (Pyle, 217).

riding boots. Boots with stiff leather covering the leg with no laces to fasten them.

He was wearing riding boots and spurs, and God alone knew why it was regulation for aviators to wear spurs... (Marquand, 525).
"You have to wear spurs with riding boots," he had said (Marquand, 526).

a rifle butt. That part of a rifle which is made of wood and placed against the shoulder in shooting; the stock.

...a doughboy carves his name or initials on his rifle butt (Pyle, 423).

a rifle crack. The sound made by shooting a rifle.

There was another rifle crack that seemed to come from the hill on our right (Yank, 107).

right about. At about; approximately.

Right about then a shell whizzed by us, followed quickly by more (Yank, 108).

right after. Immediately after; just after.

I left there right after we'd eaten, went down to a pool-room I knew... (Gardner, 103).
He stepped into the apartment right after you'd left (Gardner, 178).
He entered the apartment right after his uncle, and found Milicant dead (Gardner, 175).
Dale got to be a sergeant right after we came into the Army... (Yank, 243).
Right after Uncle Alden left (Gardner, 169).
...make it appear that the decedent had been murdered right after that telephone conversation... (Gardner, 200).
What's more, Inez Colton took a powder right after the murder (Gardner, 125).
I smelled a rat on that Drake remittance right after we'd made delivery (Gardner, 100).
He said he was coming up and surrender and make bail, and left right after that (Gardner, 87).
Mason said, "Hell, Paul, it must have been either while Leeds was there, or right after he'd left" (Gardner, 87).
There was very little food in Paris right after the liberation (Pyle, 461).

right along. Continually; from the past to the present without interruption.

She's been doing it right along, stealing tips off my tables (Cain, 44).

the right and left. On both sides; on the right and left sides.

...his neighbors to right and left snatched for it... (Marquand, 38).

right around. At about; approximately.

I guess it was right around ten minutes past eight when the dinner arrived (Gardner, 191).
The men who heard the telephone conversation think it was right around ten-thirty... (Gardner, 88).
I left right around eight minutes past eight (Gardner, 148).
Right around ten o'clock (Gardner, 104).

right away. Immediately; at once; right off.

Develop them right away... (Yank, 229).
The colonel will want them right away (Yank, 229).
"Right away," he said again (Yank, 229).
...I will be drafted right away again... (Yank, 170).
I'll see him right away (Marquand, 269).
Two soldiers and our cox'n died right away (Yank, 144).
Although he was busy at the moment he got up right away and walked to the uncomfortable cubicle... (Marquand, 279).
That drew the fire away from us right away (Yank, 180).
Say yes, right away -- like that (Cain, 89).
She's got to have a transfusion, right away (Cain, 100).
Right away? (Cain, 50).
She was too near collapse for argument, however, and beyond repeating that she wanted water right away, said nothing (Cain, 44).
"I'm sorry, Madge," Jeffrey said again, "but there's something I've got to tell you -- right away" (Marquand, 568).
And there had to be some sort of version right away, for a shooting script, because Hal was already making tests (Marquand, 419).
I'll hop right to that right away, Mr. Wilson (Marquand, 510).
"Not right away, I don't think," Barkler said (Gardner, 58).
Walter knew Jeffrey right away (Marquand, 43).
Walter knew him right away... (Marquand, 43).
I realized right away what a dreadful thing it would be if Uncle Alden had been victimized by swindlers or blackmailers (Gardner, 6).
They said I could go abaord right away (Pyle, 1).
I took to it right away as a fine place... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb 15, 1947, 23).
When Madge's father had died, she started right away having Milton look after her things... (Marquand, 399).
I felt like going out and grabbing a hoe and going to work on the farm right away (Yank, 12).

Tell him Ned Barkler is in my office, that he's leaving right away: to put a tail on him (Gardner, 59).
...Beckie had seen its possibilities right away (Marquand, 107).
"Right away?" Jim repeated after him (Marquand, 552).
I'd do it -- right away (Marquand, 552).
Sometimes a wounded man taken back right away (Pyle, 51).
Since Sicily was new terrain for me I figured I might as well get sick right away and get it over with (Pyle, 44).

right behind. Immediately behind.

Right behind them would be another infantry and two armored divisions (Pyle, 430).
...I had got into conversation with a group of soldiers who were to go right behind me (Pyle, 402).
It seems to me anybody could see she's right behind the sofa (Cain, 57).
The boys got me a tin box to sit on right behind him... (Pyle, 324).
The Navy sent salvage parties of Seabees ashore right behind the assault troops and began reclaiming the Sicilian harbors and fixing up beaches for unloading (Pyle, 35).

right between the eyes.

1. In a vulnerable place.

The thing had hit you right between the eyes (Gardner, 178).
I'll present it to Judge Treadwell, and we'll give Jason Carrel a jolt right between the eyes (Gardner, 14).

2. Between the eyes; in the forehead.

...when it exploded it hit her right between the eyes... (Pyle, 239).

to be right down --- alley. To be one's specialty; to be what one likes or does well.

...night fighting is right down the Partisan alley (Yank, 249).
...he started coming right down our alley (Yank, 168).

right face. A turning of the body one-fourth around, a ninety degree turn, a quarter turn, to the right.

George walked to the table and did a smart right face (Marquand, 347).

right from. Immediately from; just from.

...steak, right from our own built-in charcoal broiler (Cain, 177).

right from the first. From the very beginning, from the very first.

Right from the first, the evidence showed that dinner had been ordered at the Blue and White Cafe... (Gardner, 210).

right hand. Being at, on, one's right side or to the right of one.

"Hal," said Mr. Mintz, "There's a white tablet in my right-hand desk drawer (Marquand, 422).

--- right hand. One's chief assistant; a deputy; one who gives great help.

Flym's right hand was a staff sergeant... (Yank, 18).

right here. Here. (Right is an intensive.)

...the NBC studio right here in Hollywood... (Cain, 210).
And studied right here in Los Angeles (Cain, 238).
...now she stole fifteen out of a forty-cent tip right here -- and I seen her do it! (Cain, 44).
"Right here," Madge said (Marquand, 91).
Your mother's right here (Marquand, 582).

right in. In. (Right is often an intensive.)

It's that living room of yours, right in the same house (Cain, 228).
...Alden turned loose his slingshot, and darned if he didn't hit the guy right in the leg (Gardner, 56).
...a hunk of hot metal struck him right in the chest (Pyle, 336).

right in the middle of. During; in the midst of (Cf. in the middle of).

Dick had a chew of tobacco in his mouth, and right in the middle of his refrain the whistle got full of tobacco juice and went gurgly (Pyle, 39).

to be right in there with ---. To be in sympathy with one; to hope and wish for one's success.

"We all see you," he said; "we're right in there with you, Owen" (Marquand, 66).

right now. Now; immediately; at this instant.

Anybody can pick up right now the Jap post cards... (Yank, 235).
Right now I am badly in need of a rod and a staff to comfort me... (Yank, 164).
Why not sit down right now... (Yank, 175).
...you can kill it right now... (Cain, 127).
...I can tell you right now... (Cain, 207).
You'll get your things out of this house right now... (Cain, 208).
...and Pierce Homes was ours right now, she'd be better off... (Cain, 250).
...why you're making all that stuff right now (Cain, 175).
Right now, you can't cry (Gardner, 71).
Then you might as well pack right now, and leave for good... (Cain, 5).

Right now I could put Emily Milicant on the spot (Gardner, 185).
I can see that right now (Cain, 27).
There's nothing open right now, but I'll remember what you said about the kitchenware... (Cain, 33).
Now right now, Lucy (Cain, 107).
...between my belly and my pride, I'm telling you right now, I'm picking my belly every time (Cain, 41).
...for some reason nobody seems to want a real-estate office right now (Cain, 80).
Now right now he isn't (Cain, 20).
I wouldn't ask much to take a powder on you, right now (Cain, 8).
...there didn't seem to be much I could do right now (Marquand, 581).
"You're being one right now," Mason said (Gardner, 100).
"That," Mason said, is what the police are interested in right now" (Gardner, 83).
I'm inclined right now to the suicide angle (Gardner, 68).
"Yes," the operator said, "here he is right now," and Jeffrey head Bill Swinburne's voice (Marquand, 565).
Right now I hope we stay out until we see what we can do... (Marquand, 415).
"Maybe we could try a little right now," Mr. Gorman said (Marquand, 517).
"You mean right now?" Charley asked (Marquand, 508).
"Yes," Jeffrey said, "I mean right now" (Marquand, 508).
He's in bad enough right now (Gardner, 153).
Some doctor has him under opiates right now (Gardner, 24).

right off.

1. Just from; immediately from.

This stuff, the gin and the Scotch, is right off the boat, and better than he's tasted in years (Cain, 24).

2. Immediately; right away; at once.

I just took a bath, and sure enough I started to sniffle right off (Pyle, 131).

right on. On. (right is here an intensive.)

If there was something else you could do, you'd have put it down in great big letters, right on this card (Cain, 37).
Right on the main line, and like still has his trucks (Cain, 177).
Do you want me bawling right on your shoulder? (Cain, 177).

right side up. Upright; with the top upward and the bottom downward.

One lay right side up... (Pyle, 452).
He likes the name on the tubes right side up, so he can read 'em when he gets in (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. , 1947, 32).

right smack. (Used as an intensive.)

A German bazooka gunner fired a rocket...right smack into the muzzle of the big gun (Pyle, 424).
Towns sit right smack on top of needle-point mountain peaks (Pyle, 89).

right then. Then; at that moment.

Right then the people had more butter on their hands than they knew what to do with (Pyle, 415).
Over there and right then was when wound and service stripes would have given a guy a chance to get a little kick... (Pyle, 136).

right there. There; at that place. (Right is used here as an intensive.)

She knew she had to sit down or topple over, right there on the sidewalk (Cain, 43).
...Simons agency...it's right there in Hollywood... (Cain, 203).
And, baby, right there is where I come in (Cain, 24).
We let him have it right there (Yank, 26).
You can't realize how nearly impossible it is to arrive in the dead of night at exactly the right spot with a convoy, feel your way in through the darkness, pick out the designated pinpoint on an utterly strange shore line, and then put a ship safely ashore right there (Pyle, 26).
Usually the sound of Jim's voice brought Jim back as though he were right there, but it was different this time (Marquand, 582).
Right there is the biggest difficulty and the weakest feature of the Army's medical setup (Pyle, 51).

right through. Through. (right is used here as an intensive.)

Tommy leaped right through a hedge... (Pyle,450).
We read in the paper the next day, though, that the Governor had stayed on right through the final putout (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

rigor mortis. The rigor of death; the stiffening of a dead body.

...while the time of death as fixed in a post-mortem depends upon various elastic factors such as rigor mortis, the cooling of the body, etc... (Gardner, 130).

to rig up. To construct; to build; to put together. (This implies a make-shift, temporary, construction.)

The boys...had built a small shower room...and rigged up a tank for heating water (Pyle, 327).
The only traffic was a slow stream of jeeps rigged up with a steel framework... (Pyle, 427).
...around the public address system which the staff has rigged up outside the house (Yank, 68).

to ring a bell.

1. To cause a bell to sound, ring.

We rang the bell and heard it sounding deep inside the building (New Yorker, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
...drove to Veda's...with every intention of stopping, ringing the bell... (Cain, 214).
Tommy...rang the bell twice... (Cain, 230).

2. To cause one to remember; to cause one's mind to be attentive.

Sinclair never wanted to work for and with an author whose work...did not ring a little sort of bell in his mind... (Marquand, 336).

ring down the curtain. To end a performance; to stop something.

This had the effect of ringing down the curtain... (Cain, 153).

to ring a gong. To cause a gong to sound, ring.

...the kaydets rang a ship's gong... (Cain, 212).

to ring in. To enlist; to cause to join, help, aid.

They rang in cooks, truck drivers, clerks and anybody else they could lay their hands on (Pyle, 144).

to ring out. To sound loudly; to produce a loud tone.

The metallic clatter of the pieces rang out over the baseball field (Yank, 201).
Finally the ominous word "Greengroin" rang out in the misty air (Yank, 102).
"Commence firing!" rang out above the confusion... (Pyle, 393).
...good-will-towards-men rang out through the air (Pyle, 378).

a ringside seat. A place of observation close to an event.

One GI who had a ringside seat at the conference... (Yank, 199).

to ring up. To telephone; to call on the phone.

He wrote a note asking whoever found it to ring me up and tell me where he was (Gardner, 56).
Then he rang up Uncle Alden and had the conversation Emily overheard (Gardner, 7).

riot gun. An automatic short barreled shotgun; a sawedoff shotgun. (Used by the police to quell a riot, or similar disturbance.)

In this anteroom, two men were constantly on guard, a locker, containing riot guns and tear gas bombs, close at hand (Gardner, 176).

riotous colors. Brilliant, bright, colors. (Usually this implies many colors.)

They dress in riotous colors in this lovely, warm season... (Pyle, 459).

a ripe old age. An unusual old age; sixty-five years old and older.

Going into battle with an infantry company is not the way to live to a ripe old age (Pyle, 399).

to rip off. To remove by ripping.

...and the hand-hewn oak beams in the living room--Simpson knew they would be there if you ripped off the ceiling... (Marquand, 110).

to rip open. To open by ripping; to open hurriedly.

...this was something the dogface hopefully ripped open with anxious hands only to discover a can of Spam (Yank, 141).
...and by letting the D.A. prove Milicant was Hogarty, I could rip their case wide open (Gardner, 185).

to rip out. To remove by jerking, tearing, ripping.

The half of the window that was shut was ripped out... (Pyle, 247).
Our telephones had been ripped out... (Yank, 241).

a ripple of applause. A little applause; a small amount of applause. (This implies applause beginning at one part of an audience and moving across the audience.)

...there was a ripple of applause... (Cain, 241).

a ripple of laughter. A little bit of laughter which seems to move from one person to person across an audience.

A ripple of laughter swept the courtroom, swelled in one or two instances into a guffaw of mirth (Gardner, 140).
...let out the first ripple of real laughter that had come out of her in months (Cain, 59).

to rip up. To destroy by pulling up; to plow up.

The big tanks rip up the pavings
Of your ancient towns (Yank, 189).

to rise above. To transcend.

But we rise above normal powers... (Pyle, 465).

rise and fall. Undulations; variety in elevation.

Though the beachhead was flat, it did have some rise and fall to it (Pyle, 236).

to rise and fall. To increase and decrease alternately in volume.

When the guns had awakened him, their cadence would rise and fall like thunder (Marquand, 533).

to rise and shine. To get up; to get out of bed.

...we were told to rise and shine...and wait for landing orders (Yank, 202).

to rise to leave. To get up, stand up, preparatory to leaving.

Yeoman Schwartz and I rose to leave (Yank, 133).

to rise up.

1. To rise; to get up; to stand up.

...Hetherington saw a Jap rise up from under the leaves... (Yank, 250).
I couldn't rise up any more to fire back (Yank, 21).
I rose up to take a look (Yank, 21).
He could see the terrain rising up to meet them through the smashed and spattered windshield (Marquand, 230).
The geometric bulk of apartments rose up among them... (Marquand, 3).

2. To grow; to develop; to come into being.

...no frost to leave the foundations, and so the framing of those new communities rose up overnight (Marquand, 428).

a rising storm.... A storm which is increasing in intensity.

...in the face of a rising storm... (Yank, 191).

a river boat. A boat designed to sail on a river in contrast to "lake boats", "ocean going boats".

And in and out through it all were river boats... (Pyle, 358).

a roadside stand. A small, usually jerry built, booth, stand, store, which is placed near a highway and in which are sold often: vegetables, fruits, and other farm products.

Now they had turned off the concrete of Route 7, there were no more roadside stands or signboards... (Marquand, 111).

the road to hell is paved with good intentions. To mean well is not enough; good actions and good works are better than good intentions; misdirected intentions.

...the Chaplain says the Road to Hell is paved with good intentions (Yank, 179).

to roam around. To wander from place to place; to go here and there.

...they just roamed around with their tongues wagging--talking mostly about home (Pyle, 412).
Funny thing about how those people would roam around (Yank, 124).

to roar back. To return with a roaring noise.

...the B-29s roared back from Yamata... (Yank, 121).

to roar over. To go, pass, fly, over with a roaring noise.

Every time transport planes roared over to drop rations... (Yank, 176).

to rock --- back on --- heels. To stun one; to strike one hard.

...the advancing enemy ran head-on into light machine guns, rocked him back on his heels (Yank, 5).

rock bottom. The lowest point; the ebb.

Army physical standards today are probably at rock-bottom... (Yank, 170).

a rocking chair. A chair which is mounted on two curved pieces of wood, rockers, so that the chair can rock back and forth; a rocker.

And they sat side by side in the rocking chairs (Marquand, 187).
He forgot it was a rocking chair (Marquand, 186).
My trunk becomes a rocking chair... (Yank, 157).
It made him forget about the rocking chair (Marquand, 186).
He felt easier, even in the rocking chair, because it must have meant that she... (Marquand, 186).
The rocking chair pitched slightly forward (Marquand, 186).
Jeffrey leaned backward and again he forgot it was a rocking chair (Marquand, 186).
He sat down in one of the rocking chairs and Louella sat down on the one beside him... (Marquand, 185).
...he remembered how the rocking chair had tipped backwards and how he had kicked out his legs involuntarily to balance it (Marquand, 260).

to rock with laughter. To laugh heartily; to laugh loudly.

In fact, Mr. Merriwell admitted as much himself with rueful humor that made the tables rock with sympathetic laughter (Marquand, 27).
We rocked with laughter (Yank, 240).

a roll back. An action by the government forcing business men to sell goods at a former, previously, lower level.

OPA had denied their plea for a 'roll-back' of ceiling dates that would recognize the lag between rising wholesale and retail prices (Time, May 11, 1942, 80).

to roll back. To disappear; to open up.

The clouds and mists of illusion were rolling back (Marquand, 191).

to roll bones. To shoot craps; to shoot dice; to participate in a crap game.

"Seeing you rolling those bones," the prospector said, "makes me think of something" (Gardner, 216).

to roll by.

1. To pass, go, drive, by without stopping. (This implies a passing in a vehicle.)

Diesel trucks roll by on the invisible highway behind the orange trees (Marquand, 486).

2. To pass by; to go by. (This implies that one is in a vehicle and that it appears to him that the scenery moves instead of himself moving.)

...watching the desert roll by in the starlight (Yank, 116).

roll call. A calling of the names of a list, roll, to determine who is present and who is absent.

He didn't answer roll call for today (Yank, 138).
The roll call went on (Yank, 103).

to roll dice. To shoot craps; to shoot dice; to throw dice in a crap game.

John was rolling the dice (Gardner, 72).
Stop rolling those dice (Gardner, 53).

to roll down.

1. To roll over and over again downward to form a sort of cylinder.

His legs were bare with gray Army socks rolled down to his shoetops... (Pyle, 227).

2. To move along; to go, move, along.

He watched...the baggage trucks roll down the platform with the mail (Marquand, 256).

to be rolled into one. To be several things at once, at one time; to fill several capacities at one time.

...she was a completely charming hostess and guest of honor, rolled into one (Cain, 230).

roller skating. Skating on roller skates, skates with wheels.

A private...came down here as a roller-skating specialist... (Yank, 201).

to roll in. To approach in a vehicle; to come in a vehicle.

...50 Japs were dumb enough to sit down placidly for breakfast at dawn, the very moment our tanks rolled in for the counterattack (Yank, 54).
One by one the batteries of the battalion rolled in and began to dig emplacements... (Yank, 133).
One day a tank destroyer rolled in (Pyle, 423).

rolling country. Undulating land; land with a series of low hills and valleys.

He owned about three hundred acres in the beautiful rolling country north of San Francisco... (Pyle, 221).

to be rolling in dough. To be rich; to be wealthy; to have much money.

...she be living off you, and rolling in dough (Cain, 251).

a roll of blankets. A blanket roll; about two blankets rolled and tied, fastened, at the ends, and carried over the shoulder.

and if he'd appeared at your back door with a roll of blankets over his shoulder, ragged, unkempt, and asking for a meal... (Gardner, 140).

a roll of coins. A package of coins, different denominations being different in number: pennies--50¢, nickels--$2.00, dimes--$5.00, quarters --$10.00, half dollars--$10.00.

She asked for $10 in change, against the requirements of the evening, dropped the rolls of coin into her handbag, and went on (Cain, 116).

to roll off. To roll to the edge of something and fall from it.

...one of the sailors had rolled off the bench... (Yank, 116).

a roll of fat. A protruding bit of fat; a spare tire.

...she retained little rolls of fat just above the hipbones (Gardner, 4).

to roll over. To turn over when lying down.

Bob said he was so scared he just rolled over and lay still (Pyle, 189).
I rolled over into a small depression... (Yank, 10).

to roll round. To arrive; to come. (Often used with a day, an hour, of the like.)

Five o'clock rolls slowly round... (Yank, 157).

to roll up.

1. To form into a sort of cylinder by rolling.

The rugs had been rolled up from the floor of the entrance hall... (Marquand, 303).
Mr. Barnes wore a straw hat and carried a rolled-up newspaper... (Marquand, 188).

2. To roll over and over again upwards to form a sort of cylinder.

During the day they kept the sides of our tent rolled up, and it was pleasant enough lying there with nothing to do (Pyle, 47).

3. To arrive; to come.

When the fog rolls up, like a window curtain... (Yank, 180).

to roll up a score. To make a large score; to score very much.

He...rolled up a score of 70,000 (Yank, 285).

roly poly. Short and fat.

He was a roly-poly little man, and after seven seconds of purring condolences, he got down to brass tacks (Cain, 105).

a Roman candle. A kind of fireworks which is in shape a long (12" - 15") thin cylinder (3/4" - 1") which when lighted sends out brightly lighted balls of fire and sparks.

...as if it might go off in one's face, like a defective Roman candle (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

room and board. Room and food; a place to live and food supplied.

Besides his tuition, his grandfather gave him four hundred dollars annually for room and board... (Marquand, 175).

room for. A place for; a possibility of; an opportunity of.

No room for question there (Yank, 172).

a rooming house. A house in which rooms are rented; a house where one may rent a room. (This does not imply apartment house, nor does it imply a place where one may eat, boarding house.)

...a waiter, his age as twenty-three, his residence as a rooming house (Gardner, 148).
He telephoned Hazel's rooming house, and they said she'd left before midnight last night, took a suitcase with her, and beat it (Gardner, 95).

room service. In hotels the service offered to guests in their rooms; the bringing of ice cubes, the getting the daily papers to the room, bringing food to the room, etc.; hence, one who performs such service.

I wonder where the devil that Room Service is (Marquand, 47).
We really ain't equipped to handle much room service like that (Gardner, 147).
It was the Room Service waiter with the ice... (Marquand, 48).

room temperature. Neither heated nor chilled; the temperature of the house.

...serve at room temperature (New Yorker, XIII, June 28, 1947, 17).

to root for. To encourage and applaud for.

...they've got to come out there and root for me (Cain, 238).

to rope off. To tie a rope and stretch it across a path, road, street, or the like to exclude people from an area.

The side streets were roped off and deserted... (Pyle, 458).
When we finally left, the plane was roped off... (Pyle, 175).

rosy cheeked. Red cheeked; pink cheeked; having cheeks that are bright pink. (Considered attractive and a sign of health in children.)

...her six rosy-cheeked, good-natured little children (Yank, 183).

to rot in hell. To be punished after death by being sent to hell for one's sins.

...he was going to kill him if they hung him for it and his soul rotted in hell (Cain, 198).

rough and tumble. Hard and difficult with many unforseen emergencies.

These men lived a rough-and-tumble life (Pyle, 57).

a rough customer. A hard bitten person; a dangerous person.

In brute strength Thompson was as rough a customer as the men he was to lead... (Yank, 190).

rough looking. Dangerous appearing; seeming to be dangerous.

...a rough-looking, oddly dressed character walked up... (Yank, 25).

rough stuff. Fighting; brutality.

There wasn't any real rough stuff (Yank, 124).

round cheeks. Cheeks which are full fleshed and firm.

Bull is a big boy...with round cheeks... (Yank, 243).

round the clock. Twenty-four hours a day; day and night.

It was a round-the-clock job, seven days a week, up on "The Point" (Yank, 178).

round faced. A face which appears to be almost round.

A round-faced sergeant... (Yank, 206).
"C.J.", the bombadier, round-faced, and amiable, a little quieter than Mike... (Yank, 86).

round numbers. Ten on units of ten. (Used in approximating; for example, 18 to 22 in round numbers would be 20.)

...we are sticking to nice, round numbers... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

a round of applause. Applause; clapping.

He was met by a round of applause as he made his way to the center of the stage... (Marquand, 165).

a round of golf. One game of golf; playing golf once through the whole golf course.

...they didn't invite him out for a round of golf (Pyle, 280).

to round off. To finish, end, smoothly; to bring to a well developed conslusion.

But before he finished, he would like to tell one more story, which in some way rounded it off, because it showed the spirit of democracy (Marquand, 41).

to round out. To complete; to finish; to end.

They claim he was rather old when he enlisted--32; so by now he must be rounding out his second century (Yank, 110).

As Lt. Col. Mizony, rounding out 22 years in the Army... (Yank, 251).
...he might best round out his picture by telling of an encounter with a little Greek soldier... (Marquand, 350).
...if people like Walter would stay at home where they belonged instead of trying to round out pictures in a nutshell (Marquand, 351).
When he had finished his peach that man made a gesture, which rounded out the whole picture and put it in a nutshell (Marquand, 350).

a round peg in a square hole. A misfit; a person not well adjusted, suited, to his environment or job.

He didn't think he was a very good cannoneer, but if they wanted him to be a round peg in a square hole he was going to do the best he could at it (Pyle, 108).
Joe Talbot was an aviation ordnance man first class, and since there was no aviation aboard our ship he was a round peg in a square hole (Pyle, 38).

round trip. A trip, journey, to another place and a returning to the place where one started.

Hoyt had been in the Navy for two years and was on his ninth round trip across the Atlantic, with a couple of invasions thrown in (Pyle, 95).

to round up. To gather; to collect; to get things together.

Fred used to call it a rodeo, when they rounded up old trees (Marquand, 110).
The lieutenant told him to round up the men... (Yank, 144).
We had to round up about fifty dead Germans... (Pyle, 372).
...all the hidden gunners were rounded up (Pyle, 373).

to rouse up. To awaken; to wake up.

Sleep and rouse up (Pyle, 393).

a routine job. A regular, customary, usual, job, business.

...they were too busy doing their routine job... (Yank, 33).

to rout out. To awaken one and cause him to get up to do something.

He slept wherever he could, for it was an unusual night when he wasn't routed out to get some emergency supplies to the top (Pyle, 146).
It was funny to see them when they were routed out on a firing mission just before dawn (Pyle, 109).
For he never knew when he might be routed out at 2 A.M. on an early mission... (Pyle, 330).
During one of my last nights with the battery we were routed out of our blankets an hour before dawn to put down a barrage preceding an infantry attack (Pyle, 116).

a rubber of bridge. A winning of two out of three games of bridge; hence, two or three games of bridge.

Then he would ask who wanted to play a rubber of bridge... (Marquand, 219).

a Rube Goldberg. An overly elaborate mechanical contrivance usually constructed of odds and ends. (Also attributive.) (Rube Goldberg is an American cartoonist who draws pictures of fantastic inventions which are absurd and very funny.)

...the crowning luxury of this palatial establishment was a Rube Goldberg arrangement of ropes and pulleys... (Pyle, 258).

to rub it in. To harp on; to reiterate and reiterate; to continue to make a point of. (This usually implies an error, mistake, foolishness, which is being called to mind.)

You had to rub it in (Cain, 170).
...an even bitterer one called his "Assinine" misspelling the word, with two s's, just to rub it in (Pyle, 274).
For Christ's sake, don't rub it in! (Gardner, 20).

to rub shoulders with. To associate with; to be friendly with.

Officers there looked as if they wouldn't mind rubbing shoulders with other ranks (Yank, 212).

ruddy cheeks. Red cheeks; cheeks which are a healthy pink.

But ruddy cheeks are for girls... (Pyle, 379).

ruddy faced. Red faced; a face which is a healthy red.

Then a ruddy-faced man of middle age...drove up... (Pyle, 277).

to ruffle --- calm. To disturb one's emotional balance; to irritate one emotionally.

Watching him soak up his grid hardship you get an impression that nothing ruffles his military calm (Yank, 36).

a rugged deal. Something which is difficult, hard, sometimes unjust.

"A rugged deal," sighed the corporal, "really a rugged deal" (Yank, 225).

to ruin the play. To destroy, ruin, cause havoc, with something.

She blew up, said everything was fixed with Alden Leeds and that it would ruin the play to have John bring a cigar-counter girl into the family (Gardner, 73).

to rule off. To draw parallel and equidistant lines on a piece of paper.

Beckie had three large account books all ruled off for Laundry, Dentist... (Marquand, 104).

rules and regulations. Rules; regulations.

...I'm not a stickler for rules and regulations nor do I believe in being too GI (Yank, 95).

a ruling on. A judgment about; a conclusion concerning.

...a Judge Advocate ruling on that question makes it very clear... (Yank, 174).

to rummage around. To hunt for something among by opening cabinets and other storage places.

...I got a hungry spell, and was rummaging around in the bag for candy... Pyle, 414).
Then some of us rummaged around the debris to see if anything left was worth taking as souvenirs (Pyle, 76).

a rumpus room. A play room; an informal, large room often in the basement used for parties, children's play, and the like.

The Rumpus Room in the basement had been the summer kitchen (Marquand, 126).
"Come on," he called, "Cocktails in the Rumpus Room" (Marquand, 126).
There was a ping-pong table in the Rumpus Room and... (Marquand, 126).
A glow of good fellowship began to fill the Rumpus Room (Marquand, 127).

to run across. To meet by accident.

...he was one of the most engaging human beings I ever ran across (Pyle, 316).

to run along. To leave; to go; to depart.

Well, I've got to run along (Cain, 9).
Run along now (Cain, 11-12).
All right, Mildred, you run along, and I wish you all kinds of luck... (Cain, 89).
If Mrs. Biederhof is waiting up for you, why don't you run along? (Cain, 110).

to run amuck (amok). To attack vigorously everyone one meets; to attack in a frenzy.

The armored divisions practically ran amuck... (Pyle, 442).
...he would doubtless have run amuck (Pyle, 447).

a run around. An evasion; an evading a question, situation.

What sort of a run-around were you giving me with the Barkler guy? (Gardner, 60).

to run around.

1. To enjoy oneself through going to parties, having dates, engaging in activities.

Be sure he doesn't drink too much or run around with loose women (Yank, 96).
Then next day they're out running around (Cain, 79).
...you got to cut out this running around... (Cain, 248).

2. To run from place to place, here and there.

So he had been running around all over Algiers telling people what a wonderful person I was... (Pyle, 94).
Major Lay Vessels...was running around without a stitch of clothing (Pyle, 248).
"It's not good to run around like we did," the major said... (Yank, 60).
Everyone in the village ran out to watch, running around and pointing up at the planes and cheering them on (Yank, 69).
...Letty...was soon running around frantically... (Cain, 173).
...SS men used to force their prisoners to run around this yard... (Yank, 220).

3. To encircle; to surround.

A balcony ran around the room (Pyle, 339).

to run around together. To associate with each other; to be in each other's one another's company quite a lot.

The three sergeants in my crew sort of took me under their wing and we ran around together for two or three days (Pyle, 333).

to run at the nose. To have the nasal mucous drip out of one's nostrils.

They shoot up a temperature, start running at the nose, refuse everything you give them to eat... (Cain, 99).

to run away (from). To flee; to vanish; to leave, go away, with no thoughts of returning. (This usually implies escape.)

He ran away from Rome when the Jerries started sending the young Eyeties to work up north (Yank, 28).
I can't run away from it (Gardner, 66).
"Run away from what?" Mason asked (Gardner, 66).
I don't think you're the type who would run away from a killing in a fair fight... (Gardner, 130).
Instead he ran away from home at fifteen... (Pyle, 138).
He ran away and went to sea when he was only fourteen (Gardner, 3).
It looks as though you were running away and didn't intend to come back (Gardner, 117).
He knew he couldn't draw twenty thousand in cash without making it look as though he were running away (Gardner, 117).
No one shot at them and no one ran away from them (Yank, 147).

"Do you remember how you put that girl on roller skates and pushed her out on the floor and ran away and left her?" Mr. Sales asked (Marquand, 116).
So he decided to run away (Gardner, 107).
...don't you run away while we're gone... (Pyle, 372).
You could not run away (Marquand, 511).
...other Yugoslavs ran away or refused to fight... (Yank, 249).
Then what did she run away for? (Gardner, 161).
Running away isn't going to do you any good (Gardner, 165).
...ran away--vanished into thin air, leaving his wife behind him (Gardner, 163).

to run back.

1. To run toward the rear.

I just went around the country starting battles, like a nasty little boy, and then immediately I'd run back and hide (Pyle, 261).
So he had taken Maj. Lew's message requesting more ammunition and run back four miles... (Yank, 93).

2. To return to a place running.

...he would run back to wait in vain for his own people at his own empty boat (Pyle, 368).

to run a boat. To operate a boat; to drive, manage, a boat.

...learning how to run a boat... (Pyle, 278).

to run a bluff. To bluff someone; to pretend to have strength, power, knowledge, in order to get someone to say or do something.

You two are trying to run a bluff, figuring you'll get me to talk (Gardner, 162).

to run a business. To operate a business; to manage a business.

Mildred, annoyed at being told how to run her business, argued back... (Cain, 149).
You'd think I didn't know how to run my own business (Gardner, 6).
...we figure she can run this business as good as anybody can run it (Cain, 248).

to be run by. To be operated by; to be managed by.

The paper is run by an organization of some 15 people... (Yank, 68).
It's run by a French couple (Gardner, 90).

to run close to. To approximate; to come near to; to approach.

I forgot to ask how many individual maps there was, but it would surely run close to half a million (Pyle, 64).

run down.

1. Delapidated; not in good condition; in poor shape.

The place...had a run-down look to it... (Cain, 220).
In town you may pass a row of run-down buildings, private and public... (Yank, 75).
Instead of being heavy or pretentious or baroque, the Clinton Club had a slightly run-down atmosphere of solid tradition... (Marquand, 242).
...Look here, Mr. Gorman, the place was a little run-down this year, and what was the matter? (Marquand, 503).

2. Tired; worn out; listless. (This implies usually a listless condition which exists for some time.)

...March, the danger month, do you feel run-down, a little headachy, without the old pep to put things over? (Marquand, 587).

to run down.

1. To cease; to stop; to finish. (This implies a gradual diminishing; due to a gradual loss of force, power, volume.)

His energy never ran down (Pyle, 73).
She let Mom run down, and after a long silence, said: "It's not Mrs. Biederhof" (Cain, 14).

2. To hunt for and to find; to search out; to search for and to discover.

I expect more details as soon as my Seattle agency runs down a couple of leads (Gardner, 47).

to run for. To run towards with the idea of attempting to reach.

Three Japs...ran for the beach (Yank, 281).

to run for it. To escape by running; to get away by running.

Sometimes they tried to run for it... (Pyle, 441).

to run in families. To seem to be an inherited characteristic.

I suppose it runs in families (Cain, 206).
...he always understood this kind of thing ran in families (Cain, 139).

to run into.

1. To meet; to come in contact with; to encounter.

You know the way you run into things (Marquand, 82).
"I just happened to run into it," he said... (Marquand, 82).

Practically everybody I ran into in the Army got Christmas Packages (Pyle, 125).
When I ran into him again... (Pyle, 139).
If you should ever run into him back home, just ignore the DCS... (Pyle, 217).
The strangest case of self-consciousness along that line that I'd run into was Captain Waldo Lowe of Los Cruces (Pyle, 662).
...he ran flush into another unit of unknown strength... (Yank, 5).
One day I ran into Lt. Col. William Profitt... (Pyle, 350).
In that area, I ran into an old friend... (Pyle, 337).
They...told the soldiers exactly...how much flak they ran into, how many enemy fighters they saw... (Pyle, 179).
Within half an hour they had run into a new fight... (Pyle, 443).
We don't know what we'll run into... (Pyle, 400).
Then a small section with mortars, in case they run into something pretty heavy (Pyle, 400).
...then slid down a pile of rubble to the main floor, where we ran smack into a Kiwi with a tommy gun (Yank, 60).
They were the remnants of a patrol the Americans had accidentally run into (Yank, 49).
In town you may pass a row of run-down buildings...then run smack into some modernistic structure... (Yank, 75).
At the foot of the hill they ran into a paratrooper (Yank, 135).
...if that's the kind of stuff you run into, I'll go myself (Yank, 155).
...he ran smack into a Jerry (Yank, 124).

2. To enter running; driving.

Taormina himself was so busy looking for snipers that he ran right into a shell hole in the middle of the street and almost upset our jeep (Pyle, 30).

3. To hit and to penetrate.

...the end of the barrel ran smack into a big tree (Pyle, 423-4).

to run into difficulties. To have trouble, difficulty.

...I am going to run into difficulties with some of those pretty shave tails... (Yank, 216).

to run into (bad) luck. To encounter bad luck; to have bad luck.

I've--run into a little bad luck--that's true (Cain, 143).

to run the length of. To extend the length of; to stretch out for the length of.

The long table ran the length of the visitor's room in the county jail (Gardner, 176).

to run --- life. To manage one's affairs, one's thoughts, one's friends, and the like for him.

...he wondered how her Uncle Judson liked it when she tried to run his life (Marquand, 98).
Fire you want him to run his own life, and then you won't let him do what he wants (Marquand, 395).

to run like a scared rabbit. To run very fast.

...we'd jump to our feet and run like scared rabbits all the way down the hill... (Yank, 187).

to run like this. To be as an expression, phrase, idiom, as for example.

Another favorite expression of soldiers out of combat ran like this: "Well, let's go down to Naples and start a second draft" (Pyle, 150).

to run low. To be almost exhausted; to be almost used up; to be in a condition of having little remaining, left.

Walt Durkee's food was beginning to run low... (Yank, 138).
The Dead End Kids were running low on ammunition (Yank, 93).

running board. The step which extends from the front to the rear fender of an automobile. (Current models have eliminated the running board.)

Bert, Wally, and Veda had adjourned their meeting, on Ida's invitation, to the running board of Wally's car... (Cain, 125).
...two more outside, one on each running board (Cain, 191).
The other stood with an arrogant foot on the running board and bawled, "Where's the fire?" (Gardner, 51).
...she stepped off the running board... (Cain, 173).
...goes by in his birthday suit, riding on the running board of a truck (Yank, 42).

a running fire. Rapid, continuous, speech.

You know, John, you keep up a running fire of comment (Gardner, 22).

running lights. Navigation lights; lights, lantern, lamps, carried and shown by a vessel, airplane, from dusk to dawn.

As we caught up to within half a mile or so we could finally see the running lights of other planes... (Pyle, 323).
He had forgotten about the flares and thought they were the running lights of the plane ahead of us... (Pyle, 323).

running water. Water flowing through or available in pipes.

The clerk asked if he wanted a room with running water (Pyle, 331).

...and there was a kitchen with running water and a fireplace (Yank, 48).

a run of. A series of occurrences, happenings.

Diarrhea was common, there was a run of some queer fever I had had, and a good many men came down with malaria (Pyle, 87).

to run off with.

1. To go away; to leave. (This implies a spouse's deserting his or her family to live with another person.)

"I didn't run off with her," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 148).
Well, you must have had a good time when you ran off with your Miss Miller (Marquand, 148).
...where no one took to drink or ran off with someone else's wife or talked about working... (Marquand, 106).
...kept a running harangue about mothers who run off with some man and leave other people to take care of their children (Cain, 98).

2. To leave, go away, depart, hurriedly, rapidly.

Don't never run off like that again... (Yank, 226).
I quit early to run off with you (Cain, 96).
The moment the shooting began we got quickly under way -- not to run off, but to be in motion and consequently harder to hit (Pyle, 23).

3. To flow off; to fall off by flowing.

...the rain water running off their backs and shoulders kept washing it off (Yank, 196).

4. To play a musical record; to show a movie.

...just talk pleasantly and forget about it before we see them run it off again (Marquand, 272).

5. To print; to publish.

...cut a stencil, to be run off and mailed to very editor in the land... (Yank, 175).

6. To finish; to end; to accomplish.

But there he was, with half his allotted missions already run off (Pyle, 385).

run of the mine. Common; ordinary; usual.

The rest were just run of the mine -- one-time clerks, butchers, cowpunchers (Pyle, 79).

to run on. To operate, manage, according to.

It was run on the same principle... (Pyle, 342).

to run onto. To meet by chance; to discover accidentally.

In this courtyard I ran onto two boys... (Pyle, 375).
In one gun crew I ran onto there was a connoneer who used to be a photographer for Harris and Ewing in Washington, back in the days when I worked in Washington (Pyle, 108).
Again I ran onto Mayor Henry Frankel... (Pyle, 242).
Finally they found tracks, and the same day ran onto a camel caravan (Pyle, 217).
Some soldiers told about running onto another soldier stretched out in the back seat of a jeep... (Pyle, 240).
Never a day passed that I didn't run onto half a dozen people I had known (Pyle, 349).
One night, I ran onto two soldiers... (Pyle, 246).
...the night before they had run onto each other for the first time... (Pyle, 411).
I ran onto the story of a crew of ack-ackers... (Pyle, 383).
The station seemed to me to have about the finest spirit I had run onto in our Army (Pyle, 321).
Another time he ran onto a mule that was down and crying in pain... (Pyle, 195).

a run out. A hasty departure; a fleeing and hiding and a shirking of responsibility.

After he's given the child a name, then he can do his run-out (Cain, 199).
...a dirty little rat that took advantage of her and now wants to do a run-out (Cain, 199).
He better do a run-out, and do it fast... (Cain, 199).

to run out.

1. To leave, to go out, depart, from within hurriedly.

"Oh, God," Mr. Fernald said...and he pushed back his...chair and ran out front to the editorial room... (Marquand, 17).
Everyone in the village ran out to watch, running around and pointing up... (Yank, 6).
...and now and then some dirty guy who had different sentiments would run out and take a shot at them (Pyle, 167).
He got up and ran out (Gardner, 181).
Our medics ran out with a stretcher... (Pyle, 264).
I grabbed my helmet, ran out onto the deck... (Pyle, 20).
...this Itie ran out... (Yank, 143).
...U.S. troops throw grenades into an enemy position and Japs run out unarmed... (Yank, 211).
...if I were in a dugout and forced to run out I would want mercy (Yank, 211).

...then she ran out to observe its effect (Cain, 96).
...a Jap came running out with his clothes on fire (Yank, 192).
...When four Japs ran out of the other entrance... (Yank, 145).
...as soon as one team was hit, another ran out and grabbed its gun... (Yank, 98).
...getting a call that Willie's got the croup, and out you run, and maybe you come back next day... (Cain, 58).

2. To extend; to stretch.

...through this...and run out at right angles to the beach like a beeline highway through a forest, was a solid line of shore-bound barages... (Pyle, 28).
...two piers...run out from the black volcanic sand... (Yank, 251).
...several main roads...ran wagon-spoke fashion out through the beachhead area (Pyle, 236).

to run out (of). To become exhausted; to be no more of.

...When he ran out of anything to do he just sat around, always in sight, awaiting our pleasure (Pyle, 119).
...He kept on flying...although actually he was far north of where his map ran out (Pyle, 169).
...We've run out of ammunition... (Pyle, 115).
...When their food and ammunition ran out they surrendered (Pyle, 374).
...She said it was just terrible what the people said, when Mildred's pies ran out and she had to serve the bakery pies (Cain, 67).
...as ammunition ran out, the tension increased (Yank, 93).
...the stockpiles grew so great and so enormous that we almost ran out of room for establishing new dumps (Pyle, 274).
...I don't know whether he ran out of ammunition or got tired or what (Yank, 88).
...When he got the parental news, he somehow managed to buy a box of cigars, but he ran out of recipients when the box was about half gone (Pyle, 72).
...The navy boys ran out of bandages and plasma (Cain, 169).
...Sgt. Robert Chambers of Bend, Oreg., ran out of grenades...
...Four Dragons rushed to the spot and relieved Colwell, who was running out of gas (Yank, 194).
...The Japs, too, must have run out of ammunition (Yank, 93).
...Others ran out of gas (Pyle, 316).
...He found his home field just as he ran out of gas (Pyle, 169).
...pulled their 45s and didn't stop firing until they ran out of cartridges (Yank, 49).
...Della said gushingly, "Oh, I'm from across the hall, and I've run out of matches" (Gardner, 160).
...They sometimes ran out of water (Pyle, 443).

to run over.

1. To go some distance; to go to a person, place.

Now, you run over to yer hut and polish yer buttons like a little man... (Yank, 99).
When I ran over, sure enough it was my friend, Captain...Enfield

2. To defeat decisively; to destroy.

After the SS men ran over the Company, Bud was listed as missing in action (Yank, 244).
They ran over A Company and C Company (Yank, 244).

3. To bully; to intimidate.

...the general was not what you would call easy-going. Nobody ran over him (Pyle, 308).

to run --- own show. To manage, take care, of one's own life, one's own business, one's own affairs.

He was running his own show, and perhaps that was all that anyone could do (Marquand, 98).
Maybe it's funny of me, but I like to run my own show, while I can (Marquand, 389).
I want to run my own show (Marquand, 390).

to run ragged. To cause one to become weary, tired, worn out.

I hear they ran those singers ragged rehearsing them... (Cain, 210).

to run rings around. To be superior to someone, something, in performance, ability.

The 7th was 85 percent selectees but it ran rings around its "enemies" in the 1941 California maneuvers... (Yank, 131).

to run second to. To be second to in number, volume, ability, or the like.

Running second to dogs...were Italian kids (Pyle, 243).

to run a shop. To operate, manage, a store, shop.

You know, who runs the shop called the 'Books and Books' (Marquand, 343).

to run short. To exhaust; to deplete; to run out.

...there was no danger of their running short again (Pyle, 388).

to run the show. To be in charge; to be responsible and to have authority.

He was the guy who ran the show (Pyle, 335).
Everybody had to depend so heavily on him that he practically ran the show (Pyle, 146).

to run a temperature. To have a bodily temperature above the normal 98.6° F.

...when she seemed to be running a temperature, she had called Dr. Gale, and he had advised taking her to a hospital (Cain, 98).

to run things. To manage affairs; to take care of things.

We don't like rookies coming in here and telling us how to run things (Yank, 166).

to run through. To perform; to do.

Take it up and run it through again (Marquand, 586).

to run through --- head. To be thought of by one; to occur to one.

She thought kept running through his head as he watched the captain and the navigator walk calmly back and forth... (Yank, 44).
"It's a poem," Minor said, "it's been running through my head all day" (Marquand, 71).

to run through --- mind. To be thought of by one; to occur to one.

...now all sorts of things that he had said and she had said were running through his mind (Marquand, 591).
Jim and the story were both running through his mind (Marquand, 427).
A tune that had nothing to do with El Morocco was running through his mind... (Marquand, 440).

to run a trolley. To operate, drive, a street-car; tram; trolley.

The old man ran the trolley to Holden... (Marquand, 7).

to run true to form. To act, behave, in accordance with one's principles, reputation, or the like.

Our admiral had the reputation of always getting up close where could have a hand in the shooting; and he certainly ran true to form throughout the invasion (Pyle, 21).

to run up.

1. To approach by running; to come up to one running.

...laughed at the tanks, ran up to them and threw grenades and Molotov cocktails on the backs... (Yank, 54).
...he came running up to me in full steam and yelled... (Pyle, 8).
...a soldier in coveralls, with a rifle slung over his shoulder, ran up breathlessly... (Pyle, 466).
...a soldier came running up the pasture... (Pyle, 426).

...destroyers ran ri ht up into shallow water... (Pyle, 362).
By the time the captain was ready to leave with the medics, Pvt. Volpa of Fresno, Calif., came running up (Yank, 108).
...a little old fellow in faded blue overalls ran up... (Pyle, 377).
One of the men ran up... (Yank, 240).

2. To buy on credit; to charge.

...many of its members spilled, broke glasses, tried to run up bills for Martinis at the bar... (Marquand, 74).
And another rebit you wonderful homemakers have got is running up a lot of bills you thought friend husband would pay... (Cain, 38).
...we left hotel rooms still running up bills (Pyle, 353).
"One of your most recent tenants," Drake went on, "is a girl who's been here before and ran up a bunch of bills" (Gardner, 158).

3. To increase; to cause to grow.

He's reasonable, and won't run up charges on you, and he'll attend to everything the way most people want it done (Cain, 104).
...he averaged five hours a day in his jeep, and sometimes ran it up to eight (Pyle, 308).

4. To go to a place for a short visit.

And then he said, 'Well, I could run up for just a minute' if you want (Gardner, 103).
I don't want to be away more than a minute or two, but I can run up if you want (Gardner, 103).

5. To accumulate; to obtain; to get. (This implies a gradual progressive accumulation.)

...it used to take six months and more to run up the alloted total (Pyle, 214).

to run up against. To meet in a conflict; to have a struggle with.

At one point, I ran up against a Russki secret-service man... (Yank, 199).
...we had run up against concentrated underground defenses... (Yank, 251).
In the end, one always runs up against something unreasonable, something mysterious (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

to run wild. To be undisciplined; to act without restraint.

Apparently their owners had left without them, and they were running wild (Pyle, 403).

a ruptured duck. A small insignia to be worn in the lapel button of a man's jacket, coat (a pin for a woman) which indicates that the wearer has received an honorable discharge from one of the armed services.

...the design of the present discharge button is not popular (GIs know it as the 'ruptured duck') (Time, Oct. 29, 1945).

to rush around. To move, go, hurriedly from place to place, from here to there.

They printed pictures of German fortifications, and told of the sudden regrouping and rushing around of German troops (Pyle, 297).

to rush down. To go hurriedly, rapidly, to a place.

He had rushed down and surprised the Jerries (Yank, 21).
...we'll rush down and grab some... (New Yorker, XVIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

rush hour. A time of great activity among people. (Noon is a rush hour in a city restaurant; five o'clock is a rush hour as people leave the city and go home on trains, busses, cars.)

Because right in the middle of rush hour you wonderful little homemakers have a habit of getting a call... (Cain, 38).

to rush off. To leave, go away, depart, hurriedly.

Three of the other boys rushed off to the tent hospital (Pyle, 250).

to rush out. To leave, go out, exit, hurriedly.

...saw the whole action and rushed out, lifted him to his feet... (Yank, 46).

to rush over. To go, send, hurriedly to a place some distance away.

When the bank sends up the second check, Della, rush it over to our handwriting expert (Gardner, 51).

to rush to the spot. To go rapidly to a place; to hurry to a place.

Four Dragons rushed to the spot and relieved Colwell... (Yank, 194).

to rustle up. To find and get; to get after some hunting and working.

That's his way of saying,"I'll go rustle up a truck" (Yank, 36).
Adam will put it away, and he'll rustle up the bags (Marquand, 115).
The boys rustled up anything they could find out of old buildings (Pyle, 257).

a sacred cow. An untouchable thing; something which is highly esteemed.

Reserve, being a sort of sacred cow outside the routeine bookkeeping system ... (Cain, 243).

a sad duty. An unpleasant task; displeasing task.

Ours is the sad duty to refer you to... (Yank, 171).

a sad story. An unpleasant recital of difficulties, hardships, mistreatment.

My sad story has such a long background of pyramidal woes... (Yank, 164).

the sad truth. The truth though unpleasant; the truth of the matter.

The sad truth, chums, is that Guadalcanal has gone garrison (Yank, 231).

a safe deposite box. A lock box; a metal box which is stored in a tier of other such boxes inside its own locked door within a vault which is kept guarded. For the storage of valuables. Most often found in banks.

...man to whom you showed your key and who guided you past the tiers of the safe-deposit boxes to the one that had your number (Marquand, 403).
She...opened her safe-deposit box... (Cain, 220).

safe deposit vault. A vault in which safe deposit boxes are kept.

The dining room seemed like the place where you waited in the Bank before the grilles of the safe-deposit vault (Marquand, 403).

safe from. Not in danger of; protected from.

...my personal property was safe from any and all creditors of the corporation... (Cain, 247).
And nowhere are there peaceful fields to name
As safe from war... (Yank, 198).

safety razor. A razor with a handle which is perpendicular to the short thin blade. The blade is covered with a guard as a protection against cutting the skin as one shaves.

He had borrowed his brother Alf's new safety razor, and was shaving himself for the third time in his life (Marquand, 152).

--- might have said so in the first place. It would have been wise, politic, diplomatic, to have made the statement in the beginning.

Well, you might have said so in the first place (Marquand, 193).

to sail along. To travel, go, in a vehicle smoothly and comfortably.

On the way up we were sailing along across a rise when, "Bang!" (Pyle, 204).

to sail on. To continue sailing; to go on sailing.

We sailed on past the stone breakwater with the waves beating against it ... (Pyle, 11).

a sailor suit. A suit of clothes, usually for children, copies from sailors' clothing.

As for the little girl in the sailor suit... (Yank, 137).
...a girl of 6 in a sailor suit was looking at a movie billboard (Yank, 137).
...a dog...an enemy of children in sailor suits? (Yank, 137).

sales promotion. An activity of advertising by various means to increase the sales of certain goods.

...advertizing men might discuss a beautiful sales-promotion job (Yank, 123).

sales people (persons)... Those who do the selling; salesmen; clerks.

Here are sales people, men and women, every one of them with an A-1 reference -- they can really move goods (Cain, 39).

a sales talk. A talk in which one attempts to persuade another to one's way of thinking.

The interview, obviously, was ended, but Mildred forced herself to make a little speech, a sales talk. (Cain, 37).

salt and pepper. A term used to describe a pattern of a tweed cloth in which there are specks of light and dark color, usually black and white.

Walter had a new suit of salt-and-pepper brown (Marquand, 348).
He simply stood with his hands in the pockets of the unattractive salt-and-pepper coat... (Marquand, 248-9).

a salt box. A house, usually of wood, which has two stories in front and one behind, so that the roof is longest in the rear.

It had simply been an old ramshackle tumbledown place...although the house was one of the dearest old salt-boxes that Beckie had ever seen... (Marquand, 106).

...the house was one of the dearest old salt boxes that Beckie had ever seen, whatever a salt-box might be... (Marquand, 106).

a salty character. An earthy person; a person who satisfies his physical appetites with gusto.

This "old bird"...must have been what Fred called "quite a salty character" (Marquand, 107).

same here. I will have the same; I believe the same; I will do the same.

"The roast lamb, for me," he said to the waitress.
"Same here," Drake told her (Gardner, 156).

the sand runs out in the hour glass. Time is passing; time is going.

...hopeless, heroic fight...The sand was running out in the hour glass (Yank, 127).

a sand table. A table with side boards attached and covered with sand. (Often used as a toy for children or for military schools for teaching tactics.)

He said the minute the war started he was going to get a sand table and start making humps and valleys and drawing lines in the sand (Pyle, 334).

sandy haired. Having hair of the color of sand; having hair which is a tannish brown.

A little sandy-haired GI... (Yank, 146).
He was a stocky, sandy-haired man of about forty, and now worked for the receivers... (Cain, 19).

Santa Claus. St. Nicholas; the make believe person who brings presents to good children on Christmas Eve.

Then you had the Christmas trees and the Santa Clauses on the street, and new ideas for Christmas presents... (Marquand, 325).

to save face. To maintain prestige; to keep the respect of others; to keep one's dignity in front of other people.

That saved face for everyone including the umpire who was a Dutchman (Yank, 186).
...we had better throw the game and let the Japs save face (Yank, 186).
But we decided we had to save face (Yank, 185).
...Bell had to make it look good and let them save face (Yank, 186).

to save --- from. To rescue from; to protect from.

Only the soft, muddy jungle earth, which buried the shell before it burst, saved the general and his aide from injury (Yank, 131).

to save --- life. To keep one from being killed, dying; to protect one from a fatal injury.

...it was Goldilocks who undoubtedly saved my life... (Pyle, 292).

not to save --- life. (This is a term used to intensify the negative.)

...he couldn't write a twelve head...not to save his life he couldn't. (Marquand, 20).

to save up. To hoard; to accumulate; to get gradually and to keep.

...the sergeant saved up empty wooden C-ration boxes... (Pyle, 254).

to saw --- in half. To cut in two leaving ragged edges.

...tommy guns practically sawed him in half (Yank, 145).

to saw off. To cut off; to remove by sawong.

I've sawed mine off short (Yank, 149).
An officer...explained the way of all the sawed-off trees in the flat... (Yank, 197).
...they could saw off the handles (Pyle, 429).

saw toothed. Projecting in a manner resembling the teeth of a saw; jagged.

Two more Scouts...were given the sweet task of guiding 50 infantry-men over saw-toothed Sarana Ridge... (Yank, 191).

a sax player. One who performs on, plays, the saxophone.

Cpl. Jimmy Martin, a sax player who used to give out with the dream stuff ... (Yank, 165).

to say about. To talk of, concerning; to say in regard to.

...she should now claim Glendale as her own, after all the mean things she had said about it (Cain, 238).

to say aloud. To speak audibly; to speak so that others may hear; to say out loud. (This is used in contrast to whisper.)

"Lord, let me out and I'll change my ways," he said aloud (Yank, 44).

to say a few words. To make, deliver, a short, informal speech.

And, now, our fellow member...would say a few words about the speaker (Marquand, 39).
...speakers among them, waiting to say a few words (Marquand, 37).

to say goodbye. To say farewell; to tell someone goodbye.

Mildred...sweetly said good-bye to them all (Cain, 162).
I had said good-bye a few days previously... (Pyle, 363).
Then we started to say good-bye (Pyle, 292).
But he stopped and said good-bye all around again... (Pyle, 197).
It has been 26 months since I said good-bye to her in Boston (Yank, 187).

to say --- goodbyes. To tell several people goodbye.

Mildred hurried to her locker, changed, said her hasty good-byes, and scooted. (Cain, 90).

to say hello. To greet one; to salute informally.

One afternoon a soldier came by to say hello... (Pyle, 414).
I dropped in to say hello (Pyle, 350).

to say a kind word. To say something which is kind, in praise, flattering, or the like.

Jeffrey had never thought that he would be grateful to his son for having said a kind word about him (Marquand, 131).

to say the least. At least; if nothing more.

Which was disconcerting, to the prisoner, to say the least (Pyle, 125).
To the layman, the whole affair appears puzzling, to say the least (Gardner, 123).
A discrepancy of thirty-three years in the date of a man's demise is startling, to say the least... (Gardner, 123).

to say Mass. To be in charge of the communion service in a Roman Catholic Church and to read or recite the Eucharistic rite.

...Chaplain Thomas J. Tracy of Bismarck, N. Dak., said Mass in the snow beside the train (Yank, 23).

to say nothing of. Not to mention; not to include; not to consider.

A discrepancy of thirty-three years in the date of a man's demise is startling, to say the least, to say nothing of the fact that it... (Gardner, 123).

not to say one word. Not to speak; to be silent; to say nothing.

You won't have to say one word (Cain, 65).

to say a prayer. To pray; to make a supplication to God.

I hope you'll say a prayer or two
Not for only me... (Yank, 156).

to say the right thing. To say what one should say and is expected to say; to say the accepted thing.

Jeffrey wanted to say the right thing and do the right thing (Marquand, 570).

to say so. To say as much; to say specifically.

...he could have said so like a gentleman... (Cain, 186).
He didn't say so, but we gathered that it was a considerable task to keep up the large church and school in the face of the changes the neighborhood had undergone (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to say something about. To speak concerning; to talk regarding.

She was opening her mouth to say something peevish about people who forget their keys... (Cain, 230).

to say thanks. To thank; to tell one's gratitude.

Don't know who to call up, say thanks... (Cain, 216).

to say too much. To say something one should not have said; to talk too much.

Apparently she knew she had said too much... (Cain, 195).

to say to --- . To think.

She kept saying to herself that she must tell Miss Jaekel about the check ... (Cain, 243).

a scandal breaks. A scandal becomes known, is made public.

Milton was telling about the S.E.C. and about a scandal that had broken downtown, and Milton had known the man very well (Marquand, 402).

to scare --- away. To keep away by means of fright; to frighten off.

...Put this in the mess hall to scare the rats away (Yank, 141).

to be scared of. To be afraid of; to be frightened of, at.

...the best damned driver I have ever seen and not scared of a damned thing (Yank, 133).

to scare --- into. To cause one to do something by means of fright; to intimidate.

So I hunted up the landlady...and scared her into convulsions (Gardner, 10).

to scare --- out of --- wits. To frighten one quite badly; to scare one to death.

...a shell suddenly whipped in, scared us out of our wits, and exploded behind the building (Pyle, 245).
The old lady who saw me first was scared out of her wits (Yank, 12).

to scare --- silly. To frighten one severely; to give one a bad scare.

He scared me silly (Yank, 125).

to scare to death. To frighten; to scare. (To death often serves as an intensive.)

They had me scared to death (Pyle, 340).
One night in Naples we had a couple of small earthquake shocks which shook our cots and scared us half to death (Pyle, 137).
The old-timers were sick to death of battle, and the new replacements were scared to death of it (Pyle, 182).
...he was scared to death... (Pyle, 216).
...he was seared to death he would foul up on his first mission (Pyle, 205).
...you don't have to scare everybody to death (Cain, 186).
Some of the pups were absolutely indifferent to the blast from the heavy guns, while others were scared to death (Pyle, 116).
He was young, thin, scared to death, and objected furiously to being given a shot of morphine (Pyle, 56).
...they're scared to death (Pyle, 196).

to scare up. To find; to discover; (This implies hunting for a particular thing before finding it.)

...and said, "Gosh, Della, can't you scare me up a good mystery?" (Gardner, 1).

to scare the wits out of ---. To frighten one severely; to scare one badly.

Those sudden blasts scared the wits out of the rest of the crew (Pyle, 332).

to scatter around. To dispose at random here and there; to dispose with no order, arrangement.

...were the bodies of dead Germans, their equipment scattered around (Yank, 106).

Two or three Mexican rugs were scattered around, and the furniture was oak, with leather seats (Cain, 92).

a school bus. A bus which calls for children of school age at or near their homes and delivers them at the school. It also returns the children to their homes.

All you needed were two characters and butter on the table, the town meeting, eggs for breakfast, the school bus, the church supper (Marquand, 430).

a school dress. An informal dress for young girls to wear at school.

Veda was in a school dress that hadn't been worn yet... (Cain, 121).

a school of thought. A group of people having the same opinions, ideas, about something.

...there seem to be two schools of thought among the fashion designers (Yank, 227).

to scoop out. To remove by scooping.

It hit at an angle and just scooped out a big chunk of steel... (Pyle, 424).

to scoop up. To gather together; to get rapidly; to obtain hurriedly.

...and combat outfits not currently in the line had been scooping up all the best souvenirs... (Yank, 52).

to score a run. To make a score in baseball or softball.

We even tried applauding every time one of them hit the ball or scored a run (Yank, 186).

Scotch and soda. An alcoholic drink prepared with one ounce of Scotch whiskey and a glass of soda water, charged water, and ice.

A double Scotch-and-soda (Marquand, 577).
"A Scotch-and-soda," Jeffrey said to the bar boy... (Marquand, 577).

scrambled eggs. Eggs which are thoroughly mixed, poured into a greased skillet and stired while cooking.

My boy friend's been working late, and I'm making a pot of coffee and some scrambled eggs (Gardner, 160).
Mr. Wilson expects some orange juice and coffee and scrambled eggs and bacon upstairs in his study in fifteen minutes (Marquand, 306).

to scramble out. To leave, depart, with no order; to get out hurriedly in no arrangement, or rank.

The men scrambled out and the captain checked to see that each man had his proper load (Yank, 57).
The Jerries scrambled out and took cover behind their trucks (Yank, 28).

to scramble up. To get up; to stand up; to rise. (This implies a lack of coordination in the parts of the body on rising.)

Mildred...scrambled up and lurched after her (Cain, 255).
...she scrambled up, and then slipped, slid, and staggered home... (Cain, 173).

a scrap drive. A concerted effort by a city, community, to collect scrap metals: old pots, pans, pieces of iron or steel and the like.

Aye, tear its tattered pages out;
Declare it obsolete.
All for the scrap drive's open snout,
Rescind, destroy, delete! (Yank, 155).

to scrape down. To remove the surface finish of wood or metal; to take off, remove, the surface paint or varnish.

There was also an old maple chest of drawers which Beckie and Fred had scraped down themselves... (Marquand, 123).

to scrape off. To remove by scraping.

The paint had been scraped off the old pine railing and risers... (Marquand, 123).

to scrape up. To remove by scraping and collecting or gathering.

...he saw you down on your hands and knees scraping up chewing gum (Yank, 236).

a scrap of conversation. A sentence or two of a conversation. (This implies an overhearing, an eavesdropping.)

Jim said that he was happy, just standing in Grand Central Station, catching scraps of people's conversations (Marquand, 234).

to scream at. To yell at; to speak vituperously toward.

To have her scream at her was painful... (Cain, 189).
...it was she that was being screamed at (Cain, 189).

screaming meanies. (Also screaming mimis.) A German nebelwerfer, a six barreled rocket rack which fires one rocket after another electrically.

The boys called them "screaming meanies" instead and, brother, they were bad indeed to listen to (Pyle, 193).

screaming mimis. A German nebelwerfer, a six barreled rocket rack. (Named from the sound of the shell passes.)

We would receive a barrage of Screaming Mimis... (Yank, 239).
"Screaming Mimis," Brusie said (Yank, 108).
...we saw smoke trails of the six projectiles of a Screaming Mimi (rocket projector)... (Yank, 198).

a screen door. An outside door which is covered with a wire screen used for ventilation and for keeping insects out of the house.

Then the screen door of the bungalow slammed and Alf glanced sideways quickly (Marquand, 483).
Just then the screen door slammed, and he looked up (Marquand, 212).
...there was a rap on the screen door, and Mrs. Gessler, who lived next door, came in (Cain, 8).

a screen test. A short photographic test of an actor's ability; a short movie in which an actor is given a trial, test, of his ability.

...Pa breaking his neck to get me a screen test... (Cain, 196).

to screw up. To ruin; to mess up; to cause to become useless, valueless.

"That screws up the short cut," he said (Yank, 198).

to screw up --- courage. To give oneself courage; to force oneself to be brave.

Mildred...screwed up her courage (Cain, 191).

to screw up --- face. To contract the facial muscles into an odd, peculiar, facial expression.

Her face screwed up into the squint... (Cain, 146).
Mr. Hannen...screwed up his face as though he were in great pain... (Cain, 135).

to scribble a word. To write by hand; to write in longhand.

They...had scribbled some words in chalk on that shell (Yank, 135).

to scrub off. To remove by scrubbing.

It took 14 bathers three mornings to scrub off the sea and beach stains (Yank, 234).

to scrub out. To clean a place by scrubbing, mopping.

The Japs who had been living there had scrubbed out the place before leaving (Yank, 147).

to scrub up. To wash by scrubbing.

Mildred quickly scrubbed up her hands... (Cain, 192).

the scum of the earth. Extremely undesirable people; vulgar, low, worthless people.

To Veda, the Engels were the scum of the earth, and William was even scummier than his parents, if that was possible (Cain, 112).

to scurry around. To move hurriedly, rapidly, here and there, from place to place.

Two destroyers and ourselves were doing the shelling, while all the other ships in close to land were scurrying around to make themselves hard to hit... (Pyle, 23-4).

to scurry out. To leave, depart, go away, hurriedly.

...they scurried out with a terrified "Au revoir" (Pyle, 379).

the scuttle butt. Rumor; unfounded stories, reports, and the like.

A great joke to cadets a few weeks agao was the scuttlebutt (rumor) that the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts...had stocked the station with a large supply of caskets... (Time, July 14, 1941, 32).

a sea dog. An experienced sailor.

The rest were erstwhile civilians trained into sea dogs almost overnight (Pyle, 15).

to seal --- off. To close off tightly; to separate into different compartments.

...she sealed herself off from the crises of the day... (Cain, 245).

the seamy side (of). The unpleasant part; the distressing side.

...they didn't see the seamiest side of the war (Pyle, 385).

to search around. To hunt in different places; to search here and there.

While they had been searching around, a novel had come in from the Book Department (Marquand, 420).

to search for. To looke for; to hunt for.

So completely were the officers fooled by this clever ruse, that for years they were searching for Bill Hogarty, on the theory that he had murdered Alden Leeds (Gardner, 123).

to seat --- at a table. To tell, show, one where one is to sit at a table; to show one to one's place at a table.

They seemed pleased, and she seated them at a table in the corner (Cain, 121).

to be seated at a piano. To sit before a piano; to sit at a piano. (This implies that one is preparing to play, perform on, the piano.)

Veda...seated at a big piano... (Cain, 139).

the seat of. The cause of; the fundamental reason for.

Captain Doran liked to get at the seat of a man's ills (Pyle, 45).

the seat of --- pants. That part of the trousers, pants, slacks which covers one's bottom.

He wished that he were Jeffrey Wilson's age and he would not be wearing out the seat of his pants in any office (Marquand, 203).
In a little while the seat of my pants were plastered with thick wet red clay... (Pyle, 444).

a second chance. Another opportunity; another chance.

...it's a little like being given a second chance, when you think that every chance for a second chance is over (Marquand, 470).

second class.

1. Poor; not very good or desirable.

Archie...had been wasted for years in a second class place... (Cain, 178).

2. The second, next best, accommodation on a railroad in a passenger car. (This usually implies a European train.).

The sergeants it carried second class (Yank, 115).

the second front. In World War II a fighting front other than the Russian front after the expulsion of the British from Dunkirk and the fall of France.

The second front here is more than a problem in logistics (Yank, 72).
It...will not make everyone forget about a second front (Yank, 147).
The Army got the correspondents together for instructions on preparing for the second front.

second hand. Used; having been used; not new. (This implies a change of ownership.)

...Carl...who drove the little second-hand delivery truck... (Cain, 142).

second story. The floor above the ground floor. (In the U.S. the ground floor is the first story.)

Just then a German stuck his head out of a nearby second-story window... (Pyle, 376).

second wind. A recovery of energy after one has exhausted one's energy.

From then on they go into a sort of second-wind daze (Pyle, 84).

secret service. Secret police. (Also attributive.)

...a secret-service man came up and told them... (Yank, 199).
...I ran up against a Russki secret-service man... (Yank, 199).

a section boss. A man in charge of a section, a length, of the railroad bed and track. It is his responsibility to keep the bed and track in good condition.

...he worked with his father, a section boss for the Northern Pacific Railroad (Yank, 22).

to see about. To learn about; to find out about, regarding.

...next morning, when the soldiers went to see about their clothes, they found dozens of American shirts and pants...torn into shreds by shell fragments (Pyle, 238).

to see action. To participate, take part in; action. (In war this implies participation in battle.)

...he wanted to see more action... (Pyle, 425).

not to see anything funny about. Not to see the humor in; not to be amused by.

...he was good and mad, and he said he couldn't see anything funny about it (Pyle, 202).

to see fit to (infinitive). To decide on an action as worthy; to decide to.

He saw fit to favor the judge with a grin (Gardner, 213).

to see for --. To look at in person; to examine personally. (This is in contrast to receiving a report by another.)

...the highest brass of the regiment decided to see for themselves (Yank, 169).

to see --- for a minute. To have a brief conversation, conference, with one.

It was always serious when Madge wanted to see him for a minute (Marquand, 520).
"Jeffrey," Madge said, "can I see you for a minute?" (Marquand, 519).

not to be able to see --- hand in front of --- face. The visibility is low; it is so dark, cloudy, or the like, that one cannot see.

The ground is slick and you can't see your hand in front of you (Pyle, 200).

to see how. To understand, comprehend, how.

...I don't see how they missed (Yank, 126).

to see how --- is. To find out what one's condition, health, or the like, is.

...five of us drove out in a jeep to see how they were (Pyle, 250).

be seeing you. I'll be seeing you; goodbye; so long.

"Be seeing you," Mason said and hung up (Gardner, 67).

to see in --- eyes. To infer from the expression of one's eyes.

...I saw in his eyes that he thought he was going to die (Yank, 193).

to see it all. To understand clearly; to comprehend fully.

I see it all now (Cain, 167).

to seek out. To hunt for and to find.

...the advance party sought out the safest beachhead (Yank, 191).
They knew how to seek out the best place to settle down in a new bivouac (Pyle, 186).
Several times enemy guns sought it out... (Yank, 33).

to see --- last. To see one the last time; to see one before.

When did I see you last? (Marquand, 85).

to see the light of day. To be published; to be exhibited openly.

And even I...felt no assurance that my feeble reports would ever see the light of day (Pyle, 365).

to seem only yesterday. To seem a short time ago; to appear as yesterday even though it happened a long time ago.

They met -- well it seems only yesterday, actually it was several weeks ago... (Cain, 193).

to be seen with. To be with; to have others know one is in the company of; to make public one's friendliness toward.

...not the type of girl that a soldier would like to be seen in public with (Yank, 211).

to have seen better days. To have been in better condition at a previous time; to have had more wealth, better position, or the like.

He had, in truth, seen better days (Cain, 6).

to see --- off. To accompany one to a place where one leaves on a journey, trip; to go to a station, airdrome, or the like with one as one catches a train, plane, etc.

...and personally drove Jack the fifty miles to the nearest airdrome to see him off (Pyle, 127).

to see the paper. To read the newspaper.

He wasn't on any list, and it seemed unlikely he had seen the Glendale papers (Cain, 125).

to seep out. To be divulged gradually; slowly to be made public.

The details of that raid have gradually seeped out (Pyle, 316).

to see areason. To understand; to comprehend.

...so you made some statements to the effect that you saw no reason why you should co-operate with the officers... (Gardner, 197).

to see the show. To attend a theatrical performance or to go to the movies, cinema.

...on that basis she had frequent invitations to take a ride, have dinner, or see a show (Cain, 63).

to see things. To look at things; to observe things.

That she can't see things as you do, and that she tried to stop you from growing (Marquand, 449).

to see --- through. To assist one; to help one; to go to one's assistance.

RAF...people saw us through the formalities (Pyle, 294).
Alden Leeds has dough. He can see me through (Gardner, 75).
...for the money he had cost her...if she had them, would see her through (Cain, 151).

to see to --- . To assume the responsibility that something is done.

I've knocked around a bit myself, and I saw to that (Gardner, 72).
Our automatics and heavy weapons are seeing to that (Yank, 56).

to see --- way clear. To find it feasible, possible.

...if you can possibly see your way clear, send me the damn magazine! (Yank, 212).

to see what --- can do. To think about what action one can take; to consider what one can do.

I'll see what I can do (Cain, 159).
"We'll see what we can do about it," the general promised (Yank, 130).

see what I mean? Do you understand? Is it clear to you?

So they went off and panned it. See what I mean? That's kind people critics are (Yank, 132-3).

to see what --- is about. To find out, learn, what the trouble, excitement, or the like is.

...a major, who has dropped over to see what the shooting was about (Yank, 204).

to see what is the matter. To learn, find out, what the trouble is.

Holcomb nosed back to see what was the matter (Pyle, 282).

to see what it is all about. To learn, discover, find out the causes, reasons, or the like.

Finally we moved to the door to see what it was all about (Pyle, 178).

not to be able to see what --- sees in ---. Not to be able to understand what attractions another has for one.

...about the boys who were beginning to call on Gwen, and Jeffrey said he could not see what she saw in any of them... (Marquand, 102).

see what --- thinks. (Imperative.) What is one's opinion, idea.

"I think," Jesse said, "she'll have to throw him another line. See what you think, Jeff" (Marquand, 80).

to see why. To understand, comprehend, the reason.

I don't see why you want to go out with that girl tonight (Yank, 160).
He knew that the room was ugly and Madge often said she did not see why he wanted a room like it... (Marquand, 508).

to see with --- own eyes. To witness personally; actually to see.

...he wished those people could see the job with their own eyes (Yank, 201).
"I saw her with my own eyes," said the woman, "giving signals through the window last night" (Yank, 105).

self-conscious. Embarrassed; awkward.

At first she had been self-conscious about them... (Cain, 228).
It made him self-conscious, because everyone had been saying lately that he was looking fine (Marquand, 459).
Letty nodded, with a self-conscious grin (Cain, 119).
They had always found that reviewers and authors, no matter how self-conscious and silly they might have been at first... (Marquand, 339).
Mildred...feeling trembly and self-conscious... (Cain, 127).
Keeping up a sort of self-conscious commentary... (Cain, 223).

self-control. Control of oneself.

For a moment, Alden Leeds seemed to be fighting for his self-control (Gardner, 179).

self-defense. An action indefense of oneself.

Leeds had shot him in self-defense (Gardner, 213).

self-expression. The expression of one's ego, personality.

I suppose it's a matter of self-expression, a matter of feeling I'm not dead yet (Marquand, 480).

self-pity. Pity for oneself; a feeling sorry for oneself.

He looked with a little self-pitying smile into the fire... (Cain, 168).
It betrayed regret over folly, perhaps a little self-pity... (Cain, 197).

self-respect. A respect for oneself; a belief in oneself.

...pride, of arrogance, of regained self-respect, that no talk, no liquor, no love, could possibly give (Cain, 62).

self-styled. So called, termed, by oneself, itself.

...not likely to be after even a short spell in this self-styled "Little Paris of the East" (Yank, 66).

self-sufficient. Sufficient unto oneself; not needing the love, help, or the like from any others.

Ever since Charley was five he had been completely self-sufficient (Marquand, 505).

to sell ---. To cause another to have a high regard, esteem for one; to make oneself popular.

Back in those days, Jesse could not have helped selling himself if he had tried (Marquand, 283).
Alf was selling the car all through dinner, and Jesse was selling himself (Marquand, 283).

to sell --- on. To persuade one about; to cause one to have a favorable belief about.

...they had thoroughly sold them on the belief that we would shoot them ... (Pyle, 398).

a sell out. A condition of being completely sold, of selling all of something.

...the thing was a sell-out (Cain, 238).

to sell out.

1. To betray; to be a traitor to someone.

Serle's sold us out to the D.A., lock, stock, and barrel (Gardner, 105).
...a whole people, bewildered and sold out... (Yank, 248).

2. To sell all of something.

...gypped the Indians out of their land, the king out of his taxes, and then sold out to the Americans when Polk started annexing (Cain, 91).

to sell --- out. To betray one; to reveal one or one's plans, operations, to another. (This usually implies a bribe.)

Serle sold us out right (Gardner, 126).

to send along. To send in company; to send.

He asked to have another vehicle and another driver sent along with him ... (Yank, 129).

to send around. To send to a place.

If the Old Man sent him around to see George Arliss, for instance... (Marquand, 283).

to send back.

1. To send to the rear, rearward.

The front, unperturbed, sent back word to throw him out (Yank, 176).
I asked if a lot of men didn't get sick of exposure and have to be sent back (Pyle, 253).
Then they sent him back after a crowbar... (Pyle, 429).
The lieutenant sent back for me... (Yank, 10).
One man was sent back up the road... (pyle, 429).
...it was worked out --- repaired or rebuilt or sent back for salvage... (Pyle, 419).
Men went to pieces and had to be sent back (Pyle, 439).

2. To send to where one, it, has been but is not now.

...and in a short time the Army was going to send him back to America... (Pyle, 122).
Joe...was sent back to the States from Pearl Harbor... (Yank, 177).
Then he was sent back to America (Pyle, 166).
It was flabbergasting to me to lie there and hear wounded soldiers cuss and beg to be sent right back into the fight (Pyle, 48).
...the barrel was beyond repair and was sent back to England for salvage (Pyle, 424).
...if you did not feel a mental upsurge at the end of ten days, you could send it back (Marquand, 191).
If they refuse they are sent back to their homes... (Yank, 249).

3. To send in return.

...the Germans sent one back which exploded so close to the gun pit that it wounded seven of the twelve men... (Pyle, 256).

to send a bill. To mail a bill; to send a bill by mail.

...I would like it...if you'd send your bills...to me... (Cain, 219).

to send down. To send; to send some distance.

"I can," he said, "get someone on the job down there by telephone, and then can send down a clever woman operative..." (Gardner, 157).

to send for. To send another to someone with the purpose of asking him to come to one.

...she sent for Bert (Cain, 138).

to send home. To cause to go to one's country, fatherland.

There is an odd psychological factor in the system of being sent home after a certain number of missions (Pyle, 161).

They said the Germans...bought clothing and food to send home to their families (Pyle, 119).
He said he didn't see why his outfit wasn't sent home... (Pyle, 400).

to send in.

1. To cause to enter; to cause to come in.

...they sent in a volley of grenades (Yank, 18).

2. To mail in; to send to one by mail.

We are grateful to you for sending in these items... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

to send love. To send a message of one's love, affection. (This implies friendship but not physical love.)

If Jim were here he would send you his love (Marquand, 555).

to send off. To cause to go away; to send away.

...we sent off our bed-rolls (Pyle, 353).
The Army sent us off in jeeps... (Pyle, 354).

to send on. To send; to send along.

He said, "Make a complete report by way of confirmation and send it on by airmail" (Gardner, 65).

to send out.

1. To send from within an area, place, building; to cause to go out.

...thinking about what he could have done, and sent out more patrols (Yank, 50).
At 0800 the battalion...sent out a combat patrol to the extreme right flank (Yank, 6).
Then on the fifth day the stymied Infantry sent out patrols (Yank, 18).
The colonel decided to sit tight and send out patrols (Yank, 48).
...Ida repeatedly came in, made change, and sent Arline out with it, so she would get her tip (Cain, 124).
Before her clean apron could be issued, Mildred saw the Eagels drive up with her mother, and sent her out to let them in (Cain, 111).
He said to send out for the chops if I had to, but he wanted chops (Gardner, 144).
...at night we sent out patrols to feel out the German position... (Yank, 252).
...the Scouts had been...sent out as intelligence reporters to Kodiak... (Yank, 190).
We used to send out patrols and the Jap boys would bring (em back in

2. To send; to send some distance.

We sent out an investigator on this assignment (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
Do you want me to have Drake send out a woman operative to stay with you? (Gardner, 50).
It was indeed the standard living room sent out by department stores as suitable for a Spanish bungalow... (Cain, 1).
"When Jesse is worried," Jeffrey told her, "he always sends out orchids" (Marquand, 309).

3. To mail; to send by mail.

...they sent out a letter... (Yank,122).
His main activity, since she had seen, had been to send out the announcements... (Cain, 117).

to send over. To send some distance; to cause to go a distance.

...caused by the shells we had just sent over (Pyle, 116).

to send up.

1. To deliver; to cause to take something. (This implies an upward movement.)

Would you ask Room Service to send up a bowl of ice -- dear? (Marquand, 46).
At eight-ten, a restaurant a couple of doors down the street sent up two dinners (Gardner, 62-63).
...Louis gave me the number of a restaurant and told me to have some grub sent up (Gardner, 102).
When the bank sends up the second check, Della, rush it over to our handwriting expert (Gardner, 51).

2. To cause to go upward.

Flares were sent up and our artillery had shelled them (Yank, 59).
They sent up all kinds of weird things from their ack-ack guns (Pyle, 168).

3. To send, cause to go, toward the front, forward.

Dry socks were sent up about every other day... (Pyle, 252).

to send word. To send a message; to cause a message to be delivered.

She had sent word to him that she wanted to see him... (Cain, 81).
Roderick MacDonald sent word that he was in a hotel... (Pyle, 300).
They sent in word for John to come out (Pyle, 412).
He sent word back to Theda... (Pyle, 435).
They attacked, and within an hour they sent word back... (Pyle, 439).

Senior Prom. A dance held by the senior class.

"Some men in your class," Louella said, "were at the Senior Prom this winter" (Marquand, 183).

a (Mack) Sennett comedy. A type of cinema, movie, comedies produced by Mack Sennett, in the early days of cinema and up to the late twenties, characterized by broad farce; prat falls, fat men, bathing girls, automobile races, ludicrous taxis, throwing pies in people's faces, absurd policemen.

It's like a Sennett Comedy a little -- custard pies, a hearty laugh when there isn't anything to laugh about (Marquand, 474).

a sense of. A feeling of; a sensation of.

...her sense of inferiority in the presence of "society people" would have combined to make hereacutely miserable... (Cain, 230).
There was no other city that gave Jeffrey a sense of ownership like Washington -- ... (Marquand, 558).
There was the usual musty smell which gave him, even as an experienced traveler, a faint sense of anticipation (Marquand, 413).
...we all felt a sense of relief (Pyle, 393).

a sense of humor. An appreciation of humor, fun; a liking for humor and a disposition for joking.

The German soldier must have had a sense of humor, because he didn't pull the trigger (Yank, 167).
...some sense of humor that only an aristocrat ever has... (Cain, 170).
It was a grim and stupendous job, but he managed to keep the famous Doolittle sense of humor about it (Pyle, 315).

sense of time. An ability to measure the passage of time by one's mind.

He had no sense of time on that imaginary island with Marianna, and it was only on rare occasions... (Marquand, 467).
There was no sense of time (Marquand, 595).

to be sent by. To be caused to go by; to be instructed to go by.

Yes, I was sent by -- (Cain, 42).

Sergeant Quirt. A character in the play What Price Glory, about Americans in World War I. Sergeant Quirt was a hard, driving, profane sergeant.

Jack was a wonderful guy, almost a Sergeant Quirt, except that he was good-looking, smart and friendly (Pyle, 186).

serial number. A number issued to each item for the purpose of records; in armed services each soldier had such number.

A third class E allotment, based on an incorrect serial number... (Yank, 171).
Three girls worked...getting the names, ranks, and serial numbers of escaped prisoners... (Yank, 27).

serious business. Serious; a serious affair.

...severe frostbite is a serious business... (Yank, 173).

a servant girl. A domestic servant; a house servant.

...but a servant girl, just the same (Cain, 130).
...she was a servant girl... (Cain, 130).

servant's night out. (Cf. maid's night out.) The evening of the week on which the servant is free to do and go where she pleases. On that night she prepares no meal.)

There's no hurry about supper on the servants' night out (Marquand, 361).

to serve --- country. To act, work, in the service of one's country; to work for one's country; hence, to be in the armed forces of one's country.

...men and boys that are serving their country... (Yank, 211).

to serve drinks. To prepare and give a drink to someone. (This usually implies an alcoholic drink.)

...brought him into the den, though she didn't bother to light a fire or serve a drink (Cain, 52).

to serve on. To be a member of ship's crew; to be a sailor on.

If a sailor served on an escorting destroyer... (Yank, 170).

to serve papers on. To deliver in person, personally, a court order, subpoena, or the like, to.

...they've gone to Philadelphia...so papers can't be served on them... (Cain, 141).

service ribbon. Small varied colored insignia worn on the left breast of a member of the armed forces in lieu of the medal for which it stands.

...I see the little nun who let me in eat up the gunner's wings and the service ribbons (Yank, 188).

to set ablaze. To set afire; to cause to burn; to set fire.

...the grenade set dry grass afire around him and finally set his clothes ablaze (Yank, 192).

to set about. To begin; to start.

...for warding off direct hits by big bombs, so each GI set about making his own arrangements (Yank, 41).
...and one at the entrance, while the others set about preparing breakfast (Yank, 59).

to set --- afire. To cause to burn; to set on fire.
(Cf. to set ablaze, to set on fire.)

...the grenade set dry grass afire around him... (Yank, 192).
...the schoolhouse, which was set afire (Yank, 221)
...threw grenades and Molotov cocktails on the backs to set them afire... (Yank, 54).
They sprinkled the wrecked plane with gasoline and set it afire (Pyle, 217).
Not until flames from below made the deck almost red hot and set his pants afire did he move (Yank, 45).
One day one of our pilots, after a dull time in which he saw nothing worth destroying decided to set a haystack afire (Pyle, 167-8).

to set --- against ---. To cause each to dislike the other; to cause mutual distrust and dislike.

...he had deliberately tried to set Veda against her... (Cain, 167).
You've set her against me (Cain, 168).
...you've set her against me (Cain, 168).
...because you set her against me... (Cain, 169).
...you'll tell me who's setting your child against you? (Cain, 169).
...this man...setting the child against her... (Cain, 157).

to set aside. To reserve; to hold back.

Transient correspondents at Algiers stayed in six rooms set aside for them at the Aletti Hotel (Pyle, 94).

to set at. To place at; to fix at.

The cost of the approaches, originally estimated at $23,000,000, is now set at $36,000,000 (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

to set --- back. To force rearward; to move back, backward.

I felt the blast sweep over me and set me back a little (Pyle, 391).

To set back on --- heels. To shock one; to stun one; to astound one; to astonish one.

At least they tried not to think of it in terms of themselves, but Ray Clapper's death sort of set us back on our heels (Pyle, 193).
Veda looked a little set back on her heels... (Cain, 134).

to set a brake. To pull up a hand brake on a car; to tighten the emergency brake in an automobile.

Mr. Beragon set his brake, started to get out, and then said... (Cain, 92).

to set down.

1. To cause to sit; to place on a surface and not to support but let the surface support.

As she set down the plate, she asked: "Well, what are you grinning about?" (Cain, 90).
After a long delay, his waitress set the drink down in front of him... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
Capt. Harte set her down, like a mother placing a child in a crib (Yank, 119).
When we got to the edge of the town, the captain set his coil down near an overturned Sherman and stopped (Yank, 58).
Jeffrey set down his glass (Marquand, 579).
Mason finished his whiskey, set down the empty glass, grinned at Della Street... (Gardner, 45).
Regan set his coke down... (Yank, 226).
Just wait till I set down these bottles (Marquand, 57).
Then she picked up Manhattan No. 3, drank half of it, set it down again (Cain, 170).
Their father set down his coffee cup (Marquand, 157).

2. To write; to publish.

...the natural beauty of the place, he may set it down as "picturesque"... (Yank, 74).
There were lots of rumors which you could not set down in print (Marquand, 202).

to set an example. To act, behave, in an exemplary fashion, manner.

...they must appear to be brave in order to set an example (Pyle, 380).

to set eyes on. To see; to look at.

Promise me I don't have to set eyes on Jesse Fineman before I go on (Marquand, 294).

to set --- face. To cause the expression on one's face to become fixed; not to change one's expression.

...she set her face as if it had been cast in metal... (Cain, 208).

to set fire to. To cause something to burn; to set something on fire.

...going through machine-gun fire that came so close it set fire to his pack (Yank, 149).
Go into his office and set fire to a wastebasket where it'll do about ten dollars worth of dammage (Gardner, 45).

to set foot on. To be on, at, in.

...four Scouts, all Alaskans, were the first Yanks to set foot on Kiska (Yank, 191).
What was going to become of my record of being sick in every country I'd ever set foot on? (Pyle, 131).

to set forth. To present; to say, write; to deliver.

Many of the facts which were set forth had been obtained through an interview with Perry Mason... (Gardner, 213).

to set going. To start; to begin.

I forgot to ask how the pill was set going (Pyle, 192).

a set grin. A mechanical smile; a fixed mirthless smile; a smile, grin, with the mouth only.

We in the jeeps smiled back until we had set grins on our faces (Pyle, 458).

to set in. To develop; to begin and to develop; to become established.

...we could sense that it had set in for the afternoon (Pyle, 400).
Blood poisoning set in from an infested blister (Gardner, 110).

to be set in. To be firm in; to be unwilling to change opinions, ideas, ways.

Being old fashioned and set in my ways, I liked the first one best (Pyle, 302).
Jeffrey had always heard that one became set in one's opinions as time went on... (Marquand, 97).

to set off.

1. To emphasize; to make more attractive; to cause to be more beautiful.

Veda...wearing a pale green dress to set off her coppery hair... (Cain, 139).
The shoes...set off the whole costume with a bit of zip (Cain, 221).

2. To cause to explode; to detonate.

A fragment of the shell had set off an ammo trailer... (Yank, 196).
...but they kept talking about the dog walking right across those shells as though there might have been some danger of his setting them off... (Pyle, 115).

3. To cause to begin; to start.

A single gun blast set off a continuous rebounding of sound... (Pyle, 203).

4. To separate; to set apart.

I didn't realize how different certain parts of our country are from others until I saw those men set off in a frame, as it were, in a strage faraway place (Pyle, 49).

a set of false teeth. Dentures; upper and lower plates.

...the set of false teeth issued to him by the Army (Yank, 171).

a set of rules. A code of conduct; a code, rules, for conduct, behavior.

They spent the next half hour thoughtfully drawing up a set of rules for it (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

a set of tennis. A number of games of tennis played as units in a tennis match. The winner wins by two games.

How about a set of tennis, Jeff? (Marquand, 258).

to be set on. To be determined about; to be inflexible about.

Mildred, there's one thing I can do, and if you're set on this, I want to do it (Cain, 85).

to set --- on fire. To cause to burn; to set afire; to burn. (Cf. on fire.)

A shell could set the strawstack on fire... (Yank, 239).
...a certain corporal, who shall be nameless, set the tent on fire and smoked me out (Yank, 96).

to set out.

1. To place openly; to set in an open place.

...Jeffrey and Alf went swimming somewhere, while his father and his aunt and Ethel set out the things (Marquand, 546).
...Ida's quick eye spotted the desert dishes, and she set them out on a tray (Cain, 123).
She set them out on the kitchen table, then resumed her talk (Cain, 24).

2. To start on a trip, journey.

The most remarkable thing about our meeting was a letter I had received a few hours before, as I was setting out for General Clark's main headquarters... (Pyle, 213).
So we piled in and directed Chauffeur Cogan to set out for the nearby village... (Pyle, 408).
In the week aboard ship before we set out on the invasion... (Pyle, 3).
...Red Riding Hood set out to go to her grandmother's house (Yank, 155).

to set the pace.

1. To establish the speed; to move and have others move at the same speed.

Uncle Joe sets the pace on all trips (Yank, 130).

2. To establish and maintain a fashion, manner, way, so that others imitate.

But Carolina still set the pace, and a year of wrastling with French and Italian hadn't changed their accent a bit (Pyle, 101).

to set a record. To establish a record; to make a record; to do something bbetter than anyone else has ever done.

I watched the men set a new unofficial record by firing three rounds in a little over 40 seconds (Yank, 134).

to set a table. To place knives, forks, spoons, china, salt, pepper, sugar, butter, bread, and the like on a table.

...when the laundry service delivered her napkins and doilies, she couldn't resist setting a table to see how it looked (Cain, 116).
"Want me to set the table?" I asked (Gardner, 145).

to set the time. To name, establish, designate, a time at which something is to happen.

He set the time of the funeral at noon the next day (Cain, 106).

the setting sun. The sun as it goes down in the evening.

In the setting sun, as rainbow was shimmering over the spray, framing Ray's head (Cain, 108).

to settle back. To relax in a chair, bed, or the like.

Judge Teadwell leaned forward to appraise him...then settled back in his chair with an air of complete detachment (Gardner, 29).
You settle back again with your thoughts but after a moment... (Yank, 64)
She settled back, loset a slightly uneasy feeling she had had, of being just a pick-up (Cain, 92).
But she had barely settled back when he took his arm away (Cain, 224).
Frankie settled back on the bunk... (Yank, 122).
Working with the hose, they extinguished the flames, then settled back in the darkness to await further action (Yank, 46).

to settle a claim. To pay a debt, obligation, satisfactorily.

You had an opportunity to settle this claim without trouble or expense... (Yank, 142).

to settle down.

1. To become quiet, still, relaxed.

Settle down -- curtain (Marquand, 496).
...I could somehow feel the quiet, composure that comes to men of turmoil when they settle down for the night... (Pyle, 291).
Finally we just settled down to wait our turn... (Pyle, 359).
...the war settled down and there was room for movement... (Pyle, 418).
While everybody settled down for the night, I sat on the platform... (Yank, 116).
The patrols went out and the battalion settled down to wait (Yank, 48).

2. To choose a place of residence with the intentions of living there for the rest of one's life.

He had met a Memphis schoolteacher, married her, and settled down there in a job at the Linde Air Products Company, making oxygen (Pyle, 37).
...he was torn between flying after the war or going back to Colorado and settling down to enjoy the mountains (Pyle, 165).
She's evidently buying furniture and settling down (Gardner, 15).
When I was fifteen, he came back here to settle down (Gardner, 3).
When peace comes he plans to...settle down with his family in Carmel, Calif. (Yank, 131).

3. To settle; to come down; to descend.

He used to run his uncle's bar in Middlesboro and he said when the war was over he was going to drink the bar dry, and then just settle down behind it for the rest of his life (Pyle, 27).
As she turned into Pierce Drive the night chill settled down, and she felt cold... (Cain, 15).

4. To lead a quiet life; not to dissipate; not to run around, travel.

It's time you settled down (Marquand, 101).
"Someday," Walter said, "when I settle down, I should like a home like this" (Marquand, 121).
That would send her on a splurge, not make her settle down... (Gardner, 15).
He thought when he got married to a nice girl and settled down his stomach would be better... (Marquand, 276).
Her name was Agnes, just plain Agnes, five letters and when you added them to Alf, it made eight, and Alf was settling down (Marquand, 476).
He was getting fat himself and he was settling down (Marquand, 476).

5. To arrange one's goods, furniture, in a residence, habitation, after having moved.

It was a strange, unnatural Veda who settled down with her at the hotel... (Cain, 257).
The furniture seemed stiff and unreal as though it had not as yet become accustomed to its new surroundings and settled down to homey comfort (Gardner, 18).
They figured one day for moving, one for settling down... (Pyle, 470).

to settle down to.

1. To concentrate on; to work at.

...we settled down to work (Yank, 203).
Letty arrived, and Mildred had her make lunch for Arline and Pancho, then settled down to what she really liked, which was cooking (Cain, 116).

2. To become in essence; to become essentially.

...the situation on Hastings Ridge settled down to a period of consolidating ... (Yank, 19).

to settle on. To decide on; to choose.

He finally settled on Lt...Robert H. Thompson of Moccasin, Mont. (Yank, 190).
On the choice of a casket, Bert haggled bravely, bringing all his business judgment to bear, and presently settled on a white enamelled one... (Cain, 106).

to settle things. To make peace; to force peaceful relations.

...because he was an American, and he was going over there to settle things (Marquand, 424).

to settle up.

1. To pay a debt, obligation.

That news, incidentally, was the occasion for settling up any number of bets (Pyle, 13).

2. To come to an satisfactory agreement in an argument, dispute, or the like.

I remember he told somebody that things had been all settled up, and there wasn't going to be any trouble (Gardner, 103).

to set to (gerund). To be placed in a job, position; to be given work to do.

Correspondents were snapped back from Europe and put on the slot, or were set to running the morgue... (Marquand, 24).

to set to work. To begin to work; to start working.

...and thereupon had set to work with an old razor blade and had worried all the pennies out (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).

to set a trap for. To attempt to ensnare; to try to catch; to ambush.

He said this with quiet complacency, for he had set a little trap for her, and she had fallen into it (Cain, 3).
She didn't really believe they were dirty bastards, and she had set a trap for Wally (Cain, 30).

a set up. A condition, situation, position.

This set-up was Italian E M with German officers (Yank, 124).
In a set-up like this, they could never whip us (Yank, 53).

to set up.

1. To create; to cause to come into being.

...setting up camp in all available space... (Yank, 115).
(Co.)...A pushed out in advance, taking up positions and setting up an OP ... (Yank, 7).
Defense of the beach was set up facing the sea... (Yank, 8).
Capt. Downen set up his CP in a 1,000 pound bomb crater (Yank, 7).
...the battalion pulled back to O'Brien Hill and set up a perimeter defense of outposts... (Yank, 5).
...and retired colonels, were all buying Connecticut farms and setting up roadhouses... (Marquand, 111).

A couple of Navy kids had set up a temporary aid station... (Yank, 168).
Later that afternoon the battalion medics set up an aid station across the street from the CP... (Yank, 50).
...ack-ack guns set up a turmoil... (Pyle, 234).
...while a circle of rosebuds, spaced neatly around the rim, set up a sort of silent twittering (Cain, 8).
...you discontinued that allotment and set up one for $45 (Yank, 171).
...setting up the fear that...she was denying the child... (Cain, 133).
German doctors had set up shop in a shed... (Pyle, 375).
They set up a small Public Relations section... (Pyle, 397).
It was ironic to walk into a half-demolished building and find a command post set up in the remaining rooms... (Pyle, 183).
The regiment was bivouacked over an area a mile or more square, with... regimental command posts set up in farm houses (Pyle, 182).
...before communication centers could be set up ashore (Pyle, 15).
...our many command posts were set up wherever possible in Italian farm or village houses (Pyle, 132).
They had set up a "correspondents' room" ... (Pyle, 302).
...Pallister set up his headquarters at a small town called Tingo Maria (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
He thought he might set up a small restaurant in Evansville (Pyle, 449).
...our Public Relations section was set up in a camp... (Pyle, 230).
You'd know if you ever set up a trust fund for children (Marquand, 402).
After the war he guessed he would set up another auto repair shop (Pyle, 411).
...the first thing it did was set up security (Yank, 48).
Ordnance is set up in a vast structure of organization... (Pyle, 418).
Transmission facilities were set up to carry a maximum of half a million words a day... (Pyle, 299).
To further this interest he had set up a nice little laboratory in one of the tents, complete with microscope and glass tubes (Pyle, 45).
...but when the artillery set up positions, the Japs... (Yank, 41).

2. To erect; to construct; to put together.

We've never yet had a chance to set it up (Yank, 149).
But men ought to be trained to set up guns on all kinds of terrain (Yank, 150).
The Japs had set up a dual-purpose antiaircraft gun... (Yank, 145).
There was a Jap setting up a machine gun... (Yank, 145).
She got a bridge table out of the closet and set it up in front of the fireplace (Cain, 28).
Under Bert's direction, they set up trusses near the window, and arranged the casket, and stepped back to permit the guests to pass by (Cain, 108).
The press photographers were setting up lights in the corner... (Marquand, 291).
There were Bren guns, and the Kiwis were setting up an antitank gun, carried up during the night (Yank, 60).
...the ordnance companies began leapfrogging each other, one working while another of the same type moved around it and set up (Pyle, 420).

...he saw some soldiers, wearing the patch of John's division, getting ready to take a bath at an outdoor shower the Army had set up (Pyle, 412).
...we once again set up our cots in a tent... (Pyle, 463).
Once in a while the Army set up some portable showers in the woods a few miles away and the gunners could go, a few at a time, in a truck and get a bath (Pyle, 110).

3. To arrange in order; to place in the proper position.

...we set up the mess hall for supper (Yank, 229).
...the men had barely...set up for what they thought was a waiting period outside Pont L'Abbe... (Yank, 134).
He used to set 'em up for the Sportland bowlers... (Yank, 175).
One day he had his plane set up for a flight to northern England (Pyle, 318).
He didn't like to set up the tables... (Yank, 229).
...he had to know how may tables to set up in his mess hall... (Yank, 229).
...he would have the KPs set up a few tables... (Yank, 229).
Macy has a number of completely furnished model bedrooms, living rooms, etc., set up off its principal furniture display... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

4. To place in an upright position.

...the tree that had already been set up... (Cain, 153).
On the shore, painted wooden markers were immediately set up directing various units to appointed rendezvous areas (Pyle, 28).

to set up the machinery. To arrange a method, plan, organization.

If the Army could have set up the machinery and told every soldier to step up on the proper day and mark his "X"... (Pyle, 137).

seven days a week. Every day.

It was a round-the-clock job, seven days a week, up on "The Point" (Yank, 178).

sewing basket. A container a woman used in the home to store thread, needles, scissors, buttons, and the like in addition to clothes needing repair.

But around four- o'clock, when it started to rain, she put the sewing basket away, went to the kitchen... (Cain, 25).

sewing kit. A small, pocket sized folder which contains needles, thread, scissors, buttons, and the like, often carried by soldiers or travelers.

Upon receipt of the sewing kit, the soldier carefully took out the needles to pin up... (Yank, 141).

sewing machine. A machine, electrically or foot operated, for stitching, or sewing.

...because Ethel loved her electric sewing machine as much as she loved her washing machine that washed and dried... (Marquand, 357).
The first two sewing machines he had bought from Italians... (Pyle, 190).

to sew up.

1. To get in a position, condition, situation, so that one must remain unable to move or take action.

Anderson and Levorson were sewed up in the cross-fire for several hours (Yank, 191).

2. To enclose; to secure; to control.

He said into the first telephone, "Okay, keep the place sewed up" (Gardner, 60).

3. To repair cloth by sewing.

Jed couldn't sew up those holes for $10,000 (Pyle, 261).

to shack (up) with. To live with a woman who is not one's wife for some time for the purpose of coitus, sexual intercourse.

The medicine man was Orley Burnham...who years ago had shacked up with a half-breed cook (Time, Oct. 14, 1946).
She wanted me to shack with her tonight... (Walker, Show Me the Way, Viking Press, New York, 1947, 191).

a shade under. A little less than.

She was a shade under medium height, and her small size, mousy-blond hair ... (Cain, 16).

to shake down.

1. To blackmail; to get money from another under false pretenses.

You're just trying to shake her down, shake the whole family down, for money (Cain, 205).
Trying to shake me down (Gardner, 98).
They tried to shake me down, and I told them where they got off (Gardner, 55).

2. To settle down; to become after a period of trial and error.

...the bar shook down into a profitable sideline... (Cain, 174).

to shake hands (with). To grasp another's hand with one's right hand or farewell; to greet one by a hand shake.

He shook hands all around (Pyle, 197).
He shook hands and said that he would see me tomorrow (Yank, 59).
Jeffrey did not listen to their names, when they called him "sir" and shook hands (Marquand, 296).
I jumped up and grabbed him by the arm and started shaking hands... (Yank, 12).
I wante to shake your hand (Pyle, 44).
...frantic men, women and children grabbed us and kissed us and shook our hands... (Pyle, 456).
...Tito rose to shake hands again (Yank, 249).
We shook hands... (Yank, 249).
We shook hands until our hands were bruised and scratched (Pyle, 458).
...whether he was supposed to spring from his chair and shake hands and say that he was pleased to meet them... (Marquand, 244).
Mason smiled genially as they crowded about him, shaking hands, showering congratulations (Gardner, 215).
"Well, pard," he said, "I 'll be shaking hands now" (Gardner, 217).
...when she had let them in, they had all shaken hands, taking her for "a friend" (Cain, 112).
Harry Engel, the unfortunate possessor of the anchor inventory, got up and shook hands, awkwardly and self-consciously (Cain, 112).
He shook hands, sat down, crossed well-croosed, gray trousers... (Gardnery 21).
...it was large enough so that one was conscious of its size when one walked around it to shake hands (Marquand, 267).
That day when all those Yanks were shaking hands, laughing and passing around flasks... (Yank, 30).
The oldsters among us would shake hands (Pyle, 354).
...everyone would smile and shake hands, and then go on playing bridge... (Marquand, 218).
...they shook hands rapidly all around... (Pyle, 279).
...Australian armored cars were going to break through and shake hands with the Americans... (Yank, 31).
Jeff, shake hands with Mr. Jesse Fineman (Marquand, 283).
...a few seconds later, was shaking hands with the calmly competent, complete unperturbed prospector (Gardner, 55).
He shook hands with a fine show of hospitality, offered a drink as though the liquor were his own... (Cain, 58).
Wantcha shake hands with my ree-placement... (Yank, 226).
I didn't ask you to shake hands with Miller... (Yank, 226).
She shook hands with him, then remembered she should kiss him... (Cain, 112).
...Monty...slipped into the box and shook hands with Bert (Cain, 239).
And did you shake hands with him? (Gardner, 142).
She shook hands with them all... (Cain, 127).
And then I turned to shake hands with Reif (Pyle, 293).
I would shakehands with every one again... (Yank, 12).
...she went over and shook his hand (Cain, 241).

Then I shook hands with Hogarty and left (Gardner, 191).
Milicant crossed over to shake hands with Mason (Gardner, 23).

to shake --- head.

1. (Used to indicate the negative.)

Jeffrey shook his head (Marquand, 10).
...and Madge would shake her head at him when Fred offered him the box (Marquand, 132).
Mason shook his head (Gardner, 68).
Mason shook his head (Gardner, 128).
He shook his head (Gardner, 111).
She shook her head (Gardner, 110).
The waitress shook her head (Gardner, 95).
Mason shook his head (Gardner, 211).
Mason slowly shook his head (Gardner, 217).
Leeds looked at him, steadily, slowly shook his head (Gardner, 183).
She thought that over silently, then shook her head, and said, "No" (Gardner, 75).
The first nurse had Ray's wrist, and Mildred saw her catch Dr. Collins's eye and glumly shake her head (Cain, 103).
Bert listened, and began shaking his head (Cain, 202).
...Mr. Simons shook his head (Cain, 204).
The corporal looked sadly at the envelopes and shook his head (Yank, 29).
As I shook my head she removed the gum she had been working on throughout the interview (Yank, 133).
The lawyer shook his head (Gardner, 158).

2. (Used to indicate that one does not understand.)

Jeffrey sighed and shook his head (Marquand, 394).
The colonel shook his head and agreed (Yank, 50).
Drake shook his head (Gardner, 50).
Mason shook his head, slid open a desk drawer and threw some dice in it (Gardner, 16).
He...shook his head (Cain, 135).
...he shook his head, as though she were incredibly obtuse... (Cain, 145).
Mrs. Gessler listened, sipped her tea, shook her head (Cain, 83).
Then Mrs. Gessler shook her head (Cain, 10).
...then shook his head (Cain, 150).
...they'd just shake their heads and laugh (Yank, 12).

to shake off. To rid oneslef of; to get rid of; to do away with.

...she could never shake off the feeling that if he accepted her as his social equal he would act differently about it (Cain, 142).
We drank warm coffee to shake off the morning chill... (Yank, 255).
...sat there in the dark looking out at the familiar scene, trying to shake off the melancholy that was creeping over her (Cain, 15).

Jeffrey still could not shake off the feeling that he was saying good-bye to something (Marquand, 413).

a shake up. A thorough going change; a complete revision.

...he doesn't know it yet, but his house is due for a big shake-up (Cain, 40).

to shake up.

1. To perturb; to disturb; to agitate.

Mildred was so shaken up by Mr. Treviso's last revelation... (Cain, 219).
...what shook up Mildred...was the perception that this child was no longer a child (Cain, 190).

2. To shake; to jar.

Nearby bombs shook us up, too (Pyle, 7).

shame faced. Shamed; ashamed.

...take her in her arms and tell her about it in some way that didn't seem so shame-faced (Cain, 12).

to share and share alike. To share equally; to get the same, equal, amounts.

...wanted to throw in her lot with two prospectors on a basis of share and share alike. (Gardner, 180).

to share a bond. To experience common pleasures, hardships, and the like so as to become connected one to another.

Yet those of us who became friends right at the beginning in Africa or even back in England seemed to share a bond as though we were members of a fraternity or a little family, and getting back together again was comfortable and old-shoelike (Pyle, 83).

to shave off. To remove whiskers, hair, by shaving.

...30 minutes to get that beard shaved off (Yank, 172).
Anderson had grown a red goatee which he was not going to shave off till the war was won (Pyle, 428).
...where he immediately got into trouble because he refused to permit his beard to be shaved off, and because he patted a pretty nurse in the right place (Yank, 110).
Another one who finished the same day...shaved off the beard he had been growing for months (Pyle, 172).
Ramseur was about to shave off a half-inch growth of whiskers (Pyle, 216).

a shave tail. A second lieutenant; the lowest rank of commissioned officers in the army.

...in that uniform that anybody could have seen what he was, a shave-tail just commissioned in the Officers' Reserve... (Marquand, 525).
I'm afraid I'm going to run into difficulties with some of those pretty shave tails (Yank, 216).
About that time a shave tail that isn't old enough to grow a beard pipes up... (Yank, 172).

shaving kit. A compact container for a razor, shaving brush, shaving soap, face lotion, and powder.

The compact shaving kit (Yank, 141).

A shaving mirror. A small mirror.

There was a fireplace with brass andirons and a mahogany bureau with a shaving mirror (Marquand, 258).

shaving soap. The soap used for lather for shaving.

It reminded him that it was time to buy a stick of shaving soap... (Marquand, 240).

to shear away. To remove; to cut off.

...beauty was completely shorn away (Yank, 227).

to shed blood. To kill.

There are not always tanks to help, and not always is it done with so little shedding of blood (Pyle, 407).

to shed (a) tear(s). To cry; to weep.

Shed a tear for some poor colonel... (Yank, 154).

to be sheep driven to slaughter. To be helpless in the hands of someone else; to be obliged to do as one is told without defending hneself.

The German soldiers were sheep being driven to slaughter, but at the same time they possessed barbarous vindictiveness (Marquand, 202).

sheer luck. Pure chance; only luck.

Most of their hits were sheer luck (Yank, 181).

sheer pride. Nothing but pride; pride. (Sheer is used here as an intensive.)

Sheer pride demanded that she say something... (Cain, 145).

sheer silk. Transparent silk cloth; very thin silk material.

...smooth lines of her neck stretching down into perfectly formed curves visible beneath the sheer silk of the lounging pajamas... (Gardner, 160).

shell fire. Firing of large cannon and the explosion of the shell, projectile.

...Buck was trying to recover his sight after being dazed by shell fire (Yank, 47).

shell hole. A hole, depression in the ground, excavated by the explosion of a shell, projectile.

...wiggled through an entrance that was nothing more than a shell hole in the wall... (Yank, 60).
The sidewalks had shell holes in them (Pyle, 235).

to shell peas. To remove the hulls from green peas; to get the green peas out of the pod.

...popped the chicken into the oven, scraped four potatoes, shelled a little dish of peas (Cain, 27).

shell shock. Battle fatigue; a psychoneurotic condition among soldiers developing due to stress and strain in modern warfare. (Shell shock was used very little in World War II.)

The Japs would stand up there on the hilltop, shell-shocked, I suppose (Yank, 53).

a shelter half. One half of a shelter tent, pup tent; the part of a pup tent each man is issued. (Two men put their halves together and form a tent large enough for the two of them.)

The men are putting up their shelter halves... (Yank, 235).
One of the men...yanked the shelter half off the ammunition (Yank, 240).
A shelter half...was on fire (Yank, 240).
...some of them were trying to sleep, stretched out on wet shelter halves (Yank, 50).

a Shetland pony. A diminutive breed of horse, pony, characterized by a long mane and bushy coat.

...it is possible to get less costly furs, such as...Shetland ponies (Yank, 227).

to shift for --- . To earn one's own living and to be independent of others for decisions; to be on one's own.

He thought they would have shifted for themselves so early in life that would have built up the inner strength... (Pyle, 154).

to shift from one foot to the other. To stand first on one foot and then on the other; to shift one's weight from foot to foot.

Jeffrey found himself shifting from one foot to another (Marquand, 484). Jim shifted his weight from one foot to the other while Jeffrey... (Marquand, 59).

to shift over. To change positions; to move to a different location, position.

Then the whole gang shifted over and scrubbed the parts (Pyle, 421).

to shine shoes. To polish shoes; to apply polish to shoes and to rub the shoes to make them shine.

I starch my cap and shine my shoes... (Yank, 157).

to shinny down. To climb down; to descend by climbing. (This implies the sort of climbing as done when one climbs a tree.)

He dropped the walkie-talkie and shinnied down (Yank, 92).

to shinny up. To climb up; to ascend by climbing. (See: to shinny down.)

...Purg of Malden, Mass., a mortar observer, shinnied up a tree to a perch 40 feet above the river... (Yank, 91).

to ship out. To leave; to depart; to go away.

You might not hear from me for a while, as I am expecting to be shipped out any day now -- to North Carolina (Yank, 84).

shock troops. Soldiers, troops, especially selected, trained and oriented for attack; especially good troops.

Being shock troops got in their blood (Yank, 122).

to shoo away. Gently to force back, away; to push away kindly.

Mae shooed him away (Yank, 133).

to shoot at. To fire a gun, cannon, pistol, or the like at, toward, with the intention of hitting someone, something.

In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred an artillery man never sees what he's shooting at (Pyle, 97).
...the infantry found itself being shot at with our weapons... (Yank, 5).
They'd never been shot at and had never shot one of their own guns... (Pyle, 8).
You see -- well, perhaps I'm silly -- I used to be shot at, once (Marquand, 579).

to shoot back. To return fire; to shoot at one after having been shot at.

...I figured the Germans would shoot back (Pyle, 404).
If you could just man a gun ans shoot back it wouldn't be so bad (Pyle, 380).

to shoot craps. To throw dice; to participate in a crap game, a game of dice.

Does he ever shoot craps for large stakes? (Gardner, 14).
A couple of customers came in and pretty quick they were shooting craps (Gardner, 72).
...they shot craps, played slot machines free (Yank, 159).
Have you shot any craps with him lately? (Gardner, 22).

to shoot --- cuffs. To pull, force one's cuffs down onto one's hands so that the cuffs protrude from under the coat sleeve.

...he snapped his fingers again, and shot back his cuffs... (Marquand, 45).

to shoot dice. To throw dice; to shoot craps; to take part in a dice game.

It came my turn to shoot the dice (Yank, 173).

to shoot down.

1. To shoot at an object in the air and cause it to fall.

And another one who didn't fly at all wrote home that he had just shot down three zeroes (Pyle, 137).
...a pleasant guy with a sourpuss, went on shooting down fighters that he was reluctant to claim (Yank, 86).
...Ed Eland...was shot down behind the German lines (Pyle, 166).
He wanted to tell Jim about Stan Rhett that day they were shot down (Marquand, 543).
A daily score was kept of the planes shot down... (Pyle, 382).
...one four gun battery shot down fifteen planes in the first two weeks (Pyle, 382).
It has such a high score of planes shot down (Pyle, 385).

...a plane either was shot down or went out of range... (Pyle, 389).
"Jeffrey," he heard Madge saying, "where was it that your plane was shot down?" (Marquand, 229).
"My husband's airplane," she said, "was shot down over there" (Marquand, 228).
...if shot down he had almost a fifty-fifty chance of becoming a prisoner (Pyle, 170).
A mechanic whose plane had been shot down was like a boy who has lost his dad (Pyle, 170).
Best of all, we were credited with shooting down one of the planes (Pyle, 7).
Every time I went to an airdrome it seemed as if I always slept on the cot of the last pilot who had been shot down (Pyle, 177).
...Lieutenant Miles...almost shot himself down one day (Pyle, 167).
It was a gesture of elation similar to that of a fighter pilot doing a snap roll over the home field after shooting down a Nazi plane (Pyle, 172).
The Germans tried to shoot them down with ack-ack... (Pyle, 240).
The leaflet planes...shot down a respectable number of enemy fighters... (Yank, 127).
You have been told that he was shot down (Marquand, 216).
...the battery commander told us that our tentative score for the night was seven planes shot down (Pyle, 393).
When it was over...we found four planes had been shot down (Pyle, 7).
Some were shot down over Japanese territory (Pyle, 316).
He shot down a Messerschmitt-110 with a BAR (Yank, 125).
...stillness that reminded him of that field in France and that patch of woods were he and Stan Rhett had been shot down (Marquand, 546).
...gunners shot it down with all four motors streaming fire (Yank, 118).

2. To kill by shooting.

There was a lieutenant who had been shot down near a pillbox... (Yank, 10).
He drew a bead and shot down the burning Jap (Yank, 192).
Has Pvt. Luckey ever seen his friends...shot down by the Japs? (Yank, 211).

to shoot first and ask afterwards (later). To be very wary and to take no chances so that upon hearing or seeing something, someone, to shoot and later to try to discover the identity of what was shot; to be trigger happy.

...tough Partisan soldiers who shoot first and ask you to halt afterward (Yank, 247).

to shoot for. To set as a goal; to aim for.

A goal is what anyone overseas needs -- a definite time limit to shoot for (Pyle, 329).

to shoot from the hip. To fire a rifle, pistol, or the like without careful aiming.

They ought to learn to shoot from the hip in a hurry... (Yank, 149).

to shoot a glance at. To look quickly at; to glance at hurriedly.

Wally shot a glance at Veda... (Cain, 201).
Occasionally they shot glances at the executive officer looking for help (Yank, 46).
She...shot appraising glances at Mildred... (Cain, 193).

to shoot golf. To play golf; to take part in a game of golf.

Oh, go ahead and shoot your golf, you big bluff, and don't breathe a word of this to anyone (Gardner, 93).

to shoot --- in the back. To shoot one when one is defenseless, unsuspecting.

Lt. Ross whistled because he felt guilty about shooting him in the back (Yank, 55).

a shooting gallery. A place indoors set aside for shooting, target practice. (Often found in carnivals, fairs, or the like as a business.)

...I had been feeling pretty much like a flay pigeon at a shooting gallery (Pyle, 232).

a shooting scrape. An affair in which people shoot at each other.

At one time, he said that he'd been in a shooting scrape over a woman (Gardner, 138).
...talks occasionally about the old days in the Yukon country, never mentions any of his own adventures, becomes interested in stories of frontier brawls, and shooting scrapes. (Gardner, 127).

a shooting war. War which involves actual shooting and use of arms as contrasted with the cold war, the phony war.

55%...are ready to risk some kind of shooting war at once (Time, Aug. 4, 1941, 5).

shooting stars. A meteor flying brightly illuminated for a brief instant through the earth's atmosphere.

Until you sleep under the open skies you never realize how may shooting stars there are in the heavens (Pyle, 91).

to shoot off.

1. To remove by shooting.

Any Allied soldier foolish enough to stick his head over the rock promptly got it shot off (Yank, 167).
...he had his pants shot off as a second lieutenant... (Yank, 167).
Once the tank he was serving in was hit, and his tank commander's head shot clear off (Pyle, 269).
...lying on one of the upper levels with one leg shot off (Yank, 47).

2. To fire; to cause to explode, fire.

Why don't you let me shoot off that thing?...So Bubble went over, pulled the lanyard, and sent the big shell on its way (Pyle, 113).

to shoot off --- mouth. To talk hastily; without thinking or much knowledge.

He sure shot off his mouth about our treatment of the Japs (Yank, 211).

to shoot out.

1. To break, destroy, by shooting as a window, light, or the like.

And at the same time he shot out all the red flares he had in the plane (Pyle, 330).
We may have to shoot out some search lights (Pyle, 20).
Flares are seldom completely shot out... (Pyle, 392).
...Pfc. Jose Cervantez of Solomonsville, Ariz., had shot out another with a BAR... (Yank, 18).

2. To go out from, away from, very, very rapidly; to erupt.

Flames were shooting out of it... (Pyle, 267).
The 88 came closer and lobbed two of the rockets the Germans are using now -- deadly looking affairs shooting out like huge red flames (Yank, 16).

to shoot out of. To remove by shooting.

His closest escape was when his waist gun was shot right out of his hand (Pyle, 331).

to shoot out from under ---. To kill or destroy a mount, vehicle, one is riding.

But...Satch Elkins had another half-truck...to replace the old one that was shot out from under him... (Pyle, 259).
He had had two tanks shot out from under him... (Pyle, 262).

to shoot a picture. To take a picture; to make a picture.

When they were...called to the Russian legation to shoot conference pictures... (Yank, 199).

to shoot square. To be fair, honest, above board.

"Just an old-fashioned custom," Mason said, "--one that's almost out of date -- that of shooting square with a client" (Gardner, 185).

to shoot through.

1. To penetrate; to go quickly throughout.

A hot, savage thrill shot through Mildred (Cain, 203).

2. To cause to go through very rapidly; to cause to penetrate fast.

"The tunnel could handle upwa·d of fifteen million vehicles, all right," Spargo told us, "if there were some way to line them up and shoot them through whenever you wanted to..." (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

to shoot up.

1. To shoot many times; to ruin by shooting.

Many of them had been pretty badly shot up... (Pyle, 318).
Hal wrote that the plane was the most shot-up ship in the squadron (Pyle, 222).
There would be light stuff in the Skagerrak, already, shooting up the German transports... (Marquand, 78).
...they had been shot up (Pyle, 423).
...their tank had been shot up three times (Pyle, 405).
Another time his plane made a crash landing after being badly shot up... (Pyle, 215).
It took the pilot...two hours of intense map study to figure out what field he had shot up so beautifully (Pyle, 169).
Whatever he found he shot up (Pyle, 167).
Ed often thought how ironic it was that his father had spent a lifetime making trains run and how his son was overseas shooting up trains so they couldn't run (Pyle, 165).
And another time, one of our Invaders got shot up over the target (Pyle, 162).

2. To rise rapidly; to go up very fast.

It was Mrs. Forrester's turn to shoot up as though her legs were made of springs... (Cain, 43).
They kept firing at us and the water kept shooting up... (Yank, 116).
Then she shot up as though her legs were made of springs... (Cain, 42).
Then a chill...shot up Mildred's backbone (Cain, 212).
...another chill shot up Mildred's back (Cain, 213).
After the other system went into effect, efficiency shot up like a rocket (Pyle, 279).

There wasn't even any aerial combat during the night and only a few flares shot up from the beach (Pyle, 25).

T 3. To grow; to increase in size.

That's why the lawn keeps shooting up and why you can't keep it down with a twenty-five dollar mower (Marquand, 515).

4. To expend, use up, by shooting.

And our big guns on an average heavy day were shooting up more than $10,000,000 worth of ammunition (Pyle, 417).

to shoot up a temperature. To develop a high bodily temperature rapidly.

They shoot up a temperature, start running at the nose, refuse everything you give them to eat... (Cain, 99).

to shoot the works. To give all on one's efforts; to make a supreme attempt.

The Germans were shooting the works now, and now the show was on (Marquand, 78).
You've shot the works, and there it is (Marquand, 370).
In whatever pertains to comfort, shoot the works (Cain, 227).

to shop around. To try out different ones; to look at different ones before making a choice.

Pruitt said he just shopped around in the Army till he found the pilot that suited him (Pyle, 332).
As a child she had gone to the Methodist Sunday school, but then her mother had begun to shop around, and finally wound up with the astrologers ... (Cain, 106).

a shore dinner. A meal of sea food: fish, lobster, oysters, or the like.

They want a shore dinner -- fish, lobster, and crab... (Cain, 177).

the shore line. The edge of the shore next to the water; the line at which the water and shore meet. (Also attributive.)

It forced the assault troops into the most bizarre invasion of enemy shore line in the second World War (Yank, 180).
In this shore-line museum of carnage... (Pyle, 366).

to shore up. To prop up; to support. (This implies a supporting of a wall, the sides of a ditch, and the like.)

It took a lot of lumber to shore up all those thousands of dugouts (Pyle, 257).

a shortage of. Not enough of; a deficit in.

...some day in the future there will be a shortage of fighter replacements when the enemy needs them badly (Yank, 128).

short circuited. Being in a condition of having a complete electrical circuit through a medium of low resistance; hence, broken, burned out, destroyed by a short circuit.

...the rest did not work as the wires had been short-circuited (Yank, 184).

a short cut. A way, path, manner, which is more direct, shorter, than the usual one.

He's pretty good at verbal short cuts (Yank, 36).
"That screws up the short cut," he said (Yank, 198).

to short cut. To take a more direct manner, way, path, than usual.

I like the dashing way you short-cut the conventional methods (Gardner, 212).

short of. Not quite at but near to.

...shells...began to sprinkle the landing beach, just short of the incoming boats (Yank, 250).

to be short of. Not to have enough of; not to have sufficient of; to have a deficit in.

Sicily was known to be short of water in summertime, so our invasion forces brought enough water with them to last five days (Pyle, 60).
Whatever happens to him, he won't be short of folding money (Yank, 28).
They were short of ammunition... (Pyle, 233).
If you were short of any of these things, you had better buy them quickly (Marquand, 510)

a short order. An order a la carte; an order of food, usually one dish, especially cooked.

If you like the daily special, I'd recommend it -- unless you want a short order.

a short order cook. The cook who prepares the a la carte orders; the cook who prepares the individual dishes, specially prepared food.

...I can do it all with...a fountain man, a short-order cook... (Cain, 175).
After his graduation he took a job as a short-order cook... (Yank, 22).

short order joint. A small, inexpensive, inelegant restaurant specializing in a la carte orders such as steaks, sandwiches, etc.

He had never done any cooking before joining the Navy, except to fry a few hamburgers at a short-order joint (Pyle, 40).

a short snorter. A humorous, informal, jesting, club of aviators who have done a lot of flying. One becomes a member by paying two members a dollar each and by having them sign a dollar bill which becomes his membership card. (Also attributive.)

They all had Short Snorter bills (Pyle, 349).

a short spell. A short time; a little while.

Prices here are high, and wealthy is one thing you're not likely to be even after a short spell in this self-styled... (Yank, 66).

short stop. The baseball player who stands between 1st and 2nd base.

...I'd stand down there by short stop... (Yank, 188).

short wave. A radio broadcasting or receiving on a wave length of sixty meters or less; a radio for long distance reception or broadcasting.

The people on the outside would pick up the game on the short wave... (Yank, 185).

a short way. A short distance; a little distance.

That scene may sound very warlike to you, but so great is the contrast between the actual lines and even a short way back that it was actually a setting of great calm (Pyle, 251).

shot up. (Cf. to shoot up.) Damaged; dilapidated; in poor shape.

...clearly marked by strips of mine tape, strung on two shot-up six-by-sixes and two wrecked ambulances (Yank, 57).

to shoulder arms. To place a rifle so that the barrel rests on one's shoulder and the butt of the rifle is in one's hand. (Usually implies the right shoulder.)

Then the men shouldered arms and began to march away (Yank, 201).

a shoulder blade. The scapula; a flat, triangular bone in the back lower than the shoulder.

This instrument had been inserted on a downward slope, clearing the left shoulder blade and penetrating the heart (Gardner, 130).

...showing the fatal knife which protruded from the back, just above the left shoulder blade (Gardner, 129).

shoulder deep. In depth to one's shoulder; about five feet deep.

It was about shoulder-deep... (Pyle, 265).

shoulder high. In height to one's shoulder; about five feet high.

The Germans had masses of great six-pronged spiders...standing shoulder-high... (Pyle, 361).

shoulder strap. A narrow piece of cloth usually sewed at the shoulder seam and buttoned near the neck indicative of commissioned officer rank and on which the officer fastens his insignia on the blouse.

...self-repeating, shoulder-strap model (Yank, 121).
...shoulder-strap button-hook catch... (Yank, 121).

shoulder to shoulder. Adjacent; next to each other.

They sat quietly shoulder to shoulder dressed in Class A's (Yank, 88).

...should worry. One needs not worry; one has no reason to be bothered.

...he should worry whether he could tickle the keys or not (Cain, 139).

to shout back. To shout in answer; to answer by shouting.

...the old woman shouted back... (Yank, 240).

to show (some) action. To produce results; to take part in purposeful activity.

...you show us some action by a week from tonight... (Cain, 248).

to show around. To take one from place to place so that one can see different things.

The shift leader was Sergeant Frank Zigon...who showed us around (Pyle, 245).
He had been shown around the place by David Schweizer...(New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
Monty's showing the prospective buyers around (Cain, 141).
You show me aroun' the place (Yank, 160).
The lieutenant showing me around shook his head... (Pyle, 340).
I was shown around by three of them (Pyle, 340).

show business. The theatre; theatrical business, activity.

He drove out to Bragg because he wanted an excuse to get...away from the show business (Marquand, 169).

to show cause. To give reasons, facts, and law to assist the judge to make a legal decision.

You will be ordered to appear and show cause why you should not be found guilty of contempt of court (Gardner, 39).

a showdown inspection. A military inspection of personal equipment to (1) make certain that each man has all of the equipment and clothing in his possession that he had been issued or (2) determine if stolen property is in any man's possession.

...he willingly paid a $100 fine for not wearing a helmet at the last showdown inspection before the Marauders started... (Yank, 92).

to show --- hand. To display one's defense, strength, plans.

Mason said, "I'm not going to show my hand until you've shown yours" (Gardner, 111).

to show an interest. To be interested; to exhibit signs of interest.

At least Veda did sit up at this, and show some faint sign of interest (Cain, 74).

to show --- in(to). To lead one into a place; to escort one into a place.

Finally, an old, bearded man...showed us into a square parlor furnished with three straight chairs... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

the show is on. The action has begun; something has begun, started.

The Germans were shooting the works now, and the show was on (Marquand, 78).

a show of. A display consisting of; an exhibition of.

There was a show of photographs at the dinner... (Yank, 70).

to show off. To be ostentatious in a presentation; to display ostentatiously. (This implies a self-centered, egocentric, person.)

"I'm not showing off," Walter said (Marquand, 44).
You know I don't want to show off, don't you (Marquand, 44).
He smiled when he said it, because he did not want to show off (Marquand, 185).
He'll show off when he sees you (Marquand, 474).

...he was sure that she would think that he was showing off (Marquand, 188).

a show of --- own. A fight, disturbance, in which one is engaged.

...a task force of the Big Bastard and several other battleships and destroyers cut away from its carrier for a little show of its own (Yank, 43).

to show --- out. To escort one to the outside door; to indicate the exit to one.

...I'll have Harris show you out (Cain, 43).

a show place. An estate, home, or unusual beauty of elegance.

Mr. Gorman knew that Mr. Wilson didn't want a show place but a farm... (Marquand, 502).

to show resentment. To exhibit resentment; to be openly resentful.

Lest she show resentment, she started for the kitchen, but it seemed impossible to get away from Ida (Cain, 48).

to show signs of. To have indications of; to exhibit evidence of.

In mid-November last year the tension of the Guadalcanal campaign showed signs of wearing on Lou (Yank, 110).
For the first time, Miss Turner departed from her hard-boiled manner, and showed some sign of annoyance (Cain, 41).

to show speed. To do something rapidly, hurriedly.

And if you could step on it slightly, show just a little speed -- why I might get to Arrowhead in time... (Cain, 89).

--- will show (th)em. One will demonstrate one's abilities, strength, perseverance.

We'll show 'em, won't we Jeff? (Marquand, 193).

to show to advantage. To exhibit advantageously; to show, exhibit, in the best light.

She stood in the doorway...a position which accidentally showed her figure to advantage (Yank, 159).

to show --- to a chair. To indicate to one which chair he is to sit in.

He showed me to a chair next to his desk (Yank, 249).

to show up.

1. To arrive; to come to a place.

Boy, if they show up in a fighting mood I'm taking out of here (Pyle, 106).
When I first showed up he was perfectly courteous... (Pyle, 245).
...but he did pour a dust-cutting libation for visitors who showed up at suppertime... (Pyle, 307).
...it hadn't showed up yet (Pyle, 388).
Every time you'd show up in Tunisia, we'd have a battle (Pyle, 261).
He had lived in the field for nearly two years, co king in a truck... and always having a snack for a cor espondent, no matter what hour he showed up (Pyle, 259).
Our Italian boy...showed up just as it was starting to get daylight (Pyle, 292).
...she curtly told him when he was to show up... (Cain, 144).
...the convoy showed up ahead of time (Yank, 28).
Two friends whom the staff had thought were dead showed up (Yank, 69).
...and after the citation was issued, a cute little trick showed up at the traffic department and paid the fine (Gardner, 155).
Whenever I show up, dear, the Romans always hide their wives (Marquand, 70).
His folks just happened to be traveling over there at the time he showed up (Pyle, 409).
Then I asked the manager if she gave apartments to every tramp who showed up without asking for references (Gardner, 10).
...he was waiting for his girl friend to show up (Yank, 26).
General Eddy especially liked to show up in places where his soldiers wouldn't expect to see him (Pyle, 395).
...I showed up at their remote position... (Pyle, 384).
Another much-needed item that had at last shown up in good quantity was candles (Pyle, 243).
We asked Mr. Carroll what he does on very cold nights, when company fails to show up (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).
Well, he said that if the prosecuting witness didn't show up, it was no skin off their skins (Gardner, 197).
It was the first time it has occurred to her that she could open a restaurant and then have nobody show up (Cain, 120).
If they claimed it was Leeds she'd murdered, Leeds could show up very much alive and well (Gardner, 182).
That had been before Emily showed up (Gardner, 181).
The next time the blonde shows up, the situation is radically different... (Gardner, 64).
"Ever know Emily Milicant before she showed up here?" Mason asked (Gardner, 57).
He'll show up when he gets ready (Gardner, 58).
Your uncle will show up all right (Gardner, 50).
...but he showed up anyway, and got the party started... (Cain, 158).
...I had no idea you'd show up... (Cain, 163).
...one customer showed up... (Cain, 161).

...but a buyer had better show up pretty soon, or Monty'll be eating the peacock (Cain, 142).
Last year...he showed up paralyzed and when Aunt Minnie opened the door he almost fell in on top of her (Yank, 183).
Morgan...as puzzled as anyone when nobody showed up to inspect (Yank, 181).
He usually showed up on Christmas with a load on (Yank, 183).
Mr. Levinson showed up, saying he happened to be in town... (Cain, 257).

2. To come into being; to become evident.

But in the Mediterranean it didn't show up until the beginning of the Sicilian operation... (Pyle, 158).
Then the term "Kraut" showed up... (Pyle, 242).
His done, the secondary troubles of life on an equatorial island showed up (Yank, 41).

3. To appear; to look; to present an appearance.

They showed up wonderfully at night and were fascinating (Pyle, 137).
If he were in uniform he could show up as well as a lot of them and perhaps better (Marquand, 570).

a shrill laugh. A laugh in a high pitched tone which is usually considered a nervous laugh.

Then she broke into a high, shrill laugh (Cain, 193).

to shrink away. To leave, go away, stealthily.

...to twitch or shrink away if you poke them (New Yorker, XXIII, June 26, 1947, 17).

to shrugg off. To disregard as unimportant; to try to pay no attention to as valueless.

Mildred tried to shrug it off, but Blanche was quite bitter about it... (Cain, 112).
...Mrs. Gessler shrugged it off (Cain, 178).

to shrug --- shoulders. (A rather indefinite gesture used to indicate lack of knowledge, indecision, or the like.)

Mason shrugged his shoulders (Gardner, 153).
Walter smiled and shrugged his shoulders (Marquand, 42).

to shuffle --- feet. To move one's feet about awkwardly, indecisively.

He was trying to plan what to say to Louella next...and that he must not shuffle his feet (Marquand, 185).

to shuffle off the mortal coil. To die.

...the object of their so-called affection is sufficiently inconsiderate to postpone shuffling the mortal coil, leaving behind, of course, a favorable will (Gardner, 34).

to shut down. To cease operations; to stop work.

Several times each of the three air-fields had to shut down for a few hours... (Yank, 54).

shut eye. Sleep.

Hope I can...grab some shut-eye (Yank, 209).
We...stretched out on the bunks for a little shut-eye (Yank, 255).
...the same guys in bed getting some shut-eye while bedlam went on around them (Pyle, 333).

to shut --- eyes. To disregard irregularities; to pay no attention to known irregularities.

But, again through the influence of this very influential friend, the hotel seemed to shut its eyes and let me stay... (Pyle, 299).
Don't shut your eyes to facts (Marquand, 346).

to shut off.

1. To disconnect; to turn off.

The drivers shut off their diesel motors (Pyle, 427).
We shut off the motors and waited (Pyle, 428).
...the driver shut off his motor and we climbed down (Pyle, 429).
An armored car drove around us, pulled unto a ditch ahead and shut off its motor (Pyel, 427).
The door of his room was closed and the telephone was shut off, but there were familiar sounds beyond the door (Marquand, 327).

2. To enclose; to separate from something else.

...to stare at the window around which an ornamental, iron grille work shut off a little balcony some four feet wide (Gardner, 36).

3. To exclude; to stop; to end.

He could not even tell what he wanted to get away from, unless it were a sort of insincerity, an insulation there which shut off all genuine expression (Marquand, 138-9).

a shut off valve. A main water valve in a building, house; the water valve connecting the water main to distributing pipes.

.. the plumber who had installed the plumbing had cheated Jeffrey and had done something mysterious with the shut-off valves (Marquand, 500).
Mr. Gorman had worked on those shut-off valves for hours and hours until he had thought he had them licked (Marquand, 500).
...he had told Jeffrey to come right down cellar and see the shut-off valves himself (Marquand, 500).
Jeffrey had not gone down cellar to see the shut-off valves and Madge said that Mr. Gorman had a reason for everything (Marquand, 500).

to shut out. To exclude; to keep out.

He was gone, leaving a silence that shut out the sounds outside (Marquand, 465).

to shut up.

1. To cease, stop, talking, speaking, making vocal sounds; to be silent.

When the planes came the Gun shut up... (Yank, 33).
Now kindly shut up (Cain, 61).
Now shut up and let me talk (Cain, 23).
Mason said, "Shut up, Paul2 (Gardner, 162).
"Shut up," Alf said, "I've had a pretty good time, kid, a better time than you" (Marquand, 488).
"Alf," Jeffrey said, "shut up" (Marquand, 488).
"You shut up," Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 460).
Do your work and shut up, is what I say (Marquand, 512).
Finally he blurted out, "Shut up!" (Yank, 46).
"Shut up, Page," said a voice (Yank, 46).
...He would start singing and the pilot would have to yell at him to shut up" (Pyle, 331).
"Aw, shut up!" (Pyle, 203).
Finally, some soldier in the darkness told him to shut up (Pyle, 203).
Mason said, "Shut up" (Gardner, 119).
Aw, shut up, you rebel... (Yank, 207).
Oh, for God's sake shut up (Cain, 167).
Will you just kindly shut up? (Cain, 140).
Loud talking interfered with the radioman's reception and he shouted: "Shut up, back there" (Yank, 59).
...will you for God's sake shut up? (Cain, 177).
"Oh, you shut up, Alf," Ethel said (Marquand, 157).
Oh, shut up... (Cain, 177).

2. To enclose; to confine.

The average doughfoot or airman said no one could ever get him shut up in a tank (Pyle, 264).

to shy off. To turn away in fright, in anticipation of danger.

The 190 shied off but the 88 returned... (Yank, 15).

to be sick and tired of. To be disgusted with; to be tired of; to be fed up with.

...I'm pretty sick and tired of going through induction stations (Yank, 170).

to be sick at --- stomach. To be nauseated; to have nausea.

...a man who is a little sick at his stomach (Pyle, 352).
Petchal kept getting sick at his stomach (Pyle, 217).
A third complained, "I'm hungry, but I can't eat anything. I keep getting sick at my stomach" (Pyle, 49).
Some of the wounded men were sick at the stomach (Pyle, 57).

sick bay. The room, cabin, or the like on a ship used as a hospital ward; hence, members of the medical staff working there.

"Sick bay," he called, "send help" (Yank, 43).
Sick bay is on this circuit and they'll send a doctor (Yank, 44).
At sick bay he found men stretched out on every available table... (Yank, 47).

sick call. The daily call, opportunity, a service man has to tell his commanding officer that he is sick, ill, and to be required to report to the medical officer for an examination.

...I thought I would cover up by going on sick call (Yank, 217).

to be sick of. To be disgusted with; to be tired of.

They were pretty sick of that... (Pyle, 385).
They told him they were sick of being browbeaten and starved by the Germans, who had lots of wheat locked in granaries in Licate (Pyle, 30).
I'm mighty sick of it all... (Pyle, 195).
Oh, for God's sakes, stop talking about overshoes; that's all I've heard for weeks and I am sick of listening to it (Pyle, 104).

to be sick to death of. To be very disgusted with; to be very tired of.

The old-timers were sick to death of battle... (Pyle, 182).

side by side.

1. Being in a position of having one's side next to, near to, in line with, the side of another.

They were walking side by side across the court and up the State Department steps (Marquand, 560).
He only knew that they were sitting side by side on the sofa and that Louella's face was flushed (Marquand, 207).
Just by the steps that led to the revolving door on Arlington Street were two tables side by side with two pretty girls behind them (Marquand, 296).
...with red leather seats along the wall where you and your companions would sit side by side, tete-a-tete... (Marquand, 318).
And they sat side by side in the rocking chairs (Marquand, 187).
...we would have three infantry divisions, side by side (Pyle, 430).

2. Together; in cooperation.

It is a joint British-American undertaking...enlisted men and civilians, working side by side (Yank, 128).

side lines. The lengthwise boundaries of a playing field, as a football field, etc.

...everybody on the side lines...nearly choked while trying to keep from laughing (Yank, 186).

side meat. Bacon; salt pork; that part of the hog from which bacon is made.

They lug along their own side meat for frying-grease... (Yank, 192).

side show. An entertainment, show, exhibition of freaks, in connection with and incidental to a circus, carnival, or the like. (Also attributive.)

Walter and all his colleagues were a little like the side-show barkers outside the tents at a county fair (Marquand, 348).

to side step.

1. To evade; to walk around.

As the major led the way, I side-stepped our barbed wire, jumped over a block of masonry and leaped in and out of a crater... (Yank, 60).

2. To evade; not to meet, obey, an issue, order, etc., by evasion.

Gen. Stilwell side-steps formalities even when presenting decorations (Yank, 130).

a side street. A street which is not heavily traveled; not a main street.

Then he took to the side streets to get back to his hotel... (Yank, 201).

The Val Halla was on a side street off the boulevard and the city had grown up around it (Marquand, 454-5).

a sigh of content. A sigh which is indicative of content, happiness, well being.

...she wriggled into his belly quite possessively, and dropped off to sleep with a sigh of deep content (Cain, 95).

the sight of. The seeing; the looking at.

...the sight of the rifles made Jeffrey move his hand to his side very slowly (Marquand, 235).

to sight read. (Cf. to read at sight.) To read, interpret, music, play, sing a composition, the first time one sees it and with no practice.

I tell where she go to learn sight-read... (Cain, 218).

sight reading. Playing, singing, a musical composition the first time one sees it with no practice.

Your sight-reading is remarkable, the sure sign of a musician (Cain, 137).
Let's try the sight-reading (Cain, 135).
And he gave me the names...who could teach me theory, and sight-reading, and piano... (Cain, 232).
I asked him if there was a little sight-reading he wanted done... (Cain, 232).
Mildred told about the...sight-reading... (Cain, 138).

a sight to behold. Unusual, peculiar, odd looking.

With a long beard and a big grin and no teeth he was a sight to behold (Pyle, 173).
The gunners' tent...was a sight to behold... (Pyle, 218).
He was a sight to behold (Pyle, 411).

a sight to see. Well worth seeing; something to see; a sight.

It was a sight to see a bunch of combat soldiers after they had shaved and washed up (Pyle, 150).

sign language. Communication by means of gestures, postures, and the like.

In sign language he explained that his daughter lived in Cherbourg... (Yank, 106).
...a little old fellow in faded blue overalls ran up and asked us, in sign language, to come to his cafe for a drink (Pyle, 377).

to be no sign of. To be no evidence of; to be no indication of.

There was still no sign of Japs... (Yank, 250).
In fact there was no sign of anything... (Yank, 31).
There was no sign anywhere of the British Eighth Army (Yank, 31).
"No sign of a fire here," one of the officers said belligerently. (Gardner, 42).

to sign up (for). To sign a contract for certain things; to agree formally to certain conditions in return for something.

When a convict in Alcatraz who had signed up for a correspondence course... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 21).

to sign up (with). To join; to enlist; to become a member of.

Their growers...all signed up with the Exchange... (Cain, 141).

a silence falls. A silence descends; there is a sudden silence; everything becomes quiet.

A silence fell on them, a glum silence that lasted a long time (Cain, 13).

silhouetted against. Being between one and the light so that the object appears in silhouette, as a dark object with distinct outlines.

...we could finally see...the dark shapes of grouped planes ahead silhouetted against a faintly lightening sky (Pyle, 323).

silk hat. (Cf. high silk hat.) A hat, usually men's, having a silk finish, silk exterior, often with a high cylindrical crown.

Their silk hats were on again (Marquand, 560).

to be silly about. To be foolish about; to be stupid concerning.

...Elaine may be a bum -- well there's no use being silly about it.

a silver dollar. The silver coin worth a dollar; a dollar coin; a cart wheel.

...the size of a big silver dollar (Cain, 222).

silver fox. A red fox whose fur has silver tips on the pelt. (Also attributive.)

She tried a silver fox fur...and wore it (Cain, 221).

the simple truth. The truth; the whole truth.

To tell the simple truth, most of us over in France don't pretend to know the right answer (Pyle, 466).

since God knows when. For a very long time; in a long while.

Real gin! I haven't tasted it since -- God knows when (Cain, 26).

since when. When; at what time.

Since when did he start bell-ringing? (Marquand, 114).
"My God," Mrs. Newcombe said, "since when did you start in giving her stockings?" (Marquand, 459).

since you ask. I did not intend to tell you, but inasmuch as you have inquired, I will.

...since you ask, with enough money, I can get away from you... (Cain, 207).

not a single. No; not one; none.

...everyone was trying to express some idea of his own, although not a single idea had any value (Marquand, 137).

single file. A line composed of people one at a time; Indian file.

A long single file of men... (Yank, 207).
...the colonel made us keep a 60-yard interval between men in single file ... (Yank, 197).

single handed. Singly; alone; with no help from anyone else.

At Salerno Gonzales...single-handedly knocked out four German machine guns... (Yank, 149).

to single out. To separate one from all others; to take one from a group.

...wanted to know why Ida had been singled out to manage the Beverly branch... (Cain, 176).
...the Germans had singled them out because they were so good (Pyle, 385).

to sing out. To shout; to yell; to call.

Just sing out if you want anything (Marquand, 259).
Henser did most of the calling, singing out the fighters' positions... (Yank, 15).

to sing praises. To eulogize; to praise lavishly.

...reporters reciprocated this donation of information by singing... praises of the manner in which Perry Mason had solved a puzzling case (Gardner, 213).

to sing a song. To sing a composition, aria, or the like; to sing.

...may I sing a song just because I want to sing it? (Cain, 241).

sing songy. Having a regular, monotonous, rhythm with equal rises and falls in tone.

The whole thing...was sing-songy... (Cain, 160).

to sink back. To rest one's back against a support, as the back of a chair, or the mattress of a bed.

Mom turned white, and sat bolt upright, but Mr. Pierce spoke quickly, and she sank back, her lips compressed (Cain, 98).
The stranger sank back in his seat (Marquand, 10).

to sink --- hook into. To get control of; to get into one's control, possession.

"Judge Treadwell might think she was waiting to sink her hooks into Leeds as soon as the court freed him." (Gardner, 24).

to sink in. To be fully understood, comprehended, realized.

He pauses to let the dramatic effect of these words sink in (Yank, 204).

a sinking spell. A lowering of the life vitality; a weakening of a sick person; a becoming more ill.

Shortly after that, the patient in fifteen had a sinking spell (Gardner, 38).

to sink or swim. To survive or perish according to one's own efforts; to be independent and on one's own.

...hardly given him a line of advertising but he had simply thrown the book out perfunctorily and let it sink or swim (Marquand, 335).

to be able to sink --- teeth into. To be able to come to grips with; to be able to take hold of.

Poor people get right down to brass tacks: love, hunger, murder, forgery, embezzlement -- things a man can sink his teeth into, things he can sympathize with (Gardner, 1-2).

to sip a drink. To drink in small sips; to drink slowly.

...the man...sipped his drink (Cain, 213).

a sister-in-law. One's wife's sister, or one's husband's sister, or one's husband's or wife's brother's wife.

Jeffrey saw that his sister-in-law was doubled up with laughter (Marquand, 483).
It was like his new sister-in-law, Agnes... (Marquand, 483).

to sit across the table. To sit so that a table is between two people; to sit at the opposite side of the table.

Jeffrey wished that she had been sitting across the table, so that he did not have to turn his head to see her (Marquand, 321).

to sit and twiddle --- thumbs. To sit idle; to be idle.

The other men of the Third Division didn't just sit and twiddle their thumbs while all this was going on (Pyle, 67).

to sit apart. To sit away from each other; not to sit next to, near, each other, or others in a group.

...Pancho and Josie, who sat apart, not quite of things... (Cain, 152).
They sat apart in one corner, disdainful of the Italians (Pyle, 30).

to sit around.

1. To sit idly; to sit with nothing in particular to do.

...we were still going on and on, still moving every few days, still listening for the uneven groan of the German night bombers...and once in a while sitting around talking after supper... (Pyle, 84).
At the first camp I came to, about two hundred Italian soldiers and the same number of civilians were sitting around on the ground inside the wire (Pyle, 30).
When he ran out of anything to do he just sat around, always in sight, awaiting our pleasure (Pyle, 119).
Afterwards, they sat around and sang and there was some spontaneous dancing, much like our square dances (Yank, 71).
And when they sat around together of an evening, nine tenths of their conversation was exuberant and full of howling jokes (Pyle, 178).
They didn't spend much time sitting around glooming to each other about their chances (Pyle, 224).
...they sat around taking rusted guns apart (Pyle, 422).
He didn't want to just be sitting around (Marquand, 516).
...Yugoslav pilots...who are just sitting around in Allied territory (Yank, 249).
...he would talk as long as the boys would sit around and listen to his stories... (Yank, 139).

They had been back from Oran an hour or two and were sitting around with the boys... (Yank, 140).
There wasn't any loafing, there wasn't any sitting around chewing the fat in Lew Brown's City Room (Marquand, 278).
For three days...I rode and I sat around with Lieutenant-General... Bradley... (Pyle, 306).
This little chore involved getting up at 3 A.M., working about two hours, then sitting around chinning and drinking coffee with the radio operator ... (Pyle, 3).
All that day during the lulls the men sat around on piles of shells or water cans, sewing at their shirts and jackets - like a bunch of old women (Pyle, 110).
I sat around on the grass and chatted... (Pyle, 421).
After supper everyone sits around and sings (Yank, 69).
At night they would sit around their tents and bitch about "parade-ground soldiering"... (Yank, 91).
The men who were not on guard sat around talking sex and politics... (Yank, 60).
...a group of lieutenants sat around inside their flat-roofed quarters... (Yank, 206).
...she, and Veda, and Monty sat around in the small library... (Cain, 231).
"The hardest part of the war," observed a major, "is just sitting around doing nothing" (Yank, 234).
'He sits around all day --' ...Feet in front of the fire passing the time away' (Marquand, 158).
But after the cake had been delivered, and she had sat around with them a few minutes, she detected something in the air (Cain, 13).
...what kind of place this was anyway, to let people sit around without even asking them if they minded waiting (Cain, 47).

2. To sit so that the group encircles; to sit on the perimenter of something.

Then we went into the back room of the local pub and sat around a big round table with two battered old British women... (Pyle, 333).
...Lieutenant Tony Libertore...was lying on the ground with several of the sergeants sitting around him, just gabbing about this and that (Pyle, 187).

to sit at. To sit before and next to; to sit facing.

...where Veda was seated at the satiny black grand (Cain, 181).
...Mrs. Gessler, and Veda were sitting at a table... (Cain, 153).
One night in London I was sitting at a table with some friends... (Pyle, 320).
...he saw three Russians sitting at a table and drinking vodka (Yank, 165).
In stolid silence, Mason sat at the wheel while the officers pulled alongside (Gardner, 40-1).

to sit back.

1. To lean back in a chair; to rest one's back against the back of a chair, seat.

...toward the end, the orchestra sat back and listened... (Cain, 241).
...she sat back comfortably... (Cain, 185).
She..sit back like a duchess... (Cain, 217).
...I sat back and searched the face of the chaplain for a reaction (Yank, 164).
Personally, I just sat back, relaxed with a cigarette (Yank, 16).

2. To wait quietly, relaxed.

...it pleased her that she could give the pair of them a good waspish sting, and then sit back and watch their faces (Cain, 18).
Sit back and simply act as a lawyer, presenting a case (Gardner, 175).

to sit down. To sit; to seat oneself; to become seated.

Mildred got up, handed over Miss Turner's note, and sat down while Mrs. Forrester read it (Cain, 42).
Mildred, I invited you to sit down (Cain, 42).
Mildred pulled up a chair and sat down beside Mrs. Gessler... (Cain,126).
Wally pulled over a chair and sat down with Bert and Veda (Cain, 122).
He sat down, and resumed his unwinking stare at Veda (Cain, 112).
Mildred sat down, and Mr. Pierce resumed his account of the catastrophe
When a customer came in and sat down at Anna's station, Mildred motioned Anna back to her coffee (Cain, 88).
She sat down, watched Ray's face turn white, then blue... (Cain, 102).
Then he pulled up a chair and sat down (Cain, 77).
Then he sat down quite sociably and watched her work (Cain, 82).
He broke off, sat down, and began cursing... (Cain, 80).
Mason strolled over to one of the chairs, sat down, and lit a cigarette (Gardner, 177).
Sit down where you can be comfortable, and get it off your chest (Gardner, 166).
Go out in the other room and sit down (Gardner, 70).
Serle sat down (Gardner, 99).
"Sit down," Judge Treadwell said (Gardner, 35).
Serle sat down (Gardner, 99).
Barkler said, "Don't be long," walked back to the leather chair, and sat down (Gardner, 59).
The lawyer sat down (Gardner, 27).
They don't start eating the main order until anywhere from ten to twenty minutes after they sit down, sometimes half an hour (Gardner, 149).
Barkler sat down, pushed the tobacco down into the bowl of his pipe with a horny forefinger... (Gardner, 55).
"Sit down," she invited tonelessly (Gardner, 18).
He shook hands, sat down, crossed well-creased gray trousers... (Gardner, 21).

Just sit down and make yourself at home (Marquand, 184).
And he sat down on the floor (Marquand, 145).
Milton sat down near the desk, and Jeffrey closed the door, and Milton unsnapped his brief case (Marquand, 403).
Bill Swinburne sat down behind one of them and Jeffrey drew a chair up beside it (Marquand, 573).
He stood -- the General did not ask him to sit down -- he simply stood there listening to the General talking (Marquand, 574).
Jeffrey sat down cautiously on the red leather bench (Marquand, 318).
"Sit down, Tommy," Minot said (Marquand, 252).
Jeffrey sat down with the script on his knee and looked up at the stage (Marquand, 80).
Walter sat down in one of the armchairs... (Marquand, 47).
Walter sat down and tapped the cigarette case (Marquand, 48).
Fred was there at the hunting board working at the salad already when they sat down... (Marquand, 129).
He sat down behind his field desk and asked: "Anything new this morning, corporal?" (Yank, 95).
On the morning of June 6 he came into the S-2 tent and sat down behind his typewriter, humming to himself (Yank, 95).
Suppose I sit down and talk it over? (Yank, 209).
After that he sat down on a little stool... (Yank, 12).
We sit down in separate, straight-backed wooden chairs (Yank, 189).
"Sit down, for God's sake!" he snapped (Yank, 130).
When the generals sat down for their first dinner in Iran... (Yank, 200).
She covered it up herself and then sat down at a safe distance to watch (Yank, 72).
I threw off my pack and sat down (Yank, 21).
While he was talking, the handyman came over and sat down (Yank, 70).
They had no sooner sat down than it started again... (Pyle, 341).
It is not merely that the officer sits down with his men; it is that they... (Yank, 70).
It made me so damn mad that I just called this gun out of action while we all sat down and put on the leggings (Pyle, 110).
One forenoon a nice looking young soldier walked up and sat down on the earthen ledge behind our gun pit (Pyle, 113).
...as long as a man was in uniform all he had to do was to walk in and sit down (Pyle, 172).
I wrapped a blanket around me and sat down on the floor... (Pyle, 392).
We figure the least we can do is get the old lady somethings she can sit down in or sleep in without going through to the floor (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to sit down at a piano. To sit at a piano preparatory to playing it, performing on it.

...Veda who sat down at the piano was quite a different Veda ... (Cain, 185).

a sit down strike. A strike by labor in which the workers report for work but remain idle.

There were sit-down strikes in France and there was unrest in Spain... (Marquand, 212).

to sit down to a (meal). To eat.

...we wandered into a division command post and sat down to a luncheon of fresh, crisp, American-style fried chicken... (Pyle, 151).

to sit heavily (heavy) on --- stomach. To be difficult to digest; to cause indigestion.

...the half-melted brick of green, white and orange ice cream, sat heavily on Jeffrey's stomach... (Marquand, 37).

to sit in on. To participate, take part, in a conference, discussion, game of cards or the like.

...one of them...was telling how he had asked the king to sit in on a crap game (Marquand, 36).
...both called from the writers' wing to sit in on the conference, and they, too were wearing coats... (Marquand, 419).
I sat in on scores of briefings in England and Africa... (Pyle, 208).
Later I was with a squadron of A-20 bombers and sat in on their early-morning briefing (Pyle, 179).
...you couldn't blame the bugs and caterpillars for knowing good stuff when they saw it and kind of sitting in on that orchard on the hill... (Marquand, 516).

to sit on. To sit upon. (on usually accompanies sit.)

Then Jeffrey would say that there wasn't anything to sit on and besides he liked to eat standing up (Marquand, 546).
...there was never anything but a helmet, a water can or a sandbag to sit on, and a little straw on the ground to lie on (Pyle, 114).

to sit --- out. Not to take part in; not to participate in, as to sit out a dance.

...Russia and the U.S. were still sitting it out on the sidelines (Yank, 218).

to sit still. To sit quietly; to sit and not to move.

She sat perfectly still... (Cain, 146).
But she sat perfectly still, not distracting by so much as a movement the attention of those on whom Ray's chance depended (Cain, 103).
"I like it here," Jesse said, "because I can just sit still and I don't have to think" (Marquand, 274).

to sit there. To sit; to remain seated.

And if it were opened, that meant that Bert would sit there, and sit there, and sit until every drop was gone... (Cain, 54).

to sit through. To remain seated and to watch, observe, a performance.

...it was a poor play and no one would want to sit through it, and Jesse could call him a fascist if he wanted (Marquand, 554).

to sit tight.

1. To remain convinced of one's actions; not to change one's opinion, rescind one's judgment.

Serle squawked his head off and tried to get it at a thousand, but they sat tight at five (Gardner, 88).

2. To remain silent in regard to a particular problem, question; not to talk about something.

Go on home, sit tight, and don't worry (Gardner, 83).
Go home, sit tight, and see that your Uncle Alden gets in touch with me (Gardner, 83-4).

3. Not to move; not to go anywhere; to remain relatively still.

The colonel decided to sit tight and send out patrols (Yank, 48).

a sitting duck. An easy target; anything which is easy to shoot because of its open, unprotected, position.

All the Germans had to do was take easy aim and let go at the sitting duck (Pyle, 405).
We were within simple and easy gunning distance. We were a sitting duck (Pyle, 21).

to be sitting pretty. To be in a very good position, condition, situation; to be well off.

...there was a German in the foxhole, sitting pretty, holding a machine pistol in his hands (Pyle, 450).
A deal that would leave you sitting so pretty you wouldn't even need a backer (Cain, 78).

a sitting room. A living room, the main room of a house, apartment. (At one time there was a sitting room as well as a living room in American houses, and the sitting room was the less formal of the two.)

The phonograph was in a little sitting room, on the left (Marquand, 186).
The big sitting room was already filled with the sort of people who appeared at a time like that... (Marquand, 291).

to sit up.

1. To rise to a sitting position; to sit after having lain down, or having been relaxed.

Veda sat up, lit another cigarette... (Cain, 197).
Thereupon the boy sat up and said eagerly... (Pyle, 124).
Artie sat up and turned steely, or at least glassy, blue eyes on us (Yank, 101).
The men whose names were called sat up sleepily... (Yank, 19).
...she gave a little giggle, and then she sat up very straight (Marquand, 157).
Jeffrey found himself sitting up straighter (Marquand, 299).
Jeffrey sat up straighter in bed (Marquand, 535).
"Here!" cried Durkee instinctively sitting up (Yank, 138).
Jeffrey found himself sitting up straighter (Marquand, 251).
...picked up the newspaper and waited, sitting up a little straighter as he heard Albert cross the dining room (Marquand, 305).
...she sat up in bed... (Cain, 219).

2. To sit; to be in a seated position.

There seemed to be no other except the roaring flames and he was sitting up alone in a sunny field... (Marquand, 231).
I heard of one boy who tried to sleep sitting up in his foxhole... (Pyle, 253).
Marianna was sitting up straight (Marquand, 498).
...a man really had to sleep half sitting up... (Pyle, 268).
A Jap was sitting up inside... (Yank, 145).

3. To show evidence of interest, surprise, astonishment.

At least Veda did sit up at this, and show some faint sign of interest (Cain, 74).

4. To remain awake and not in bed after the usual hours for retiring, going to bed.

You sit up all night (Yank, 116).

a six by six. Any army vehicle, usually a truck, having three axles which furnish driving power to the wheels: the two front wheels and two pair of rear wheels. (Cf. a four by four, usually a jeep.)

...clearly marked by strips of mine tape strung on two shot-up six-by-sixes and two wrecked ambulances (Yank, 57).
...girders and bomb craters large enough to hide a six-by-six, we made our way along (Yank, 58).
There is also a truck driver...who operates the six-by-six that hauls the Gun from position to position (Yank, 32).

a six footer. A person who is six feet or more in height.

Serrano is a six-footer... (Yank, 25).

the sixty-four dollar question. The most difficult, the most important, the most puzzling problem, question.

The reply to the $64 question 'Where is the Jap fleet?' thus lies in an analysis of Tokyo's present strategy (Newsweek, March 20, 1944, 23).
...and now for the $64 question -- 'List the contents of your home! Almost impossible to do from memory!' (Time, May 8, 1944, 44).

six ways from Sunday. Every possible, conceivable way, manner, fashion.

When you're under fire, you've got to think six ways from Sunday (Yank, 149).

to size up. To make an opinion concerning something; to estimate; to get the measure of something.

Conversation with him was rather hard...for I know how Westerners like to size people up first (Pyle, 194).
Mason, sizing up his man, made no effort to crowd him, but tilting back in his swivel chair... (Gardner, 56).
The officers exchanged glances and sized Mason up (Gardner, 42).
Mason sized them up, and said, "Your Uncle Freeman looks like an opinionated cuss" (Gardner, 25).

to skate on thin ice. To take great chances; to proceed in something where there is danger, peril.

"You have to admit," he said, "that you skate on pretty thin ice. Mason -- how long have you known Serle was the guilty party?" (Gardner, 210).

to skim over. To read hastily and without concentration; to skim; to read through quickly.

...he was reading the New York Times, avidly skimming over each dispatch with the hope that he might come on something reassuring between the lines. (Marquand, 543).

to skin --- alive. To punish one severely; to reprimand one.

...if she started using lipstick at her age, he'd skin her alive (Pyle, 335).

to skip it. To pay no attention to something; to disregard something.

Then suddenly he wanted to skip it because if he did not skip it, if he did not think of... (Marquand, 298).

You have a right to an opinion, and for God's sake, don't say 'Let's skip it' (Marquand, 53).
"Well...let's skip it" (Marquand, 47).
"Let's skip it," Walter said (Marquand, 45).
Let's skip it, here we are (Marquand, 45).

to skip out. To leave, depart, go away, without telling where one is going; to leave furtively.

She skipped out after the murder because she didn't want to be involved (Gardner, 175).
So the police won't know she packed to skip out? (Gardner, 69).

to skip to. To pass over one thing to another.

He skipped down to the end...'and you shall tell me of all the wonders...' (Yank, 157).

sky hook. An imaginary tool for which novices and apprentices are sent by journeymen. Considered very funny. Often said to be an apparatus for lifting heavy weights.

...this has no connection with left-handed monkey wrenches or sky hooks (Yank, 172).

to slacken up. To slow down; to slow up; to do something slower or less frequently.

He's been hitting it for about 15 minutes out of every hour, but lately he's been slackening up (Yank, 197).

to slack off.

1. To relax; to become less tense; to quiet down.

But when her apprehension slacked off... (Cain, 140).

2. To decrease; to lessen; to become less.

Trade slacked off... (Cain, 244).

slack time. A time when one is not busy; a time of relatively little activity.

...we customers are held as living advertisements when we enter a restaurant during the slack time (Gardner, 150).
I'd waited for a slack time -- maybe sort of put it off (Gardner, 148).
You know, in a joint like that...a waiter can't take food out until he catches a slack time (Gardner, 147).

to slam a door in --- face. To shut a door with a great force thus denying one entrance or further conversation. (Considered an insult.)

It was like having a door slammed in his face (Marquand, 442).

to slam up the receiver. To slam a telephone instrument down on the cradle of the phone. (Usually considered a sign of anger.)

Mildred slammed up the receiver... (Cain, 205).
He was getting ready to slam up the receiver when the man at the other end of the line said something... (Gardner, 5).

slant eyed. Having Mongoloid eyes; having eyes which seem to slant upward away from the bridge of the nose instead of being horizontal.

They carry their children in sashlike cloth contraptions which only a slant-eyed little Javanese could appreciate (Yank, 75).

to slap --- around. To hit one frequently when one is defenseless.

...the Nazis had the habit of slapping their bleeding victims around the room... (Yank, 220).

slap happy. A little foolish; not quite bright; not wholly normal mentally.

Are you slap-happy? (Marquand, 528).
"Yes," Jeffrey said, "slap-happy," and he laughed, but the colloquialism disturbed him (Marquand, 528).

to slap --- in the face. To startle, surprise, one with something unpleasant, insulting.

Wait until I slap him in the face with that and ask him how it happens that Inez Colton... (Gardner, 156).

to slap on. To give something someone does not want to him so that he is forced to take it.

Maybe you, I, and Veda will all have papers slapped on us today (Cain, 251).

to slap --- on the shoulder. (An act of good fellowship, gregariousness.)

He had not loved it, either, when the Captain slapped him on the shoulder ... (Marquand, 225).

to slap --- thigh. (An action showing mirth, good humor.)

...Bert, who slapped his thigh (Cain, 212).

to be slated to. To be registered to; to be contracted to; to be arranged to.

They were slated to sing in London (Pyle, 339).

to sleep in. To sleep within. (One sleeps in a bed, room, house, or the like.

Nobody was in the room, and it hadn't been slept in (Cain, 252).
We figure the least we can do is get the old lady something she can sit down in or sleep in without going through to the floor (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

a sleeping tablet. A medicine, drug, which relaxes one, allows one to sleep.

He had taken a sleeping tablet (Pyle, 364).

a sleepless night. A night when one gets little or no sleep.

...you'll have plenty of excuse for having had a sleepless night and putting on the weep act (Gardner, 77).

to sleep out. To sleep outside of a house, building; to sleep out of doors.

They had been...sleeping out on the ground... (Pyle, 399).
We travelled continuously, moved camp every few days, ate out, slept out... and just never caught up on sleep, rest, cleanliness, or anything else normal (Pyle, 85).

to sleep with. To occupy the same bed. (If a man and a woman sleep together this means sexual intercourse.)

...Mildred asked Veda if she'd like to sleep with her, "just for tonight" ... (Cain, 198).
...for a time she ate with him, drank with him, slept with him (Cain, 142).
'Ave a sweetie on a side, guy she like to sleep wit' (Cain, 217).
If she sleeps with Doakes she gets twenty bucks a week, if not she gets twelve (Cain, 37).
They began sleeping with their wives, and I guess it worked out all right (Cain, 37).
I slept with that girl once, in Berlin, in 1885... (Marquand, 17).

sleight of hand. Legerdemain; magic; a deception.

So adroit was this sleight-of-hand, that the children, in spite of their shapened watching and concentrating, never got... (Cain, 55).

to slick up. To clean up; to wash, bathe, put on clean clothes, shined shoes, and the like.

One night they slicked all up, put on their dress uniforms with all their sergeants stripes and their silver wings and all their ribbons... (Pyle, 333).

to slide along. To move easily; to move quietly, seemingly effortlessly.

Our vessel slid along at half speed, making almost no sound (Pyle, 11).

to slide back. To return to one's normal habits, actions, gradually.

Hour by hour we could feel the ship slide back into her normal ways (Pyle, 44).

to slide by. To pass by, go by, quietly, easily, almost effortlessly.

...we idled our engines and slid by both barges... (Yank, 255).

to slide down. To slide downwards.

...a washout, where part of the hill had slid down on the road... (Cain, 163).
...we...slid down to the next turn (Yank, 241).
We had to slide down the elevator shaft (Yank, 168).

to slide in. To enter by sliding, seeping.

...even the concussion from our own big guns would start the walls sliding in (Pyle, 257).

to slide past. To slide by; to move, go by quietly, easily, almost effortlessly.

We slid past, off on our mission into the unknown (Pyle, 11).

to slide up. To raise by sliding.

You could slide up the whole back wall and there the bar would be right in Hal's workroom (Marquand, 433).

a slight stoop. A slight, little, bending forward of one's back and head.

...a slight stoop, as well as streaky white hair, hinted at the illness that Monty had mentioned (Cain, 134).

to sling hash. To wait on tables; to be a waiter in a cafe, restaurant, or the like.

The last I heard, you were slinging hash in that... (Cain, 96).

to sling over --- shoulder. To suspend, carry, on one's shoulder; to suspend on both sides on one's body from the shoulder.

The captain now had the machine pistol slung over his shoulder (Yank, 49).
...a soldier in coveralls, with a rifle slung over his shoulder, ran up breathlessly... (Pyle, 453).
There is one soldier...with a banjo slung over his shoulder (Pyle, 367).

to slip away (from).

1. To leave, depart, go away, quietly, unostentatiously.

Around four o'clock in the afternoon the harbor was empty and our ship slipped away from the pier (Pyle, 11).
Convoys arrived, discharged, and slipped away for another load (Pyle, 36).

2. To go out of one's control; to get out of one's possession.

...Mildred felt the argument slipping away from her... (Cain, 168).
...everything she had hoped for slipping away from her in one nightmare of an evening (Cain, 123).

to slip back. To move slowly, quietly, toward the rear.

...his hair was beginning to slip back in front... (Pyle, 254).

to slip by. To go, move, by quietly, easily.

...one track was still open, and she slipped easily by (Cain, 163).

to slip in. To enter stealthily, without authorization.

I slipped in here at night and worked on it (Cain, 118).

to slip into. To don; to put on clothing.

It is just midnight, and while Lulu is slipping into something more comfortable, I thought I'd drop you a line (Yank, 83).

to slip off. To take off, doff, clothing.

Mildred...slipped off the galoshes (Cain, 164).
While she was reciting, her father contrived to slip off his belt and stuff the buckle down back of his neck... (Cain, 57).
...she slipped off her apron, pinned on her orchids, and went into the dining room (Cain, 126).
When she had a lull, she slipped off her apron and went out (Cain, 124).
As she hurried out carrying the apron she would wear in the kitchen, and slip off when she came out... (Cain, 119).

a slip of a girl. A young girl.

She seemed to expect him to express incredulity that such a slip of a girl could ever have been shopping (Marquand, 65).

to slip on. To don; put on clothing.

...when Veda slipped it on,..and begged to be allowed to keep it... (Cain, 190).
She slipped feverishly out of her clothes, put them on a chair, slipped on the suit (Cain, 93).
...so I just put on my steel helmet, slipped on some wool-lined slippers, and went to the window... (Pyle, 247).

to slip out (of).

1. To leave, go out, unostentatiously, quietly.

And so, as she saw this man slip out of her life, the only clear thought in her head was... (Cain, 8).
Then she slipped out the opposite door, locking it (Cain, 173).
...the first thing he did was to slip out and start the engines of his tank... (Pyle, 263).
The vast convoys that brought us over had unloaded to the last one and slipped out during the night (Pyle, 35).
...she slipped out of the car... (Cain, 214).

2. To take off, doff, clothing.

Drake slipped out of his overcoat... (Gardner, 69).
She went to the bedroom, slipped out of it, and hung it up in the closet (Cain, 28).
She slipped feverishly out of her clothes, put them on a chair (Cain, 93).

3. To slide completely out; to come out.

When the bombs were released, this wire remained fastened to the plane and the ends slipped out of the little propellers, freeing them (Pyle, 211).
...the upper drawer of her wardrobe trunk had slipped out and she had sat laughing... (Marquand, 409).

4. To say something one did not intend to say.

She had no intention of making a gag, but his eyes were friendly, and it slipped out on her (Cain, 89).

to slip --- over on ---. To deceive one.

Try to slip anything over on him, and I'll give you the works (Gardner, 77).

to slip through --- fingers. To evade one; to get away from one.

Stay there until after the police think you've slipped through their fingers, and have quit watching the place (Gardner, 116).
When a guy's going to put up the cash to spring you on a felony rap, you don't let half an hour slip through your fingers (Gardner, 104).
Drake said, "I have an idea we let the biggest game slip through our fingers, Perry" (Gardner, 61).

to slip up. To rise; to move upward.

Her hand...slipped up, flipped the light switch (Cain, 253).

slit trench. A very narrow trench used in warfare for personal protection. (Cf. fox hole.) (The slit trench is also used near the front for a latrine.)

...into many of the caved-in slit trenches had been swept the debris of war... (Yank, 133).
Sgt. Gibson Sapp...was looking at the debris-filled slit trenches... (Yank, 133).
We were on a little wooded knoll with short shrubby trees and shallow slit trenches (Yank, 20).
He fell headlong into a deep slit trench (Pyle, 373).

to slog along. To walk with great difficulty through mud.

As we slogged along, slipping and crawling and getting muddier and muddier, the soldier behind me... (Pyle, 201).

to slog up. To approach one walking with difficulty through mud.

Lt. Decatur B. Walker of El Paso, Tex., slogged up... (Yank, 144).

to slosh around. To move unrhythmically within a container, as water sloshes in a bottle when carried.

...with the can only partly filled the water would slosh around inside... (Pyle, 147).

slot machine. A gambling device in which one puts a coin and pulls a lever. Three rolls begin to turn and when they stop, if all designs are the same, one wins coins automatically returned by the machine; the one-armed bandit.

There was a ping-pong table in the Rumpus Room and all sorts of indoor games such as slot machines (Marquand, 126).
...whispered Life, "they shot craps, played slot machines free" (Yank, 159).
Here...are nickels for anyone who wants to play the slot machines (Marquand, 126).
Mr. Sales and Marianna were playing the slot machines (Marquand, 126).

a slow down. An organized, intentional, decrease in work, output, by laborers as a sort of weapon in a labor dispute.

The slow-down is criminal (Topeka Capitol, Oct. 9, 1940, 7).

to slow down. To go, move, gradually slower; to decrease speed.

Here, they're slowing down for that traffic jam (Gardner, 42).
...our boat slowed down and idled past the...barge... (Yank, 255).
So I slowed down, to let him get ahead (Cain, 231).
As the force approached the village it slowed down and advanced cautiously (Yank, 147).

to be slow going. To be difficult, hard, time consuming.

It was slow going (Gardner, 114).

slow motion. An exaggeratedly slow movement as seen in certain motion pictures when it is desirable to study the actions, movements, carefully. (The camera runs very fast in taking the picture, but the projector runs at normal speed.) (Also attributive.)

From nose to tail it disappeared in flame...as in a slow-motion waltz (Pyle, 435).
The strip unfolded...going by in slow motion until it seemed we had been roaring along a full ten minutes and were still not airborne (Yank, 117).

to slow up. To slow down; to decrease the speed; to hinder.

...the 4-month monsoon rains slowed up construction work (Yank, 179).
Nearing the town of Capaccio, we slowed up a little (Yank, 11).
It sounded like one of those stage speeches which always slowed up a play... (Marquand, 415).
When you pass that thirty mark you begin to slow up a little (Pyle, 449).

to slump back. To fall, drop, back in a relaxed manner. (Often used in describing the falling of a dead or dying person.)

The talker slumped back to the dock (Yank, 45).

to slump down. To sit on the small of one's back; to sit on one's sacroiliac.

Mason sat slumped down in the mahogany swivel chair at the counsel table, his long legs stretched out in front... (Gardner, 31).

to smack --- down. To refute harshly; to reprimand.

...go ahead and smack 'em down for it (Yank, 218).

small arms. Any of the guns smaller than a cannon: rifle, pistol, machine gun, tommy-gun, and the like. (Also attributive.)

In one small-arms repair section that I visited the only man who knew or cared anything about guns before the war was a professional gun collector (Pyle, 422).
Daily to the small-arms section of the company there came trucks... (Pyle, 421).
The Germans don't try for accuracy in small arms fire (Yank, 148).

small fry. Insignificant; those of little consequence. (Also attributive.)

...Mildred had to face...several small-fry market men... (Cain, 246).

the small hours. After midnight; from 12 midnight until 3 or 4 A.M.

I had a tip the car sometimes stood out in front of the apartment house until the small hours of the morning (Gardner, 155).

small scale. Small; not a major; smaller than usual.

It turned out to be a small-scale massacre (Yank, 192).

small town. Provincial; countrified; unsophisticated.

He'll laugh and call it small-town, but it sums up... (Marquand, 361).
You've got to fix it so you don't act small-town (Marquand, 154).
The bartender, a wise old man, spotted the loneliness in the small-town kid... (Yank, 34).

a small world. (A term used to explain the coincidence of meeting in a strange place an old friend, or a friend of a friend.)

Another small-world experience befell a couple of soldiers... (Pyle, 411).
Small-world stuff... (Pyle, 411).

a smart aleck. One who is ostentatious in his wit; a person who wants attention and tries to be funny to get it.

There wasn't a smart aleck...in the crew (Pyle, 387).

smart alecky. Having the characteristics of a smart aleck; being ostentatious in one's wit; trying to get attention by being forcedly humorous.

Their egotism in victory almost reached the smart-alecky stage (Pyle, 363).

to smart from. To suffer superficially because of.

...she was still smarting from the tax she had paid on her 1935 income... (Cain, 180).

to smash up. To break in several places; to break, ruin, shatter.

...and then he smashed his leg up some more when he hit the ground (Pyle, 167).

to smear up. To cover with dirt; to dirty; to stain with filth.

Dust and debris came drifting down from the overhead to smear up everything (Pyle, 7).

to smell a rat. To become suspicious; to realize a situation, condition, has something wrong.

Serle said, with a burst of temper, "I smelled a rat on the Drake remittance right after we'd made delivery" (Gardner, 100).

to smile from ear to ear. To smile broadly; to have a big smile.

It shows a dragon with an ear-to-ear smile (Yank, 194).

to smoke a cigarette. To light a cigarette and to inhale the smoke from it.

He wears glasses, smokes cigarettes in a long holder... (Yank, 130).

smoke jumper. One who fights a forest fire and is delivered to the fire by airplane and descends by means of a parachute.

The smoke jumpers wear specially designed suits, helmets, steel-meshed masks, ankle braces and heavy gloves, and use a new type of parachute ... (Reader's Digest, July, 1940, 70).

to smoke --- out. To force someone to leave, get out, of a house, building, cave, or the like, by forcing smoke into the place or by setting fire to the place.

...a certain corporal, who shall be nameless, set the tent on fire and smoked me out (Yank, 96).
...it would be a hell of a lot of fun to smoke 'em out (Yank, 192).

smoke stack. A chimney, often a very high one.

...volunteering to climb to the top of a smoke stack to put out a fire there (Yank, 46).

smoking car. A car on a train where smoking is permitted.

Although he did not mean to smoke it, he went into the smoking car (Marquand, 200).

a smoking jacket. An informal, casual, jacket designed for comfort rather than style, usually worn only indoors.

Minot was wearing a quilted smoking jacket and patent-leather pumps (Marquand, 387).

to smooth out.

1. To settle satisfactorily; to come to a pleasant agreement.

...the difficulty was smoothed out (Cain, 174).

2. To become smooth; to become placid.

Walter's features smoothed out quickly (Marquand, 120).

to smooth over. To calm down; to quiet.

She seemed to be all steamed up about something, and he was trying to smooth her over with a lot of yes-yes stuff (Gardner, 103).

smooth sailing. Easy; simple; not at all difficult.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing (Cain, 176).

to smother --- to death. To cause one's death by suffocation.

The volcanic eruption which covered Pompeii twenty to twenty-four feet deep and smothered everybody to death... (Pyle, 133).

smudge pots. Small pots in which material is burned which causes a great deal of smoke. Used in citrus fruit and truck farming and the like to prevent frost from killing the plants.

He could see the black smudge pots under the trees, left there the previous winter in case of cold (Marquand, 478).
In the weird glow of light cast by smudge pots... (Yank, 178).

smug complacency. Self-satisfaction; smugness; self-complacency.

...her panic changed to smug complacency (Cain, 159).

to smuggle in. To cause to enter furtively and without due authority or permission.

...she had been smuggled in the back door... (Cain, 130).

a snake bite. A condition of being bitten by a snake.

I no enjoy a snake bite (Cain, 219).

a snake sheds its skin. A snake removes its skin as it grows too large for it.

Here and there were dead Shermans, which had thrown their treads as a snake sheds its skin (Yank, 57).

to snap --- fingers. To cause one's middle finger to hit the palm of one's hand so as to make a noise.

Then snapping his fingers briskly, he said... (Cain, 167).
He snapped his fingers as though this were the answer to something that had worried him... (Cain, 89).

to snap into it. To hurry; to do something faster, quicker.

"Snap into it, Chaplin," the members were calling to him (Marquand, 35).

to snap --- off.

1. To turn off; to extinguish. (This implies a rapid movement of the hand.)

...snapping on lights and then snapping them off when she had passed... (Cain, 164).

2. To remove by snapping, a quick breaking; to break off sharply.

Dr. Collins filed the neck of a vial, snapped it off (Cain, 103).

to snap on. To turn on; to connect electrical appliances. (This implies a rapid movement of the hand.)

Mildred dashed into the house and back to the den, snapping on lights as she went (Cain, 97).
He led the way up the big staircase, snapping on lights... (Cain, 164).
...she snapped on the bed light... (Cain, 252).
He stepped over and snapped on a small radio (Cain, 165).
...she snapped on the lights... (Cain, 171).
...when lights began to snap on in the house... (Cain, 173).
...snapping on lights and then snapping them off when she had passed... (Cain, 164).

to snap out. To say brusquely; to speak sharply. (This usually implies anger.)

"For Heaven's sake!" she snapped out (Gardner, 53).

to snap out of it. To recover normalcy; to regain one's self-control; well-being, health.

Veda snapped out of it (Cain, 189).

to snatch --- sleep. To sleep; to get to sleep. (This implies sleeping when there is difficulty in getting to sleep.)

After three solid weeks of...having to snatch a little sleep at odd moments during the daytime, that was not hard to believe (Pyle, 381).
They would go for days...snatching a few hours of weary sleep at night... (Pyle, 328).

to snatch up. To grab; to grasp hurriedly.

...she snatched up the galoshes... (Cain, 171).

to sneak in. To enter furtively and secretly.

Then they sneaked in, one by one (Yank, 25).
Probably many will be carried clear back to America and their collective godfathers will try to sneak them in (Pyle, 243).
...occasionally a German fighter sneaked in and made a pass at them (Pyle, 240).

to sneak off. To leave, go away, furtively, unobtrusively, secretly.

You've sneaked off for a lonesome walk in the nearby fields... (Yank, 65).

to sneak out. To leave, go out of, unobtrusively, furtively.

One recent midweek afternoon, we sneaked out of our office and up to the Polo Grounds, where the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds were about to play... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

to sneak through. To penetrate, get through, furtively, unostentatiously, unobtrusively.

Sadler told how the Japs sneaked through our wire with incredible stealth and silence (Yank, 54).

to sneak up. To move forward cautiously, carefully, slowly.

The attacking squads sneaked up the sides of the hedgerow... (Pyle, 441)
They were American boys...sneaking up a death-laden street in a strange and shattered city... (Pyle, 401).
That pinned the Germans to their holes while we sneaked up on them (Pyle, 441).

2. To approach furtively.

"Yes," Sally said, and she laughed, "he's always sneaking up to mirrors" (Marquand, 529).

to sneer at. To ridicule; to scorn.

He...sneered at her loyalty to Mr. Roosevelt... (Cain, 145).
...this man...had all the time been sneering at her... (Cain, 157).

to snoop around. To try to discover something, to investigate, going from place to place.

Then, snooping around one afternoon, she ran into a vacant property... (Cain, 175).
Who asked you to go snooping around my closet to find out whether there was any liquor there or not? (Cain, 55).

to snow under. To overburden; to cover up.

...he could work with the platoon without snowing under the basic individualism which made them valuable (Yank, 190).

to snuff out. To extinguish a candle.

...the major snuffed out the candle and I crawled in between the blankets with all my clothes and shoes on (Yank, 59).

to snuggle up. To move close; to get as near as possible. (This has implications of affection.)

...Bert took a seat on the sofa, and both children snuggled up beside him (Cain, 53-54).
She snuggled up to him... (Cain, 225).
...when Mildred snuggled up to him one night in the den... (Cain, 138).

to be soaked to the skin. To be very wet; to be drenched.

...we gradually became soaked to the skin (Pyle, 400).

to soak in. To be heard and understood; to be comprehended.

While all of Veda's delicately shaded accents were soaking in, the sound of the hose stopped (Cain, 112).

to soak up. To absorb; to get much of.

...we lay around on the ground talking and soaking up warmth (Pyle, 251).
Watching him soak up his arid hardship, you get an impression that nothing ruffles his military calm (Yank, 36).

so-and-so.

1. (A term used to avoid giving one's, a place's, name; also used for hypothetical persons or places.)

...they would suddenly begin talking about the bills, or whether So-and-so was going to get divorced... (Marquand, 408).
...So-and-so would lead it and So-and-so would go, and So-and-so, and they might as well look over the map (Marquand, 219).
They were going to bomb the railroad yards at So-and-so... (Marquand, 219).
Madge used to say, "We'll go around and see So-and-so and have a cocktail" (Marquand, 326).
This So-and-so, my father, and So-and-so, my father -- Jeffrey did not listen to their names... (Marquand, 296).
...two boys in uniform leaned over from the next table and asked if I wasn't So-and-so (Pyle, 320).
It was just that he said he could lick any So-and-So his weight in the world (Marquand, 588).
If he would come in tomorrow and fill out an application and meet Colonel So-and-so, there was room... (Marquand, 574).
A voice announced itself as General So-and-So (Pyle, 206).

2. (An indefinite term of opprobrium, used instead of actual cursing.)

...there never was such an old so-and-so as old So-and-so back there on the City Desk (Marquand, 197).
They don't make so-and-so's like that any more (Marquand, 197).
I said, "Get up, you lazy so-and-so" (Pyle, 364).
Don't those blankety-blank so-and-sos know there are men here who are badly hurt? (Pyle, 286).

soap opera. A radio serial story, drama, usually maudlin, verbose, slow in action, involving sex, and love, death, tragedy, melodrama.

These sob-in-the-throat radio dramas are known to the trade as 'soap operas' or 'strip shows' (Harper's, April, 1940, 498).
Transcontinental Newtwork bubbled up out of the 'soap operas' ... (Newsweek, Nov. 13, 1939, 44).

so as. In order; for the purpose. (This is often folbwed by the infinitive introduced by to.)

The wolf...hurried to Granny's joint so as to be there when Red Riding Hood arrived (Yank, 155).
...Jeffrey was always careful to arrive late so as to be sure that Minot Roberts would be there first (Marquand, 241).
...filled with crabapples cunningly candied with sugar so as to bring out the tart of the apples as well as the crystal sweetness of the sugar (Cain, 84).

When the planes came the Gun shut up, so as not to give away its position (Yank, 33).
Mildred threaded her way slowly along the drive, so as not to disturb the hundreds of others who were out there... (Cain, 155).
...you wrote out another twenty thousand dollar check also payable to Conway, but endorsed so as to make it payable to bearer (Gardner, 117).

not so bad. Fairly good; pretty good.

If you could just man a gun and shoot back it wouldn't be so bad (Pyle, 280).

so bad. So much; very much.

...and he wants to go home so bad he talks about it nearly twenty per cent of the time (Pyle, 102).

a sob sister. A woman journalist who writes maudlin stories for the papers.

The sob sister had literally "gone to town" on the story (Gardner, 213).

a sob story. A tale, story, yarn, designed to cause one to be sympathetic.

The minute they find out I speak Italian they start giving me a sob story about how poor and starved they are... (Pyle, 118).

so called.

1. Thus named or called but probably incorrectly; not properly named, termed.

...who are impatient that the object of their so-called affection is sufficiently inconsiderate... (Gardner, 34).
It took us a half an hour to feel our way out of the big orchard and down a few feet onto the so-called road... (Pyle, 202).

2. Termed, named, called.

"A.E.F. raid" -- so-called because three companies were in on it (Yank, 123).

social gains. Social progress; improvement socially.

...way of life...social gains...democracy...we don't have to discomboomerate ourselves... (Marquand, 464).

social minded. Aware of social problems; interested in social problems.

War was no place for sensitive, social-minded intellectuals (Marquand, 231).

a social sense. A sense of, knowledge of, proper, acceptable behavior.

...people like Jeffrey did not know it because people like Jeffrey possessed no social sense (Marquand, 211).

a social worker. One who works in attempting to assist in personal adjustments of others and in the organization and reorganization of social groups: American Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., County Welfare, marriage counseling, etc.

...Edward Mace, who had been a social worker in Chicago...had told Jeffrey that the New Deal had staved off violent revolution (Marquand, 211).

society girl. A girl, young woman, whose interests are largely parties, entertainments, pleasures, and whose family has wealth and position.

...Levy, you've got to kill this society girl stuff right now (Cain, 238).

society page. That section, page or pages, of a newspaper devoted to the reporting of parties, weddings, dinners, dances, and the like.

Her deadline for society-page items is 12 noon... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

society people. A social group who by wealth and position are looked upon as having a higher place in the community than most people.

How many society people are there in this town...? (Cain, 238).
...her sense of inferiority in the presence of "society people"... (Cain, 230).

a sock in the jaw. A blow which hits one in the jaw, on the chin.

That sock in the jaw was worth two hours of argument (Cain, 87).

soda counter. The counter, bar, of a soda fountain, confectionery.

...the girls and boys from the office buildings, pressing against the soda counter... (Marquand, 240).

soda jerk. One who works at a soda fountain, confectionery, mixing soft drinks and preparing sandwiches, and the like.

...Pfc. Orval Hjermstad works full time as a soda jerk (Yank, 233).
...he prefers soda-jerking to his experiences with the infantry on Munda (Yank, 233).

so doing. Doing something, a certain thing already mentioned.

So doing, he bumped his head (Cain, 105).

sofa pillow. A pillow which is placed on a sofa, divan, davenport.

...use them for couches, heaping them, presumably, with the multi-colored sofa pillows which were now strewn... (Marquand, 457).

so far. Up to this time; until now; up to that time; until then.

He had two so far (Yank, 55).
Our best efforts in Italy so far have been the leaflets dropped on Rome... (Yank, 128).
"We've been pretty lucky, so far," he said (Yank, 59).
He wasn't there. And so far... (Cain, 201).
So far, her sex experiences had been limited (Cain, 129).
So far, eight bombers...have been confirmed... (Yank, 194).
There has been some evidence concerning a Bill Hogarty, but so far there has been no evidence definitely establishing... (Gardner, 146).
So far the club has 21 victims, but no member has an individual total of 12 (Yank, 55).
Mason said, "So far we've working on incomplete data" (Gardner, 81).
...he has had it nice and soft so far (Yank, 211).
...that nothing unlawful had been done so far. But he kept emphasizing that "so far", and looking at Mildred in an accusing way... (Cain, 244).
Twenty-one hundred sizable London plane trees have been taken from Riker's so far this year and replanted... (New Yorker, XXIII, June,28, 1947, 19).
O.K. so far (Cain, 213).
...he informed us that...nearly a million species of insects have been identified throughout the world so far and that more are being discovered all the time (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

so far as. To the extent, degree; to the point.

Please note that so far as this witness is concerned there is no question whatever of his testimony being pertinent... (Gardner, 195).
So far as my mother goes... (Cain, 146).
She had never heard one note of this music before, so far as she knew... (Cain, 240).
So far as Mildred was concerned, marriage for Veda would have been a major calamity... (Cain, 194).
So far as my friends go... (Cain, 146).
...they...go so far as to apologize for the mag... (Yank, 214).
...so far as his doing anything goes, I'd say the next move was up to them (Cain, 202).
None of it's anybody's business, so far as that goes (Cain, 246).
Oh, it's not that — he's welcome so far as that goes (Cain, 22).
I mean, there's no sleeping in it, so far as I know (Cain, 40).

She was learning the business; in fact, so far as pies went, she was in business already (Cain, 74).
So far as I know, we entered France without anybody making a historic remark about it (Pyle, 381).
...Bert said that so far as he could see, there had been no actual violation of the law (Cain, 249).
...so far as she was concerned, torch was the lowest conceivable form of human endeavor (Cain, 211).
...Mildred replied that neither of the Gish sisters had ever been in vaudeville, so far as she knew (Cain, 237).
So far as I know, that is correct (Gardner, 129).

a softball game. A game of softball.

...we played the Japanese in the first softball game between enemy teams in this war (Yank, 185).

to soften up. To reduce resistence; to cause to weaken.

...this leaflet barrage, which softened up the enemy just as surely as an artillery barrage (Yank, 128).

a soft job. An easy job.

There are no soft jobs and no privileges except those that have been earned (Yank, 70).
It was a soft job... (Pyle, 277).

soft lights. A dim light; a quiet light. (This implies artificial lighting.)

However, of operations have stemmed desires to wax wacky and make with the soft lights and sweet music... (Yank, 74).

soft spoken. Quiet; not loud.

He was a tall, soft-spoken man that Corps and even Army were well pleased ... (Yank, 50).

so help --- God. (An oath that one is telling the truth.)

...over something that had come up, and so help him God, his was the first chance he had had (Cain, 58).

so --- is told. One hears; gossip says.

...I again went to Mexico and got a divorce (so I was told)... (Yank, 174).

so it goes. Thus it occurs; it happened thus.

And so it went on one of the last nights of safety (Pyle, 6).

the solar plexus. The vulnerable spot in the abdomen just below the ribs; hence any vulnerable spot, place, condition.

Right at that moment we threw a verbal punch to the solar plexus of the Italians (Yank, 128).

a soldier of fortune. A professional soldier who fights for money in different armies of different countries.

Von Ripper was quite a guy -- a soldier of fortune in a way, yet he didn't look or act like one (Pyle, 139).

not a solitary thing. Nothing.

He hasn't been able to keep his mind on a solitary thing, dear (Marquand, 566).

so long.

1. Goodbye; be seeing you.

So long, boy (Marquand, 560).
Not worth mentioning, and I'm headed back to put my nose to the grindstone...So long (Gardner, 90).
So long (Gardner, 51).
So long, sweet (Marquand, 465).
Well, so long (Yank, 143).

2. For such a long time; for a long while.

We've waited so long for you! (Pyle, 460).
They had trained so long that they functioned almost automatically (Pyle, 344).

so long as.

1. While; during the time; as long as.

So long as I thought you had loved him I didn't have a word to say... (Cain, 206).
And so long as this went on... (Cain, 131).
So long as that warrant is out against him, he dare not come back to the state of California... (Cain, 202).

2. If; just so; so that.

It seems to me they don't give a damn whether they live or die so long as they get in (Yank, 53).

3. To the degree, extent.

Which is correct so long as you don't try to chisel him out of his rights (Yank, 36).

some day. At some unspecified time in the future; sometime.

Perhaps I can return the favor some day, soldier (Yank, 212).
I told them I'd be back some day (Yank, 28).
"Some day," Kittering feared, "Mason will defend a guilty man, and then..." (Gardner, 209).
...they would get to use the Gun some day (Yank, 32).
I told them if they hadn't I was going to be plenty sore at them some day... (Pyle, 321).

to be some man. (A derogatory statement, highly ironic.)

...Monty, but you're some man, aren't you? (Cain, 169).

some more. More; longer; again.

After we'd waited some more, Mr. Rosen showed us into her dressing room (Yank, 132).
...talked about it some more (Yank, 122).

some talk. Gossip; a subject of conversation.

There was some talk about my being appointed guardian (Gardner, 139).

to be something about. To be something indefinable regarding, about, concerning.

And there is something about a house... (Yank, 239).

something is going on. Something is happening, occurring.

"Hello," Minot said, "something's going on" (Marquand, 559).

something is up. Something is being planned, arranged.

Something was up, something pretty big (Yank, 229).

something like.

1. Approximately; about.

On an average night the supplies would run something like this -- 85 cans of water... (Pyle, 143).
Well, something like that (Gardner, 142).
It goes something like this: Four things... (Marquand, 71).

2. Comparable to; similar to.

The bridges of Sicily were graceful and beautiful old arches of stone or of brick-faced rubble fill, and shattering them so completely was something like chopping down a shade tree or defacing a church (Pyle, 59).

something of. Having some of the characteristics of; resembling in some degree.

Being something of a pioneer by nature, I headed the jeep across country (Yank, 31).
Something of the sort (Marquand, 251).

to be something to (---). To have character, ability, potential.

It was the squint, Bert confessed afterward, that first caught his fancy, and convinced him there was "something to her" (Cain, 16).

something to do with (---) hands. Something to hold so that one does not feel awkward about one's hands.

...it gave her a piquant...look...and something to do with her hands (Cain, 240).

something wrong somewhere. Something indefinably wrong, broken, not operating efficiently in an unknown place.

It had all been so easy that we had the jumpy, insecure feeling of something dreadfully wrong somewhere (Pyle, 32).

sometime ago. At some indeterminate time in the past.

That party happened some time ago... (Yank, 159).

some time back. At some undetermined, unstated time in the past.

Wright was wounded some time back... (Yank, 243).

some way. A manner; a way; a fashion.

The squadron leaders wished there were some way they could surprise a man and send him home with six or eight missions still to go... (Pyle, 162).

somewhere around. About; approximately.

I won somewhere around a hundred dollars, enough to get a suit of clothes (Gardner, 22).

so much as. As much as; but.

It was not the memory of the play so much as the actors that bothered him ... (Marquand, 113).

...and it was not the actors so much as the critics who had written of it ... (Marquand, 113).

so much so. To the extent, degree; to the point. (This implies very much, a great deal.)

He was silently, almost ostentatiously glum as he lay there and smoked, so much so that Mildred said: "Penny" (Cain, 29).

sonic barrier. Sonic wall; the point, place, condition which develops when an object goes as fast as sound waves and the sound waves build up in front of the object.

Army Air Forces sources indicated that AAF probably will take over the sonic barrier tests with one of its own pilots (Tuscaloosa News, June 7, 1947, 1).

sonic wall. (See sonic barrier.)

Test Planes Tooled up to Tap Sonic Wall (Popular Science, Aug., 1947, 134).

son-in-law. The husband of one's daughter.

...face of the boy they had chosen for a son-in-law (Cain, 204).

son of a bitch. (Literally 'the son of a dog'.) (An opprobrious term not considered polite.)

...I can lick any son-of-a-bitch my wight (Marquand, 9).
I can lick any son-of-a-bitch my weight (Marquand, 10).
Is son-bitch-bast' ... (Cain, 216).
...he was going to kill that son of a bitch if it was the last thing he did on earth (Cain, 198).
...they always said they weren't going to stay there sweating their hearts out for any son-of-a-bitch who talked like a college professor... (Marquand, 278).

son of heaven. A Japanese.

...a hymn of conquest found on the bullet-riddled body of a dead Son of Heaven (Yank, 176).

soon enough. Soon; after a little while.

She had found out soon enough where Veda was staying (Cain, 208).

the sooner the better. The more rapidly something is done the better conditions will be.

You better do it now. The sooner the better (Cain, 5).
The sooner the better, say his readers (Marquand, 23).

sooner or later. At some time in the future; sometime; some day.

Sooner or later they got to lead to us... (Cain, 202).
But one thing you'd better get through your head sooner or later... (Cain, 147).
Sooner or later you're going to have those five people that got ptomaine poisoning... (Cain, 180).
When the talk wanders aimlessly...sooner or later someone unbuttons another button in his vest... (Marquand, 197).
He was thinking that sooner or later you had to pay for everything (Marquand, 520).
Well, if this is the way it is, they must get you sooner or later... but I'll go along... (Yank, 86).
They were sure that sooner or later their big battle there on the beachhead would come (Pyle, 261).
...they go down...to bring up gold that sooner or later gets buried deep in the earth again at Fort Knox (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).

no sooner --- than. At the same time; simultaneously.

No sooner did the first wave hit the beach than Army specialists of every variety... (Yank, 39).

sore dogs. Diseased, sore, feet.

Sergeant Day would have been hard on his feet in any circumstances, but when he got into a trench-foot world, 240 pounds was a lot of trouble for sore dogs (Pyle, 253).

sorry-looking. Bedraggled; unkempt.

He was a sorry-looking goat... (Yank, 245).

to sort into. To separate into; to assign to.

...things began to sort themselves out into little piles (Cain, 219).

sort of.

1. Variety of; species of; type of.

...this was nothing he had invented, as a sort of counter-offensive (Cain, 167).
The sort of box that caused the recent high female death rate... (Yank, 141).
He could think of himself as a very decent sort of person trying to fit into a type of life which he could not understand. (Marquand, 287).

You know he isn't old enough to know the sort of girl he wants and they have nothing to live on (Marquand, 524).
There had only been a cringing sort of note penned by William Jennings Bryan (Marquand, 203).
He's just the sort of boy that a girl might lose her head over (Marquand, 311).
It was always a gamble what sort of audience you would get in Boston for the tryout of a play (Marquand, 291).
It was the sort of letter that any father would write, but it was the best that he could do (Marquand, 516).
Sinclair was not that sort of person, even though there was a good deal of cutthroat competition in publishing... (Marquand, 335).
...Sinclair wanted you to know that he was not that sort of fellow at all (Marquand, 335).
...he knew finally that he would never be the sort of person that Minot Roberts was (Marquand, 68).
...I always had the sort of job where you made 50 a week salary... (Pyle, 447).
...people who were all doing the same sort of work... (Marquand, 40).
The big sitting room was already filled with the sort of people who appeared at a time like that... (Marquand, 291).
His brown hair, which used to be rumpled was now held in place by some sort of lotion... (Marquand, 59).
...the same sort of gong that used to tell visitors to leave ship... (Marquand, 36).
It was approving because he had been to the right sort of dinner (Marquand, 77).
"You don't understand that sort of person," Jeffrey told her (Marquand, 125).
...I only meant it's new to me -- this whole sort of home (Marquand, 121).
It was still light when he reached Bragg, a solemn, dull sort of light (Marquand, 170).
But Jeff, they're the sort of people you always say you like (Marquand, 125).
Nevertheless, he could not see himself as the sort of person whom Madge's mother had once referred to as "a mere adventurer" (Marquand, 287).
...her relation with Veda was developing, twisting her painfully, like some sort of cancer (Cain, 208).
Everybody...played some sort of game (Yank, 185).
...and a comfortable bourgeois father who ran some sort of a cannery, and a mother who fried things... (Marquand, 553).
It was often difficult for Jeffrey to get his mind on any sort of work after lunching at the Clinton Club (Marquand, 265).
...We put up at a little family sort of hotel in Montparnasse (Pyle, 462).
...Walter was repeating the same endless sort of chant as a chorus from Euripides (Marquand, 136).
reserve, being a sort of sacred cow outside the routine booking system... (Cain, 243).
The Japs...seemed to be doing some sort of fatigue work (Yank, 10).

You...get that sort of professional jealousy everywhere (Yank, 236).
In the center of Barnville is a...sort of public square... (Pyle, 376).
Near her was a door that seemed to lead to some sort of small corridor (Cain, 93).
...in another sense of the word, it is the sort of hearsay evidence which, by law and custom, has been universally accepted... (Gardner, 187).
He would be a sort of French Charlie Chaplin (Pyle, 459).
...each tank immediately became a sort of social center (Pyle, 560).

2. Something approximating; something having some of the characteristics of; something suggesting.

...with it was a strange sort of sensitiveness that was almost taste (Marquand, 275).
...Veda was the victim of some sort of injustice... (Cain, 188).
The orchestra was a deserted dark space filled with the peculiar sort of loneliness which he always associated with theaters in the morning (Marquand, 79).
It gave Jeffrey a cruel sort of pleasure which was not paternal, but he knew, even when he was speaking... (Marquand, 506).
...here was a queer sort of remorse connected with his thoughts, for he could see his faults so very clearly (Marquand, 566).
Yet it is the only adjective which seems adequate to describe a certain wistful sort of feeling... (Marquand, 197).
They were living in a sort of peace which was no longer peace (Marquand, 570).
"It's just a sort of feeling," Jeffrey said... (Marquand, 125).
Madge, I have the damnedest sort of feeling (Marquand, 125).
...the phrase, if you stopped to think of it, implied an intolerable sort of patronage (Marquand, 145).
...a sad, materialistic fantasy of peace and plenty, a sort of satire which should have had no place in the world of today or any other world (Marquand, 321).
There was no other place in the world where the sort of friendship which he felt for Mr. Gorman could develop (Marquand, 516).
The suite at the Ritz had been filled with that sort of hysteria which was always present at... (Marquand, 169).
...also he must have had some sort of fear of losing his own identity...
...the same bourgeois sort of unreality... (Marquand, 37).
...a poignant sort of disappointment... (Marquand, 37).
...it was the sort of happiness that went with charcoal briquettes and grills on wheels and eating steaks outdoors... (Marquand, 101).
Madge's father and mother must have had some sort of belief that the house of Willow Road would... (Marquand, 93).
There was a certain fine sort of justice to it that was better than the Victorianism of Locksley Hall... (Marquand, 171).
It was never possible to explain impluses in the light of any sort of wisdom or experience (Marquand, 141).

Some sort of restraint, some sort of awkwardness and a clumsy effort at casualness... (Marquand, 465).
...now that he was going away there was no sort of irritation in that sense of knowing her too well (Marquand, 409).
In spite of any sort of hope, or any individual belief that you would never get it... (Marquand, 220).
It filled him with a sort of panic (Marquand, 300).
Now that the rehearsal was over they were friends with a mutual sort of respect for each other's abilities (Marquand, 84).
He could remember that some sort of faith in capability, that belief in an eventual happy ending (Marquand, 450).
There might have been a moment of some sort of hope, because of course no one could be sure of oneself... (Marquand, 498).
...officers are supposed to maintain a "sort of awe, a myth of superiority"... (Yank, 216).
...I keep a certain distance, thus maintaining a sort of awe... (Yank, 216).
He was thinking that he was caught there in a sort of justice of his own contriving... (Marquand, 497).
The whole group seemed to be seized with an unaccountable sort of hysteria (Marquand, 483).
And now he could see a sad sort of truth in that pathetic groping effort to give order to the unknown (Marquand, 489).
There had been the autumn, with a note of hope, then a strange hysterical sort of crisis, then a leveling off... (Marquand, 326).
There was a confused silence, but it was not the sort of silence that he minded (Marquand, 298).
There was an incredulous sort of interrogation in it... (Marquand, 49).
There was a parrotlike sort of repetition in the women's voices (Marquand, 134).
He told himself that he must be going mad, that decency and obligation and every proper instinct made any sort of escape impossible (Marquand, 209).
The rain made any sort of observation impossible... (Yank, 49).
In the living room there was exactly that sort of silence which he had expected... (Marquand, 443).
...as a sort of afterthought, stood waiting for her to leave (Cain, 222)
Hastings Ridge is just a little place, a sort of quiven in the convulsions of New Georgia's terrain (Yank, 17).
...personal satisfaction -- that it's just a sort of excuse to get away from her and home and the kids (Marquand, 579).
There they were, and there he was, tied together by that sort of accident that makes a family... (Marquand, 313-4).
It was given them as a sort of reward... (Pyle, 348).
I mean that's why when I saw you it gave me a sort of a kick (Marquand, 44).
They were in a sort of daze... (Pyle, 364).
Those words of Walter's were brittle, and yet they had a mocking helpless sort of insistence... (Marquand, 464).

...within five minutes Walter could leave it without leaving a trace, and here that sort of impermanence was just the same (Marquand, 464).
It was not any sort of answer, and he told her so (Marquand, 263).
What sort of a deal is this? (Yank, 213).
...so you had the barn as it was now -- a sort of museum and a sort of a secondary playroom... (Marquand, 110).
The Yugoslav front is composed of patches rather than any sort of line (Yank, 68).
...was a sort of Holy Grail... (Cain, 130).
Well, I've written a sort of a play (Marquand, 284).
As Bert listened unhappily, Mr. Pierce kept calling Dr. Aldous, as a sort of referee (Cain, 109).
Frankly, well, Beckie and I had a sort of a row all night (Marquand, 579).
...I was put on a detail as a sort of "bucket brigade"... (Yank, 171).
...her talent at making a sort of club out of... (Cain, 178).
...she was probably pretty in a sort of hightone way, and very respectable under the blankets (Yank, 89).
They made a sort of pancake... (Yank, 229).
Bert...watched him with some sort of fascinated expectancy (Cain, 213).
The 40 lumberjacks...have the same sort of professional amusement... (Yank, 232).
...to depend on her tall, thin, profane bartender...for some sort of emotional support... (Cain, 176).
Keeping up a sort of self-conscious commentary... (Cain, 223).
With the little green bonnet it gave a sort of French garden-party effect (Cain, 237).
...a sort of high security, while German shells thundered a few yards away (Yank, 239).
He was a...goat, sort of a dirty gray (Yank, 245).
"She's got the damnedest idea," Fred said, "that I'm doing this for some sort of personal satisfaction..." (Marquand, 579).
Even in normal flight that plane made a sort of screaming noise (Pyle, 160).
...he had heard many of them speak of something like it with a sort of faraway affection (Marquand, 262).
There had even been some sort of graceless, perfunctory idea of getting it over with, now that they were there (Marquand, 450).
...the furniture was different because it had been in so many other of their rooms that every piece of it was a sort of accepted fact (Marquand, 58).
She was in a sort of service foyer, and in the kitchen, which was only a few steps away... (Cain, 42).
...so you had the barn as it was now -- a sort of a museum and a sort of a secondary playroom... (Marquand, 110).
For a day or two after Bert left, Mildred lived in a sort of fool's paradise, meaning she got two orders for cakes and three orders for pies (Cain, 18).
And that was the sort of cocktail party that they were giving for Priscilla Janks (Marquand, 340).

He wondered if all the people...repeated those stories endlessly to each other with a sort of thankful wonder... (Marquand, 13).
He had crashed...in a sort of pastoral no man's land (Pyle, 454).
...it was a sort of unusual experience (Pyle, 44[illegible]).
All sorts of elements seemed to have comined into a sort of chaotic discontent.. (Marquand, 249).
Inside the doorway was a sort of street-level cellar... (Pyle, 404).
His skill was derived from a sort of dramatic instinct, a sense of theater if you wished, but no term could entirely define it (Marquand, 83).
...they turned out a sort of sickly purple (Pyle, 13).

3. Amount of; degree of.

Many of the men were suffering from some sort of exposure... (Yank, 50).
And there had to be some sort of version right away, for a shooting script ... (Marquand, 419).
They had a sort of a pattern, even the best of them (Marquand, 150).
...he isn't going to take a chance on cashing a post office money order without giving the sucker some sort of run for his money (Gardner, 12).
I figured that, with any sort of luck, it would be a year or two before they found the body (Gardner, 115).
The others good-naturedly called him "Pretty Boy", because he was sort of suave looking (Pyle, 215).
It had a sort of universal value (Marquand, 68).

4. Rather; somewhat; to a degree; to an extent.

...she walked sort of blindly away... (Pyle, 288).
He shook hands sort of timidly... (Pyle, 194).
...the morning I left Petchal spoke about his place in the war with the same sort of sadly restrained philosophy... (Pyle, 22 4).
We did our work in a big steel-walled room where about thirty radio operators were taking down code messages by typewriter, so it did seem sort of like a newspaper office (Pyle, 154).
Personally, I am sort of on the fence (Pyle, 154).
He looked sort of ferocious... (Pyle, 148).
The Italian mule outfit was under two Italian lieutenants who wore plumed Tyrolean caps and looked sort of romantic (Pyle, 146).
...I must admit I was sort of pleased (Pyle, 293).
All of them were sort of diffident at first... (Pyle, 333).
...the Japs acted "sort of happy-go-lucky as if they didn't give a damn" (Yank, 53).
But when the coast was clear, he would come back and stare, sort of hypnotized (Pyle, 154).
"Oh no," he said, "it's sort of crowded, isn't it?" (Marquand, 200).
"Maybe I ought to go home," Jeffrey said, "it's getting sort of late" (Marquand, 206).
Yet with typical American tenderheartedness they felt sorry for them, and little by little they became sort of fond of them (Pyle, 118).

"He's sort of big for this room, isn't he?" Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 374).
It was sort of rough on us (Yank, 224).
He looked sort of fat... (Yank, 166).
You sort of lean toward petty (Yank, 89).
...it sort of hurt our tradition (Yank, 165).
There were accidents, too, that sort of went with it... (Yank, 122).
...I had sort of dreaded the trip (Pyle, 296).
"I guess I sort of lost my head," he says (Yank, 200).
I sort of had a lump in my throat (Yank, 200).
But little things like that do sort of make you feel good... (Pyle, 376)
I could hear them talking in there something about race horses and I sort of kept my ears peeled... (Gardner, 145).
...I thought I'd sort of be bothering you if I stopped in all the time (Marquand, 200).
She didn't say so, but I sort of think she thinks so (Marquand, 579).
...I just sort of tried to write what the war was like... (Pyle, 253).
The tree sergeants in my crew sort of took me under their wing... (Pyle, 333).
...you sort of become more human (Yank, 207).
I'd waited for a slack time -- maybe sort of put it off (Gardner, 148).
Well, I sort of owe Hogarty one for the trick he played on me with those galloping domonoes (Gardner, 217).
I think it sort of hurt his pride... (Pyle, 218).
Just for diversity we sort of rotated among the three... (Pyle, 342).
In fact, he sort of traded on it (Pyle, 218).
It sort of gave me an idea (Pyle, 351).
The old-timers in the company sort of took me in and made me feel a part of their group (Pyle, 187).
...in war a man sort of lets his belief hover around it... (Pyle, 446).
Correspondents sort of gang together (Pyle, 363).
The old-timers sort of gravitated together... (Pyle, 353).
...I figured my number had come up, and I sort of said good-bye to everybody (Pyle, 166).
At least they tried not to think of it in terms of themselves, but Ray Clapper's death sort of set us back on our heels (Pyle, 193).
...we can get a barracks bed and put it in the living room and we can all sort of be in together (Marquand, 555).

sort of thing. Type of thing; kind of thing; situation; condition.

It was completely unexpected, but they must have been doing that sort of thing for a long, long time, and it caused Jeffrey no embarrassment (Marquand, 351).
He wondered if it were because he was not used to that sort of thing that felt it necessary to be logical with so many people (Marquand, 352).
He wanted to be silent, to deal with his own surprise that that sort of thing was not over with him long ago (Marquand, 450).

...now they had become the sort of thing that guests would look at surreptitiously and speak of gently among themselves... (Marquand, 385).
When a big push was on, our dive-bomber pilots sometimes had to go through this sort of thing three times in a single day (Pyle, 164).
It's the sort of thing that happens (Marquand, 10).
You could not go on with that sort of thing forever (Marquand, 220).
They had been made for that sort of thing, but they understood how important it was to live as long as they could (Marquand, 221).
He wished that people, if they wanted to do that sort of thing, would chase each other in private (Marquand, 262).
That is the sort of thing that sticks in a journalist's memory (Marquand, 18).
...war is always a personal sort of thing, one man against another (Yank, 17).
...what do women know about this sort of thing anyway? (Marquand, 278-9).
...and that whole expression about writing what you want was the sort of thing they said at cocktail parties... (Marquand, 330).
If this sort of thing continues... (Yank, 213).
He was very glad that she was there, because she understood that sort of thing (Marquand, 493).

sort of way. Way; manner; fashion.

...it was wonderful in a grim, homesick, miserable sort of way to have been with them (Pyle, 294).
Jeffrey felt as though he were only standing watching in a helpless sort of way, listening to the children's voices and to Jim's voice... (Marquand, 542).
"She would be better," Jeffrey said, "if she cheated in any sort of way" (Marquand, 101).
In a vague sort of way they all worried about the 600 lbs. of steam coursing through the pipes all around them (Yank, 47).
This sounding intriguing in a dull sort of way...I decided to tag along (Yank, 29).

to sort out. To categorize; to separate into different categories.

Then Jeffrey felt completely relaxed and anxious to go on with it, anxious to sort out all sorts of half-formed thoughts (Marquand, 271).
Ever since the last war Jeffrey had noticed terrain and hills and woods, and his mind sorted them out carefully whether he wanted to or not... (Marquand, 550).
On the third day, when Madge was sorting out the mail at breakfast, he saw her holding a letter addressed to him (Marquand, 316).
Negro soldiers sorted it out and classified it for cleaning (Pyle, 283).
He took as much pride in our little paper as I did, and it got so he would sort out the stories by subjects before waking me at 3 A.M. (Pyle, 41).

so-so. Average; not very good but not very bad; fair.

so that.

1. Resulting in; with a result that.

...it was large enough so that one was conscious of its size when one walked around it to shake hands (Marquand, 267).
...an effect which might have been deliberate so that one's attention could be wholly focused on the clothes (Marquand, 240-1).
This allotment was granted...so that for over a year your mother received almost $200 in allotments (Yank, 171).
...so that often on a hot day when he heard the locusts in the trees, a great deal about Willow Road would come back to him again (Marquand, 260).
He remembered...the way the blinds were drawn so that shafts of light made a ladder across the carpet (Marquand, 257).

2. In order that; for the purpose that.

The machine gunners wanted a wide open space in front of the lines so that they could have an unobstructed view of attacking Japs (Yank, 41).

so there. I have done, said it, and I don't care what you think.

...I can't ever be such a good wife and such a good mother as Beckie, so there (Marquand, 101).

so to speak. To use such an expression, phrase, idiom.

...Shorty goes to work and gives the matter a stab, so to speak (Yank, 136).

sound and fury. Noise, confusion, but little else. (Macbeth).

...a phony attack is nothing but sound and fury... (Yank, 241).
The city around us was still full of sound and fury (Pyle, 403).

sound asleep. Asleep; fully asleep; deeply asleep.

...all the combat men were sound asleep (Yank, 207).
There had not been another car on the Post Road that night, and all the houses had been sound asleep... (Marquand, 91).
Madge was sound asleep (Marquand, 307).
He's probably sound asleep (Pyle, 325).

to sound off.

1. To play a composition with a band; to bugle.

A lonely night bird was sounding off in Purple Heart Valley... (Yank, 58).

The bugler sounded off with "To the Colors"... (Yank, 177).

2. To speak; to say something.

Don't mind Jeff...think nothing of it. Jeff's only sounding off again (Marquand, 31).
"Sir," says Milton, sounding off... (Yank, 204).

sour grapes. That which a person wants, desires, but pretends he does not because he cannot get it it. (Aesop)

...her sickness involved a bad case of sour-grapes poisoning... (Cain, 211).
...no reason, and please don't think it was sour grapes on his part, just because he had not discovered... (Marquand, 336).

sour puss. A disagreeable facial expression.

...a pleasant guy with a sour puss, went on shooting down fighters that he was reluctant to claim (Yank, 86).

so what. And what do say to that? What do you plan to do about it?

"It's all illusion, and so what?" Elsie said (Marquand, 436).
So what? Suppose nobody understands America, so what? (Marquand, 434).
So what? Suppose nobody understands America, so what? (Marquand, 434).
"All right," Elsie said, "so what?" (Marquand, 434).

to sow wild oats. To dissipate; to carouse.

Minot was turning him into the Distraught Father, whose son was sowing wild oats (Marquand, 393).

spare time. Time when one is not working; free time.

In the little spare time they had, riding to a new or sitting by the Gun, they looked at the strange country... (Yank, 33).
...there ought to be tin-can rifle ranges around every Army post where men could practice in their spare time (Yank, 149).
I don't know how I got it, but I've worked on it in my spare time (Marquand, 284).
An air crew man had lots of spare time on his hands (Pyle, 328).
Later it was possible for him to resume his art work in his spare time (Pyle, 139).

to speak about. To talk about, concerning, in regard to.

...I've only heard Beckie speak about her (Marquand, 67).

to speak for (---).

1. To speak in one's own behalf; to say what one has to say instead of having another say it.

...Mr. Walter Newcombe can speak for himself better than I can for him (Marquand, 39).

2. To be self-evident; to be apparent in oneself.

Phyllis Leeds said quietly to the lawyer, "The check you hold speaks for itself" (Gardner, 8).

a speaking acquaintance. A casual acquaintance; a casual friendship.

...although he's pretty well up on his British Isles and has a speaking acquaintance with the rest of the Empire... (Yank, 36).

to speak a language --- knows. To talk about things with which one is familiar; to talk about something one knows about.

It made the basis for a pleasant sort of friendship, temporary, but very genial, and they all were speaking a language that he knew (Marquand, 435).

to speak of.

1. To talk, write, about, concerning, regarding.

...our soldiers spoke of the German as "the Tedeschi" (Pyle, 242).
But I've heard Jim speak of her (Marquand, 131).
"No," Madge said, "I've never heard you speak of him" (Marquand, 568).
Maybe you've heard me speak of him? (Marquand, 568).
Madge had wanted him to be a doctor...and speaking of doctors, Madge wondered why obstetricians were always so happy... (Marquand, 102).
Sgt. E.W. O'Hara...speaks of "suggestiveness" in the...picture... (Yank, 214).

2. Worth mention; of any value; worth.

Mrs. Gessler, having no gams to speak of, stood behind her, and the bulbs went off (Cain, 86).

to speak to. To talk to; to say something to.

Mildred spoke to her (Cain, 101).
"I'll have to speak to Fred," Beckie was saying (Marquand, 127).

to speak up. To speak; to express one's opinions.

...S/Sgt. Manuel S (Ugly) Gonzales of Fort Davis, Tex., spoke up (Yank, 149).
One of them spoke up (Yank, 207).
Finally Blakely...speaks up... (Yank, 204).
Bellows spoke up (Yank, 206).
Corporal Camal Meena spoke up at that point and said he'd dreamed the night before that he was home... (Pyle, 190).

special delivery. A delivery service of the Post Office by special messenger immediately that the letter arrives in the city. Cost at present 13 cents.

...mark that latter..."Special Delivery"... (Yank, 173).

to specialize in. To make a specialty of; to have much art and practice in.

They specialize in home cooking (Gardner, 98).
The company specializes in the sale of crooked crap dice.-- like this pair... (Gardner, 53).

to speculate on. To guess about; to ponder.

They speculated on their own chances of getting out (Yank, 46).

speed limit. The top, highest, speed allowable by law, regulations.

...there are wooden signs right out of your home town; "Speed limit: Recons, Jeeps 20 mph..." (Yank, 39).

to speed up. To go, move, faster.

The driver was familiar with the road and he began to speed up, never lingering long... (Yank, 57).
God almighty, the whole show has speeded up (Marquand, 196[illegible].
...just as the traffic jam ahead resolved itself, and Mason speeded up, following the siren of the police car (Gardner, 42).

to spell out. To write out letter by letter.

On it was the name "Ernie", spelled out in big blue metal letters... (Pyle, 241).

to spend Christmas with. To visit on Christmas, at, with.

Well, cheer up, at least you'll be able to spend Christmas with us (Pyle, 124).

to spend the day. To occupy oneself during a day.

They spent the next three days trying to separate it... (Yank, 32).

Cashman...spent the rest of the day carting up ammunition to the men on the line (Yank, 19).

to spend an evening. To pass the time for an evening.

...as though the boys were likely to put on full dress and spend an evening in a night club (Pyle, 125).

spending money. Pocket money; pin money; money which one spends for pleasure.

Stoppage of the spending money brought Veda to her milk... (Cain, 159).

to spend money on. To expend money for; to use money to buy things for.

...a stagestruck dame that would rather...spend money on her child than pay her creditors (Cain, 248).
...you spend plenty money on dees girl... (Cain, 217).

to spend a month. To occupy oneself for a month.

They spent the next three months making dry runs (Yank, 32).

to spend the night. To pass the night; to stay at a place during the night.

...decided that Veda should spend the night... (Cain, 231).
It was just a suburb now where commuters spent the night... (Marquand, 92).
He was spending the night with Mr. Bliss at Palos Verdes... (Marquand, 429).
You can spend the night (Marquand, 427).
Jeffrey had said that Miss Pringle ought to know how hospitable Hollywood friends were -- always asking you out to spend the night at their cabanas... (Marquand, 453).
I think she was...was planning on spending the night with him (Gardner, 110).
...Gen. Stilwell spends the night with U.S. liason troops who work with the Chinese (Yank, 130).

to spend on. To expend money buying things for; to use money for.

And there's the eleven thousand five hundred that Bert spent on the house, and the corporation's money, not his (Cain, 79).

to spend time. To use some time.

We...have decided to spend a little time...to let you know about some real fighting men (Yank, 212).
...he spent most of his time with his ole love, the Chinese fighting man (Yank, 131).

to spend the weekend. To visit a place, people, for a weekend.

Once, when they were spending a weekend at the Pierce's he came on Saturday and "took her out" (Cain, 53).

to spew up. To eject upward; to force out upward.

All five hatches were spewing up stuff (Pyle, 279).

to spike a gun. To disable, render unusable, a cannon.

...how he and his comrades had spiked their guns before they left (Yank, 50).

to spill out. To fall helter-skelter from within to the outside of something.

Those cartons by the thousands spilled out... (Pyle, 368).

to spin around.

1. To turn around hurriedly; to reverse a position rapidly.

...the other PT spun around to follow us... (Yank, 254).
...she jumped up and began spinning around in the middle of the floor, laughing at the top of her lungs (Cain, 56).
...she spun around until she was dizzy and fell down... (Cain, 56).

2. To be dizzy so that stationary objects appear to move here and there; to have vertigo.

Then everything began spinning around, and the sunshine seemed unnaturally bright (Cain, 43).

to spin dreams. To fabricate; make up, dreams, beautiful things to come in the future.

Bert spun her dreams for her... (Cain, 139).

to spin a wheel. To turn a wheel hurriedly, rapidly.

Lt. Knight spun the wheel again, and the PT boat... (Yank, 254).
The skipper...spun the wheel hard to port... (Yank, 254).

to spiral down. To descend in a spiral, in a motion suggesting a spiral.

...he could see the 190 spiral down and the pilot bail out (Yank, 16).

to spit in (---) eyes. To insult one.

They jess float along up in the air and spit in everybody's eye (Yank, 100).

to be able to spit into. To be very close, near, to.

From where we sat, we could spit into the waters of Anzio... (Pyle, 244).

to spit on (---) hands. To expectorate on the palms of one's hands. (Used as a sign of beginning hard work with a vim, vigor.)

Mildred Pierce, Inc., spit on its hands to show what it could do (Cain, 182).

to spit out. To eject forcefully from the mouth.

And Ryan, spit out that gum (Marquand, 164).

to splash in. To enter water, a river, lake, ocean, by running.

He splashed in after it... (Yank, 198).

to split hairs. To make distinctions that are non-essential; to attempt to make overly careful non-essential differences.

I don't believe any of us was afraid of dying...the emotion is rather one of almost desperate reluctance to give up the future. I suppose that's splitting hairs... (Pyle, 5).

to split in the middle. To break in two; to break in half.

...fly high into the air and the ship start to split in the middle (Yank, 47).

split second.

1. Immediately; instantly.

A split second later, the private ran yelling from the pillbox (Yank, 234).

2. An instant; a moment.

In that split second before my own step followed his, I could correct for what ever happened to him (Pyle, 201).
For a split second, all traces of color left the girl's face (Gardner, 20).

3. Momentary; very brief.

And above all this were the split-second golden flashes of big-gun shells ... (Pyle, 382).

to split wide open. To break up; to be destroyed.

...no matter whether the servants left, no matter whether everything split wide open, but he was thinking about Jim (Marquand, 314).

to split with. To divide with; to share with.

"Who's going to split this coffee with me?" asked the colonel (Yank, 109).
"You'll split this coffee with me, won't you son?" asked the Old Man (Yank, 109).

a sponge bath. A bath in which one has a small bowl of water into which one dips a wash cloth to wash oneself as compared to a shower bath or a tub bath.

While I was there he shaved and then took a sponge bath out of a wash pan (Pyle, 215).

sport(s) suit. An informal suit of clothes designed for personal comfort.

Then she whipped off her dress, changed into the little sports suit and floppy hat (Cain, 90).
She bought a little sports suit, got a permanent (Cain, 69).

a spot check. A sampling of opinion, number, kind, or the like, done hurriedly to get an approximate idea of a condition, situation.

A spotcheck of the House ways and means committee indicated the president's jobless pay liberalization bill...will stay on the shelf... (Tuscaloosa News, Oct. 31, 1945, 1).

to sprawl out. To lie with arms and legs in all directions; to lie in a seemingly disorganized fashion.

I found myself sprawled out behind a two-foot thick wall, in the company of a Kiwi... (Yank, 58).

to spread --- wings. To attempt, try, to do something for, by oneself independently.

...those distinguished ranks of young men...who first spread their creative wings in New York's old Newspaper Row... (Marquand, 23).

to spread out.

1. To separate so as not to be close together.

It would always be spreading out and building and changing as the notion changed (Marquand, 557).

"Spread out, fellows," the MP interrupted us (Yank, 52).
...on the opposite bank where the Japs were advancing in spread-out skirmisher formation (Yank, 92).
I picked out an empty spot and spread them out (Yank, 59).
Spread it out, dammit (Pyle, 401).
The lieutenant kept yelling at them as they started, "Spread it out now" (Pyle, 401).

2. To unfold and lay in full; to lay something down completely opened.

Church spread one hand out on the desk before him slowly opening his fingers... (Yank, 89).
I remember hitting the ground flat, all spread out like the cartoons of people... (Pyle, 437).
The lieutenant had an extra blanket...so he spread it out and he and I both lay under it (Pyle, 198).

3. To seem, appear, to open out; to extend.

...It spread out to the sides and was miles wide (Pyle, 369).
A broad valley spread out below us (Pyle, 99).

4. To spread; to distribute; to scatter.

...black tung oil...was spread out to bind the dust... (Yank, 121).

a spring catch. A catch, lock, operated by a spring which locks automatically when the door is closed.

Now when he pushed the rusty spring catch it was like examining the property of someone else (Marquand, 215).

a spring chicken. A young person.

The colonel himself was a big, drawling, typical Southwesterner whose stamina amazed everybody, for he was no spring chicken. (Pyle, 63).

to spring from. To originate in; to come from.

Our family sprang from a long line of Normal milkmaids (Pyle, 414).
It springs from the demands of soldiers that they be protected against the parcel post system (Yank, 140).

a spring lock. A lock, catch, operated by a spring which locks automatically when the door is closed.

There's a spring lock on the door! (Gardner, 77).
The spring lock clicked into place (Gardner, 171).
I think the spring lock was caught back so that the door didn't lock, but I aint absolutely certain about that (Gardner, 147).

to spring on. To surprise, astonish, one with some information, idea, opinion, news, or the like.

If he gets tough, you spring that Biederhof woman on him, and he's got to give way, because on infidelity he can't block it (Cain, 81).

to spring out. To jump out hurriedly; to get out rapidly.

Three of them spring out with .25 caliber light machine guns... (Yank, 7).
...we saw white parachutes begin to spring out behind it (Pyle, 174).

to spring up.

1. To come into existence; to form.

His relatives, recognizing the quick, romantic attachment which had sprung up between Leeds and Emily Milicent... (Gardner, 214).
...the strange relationship that had sprung up between Veda and Wally (Cain, 205).

2. To rise; to get up. (This implies a rush, hurry.)

When it stopped, hundreds of Egyptians of all ages would spring up, selling pale round watermelon... (Yank, 115).

to spruce up. To put on clean, good clothing; to dress up.

For the most part, he wears disreputable clothes, but occasionally he spruces himself up and steps out (Gardner, 127).
...they began primping and sprucing up (Pyle, 152).

a square meal. A good, filling, satisfactory meal.

We can get a square meal there (Gardner, 156).

to square a rap. To make necessary legal arrangements as that one is not jailed, fined.

I told him it was, and that it was up to him to square the rap (Gardner, 102).

to square (---) shoulders. To straighten one's body; to stand erectly.

Jeffrey squared his shoulders and walked into the little marble hall... (Marquand, 241).

to square up. To settle; to pay up, back, off.

To square up that old killing (Gardner, 117).

You got to raise some money...so you can square up these bills... (Cain, 248).
...you square up for a few weeks, and then you're right back where you started (Cain, 251).

to squash out a cigarette. To extinguish a cigarette by smashing it.

Veda...squashed out her cigarette (Cain, 254).

to squat down. To squat; to sit on one's heels.

So General Eddy obediently squatted down... (Pyle, 396).
...we squatted down for me to write on my knee... (Pyle, 402).
Then the first man squatted down, and he reached down and took the captain's hand... (Pyle, 156).
I jumped into one corner of the room and squatted down... (Pyle, 247).

to squeeze a trigger. To pull a trigger; to shoot a gun, pistol, or the like.

...my finger squeezed the trigger (Yank, 21).

Stabat Mater. Latin: "The mother was standing". A hymn in memory of the sorrow of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

...a Rossini Stabat Mater (Cain, 218).
...he handed me the Inflammatus from Rossini's Stabat Mater (Cain, 232).
On piano is a Stabat Mater... (Cain, 218).

to stack the deck. To arrange a deck of cards so that when dealing the dealer and his confederates will receive what cards they wish.

It was always a difficult and thankless game to stack the decks of the cards which had been dealt in the past... (Marquand, 179).

to stack up. To arrange, get into, close connection with; to crowd in; to pack together.

...the reinforcements moved rapidly over it from the stacked-up ships... (Pyle, 360).

staff sergeant. In the Army previous to the change made after the end of World War II there were four ranks of sergeants, the highest non-commissioned ranks: master sergeant, tech(nical) sergeant, staff sergeant, and sergeant.

A staff sergeant walked in and out of the room... (Yank, 205).

stage manager. In a dramatic production the person who is in charge of all the production except the direction of acting properties, scenery, lighting, and the like. He is responsible to the director.

It was only when Mr. Burns made him a stage manager that Jesse began to think about his stomach (Marquand, 275).

stage people. Those persons who are connected with the theater, usually actors and actresses.

Besides, Marianna Miller was on the stage, and stage people did just one thing according to Minot's book of rules (Marquand, 247).

a stage set. Scenery, setting, used on a theater stage.

It was as ephemeral that morning as a well-planned stage set that was waiting for the stage hands... (Marquand, 587).

to stagger out (of). To leave, go out, staggering.

...Veda...staggered out of the room (Cain, 255).

to stagger to (---) feet. To rise, get up, stand up, awkwardly and slowly.

Slowly he staggered to his feet, temporarily blinded... (Yank, 46).

stained glass. Colored glass. (Also attributive.)

That light, he remembered, had come through the stained glass very dimly, but there had been enough light... (Marquand, 594).
...a long oak table holding with stained-glass shade; two floor lamps of iron... (Cain, 2).

to stake out. To plot out; to set apart by stakes; to indicate an area by means of stakes driven into the ground.

...it was the Scouts who...first paddled ashore...to stake out landing beaches... (Yank, 190).

to stalk about. To walk back and forth; to walk around. (This implies a defiant attitude.)

...Monty...stalking gauntly about in his pajamas... (Cain, 253).

to stalk out. To leave, go out, defiantly.

Veda stalked out, and Mildred grimly arranged the tray... (Cain, 55).

to stall along. To put off; to procrastinate; to delay.

Why not stall along until I can turn up something on the Colton woman? (Gardner, 128).
So then we stall the customers along, and hold them just as long as we dare (Gardner, 150).

to stall around. To put off; to delay; to procrastinate.

Oh, yes, he said to tell you to stall around and get as much time as you could, and to tell Phyllis not to worry (Gardner, 58).

to stall for time. To procrastinate so as to gain time.

...her encouragement to Mr. Treviso's story telling might have been a stall for time. (Cain, 185).

to stall off. To put off; to delay.

I have appointment I'm stalling off (Gardner, 21).
He was a man stalling off his departure (Pyle, 197).

to stamp (---) foot. To bring one's foot down sharply. (Often used as a sign of anger, impatience.)

He stamped his foot (Cain, 121).

to stand and fight. To fight; to make a stand and fight.

But surely the Japs would stand and fight us here (Yank, 91).

to stand apart (from). To be easily distinguished from; to be noticeably different from.

Somehow they stood apart from the newer members of the company (Pyle, 156).

to stand around.

1. To stand idly; to be standing but not to be doing anything.

They stood around, and gradually I could sense them moving, one by one close to Captain Weeskow's body (Pyle, 155).
He stood around uncertainly, then made a bid for appreciation (Cain, 3).
They stood around outside zipping on their heavy flying clothes... (Pyle, 208).
They stood around as though waiting (Cain, 102).
One day I was standing around an A-20 bomber... (Pyle, 222).
...while the Italians stood around and shouted curses (Yank, 49).
...the KPs were standing around... (Yank, 229).
We stood around talking with the ground crew (Pyle, 322).

2. To stand idle; to be unused and available.

Irwin finally managed to borrow a jeep that was standing around... (Yank, 32).

3. To be at a place but unoccupied, not busy.

You'd have just stood around some store, all day long, waiting for the chance to make a living, and not making it (Cain, 50).

to stand at attention. In military usage for one to stand erect with one's heels together, one's hands at one's sides, looking directly toward the front and to remain silent.

Everybody...stood at attention (Pyle, 341).

to stand at (--) elbow. To stand next to one or a little to the rear and to face the same direction.

He raised his eyes to where his secretary was standing at his elbow, and said... (Gardner, 1).

to stand back of. To support; to guarantee; to back up.

I told her you'd stand back of her as long as she kept her mouth shut (Gardner, 118).
I warned Louis-Hogarty - to stand back of me (Gardner, 191).
You'll promise that Alden Leeds will stand back of me... (Gardner, 76).

a stand by. An assistant; one who can assume responsibility if necessary.

Their stand-by was Warrant Officer Ernest Pike... (Pyle, 420).

to stand by.

1. To be instantly prepared, ready.

...two or three trucks stand by discreetly waiting for him to make up his mind (Yank, 136).
...the ship's loudspeaker was saying: "Stand by for gunfire. We may have to shoot out some searchlights" (Pyle, 20).
...the battery commander gave a telephone order, "Stand by!" (Pyle, 389)
...suddenly a voice shouted, "Stand by!" (Pyle, 392).
Suddenly the gun commander, who was at the phone, yelled, "Stand by!" (Pyle, 390).
Then our own "Stand by!" order come... (Pyle, 392).

2. To stop near by; to wait near.

I stood close by and I could hear (Pyle, 155).
The rest of the crew stood by... (Yank, 15).
They stood by and watched while the Italians from the house grabbed the German's boots... (Yank, 49).
Now both PTs stood by.

3. To stand at; to remain at.

...I stand by a window looking out (Yank, 187).
Each crew posted a guard, which was changed every two hours throughout the night, to stand by the field telephone and listen for firing orders (Pyle, 101).
They had steeled themselves to stand by their guns and keep shooting (Pyle, 161).

4. To fulfill; to be true to.

...she...didn't know what it meant to stand by her commitments (Cain, 243).

5. To support; to back up.

I give Alden Leeds the papers if he agrees to stand by me (Gardner, 75).

to stand a chance. To have a chance; to have an opportunity.

Suppose that in the event of his death...you stood no chance of profiting in other words, that you were not a natural heir of his... (Gardner, 133).
When he can break away, he'd like to be a real sport; but he doesn't stand much chance (Gardner, 25).
Even the dizziest of us knew that before long many of us stood an excellent chance of being in this world no more (Pyle, 5).

to stand the expense. To pay the expenses; to meet the costs.

But, Pop, he wants to stand the expense (Cain, 106).
Fact of the matter, Pop wants to stand the expense, anyhow (Cain, 106).

to stand for. To endure; to put up with; to suffer; to allow; to tolerate.

...we mothers and fathers will not stand for this (Yank, 210).
But she wasn't going to stand for some of the stuff Hogarty had in mind (Gardner, 181).

to stand guard. To guard; to act as guards; to watch.

Two men stood guard in the upper story... (Yank, 241).

to stand (one) in good stead. To help one; to assist one; to be good for one.

...her waitress training...stood her in good stead now (Cain, 230).

standing room. A place to stand in an auditorium, hall, room, where a drama, trial, hearing is taking place.

...looking in vain for seats, were admonished by a stern bailiff that there was to be no standing room, that only seated spectators could remain (Gardner, 186).

a standing joke. A constant joke; a current but lasting joke.

It was not only a standing joke but a standing fact... (Pyle, 246).

a standing position. An erect, upright, position.

He felt in the darkness until he found a talker with phones on and dragged him to a standing position (Yank, 45).

to stand in line. To wait in a line, queue.

...enlisted men were...standing in line by a long counter... (Yank, 206)
Like children stood in line at the battery kitchen with tin pails to get what was left over (Pyle, 98).
Why stand in line and pay a dime? (Marquand, 35).

to stand in (---) way. To obstruct one; to hinder one; to impede one.

She taunted him...with standing in her way every time she tried to make the living (Cain, 83).

to stand in the way of. To obstruct; to hinder; to impede.

But being as I never stood in the way of true love, I got an idea as far as you're concerned (Yank, 99).
...if she let a little thing like this stand in the way of being there at the kid's first big chance (Cain, 211).
It made Jeffrey feel that they were friends in spite of all the difficulties that stood in the way of friendship between a father and son... (Marquand, 61).

to stand it. To endure; toldrate, something.

Jeffrey could not have stood it if he had thought they were making fun of him (Marquand, 158).
"That's all right," Elsie said, "I can stand it if you can" (Marquand, 431).
Madge could never have stood it if they had not been so much in love (Marquand, 304).
...when she had stood it as long as she could she sent for Bert (Cain, 138).
...he was not sure that he could have stood it (Marquand, 99).
But I got so sleepy that I couldn't stand it and I caught a commuting truck back to the company camp and turned in (Pyle, 69).
I can stand it (Pyle, 49).

to stand off. To stand, remain, some distance away.

There the First Infantry Division was having stiff opposition and its naval escort stood off miles from shore and threw steel at the enemy artillery in the hills (Pyle, 25).

stand offish. Reserved; not congenial.

...they were genial, ordinary fellows, too, not stand-offish or stuck up, but very much like you or me (Marquand, 25).

(---) stand on. One's attitude toward; one's opinion regarding.

The assembled Americans admired his stand on the matter (Yank, 49).

to stand (---) on (---) head. To throw one into a turmoil; to upset one.

Repeal...was going to stand the whole restaurant business on its head (Cain, 148).
...all the emotional assumptions of the last few months were stood on their head... (Cain, 213).

to stand on (---) rights. To insist on, demand, one's rights, privileges.

Bert, having tried unsuccessfully to stand on his rights as a father... (Cain, 209).

to stand on the threshold. To stand within a door; to stand at the door.

The young woman who stood on the threshold was striking in appearance (Gardner, 160).

to stand on (---) toes. To stand tiptoe; to stand on the balls of one's feet.

...he had to stand on his toes to sight the gun... (Yank, 224).

to stand out.

1. To be conspicuous; to be noticeable; to be obvious.

...and an artillery duel in the neighborhood of Lille stands out as the main action on the Western Front today (Marquand, 199).
He stood out among the other wounded because he was cleanly shaven... (Pyle, 151).
On some streets an Englishman stood out as incongruously as he would in North Platte...Nebraska (Pyle, 97).
The Iowans were the veterans, however, and they still stood out (Pyle, 181).
Something in the way he held his head made him stand out among all the people in the lobby (Marquand, 556).

2. To remain outside; to stay out of doors. (This often implies a vehicle or object that might be stored inside.)

We were all standing out waiting for our squadron to come back from a mission... (Pyle, 174).
I had a tip the car sometimes stood out in front of the apartment house until the small hours of the morning (Gardner, 155).

to stand out to sea. To head, move, toward the open sea away from the land.

...the bulk of our fleet stood far out to sea behind us (Pyle, 21).

to stand the pace. To endure, tolerate, the speed, great activity.

"She couldn't stand the pace!" he said (Gardner, 44).

to stand shoulder to shoulder.

1. To be next to each other; to be adjacent to each other.

Of course, men weren't standing shoulder to shoulder, but I suppose the most indiscriminate shell dropped at any point...would have landed not more than two hundred yards from somebody (Pyle, 236).

2. To cooperate; to assist each other.

My dear, Mr. Wilson and I have stood shoulder to shoulder through good times and bad (Marquand, 268).

to stand to reason. To be reasonable; to be logical.

...get paid on commission, because it stands to reason if you weren't making commissions they wouldn't pay you (Cain, 50).

to stand treat. To pay for the entertainment, meal, drink, movie, or the like; to treat.

That night Mildred stood treat to Ida and Anna in a speako Wally had taken her to... (Cain, 68).

a stand up. A breaking of an engagement; a failure to be at an engagement without offering excuses or apologies.

...you pounded and hammered on the door, and he didn't answer, that you know it isn't a stand-up because he was going off to marry you... (Gardner, 78).
They naturally reached the conclusion that it was a stand-up and paid no further attention to it (Gardner, 82).

to stand up.

1. To rise to one's feet; to get up.

I stood up to go... (Yank, 249).
When he read their names, would they please stand up... (Marquand, 38).
Everybody stood up while it played (Pyle, 341).
When we...stood up again to watch, we knew that the error had been caught and checked (Pyle, 438).
One of them stood up... (Yank, 24).
Jeffrey stood up and put the manuscript in his pocket (Marquand, 84).
Then the apartment door was opening and Jeffrey stood up (Marquand, 64).
She smiled at him as he stood up (Marquand, 86).
Jeffrey stood up and Mr. Gorman stood up (Marquand, 519).
...he stood up when I entered... (Yank, 247).
I stood up, spitting dirt... (Yank, 239).
Jeffrey pushed back his chair and stood up (Marquand, 589).
"Stand up and be sworn, Miss Leeds," he said (Gardner, 26).
I saw one stand up...and I shot him (Yank, 192).
Aunt Martha stood up and her black silk dress rustled (Marquand, 159).
...I stood up and killed 'em both with my carbine (Yank, 146).
It was always difficult to stand up in those places, where they pressed the edge of the table into the pit of your stomach (Marquand, 319).
I asked Gertrude Lade to stand up (Gardner, 206).
She stood up (Gardner, 206).
Alf stood up (Marquand, 158).
Jeff, stand up and let's see you (Marquand, 158).
Jeffrey stood up and pulled at his blue coat to straighten it (Marquand, 158).
Barbella...had to stand up (Yank, 206).
The Old Man pushed back his chair and stood up (Marquand, 159).
Then he stood up (Marquand, 161).
He stood up and tossed the manuscript on the chair (Marquand, 498).
She stood up very quickly as though someone had pulled her to her feet and her voice was almost harsh (Marquand, 499).
Will you stand up please? (Gardner, 201).
Bert patted his thighs, stood up, and seemed to regard the discussion as closed (Cain, 83).
As Dr. Collins refilled his syringe, she stood up (Cain, 103).
Ducharme stood up (Yank, 209).
Then he stood up (Cain, 215).
"But once they're inside," he said, "they stand up and give orders" (Yank, 54).
"All a guy has to do to get a Purple Heart, here is stand up for 10 seconds," he muttered (Yank, 9[illegible]).
Gertrude Lade stood up (Gardner, 201).
He stood up and waved his napkin (Marquand, 282).

I have a right to ask anyone in the courtroom to stand up and then point that standing person out... (Gardner, 207).
A surge of pride in the cold child swept over her, and she stood up (Cain, 43).
"It's Mr. Bush from Paramount," the secretary said, and Mr. Fineman immediately stood up (Marquand, 269).
He watched Stan draw his feet under him and stand up, but something gave way and he sat down (Marquand, 232).
I thought he was going to stand up and take a punch at me (Yank, 221).
Jeffrey stood up and walked to the window (Marquand, 312).
She had hardly stood up to survey the general effect... (Cain, 154).
They stood up and went through... (Pyle, 363).
When five Japs raised their hands and stood up in full view, the Americans ceased firing... (Yank, 52).
...he and Pray, who was spotting for mortar fire, stood up and huddled close to each other (Yank, 19).
They could stand up in it, and it had a rough wooden floor (Pyle, 258).

2. To stand; to be in a standing position; to be erect.

Captain Dailey was tall and his black hair stood up and reached back and you'd have to call him good looking (Pyle, 261).
Nemo was standing up... (Yank, 21).
His dinner coat made him stand up straighter (Marquand, 71).
Albert's wrists dangled from the sleeves when he stood up straight (Marquand, 63).
They weren't big enough to allow a man of medium height to stand up inside (Yank, 220).
Then Jeffrey would say that there wasn't anything to sit on, and besides he liked to eat standing up (Marquand, 545).
She was standing up straight, smiling nicely, and her lipstick was on very straight (Marquand, 530).
...they had to stand straight up and dig their guns in (Pyle, 388).
Marianna was standing up, and her eyes showed him that she had seen what he was thinking (Marquand, 437).
...running toward a dropped machine gun, he stood up, riddled them with fire and flopped downagain (Yank, 93).
We stand up (Yank, 189).
Mr. Barnes was standing up, a tall, pale man handing out the diplomas (Marquand, 168).
All the people standing up looked as if they belonged in those chairs (Marquand, 116).
"Stand up and take it easy," he could hear his father saying (Marquand, 166).
The battery's three officers ate standing up at a bench inside the truck while the men ate outside... (Pyle, 101).
Just think of some poor captain
Minus all his silver bars
Standing up behind some counter
Selling peanuts and cigars... (Yank, 154).

...photographs on the wall of boys in rows, one row standing up and the other row sitting down in front (Marquand, 296).
Beckie had risen and everyone was standing up (Marquand, 132).
He could see the framework of the oil derricks, standing up like extended fingers from the brown hills in the distance (Marquand, 426).

3. To fail to appear for an engagement without offering excuses or apologies.

They can't go around hammering on the apartment doors of all the men in the city who have stood up trollops on dates (Gardner, 79).

4. To cooperate openly, publicly.

...while people...would stand up, join with us... (Yank, 213).

5. To appear publicly.

If he has to stand up in court and admit he can't pay one cent for them, he'd rather die (Cain, 83-4).

6. To wear well; to last.

I get more out of tools than anybody, but I give 'em wear and they don't stand up like they used to (Marquand, 512).

to stand up against. To fight against; to oppose vigorously.

Standing up against Germany wasn't considered the fashionable thing... (Yank, 218).
It stood up against the Germans back in 1940... (Yank, 218).

to stand up for (---). To defend one; to justify one; to support one.

Stand up for him (Marquand, 558).

to stand upright. To stand erect; to stand up.

...the infantrymen...stood upright and moved inland (Yank, 250).

to stand up under. To endure; to tolerate.

I couldn't stand up under the responsibility of making a decision that would take human life (Pyle, 312).

to stare at. To look at openly; to glare at; to look at rudely for some time.

...they stared at one of Mr. Simon's fliers... (Cain, 204).
Mildred...stared at the...creature who had sat down opposite her... (Cain, 205).

...staring at the ceiling... (Cain, 189).
...she had stared at the floor of the car (Cain, 186).
Veda...staring at the ceiling... (Cain, 186).
...she...stared at Veda... (Cain, 245).
...her light blue eyes stared at Mr. Levinson with a fixity... (Cain, 236).
...Mr. Hannen...stared hard at her (Cain, 135).
...Mr. Hannen...resumed staring at Veda (Cain, 136).
Veda was staring at the Pierce upright... (Cain, 154).

to stare into. To appear to be looking at with concentration.

He was staring into the embers of the fire (Cain, 111).

to stare (---) in the face. To be obvious to one; to be clear to one.

And all the time, he's got it staring him in the face that the harder he makes it for you the harder... (Cain, 84).

to stare out. To look with concentration from.

Her black eyes, staring out from above the hollowed cheeks... (Gardner, 4).

the Star of Bethlehem. The star which guided the Magi to Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem. (Matthew II, 9).

It was as though the Star of Bethlehem had...appeared in front of her (Cain, 138).

stark naked. Naked; completely unclothed.

For Veda was stark naked (Cain, 254).
Many make it a practice to walk stark naked from their outfits to the bathing stream... (Yank, 42).
Up in the mountains I saw hundreds of soldiers, stark naked, bathing in Sicilian horse troughs or out of their steel helmets (Pyle, 65).

Star-Spangled Banner. The national anthem of the United States of America.

The orchestra crashed into the Star-Spangled Banner... (Cain, 239).

to start all over again. To begin again, all over.

He wanted to pick up the pieces and start all over again; and she was a real widow... (Marquand, 476).

to start and. To start to; to begin to.

Beckie was never tired of telling about the fun that she...had had with that old house, and if they had to start and do it all over again... (Marquand, 109).

to start anything. To begin trouble; to make trouble; to begin a fight.

...the people on shore were so damned scared by whatever was about to attack them from out there on the water that they were afraid to start anything (Pyle, 22).

to start at the bottom and work up. To begin in a lowly position and to advance, be promoted, in rank. (Considered proper in American business.)

Start at the bottom and work up is a good motto...so I give this guy a hotfoot (Yank, 162).

to start back. To start to return, to go back.

When we started back down, German shells began dropping quite a way behind us (Pyle, 148).
The result was that the determined ambulance boys drove nearly halfway across Sicily before they finally gave up and started back (Pyle, 45).
We were starting back to the old horrible life... (Pyle, 354).
We put him on a litter and started back into our own perimeter... (Yank, 10).
Convoys had started back to Africa for new loads before the first day was over (Pyle, 32).
At chow time the unit...started back through the 1st Battalion lines (Yank, 5).
...men died as they started back with casualties or came forward with supplies (Yank, 6).
...a big black dog...dashed out, grabbed the grenade in his mouth, and started back... (Pyle, 191).
Anyhow, I think he'll be starting back soon (Yank, 138).
At the end of each run we turned so quickly that the ship heeled far over. Then we would start right back (Pyle, 24).
Ships unloaded and started right back for new cargoes (Pyle, 35).
...we had started back with a litter for Johnny (Yank, 252).
Five days later I made my escape and started back in the night... (Yank, 11).

to start the day off right. To begin the day auspiciously, according to good luck.

He always did it to start the day off right (Yank, 126).

to start down. To begin to descend; to go down.

...be saw Chambers start down toward him and yelled a warning (Yank, 17).
...so I...started down to the other half of the house (Pyle, 248).

to start for. To begin to go to, toward.

That morning the 164th was alerted and on Dec. 12 started for the West Coast (Yank, 23).

to start from. To begin at.

We drove a total of seventy-five agonizing miles over dusty gravel roads, and then found the hospital all set up and ready for business within four miles of where we had started from in the first place (Pyle, 45).
I'll start from the very beginning (Yank, 174).

to start in. To begin; to start.

But the city was already crumbling when we started in on this strong point... (Pyle, 407).
They found that a new pilot, starting in to build up the required missions for going home, had seventy five per cent chance of coming through safely... (Pyle, 170).
He wants an office boy, and you can start in tomorrow (Marquand, 163).
"If I'm paying for it," his grandfather said, "he can start in at the carpet factory tomorrow" (Marquand, 163).
...he might start right in eating Gooey-Yum-Yum's wrappings, partitions, string, APO number and all (Yank, 140).
He had started in as a child with the Commercial Cable Company and had been a radio operator for eighteen years, though he was still a young man (Pyle, 41).

to start the motor. To cause a motor to run, begin to operate.

...she...started the motor... (Cain, 171).

to start off.

1. To leave; to start to go; to begin to go.

We started off for our next door neighbor's (Yank, 60).
As we started off again, I hoped silently that he would continue to miss (Yank, 58).
He picked up his coil and started off, hugging the bank alongside the road (Yank, 58).

2. To begin; to start.

Marine buddies meet on the street and their faces light up and they start off by saying... (Yank, 76).

The captain, the wireman and I started off in a jeep, sitting all three in the front... (Yank, 57).
Fishing the key out of her shoe they started off and rode silently to Mrs. Biederhof's... (Cain, 61).

to start off with a bang. To begin vigorously, noisily, so that one attracts attention.

One that would start you off with a bang. (Cain, 78).

to start out.

1. To begin; to start.

We started out in the Army at Fort Jackson, S.C.... (Yank, 242).
You start out a wunderkind.. (Cain, 187).
I started out in the normal fashion... (Pyle, 398).
Started out when she was 11 years old (Yank, 132).
He starts out by telling a few GI yarns right out of "Private Hargrove". (Yank, 65).
He started out in the telegraph room just before I left... (Marquand, 7).

2. To prepare to leave, go out, go away.

She threw some things onto a sled, and started out (Gardner, 181).
His drivers used to say when they started out, "Hold on"... (Pyle, 395).
...the general started out on foot around the area... (Pyle, 395).
The boys had started out on their day's round... (Pyle, 363).

to start over. To begin again; to start again.

You got to raise some money...so you can square up these bills and start over (Cain, 248).

to start up. To begin; to start; to rise.

...just before the Japs started up the second night... (Yank, 146).
Then it would start up again across the country with violent fury (Pyle, 98).

to start with. To begin with.

They left the States with around $52000, and when they arrived in England and turned their money for foreign exchange, they had $15,000 more than they started with (Pyle, 105).

to start with a bang. To begin noisily, enthusiastically.

Hans...got the party started with a bang... (Cain, 152).

to starve to death. To die or to be almost dying from hunger; to be very hungry.

But you're starving to death, baby (Cain, 51).
...eventually they would starve plumb to death... (Pyle, 417).

state house. The building which houses the state's legislature bodies, the governor's offices, and the like; the state capital building.

...he would develop the desire to call upon the Governor at the State House (Marquand, 198).

a state of mind. A condition of the mind; an emotional state, condition.

All these details were trivial, but in some way they illustrated his state of mind, and that of his country... (Marquand, 255).
"Ah, nah," said Sgt. Flump, "thass a state of mine" (Yank, 103).

statement of charges. A statement, notice, of a debt incurred by a serviceman and owed to the U.S. government usually for loss or willful destruction of property.

...a GI who accidentally loses his dentures does not have to pay for them on a statement of charges (Yank, 171).
Does a GI have to sign a statement of charges if he loses the set of false teeth issued to him by the Army? (Yank, 171).

the States. The United States of America.

He had not fired one since he left officer's school in the States but now he drew it (Marquand, 235).

states side. In, at, relating to, the U.S.A.

...it occurred to him that Stateside newspapers might carry stories of the air attack... (Karig and Kelley, Battle Reports, 1944, 151).

station platform. The platform adjacent to the railroad tracks where one gets on, gets off, a train.

He could see the station platform when he got off the train, early in the afternoon (Marquand, 243).

a station to station call. A long distance telephone call whereby the caller simply tells the telephone operator the city and telephone number he wishes. (Cf. person to person call).

...I make a LD station-to-station call what sets me back a sawbuck... (Yank, 161).

station wagon. A type of automobile body having two doors, three seats, the back two of which are removable, a tail gate. Much of the body is made of wood or prepared to look like wood. Usually about the most expensive of the different bodies.

Once during the next summer even in spite of the gas rationing Jeffrey took the station wagon by himself and tried to find the place (Marquand, 549).
So I just hopped in the station wagon and got us two hundred feet at Maxon's Store (Marquand, 511).
Meanwhile, Madge had taken the station wagon to do the shopping and she had taken Gwen and Jim... (Marquand, 212).
...then the lawnmower would have to be carried in the station wagon downtown for an old man... (Marquand, 222).

status quo. The state, condition, in which a thing is. (Latin status in quo, 'the state in which'.)

The corpse is supposed to remain in, what the lawyers term, status quo (Gardner, 123).

statutory rape. The rape, having sexual intercourse with a girl who is under age of consent either with her consent or without.

No statutory rape, nothing unpleasant like that (Cain, 201).

to stave off. To prevent; to ward off; to keep away.

...Edward Mace, who had been a social worker in Chicago...had told Jeffrey that the New Deal had staved off violent revolution (Marquand, 211).
Anything was desirable which would stave off his ordeal, but time was moving on inexorably (Marquand, 165).

a stay at home. One who does not travel; one who has not seen many places.

Christ A'mighty, Alden's been through things those stay-at-home bastards never even dreamt of... (Gardner, 56).

to stay away. To remain awake.

They finally got to the point where they couldn't stay awake... (Pyle, 252).

to stay away. Not to come; to remain away.

...the Japs stayed away when the Lightnings were up (Yank, 203).
Another was that reports of congestion had frightened prospective customers into staying away (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).

to stay behind. To remain; not to go when others go.

I stayed behind when the company went forward (Pyle, 204).

to stay home. To stay, remain, at home.

She stayed home... (Cain, 196).
When some friends invited me up to their cottage...I didn't see why I was the one person on earth that had to stay home (Cain, 98).
You may as well stay home nights while you're here (Yank, 160).

to stay in.

1. To stay, remain, within an area, place, building.

I told people we'd struck it rich, and that Leeds, my partner, was staying in to watch the claim... (Gardner, 114).
The tent pegs wouldn't stay in... (Pyle, 395).
Tonight everybody's got to stay in and shine their buttons (Yank, 99).
It was February and he was suffering from a slight cold in the head, so he stayed in for the day to work in his study... (Marquand, 326).
He had seen it all, he had heard all the voices first in summer, and that was the way it stayed in his mind (Marquand, 260).

2. To remain a member; to continue affiliations. (This often implies remaining a soldier after one could receive a discharge.)

He liked it fine, and thought he might stay in after the war (Pyle, 40).
Not that he intended to stay in after the war (Pyle, 333).

to stay it out. To remain, stay, as long as necessary.

When the company came out of the lines some of the men could barely walk, but they had stayed it out (Pyle, 252).

to stay off. To keep off; to remain off; not to get on.

Keep your feet dry and stay off them for two weeks (Pyle, 253).

to stay on. To continue to stay, remain.

When I'm finished with this script, I might stay on and work on it (Marquand, 451).
...the other stayed on alone (Yank, 245).
Only the rugged ones stayed on as armorers (Pyle, 211).
We read in the paper the next day, though, that the Governor had stayed on right through the final putout (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

to stay on the job. To remain at work; to continue working.

...Okay, stay on the job and keep reporting (Gardner, 64).

to stay out.

1. Not to become involved in; not to be joined with.

When his first three years were up, he stayed out just six days and then re-enlisted... (Pyle, 212).
Hilton stayed out of the Army for two years (Yank, 242).
Right now I hope we stay out until we see what we can do, but I think we're going in (Marquand, 415).

2. Not to return home. (This implies 'night' as being the time one stays out.)

Where the highballs grow on bushes, and we stay out every night... (Marquand, 382).
...'Where the highballs grow on bushes,'...he said, 'and we stay out every night' (Marquand, 381).

3. To remain in the open, public.

He doesn't stay out where he's exposed (Yank, 148).

to stay over. To remain when one might have gone.

I'll stay over and drive you in the station wagon (Marquand, 518).

to stay put.

1. To remain as or where one is.

The CP and the MLR stayed put (Yank, 6).
You'd think that after seeing what the combat pilots went through, the mechanics would be content to stay put (Pyle, 177).

2. To be still, quiet, unmoving.

German bombers came over but we just stayed put (Pyle, 47).

to stay up.

1. Not to go to bed.

He stayed up all night too... (Pyle, 387).
I stayed up for a couple of nights... (Pyle, 351).

to stay up until all hours. Not to go to bed until late at night, early in the morning.

...staying up until all hours trying to find the bulbs and trimmings for the tree... (Yank, 184).

to stay with.

1. To live with; to live at.

Regimental handed me down to battalion, and battalion on down to the company I was to stay with (Pyle, 181).

2. To remain with; to accompany.

Do you want me to have Drake sent out a woman operative to stay with you (Gardner, 50).

a steady customer. A regular buyer; one who regularly purchases at a certain place.

He...introduced him to some of the steady customers (Yank, 34).

steady eyed. Not having shifty eyes; being able to look one in the eye.

Garrel, poker-faced, steady-eyed, came forward, raised his right hand and was sworn (Gardner, 132).

a steady flow of. A continuous supply of; an uninterrupted succession of.

Both had worked well all through the previous day and night too, examining a steady flow of prisoners (Pyle, 124).

a steady stream of. A continuous supply of; an uninterrupted succession of.

There had been a steady stream of American casualties... (Yank, 252).

to steal (---) blind. To steal continuously from one; to steal almost everything one has.

I could have stole them blind (Gardner, 57).

to steal a glance. To look briefly at; to look at and then quickly to look away.

...but he was conscious of Louella, although he only stole a glance at her (Marquand, 164).

to steal a show. To cause the audience to concentrate on one person; to be the best attraction in a performance.

It never ceases to amaze me, Colonel, the way these little girlies always steal the show (Yank, 132).

to steam back. To return by sailing under steam power.

The beach wasn't big enough to handle them all at once, so they'd come in at signals from the command ship, unload, and steam back out to the convoy for a second load (Pyle, 28).

to steam out. To go out of, depart from, a place by ship.

We steamed out past the bomb-shattered city... (Pyle, 11).

steamed up. Angry; excited.

She seemed to be all steamed up about something, and he was trying to smooth her over with a lot of yes-yes stuff (Gardner, 103).

a steam roller. A steam driven roller which flattens roads, air fields, or the like. It has tremendous weight.

I remember hitting the ground flat, all spread out like the cartoons of people flattened by steam rollers.. (Pyle, 437).

a steam table. A metal table with containers in which food can be kept hot before serving.

She put them in their pots and turned the hot water into the steam table (Cain, 118).
A range, icebox, steam table, and sink were going to cost at least half that... (Cain, 76).

to steel (---) against. To strengthen oneself against; to prepare oneself to resist.

Della...Street...steeled herself against the magnetism of Mason's boyish grin (Gardner, 1).

steering gear. The mechanism which steers a ship.

The steering gear on one ship broke... (Pyle, 357).

to stem from. To rise from; to come from; to originate in.

It stems not only from blood ties with...Slavs who emigrated to America ... (Yank, 248).

to step away from. To walk away from; to leave by walking.

She steps away from me... (Yank, 188).

to step back. To walk backwards, usually a step or two.

...he pushed open the door and stepped back... (Yank, 247).
He steps back, bawls "Battery atten-tion!" and you stiffen into position ...erranged the casket, and stepped back to permit the guests to pass by (Cain, 108).

step by step. A degree, grade, measure, at a time; gradually.

He had charted your way for you, step by step in simple easy lessons... (Marquand, 190).

to step in. To enter; to join in.

...I'll step in with a story about this job and top them all (Yank, 200).

to step into the breach. To solve a problem; to present a solution to a question.

But Mrs. Gessler; as usual, stepped into the breach (Cain, 159).

to step off.

1. To get off a path, walk, trail, road, by walking.

You step high off the curbs... (Yank, 75).
He had stepped right off into a narrow ditch... (Pyle, 201).

2. To get off; to get out of.

...as we stepped off the bus (Yank, 209).
How could anyone step off a DC-4 in East Boston and quietly take a taxicab to the Hotel Statler...? (Yank, 187).

3. To leave; to go away from.

It was nice being able to step off the post and onto a sidewalk... (Yank 236).

to step on the gas.

1. To accelerate an automobile; to give an automobile more gasoline in order to go faster.

The driver stepped on the gas, and we raced across the Panids... (Yank, 57).

2. To hurry; to rush.

Telling him to step on the gas is like -- well, he's been liquidating Pierce Homes for eight years now, hasn't he? (Cain, 202).

to step on it. To hurry; to go fast, to rush.

And if you could step on it slightly, show just a little speed -- why I might get to... (Cain, 89).
"You're stepping on it now, Chief," she said, glancing at the speedometer (Gardner, 40).
I'll step on it and get back to the office in time to hear what he has to say before we go back to court (Gardner, 40).

to step on (---) toes. To hurt one's feelings; to hurt one's ego.

...you didn't think that I was too impulsive giving Jim that cash -- that I stepped on your toes, or anything? (Marquand, 75).

to step out.

1. To go to a party; to have a good time at a dance or the like.

We'll step out (Cain, 21).
For the most part, he wears disreputable clothes, but occasionally he spruces himself up and steps out (Gardner, 127).
...we can step out (Cain, 225).

2. To get out of a vehicle.

Men were killed as they stepped out of landing craft (Pyle, 362).
A gentleman...was distracted when a maroon Rolls pulled up and a liveried chauffeur in his late sixties stepped out... (New Yorker, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
As Rosie stepped out and went along in the ambulance with his wounded... (Yank, 86).

3. To walk into the open.

Suddenly an Italian stepped out of a dark alley... (Yank, 11).
When he stepped out the tent door to dispose of a washpan of water... (Pyle, 217).
A scout named Herbert Hanson of Lincoln, Ark., stepped out from behind a tree... (Yank, 17).

4. To walk, move, go away from, aside.

But her mouth seemed to step out in front of her, and take charge in a somewhat gabby way (Cain, 26).

to step over. To walk to a place.

He stepped over and snapped on a small radio (Cain, 165).

to step up.

1. To approach; to walk up.

If the army could have set up the machinery and told every soldier to step up on the proper day and make his "X"... (Pyle, 137).
"Step right up," Kettering said (Gardner, 187).
...Jeffrey was about to step up when he saw that the bell captain was beside him (Marquand, 575).

2. To take a step higher; to lift one's foot higher than usual in walking to step on a high place.

...with an illuminated green sign thoughtfully placed upon it marked "Step up", and Jeffrey... (Marquand, 575).

3. To speed up; to hurry; to increase the speed.

Word came back that they were doing fine, and that we could step up the pace if we wanted to (Pyle, 202).
This remark only served to step up the tempo of Mildred's sobs... (Cain, 259).

to stew up. To develop; to work up.

They stew up a high blood pressure over a one-point drop in the interest rate (Gardner, 1).

to stick around. To remain near; to stay in the vicinity.

A man went into the headquarters cave with our request to stick around for a few days... (Yank, 196).
"I wish you'd stick around," Walter said (Marquand, 52).
Stick around a while, kid (Marquand, 487).
Stick around the office, keep in touch with developments, and eat after I get back (Gardner, 93).
...he said everything was okay, that he'd stick around and wait for me to call from the station... (Gardner, 103).
...said to Drake... "Stick around a minute, Paul" (Gardner, 13).

to stick by (---). To be faithful to one; to aid and assist one firmly.

And you think it'll stick by you, because it likes you, and likes your chicken, and wants to help a plucky little woman get along? (Cain, 148).
I dropped most of that twenty grand I made in the touch from Leeds, but I'm resourceful and I stick by my friends (Gardner, 102).

to stick (---) head inside. To stand outside and to put one's head and shoulders inside.

The lieutenant...opened the door and stuck his head inside... (Yank, 247).

to stick --- head out. To stand inside and to put one's head and shoulders outside.

...I threatened to shoot the first one who stuck his head out (Yank, 150).
...this guy across the street stuck his head out (Yank, 124).
...the commander usually rides with his turret cover open and his head sticking out (Pyle, 265).

to stick --- head up. To raise one's head above something.

Cpl. Joe Hasoaki...heard a noise outside his foxhole and stuck his head up (Yank, 145).

to stick in --- memory. To stay, remain, in one's memory; to be remembered.

That is the sort of thing that sticks in a journalist's memory (Marquand, 18).

to stick a knife in --- back. To attack one where one is defenseless. (Considered unsportsmanly.)

Go right on sticking the knife in our backs (Yank, 215).

a stickler for. One who demands, requires, insists on.

...Stilwell is no stickler for the more rigid military courtesies (Yank, 130).

to stick --- neck out. To take a chance which if it fails may be disastrous.

We told him we didn't want to stick our necks too far out...we felt brave enough to get a story and some pictures (Yank, 196).
I went to bat and I stuck my neck out for you men (Yank, 204).

to stick on. To fasten on; to make fast.

Now, she hurriedly got into one, put on her Tip-Top shoes, stuck on the little cap (Cain, 119).

to stick out.

1. To protrude; to project.

...I walked around a couple of pieces of driftwood sticking out of the sand (Pyle, 369).
...their heads hanging down on one side, their stiffened legs sticking out awkwardly from the other... (Pyle, 154).
Three tiny Jap coconut-log jetties stuck out into the water... (Yank, 144).

They got him with a machine gun right in the arm, and the bone is sticking out (Yank, 108).
My ears don't stick out (Marquand, 158).

2. To cause to protrude; to cause to project.

Veda picked up her glass, stuck out her little finger, took a fastidious sip (Cain, 57).
"Jeff," Elsie said, "don't stick your stomach out" (Marquand, 158).
I stuck my hand out, groping, and the owner of the voice grabbed it (Yank, 58).
To Veda, it was an opportunity to stick out her little finger, to quaff elegantly... (Cain, 56).

3. To place away from; out from, a central place.

Our 60-mm mortars and even our 81s are usually stuck out singly... (Yank, 150).
.. if some of those panty-waists had to be stuck out some place where there were no white women... (Yank, 214).

to stick together.

1. To be faithful to each other, one another; to remain fast friends; to support each other.

The Wilson brothers stick together, don't they? (Marquand, 156).

2. To remain, stay, close to each other; to remain in the other's company.

When they were on leave, they liked to stick together and to hell with the infantry and artillery (Marquand, 218).

to stick to. To hold fast to; to stay with; to remain firm with.

...in his opinion (and all a bookman could do was to stick to his opinion)... (Marquand, 338).
But not the Germans -- they stuck to their guns (Pyle, 161).

to stick -- tongue out. To cause one's tongue to protrude from between one's lips. (Often done as a sign of concentration, or used as a sign of contempt.)

...lay two more on her arm, remember not to stick her tongue out, and go sailing around the kitchen without dropping any (Cain, 62).
...Mildred wanted to...stick out her tongue at him... (Cain, 235).

to stick up. To protrude upward; to rise.

The toes of their shoes sticking up as though on drill... (Pyle, 360).

Give your hair a good soaping, and maybe it won't stick up (Marquand, 159).

a sticky kiss. A wet kiss; a kissing with wet, moistened, lips.

...the sticky kisses that started at her eyes... (Cain, 174).

a still life. A painting, drawing, of inanimate objects such as flowers, fruit, fish, dead game, and the like.

Even with the twin beds and the new green carpet and the chairs and the still life above the mantelpiece... (Marquand, 307).

to be still along. To be yet, still, now, in company, accompanying.

The lieutenant and the sergeant would call for me occasionally to make sure I was still along (Pyle, 200).

still to go. Remaining; undone; unaccomplished.

The squadron leaders wished there were some way they could surprise a man and send him home with six or eight missions still to go... (Pyle, 162).

stirred up. Confused; disorganized.

It's alittle stirred-up inside (Marquand, 457).
As Walter said, the room was a little stirred up as rooms were with morning rising combined with packing (Marquand, 457).

to stir up a fight. To incite, cause, a fight.

...a river crossing that stirred up a fight (Yank, 245).

to stock up. To put into reserve; to build up a reserve.

We just ought to stock up while there's anything to stock (Marquand, 512).
...I know that you don't want to be bothered, but it just seems to me we ought to stock up a little (Marquand, 412).
So how would it be if Mr. Wilson just forgot about it, and let Mr. Gorman go down to Mason's and stock up while there was something to stock up with (Marquand, 516).

a stomach pump. A medical pump for removing food, poison, or the like from the stomach.

This lovelorn type cabled home the next day for a...stomach pump (Yank, 140).

a stone's throw. A very short distance; a little way.

Once an unexploded ack-ack shell buried itself half a stone's throw from my tent (Pyle, 382).
Once two bombs hit the water just a good stone's throw from the stern of our vessel (Pyle, 34).
...a mere stone's throw from shop... (Marquand, 35).
We were pleasantly surprised to find ourself seated a beer-bottle's throw from Governor Dewey, who was sharing a box back of first base with four young boys (New Yorker, XIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 1).

to stoop down. To bend over; to stoop.

Veda...stooped down... (Cain, 154).

stoop shouldered. Having shoulders which drop forward; not standing, sitting, erect.

The Foreign Correspondent...was not a stoop-shouldered man... (Marquand, 25).

to stop and. To stop to.

...I got so hungry I had to stop and open my C rations (Yank, 31).
...stop and think and you'll see that it doesn't make sense (Marquand, 85).

to stop by. To drop in; to visit briefly.

Toward the end of March, when Jeffrey had stopped by on his way from the train, Louella asked him... (Marquand, 205)
As they parted, Mildred asked Ida if she'd like her to stop by and pick her up... (Cain, 64).
Whether Bert had already stopped by, or the children had made some slip, she didn't know... (Cain, 13).
Then she counted her money and stopped by a market, where she bought a chicken... (Cain, 19).
"It's funny, your stopping by," she said (Marquand, 172).

to stop cold. To stop completely.

The battalion was again stopped cold (Yank, 5).

to stop dead. To stop completely.

...the mule stopped dead and lay down (Yank, 176).

to stop in. To visit briefly; to drop in.

I'll stop in to see him (Marquand, 454).
Shortly after leaving the artillery outfit, I stopped in at an evacuation tent hospital... (Pyle, 120).

top me if you've heard (it, this one). Often said by one before telling a story, joke.

top me if you've heard it (Marquand, 74).

o stop short. To stop abruptly; to stop suddenly.

private runs to pick him up, then stops short and looks bewildered as his own arm hangs limply... (Yank, 180).

top signals. Traffic signs; traffic lights.

..after a few blocks she began to dread the stop signals, for sitting there, waiting for the light to change... (Cain, 104).

o stop to think. To consider carefully; to think about something reflectively.

f you stopped to think of it, the coffee tasted very good... (Marquand, 220).

o stop up. To plug; to act as a plug in a pipe, tube, or the like, so as to impede or stop passage.

ut I don't like the carbine. You can't trust it; three little grains of sand will stop one up (Yank, 149).

tory book. Having the qualities of a fictional person, place, situation; romantic.

ac is no story-book solder (Yank, 24).

tory telling. A relating, telling, of stories, jokes, or the like.

..her encouragement to Mr. Treviso's story telling... (Cain, 185).

stove cap. A circular piece of cast iron about 8" - 10" in diameter which fits into a frame on a wood or coal cook stove on the cooking surface. It is removable so that a pan can be placed next to the fire.

omething as big as a stove cap sailed by my head (Yank, 239).

o stow away. To secrete oneself or someone on a ship, airplane, for the purpose of taking a trip without paying.

nd there were two adoptees who stowed away and joined in the Anzio beachhead landings on D-day (Pyle, 243).

traight ahead. Immediately ahead; directly to the front.

ildred stared straight ahead of her, and he went on... (Cain, 103).

Madge sighed again and looked straight ahead of her at the shadows in the corner of the room... (Marquand, 537).
About 200 yards straight ahead the Japs had established a CP... (Yank, 23).
Jeffrey looked straight ahead of him, moving one foot and then the other (Marquand, 165).
Jeffrey stared straight ahead at the road (Marquand, 478).
Why wouldn't it be a good idea to fool them about once every two weeks by just flying straight ahead for a while? (Pyle, 167).

straight backed chair. A chair having a vertical back usually with no covering or padding.

We sit down in separate, straight-backed wooden chairs (Yank, 189).
..four straight-backed chairs... (Yank, 247).

to straighten out.

1. To put in order; to make order out of; to solve a problem.

..things might still be straightened out (Cain, 188).
..if straightening out a title would mean a day's work for Bert, or a few dollars in some legal capacity... (Cain, 20).
Your bedroom's all straightened out (Gardner, 70).
..a tired MP at a crossroad was helping to straighten out a Long Tom truck and two 40-mm ack-ack vehicles that were all jammed together... (Yank, 168).
..only a good heart-to-heart talk with someone would straighten me out (Yank, 164).
As soon as I get...this mess straightened out... (Cain, 147).
Mr. Eckstein...agreed to deliver meat until she "straightened this little matter out" (Cain, 245).

2. To clarify; to make clear, understandable.

Finally a laundry truck pulled up and she got the driver to straighten her out (Cain, 42).
Kind of get that a little straightened out? (Cain, 246).

3. To make straight; to straighten.

He couldn't straighten out his legs... (Pyle, 453).

to straighten up. To stand erectly; to rise to one's full height.

He'd been drinking pretty heavy, and, all of a sudden, he straightened up and threw the whiskey bottle to one side (Gardner, 113).

straight face. A face showing no emotions, feelings; a poker face; a face devoid of expression.

That Bert, with a straight face, should offer it to her at this time struck her as merely grotesque (Cain, 85).

a straight shot. A drink of undiluted alcoholic beverage.

...they each had a straight shot to calm their nerves (Yank, 155).

straight news. Uncolored, unbiased, undanted, news.

Straight news is stressed; there is no attempt to propagandize... (Yank, 129).
Straight news, when it's favorable, is the most potent weapon we have (Yank, 129).

straight off. Immediately; at once; right away.

One said, "Think of hitting the beach tonight, seasick as hell, with your stomach upside down, and straight off you come face to face with an Italian with a big garlic breath" (Pyle, 20).

straight out of. Modeled on; copied from.

...unless she was straight out of Vogue... (Yank, 141).

straight up. Vertically; vertical.

...we would see dark columns extending two and three hundred feet straight up into the air... (Pyle, 413).
He spent hours walking around the muddy stone street on his hands, with his feet sticking straight up in the air (Pyle, 227).
After about 200 yards of straight-up climbing... (Yank, 198).

strange as it may seem. Believe it or not; this may sound fantastic but it is true.

...strange as it may seem, 183 are from white men... (Yank, 213).

a stranger to. Unknown to.

At ten-five a man went in who was a stranger to all the operatives (Gardner, 63).

to strap on. To put on; to fasten on. (This implies fastening on a belt or with a belt.)

I strapped on the old persuader, and went down to get him out -- figured I might have to get rough (Gardner, 57).

a straw hat. A hat made of woven straw -- vegetable matter.

The stranger wore...an Italian straw hat with an orange band (Yank, 24).

the straw that broke --- back. One incident after a series of incidents which seems as a result of the series to be intolerable.

The straw that broke my back was when the anchor went. The chain made so much noise you could have heard it in Rome (Pyle, 21).

street clothes. Informal clothing; clothing one normally wears.

This had the effect of arousing a good lively fear that perhaps she wasn't so hot in her street clothes... (Cain, 63).
When the two of them suddenly paraded out, in their street clothes a few minutes later... (Cain, 44).

street level. Being on the same plane with the street; first floor; ground floor.

Inside the doorway was a sort of street-level cellar... (Pyle, 404).

street light. A light for illuminating the streets and sidewalks at night.

...he was grabbed again under the first street light... (Yank, 201).

stress and strain. The force required to break an object; hence the strength of a material such as wood, steel, concrete, and the like. (Also attributive.)

Scientists in Engineer clothes began making stress and strain tests on every local wood... (Yank, 40).

to stretch across. To extend across; to be from one end of something to the other.

He thought of all the other festooned dining rooms that stretched in belts across the continent... (Marquand, 37).

stretcher bearer. One of two or four who helps to carry a stretcher, a litter, on which wounded are placed.

And then some stretcher-bearers must have come (Marquand, 238).

to stretch --- legs. To exercise; to move about briefly after having been rather still.

One ship came directly from America, stopping in Africa only long enough for the troop to stretch their legs, then moving right on again (Pyle, 15).

to stretch --- luck. To take too great a chance; to chance too much.

...we didn't want to stretch our luck too much (Yank, 192).

to stretch out.

1. To lie down.

Some soldiers told about running onto another soldier stretched out in the back seat of a jeep... (Pyle, 240).
...nobody got completely stretched out (Pyle, 268).
...I got myself a blanket, stretched out on the floor and slept for hours (Pyle, 294).
...I was comfortably stretched out on the hatch cover... (Yank, 118).
At sick bay he found men stretched out on every available table... (Yank, 47).
And near the machine was stretched out in pathetic death a big white rabbit (Pyle, 413).
...and some of them were trying to sleep stretched out on wet shelter halves (Yank, 50).
Everybody dropped what he was carrying, stretched out flat and tried to crawl to some hole... (Yank, 58).
We...stretched out on the bunks... (Yank, 255).

2. To extend.

He stayed there, keeping one hand stretched out to hold the bottom of the wheel (Yank, 45).
Mason sat slumped down in the mahogany swivel chair at the counsel table, his long legs stretched out in front of him.. . (Gardner, 31).
Stiffening and stretching out her arms... (Cain, 187).

to stride around. To walk briskly here and there.

He strode around, throwing up windows, going out back and opening doors.. (Cain, 92).

to stride away. To walk briskly away, off.

Kettering strode away in the direction of the judge's chambers (Gardner, 204).

to stride up. To walk briskly toward; to approach briskly.

...young Texan...strides up purposefully... (Yank, 148).

to strike back. To retaliate; to strike, hit, fight in return.

The Partisans did not let the enemy hold the offensive against them but struck back (Yank, 27).

to strike a bargain. To agree on a price, cost.

...then, after he had wiped his streaming eyes, the bargain was struck. (Cain, 68).

to strike a case. To discover, come upon, a case, situation, condition.

When the examiners strike a case like that, they try to find out the trouble... (Pyle, 124).

to strike it rich. To get, become, rich, wealthy, suddenly.

He'd struck it rich (Gardner, 65).
They struck it rich (Gardner, 121).
Then, one day, we struck it rich (Gardner, 113).
We'd struck it rich while we were working on a pocket (Gardner, 181).
He'd struck it rich, and Bill Hogarty had been his partner on the claim when they struck it rich (Gardner, 137).
...Alden Leeds who had been in partnership with a Bill Hogarty and was reputed to have struck it rich... (Gardner, 91).
I told people we'd struck it rich, and that Leeds, my partner, was staying in to watch the claim... (Gardner, 11[illegible]).

to strike a match. To cause a match to burn by rubbing the match head against some surface.

Someone struck a match and announced that it was 6 o'clock (Yank, 14).

to strike --- as. To seem to one; to appear to one.

Most of these questions struck her as irrelevant, and some of them as impertinent (Cain, 36).

to strike --- (as) funny. To be humorous, funny, to one.

This struck Mildred so funny that she laughed... (Cain, 149).
This struck Mildred as funny... (Cain, 155).

to strike oil. To discover petroleum, oil, by having drilled a well; hence, to become wealthy.

Mrs. Biederholf's husband having struck oil in Texas... (Cain, 229).

to strike out.

1. To depart (for); to leave intending to go (to).

We'll hit 10 minutes south of Suprabum, then strike out due [illegible] ...
...the Scouts struck out for the northern tip of Amchitka... (Yank, 191).

2. To eliminate; to erase; to remove.

...I could move to strike out this entire testimony on the theory that it is predicated upon facts which are beyond the doctor's knowledge (Gardner, 131).

to strike pay dirt. To make an important discovery.

"I take it," Mason said, "you've struck pay dirt" (Gardner, 61).
It sounds as though we've struck pay dirt, Paul (Gardner, 125).

to strike a pose. To pose; to posture. (This implies artificiality.)

...he became slightly less formal, struck a tragic pose... (Cain, 184).

to strike while the iron is hot. To seize the opportunity; carpe diem.

...I certainly would strike while the iron was hot, and try to get a confession from him (Gardner, 208).

to string --- along. To deceive one; to pull one's leg.

Think he strung her along for the check business? (Gardner, 21).

to string a hammock. To fasten a hammock; to swing a hammock.

He advised me to string a hammock between a couple of trees (Yank, 145).

a string of beads. Beads; a necklace of beads.

...a string of beads that broke and went bouncing all over the room (Cain, 254).

to string out.

1. To extend; to spread out.

Somewhere in the night, both ahead of us and strung out behind us in files, was the rest of our battalion (Pyle, 202).
Soldiers of the company were already strung out on both sides of the road... (Pyle, 399).
At other times, in mountainous country, when the whole division was strung out in a single line twenty miles or more long, the engineer companies kept leapfrogging each other... (Pyle, 78).
...their columns started to string out as pack mules tumbled off ridges... (Yank, 176).
...while we were strung out across the open space, we saw the guide fall flat... (Yank, 197).

2. To cause to extend over a long period of time; to lengthen.

"No use stringing it out," a point to which Mr. Murock instantly agreed (Cain, 106).

to string up.

1. To support, elevate, by strings, wires, rope, or the like.

Every time they would string up the hose an explosion would knock it down (Yank, 169).

2. To hang; to kill by hanging.

...if they were black-market operators, then they were sure to get strung up (Yank, 26).

to string wire. To lay, place, out, telephone wire from one point to another.

...the men who string wire from section to battery... (Yank, 33).

to strip down to. To take off one's clothing to a minimum of; to be clothed only in.

He was stripped down to his undershirt... (Pyle, 422).
...he would strip down to his shorts and lie there in the hot sand... (Pyle, 300).

to strip for action. To remove from a fighting ship all unnecessary impediments and materials which might burn, splinter, or the like.

...I realized this strange effect was merely part of the Navy procedure of stripping for action (Pyle, 9).

to strip off.

1. To take off; to doff.

..he began stripping off her stockings (Cain, 138).
She stripped off her gloves... (Cain, 193).

2. To denude; to remove all clothing.

The SS men...stripped off their clothes and flogged them... (Yank, 220).

3. To uncover completely.

Two nurses stripped off the blankets, and a third stepped forward with ice bags, which she packed around Ray's head (Cain, 102).

to strip to the waist. To have no clothing on above the waist, to be naked to the waist.

Machinists' mates, stripped to the waist under the scorching sun... (Yank, 253).

to strong arm. To use physical force on someone.

But you did have him strong-armed out of an automobile in order to place him in an institution... (Gardner, 134).

to be strong on. To have a propensity for; to do very much; to be fond of.

...leaving plenty of room on either side for the Iranian Army which is strong on marching (Yank, 66).

a strong point. A fortified place; a position which is strong.

...Attack the most obvious enemy strong points (Pyle, 362).
Lieutenant Shockley...explained to us just what his company was going to do to wipe out the strong point of pillboxes and machine-gun nests (Pyle, 400).
That's how a strong point in a city was taken (Pyle, 407).

to be struck by. To be astonished at; to marvel at.

I was struck by the work some men could put into a home as temporary as a foxhole (Pyle, 183).
...I couldn't help being struck by what a swell bunch they were (Pyle, 333).

to be struck with. To be astonished at; to wonder at.

When I first went aboard I was struck with the odd bleakness of the bulkheads (Pyle, 9).

to struggle through. To make an effort and to endure hardships.

If she could ever struggle through the first year or two, she told herself, then she would "have something" (Cain, 38).

to strut around. To walk pompously, proudly, here and there.

It had the usual royal peacocks strutting around but not a bath in the place (Pyle, 75).

to be stuck on --- . To be infatuated with one; to be about to fall in love with one.

He's the life guard, and he's stuck on her (Cain, 71).

a stuck pig. (To bleed like a stuck pig.) (A term used to indicate an unusual amount of bleeding.)

"Stuck pig," Stan said (Marquand, 234).

to be stuck up. To be snobbish; to be self-sufficient.

...they were genial, ordinary fellows, too, not stand-offish or stuck-up, but very much like you or me (Marquand, 25).
.. called Lew Brown a fish-eyed, stuck-up bastard, and they... (Marquand, 278).

to study music. To learn to play a musical instrument, or to sing, or to study musical composition, or the like.

It was I...who was responsible for her studying music... (Cain, 215).

a stuffed shirt. A pompous person.

Jaffrey had never thought of him except as a pompous old stuffed shirt and a snob... (Marquand, 98).

to stumble on (to). To discover accidentally; to come upon by chance.

It's hardly likely that both Leeds and Marcia would have stumbled on a dead body and said nothing about it... (Gardner, 68).
He and Uncle Alden stumbled onto each other years ago... (Gardner, 8).

a stylish stout. A rather plump woman; a pleasingly plump woman.

...She's a stylish stout and she won't walk out -- with anybody else... (Marquand, 155).

to be subject to. To be exposed to; to be liable to.

...they were subject to shelling from land and air... (Pyle, 278).

subject to. Depending on, upon.

This year, thirty, subject to a lien of thirty-one hundred for unpaid taxes... (Cain, 222).

submitted by. Sent by; prepared and sent by.

...I found the letter submitted by a Camp Bowie (Tex.) soldier... (Yank, 210).

to submit a plan. To lay a plan before someone; to show a plan.

...she submitted acceptable exterior plans... (Cain, 174).

to submit to. For a woman-to have intercourse with her when she is not especially interested, passionate.

So the costume came off, and she submitted to what, on the whole, seemed a reasonable appropriate finale to the evening (Cain, 129).

subpoena duces tecum. A subpoena which requires a person to appear in court and to bring with him documents, records, or the like mentioned in the subpoena.

Don't forget the D.A. has served a subpoena duces tecum on my handwriting expert (Gardner, 128).
...your conversation with Milton Steve overheard District Attorney served subpoena duces tecum demanding all papers stop... (Gardner, 116).
The officers slapped a subpoena duces tecum on your handwriting expert (Gardner, 125).

to substantiate a claim. To prove, justify, a statement, claim.

...wouldn't it have been only natural for Millicent to have used the documents in his possession to substantiate a spurious claim made by way of justification... (Gardner, 212).

such and such. (A term used to avoid giving a specific term, name, information.)

The cub simply said: "The coordinated of the target are such-and-such" (Yank, 134).
On D-day Plus 3, Such-and-such Division would arrive (Pyle, 35).
...the rendezvous with the fighters would be over such-and-such a point at such and such a time (Marquand, 219).
...the rendezvous with the fighters would be over such and such a point at such and such a time (Marquand, 219).

such as.

1. Of the type that; of the kind which.

...a democratic nation such as ours is supposed to be (Yank, 213).
...a real ole ton bar such as had existed in taverns at the time of the midnight ride of Paul Revere (Marquand, 126).

2. As; for example.

Some of the instructions were repeated every night, such as the order to shoot individual Jerry motorcyclists... (Yank, 26).
They liked to have artists, too, who were doing things in other media, such as painters and sculptors and composers (Marquand, 340).

to be a sucker for. To be inordinately fond of; to like very, very much.

Mr. Levinson showed up, saying he...was a sucker for rice (Cain, 257).

to suffer along. To get by; to pull through. (This implies hardships.).

...we expatriates bleeding out the war in London did manage to suffer along and gain some weight now and then (Pyle, 343).

to suffer casualties. To have casualties; to have injuries, death, accidents, or the like.

...an Infantry battalion had fought a bitter action here and had suffered casualties when the enemy's coastal guns had been turned around to fire inland (Yank, 133).

to suffer a reverse. To lose money in business; to have a financial failure.

...Monty had suffered some sort of fantastic reverses without saying a word to her (Cain, 141).

to be suited to. To be capable of; to be fit for.

Mildred tried to explain...that some people are suited to one thing, some to another... (Cain, 176).

a suit of underwear. Underwear.

Inside his suitcase were the other shirts, the socks, one clean suit of underwear and one pair of pajamas (Marquand, 256).

to suit --- plans. To be acceptable to one.

It didn't suit her plans to have Tommy alone... (Cain, 221).

to suit the whims of --- . To fit one's fancy; to be acceptable to one's desire at the moment.

...I got out at the crack of dawn and slaved under two Coleman stoves, cooking their oeufs in real Normandy butter -- fried, scrambled, boiled or poached, as suited the whims of their respective Majesties (Pyle, 417).

suit yourself. Do, think, act, be, as you wish.

Mason said, "Suit yourself," and handed the subpoena to Paul Drake (Gardner, 162).

a summer shower. A rain of short duration which falls in summer.

They all appeared...as possible saviors of the Paper but they were all gone like a summer shower (Marquand, 24).

summer theater. A semi-professional theater for legitimate theater operated near the summer resorts during the summer months often in barns converted to an auditorium most of whose actors are student-apprentice-actors.

She must have been one of those girls who had been working in some summer theater... (Marquand, 267).

a sum of cash. Amount of money in cash.

It was quite apparent that the dead man had a large sum of cash in his possession (Gardner, 210).

the sum total. The total; the full amount.

You could hardly conceive of the sum total... (Pyle, 367).
His sum total of seafaring had been several trips in peacetime (Pyle, 225).
When we huddled around together on the dark decks, it was these little hopes and ambitions that made up the sum total of our worry at leaving... (Pyle, 6).

to sum up. To review in essence; to recapitulate.

He could not do better than sum the whole thing up in the words of a grubby little cockney tommy... (Marquand, 349).
In a way, it was the summing up of everything and what Madge had always wanted... (Marquand, 305).
A veteran of the last war pretty well summed up the two wars... (Pyle, 380).
The average artilleryman's outlook on life can be summed up... (Pyle, 102).
He'll laugh and call it small-town, but it sums up... (Marquand, 361).
By nightfall most of our invading soldiers summed up their impressions of their newly acquired soil and its inhabitants by saying, "Hell this is just as bad as Africa" (Pyle, 31).
To sum it all up: A man just gets damned sick of it all (Pyle, 84).

sun bathed. Sunny; having a great deal of sunshine.

...a pleasant sun-bathed farm... (Yank, 231).

the sun beats down on. The sun shines hotly on; the sun is hot on.

He could feel the sun beating down on him and he could smell the orange blossoms (Marquand, 478).

the sun comes out. Clouds, fog, move away, to let the sun shine.

There was a little snow this morning, but it melted when the sun came out (Yank, 70).
The sun came out, the air was smooth, and it was wonderful flying over England... (Pyle, 324).

the sun comes up. The sun rises in the morning.

When the sun came up, the Rangers were surrounded (Yank, 126).

a sun deck. A porch, which is not roofed over.

...it had a sun deck and a big bar... (Marquand, 35).

sun glasses. Eye glasses, spectacles, with lenses of colored glass to protect the eyes from the brilliant sunshine or glare; colored glasses.

One Jap with a splitting grin offered sun glasses to a group of GIs who were squinting into the sun to stare at him (Yank, 56).
...window displays of skis and bathing suits and sun glasses, all mixed together (Marquand, 326).
...a young lieutenant, in a trench coat and wearing sun glasses, came over to us... (Pyle, 399).

the sun goes down. The sun sets in the evening.

...we sat on the grass and watched the sun go down in the east... (Pyle, 425).

the sun is out. No clouds, fog, comes between one and the sun.

...the sun was out... (Pyle, 378).
Although the sun was out and the weather settled, he could not like Berlin... (Marquand, 226).
The rain had stopped and the sun was suddenly out, sinking over the edge of a mountain (Yank, 50).
Outside the station on Lexington Avenue the sun was out, but the street looked bleak because it was too early (Marquand, 302).
He wondered what made him go inside there again at noon when the sun was out (Marquand, 593).
It was only seven o'clock but the sun was out bright (Pyle, 247).

to sun --- . To sit or lie in the rays of the sun.

In fact there was no sign of anything except one young camel, sitting and sunning himself by the side of the road (Yank, 31).

the sun sets. The sun disappears in the west in the evening; the sun goes down.

He could see the sun setting in the ocean (Marquand, 430).

the sun sinks. The sun moves low in the western sky. (Implies late afternoon or early evening.)

At 1645 hours the broiling Burma sun had sunk low in the sky (Yank, 92).

sun up. The time of the rising of the sun; very early in the morning.

Mildred worked from sun-up... (Cain, 179).

supper party. A party which consists mainly of a supper.

...during the supper party... (Cain, 242).

supply line. The route over which military supplies are delivered.

..."The Road to Tokyo" may become the new supply line to China (Yank, 177).

to be sure and. To be sure, certain, to.

...I was to be sure and make a visit to the convent (Yank, 188).

sure enough. (This is used as an intensive.)

Sure enough, they told us...that the President was coming... (Yank, 199)
When I ran over, sure enough, it was my friend... (Pyle, 304).
...there, sure enough, was Veda's picture... (Cain, 206).
She sent it by Letty, and sure enough, around the middle of the week, there came another invitation... (Cain, 84).
He was opening the morning mail, and there, sure enough, in a foreign, girlish hand was that misdirected letter... (Marquand, 423).
Sure enough, she defined democracy, and the playboy was not a playboy any longer (Marquand, 424).
I just took a bath, and sure enough I started to sniffle right off (Pyle, 131).
...but sure enough, he was grabbed again under the first street light... (Yank, 21).
Sure enough, this car was in the garage (Gardner, 13).
Sure enough, just as the first faint light was beginning to show, bedlam broke loose for miles around (Pyle, 29).

to be sure of. To be certain about, regarding.

...one who had sinned but is sure of forgiveness... (Cain, 197).
I figured the 50 missions wouldn't let me see her again. I was almost sure of it... (Yank, 187).

sure of ---. Certain of one's abilities, knowledge, or the like; self-reliant.

You looked so sure of yourself (Marquand, 264).
That night the Jap, more sure of himself, came in (Yank, 6).
It showed how little she had understood him to have thought that was sure of himself (Marquand, 264).

to be surprised at. To be astonished by, at; to marvel at.

Oh, you'd be surprised at what a good lawyer can do on cross-examination ... (Gardner, 100).

to suspend judgment. To delay making a judgment until one has more information.

He wanted Jim to realize that he must suspend judgment on majors and colonels and to realize that they were not as bad as you thought they were (Marquand, 543).

a swagger stick. A short cane, stick, for carrying in the hand, often tipped with metal on each end.

...he kept toying with it as it if were a swagger stick (Yank, 14).

to swallow up. To enclose; to encircle; to envelope.

...the crowd swallowed us up.... (Yank, 218).

to swat mosquitoes. To kill mosquitoes by slapping, swatting.

...we are very busy swatting mosquitoes... (Yank, 161).

to swear by. To have great confidence in and affection for.

He swore by his colossal machine... (Pyle, 426).
But he grew on us...and before long there wasn't a correspondent who didn't swear by him (Pyle, 308).

to swear out. To get, procure, an official, legal, accusation against someone.

...the supply sergeant may get nasty and swear out a statement of charges to be deducted... (Yank, 96).
...I took Veda over to the Sheriff's office and had her swear out a warrant for Sam (Cain, 201).

to swear to. To swear, promise, affirm, give one's solemn word of honor, that something is true.

...you made me swear to all that, for a court record... (Cain, 259).

sweat breaks out. Sweat, perspiration, begins to come on one's skin; one begins to sweat. (This implies a sudden sweating.).

"I stood right there with cold sweat breaking out all over me," Leeds said... (Gardner, 171).

to sweat it out. To endure; to wait in anticipation.

But the men sweated it out anyway (Yank, 117).
...Lindley was sweating out a picture that was supposed to be on the way over (Yank, 208).
Enemy flak was bursting all around the planes, and the infantrymen sweated out the flyers at every burst (Yank, 106).
...officers...are content to sweat out the line with the boys (Yank, 216).
These officers...sweated out the same chow line I did (Yank, 216).
...small cells where the Nazis made their victims sweat it out awaiting the third degree... (Yank, 220).
.. we sweat out servings of stew... (Yank, 173).
Every time transport planes roared over to drop rations... the men sweated out a few books or magazines (Yank, 176).
Jimmy sweated out the conference.. (Yank, 165).
.. he's sweating out ofc. (Yank, 166).
You know how it is, sweating out a line... (Yank, 166).
That was something else to sweat out (Yank, 118).
...began our next sweating out -- waiting for intercention by enemy fighters (Yank, 118).
For three weeks I had sweated out a ride on one of the B-29 Superfortresses that were going to bomb Japan (Yank, 117).
...the seating out continued (Yank, 118).
...still sweating out their unreported buddies... (Yank, 119).
It is digging and crawling and sweating out the 88's, inching forward over rocks and through rivers... (Yank, 48).
That was the first of several sweating outs (Yank, 117).
...the soldiers could only sit there idle and sweat it out when bombs ...started flying (Pyle, 280).
Knight said he was "sweating out" a picture of his youngster... (Pyle, 176).
You sweating it out, too? (Yank, 229).

to sweat over. To work hard on; to labor at.

A fellow can't help loving something he's sweated over, Mr. Wilson (Marquand, 514).

a sweat shirt. A heavy cotton pull-over shirt.

...others were picked up for wearing...sweat shirts (Yank, 231).
The man received her in a sweat shirt and flannels, and said he was a writer (Cain, 32).

to sweep away. To discard; to dispose of.

This...was before Bankers and Executives were swept away into the Limbo of disrepute... (Marquand, 24).

to sweep down. To swoop down; to dive and level off. (This implies flight in an airplane.)

...it was thrilling to sweep down and shoot hell out of something... (Pyle, 177).

to sweep like a forest fire. To spread rapidly; to go throughout very speedily.

As the Sicilian campaign drew to an end and we went into our rest bivouac, rumors by the score popped up out of thin air and swept like a forest fire through the troops (Pyle, 90).

to sweep on. To move rapidly forward.

...we could always tell how recently the battles had swept on ahead of us (Pyle, 451).
The battalion...swept on through Normandy and Brittany with the big offensive (Yank, 134).

to sweep --- off --- feet. To strike one's feet and legs and cause one to fall.

...the current almost swept her off her feet (Cain, 173).

to sweep out.

1. To clean by sweeping dirt, trash, to the outside.

The tent had a dirt floor which was swept out whenever they figured an inspection was about due (Pyle, 219).

2. To leave, go out, go away, haughtily.

Mrs. Lenhardt...got up and swept out (Cain, 195).

to sweep over. To spread over, throughout.

The number was quite long...but when it was done the sound that swept over the vast amphitheatre was like thunder (Cain, 241).
A wild, excited feeling swept over her (Cain, 89).
A surge of pride in the cold child swept over her... (Cain, 43).
I felt the blast sweep over me... (Pyle, 391).
...prickly waves kept sweeping over her... (Cain, 213).
...a gush of terrible affection for him swept over her... (Cain, 170).

to sweep up. To clean by sweeping. (This implies a collection and removal and disposal of trash, dirt, or the like.)

In previous raids we had dropped leaflets, but the German air-raid wardens always swept them up before sounding the "all clear"... (Yank, 217).

sweet music. Sentimental dance music; sentimental, romantic jazz.

However, if operations have stemmed desires to wax wacky and make with the soft lights and sweet music, it... (Yank, 74).

sweetness and light. Honesty, good fellowship, reason, and the like.

He adopted the position that he was radiating sweetness and light (Gardner, 155).

to be sweet of --- . To be kind, thoughtful, nice, for, of one.

It was infinitely sweet of her, but he knew that he must be more careful after that (Marquand, 204).
"It's sweet of you to have me, Mrs. Wilson," she said, and then she stopped (Marquand, 531).
It's sweet of you when I came so suddenly (Marquand, 531).
"It was sweet of you to come so suddenly," Madge said (Marquand, 531).
"Thank you, Miss Jacobs, it's sweet of you," she said (Marquand, 181).
"That's sweet of you to say it," Miss Jacobs said (Marquand, 180).

to be sweet on --- . To be infatuated with one; to like one of the opposite sex very much.

"Ethel's sweet on Martin Howard," Jeffrey called (Marquand, 159).
She's sweet on Martin Howard (Marquand, 159).

a sweet young thing. A young, pretty, attractive, woman.

...maybe the sweet young things were told by their mothers at the age of seventeen... (Cain, 166).

a swell fellow. A congenial, pleasant, friendly man, boy; a likeable person.

Everybody said he was a..."swell fellow"... (Yank, 175).

swell headed. Pompous; pleased with one's own importance.

"Of course," Fred said, "I don't want to be swell-headed, Jeffrey" (Marquand, 578).

a swell time. A good time.

We had a swell time (Yank, 73).
He's been having a swell time, Madge (Marquand, 584).

to swell up. To expand; to grow larger in volume; to swell.

...it came alive again, expanding like those Japanese sticks which swelled up and turned into flowers... (Marquand, 58).

a swing around. A trip to various places throughout an area.

"It's just a swing around," Walter said (Marquand, 458).

to swing around. To turn 180 degrees; to turn around; to turn to face the rear.

...it had to swing around and fight to its rear (Pyle, 442).

to swing an axe. To chop with an axe.

...one of the hottest places on earth to swing an axe... (Yank, 232).

to swing back. To turn again to.

The Japs swung back on Russell... (Yank, 17).
He...swung back and killed the remaining two at the gun... (Yank, 18).

swing door. A door which is free to open in two directions, in and out; a swinging door.

But that, and the painting, and the gravel, and the swing doors were about all we had to do (Cain, 121-2).

to swing free of. To hang so as not to be obstructed, hindered by.

...the whistle swings free of the pocket... (Yank, 121).

swinging door. A door which is free to open in two directions, in and out.

They walked along the reception hallway, pushed open a swinging door at the end, entered a filing room... (Gardner, 60).

to swing into. To begin to sing, recite, do something, with vivacity, vigor.

...the Krazy Kaydets...swinging briskly into Anchors Aweigh (Cain, 212).

to swing it. To play a musical composition in swing, a type of jazz.

...they knew there'd be a goddam band, but why didn't they swing it (Yank, 223).

swing music. A performance of a musical composition which features, usually, impromptu variations on the theme which is more or less present.

The swing music was as inappropriate... (Yank, 223).

to swing off into. To begin to play, sing, a musical composition with some vivacity.

...a female quartet would swing off into a snappy version of "Happy Days Are Here Again" (Pyle, 244).

to swing out. To begin to dance.

...the no. 2 man is about to swing out in a furious Lindy Hop (Yank, 135).

to swing over. To lean; to list.

The tremendous craft swung over (Yank, 44).

To swing over to. To change to; to go to as a different place, thing, job, or the like.

...some of the troops swung over to the Anzio beachhead... (Pyle, 382).

swing shift. The period of work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

...grandma...trying to get some sleep after working the swing shift as a riveter at Lockheed Aircraft (Yank, 155).

switch box. Light switch; a box containing electric switches.

She went to the switch box, put on the lights (Cain, 120).

to switch off. To extinguish; to turn off. (This implies an electrical appliance.)

She switched off the lights, and for a moment they were standing in the dark... (Cain, 96-7).
...one of the lieutenants could switch off the light after he got into bed (Pyle, 258).

to switch on. To turn on an electrical appliance.

She switched on the lights and took him through, lifting the painters' cloths... (Cain, 96).
He latchkeyed the front door, switched on the stair lights, and noiselessly climbed the carpeted treads (Gardner, 69).

to switch out. To extinguish; to turn off.

...as she waited for the front door to slam before switching out the light. (Gardner, 80).

to switch over. To change; to make a change; to go to something newer.

...he had shown his independence...by switching over and letting another woman keep him... (Cain, 253).

to switch to. To change to.

He switched to one of the plane's machine guns (Pyle, 333).

swivel chair. An office chair the seat and back of which may be revolved or tilted backward.

Mason...made no effort to crowd him, but tilting back in his swivel chair, lit another cigarette and waited (Gardner, 56).
...when Drake had contrived to place a small desk, a swivel chair, three telephones... (Gardner, 60).

to swoop down. To dive in an airplane toward the earth.

...a stray enemy group may at any time swoop down on the American engineers ... (Yank, 177).

to sympathize with. To have sympathy toward; to feel in sympathy with.

...things a man can sink his teeth into, things he can sympathize with (Gardner, 2).

a table hopper. One who in night clubs, cafes, visits different people at different tables. (Usually considered a pest.)

"I don't want to be a 'table hopper'", Sir Thomas said (Marquand, 252).

tablet paper. Paper, usually lines, of cheap grade in a tablet.

...now attempted a reproduction of it, with a pencil, on a piece of tablet paper (Cain, 3).

to tack up. To support on a wall, tree, by tacks, nails, or the like. (This usually implies the supporting of a thin material such as paper.)

...visions of a horrible picture tacked up in postoffices (Cain, 203).
...humorous and inspirational posters tacked up be special squads of GIs all over liberated territory (Yank, 128).

to tag along. To go with someone; to accompany.

...I decided to tag along (Yank, 29).
The other PT tagged along behind us... (Yank, 254).
A few Italian men in civilian clothes tagged along, asking if we wanted a guide (Pyle, 133).

to tag at --- heels. To follow one closely; to stay with one where one goes.

...Veda tagged at Mildred's heels... (Cain, 182).

to be tagged on. To be fastened to; to be applied to.

...on the nose of the fort by some weary Joe who has seen all kinds of names tagged on to B-17s that can't answer back (Yank, 86).

the tail end. The end; the last part of something.

We had bumped into the bitter tail end of the Army's supply web... (Yank, 196).
He remembered the tail ends of autumn afternoons when he was just their age... (Marquand, 171).
Every half hour or so we'd stop and send runners back to see how the tail end of the column was going... (Pyle, 202).
When we caught up with the tail end of the forward battalion, our driver parked... (Yank, 107).

a tail gunner. A soldier who operates, fires, a machine gun or the like from the tail of an airplane.

Young Bill DeBlasio, the tail-gunner, wrote in battle diary... (Yank, 86).
Oh, Pruitt, he's the tail gunner (Pyle, 325).

--- tail is up. One is self-confident, self-assured.

Their tails were up. "We've done it again", they said (Pyle, 363).

a tailored suit. A serviceable garment usually of wool consisting of a jacket and skirt simply made with no fussy details.

She was dressed in a beige gabardine tailored suit and an organdy blouse and shoes with heels... (Marquand, 527).
Madge was looking at the gabardine tailored suit and at the page bob and at the organdy blouse... (Marquand, 531).
She was wearing a very severely tailored suit... (Marquand, 79).

tailor made. Custom made; made to order in contrast to ready made.

...he told us stories about the Old Army...tailored-made khaki blouses... (Yank, 243).

to take aback. To surprise; to astonish; to astound.

The officers seemed taken aback (Gardner, 41).

to take action. To do something; to act.

...the court is going to take drastic action for the flagrant and the deliberate disregard of the court's order... (Gardner, 35).
Drake and Mason took charge without giving her an opportunity to collect her thoughts or take any independent action (Gardner, 160).
...maybe we'll have to take a little action ourselves (Cain, 248).

to take advantage of. To use one, something, for one's own interest.

...my buddies, who...were trying to take advantage of me... (Yank, 173).
You wouldn't have known anything about the dead man being Bill Hogerty unless you'd taken advantage of information received... (Gardner, 208).
It's for them I that I want to take advantage of this opportunity (Cain, 85).
...to make it easy for a dirty little rat that took advantage of her... (Cain, 199).
...from which the Japs were firing 77s and 47s for a while, taking advantage of the jungle cover... (Yank, 55).
There you go, taking advantage of the power of the press (Pyle, 313).

to take after --- . To follow; to go after; to trail.

I took after 'em, found Hogarty, stuck a gun in his belly and made him pay me off in gold dust (Gardner, 216).

to take along. To cause to accompany someone.

I do know of Sicilian adoptees who were taken along on the invasion of Italy... (Pyle, 243).

to take apart. To analyze; to disassemble.

...Jeffrey knew how to take a play apart and put it together again, that he had a sense of dramatic construction (Marquand, 276).

to take an apartment. To rent an apartment in which to live.

She--took an apartment by herself... (Cain, 227).

to take --- arm. To grasp another's arm in one's hand; to touch another's arm; to link arms with another.

...they would hurry toward each other faster, and Madge would take his arm and press it tight to her side... (Marquand, 286).
Mason took Della Street's arm (Gardner, 80).
...she...took his arm (Cain, 155).
But Bert took her arm and Veda her hand, and she went slowly through the living room (Cain, 113).

to take around (to). To take to; to cause to accompany to.

Also, they had been taken around in trucks from one place to another and a lot of them were sick from their travels (Pyle, 145).
A suburban miss of nine succeeded in filling her glass piggy bank with pennies the other, so her mother took it around to the local bank and left it with the teller... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 22).
A sergeant...took me around to see some of his crewmen (Pyle, 425).

to take --- as it comes. To be philosophical about conditions; to be calm, composed.

He took the war as it came, and didn't fuss (Pyle, 213).

to take an assumed name. To go under a pseudonym, a nom de plume, a nom de guerre.

She walks out of her apartment, tries to disguise her appearance, takes an assumed name (Gardner, 161).

to take at face value. To believe, accept, on the basis of an appearance.

It looked iron clad on the face of it, but alibis should never be taken at their face value (Gardner, 210).

to take away (from).

1. To remove; to carry off.

When she had taken away the cups, she came in with the wine... (Cain, 28).
The last D-Day victim was taken away for burial (Pyle, 368).

They sang the great German war song, "Lili Marlene", which we all loved and which we practically took away from the Germans as our own national overseas song (Pyle, 244).
...we traded our rations for the cafe's regular dinner, in order not to take anything away from the French (Pyle, 408).
I can see that you have a place to sleep, and that the kids have, and that nobody can take it away from you (Cain, 85).
An infantryman and I ...once took two girls away from a couple of lieutenants (Yank, 204).
...they took the parcels away from them (Yank, 27).
They had taken it away from other outfits on the ship, playing poker (Pyle, 105).
Overcoats were taken away from our troops... (Pyle, 378).
But don't take 'em away from the jungle fighters (Yank, 253).

2. To deduct.

The Manual for Courts Martial...protects a man from having more than two-thirds of his pay taken away... (Yank, 174).
...a GI may have no more than two-thirds of his pay taken away... (Yank, 174).

to take back

1. To retract; to say that one does not mean what one has said.

Now s'pose ya take it back (Cain, 236).
...there'll be no more money for you...until you take back everything you've said... (Cain, 158).
Every fiber of her being had wanted...to take back what she had said... Cain, 208).

2. To reinstate; to place again in a position.

...they gathered around, and passionately vetoed her application, unless Anna was taken back (Cain, 45).

3. To return.

You take this back where you found it (Marquand, 224).

to take a bath. To bathe.

...he saw some soldiers, wearing the patch of John's division, getting ready to take a bath at an outdoor shower... (Pyle, 412).

to take the bitter with the sweet. To take the good and the bad; to take things as they come.

...she decided she had to take the bitter with the sweet... (Cain, 180).

to take a bow. To stand before a group to receive its applause.

When he read their names, would they please stand up and take a bow so that everyone could see them? (Marquand, 38).
...I expected him to take a bow... (Pyle, 377).

to take the bread out of --- mouth. To deprive one of one's livelihood; to take one's earning power, wealth, etc.

That damned California Fruit Growers' Exchange is taking the bread right out of my mouth (Cain, 94).

to take a break. To have a recess; to take a short respite.

...Company K, which was taking a break where the trail entered the main road... (Yank, 241).

to take a breath. To breathe.

The sound is produced by taking a deep breath through the nostrils... (Yank, 121).
Leeds took a deep breath (Gardner, 139).
Marcia Whittaker took a quavering breath, and said, "I go nuts every time I think of it..." (Gardner, 74).

to take --- breath away. To astonish one; to surprise one.

And the take-out trade from those people, it's enough to take your breath away (Cain, 176).

to take a bus. To ride a bus.

...requests that he haul Veda to Mr. Hannen's, so she wouldn't have to take a bus... (Cain, 144).
...we got off to take the bus to Tel Aviv (Yank, 116).

to take --- by the arm. To grasp another's arm; to take hold of another's arm.

Alf took him by the arm and pushed him toward the elevator (Marquand, 280).

to take by surprise. To surprise, to astonish; to astound.

...she was taken by surprise... (Cain, 148).

to take care. To beware; to watch out; to be careful.

"Okay, Inez," Drake said pushing his way into the room and taking care not to remove his hat (Gardner, 160).
Taking care not to spill any of it, she eventually reached the table (Cain, 48).

Taking care not to slam the car door... (Cain, 214).
That time she took care to have her pies out of the way early, and to make a cold lunch (Cain, 84).

to take care of.

1. To care for; to attend to.

I will see that the best possible care is taken of him on arrival (Yank, 142).
Take care of it on the first of the month (Yank, 237).
Nobody to take care of him (Yank, 241).
Just to have somebody take care of you, you'd ask me to marry you? (Cain, 168).
Taking care of the children was out of the question, so she engaged a girl named Letty, who cooked... (Cain, 68).
A man that couldn't take care of himself had no business being up in that country (Gardner, 51).
...credited with killing 20 or 30 Japs with BARs while mortars directed from the same pillbox took care of 50 more (Yank, 53).
...running harangue about mothers who run off with some man and leave other people to take care of their children (Cain, 98).
You need a little cash, two, three hundred dollars, maybe, I can take care of that (Cain, 79).
..them thats already started on their lunches, I'll take care of them myself (Cain, 46).
I'll take care of it (Cain, 8).
When Mildred promised Bert to "take care of it", she had pictured a vague scene... (Cain, 12).
...let later units take care of those surrounded and doomed fellows (Pyle, 442).
His first wife who was a trained nurse...had taken care of him the time he had his tonsils...removed (Marquand, 20).
"I'll take care of it for yer" the top said (Yank, 99).
It was different with Jim because he had been obliged at times to take care of Jim himself... (Marquand, 213).
I'll take care of him (Cain, 88).
...the supply men take care of all the infantryman's needs (Yank, 197).
U.S. Army MPs in this British colonial town take good care of G.I.s who go out in search of quiet relaxation (Yank, 201).
It's taken care of (Cain, 210).
A sweetie...take care of coloratura... (Cain, 217).
A banker...take care of luggage (Cain, 217).
...a baron, 'e travel in Compartment C, take care of dog (Cain, 217).
...learn how to take care of yourself... (Yank, 150).
...he had started to take care of the casualties as soon as they came in (Yank, 169).
...ability of the intelligent foot soldier to take care of himself (Yank, 148).
...to take care of Christmas expenses, she gave herself another bonus of $2,500... (Cain, 243).

It was hard for an infantryman to take care of a dog... (Pyle, 220).
They took care of the bulk of the correspondents... (Pyle, 294).
He said: 'Corporal, you take care of me' (Yank, 205).
"You'll take care of him, won't you, Minot?" Madge asked (Marquand, 71).
There's never any point to anything, but Beckie will take care of me (Marquand, 408).
I think Uncle Alden can take care of himself, now that he's free... (Gardner, 50).
The number of vehicles that had to be landed to take care of this was almost beyond conception (Pyle, 36).
He told me later that he couldn't just put her ashore, for she had grown up aboard ship and wouldn't know how to take care of herself on land (Pyle, 43).
And I know she'd have been properly taken care of, well taken care of (Cain, 111).
Then I put two at my table and that took care of four (Cain, 124).
Then soon as I get the check for that first party of four, that'll take care of four more... (Cain, 124).
Everything in connection with the body had been taken care of (Cain, 105).
...she a bad little girl that would be taken care of, anyway (Cain, 172).

2. To account for.

...there's a loss of ten thousand dollars that just about takes care of every little thing for 1931, and then some (Cain, 79).

to take a chance. To chance something; to risk; to take a risk.

But I'm not taking any chances (Yank, 206).
Yet they couldn't afford to take that chance... (Pyle, 424).
...she took no chances on a locked door, but jumped up... (Cain, 196).
They...took chances dashing up to the top of the hill to observe results (Yank, 135).
So I took a chance and joked back (Pyle, 422).
"I'll take a chance," Serle said (Gardner, 96).
He wasn't taking any chances (Pyle, 345).
...but a guy like that isn't going to turn down twenty-five bucks, and he isn't going to take a chance of cashing a post office money order... (Gardner, 12).

to take charge (of). To assume, responsibility for; to become in charge of.

Drake and Mason took charge without giving her an opportunity to collect her thoughts... (Gardner, 160).
At first, she had resented Mom's taking charge in this highhanded way... (Cain, 109).
You put in the booze, and I'll take charge of it... (Cain, 149).
...somebody that can really take charge of her (Cain, 131).
...also take charge of his house, get some order into it, and check his bills, on which he feared he was being cheated (Cain, 32).

...laboratory assistants, chemists all able to take charge of a clinic, ...or do hospital work (Cain, 38).
Any one of them could take charge of all the office work for a small firm... (Cain, 39).
Bert took charge of Veda's drink, but Mildred forbade the usual switcheroo (Cain, 127).
Soldiers from a French-desert outpost rode up to the caravan and took charge of them (Pyle, 217).
That afternoon she made the samples, and next morning Ida took charge of them herself... (Cain, 66).

to take the chill off. To warm; to heat slightly.

He...built a little fire to take the chill off the room (Pyle, 119).

to take command (of). To assume command of; to become in command of something.

He doesn't know why he took command (Yank, 43).
...Gen. Stilwell was...ordered to take command of a 2nd Division brigade when war threatened (Yank, 131).

to take cover. To hide; to protect oneself by getting in a protected place, lying down, or the like.

...we had to leave him and take cover in the trees... (Yank, 10).
The Jerries scrambled out and took cover behind their trucks (Yank, 28).
Everybody took cover in a foxhole (Yank, 107).
Everybody took cover (Yank, 109).
The captain shouted: "Take cover, blokes" (Yank, 58).
We are to take as much cover as possible from the clouds (Yank, 117).
We won't take cover at the expense of hitting the target (Yank, 117).
There were a lot of little places where a few individuals could take cover from fire (Pyle, 236).
The point is that the general flatness forbade whole armies taking cover (Pyle, 236).

to take a crack at. To attempt; to try.

In the late Twenties and even the early Thirties, a lot of good writers had taken a crack at it... (Marquand, 231).

to take --- departure. To leave; to go away; to depart.

Then he took his departure, to dress (Cain, 111).
Back at Monty's house, she would watch the Ewings take their departure... (Cain, 160).

to take a dim view of. To consider unfavorably; not to be favorable to.

Uncle Joe takes a dim view of decorations for staff men... (Yank, 130).

to take doing. To require more than the usual amount of effort, ability, facility.

Not so bad in an ordinary room, I Grant you, but backing out of one of those royal rooms takes doing (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

to take down.

1. To write; to note, record in writing.

I thought I'd take down their names... (Pyle, 173).
...and a court reporter took down what he said (Gardner, 163).
Battalion commanders took down notes in little books (Pyle, 432).
...we'd take down the instructions for our next raid (Yank, 26).
Work as inconspicuously as possible, take down every word of the conversation (Gardner, 156).
"I took down the schedule as Paul Drake read it off," she said (Gardner, 68).
Donahue had so much experience taking down news dispatches that he had a good news sense (Pyle, 91).
...I was taking down their names and ranks... (Pyle, 266).

2. To disassemble; to take apart; to knock down.

That worked the daylights out of the boys who took down and put up the tents (Pyle, 397).
Up in the gallery, workmen were taking down the snow display, which invited you... (Marquand, 412).

3. To remove something which is hanging.

All linoleum had been removed from the decks, all curtains taken down (Pyle, 9).
...told Mr. Gorman that Mr. Haskell never took his screens down and everything had gone much better (Marquand, 501).

to take --- down a notch. To bawl one out; to give another a piece of one's mind; to deflate one.

...felt a hot impulse to take them down a few notches, as she had taken Mrs. Forrester (Cain, 47).

to take a drag (of, on) a cigarette. To draw smoke through a cigarette into one's mouth.

Mason seated himself comfortably, crossed his legs, took a deep drag of his cigarette, and said, "It's true" (Gardner, 205).

to take a drink. To drink a drink.

Mildred had...taken two or three drinks herself (Cain, 152).
But even if water is plentiful you never see him take a drink of it straight, no matter how much you watch him (Yank, 36).

to take a drive. To drive for pleasure; to go driving.

She expressed a preference for a quiet place...so they took a drive and ate in a roadside inn near Ventura (Cain, 53).

to take a drop. To decrease sharply; to become less quickly.

That week...her business took a sharp drop (Cain, 143).
...the Laguna business took an alarming drop... (Cain, 244).

to take the edge off --- appetite. To remove one's desire to eat; to reduce one's yearning for food.

...and the tropics take the edge off your appetite anyway (Yank, 42).

not to be able to take --- eyes (from, off). To feel the necessity of looking at; to feel forced to observe.

...for a moment, Jeffrey could not take his eyes from the spectacle... (Marquand, 234).
Jeffrey could not take his eyes from the tray and the cut glass... (Marquand, 185).

to take --- eyes off. To look in another direction; to look away; not to look at.

The man up on the line won't have to take his eye off his sights (Yank, 197).
Every time you take your eye off him he's up to something! (Cain, 67).

to take the floor. To begin to speak and have others listen.

Mom took the floor again, making more insinuations, until Mildred.... (Cain, 98).

to take for. To believe to be; to consider as.

They took it for a French name of the more exclusive kind... (Cain, 8).

to take for granted.

1. To assume something is as it should be. (Also attributive.)

He was like the house -- you took him entirely for granted (Marquand, 161).
She really talked to me in the most take-it-for-granted way -- as though they were engaged (Marquand, 311).
...the torchy affair that Bert had taken for granted... (Cain, 212).
She was not only asking, she was taking it for granted that he would stay... (Marquand, 294).
When you were seventeen, you still took most of the things around you for granted... (Marquand, 156).

2. To assume as factual; to believe to be a fact without investigation.

It seemed that, for some reason which Madge always took for granted, all the girls wanted to marry Fred... (Marquand, 104).
We're taking this waiter's story too much for granted (Gardner, 105).
He could see how much he had taken for granted and how unkind he had often been... (Marquand, 566).
Mildred, sensing some purpose in his exit, and taking its evil nature for granted, scrambled up... (Cain, 255).
It was hardly necessary to read between the lines to understand what Minot was taking for granted (Marquand, 247).

to take from. To remove from; to take away from.

...a guilty, leaping joy that it had been the other child who was taken from her, and not Veda (Cain, 155).

to take form. To develop a normal, expected, shape; to develop; to come into being.

Finally a huge black shape took form at one side of the road (Pyle, 429).
Our organization on shore took form so quickly it left me gasping (Pyle, 28).

to take for a ride. To take someone out riding; to drive an automobile and take someone along on pleasure.

I understand you took your uncle for an automobile ride (Gardner, 28).
...she took him for a long ride, down toward Tonopah... (Cain, 257).
I notice that the petition alleges that Alden Leeds was taken for an automobile ride by Jason Carrel... (Gardner, 28).

to take a gander. To look; to scrutinize.

Whenever they brought us fruit juice in cans he would take a good gander to see if it was a product his partner was selling back in the States (Pyle, 46).

to take --- hand. To grasp, hold, another's hand.

Ray's voice was a wail, and Mildred wanted to gather her into her arms, but she merely took one of the little hands and patted it (Cain, 101).
...Bert...took her hand (Cain, 210).
Taking Mildred's hand, he said: ... (Cain, 109).

to take --- hard. To be deeply, seriously, affected by something.

"You shouldn't take things so hard," we said (Yank, 101).

to take hold of. To seize; to grasp.

...she...takes hold of both my hands... (Yank, 188).

...Bert took hold of her and shook her (Cain, 259).
One soldier and I each took hold of a foot... (Pyle, 372).
Take hold of him... (Pyle, 372).

to take a holiday. To go on a vacation; to stop work, duties, for a while.

...life had taken a holiday... (Pyle, 374).

to take home. To carry, take, to one's home.

He took her home, handed her to the door, made sure she had her key (Cain, 97).
...I was to take her home... (Cain, 128).
...a little reminder of the home-made pies she had for sale, and wouldn't they like to take home one? (Cain, 122-3).
...snake. You take 'ome, hey? (Cain, 216).
The boys were glad to have a visitor, and they gave me a pie to take home (Pyle, 245).

take home pay. The pay, salary, remaining after deductions have been made for taxes, insurance, union dues, and the like.

Although the 70-year-old president...received remuneration of $427, 349 in 1943, his actual take-home pay was less than nothing (Newsweek, Apr. 17, 1943, 72).

to take in.

1. To watch closely; to note carefully.

Ida looked around, taking things in (Cain, 122).
...Private Cogan...took in eagerly the words he couldn't understand... (Pyle, 409).
Della Street glanced about her in swift appraisal, taking in little details which only a feminine eye would observe (Gardner, 160).
If the average GI stops long enough to take in the natural beauty of the place... (Yank, 74).
Then Ida, having disposed of the customers, was standing beside her, taking in the conviviality with a twisted grin... (Cain, 127).

2. To earn; to get as a return for work or investment.

Not only had it taken in large sums... (Cain, 152).
You put in the booze, and I'll take charge of it...for a straight ten per cent of what I take in... (Cain, 149).

3. To include; to cover.

...It takes in all the ocean the human eye can reach... (Pyle, 359).
They had hidden machine-gun nests, with crossfire taking in every inch of the beach (Pyle, 361).

4. To cause to enter a place; to lead someone into a place.

...she took Veda in herself... (Cain, 128).

5. To welcome to a group, place, company.

The old-timer in the company of sort of took me in and made me feel a part of their group (Pyle, 187).

to take in --- arms. To embrace; to hug.

He laughed, took her in his arms... (Cain, 224).
I'd take her in my arms, then I'd kiss her hair... (Yank, 188).
...he came over...took her in his arms (Cain, 148).
Mildred led him to the sofa, took him in her arms (Cain, 105).
She felt wretched, wished Veda would come over to her, so she could take her in her arms and tell her about it... (Cain, 12).
...Veda...took her in her arms... (Cain, 230).
When he took her in his arms she wriggled into his belly quite possessively... (Cain, 95).

to take in hand. To get, assume, obtain, control of something, someone.

The boys so convinced me of the B-26's invulnerability that I took my courage in hand and went on a trip with them (Pyle, 322).

to take an interest (in). To be interested in; to become interested in, concerning.

...one of Ida's customers, could be induced to take an interest (Cain, 189).
You got to take an interest in him, make him feel you're watching out for him (Cain, 88).
...my mother took all the interest in Veda she could be expected to... (Cain, 147).

to take --- in --- stride. To accept a situation, condition, with equanimity.

It would be for most people. You can take it in your stride (Gardner, 8).
I took it in my stride (Gardner, 40).
Christ A-mighty, Alden's been through things those stay-at-home bastards never even dreamt of -- and taken them all in his stride (Gardner, 56).
...where traffic was frozen into inactivity by the screaming siren of the police car, "I take 'em in my stride" (Gardner, 41).
He had a dry Scottish humor, and he took the Navy in his stride (Pyle, 40).

to take into account. To allow for something in making a judgment, decision.

You certainly have to take those items into account (Yank, 95).

to take into --- arms. To embrace; to hug.

They went to her bedroom, and she undressed, and got into bed, and took Veda into her arms (Cain, 114).

to take into custody. To arrest.

They took Emily Milicant and Ned Barkler into custody, and are bringing them back (Gardner, 185).

to take --- in tow. To lead; to show around; to accompany.

One evening Sergeant James E. Knight...took me in tow and we spent the evening gabbing with about fifty of the mechanics (Pyle, 175).
They met a French farmer along the road, and took him in tow (Pyle, 375).
...one of the doctors took me in tow and showed me the entire ship (Pyle, 288).

to take in washing. To do laundry for money; to launder, wash and iron, other's clothing for money.

Mother takes in washing, so does Sister Ann (Marquand, 158).

to take it.

1. To endure, suffer, pain, hardship, difficulties.

"I can take it if you can," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 33).
They really take it and they don't complain about anything (Pyle, 4).
He did not want to take it, but he had to take it (Marquand, 390).
...American bombers had dished it out, but they had taken it, too (Yank, 87).
...the pilot who flew out to battle was the one of their family who really took it (Pyle, 170).
The Prince was a soldier who had seen a world turn upside down, and, as Minot said, knew how to take it like a gentleman (Marquand, 372).
When a favorite pilot failed to come back the enlisted men took it as hard as the officers did (Pyle, 170).
But that's the Army, and Tousineau could take it (Pyle, 277).
Me gat can't take it no more (Yank, 102).
That's quite all right...I can take it (Gardner, 5).
They can't take it? (Pyle, 255).
For two months he was so low he felt he couldn't take it (Pyle, 303).
He felt grimly that Ross would come back, but he knew that if he never did he could take it (Pyle, 303).
Captain, I can't take it, I just can't take it (Pyle, 255).
The mules just couldn't take it (Pyle, 145).
Yet it was wonderful to see the grand way they took it (Pyle, 443).
She said, "I can take it now, Mr. Mason" (Gardner, 71).

2. To understand; to believe.

Jeffrey was always glad that he took it that way, and he never forgot that Minot took it that way... (Marquand, 257).
"Of course, Mr. Carrel," he said, "I take it that you might have casually mentioned that you were your uncle's heirs..." (Gardner, 136).

to take it easy. To proceed slowly and cautiously; to relax and not be tense; hence, to go, proceed, easily.

"Take it easy, Harvey," Church said (Yank, 90).
"Take it easy, big boy," he heard Mrs. Newcombe say (Marquand, 351).
...Monty...telling her to relax, to lie down, to take it easy (Cain, 255).
Mason said, "All right, take it easy" (Gardner, 50).
I want you to try to take it easy for a while (Marquand, 415).
Try to get some rest. Take it easy (Gardner, 24).
"Stand up and take it easy," he could hear his father saying (Marquand, 166).
Take it easy this time (Gardner, 173).
"Take it easy," he told her (Gardner, 203).
Our only words were..."Take it easy" (Pyle, 354).
...the main thing about farming was to take it easy and not let it get you down (Marquand, 502).
"Take it easy, Marcia," Mason told her (Gardner, 74).

to take it from me. Believe me; I know.

Take it from me, this one's in the money, or will be soon (Cain, 234).

to take it on --- nose. To suffer severely; to undergo difficulties.

You think our morale is shot because we've been taking it on the nose (Pyle, 319).

to take it on the chin. To suffer reverses, hardships, troubles.

"Well, Chief," she said, "we seem to be taking it on the chin" (Gardner, 173).

to be able to take it or leave it alone. To be able to use, indulge in, enjoy, or not; not to require; to be able to use but not to need.

He was not like Hal Bliss, unfitted for any other environment -- he could take it or leave it alone (Marquand, 426).

to take it out on. To vent one's anger, malice, wrath on someone; to bawl out; to censure; to blame.

Why take it out on a fellow because he is still in the states? (Yank, 217).

to take a job. To accept a job, position; to begin work.

As a matter of fact I felt exactly about it as you do, and I certainly would never have taken this job if it hadn't been that I... (Cain, 74).
You've just got to take this job... (Cain, 52).

After his graduation he took a job... (Yank, 22).

to take the lead. To assume, move, go into the leading position; to lead.

The prowl car took the lead, siren screaming (Gardner, 41).

to take --- leave. To depart; to go away; to leave.

We were about to take our leave when the telephone rang (Yank, 100).

to take a lesson. To study once; to learn about something for one time.

...take a lesson in interior decorating (Cain, 228).

to take lessons. To study regularly.

She takes lessons (Cain, 131).

to take lessons from. To study with (a teacher); to study with, under, to.

...Veda...is now taking lessons from you (Cain, 215).
She takes lessons from some cheap little ivory thumper... (Cain, 131).

to take liberties with. To violate the rules of strict etiquette with another; to act very familiar with, toward.

She was quite charming in such moments, when she took absurd liberties with him... (Cain, 255).

to take the liberty of. To assume the freedom of license; to feel free to do something.

If they would permit him, Walter went on, he might take the liberty of mixing metaphors... (Marquand, 41).

to take a licking. To be badly defeated.

Gen. Stilwell took a licking in Burma... (Yank, 131).

to take the lid off. To remove restrictions, prohibitions.

...as soon as the provost marshal took the lid off, he begged a pass from his CO (Yank, 165).

to take --- life in --- hands. To risk, chance, one's life.

All they give you in these speaks is smoke, and a guy's taking his life in his hands, all the time (Cain, 26).

to take --- like Grant took Richmond. To get, conquer, obtain, easily and quickly and wholly.

I'll take that Greek like Grant took Richmond (Cain, 66).

to take a load off --- feet. To rest; to relax. (This implies sitting down.)

"Grab one and take a load off your feet, Harvey," he said (Yank, 90).

not to take --- long. To consume, take, a short time.

It didn't take him long to discover that if he saw a book once at Gimbel, he was likely to see it again and again, presumably as a result of its having been picked up in bulk at a remainder sale (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
We were running light, and it didn't take long to get off the ground (Pyle, 323).

to take a look. To see; to scrutinize; to observe.

A major who climbed up to take a look... (Yank, 167).
She took one look at the occupant of the bed... (Yank, 155).
O.K. you can take a look here and see what I mean (Cain, 38).
All right, now take a look at something that does concern you (Cain, 38).
...five of us...started forward to take a look at the damage (Yank, 251).
I took a look around inside the boat... (Yank, 254).
So I took a look at history just to see what other queens was around (Yank, 132).
When he came back, and took a sharp look at her face... (Cain, 165).
Would you like to ride out and take a look at the new Army camp? (Yank, 160).
And then he can take a look at our files and see that we took the best offer we could get (Cain, 80).
Della, take a look at the papers -- vital statistics (Gardner, 15).

to take a lot. To endure, suffer, pain, hardship, difficulties.

We learned to take a lot, as the infantry does (Yank, 243).

to take --- lying down. Not to retaliate; not to attempt a defense.

But I can't take things lying down. I don't care if we've got a depression or not (Cain, 10).
The Japs won't take this lying down (Yank, 91).

to take meals. To eat.

The staff of 'Free Dalmatia' takes its meals in the attic of the stone house... (Yank, 69).

to take --- mind off. To cause one to think of something else; to give one something different to think of. (This implies worry.)

Jeff, it'll take his mind off it (Marquand, 439).
...working out the words took his mind off the war (Marquand, 240).

to take --- money. To get, receive, money from one.

...she betrayed that she despised him for taking her money... (Cain, 144).

to take (much) out of one. To deplete one's reserves of emotion.

The car itself...took a great deal out of her, and she engaged a driver... (Cain, 179).

to take --- name. To ask one one's name in an official capacity.

They took his name and turned it in (Pyle, 340).

to take the name (of). To assume, use, a name.

Then in Seattle, I'd take my own name, and talk with people I knew (Gardner, 115).
He took the name of Louis Conway and started the Conway Appliance Company (Gardner, 72).
...Leeds disguised his identity by taking none other than the name of the murdered man, and left the Yukon, masquarading as Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 123).

not to take no for an answer. To insist on an affirmative reply; to insist that another does as one wishes.

But the MP wouldn't take no for an answer (Yank, 201).

to take no notice of. Not to notice; not to note.

...that afternoon, or at dinner, Veda taking no notice of Letty's change of costume (Cain, 69).
Ida took no notice of Anna's interruption, but went grimly on (Cain, 88).

to take note. To notice; to note; to pay attention.

Hays office please take note (Yank, 214).

to be taken with. To be affected by; to be touched with.

...Baby Ruths and Life Savers, in case you were taken with a spasm of hunger (Marquand, 413).
The boys were more taken with their own humor than by any bitterness (Pyle, 107).

to take an oath. To swear; to affirm.

Freeman Leeds, a big, powerful man, ...took the oath...and took the witness stand (Gardner, 137).

a take off. The rising of an airplane from the ground; the very beginning of flight. (Also attributive.)

It was only 2:30 A.M., but we ate breakfast before the take-off (Pyle, 322).
It was still half an hour before take-off time (Pyle, 322).
For the take-off, I sat back in the radio compartment on some parachutes (Pyle, 323).
The men returned only four hours after take-off (Yank, 117).
In flight it was Gaines' job...to help with the gadgets during landings and take-offs (Pyle, 331).
...the silence over the interphone after the take-off was greater than usual (Yank, 87).
The bottom gunner sat on the floor during take off... (Pyle, 213).
The B-29 needs a longer runway for take-off than any other plane (Yank, 117).
I stood on my knees during the take-off... (Yank, 117).
...long take-off run of the B-29... (Yank, 120).
...some good guys get killed in take-offs (Yank, 117).
...the armament men had given them two extra boxes before take-off that morning (Yank, 85).
It was a beautiful take-off (Yank, 15).
While we waited for the take-off he wrestled... (Yank, 15).
During the take-off... (Yank, 117).
Luck finally came my way just two hours before take-off (Yank, 117).
Eight times they tried a take-off and eight times they failed (Yank, 195).
Most of them lumbered down a long runway for a long take off... (Yank, 127).

to take off.

1. To remove; to doff.

...one gunman...took his vest off because it felt too heavy... (Pyle, 223).
...she wasn't going to take them off all day (Cain, 154).
...I decided on the luxury of taking off my pants (Pyle, 263).
...the Germans always seemed to take off their coats before they fled or died (Pyle, 451).
He had taken off his shoes (Pyle, 364).
Trench foot comes from a man's feet being wet and cold for long periods and from not taking off his shoes often enough (Pyle, 149).
He got warmer after a few innings, and the Governor alertly took his coat off (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
After a while, he took it off again (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
No, she evidently hadn't even taken her hat off, just popped in and popped out again (Gardner, 64).
Mrs. Gessler took her clothes off massaged her back... (Cain, 57).
He climbed back into the saddle and took off his coat and then he walked the horse to the little grandstand and tossed the coat over the railing (Marquand, 380).

The elevator was overcrowded and Jeffrey took off his hat and held it... (Marquand, 340).
Hal took off his coat and he told Jeffrey to take off his... (Marquand, 433).
He took off his coat, laid it very carefully on the armchair... (Marquand, 259).
He was taking off his hat and coat, walking down the empty aisle (Marquand, 79).
She had taken off her tailored coat; and her shirtwaist had more frills and pleats... (Marquand, 185).
...he put down his bag carefully and took off his coat and listened to the ticking of the clock (Marquand, 303).
He found himself taking off his gray felt hat... (Marquand, 241).
Then he took off his overcoat and tossed it on one of the chairs in the chairs in the hall... (Marquand, 57).
...when he was taking off his overcoat, he heard Madge calling from the living room (Marquand, 580).
The cameramen were gathering around them and they paused and took off their coats... (Marquand, 359).
Sometimes on Saturdays he would meet her downtown and he would always take off his hat quickly and smile (Marquand, 178).
They all took their coats off... (Marquand, 8).
Louella Barnes was waiting for him and he had taken off his garrison cap with his left hand... (Marquand, 526).
Milton took off his glasses and looked at them and put them on again (Marquand, 405).
When the door was closed, he took off his overcoat and hung it... (Marquand, 413).
"Jeff," he heard Madge call, when he was taking off his overcoat, "Where have you been?" (Marquand, 398).
I'll just take off these boots (Marquand, 384).
Jeffrey took off his coat and opened his suitcase (Marquand, 124).
They gave me a Tommy bowler and a leather jerkin and made me take off my combat suit (Yank, 57).
He took off his glasses to wipe away the fog... (Yank, 225).
...once the boys take off their uniforms (Yank, 137).
"Glad I'm not working in the store tonight," he said, taking off his fatigues (Yank, 184).
Zorn lifted his head quickly, took off his gloves and fur cap... (Yank, 16).
At 17,000 feet Roth and Zorn took off their masks (Yank, 16).
I put on a helmet and then took it off a few seconds later... (Yank, 16).
When he took it off the next morning he found it wasn't his (Yank, 46).
Take off your dress and while I'm finding a uniform to fit... (Cain, 45).
She tiptoed in there, got her pajamas, came back, took off her dress (Cain, 15).
He had...gone back to his car to take off his trousers... (Cain, 172).
You can take off that hat and get out there and sell pies (Cain, 124).
They took off their coats, and she draped them over her arm... (Cain, 59).
Mildred took off their coats, and hung them in the locker... (Cain, 46).
...she went to the room and lay down...not taking off her clothes (Cain, 196).
Then she sighed, took off the rest of her clothes, slipped into her pajamas (Cain, 17).

...at least let me take off my hat (Cain, 196).
...Mildred...began taking off her uniform (Cain, 161).
He took off his hat... (Cain, 162).
Then she took off the kerchief... (Cain, 164).
...she decided the bodice was "too much", and took it off (Cain, 237).
...Archie took off his regimentals at nine sharp, and left within a minute or two (Cain, 229).
He dropped down beside her, took off his glasses, massaged his face to keep it from jerking (Cain, 103).
Mildred took off her hat... (Cain, 205).
Don't you want to take them off? (Cain, 59).
It's quite all right, if that's how it happened, but you can take it off now (Cain, 69).

2. To rise into the air to fly as an airplane.

All the men turned out to watch them take off (Yank, 202).
We take off in about 10 minutes. Man your stations! (Yank, 117).
Everything was explained in detail -- how we would take off, how we would rendezvous... (Pyle, 322).
...they would start to take off... (Pyle, 336).
They had lived in...dust so thick they had to take off by instruments (Pyle, 169).
We had been the fourth plane to take off from the field... (Yank, 118).
We took off one at a time, about thirty seconds apart (Pyle, 323).
He said he was so excited he took off with his upper cowl flap open (Pyle, 222).
Then just as he was ready to take off on his afternoon mission, some major came rushing up to the plane... (Pyle, 222).
...they had a new wheel on the plane by the time the next-to-last ship of the squadron was taking off (Pyle, 171).
...the planes took off for their initial bombing mission... (Yank, 202).
...a flight of eight fighter bombers raced down the asphalt runway and took off toward the mountain range... (Yank, 194).
...the Dragons landed for refueling and bombs and took off immediately... (Yank, 194).
The Fortresses were taking off for one of the first big daylight raids over Berlin (Yank, 127).
Lt. A.J. Howell...left to take off in a Piper Cub (Yank, 133).
...14 of the big boys took off today... (Yank, 230).
...they would take off in the afternoon... (Yank, 229).
...the planes would take off in the morning... (Yank, 229).

3. To leave; to depart; to go away.

The former crew...got "Anzio anxiety" and took off... (Pyle, 277).
...a few days before we took off on the invasion of Sicily (Pyle, 225).
Over the years, we have been on hand many times to watch the boys and girls take off from Grand Central for their summer camps (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
To see how many angels
Took off -- over the hill (Yank, 159).

We've argued this out a hundred times, Snell, every time one of your men takes off (Yank, 138).
He's definitely taking off (Yank, 138).
Who, Durkee? No, he ain't takin' off (Yank, 138).
"Looks like your new man is taking off," he observed to Snell (Yank, 138).
...a three man reconnaissance patrol took off anyway to look over the site... (Yank, 134).
I took off in a radio command car... (Yank, 133).

4. To remove from; to separate from; to amputate.

When Jeffrey took it off, he felt completely familiar with everything (Marquand, 236).
Correspondents were snapped back from Europe and put on the slot, or were set to running the morgue, or taking wrappers off exchanges (Marquand, 24).
Next time I take this blasted ride, I'm taking my bars off and traveling third (Yank, 116).
Well, I took him off special duty this morning (Yank, 138).
Well, you know, I've got a couple of toes off an account of frostbite -- taken off in Dawson City (Gardner, 216).
When she took her foot off the brake she felt it splash into a puddle (Cain, 172).
Take off the hot-water bottles (Cain, 102).
Take off the blankets (Cain, 102).
...assistant third gunner, pulled the pins out and took off increments from the shells (Yank, 107).

5. To take a recess, vacation, from one's obligations, duties.

"Frankly," Charley said, "I've taken the afternoon off" (Marquand, 505).
I wouldn't ask much to take it off with you (Cain, 21).
Seldom could you get one of them to take a day off (Pyle, 306).
If you won't take a day off, why don't you get in the car and we'll just drive around the country for a couple of hours? (Pyle, 306).
...the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds were about a play a double header for the edification of an astonishingly large number of citizens who had, one way or another, taken half a day off (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
...they were just like men who take a day off from the office to lie around home (Pyle, 188).
Taking a day off (Cain, 21).
Is it okay for us to take off for a couple of hours? (Yank, 229).

6. To receive from; to get from.

...I didn't know why I had to take any kidding off Treviso (Cain, 231).
I've taken my last dime off you, and...I'll pay you back (Cain, 170).

to take --- off --- guard. To surprise one; to catch by surprise.

Taken off their guard that way...they were trapped into being amazingly revealing (Marquand, 26).

to take office. To be elected or appointed to a position.

Since taking office, he has been conducting a polite guerilla war against some of the ancient royal customs (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

to take off --- hands. To relieve one of some responsibility.

...see if any of the chandlers there would take this stuff off his hands, in exchange for the lighter articles used by speed boats (Cain, 18).
...the night she so blithely agreed to take the house off Mrs. Beragon's hands for $30,000... (Cain, 242).
For one thing, I'm going to take those papers off your hands (Gardner, 77).

to take off --- hat to. To show respect to; to have deep respect for.

In Sicily even the infantry took off its hat to them -- for not infrequently the engineers were actually out ahead of the troops (Pyle, 78).
We infantrymen...take our hats off to them... (Yank, 212).
I found that tankers...took their hats off to infantry (Pyle, 264).

to take off --- shoulders. To relieve one of responsibility.

...he took most of the onerous duties off the shoulders of the squadron commander... (Pyle, 221).

to take on.

1. To assume; to become in the nature of.

The night began to take on an ominous aspect (Pyle, 370).
...rugs...in solid colors, rather light, so the house took on a warm, informal look (Cain, 277).
His gags about the Pie Wagon...took on a touch of malice... (Cain, 145).

2. To hire; to employ.

If he takes her on... (Cain, 132).
... you don't have the whole uniform to pay for unless we really take you on (Cain, 46).
...Bell said he would like to take them on (Yank, 186).
...he had left the paper in Boston very shortly after Walter had taken on... (Marquand, 16).
In this store, we've taken on just two people in the last three months... (Cain, 34).
...Audrey had been taken on the day after the opening... (Cain, 152).

3. To develop.

The hips...had taken on some touch of voluptousness (Cain, 133).
...I just don't dare take on any more debt (Cain, 140).
And her figure had...taken on form... (Cain, 190).

4. To undertake; to attempt.

...and that was when the critics realized that she was a great actress, as critics always did if a girl could take on a Shaw play and get away with it (Marquand, 448).

to take one look at. To look at briefly; to glance at.

The wild men came down from the hills wearing their little loincloths, took one look at the Buick, and jumped into the river (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

to take --- place.

1. To substitute for one; to act in one's stead.

...his place as squadron commander was taken by Lieutenant Reginald Clizbe... (Pyle, 204).
One of his waitresses got married, and he wants somebody to take her place (Cain, 35).
So she sat with the girls at breakfast, listening to Ida instruct Shirley, who was to take her place... (Cain, 88).
...Mrs. Gessler's place was taken by a man bartender, named Jake... (Cain, 179).
He...took her place in bed (Yank, 155).
There ain't any youth to take our place (Gardner, 115).

2. To go to one's proper, assigned, place.

He remembered the lines of troops waiting with their duffle bags to go aboard and take their places below (Marquand, 584).

to take --- seriously. To consider, think about, as being serious not comic.

My sisters pay absolutely no attention to the rule, but everybody else takes it very seriously (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).
Whit never took anything very seriously (Yank, 243).

to take --- side. To defend one; to support one in an argument, debate, etc.

...some of it was to console Veda, by taking her side after an outrageous episode (Cain, 186).

to take --- time. To move, go, preceed slowly and deliberately.

Yet, although it was a hot afternoon, he took his time about it, and was conscientiously thorough... (Cain, 1).
Just took my time, kept cool and damn, I got them (Yank, 53).
I took my time and fired five shots (Yank, 9).

to take --- to be. To take one for; to believe one to be; to think of one as.

...we notice four or five French country people -- young farmers in their twenties, I took them to be... (Pyle, 376).

to take --- to the door. To accompany one to the door; to show one out.

The body...would be delivered at five, and they took him to the door, on which two assistants abd already fastened a white crepe (Cain, 106).

to take --- up on it. To agree to another's offer.

We took them up on it (Pyle, 250).

to take --- word for it. To believe what another tells one.

...I know what I'm talking about -- I wish you'd take my word for it (Marquand, 415).

to take an opportunity. To do something when one is able to do it.

Some of the sailors took the opportunity next day to go ashore... (Pyle, 226).

to take an order. To receive instructions; to learn what another wants. (In restaurants,, cafes, etc., it means to receive the information about what a customer wishes to eat.)

A waitress approached Mason to take his order (Gardner, 94).
...Mildred at last approached the two women who were waiting to have their orders taken, handed them their menus... (Cain, 47).

take out. Being carried away from the place of purchase before being eaten.

It was to display the pies she hoped to sell to the "take-out" trade... (Cain, 117).
And the take-out trade from those people, it's enough to take your breath away (Cain, 176).

to take out.

1. To remove from within; to extract.

It comes in a round metal can which can be used to heat water in after the stove is taken out of it (Pyle, 242).
Kittering pulled his brief case toward him, and took out several pages of closely-written, legal foolscap (Gardner, 187).
Phyllis Leeds opened her purse and took out a check-book (Gardner, 9).
Drake spat his chew of gum into a wastebasket, opened a drawer, took out two fresh sticks... (Gardner, 61).

Mason took out his notebook, made a note of the address... (Gardner, 154).
He put his hands in his pockets and took them out again (Marquand, 393).
Jeffrey reached in his inside pocket and took out the envelope which held his ticket (Marquand, 412).
...Minot had reached in the pocket of his quilted smoking jacket and had taken out a pipe and a pigskin tobacco pouch (Marquand, 393).
...and believe it or not, when they were taking out the little fireplace... (Marquand, 133).
Mason opened his desk drawer and took out the pair of loaded dice Drake had given him (Gardner, 51).
She took it out, slipped it into her shoe (Cain, 59).
She crossed to the table, where she had tossed her purse, opened it, took out a key and handed it to him (Gardner, 78).
Mason fished in his inside pocket, took out a clipping, hastily torn from an early edition of the afternoon paper (Gardner, 107).
Now she put them in by the clock and took them out by the clock... (Cain, 76).
...she took out her own offering... (Cain, 153).
...he took out the bill, touched his forelock with it... (Cain, 145).
He took it out, with an annoyed grimace, and pitched it back at her (Cain, 143).
Sally was on her knees taking out the picnic and laying it on the ground... (Marquand, 551).
Upon receipt of the sewing kit, the soldier carefully took out the needles... (Yank, 141).
...he took out a handkerchief... (Cain, 170).
...opened her evening bag, took out a crisp $10 bill... (Cain, 170).
Feeling as though she were starting a well-tuned machine, she took out four each of breasts, second joints... (Cain, 120).
Mason gravely opened the desk drawer, took out a bottle of whiskey and glasses (Gardner, 45).
He took out a pencil... (Pyle, 353).
Sergeant Hanson had taken the bent plate out... (Pyle, 336).
Chief Willians took out a pack of cigarettes and thrust it at Harvey (Yank, 90).
One of the crew members took out two of the bolts that fastened the gun to the deck... (Yank, 255).

2. To accompany to a party, entertainment, show, dinner, or the like.

...why, it would make all the difference if he could take George out for a ride (Marquand, 283).
...he could take Jim out at night to the drugstores and the Brown Derby... (Marquand, 427).
"Jeff," Marianna said, "will you take me out to lunch?" (Marquand, 84).
Hey, hey, I'm taking you out (Cain, 26).
They take us out for one reason, and one reason only: so they can get a drink (Cain, 23).
Why do they ever want to take us out? (Cain, 23).
Why would he want to take you out? (Cain, 23).
...you're not going to have things spoil just because he's got some foolish notion he wants to take you out (Cain, 23).

Once, when they were spending a weekend at the Pierces' he came on Saturday evening and "took her out" (Cain, 53).

3. To deliver; to carry to another place.

I've got to take these things out (Cain, 28).
And then I'll have pies to take out, and keep on getting all the wholesale... (Cain, 77).
Well, in taking a dinner out that way, you can't carry too much (Gardner, 149).
You know, in a joint like that...a waiter can't take food out until he catches a slack time (Gardner, 147).

4. To subscribe for; to purchase. (This implies insurance, loans.)

But the interest is due on those morgages Bert took out, and I'm not going to be foreclosed... (Cain, 69).
The policy was for $1,000, paid up value $256, and he had never taken out more because he didn't believe in insurance... (Cain, 60).

5. To lead, accompany, someone to the outside or away.

If I want to take out a patrol...I'd rather go alone (Yank, 149).
Then we would take them out another door (Yank, 169).

6. To leave; to depart; to go away.

Take out, and God bless you (Yank, 126).

to take out after. To chase; to follow and to try to overtake.

Then another regiment, with only what weapons and provisions they could carry on their backs, went up over the ridge and took out after the evacuating enemy (Pyle, 66).

to take out of. To extract; to remove from.

One of the other grandmothers took her teeth out of a glass of cold water... (Yank, 209).
We took a gun out of the nose and put a camera in (Yank, 229).
...she took his orchids out of the icebox... (Cain, 152).

to take out of --- hands. To take the responsibility from one.

Something had taken it entirely out of Jeffrey's hands (Marquand, 216).

to take over. To assume responsibility, control of something.

One might think peasants had taken over the house (Cain, 55).
All you've got to do is take over that property and get going, quick (Cain, 79).

... he had a nice little room on the top floor of a Naples apartment building which had been taken over by the Army (Pyle, 139).
The bombers patrol the waters in the daytime and we take over at night (Yank, 254).
It was time for the Fifth Air Force to take over the day shift (Yank, 255).
Chinese are taking over your position (Yank, 94).
...they can send down a clever woman operator to take over in the morning (Gardner, 157).
There's an agency there that will take over (Gardner, 157).
I'd just taken over the business (Gardner, 100).
...his replacement must arrive and take over (Yank, 225).
Then Anna approached, to take over and collect her tip (Cain, 90).
Maybe he's getting ready to compel you to take over Veda's money... (Cain, 251).
The road had just been started by the British Army with Indian labor when the Yanks took over (Yank, 178).
All they can do is go to court, have you declared a bankrupt, and take over (Cain, 248).
Here the Navy took over (Yank, 169).
Captured supply dumps were impounded by the Army for reissue later but soldiers often got in to help themselves before the Army took over officially (Pyle, 87).
...the first echelon of the Army came in and took over half the front (Yank, 39).
They could go to a nearby town...and see American movies, in theaters taken over by the Army (Pyle, 158).
You remember he's the one who took over the Conway Appliance Company (Gardner, 62).
They've got to get rid of it, and if you'll take it over and put this chicken place in it, it's yours (Cain, 78).
If Lucy Gessler wants to take it over, then O.K. (Cain, 150).
The Marx Brothers take over once more (Yank, 73).
...the batteries would be present or accounted for, and the senior officer would take over (Marquand, 581).
You have men ready to take over when she leaves the office (Gardner, 47).
Wherever the Army left off in providing comfort, the boys took over themselves (Yank, 40).
Ten men alone...held until the rest could get up there, take over and go on with them (Yank, 18).
Once on shore, our supplies were taken over by the Quartermaster Corps... (Pyle, 280).
Sgt. Bills took over and told us the order... (Pyle, 20).
The navy was taking over the Coast Guard...and then he was thinking about Jim (Marquand, 490).
...Lieutenant Kahn...took over a brand-new LST and pointed her bow toward Africa (Pyle, 225).
...He went back and took over the top turret gun (Pyle, 331).
...it was taken over as soon as the city surrendered (Pyle, 461).
...so they took over another huge one across the street (Pyle, 461).
He thought eht government ought to take over the coal mines and the strike trouble (Pyle, 109).
Back in 1937, for example, eight years before he took over... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

to take part in. To assist with; to cooperate in.

But all the time she was thinking of Veda, who never took part in these frivolities (Cain, 71).
...we were to take part in what was termed the assault phase (Pyle, 352).
...the identities of the divisions taking part in a campaign would be publicly released... (Pyle, 396).
They had been Ustachi for only a short time and had not taken part in the usual looting and torturing... (Yank, 68).

to take off the hook. To open a telephone circuit by lifting the phone off the cradle so that no one can telephone in.

Bert tiptoed over and took the receiver off the hook, so there would be no jangling phone bell (Cain, 112).

to take a picture. To photograph; to make a picture.

...you come to Reno, and had pictures of yourself taken, with me in your arms (Cain, 259).
...General Eddy sent word that the photographers would come and take pictures (Pyle, 410).
...a photographer who went out to take some pictures came away without any... (Pyle, 283).
...I haven't the authority to forbid these photographers to take pictures (Pyle, 410).
Von Schlieben was obviously sourpuss about being captured, and even more sourpuss at having his picture taken (Pyle, 410).
One day an Army photographer came around to take some pictures... (Pyle, 256).

to take place. To occur; to happen.

...the nursery steamed constantly because of fermentation taking place below ground... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
Where did the meeting take place, Mr. Leeds? (Gardner, 140).
Was there any conversation which took place in your presence or in the presence of Jason Carrel to the effect... (Gardner, 139).
A catastrophic change had taken place in his life, and he was wholly unable to adjust himself to it (Cain, 144).
The actual holing through of the tubes won't take place until late in the fall... (New Yorker, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).
The incident took place at Hill 95 north of La Hoye du Paits (Yank, 134).
The interview took place at night... (Yank, 247).
Henderson Field...where some of the earliest Jap-American fighting took place... (Yank, 231).
...so it would appear that telephone conversation with Conway took place after Leeds had left Conway's apartment? (Gardner, 193).
Then Mildred knew that an awakening had taken place in Veda... (Cain, 138).
Those fifteen seconds were so fast and confusing that I truly can't say what took place (Pyle, 247).

to take the place of. To substitute for; to be, act, in lieu of.

...the other to take the place of a lady who had to retire on account of ill health (Cain, 34).
...one to take the place of a gentleman who was killed in a automobile accident... (Cain, 34).

to take a plane for. To ride in a plane going to a place.

Anyway she took a plane for San Francisco as soon as she read the telegram (Gardner, 184).

to take possession of. To assume control of; to get the control of.

So he bought a ten-gallon hat, took possession of the ranch, and tried to operate it... (Cain, 6).
...it might really take possession of her... (Cain, 129).

to take a pot shot at. To shoot at an open, unprotected, still, target.

...a 37-mm...taking potshots at them... (Yank, 124).
...interrupted by air raids, mortar bursts and Jap snipers who seemed to delight in taking pot shots at him... (Yank, 77).

to take a powder. To leave, go away, quietly and unobtrusively.

...the Jpas, who had been in the place had taken a powder, would return (Yank, 147).
What's more, Inez Colton took a powder right after the murder (Gardner, 125).
Well, when you told me that she'd taken a powder on you and wasn't in Yuma... (Gardner, 184).
I wouldn't ask much to take a powder on you, right now (Cain, 5).
I was afraid to make any inquiries without consulting you, for fear she'd get wise and take another powder (Gardner, 154).
He picked the right time to take a powder (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).

to take precautions against. To guard against; to attempt to prevent.

Sniping became important and taking precautions against it was something we had to learn fast (Pyle, 373).

to take pride in. To be proud of; to be gratified for.

...just as if an artist had taken pride in an act of torture well done (Yank, 212).

to take prisoner. To imprison one; to arrest and put into prison.

...Blackie was wounded and taken prisoner (Yank, 212).
The platoon...took 60 or 70 prisoners (Yank, 125).

to take a pull. To suck into one's mouth.

He lit a cigarette and took a long pull (Yank, 230).
Take a pull of this (Marquand, 222).

to take a punch at. To strike at; to hit at.

...I thought he was going to...take a punch at me (Yank, 221).

to take pupils. To teach privately.

...takes a few pupils (Cain, 132).

to take the rap. To undergo punishment for some wrongdoing, crime, or the like.

They get chivalrous and try to take a rap (Gardner, 179).
If anything goes wrong, I take the rap (Gardner, 69).
She said, "Don't think I'm going to take the rap on this" (Gardner, 75).

to take a recess. To recess; to stop, halt, temporarily.

Gentlemen, court will take a recess until two o'clock this afternoon (Gardner, 35).

to take refuge in.

1. To seek shelter, protection, defense, in.

Three girls worked...getting the names, ranks and serial numbers of escaped prisoners who had taken refuge in farmhouses in the area (Yank, 27).

2. To rationalize by means of.

Mildred knew this was a solace from a pain too great for him to bear: that he was taking refuge in the belief that she wasn't really dead (Cain, 105).

to take a ride. To ride; to go riding, driving. (This implies riding for pleasure.)

...on that basis she had frequent invitations to take a ride, have dinner, or see a show (Cain, 63).
...that proximity, nothing else, made him think of the ride he had taken with Madge down the Post Road... (Marquand, 473).
If I should be taking a ride in an automobile, and two male nurses dragged me... (Gardner, 34).
Next time I take this blasted ride, I'm...traveling third (Yank, 116).

to take a road. To follow, go on, a road, street, lane.

They took the little road to the right, and in a moment were stealing through... (Cain, 92).

to take roll call. To call roll; to ascertain who is present and who is absent by reading the roster of names.

Just taking roll call. Carry on! (Yank, 138).

to take root. To begin to grow.

For the seed has taken root (Yank, 135).

to take a run around. To ride around; to drive here and there throughout a place.

...I was living on a warship, but I took a run around the harbor one day... (Pyle, 225).

to take a run out powder. To leave, go away, hurriedly but unobtrusively; to take a powder.

Mason said, "Emily Milicant has taken a run-out powder (Gardner, 180).
Tell Drake a waitress named Hazel Strickland of the Home Kitchen Cafe took a runout powder (Gardner, 105).

it takes all kinds to make a (world). One can naturally expect to meet and deal with very many different kinds of people with different patterns of thought, emotions, prejudices, etc.

"I know I'm right," the driver said, "it takes all kinds to make a world" (Marquand, 55).
"It takes all kinds to make a world," he said (Marquand, 55).

to take a seat. To sit down; to be seated.

She brought them all back to the den, and Bert took a seat on the sofa... (Cain, 53).

to take a shine to (one). To begin to like, enjoy, one very much.

I took a shine to him (Gardner, 72).

to take a shot at.

1. To shoot at.

...and now and then some dirty guy who had different sentiments would run out and take a shot at them (Pyle, 167).
...four Japs who peeked out to try to take a shot at them (Yank, 192).

2. To attempt; to try.

Caesar took a shot at it, and so did many Popes (Pyle, 237).

to take a sock at. To strike; to hit. (This implies a blow with the fist.)

I just want to get in there and take a sock at somebody (Marquand, 478).

to take the spotlight off. To divert attention from.

But as this took the spotlight off the children, they quickly became bored (Cain, 54).

to take a stand. To state one's beliefs and to act upon them.

...a subject on which Gimbel is obviously prepared to take a strong stand (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to take a step. To take a deliberate action; to make one move toward a certain accomplishment.

Now the place was hers, and she took a step she had been considering for some time (Cain, 174).
...charge of such gravity that I feel I should call on your for an explanation before taking any steps (Gardner, 205).
...in danger of being victimized by an unscrupulous adventuress, and took steps to prevent him being stripped of his property... (Gardner, 133).

to take stock. To inventory; to list one's assets and one's liabilities.

...no ordinary night in her life, and that she must take stock, see what she had to offer against what lay ahead (Cain, 17).

to take things as they come. To be philosophical about various situations; to be phlegmatic.

...when you have nothing back of you, you have to take things as they come (Gardner, 73).
...they were able to take things as they came (Pyle, 349).

to take time. To require quite some time; to demand, need, quite a little time.

You must remember that such little things...will take time (Pyle, 466).
To save this money, at her present income, was going to take a long time... (Cain, 76).
And he didn't take time to write it in a letter (Pyle, 335).

to take time out. To recess; to stop, cease, activity.

When he was in New York, Jim hated to take time out for sleeping (Marquand, 324).

to take a tip. To receive a gratuity.

Wear a uniform. And take their tips (Cain, 51).
I can't go home and face my children if they know I've been working all day at taking tips and wearing a uniform... (Cain, 41).

to take title to. To become the legal owner of.

Once you take title to a piece of property around this town, that's all they want to know... (Cain, 79).

to take to.

1. To get in the habit of; to do something regularly.

When college girls took to riding bicycles in slacks... (Life, Aug. 28, 1944, 65).
...she took to driving past Veda's... (Cain, 214).
She took to doing desperate things, like turning suddenly into business places... (Cain, 39-40).
But he admitted he had recently taken to reading the Bible (Pyle, 190).

2. To like; to love; to enjoy.

I took to it right away as a fine place... (New Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).
For a man who hails from a verdant land, he takes to the desert uncommonly well (Yank, 36).
She belonged to the whole crew, but the puppy took to our friend and he took to her, and by common consent she became recognized as his (Pyle, 42).
All kinds take to her, and she can settle a quarrel between two of them... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).

3. To go to, into, on.

It was so close and so unexpected that even the veterans ducked, and the soldiers took to their foxholes pronto (Pyle, 192).
Then he took to the side streets... (Yank, 201).
Most of the inhabitants took to the hills after the first shelling (Pyle, 117).

to take to the air. To rise in flight.

...and then with a deep roar that seemed to shake the whole silent countryside the planes would thunder down the runway and take to the air (Pyle, 208).

to take to drink. To become an alcoholic; to drink alcoholic beverages in excess.

They were like the characters of those magazine stories of the Twenties... where no one took to drink or ran off with someone else's wife... (Marquand, 106).

to take --- to heart. To consider seriously; to be serious about something.

Red Dog was a fundamentally serious man who took the war to heart (Pyle, 330).

to take to --- like ducks to water. To seem to do something instinctively; to do easily and naturally.

A lot of our Italian-American soldiers took to the land of their fathers like ducks to water, but not all of them (Pyle, 118).

to take a toll. To cause casualties; to result in casualties.

Speaking of mosquitoes, by the end of August the heat and the lack of sanitation began to take their toll (Pyle, 87).

to take to --- heart. To love; to cherish.

I don't know when I've taken a child to my heart as I have Veda (Cain, 193).

to take to pieces. To disassemble; to take apart.

...when they sat alone...taking parts of the Breakwater work to pieces, cutting lines and writing in new ones (Marquand, 292).

to take to task. To reprimand; to reprove.

Then she took Mildred to task for prejudice, for stupidity... (Cain, 149).

to take a train. To ride on a train.

Let's spend some money and be comfortable. Let's take the train (Yank, 116).

to take a trip. To travel; to journey.

The army would order us to take trips around England (Pyle, 352).

to take trouble. To go out of one's way; to do something requiring unusual effort.

...after taking all that trouble over you, but I wouldn't go to that party... (Cain, 162).

to take a turn around. To walk, move, go, here and there about a place.

Wally took several turns around the room looking at her as he went (Cain, 77).
...Mr. Treviso took another turn around the room... (Cain, 216).

to take turns. To alternate; to have first one do something and then another do it.

Small groups of us took turns going below to the tiny galley... (Yank, 254).
Last night three fellows took me to the movies, and afterwards they took turns with me out on the back porch -- dancing (Yank, 83).
We don't do a big dinner business here, so we can only keep three girls on at night, but they take turns (Cain, 49).
...Mac and the crew took turns carrying their Browning automatic and its tripod (Yank, 23).
They marched almost 170 miles in nine days...taking turns carrying their gun... (Yank, 24).

to take under --- wing. To protect someone; to defend someone.

The three sergeants in my crew sort of took me under their wing and we ran around together for two or three days (Pyle, 333).

to take up.

1. To begin; to start.

Now it was a question of taking up where he had left off, of putting it behind him, and of going back to the other room (Marquand, 443).
Bert took up the story again: There was nothing serious the matter... (Cain, 98).
The corporal took up where he'd left off (Yank, 205).
Judge Eggers' years as a criminal judge make him worthy to take up where I left off (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
...no time to do anything about it now and took up the trail right behind the captain (Yank, 58).
...and yet they had a sort of relationship that they could take up again, no matter where it was broken off (Marquand, 294).
All right. Take it up and run it through again (Marquand, 586).
Mildred...took up her journey... (Cain, 163).

2. To discuss and consider.

Hose is going to be as scarce as hen's teeth and that's something else I want to take up with you (Marquand, 512).
And he knew he would lose what dignity he had left if he took it up with Charley (Marquand, 508).
...he explained that he'd taken the matter up with the presidnet of the bank... (new Yorker, XXII, Feb. 15, 1947, 23).
...but Mr. Gorman had taken that up, too, with the Haskells' estate superintendent (Marquand, 501).
Well, let's take them up in order (Gardner, 31).

3. To carry, transport, lift, to a higher place.

Oscar Boker is the waiter at the Blue and White Restaurant who took the dinner up (Gardner, 126).

The people took him up gently... (Yank, 13).
These meals were ordered from your restaurant, and you took them up in the course of your employment as a waiter? (Gardner, 144).

4. To carry, transport, forward.

Every night they would take up sacks of amil... (Pyle, 144).
Also, during that period, they took up more than five hundred of the heavy combat suits... (Pyle, 144).

5. To remove from the fire, stove, and serve as food.

The vegetables, started before Wally came, were now ready, and they took them up (Cain, 118).

6. to absorb.

...questions to be considered, such as whether the material took up light, from the spots, or reflected it... (Cain, 237).

7. To adopt; to begin to use, associate with.

...a term quickly taken up by Veda... (Cain, 130).

to take up --- time. To use one's time.

"I don't want to take up too much of your time, Bill," Jeffrey said... (Marquand, 573).
It had pleased him very much, because lately he had been afraid that he was taking up too much of Louella's time (Marquand, 205).
...he even apologized for taking up our time to get him out (Pyle, 453).

to take --- up with. To discuss something with.

When he tells me about it, I'll take it up with him... (Marquand, 13).

to take a walk. To walk; to go walking.

Guess I'll take a walk down the street (Cain, 3).

to take the wheel. To drive a car.

Then she...took the wheel, and drove out again... (Cain, 248).

to take the witness stand. To become a witness in court and to make a formal testimony.

As he took the witness stand, he adjusted nose spectacles from which hung a wide black ribbon (Gardner, 29).
Freeman Leeds...took the oath, gave his name and address to the reporter, and took the witness stand (Gardner, 137).

talcum powder. A face or body powder made of pulverized talc and perfume.

...there was an aura of the same violet talcum powder that Alf had loaned him (Marquand, 207).
Gentlemen use violet talcum powder, and you're a gentleman, aren't you? (Marquand, 153).
Read on the box, it's Violet Talcum Powder, isn't it? (Marquand, 153).
"Wait a minute," Alf asked "where's your talcum powder?" (Marquand, 153).

a talent act. A vaudeville act; a presentation of a performer such as a juggler, dancer, singer, comic, or the like.

...he had organized a few amateur talent acts... (Yank, 34).

talent scout. One who searches for talented actors or actresses for the motion picture industry.

Usually he was some phony calling himself a writer, an agent, or a talent scout, who had found out... (Cain, 32).

to talk about. To speak, to talk, concerning, regarding.

"Let's not talk about it now," she used to say (Marquand, 15).
Since the invading soldiers of our section didn't have much battle to talk about...they looked around to see that this new country had to offer (Pyle, 29).
Talk about your family reunions! (Pyle, 259).
It was hard to find anything to talk about until the telegraph room came into the conversation (Marquand, 19).
It was nothing you could talk about at a dinner party (Marquand, 55).
I don't know what you're talking about (Marquand, 31).
They had a fight once when Jeffrey said that he didn't believe that Beckie had read all the books she talked about... (Marquand, 100).
...when Madge had asked Beckie afterwards how in the world they had found so much to talk about... (Marquand, 105).
What are we talking about, and why is it Victorian? (Marquand, 31).
...there was nothing to talk about at all... (Marquand, 30).
...and talked about it some more (Yank, 122).
They...talked about the war... (Yank, 122).
What did they talk about? (Yank, 24).
What else is there to talk about? (Yank, 24).
...what was she talking about? (Cain, 196).
Well, Mother, if you're talking about what I said last night... (Cain, 201).
What were you and his wife talking about? (Marquand, 124).
...he...started talking about something else (Cain, 235).
Do you understand what they're talking about, Mr. Wilson? (Marquand, 442).
I think I heard Ned Barkler and Uncle Alden talking about him once (Gardner, 82).
And now you want to duck, and you start talking about Bert (Cain, 30).
We've many things to talk about and I'll make me quite uncomfortable to have you standing there (Cain, 42).
Mildred felt she had to talk to Veda about this... (Cain, 191).

I can still -- hold up my end of it -- if that's what you're talking about (Cain, 143).
...he did begin to talk about it (Cain, 142).
I think we'll talk about the house (Cain, 224).
...what are the brass hats always talking about (Yank, 162).
What in the hell are you talking about? (Cain, 167).
...if you don't want them talked about, you ought to wear your skirts longer (Cain, 166).
All coloratura 'ave decoration from King of Belgium...talk about a decoration (Cain, 218).
You know perfectly what I'm talking about (Cain, 166).
But you do want them talked about... (Cain, 166).
...to what you've been talking about tonight (Cain, 169).
This here road reminds me of that Road to Hell that Chaplain Harrington's always talking about (Yank, 179).
You know what I'm talking about (Cain, 167).
I know what I'm talking about (Yank, 211).
When he got back, all he could talk about was the strange and wonderful thing that had happened to him (Pyle, 222).
There are a lot of things I want to talk to you about sometime, you know... (Marquand, 62).

to talk --- around. To convince one; to persuade one.

...if they were planning something he thought was not good he could talk them around to seeing it his way... (Pyle, 312).

to talk back. To answer, reply, speak in defense, when one is supposed to be silent.

I didn't talk back, but it's the lawn mower (Marquand, 513).
Jeffrey knew there was no use talking back to a General (Marquand, 574).

to talk big. To boast; to brag.

After I got to know them they told me of some of their own numbers who talked too big... (Pyle, 214).
He talked too much and too big but he can back up every word he says (Pyle, 73).

to talk business. To discuss business matters.

Bert answered, and sternly said there had been a death in the family, and that Mrs. Pierce couldn't possibly talk business today (Cain, 105).

to talk (down, in). To give directions and instructions by radio to an airplane pilot who is unable to see the landing field, so that he can land the plane.

A blindfolded pilot...was 'talked down' to the runway (Sci. N.L., Aug. 25, 1945, 127).

to talk --- ear off. To talk to one a great deal, too much.

Priscilla, here's someone who's talked about you until he's talked my right ear off (Marquand, 346).

to talk --- head off. To talk a great deal.

I had to talk my head off in order to get a free hand, and now you start getting hard (Gardner, 99).

a talking book. An album, or albums, of records of oral reading of books. Used principally by the blind.

...the American Foundation for the Blind in 1935 began publishing 'Talking Books' -- long-playing phonograph records of standard literary works... (Newsweek, Apr. 24, 1939, 32).
But she knew that it contained six twelve-inch recordings, the last chapters of a Tree Grows in Brooklyn, one of the many 'talking books' produced by the American Foundation for the Blind under a grant of the Library of Congress (Sat. Eve. Post, Dec. 16, 1944, 6).
The perfected 'talking book' is a combination phonograph and radio set (N.Y. Times, Mr. 13, 1934, 20).

a talking point. A main, important, point, argument.

...your main talking point was that if I incorporated, then my personal property was safe... (Cain, 247).

to talk --- language. To speak another's native language.

It doesn't hurt to talk their language (Yank, 164).

to talk out. To discuss at length; to talk about fully, completely.

It's cleared when you talk something out instead of keeping it to yourself (Marquand, 394).

to talk --- out of. To dissuade one; to persuade one against.

I talked him out of it (Marquand, 367).

to talk over. To discuss; to consider with someone.

...he left his tent to talk something over (Pyle, 373).
Evidently, Serle and Conway had a little more stuff to talk over, and grabbed a quick dinner while they were doing it (Gardner, 63).
Then you come up to my apartment, and we'll talk things over (Gardner, 102).
I told him I didn't want to talk things over, I wanted action (Gardner, 102).
He said, 'Why don't you come on down, and let me talk it over with you?' (Gardner, 103).
Suppose I sit down and talk it over? (Yank, 209).

"Fred and I have talked it all over," Beckie said (Marquand, 133).
Louis told him to come down and talk things over (Gardner, 167).
They could have dinner, and then talk things over (Cain, 245).
...by going in person he could talk things over with the whole division staff... (Pyle, 312).

to talk to. To speak to; to say something to.

But when my client makes an express stipulation that I not talk to you... (Cain, 201).
Sure, I'd have been willing to talk to you (Cain, 201).
...Monty was talking to her... (Cain, 254).
Would you like to talk to her? (Cain, 225).
...I should have been the first one you would have talked to about it (Cain, 201).

to talk to the dice. To say things as one is playing dice, shooting craps: "Seven come eleven", "Big Dick from Boston", "Baby needs a new pair of shoes", etc., in hopes of influencing the throw of the dice.

Well, I was always trained to talk to the dice (Gardner, 22).

to talk too much. To be verbose; to be wordy; to seem impelled to talk.

He talks too much and too big, but he can back up every word he says (Pyle, 73).

to talk with. To discuss with; to consider with.

When I went back to talk with the cook, I found out... (Gardner, 144).
Tell him to talk with me before he does a single thing or makes any statement to anyone (Gardner, 83).
The Germans were taken into one of the other buildings where they talked with an American boy of German descent (Yank, 49).
Come on, let's talk with her (Gardner, 159).
You were talking with him? (Gardner, 28).

a tall tale. An unbelievable or almost unbelievable story, report, yarn.

By mid-afternoon, tall tales interrupted the broadcasts... (Cain, 160).

to tally up. To total; to add up; to find the score.

When...intelligence reports were finally tallied up, it turned out that four B-29's had been lost... (Yank, 119).

to tangle up.

1. To mix up; to intertwine.

One man...got tangled up in the mortar (Yank, 146).
...the soccer ball got tangled up in the feet of his men (Yank, 185).

2. To involve in; to ensnare.

...I'd get myself all tangled up in her and the jigsaw plywood animals... (Yank, 188).

a tank carrier. A very large, low slung trailer capable of transporting a military tank.

There were fleets of big tank carriers (Pyle, 358).

a tank town. A small, insignificant town; a hick town. (Also attributive.)

...every tank-town university... (Cain, 187).

to tap away. To strike repeatedly; to hit again and again.

...he tapped away belligerently on his little typewriter... (Pyle, 301).

a tap bar. A bar used in a saloon on which is a tap for drawing beer.

...Fred had found a bar...a real old tap bar such as had existed at the time of... (Marquand, 126).

to taper down. To diminish gradually; to slow down by degrees.

There didn't seem to be any tapering down between the high and low speeds (Pyle, 26).

to tape up. To bind with adhesive tape or friction tape.

His feet were all taped up because of blisters... (Pyle, 148).

to tap --- for a loan. To borrow money for one; to hit one for a loan.

...he stammeringly asked her if he could tap her for another small loan (Cain, 144).

to tap --- head. A gesture used to indicate that one thinks another to be queer, a little crazy, stupid, or the like.

Then they tap their heads...and stare after me... (Yank, 236).

to tap a line. To attach a telephone receiver secretly to another's telephone so that one can overhear the conversation that another has.

"What I did was perfectly legal," Mason cut in, "but tapping our line was manifestly illegal" (Gardner, 208).
If I'd tapped anyone's telephone line or hired a detective agency to do it, you'd have had me arrested... (Gardner, 208).
...shadowed when she went to him, or that the telephone line was tapped (Gardner, 125).

I did a little investigating and found out your telephone line to the office and hers at her apartment were tapped (Gardner, 125).
...being Bill Hogarty unless you'd taken advantage of information received through tapping my telephone line (Gardner, 208).
Mason said, "You tapped my telephone line and listened in on confidential..." (Gardner, 208).

to tap out the rhythm. To tap one's foot in time with music.

...after a while the others like the music, humming the trite tune, tapping out the rhythm with their feet (Yank, 72).

target practice. Practice in shooting usually small arms at a fixed target.

When she gets through shooting down Japs, she'll use you for target practice (Yank, 43).

target shooting. Target practice; shooting for practice at a fixed target.

Then with seasoned eyes they looked around for a place to do some target shooting (Pyle, 188).

task force. A temporary grouping together of military or naval units for a specific attack.

Another important...ingredient of German military success is the system of organizing an offensive. The High Command...selects the man...That man then proceeds to gather around him what is called a 'task force'... (Harsch, Germany at War, 1942, 43).
On the afternoon of Nov. 14, 1942, a task force of the Big Bastard and several other battleships and destroyers cut away from its carrier... (Yank, 43).

a taxi dancer. A young woman who works at a public dance hall by dancing with any man who pays for the dance. (Considered generally to be very low)

That was before the days of taxi dancers as we know them nowadays (Gardner, 112).

taxi driver. One who operates a taxi, taxi cab; a cab driver; a cabbie.

My taxi driver is a maniac at the wheel, as all taxi drivers are (Yank, 187)
He used to be a taxi driver... (Pyle, 426).

to taxi out. For an airplane to move by means of it propeller on the ground away from the hangers.

Once as the planes were taxiing out for their daily mission, it was discovered that... (Pyle, 171).

a tax lien. A legal obligation for taxes, usually unpaid taxes.

...she so blithely agreed to...pay the tax lien of $3,100 (Cain, 242).

to teach --- a lesson. To frighten one and hence to teach him; to teach by fright.

The German said the bodies hanging there would teach the Italians a lesson (Yank, 49).

a tea gown. A dress usually made of very thin, gossamer like cloth, very full to be worn at a tea at one's home. Not common. Similar to a negligee.

...Gwen in a short skirt and a canary-yellow sweater and Madge in a tea gown (Marquand, 530).

to team up with. To join with; to throw one's lot with.

I teamed up with the Fourth Infantry Division... (Pyle, 431).

to tear apart. To separate, divide, forcibly.

The mountains are thrown up in spasms and the rocks seem torn apart (Yank, 70).

to tear away from. To separate, go away from, regretfully.

...I tore myself away from my colleagues of the fashion press... (Yank, 228).

to tear down.

1. To dismantle; to take apart. (This implies a destruction, demolishing.)

They could see them building up and tearing down farms, country-sides... (Marquand, 427).
Eventually someone in authority would...tear them down... (Yank, 181).
Tear down one of the Tedeschi houses and he...wants to tear one of yours down (Yank, 239).
...Mr. Tugwell and a few others...hoped to repair a shaky economic system without tearing everything down (Marquand, 211).
...we kept tearing them down (Yank, 76).
'The snow in Russia is getting cold' might mean to tear down telephone wires... (Yank, 76).
Simpson had wanted to tear down the old barn, because he said it was leaky and full of rats... (Marquand, 110).

2. To hurry down; to rush down.

A field ambulance tore down the company street... (Yank, 230).

3. To jerk, pull, so as to cause to fall.

McSpadden tore down a blackout curtain hanging over one of the slots... (Yank, 45).

tear gas. A gaseous substance which when released into the air causes itching on the body and irritation of the eyes so that one literally cries, weeps. (Often used by police to force a suspect from a house.) (Also attributive.)

In this anteroom, two men were constantly on guard, a locker containing riot guns and tear gas bombs close at hand (Gardner, 176).

to tear --- heart. To cause one to be sad; to give one sadness.

And yet it tore her heart that he should want to go... (Cain, 143).

to tear off. To remove with force; to take off by force.

...the porticoes were torn off... (Cain, 227).
In another foxhole a mortar shell tore off a man's arm below the elbow (Yank, 19).

tea room. A cafe, restaurant, which serves dainty dishes, light meals.

Yes, the tea room on the roof (Cain, 35).
...I'm just about holding my own if I eat in the tea room instead of the Biltmore (Cain, 41).

to tear out. To remove; to disassemble and remove.

Yet, when they tore out that second fireplace, there was the great big one... Marquand, 110).

tears (roll, run) down ---. One weeps, cries.

...tears ran down our cheeks (Pyle, 378).
It is said -- though J. E. Woodward, the husky crew chief denies it -- that big tears rolled down his face when... (Yank, 85).
...and tears ran down their faces... (Cain, 128).

tears trickle down ---. One weeps, cries.

Tears trickled down his cheeks and splashed... (Yank, 164).
Tears were trickling down her cheeks, but she stood slim, straight, and defiant... (Gardner, 20).

to tear to pieces.

1. To destroy by mutilating; to shred; to tear to shreds.

...and not to tip over the flowers because the flowers were meant to be looked at and not to be torn to pieces (Marquand, 58).

2. To criticize unfavorably.

'Don't come here and tear me to pieces," Jim said, "it isn't fair" (Marquand, 297).

to tear up. To destroy; to break in pieces.

The engineers were very careful throughout the campaign about tearing up native property (Pyle, 64).
It was strictly against the rules, so the proposal was torn up (Pyle, 426).
But Monty took the card and tore it up (Cain, 126).
Mildred...tore up the card Mr. Simons had given her (Cain, 207).
Tear it up (Gardner, 172).
He said that no repairs are ever made by day and that never a day goes by that wires aren't torn up by shell fire (Yank, 60).

tea trade. Late afternoon selling of refreshments.

...my tea trade starts... (Cain, 175).

technically speaking. Stating precisely, exactly; strictly speaking.

Teachnically speaking, his post was in the surface, horizon, and... (Yank, 46).

teen ager. One who is in one's teens, that is one who is between 13 -- 19 years old.

I never knew teen-agers could be so serious (Readers Digest, April, 1941, 72).
The right cotton dress can turn a gangling Teen-Ager into a glamour girl (Good Housekeeping, May, 1943, 58).

teeth chatter. One's teeth strike against each other due to nervousness, fright, cold or the like.

Both doctors studied Ray in silence, the chattering of her teeth the only sound in the room (Cain, 102).
Ray's teeth stopped chattering and her face lost the blue look (Cain, 102).
She sat down, watched Ray's face turn white, then blue; when the little teeth began to chatter she looked away (Cain, 102).

the telegraph desk. The position on a neespaper at which news other than the local news is received.

At any rate, Walter used to sit at the telegraph desk and when the Associated Press dispatches popped out of the tube... (Marquand, 16).

telephone booth. A small room, booth, in which is located a public telephone; phone booth; pay station.

Mason entered the telephone booth, said, "Hello, is this the night clerk of the Border City Hotel?" (Gardner, 174).

She must have been opening the door of the telephone booth, for he could hear the dance music playing louder (Marquand, 440).

a telephone call. A message, conversation, by means of a telephone.

Hogarty was interrupted by a lot of telephone calls, and he hadn't eaten any dinner and neither had I (Gardner, 191).

telephone desk. A desk, table, on which a telephone sits.

Gertrude Lade looked up from the telephone desk as Mason approached (Gardner, 59).

to telephone in. To report by means of a telephone; to phone in.

...the order had been telephoned in to the restaurant right around five minutes to eight (Gardner, 63).

telephone line. Telephone wires, circuit.

Our office telephone line and my apartment line have been tapped... (Gardner, 116).

telephone pole. A long, 20 feet or more, pole which supports telephone and telegraph wires.

It got the Jerries so sore they'd shoot anybody they caught standing near a telephone pole (Yank, 26).

the telephone rings. The bell connected to a telephone rings to announce that someone wants to talk on the phone.

Drake started to say something when one of the telephones rang (Gardner, 64).
The telephone rang (Gardner, 88).

telescopic sights. A telescope which is fastened to a rifle so that the person shooting may sight better and more accurately.

We need more Springfield-'03 men with telescopic sights (Yank, 149).
He has telescopic sights (Yank, 149).

to tell about. To recite, tell, regarding, concerning.

Told me all about his girl Lois (Yank, 166).
...customers who kept telling her about Veda's picture... (Cain, 212).
...she...even told about the two $2,500 checks... (Cain, 249).
...she must tell Miss Jaekel about the check... (Cain, 243).
...she told about Mr. Lenhardt (Cain, 198).
...Mildred told about Elaine, the drinking... (Cain, 198).

Not to be able to tell about. Not to be able to predict actions, understand wholly.

Mason said, "You can't tell about kids these days, Paul" (Gardner, 126).

to tell --- and to tell ---. To tell one repeatedly; to reiterate.

I've told you and I've told you Gwen is simply going through a phase (Marquand, 535).

to tell the difference. To recognize, see, differences.

The men down in engine control couldn't tell the difference between hits and the noise of their own guns (Yank, 47).

to tell --- flatly. To speak unequivocally; to speak clearly without ambiguity.

Some briefing officers will tell you flatly you won't get any flak, and then when you get there it just pours down (Pyle, 209).

to tell from. To know, understand, comprehend, by.

I can tell from the way she was wailing over that phone that it's bad... (Cain, 182).

to tell --- off. To reprimand one; to bawl one out; to reprove one.

The old woman had been grousing about the shortage of various commodities, and that little ill-nouished cockney cab driver had told her off (Marquand, 40).
...same paralyzed, shrunken feeling she had had the morning Miss Turner told her off... (Cain, 169).

to tell --- self. To rationalize; to cause oneself to believe.

She told herself it was her duty to be helping somebody... (Cain, 144).
It was merely, she told herself, that a resolve had to be made... (Cain, 160).

to tell a story. To relate an occurrence; to tell about a happening.

Mildred...had told the whole story... (Cain, 249).
She had to tell a long story to Miss Mackel, to cover her inability to make another transfer (Cain, 245).
...telling them a story about toilet paper (Cain, 186).

to tell time. To discern what the hour is.

I always go by that in telling the time (Gardner, 148).

to tell --- troubles. To tell about, recite, speak of, one's troubles, difficulties.

They told me their troubles... (Pyle, 333).

to tell the truth.

1. Truthfully; really. (This is used as an intensive.)

To tell you the truth, it didn't impress me much at the time (Gardner, 82).
To tell you the truth, Mr. Mason, I thought I'd interrupted a smutty story (Gardner, 82).

2. To be truthful; to speak only that which is true.

Monty, why don't you tell the truth? (Cain, 147).
So I thought maybe he was telling me the truth now (Cain, 232).

to tell --- where to get off. To reprimand one, to bawl one out; to reprove one.

They tried to shake me down, and I told them where they got off (Gardner, 55).

--- temper flares. One suddenly gets very angry, mad.

As Mom made her dozenth remark about Mildred's disappearance over the weekend, Mildred's temper flared (Cain, 97).

--- temper grows hot. One gets angry, mad.

...her temper growing hotter and hotter... (Cain,215).

--- temper rises. One gets angry, mad.

His tightening face muscles showed his temper was rising, and he opened his mouth to say something. (Cain, 4).

tender hearted. Kind; kind hearted; gentle.

You're tender-hearted actually (Marquand, 269).

a ten gallon hat. A hat popularized by the U.S. cowboy made of felt with a high crown and a broad brim.

So he bought a ten-gallon hat, took possession of the ranch, and tried to operate it... (Cain, 6).

a ten minute break. A ten minute recess.

Ten-minute breaks...they'll never get in shape that way (Yank, 149).

a tennis court. A playing field for the game of tennis; a rectangle 78' x 27' for singles, and 78' x 36' for doubles.

Consequently battlefields were often only the size of a football field or even a couple of tennis courts (Yank, 52).

tennis flannels. Slacks, trousers, of white flannel.

Minot was in tennis flannels, white buckskin shoes and a tweed coat (Marquand, 256).

a tense moment. A moment when people are tense from fright, anxiety, or the like.

But we had our tense moments (Pyle, 33).

tent caterpillar. Any of several species of caterpillars which build large tent-like, silken, webs in trees in which they live in a colony.

In fact, just between himself and Mr. Wilson it made him feel easier when there was a good crop of tent caterpillars (Marquand, 516).

a tent hospital. An army hospital which is housed in tents.

We had a tent hospital... (Pyle, 369).

tent peg. A stake, peg, usually of wood, which is driven into the ground and to which is tied the ropes which keep a tent from falling.

...he had been hit by shoes, tent pegs, canteens and helmets (Yank, 183).
...eau de vie is a savage liquid made by boiling barbed wire, soapsuds, watch springs, and old tent pegs together... (Pyle, 378).

terminal leave. Accrued leave, vacation, which a service man earns but does not use and for which he receives full pay before his separation, discharge, from the service.

On terminal leave now prior to his discharge next Saturday Maj. Evans is in New York... (BN, Oct., 1945, 20).

a terrible time. Great difficulty.

The metal in the lava threw our mine detector helter-skelter, and we had a terrible time finding the mines (Pyle, 60).

terribly nice. Nice; good; kind.

...that's terribly nice of you... (Cain, 266).

to be terrified by. To be frightened by, at.

Emily Milicant, speaking rapidly, said, "Alden was simply terrified by that sanitarium" (Gardner, 108).

test flight. A flight in a new airplane to discover any weaknesses it may have.

.....The Zeros
That stunned Pearl Harbor took their test flights
At Khalchingol (Yank, 153).

to test fly. To fly a new or newly repaired airplane to test it for weaknesses.

It was known that machines were extensively test-flown both in England and America (Brit. Book of the Year, 1944, 31).

to testify on. To give evidence regarding, concerning, about.

We have Dr. Londonberry, who is here to testify on that point... (Gardner, 29).

tete-a-tete. (Fr. literally "head to head"). Close together; side by side; immediately adjacant to each other.

...when you and your companion would sit side by side, tete-a-tete, or perhaps a little more than tete-a-tete (Marquand, 318).

than ever. Than it, one, ever had been.

...I got weaker than ever in Anzio (Pyle, 233).

thanks ever so much. Many thanks, a thousand thanks.

No, thanks ever so much (Cain, 104).

thanks a lot. Many thanks; a thousand thanks.

Mason said, "Okay thanks a lot" (Gardner, 174).
Well, thanks a lot (Yank, 193).
"Thanks a lot," he said (Gardner, 55).
"Gee, Alf," Jeffrey said, "thanks a lot" (Marquand, 154).
"Gosh," Jim said, "well gosh, Uncle Minot, thanks a lot" (Marquand, 74).
"Well, gosh, thanks a lot" (Marquand, 74).

thanks to. Due to; because of; on account of.

...the supplies to the boys...still went through every day thanks to a fleet of jeep trailers... (Yank, 179).
But thanks to your new system of writing out the "stories"...we now are able to... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 22).

thank you. Thanks be to you; thanks.

Your paid gigolo thanks you (Cain, 145).
And thank you, nurse... (Yank, 156).
...thank you for publishing my letter (Yank, 213).
Thank you, Mrs. Biederhof (Cain, 104).

than hell. (An intensive.)

The Japs are dumber'n hell... (Yank, 53).

than usual. Than is usually the case.

...they got into the plane a little earlier than usual and the silence... (Yank, 87).

that easy. As easy as that.

You'll...be lucky to get out of it that easy (Pyle, 316).

that is. That is to say; specifically.

We know everyone who entered...everyone, that is, that went to the sixth floor (Gardner, 81).

that (i)'s all. That is the sum, total, of something.

We're lonesome, that's all (Yank, 160).
The relatives are closing in on the old man, that's all (Gardner, 14).
I read you Conway's description, that was all (Gardner, 55).
That's all--just three (Marquand, 441).
We wanted to tell you the news, that's all (Marquand, 438).
Madge is afraid he'll marry her. That's all (Marquand, 449).
I think that's all (Gardner, 29).
"I think that's all," Judge Treadwell observed (Gardner, 28).
They were going away for a year; that was all (Yank, 22).
He just waits, that's all... (Pyle, 437).
...if they tell me to keep on flying them I'll just keep on flying, that's all (Pyle, 244).
You just don't get sick--that's all (Pyle, 253).
Well, that's all (Marquand, 381).

that (i)'s all there is to it. That is the sum, total, of it.

He did not like the Germans, and that was all there was to it (Marquand, 227).
And that was all there was to it, except that Madge loved them (Marquand, 106).
"That's all there is to it," said the corporal (Yank, 30).
That was all there was to it--a slightly sordid affair, and anyone could see that Mr. Fernald was not... (Marquand, 198).
That was all there was to it (Marquand, 198).

that (i)'s the beauty of it. That is the good part of something.

That's the beauty of it. Once you take title to a piece of property around this town...you can get all the credit you want... (Cain, 79).

that (i)'s the end of it. That represents, is, the last that will be done, said, about something.

Jack thought Bob was being facetious and supposed that was the end of it (Pyle, 127).

that (i)'s for sure. That is sure, certain, positive.

That's for sure (Yank, 53).

that (i)'s --- for you. That is the way, manner, one can expect from someone, something.

That was Japan for you (Marquand, 510).

that (i)'s him. That is he.

Gertrude Lade said, "That's him all right" (Gardner, 201).
I could point at Judge Knox, and yell, 'That's him' (Gardner, 206).
In the second place, all she said was, 'That's him' (Gardner, 206).
She said, 'That's him' (Gardner, 207).

that (i)'s the point. That is the crux of the matter, the main, important point.

"That's exactly the point," Jeffrey told her

that (i)'s right. That is correct, one agrees.

That's right, and the two guys--I mean men--were in the bedroom (Gardner, 145).
...said thoughtfully, "I guess that's right" (Gardner, 199).

that (i)'s that. That is a fact or an assumption with which there is no use arguing.

He wanted to get back to New York and to his Connecticut farm, and that was that (Marquand, 454).
And that was that (Marquand, 416).

that (i)'s the ticket. (A term of approval, assurance, that one is doing the right thing.)

"That's the ticket, kid," he said (Marquand, 156).

that (i)'s the way it is. That is the situation, condition.

That was the way it is (Yank, 188).

that (i)'s what you think. That is not true.

"That's what you think," Drake said (Gardner, 68).

that (i)'s your funeral. You must take care, responsibility for that; that is your lookout.

Drake shrugged his shoulders, "That's your funeral, sister" (Gardner, 163).

that lets --- out. That relieves one of responsibility.

That lets me out (Gardner, 96).

that (wi)ll do. Who, that, will be sufficient, good enough.

Your kid Pancho has a pal that'll do, by the name of Josie (Cain, 151).

to thaw out. To melt what ice there is in something; hence to warm up to become warm.

...she asked him to help her pull the sofa near the fire so that she could see that he got thawed out (Marquand, 205).

the East. The east coast of the U.S.; particularly the coast near New York City.

It was after eleven in the East when the operator said that the party was ready (Marquand, 581).

them all. All of them.

She shook hands with them all... (Cain, 127).
She brought them all back to the den, and Bert took a seat... (Cain, 53).
...the ol' boy had phone calls from all over the country, but he let them all wait (Yank, 225).
Sometimes low clouds...scrambled them all into one gigantic roar... (Pyle, 383).
...he had captured them all himself (Pyle, 337).

then and then only (only then). Not until then, that time.

Then, and then only, did some Italian families move out (Pyle, 238).

then and afterwards. At that time and since that time.

It was the sort of byplay, indirectly connected with sex, that embarrassed Jeffrey then, and afterwards (Marquand, 262).

then and there. At that time and at that place; immediately.

She wanted to bring her right in, then and there (Cain, 110).

there comes a day. A time comes; the time arrives.

But there came a day when Reserve, on the books, was $5,003.61 and at the bank was $3.61 (Cain, 245).

there --- goes. One is doing something one should not do.

There you go, taking advantage of the power of the press (Pyle, 313).
"There you go," he said (Marquand, 379).

there (i)'s always room for --- more. (Said by way of invitation when one hesitates because of the already existing crowd.)

The mourners' bench is full, and still it seems
there's always room for more (Yank, 153).

there (i)'s money in. One is able to make, earn, much money from.

Desperately she went on: "There's money in a restaurant, if it's run right..." (Cain, 74).

there (i)'s more than one way to skin a cat. There may be several ways to do a thing.

As they say, there's more than one way to skin a cat (Pyle, 171).

there (i)'s no end. It seems to be endless; it appears to be continuous.

There wasn't any end to it (Pyle, 279).

there (i)'s nothing the matter. Nothing is wrong; everything is all right.

"There's nothing the matter with him," Jeffrey answered, "nothing the matter at all" (Marquand, 391).

there (i)'s nothing to it. It is simple, easy, not complicated.

Yet there was almost nothing to it (Pyle, 29).

there (i)'s nothing to do but. The only thing to do (is).

There was nothing to do but drive as straight as he dared without losing his wings (Marquand, 230).

there (i)'s no way (of, to). There is no method, manner, possibility, of, to.

They were going and there was no way of going back (Marquand, 583).
He knew her about as well as anyone, and yet there was no way of knowing what was attitude and what was not... (Marquand, 435).

...East Indies, or Australia, or Hawaii -- he hoped to heaven it might only be Hawaii, but there was no way of telling (Marquand, 583).
There's no way in the world...of keeping the Japs from coming in at night... (Yank, 145).
There was no way of telling that he would know the Hayes place very well... (Marquand, 261).
Now with that little pip on her lip there was no way to tell (Cain, 101).
I don't know, and there's no way to tell (Cain, 100).

there isn't anything --- can do about it. One cannot do anything in regard to it.

"Marianna," he said, "there isn't anything we can do about it" (Marquand, 142).

there ought to be a law. (Jocular.) This, something, should not be done.

There ought to be a law (Pyle, 125).

there (i)'s something in what --- says. There is some truth, wisdom, in what one says.

...as the summer had gone on, Jeffrey began to believe, as he looked about the place, that there might be something in what Madge said... (Marquand, 502).

there (i)'s a trick to. There is a certain manner of doing.

"There's a trick to this digging," said Halliburton... (Yank, 149).

there was a time. Once; at one time in the past.

There was a time...when he hoped he would be home in a few weeks (Yank, 22).

thermos jug. A bottle, jug, so insulated that it keeps liquids hot or cold for several hours.

It was bare except for a single manuscript, a thermos jug and a framed photograph of Jesse's wife... (Marquand, 267).

these days. Now; at the present time.

A lot of people play the ponies these days (Gardner, 126).
...seems to be writing handy pocket guides these days telling you how to keep from Getting Lost in a Jungle (Yank, 96).

they all. All of them; most of them.

They all fought through the early German offensives, but now they are doing cultural work (Yank, 71).
...were happy when they all came back (Yank, 202).

...they all give the same answer: the International Red Cross (Yank, 219).
"It seemed they all wanted to get out at the same time," Mueller said (Yank, 53).
...but they all thought that Germany would win the war (Yank, 49).
...it fires more rounds per minute, but to me they all sound the same (Yank, 59).
They all knew every man on the team... (Pyle, 344).
They all went into the Army on the same day... (Pyle, 386).
Baby, they all do (Cain, 87).
At the moment it seemed that the only cash customers were bootleggers, but they all used light boats... (Cain, 18).
They all have to be timed... (Pyle, 362).
...they all work at it in much the same manner (Pyle, 363).
Mildred knew, and they all knew, that this was it (Cain, 237).
They all been drunk all afternoon (Yank, 11).
...and then they all came out as though shot from a gun (Pyle, 332).
Then the lights turned and they all moved by like a stream (Marquand, 54).
They all slept on folding cots... (Pyle, 207).
They all had the same good natured cynicism... (Marquand, 36).
They all took their coats off... (Marquand, 8).
...it seemed to me they should all be down with pneumonia inside of a week (Pyle 253).
They all went by the name of the "Diesel Boys" (Pyle, 425).
They all lived, officers and men... (Pyle, 157).
Not that they had all been killed (Pyle, 181).
...but they were all in official use in the fighting (Pyle, 462).
But don't worry, dear, they were all servicemen (Yank, 83).
At first I thought it meant they were all communists... (Yank, 27).
They were all 20 years old, except one who was 19, and all had fought in Russia (Yank, 49).
They were all columned up (Yank, 53).
They are all proud of the fact that they are of the South... (Yank, 213).
They were all out in ten seconds (Pyle, 348).
...they were all broke and had to borrow money... (Yank, 184).
...the kind they're all wearing... (Cain, 155).
They're all home, sitting by their phones, hoping I'll call (Cain, 39).
They're all laid off, there's no goods moving, but I don't see how I could put you ahead of them (Cain, 39).

they both. Both of them.

He was glad that they were both brave and not afraid of examinations, but now that they both had said so... (Marquand, 185).

they say. The rumor is; it is rumored.

They say you can tell a German Spandau from our guns because... (Yank, 59).
They said you never saw such a scramble... (Pyle, 191).
The great plains around Foggia were capapble, they said, of basing all the air forces in the world (Pyle, 156).
...they say after you've been here a year or so, you start turning a little whacky (Yank, 30).

They say of Addington that he has a one-track mind... (Yank, 20).

they tell me. It is rumored; rumor has it.

They tell me it was the first time in history that such a thing had ever been accomplished (Pyle, 26).

things are not going very well. The situation is not good; something is not functioning as it should.

If things weren't going well enough on a certain ship, he would say to the Army officer in charge... (Pyle, 277).

a thing of the past. Something that has happened and is done with; something no longer vital.

Let us discuss them, now that they are a thing of the past... (Yank, 140).

the thing to do. To be done; to do.

Standing up against Germany wasn't considered the fashionable thing to do in Europe... (Yank, 218).

to think about. To think, concerning, regarding.

...after she cooled off she thought about it (Cain, 189).
...not even thinking about her... (Cain, 189).
You might wonder why you were there, but there was a great deal else to think about... (Marquand, 220).
...the rest of the regiment will break its back to see that they don't have anything else to think about (Yank, 197).
That's all they have to think about... (Yank, 197).
Some things, to be sure, she tried not to think about... (Cain, 235).
She...drove herself with work so as not to think about it (Cain, 219).
She wanted...to think about Veda (Cain, 233).
I was sitting there thinking about things when a little Italian farmer came up... (Yank, 11).

to think again. To reconsider.

"Better think again," Mason said, "because I'm going to prove what I say, Serle" (Gardner, 200).

to think and think. To consider carefully.

Sally Sales, too, must have thought and thought about what she was going to wear... (Marquand, 527).

to think back over. To think of what has happened, been said, in the past.

He seemed to hold his breath for a moment as though thinking rapidly back over what had been said... (Gardner, 6).

to think better of it. To change one's mind; to reconsider.

Then he thought better of it (Cain, 4).

to think highly of. To think very well of; to have a good opinion of.

...its members thought highly of it (Marquand, 34).

to think it time. To consider, think, it to be the right, proper, auspicious, time.

...Mildred thought it time to jog her up a bit (Cain, 183).

to think the less of. To have a lower, poorer, worse, opinion of.

He must have seen that it would spoil everything and that Minot would think the less of him... (Marquand, 257).

to think a lot of. To have a high regard, opinion, of.

I bet she really thinks a lot of you (Yank, 143).
I don't see him much, but I think a lot of Jim (Marquand, 396).

not to think much about ---. To think little of; not to enter one's mind about.

Nobody thought much about it when he and the 64 other Jamestown boys left for Camp Clairborne, La. (Yank, 22).

think nothing of it. That's all right; it doesn't matter; pas de quoi.

Don't mind Jeff...think nothing of it (Marquand, 31).

to think of. To consider; to think regarding, concerning.

She must stall, say this was something she hadn't thought of before... (Cain, 247).
...the moment she thought of it she tried not to think of it... (Cain, 151).
The outfit that pays me to be their attorney, and messenger boy, and thief, and anything else they can think of (Cain, 78).
...but she had Veda to think of... (Cain, 127).
He retained something that he thought of as his pride, but it had no meaning... (Cain, 144).
There was nothing else that he could think of doing, and so he walked carefully... (Marquand, 234).
...she began remembering people she hadn't thought of before (Cain, 238).
You see, Mildred, just happens we already thought of that (Cain, 201).
Why did you think of me, for this? (Cain, 40).
...Ida to think of too... (Cain, 127).

Mr. Fernald must have still thought of him as a boy, as his old boss began to tell him... (Marquand, 194).
He leaned back in an effort to think of something else to say (Marquand, 186).
...everybody began putting ice cubes into glasses, trying to think of something to say (Marquand, 30).

to think on --- feet. To speak impromptu fluently and logically before an audience.

...Charley was marshaling his facts, thinking on his feet, just as he had been taught to do when he had won the Judkins Prize for Extemporaneous Speaking (Marquand, 506).

to think out. To reach a decision; to think through a problem.

A pilot sat up there and thought it out this way... (Pyle, 163).

to think --- over. To consider carefully; to think about with care.

But if you wanted to think it over, and if you had any ideas later...
I remembered some of the conversation more clearly after I'd had a chance to think it over (Gardner, 194).
On the other hand, if an author wanted to think it over and wanted to come to him... (Marquand, 336).
She thought that over silently, then shook her head... (Gardner, 75).
The Jap and his comrades thought that over... (Yank, 7).
Then he said: "Well, Mildred, I told youI'd think that little matter over, and I have." (Cain, 85).

to think sure. To be sure, certain; to feel positive(ly).

The Brass Rail nosedived about 4,000 feet and everybody in it thought sure they were goners (Yank, 207).

to think up. To invent.

...saying...how did he ever think up something like that... (Cain, 138).
Then he thought it up, and we break though his bull headedness (Cain, 66).
She thought up little schemes to find out their names, remembered all their little likes, dislikes... (Cain, 63).
Answers will be uncovered faster than you can think up the questions (Gardner, 83).
"Who thought up all this?" he groused (Yank, 130).
This is some trick they've thought up (Gardner, 37).

thin lips. Lips without fullness.

...long straight nose, thin features, red hair, thin lips, always wears double-breasted suits (Gardner, 90).

the thinning ranks. The decreasing numbers of comrades, friends, soldiers, due to death.

The worst experience of all is just the accumulated blue...the thinning of the surrounding ranks as day follows aameless day (Pyle, 451).

to thin out. To become fewer at one place; to spread out; to separate and not be close to each other.

...the road-crew units thinned out to a mere sprinkling of men... (Yank, 197).
Beyond there the roadside soldiers thinned out (Pyle, 247).

a thin voice. A voice without much chest resonance; a weak voice.

In a thin voice he wailed... (Yank, 241).

the third degree. The forcing a prisoner to confess, or to talk by brutal treatment at the hands of the police.

They think they have the right to pull any of this third degree stuff, that if we do it, we're shysters (Gardner, 205).

third rate. Ineffective; poor; not good.

They were a third-rate military power and now that we had cut off shipments... (Marquand, 510).
On the whole the natives seemed a pretty third-rate lot (Pyle, 31).

this and that. Nothing in particular. (Used to avoid being specific.)

"Oh, this and that," Jeffrey told her (Marquand, 67).
"Well, what else have you been doing?" "Oh, this and that," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 49).
I had to laugh one afternoon when Lieutenant Tony Libertore...was lying on the ground with several of the sergeants sitting around him, just gabbing about this and that (Pyle, 187).
This and that (Cain, 142).
She was asking whether he noticed this and that, and he was saying yes, that he had noticed (Marquand, 489).

this here. This.

This here road is paved with bad intentions (Yank, 179).

this is the end. This is the final moment before death.

...now we felt sure this was the end (Yank, 168).

this is good bye. Goodbye.

"Well, I guess this is good-bye, Jane," I stammer (Yank, 189).

this is it. This is the real, genuine, thing.

When I walked in, they laughed and said, "This must be it. Every time you'd show up in Tunisia, we'd have a battle" (Pyle, 261).

this side of. Not in but adjacant to something on the side nearest the speaker.

...forced landing this side of Occupied China... (Yank, 119).

this time. Then; at a particular time.

And this time the Japs were more accurate with their fire (Yank, 93). This time there was at least a battalion of Japs attacking the Dead End Kids (Yank, 93).

this way and that. First in one direction and then in another.

...and twitched his head this way and that... (Pyle, 285).

(this, that) will never do. This is improper, wrong, out of place.

That would never do (Marquand, 251).

a thoughtful look. An expression on the face which implies one is thinking seriously.

She gave her mother a long, thoughtful look... (Cain, 179).

a thousand and one. Many, many; a great deal; a lot.

They did a thousand and one things on their leave, and it did them good (Pyle, 329).

a thousand to one. Almost impossible odds against, for.

...the man was a taxi driver, and Jeffrey was a fare, and the chances were about a thousand to one that they would never meet again... (Marquand, 55).

to thrash about. To search for hastily.

Thrashing about for a new sultan, somebody remembered the great-grandson of Hamid II (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

three on a match. (It is considered unlucky for three persons to light cigarettes from the same match.)

The last war's phobia against three-on-a-match was almost unheard of (Pyle, 176).

three quarters coat. A woman's coat which comes about halfway between the hip and the knee.

...she harped on the three-quarter mink coat... (Cain, 190).

a three year hitch. A three year enlistment in one of the armed services.

...I cannot wear a hash mark for that three-year hitch... (Yank, 172).

to thresh --- out. To discuss fully and to come to a conclusion.

...they threshed it out (Cain, 257).

a thriving trade. A good trade; much business.

...Los Angeles restaurants...did a thriving trade (Cain, 244).

through action of. As a result of an action of.

...a GI may have no more than two-thirds of his pay taken away through action of a courtmartial... (Yank, 174).

through and through. Through; absolutely, wholly, through.

I grabbed a rifle from a nearby MP and shot the punster through and through before he had me in stitches (Pyle, 190).

through channels. According to regulations by writing to one's immediate superior who in turn passes the message on to his superior and so on.

So my friends have requested, through channels, that I write a piece about How to Get Lost in a Jungle (Yank, 96).

through the mill. In great stress and strain of difficulties, hardships, etc.

Men...who had been through the mill so long and so boldly, began to get nerves (Pyle, 353).

He wore an Expert Rifleman's badge and soon would have the proud badge of Combat Infantryman, worn only by those who had been through the mill (Pyle, 449).

They tell me all the soldiers who have been through the mill and have returned to America are like that (Pyle, 84).

through the tears. While weeping, crying.

Through the tears...Mildred seemed to sense what he meant (Cain, 259).

through thick and thin. In difficulties, hardships, trouble, as well as in good times.

...leaders, whom enlisted men would always have followed through thick and thin... (Yank, 216).

to be through with. To be finished with, ended with.

They would be through with their infidelities the next morning and would be reconciled... (Marquand, 83).
There was no use thinking any longer that someone who belonged to you might live in your house after you were through with it (Marquand, 93).
He was pale and he was shaken, but he was through with it (Marquand, 166).
You were through with it for this time, but something was waiting to call your number... (Marquand, 220).

to throw --- arms around ---. To embrace; to hug. (This implies eagerness, quickness.)

...the paratrooper threw his arms around the middle-aged nurse... (Yank, 224).

to throw around. To distribute indiscriminantly.

If we're going to start throwing sergeancies around, let's not forget the corporal... (Yank, 237).

to throw away. To discard; to get rid of.

I'd driven a knife through its heart, and locked it up, and thrown the key away... (Cain, 232).
...the soldier took out the needles...and threw the rest away (Yank, 141).
...under difficulties that would have forced most artists to throw away their pencils and pads in despair (Yank, 77).
...I threw it away around the next bend (Pyle, 376).
...if an American cook tried to help out and touched the pan, the whole batch had to be thrown away (Pyle, 229).
Now he had thrown away his one chance (Marquand, 91).
We all threw our seasickness medicine away... (Pyle, 348).
I thought about throwing away my rifle so I could scramble more quickly (Yank, 21).
Failure to throw away ammunition was a court martial offense (Pyle, 9).
There were big stacks of thrown-away life belts (Pyle, 336).

to throw back. To throw in return; to throw something at another who has first thrown it to one.

The Japs threw back two of the grenades... (Yank, 145).

to throw back --- shoulders. To square (one's) shoulders; to straighten one's back; to stand erect.

...as he went down the walk, his hat at what was intended to be a jaunty angle, his shoulders thrown bravely back (Cain, 87).
Then he threw back his shoulders and marched straight into the room (Yank, 200).

to throw the book at ---. To give one a stiff judicial sentence; to sentence one in court to the fullest extent allowed by law.

They could have thrown the book at him a dozen different ways (Gardner, 89).

to throw down. To drop.

An interpreter told the Japs to throw down their weapons... (Yank, 52).
When the men of the carrying party got back, they threw themselves down and started to light up (Yank, 59).

to throw a game. To allow another to win a game by not performing at one's best.

...I got the team together and told them we had better throw the game and let the Japs save face (Yank, 186).

to throw in.

1. To throw something inward, into a place.

He worked by familiar formula, throwing in his little grenades... (Yank, 6).
...they will back away a bit and throw in hand grenades (Yank, 10).

2. To add; to complement.

Hout had been in the Navy for two years and was on his ninth round trip across the Atlantic, with a couple of invasions thrown in (Pyle, 95).
...Hot Jeep would go out and pick up enough to make up the deficit, with maybe one or two extras thrown in (Yank, 139).
Our artillery, TDs,...were thrown in to add strength to a line that was thin (Yank, 245).
There was no use throwing in the whole company, for there was room for only so many (Pyle, 67).

to throw in --- lot with. To share one's fortune with; to work together and share together with.

She came up to the claim as a young woman who wanted to throw in her lot with two prospectors... (Gardner, 180).

to throw --- into. To become a part of; to do something with energy.

He could see as Marianna glanced at the house and Alf that she was obviously trying to throw herself into a part without knowing just where to throw herself (Marquand, 482).

to throw off.

1. To drop; to discard temporarily.

...we threw off our blankets (Pyle, 393).
I threw off my pack and sat down (Yank, 21).

2. To cause to lose rhythm, tempo, equanimity.

...a Stabat Mater...is tricky...sing against accompaniment t'row a singer all off (Cain, 218).

to throw off balance. To cause to lose one's balance; to cause to stumble or almost fall.

...the water would slosh around inside, throw the packers off balance and make it doubly hard to walk (Pyle, 147).

to throw off the (track,trail). To cause another to lose the proper direction or to proceed in a wrong course.

Then was when I had the idea of throwing the authorities off the track by going out as Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 182).
...never have robbed the corpse -- not unless he had done so in an attempt to throw the officers off the trail (Gardner, 211).

to throw --- off --- stride. To interrupt and cause one to lose one's rhythm, tempo, equanimity.

It always threw a smart bird off his stride when you kept changing the tack of your questions (Yank, 90).

to throw on. To switch on; to turn on.

Inside; she groped her way to the switchbox, and threw on the neon sign (Cain, 96).

to throw --- on --- face. To drop to a prone position; to fall on one's face.

The four men by the plane threw themselves on their faces, then were up, running for the crest of the hill... (Marquand, 235).

to throw out.

1. To get rid of; to cause to leave, go away.

They were afraid of burglary, fire, or their wives' throwing the securities out along with the old Irish Sweepstakes tickets (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 25).
...a betrayal of a fear that he might have been thrown out if Mr. Roberts were not expecting him for lunch (Marquand, 241).
No, I was thrown out on the world when I was a child (Gardner, 52).
Sometimes they had to throw out bundles of pamphlets as well as drop bombs... (Pyle, 209).
The front, unperturbed, sent back word to throw him out (Yank, 276).
They t'rew me out because I have t.b.... (Marquand, 9).
T.b.; they t'rew me out (Marquand, 9).
"They t'rew me out," the other said (Marquand, 9).

2. To give off; to radiate.

They burned wood or coal in it, and it threw out terrific heat (Pyle, 326-7).

to throw out at the back door. To discard as useless, worthless.

...Ted Dailey threw the small details of military discipline out at the back door... (Pyle, 261).

to throw out of step. To cause to lose rhythm, tempo.

...Monty might throw her out of step with this precious career... (Cain, 130).

to throw over --- arm. To drape over one's arm; to carry on one's arm as a coat, piece of cloth, or the like.

...out for a Saturday swim, the beach bag dangling innocently from her hand, the coat thrown carelessly over one arm (Cain, 91).

to throw a punch. To hit; to strike.

Right at that moment he threw a verbal punch to the solar plexus of the Italians (Yank, 128).
They worked like a good body puncher, moving in all the time, throwing short, hard punches (Yank, 33).

to throw rank around. To be ostentatious with one's rank, position, in the armed services by ordering persons of lower rank carelessly, heedlessly, overbearingly.

The officers who...throw their rank around... (Yank, 216).

to throw together. To assemble hurriedly, rapidly, and without care.

We threw our stuff together (Pyle, 353).

to throw up.

1. To erect; to build; to construct.

For nearly a year they had been hammering at the wall of defense the Germans had thrown up (Pyle, 219).
The mountains are thrown up in spasms and the rocks seem torn apart (Yank, 70).

2. To cause to ascend, go up.

One shell struck the water fifty yards behind us and threw up a geyser of spray (Pyle, 23).

Every gun threw up a fiendish flame when it went off, and the black night was pierced like a sieve with the flashes of hundreds of big guns. (Pyle, 116).

to throw up --- hands. (A gesture used to imply defeat, disgust, disapproval.)

Even the commanding general just threw up his hands and gave up (Pyle, 411).
...she threw up her hands in horror, "Mother! I can't be dressed up!" (Cain, 133).

to throw up a window. To open a window by raising it.

He strode around, throwing up windows, going out back and opening doors. (Cain, 92).

a thumbnail sketch. A brief sketch, recital, recapitulation

Well, there you had it in a nutshell, or in a thumbnail sketch, if you wanted it put that way (Marquand, 349).

to thumb a ride. To hitch hike; to ask another to give one a ride by pointing one's thumb in the direction one wishes to go.

Thumbing a ride you are driven down along the beach a couple of miles... (Yank, 39).

thumbs up. (A gesture used for encouragement, victory.)

"Well, hi ho to you," Mrs. Newcombe said again, "and thumbs up and V for Victory with your fingers" (Marquand, 353).
...the age-old quarrels of Europe...pulling their chestnuts out...Thumbs up... V for Victory... (Marquand, 464).
That was the spirit of everything that Walter had seen -- thumbs up (Marquand, 350).
When Walter Newcombe said "thumbs up" it was a silly travesty (Marquand, 350).
They...exchanged thumbs-up signs... (Yank, 120).

to thwart --- at every turn. To interfere with, impede, one repeatedly.

She had a recurrence of her bitter fury against Bert, and the way he seemed to thwart her at every turn (Cain, 80).

to tick by. To pass, as time. (This is used to intensify the passage of time.)

Minutes ticked by (Yank, 92).

to tickle the keys. To play the piano.

...he should worry whether he could tickle the keys or not (Cain, 139).

a ticklish business. A difficult, exacting, affair.

It's a ticklish business assembling scores of planes into formation at night (Pyle, 323).

to tick off. To pass, be reviewed, singly, one at a time.

The events of the last few days began ticking themselves off in her mind (Cain, 205).

to tick on. To continue ticking.

But the clock was ticking inexorably on, and she hurried back to work as soon as he left... (Cain, 118).

to tidy up. To clean up to wash up; to straighten up.

...if you want to tidy up, everything is ready in your Aunt Clara's room (Marquand, 95).

to be tied down. To have responsibilities, duties, which take one's time.

He didn't want to be tied down (Pyle, 213).

to be tied up.

1. To have an engagement, date.

I may be tied up (Cain, 3).
Presently he sighed, said he was tied up for tonight, "But look" (Cain, 21).

2. To be involved; to have connections.

It all tied up together (Marquand, 249).
...we have him tied up for his next two books as long as they aren't fiction (Marquand, 28).
...Milton hoped that Jeffrey was liquid, and particularly not tied-up in chemicals (Marquand, 400).

to tie in.

1. To connect; to associate.

You can see where it all ties in (Gardner, 87).

2. To fasten within by tying.

...he was tied in by his legs, and his rifle was strapped to a limb (Yank, 9).

to tie together. To fit together; to fall into place.

"Yes," Jeffrey said, "that certainly ties it all together" (Marquand, 10).

a tie up. A connection; an association.

He feels it makes a better tie-up and then of course we do quite a lot of sifting ourselves... (Cain, 35).

to tie up. To fasten with rope, string, or the like.

...you'll have to fold them, then tie them up and put the carrying handles on (Cain, 124).
...there were Italians tying up their grapevines and digging in the earth (Pyle, 206).
The USHS Acadia...tied up at the pier... (Yank, 223).
Tied them up good, so the limbs won't bend down when the avacados get big... (Cain, 3).
We were tied up along the waterfront street of a small port city... (Pyle, 226).

tight across the shoulders. Fitting the shoulders, as a coat or shirt, tightly.

They were too tight across the shoulders and too short in the sleeves... (Marquand, 254).

tight lipped. A condition of having the lips compressed, pursed.

She nodded, in tight-lipped silence (Gardner, 164).

a tight spot. A difficult, hazardous, perilous, situation.

We'd been pretty lucky in some tight spots... (Yank, 192).

to tilt back. To lean backwards as in a chair.

Mason, sizing up his man,...tilting back in his swivel chair, lit another cigarette and waited (Gardner, 56).
Then he tilted back in his chair... (Cain, 203).

the tilt of --- chin. The angle of one's chin.

...back from the temples, the tilt of the chin that was not too pointed but pronounced... (Marquand, 469).

time and again. Often; repeatedly.

Time and again the rattle came down over us (Pyle, 437).
Time and again they would say, "We've waited so long for you!" (Pyle, 460).
Time and again he went out of his way to do little things that would help me... (Pyle, 192).
Time and again as I lay in my tent I heard wounded soldiers discussing among themselves the wonderful treatment they had had at the hands of the medics (Pyle, 57).

not the time and (or) the place. Not auspicious; not proper; not favorable.

...it was not the proper time and place there in his room at the end of the afternoon... (Marquand, 520).
It was not the time and place (Marquand, 477).
It was not the time and the place to tell her, but he had to tell her (Marquand, 478).
It was not the time or the place (Marquand, 490).
...there never seemed to be an opportunity -- never the time or the place (Marquand, 543).

the time and the place. The proper hour, time, and the correct place.

I'll find out the time and the place for you (Yank, 99).

time and time again. Very often; repeatedly.

I've told him time and time again that he must quit associating with... (Gardner, 108).
Time and time again I met officers... (Pyle, 349).

the time comes. The moment arrives; it is time.

He was learning how to kill snipers before the time came for them to surrender (Pyle, 374).
When the time finally came... (Cain, 128).
The time will come when you will find yourself defending a guilty client (Gardner, 212).
...perhaps the time will come when you can be my friend, too (Yank, 174).
...the time had come to get action out of Wally... (Cain, 204).

time drags on. Time seems to pass, go by, slowly.

The time dragged on and we grew colder and stiffer (Pyle, 199).

time flies. Time seems to pass, go by, swiftly.

Bert said don't tell him, he simply didn't know what made the time fly (Cain, 58).

to be time for. To be the moment, time, at which something should be done.

It's time for evening chow... (Yank, 135).
And so it's time for chow... (Yank, 157).
And so it's time for bed (Yank, 157).

to be a time for everything. To be an auspicious, proper, time when certain things can be done.

Nothing was entirely new, and there was a time for everything (Marquand, 416).

time is running short. It is getting late; the time has about gone.

The time was running short and he was sitting there (Marquand, 583).

--- time is up. The time for one's services, obligations, responsibilities, is finished.

We supervisors don't stay more than six years in any one place, and my time is nearly up (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).
You were only sorry for him because his time was up (Marquand, 220).

a time killer. A method, manner, way, of passing time, occupying oneself in leisure.

...the favorite time killers are the movies (Yank, 234).

a time limit. A limit, end, of a specified time; a maximum of time which can be used.

A goal is what anyone overseas needs -- a definite time limit to shoot for (Pyle, 329).

time marches on. Time passes, goes on.

Time marched on like a crippled snail (Yank, 119).

the time of day. The hour; the time.

...this was the time of day when most of the attacks came (Yank, 61).

the time of night. The time in the night.

No matter what we asked him to do, or what the time of night it was... he did it good-naturedly... (Pyle, 409).

time on --- hands. Leisure; free time.

The captain had time on his hands and played gin rummy with me when I was worn out with writing (Pyle, 44).
It's more like having a piece of time on your hands that you can't relate to any other time (Marquand, 470).

time passes. Time goes on; time moves on.

Somehow, by a supreme effort of will, she made time pass (Cain, 101).

to be time to go. To be the moment, time, for departure, leaving.

Breakfast was over, it was time he was going (Marquand, 13).
When she came out with the little suitcase, the Pierces decided it was time to go (Cain, 109).

Times Square. A square in New York City, a very busy place, where Broadway, 42nd St. cross, and where 7th Avenue crosses Broadway on the diagonal. It is named after the New York Times buildin ; which is in the square.

They stopped for the traffic at Times Square, and then turned west... (Marquand, 281).
...where the Interborough and the B.M.T. entwined beneath the street, and then Times Square (Marquand, 266).
Although Times Square was crowded, it all seemed half-asleep (Marquand, 266).

a tin angel. A perfect person; one with no vices, bad habits.

I'm no tin angel myself (Gardner, 71).

a tin can. A can in which food is preserved. (It is actually made of steel and coated with tin.)

...and when someone stepped on a tin can my heart seemed to stop (Yank, 58).
He can take some tin cans, a pile of sand and a pint of gas, and do swell things to a can of bully or M. and V. (Yank, 36).

to tip --- hand. To disclose inadvertantly one's plans.

I tipped my hand (Gardner, 60).

a tip off. A surreptitious warning, disclosure.

Alden Leeds probably telephoned police the tip-off that got Serle's place raided (Gardner, 105).
Naturally, I told him it was Leeds that was responsible for the police tip-off (Gardner, 101-102).
Drake said, "Following your tip-off, Della had me check on the tenants above the sixth floor in that apartment house" (Gardner, 125).
What's more, you can't convict a man on a tip-off (Gardner, 97).
The raid was made on a tip-off from Alden Leeds (Gardner, 194).
I told him I thought it was on a tip-off from Alden Leeds (Gardner, 191).
It was a grudge tip-off (Gardner, 97).
...the only tip-off on his rank was the way the men addressed him (Yank, 253).
I was closed up on a tip-off (Gardner, 97).

to tip --- off. To warn; to advise someone of a possible action, event.

I heard about a soldier who wrote to his girl that he had been wounded, and then wrote to his mother and tipped her off that he had just made it up (Pyle, 137).
A disgruntled customer had tipped off the police, thinking to get revenge on Conway... (Gardner, 214).
A bar tender tipped me off (Gardner, 216).
But somebody kindly tipped her off (Cain, 15[illegible]).

to tip over. To cause to fall; to knock over, down.

You did not have to watch him and tell him not to pull the cigarettes off the table, and not to tip over the flowers... (Marquand, 58).

to tip toe. To walk quietly by walking on the balls of one's feet.

This broke Bert up again, and most of the guests tip-toed silently out (Cain, 108).

to tire of. To become satiated with; to have more than enough of.

He told Jesse that he was tired of reading books and seeing plays in which everyone was stepped on (Marquand, 554).
The four majors and I are tired of waiting outside for you girls (Yank, 160).
...he becomes a little tired of the so-called GI slang... (Yank, 164).

tissue paper. Very thin paper often used to wrap gifts.

All these he wrapped tenderly in tissue paper, and placed in the bottom of the biggest bag (Cain, 6).

to the bitter end. To the absolute finish, end.

She went on to the bitter end (Cain, 155).

to the bottom of the barrel. In despair; into an emotional decline.

Captain Mac said he kind of went to the bottom of the barrel over Ross (Pyle, 303).

to date. To the present time; till now.

They...had engaged in a half-dozen minor patrol skirmishes, but this was their heaviest action to date (Yank, 178).
The first...is the only one that has been delivered to date (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

to death. Too much; to a great extent. (This is used as an intensive.)

But word came around this afternoon that six men were to be picked for rest camp and boy, they've been sirring me to death every since... (Pyle, 187).

to a degree. To an extent; partially; in part.

The engineering forces with the Army are trained and organized to a high degree, and engineering morale is proud and high (Pyle, 78).
...we will have crippled the enemy's production of tanks and planes and submarines to a very great degree (Yank, 15).

o the effect. Implying; meaning; signifying.

..you made some statement to the effect that you saw no reason why you should co-operate with the officers... (Gardner, 197).
as there any conversation which took place in your presence or in the presence of Joan Carrel to the effect that it would be to your financial advantage... (Gardner, 139).
..when she said something to this effect... (Cain, 228).

. toe hold. A firm grip, purchase.

e had our toe hold... (Pyle, 367).

he toe of a shoe. The part of the shoe which covers the toes.

he toes of their shoes stuck up... (Pyle, 360).

o --- feet. Upright; standing; erect.

o a man, the Dead End Kids scrambled to their feet, stood along the river bank... (Yank, 93).
he silence was broken by the Dead End Kid who rose to his feet on the river bank... (Yank, 93).
espite his injuries, Patrick found that he could get to his feet (Yank, 44.)
..who not only rated him but was able to struggle to his feet and walk around (Yank, 43).
en began crawling to their feet (Yank, 45).
..saw the whole action and rushed out, lifted him to his feet and dragged him away... (Yank, 46).

2 the fullest. To the greatest extent; as much as possible.

icilians would not have to be poor and starving if they were capable of organizing and using their land to the fullest (Pyle, 89).

2 hell with. (A term used to show indifference, hostility to.)

2 hell with it (Pyle, 136).
2 hell with it (Yank, 206).
lo hell with it !" I yells... (Yank, 239).
2 hell with it (Pyle, 138).
2 hell with him ! (Cain, 203).
lo hell with the hood," Pfc. Oettinger told him (Yank, 200).
2 hell with them ! (Gardner, 205).
2 hell with that stuff (Gardner, 205).

toilet kit. A small bag, container, in which a man carries his tooth brush, toothpaste, shaving brush, soap, razor, and the like.

.there was no doubt that it was solid gold and so were the back of the military brushes in his toilet kit (Marquand, 221).

oilet paper. A thin, absorbent, paper, about five inches wide produced in long rolls for use at the toilet to cleanse oneself.

e never forgot the moving light first touching...then a roll of toilet paper festooned across the bushes... (Marquand, 33).
..telling them the story about toilet paper (Cain, 186).
Only guests sleep in it," Jeffrey told her, "and the toilet paper is connected with a music box--" (Marquand, 124).

oilet seat. A wooden or plastic ring, circle, connected with a toilet, water closet, on which one sits. (Also attributive.)

hey carried special toilet seat covers previously blessed by some proper person, and would no more think of using an unblessed toilet than you would think of committing murder (Pyle, 229).

o toil up. To climb with difficulty.

..a thin line of mud-caked men was toiling up the slippery path of a 60-foot bluff... (Yank, 197).

o the interest of all. In everyone's interest; for everyone's welfare.

t was to the interest of all that she get on her feet again...become the A 1 customer she had been in the past (Cain, 246).

token raid. A small raid usually carried on by the military for reasons other than military expediency.

his was no token raid but...the beginning of the organized destruction of the Japanese industrial empire (Yank, 118).

o --- (left, right). On one's left, right, side.

ney were there on the fourth day...directing fire at a strong point on their left, under assault by another unit (Yank,).

oll charge. The amount of the cost for a long distance telephone call.

e crossed over to the switch board operator, paid the toll charges, left a dollar tip... (Gardner, 174).

o a man. Everyone; all those concerned.

o a man, the Dead End Kids scrambled to their feet, stood along the river bank and shouted cuss words at the Japs (Yank, 93).

o market. To a place for selling.

.in South Africa we wouldn't send cows to market in these trains (Yank, 116).

.I guessed we wouldn't send cows to market in these trains, either (Yank, 116).

mato juice. The juice of tomatoes.

ys she wants tomato juice with a piece of lemon and some celery salt... (Cain, 121).

tomato patch. A garden, or section of a garden, in which tomatoes row.

ey took the Gun from Texas to a tomato patch... (Yank, 32).

tomato plant. The tomato vine; the tomato stalk, leaves, fruit, etc.

lop my tomato plants... (Yank, 151).

--- mind. According to one's way of thinking; according to one's opinion.

ere wasn't as much of that, to my mind, as there might have been (Pyle, 239).

the minute. Exactly on time; at the precisely correct time.

d yet Company B attacked -- and on time, to the minute! (Pyle, 439).
ery ship was under exact orders timed to the minute (Pyle, 359).

mmy gun. A submachine gun; a light weight machine gun. (Originally a Thompson submachine gun.)

.the the main floor, where we ran smack into a Kiwi with a tommy gun (Yank, 60).
mo was standing up, his tommy gun in his hands (Yank, 21).
he fired with a tommy gun he saw Chambers start down... (Yank, 17).
ey all had tommy guns (Yank, 59).
.they worked with bayonet and tommy gun and rifle... (Yank, 123).

morrow is another day. There is work, something, to be done tomorrow, and one should not become too conscious of today's work.

d tomorrow was another day, another raid (Yank, 88).

e tone of voice. The intonation of one's speech; the speech tune. (One infers much from "the tone of another's voice" as to emotion, physical condition, etc.)

.from the tone of their voice, Mildred knew something was wrong (Cain, 181).
's not what you think, so don't employ that tone of voice (Cain, 40).

. --- one's head off. (An intensive for the verb.)

Serle squawked his head off and tried to get it at a thousand, but they sat tight at five (Gardner, 88).

--- tongue falls on. One reprimands; one reproves.

I asked the enlisted men about him since they were the ones his tongue fell on most heavily (Pyle, 73).

tongue in cheek. (A sort of the ironic in that one does not intend another to believe what one says.)

...a military career...almost as spectacular as he himself made it out in tongue-in-cheek bull sessions (Yank, 190).

--- tongue is hanging out. One is thirsty.

His tongue is hanging out (Marquand, 118).
My tongue's hanging out (Marquand, 243).

tongue tied. Unable to speak; too shy to speak.

...he had been the constant butt of ridicule and had been tongue-tied at social gatherings... (Marquand, 130).

a tongue twister. A word or phrase which is difficult to pronounce properly, as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers", or "She sells sea shells on the sea shore".

The names of a lot of the French towns were tongue twisters... (Pyle, 379).

too big for --- pants. Feeling more important than one actually is.

"Careful," Jeffrey said, "don't get too big for your pants, Charley" (Marquand, 506).

too good to be true. So good as scarcely to be believable.

But it all seemed too good to be true, and when she asked eager questions about it... (Cain, 79).

too little and too late. Not enough and not soon enough (this was used to refer to material furnished to one's attached allies.)

You could think of it as a matter of too little and too late...since the truth was you only had a certain amount to give (Marquand, 591-2).

to be too much for ---.

1. To be difficult, hard, for one to believe, accept.

After living nine months with arabs the sight of someone working voluntarily is almost too much for me (Pyle, 77).

to one side. Aside; out of the way.

They said that when anyone came along the path the new man would move off to one side so as not to be seen (Pyle, 184).
Mason pushed the mail to one side (Gardner, 1).

to order.

1. To a condition of quietness, attention.

Judge Knox entered the courtroom from his chambers, and the bailiff rapped the court to order (Gardner, 186).

2. (Cf. made to order.) According to one's desires; custom made.

A little man makes it down on Broad Street, to order (Marquand, 393).

tooth brush. A small brush for cleaning teeth.

I packed my field jacket, tooth brush and shaving equipment (Yank, 20).

a tooth out. A condition of having lost a tooth.

To top it all off, he had a beuiling grin with a tooth out in the middle of it (Pyle, 227).

to toot --- own horn. To talk, boast, about one's abilities; to brag.

He certainly didn't toot his own horn, did he? (Yank, 207).

the top down. A condition of having the cloth top, roof, of an automobile folded back.

They rode to San Bernardino with the top down in the runabout he had rented (Marquand, 473).

top drawer. Upper class; superior group of people.

BBC countered with what amounts to a top drawer shakeup (Time, Sept. 20, 1943, 86).

top flight. First class; very good; excellent.

...all Jerry Small could say was that Mr. Wilson was top-flight, brought from New York at as high a figure as they had ever paid a writer... (Marquand, 453).

top heavy. So constructed that the top is heavier than the bottom so that something will fall over; unbalanced.

When the battleship was launched in Yokahama, or wherever they did launch battleships, it was top-heavy and turned right over (Marquand, 510).

top honors. Highest honors; very honorably. (Often expressed in academic circles in Latin in descending degree: summa cum laude, magna cum laude, cum laude.)

He graduated with top honors in languages... (Yank, 131).

to pieces. Into pieces, small bits.

I shall tell you how I am getting busted to pieces almost (Yank, 162).

to top it all. To cap the climax; to be the most startling, interesting.

"And to top it all," he said, "I have not received a promotion in 18 months" (Yank, 164).
To top it all off he spoke perfect French and was picking up Italian like a snowball (Pyle, 73).
To top it all off, he had a beguiling grin with a tooth out in the middle of it (Pyle, 227).

a top kick. A first sergeant.

Bud was the top kick (Yank, 244).
He has 20 months pay as a top kick coming... (Yank, 28).

to top off. To add to as a final touch, decoration.

His usual uniform is a...field jacket...GI pants and leggings, to ped off with either a battered felt Infantry campaign hat or a Chinese Army cap (Yank, 129).

to the point.

1. To the degree; to the condition.

...calls on restaurant proprieters, to get her pie orders to the point where they would really help on expenses... (Cain, 88).
We are bewildered and weary,
Lonely to the point of madness... (Yank, 189).

2. Relevant; pertinent; directly applying.

It was brief and to the point about the war (Yank, 88).

to topple over. To fall; to fall down.

She knew she had to sit down or topple over, right there on the sidewalk (Cain, 43).

top secret. Very secret, confidential.

When wraps were lifted from the top secret weapon, the atomic bomb, veteran B-24 Liberator crews...learned...the full meaning of an almost forgotten mission over Northern Europe (Chr. Sci. Mon. Mag., Oct. 13, 1945, 5).

top speed. Full speed; the very fastest possible.

The engine was at top speed, the boilers were maintaining... (Yank, 47).

topsy turvy. In confusion; in disorder; upside down.

Things had been turned topsy-turvy (Gardner, 74).

a torch singer. A woman singer who sings popular songs of unrequited love.

The torch singers with these big name bands, they're in the money... (Cain, 211).

to the rear. Rearward; toward the back.

...the 88 returned from about 500 yards to the rear, flying smack at Sweeney (Yank, 16).
The first regular hospital was about fifteen miles to the rear (Pyle, 45).

tortured by. Tormented, distressed by, on account of.

She stayed home...tortured by the fear that Arline had probably told everybody in the restaurant by now... (Cain, 196).

to --- satisfaction. Satisfactorily to one; to one's content.

It demonstrated to my satisfaction that you never know about the one that get you... (Yank, 53).

to be to sea. To sail on the ocean; to travel on a ship.

Only two men of the crew of more than sixty had ever been to sea before (Pyle, 225).

to toss back. To return by tossing; to throw back.

He threw a grenade that blew one of them apart but only wounded the other Jap, who tossed a grenade right back (Yank, 146).

to toss around. To throw, toss, push, here and there.

Even our fairly big ships were rolling and plunging and the little flat bottomed landing craft were tossing around like corks (Pyle, 18).

to toss away. To discard; to get rid of; to throw out.

Madge could toss away any thought that was uncomfortable as you... (Marquand, 125).

to toss off.

1. To discard; to throw off.

Madge could toss away any thought that was uncomfortable as you might toss off a coat when the weather was too hot (Marquand, 125).

2. To drink rapidly usually in one swallow or at once.

She tossed off the whiskey in a single swallow, handed Mason back the empty glass... (Gardner, 45).

to toss out. To throw away; to get rid of.

One man tried to toss it out but got tangled up in the mortar (Yank, 146).
...Veda tossed out her own idea of suitable garb: maroon sweater, plaid skirt, polo coat... (Cain, 133).

to --- surprise. Surprising to one; as a surprise to one.

...to Mildred's surprise he recommended Archie... (Cain, 178).

to a T. Exactly; precisely; absolutely.

At Anzio the British Navy and the American Army had the job down to a T (Pyle, 284).

to that end. For that reason; because of that.

To that end the porticoes were torn off... (Cain, 227).

to the tune of.

1. To, for, the amount of; to the sum of.

...your mother has been overpaid to the tune of $1,292 (Yank, 171).

2. To the music of; in rhythm to a tune of.

The infantry marches to the tune of a flute (Yank, 66).

to be touched by. To have one's sympathy aroused by; to become sympathetic to.

Like all front-line officers, he was touched by what he called the "mental wreckage" of war... (Pyle, 153).

to touch a match to. To light; to set fire to.

William touched a match to the fire and there was a sudden illusion of serenity and ease (Marquand, 388).

a touch of. A small bit of; a soupcon of; something of.

This bit of recklessness restored her to a touch of her old self,... (Cain, 257).
His gags about the Pie Wagon...took on a touch of malice... (Cain, 145).
...I find a slight touch of banality in yours, don't you? (Cain, 136).
...he was tired...with just a touch of middle age... (Cain, 170).
...as it did late in March, and there was a faint touch of spring in the afternoon air (Marquand, 373).
One dropped near enough to give us our first touch of nerves (Pyle, 370).

not to be able to touch a thing. Not to be allowed to seize, take, anything legally.

They can't touch a thing, it's all yours... (Cain, 247).

a tough time. A difficult time; a hard time.

Those guides -- everybody who thought he was having a tough time in this war should know about them (Pyle, 144).

tourist bait. That which is designed to attract tourists.

...grass skirts -- items that are only tourist bait on many another South Sea isle (Yank, 233).

a tour of duty. That time when one is assigned to a specific job, duty.

...Nancy had faded out of the picture during some European tour of duty (Marquand, 20).
But Rosie, the pilot, had completed his tour of duty (Yank, 85).

a tour of inspection. An inspection trip; a formal inspection.

...any attempt to communicate with the sanitarium and prepare the persons in charge for the tour of inspection which is to be made will be considered as... (Gardiner, 15).

toward the end. Nearing the end, finish; at almost the end.

...toward the end, the orchestra sat back and listened while Mr. Previso accompanied her on the piano... (Cain, 241).

tow haired. Having very light blond hair.

Presently Ray came in, a chubby, tow-haired little thing, four years younger than Veda, and the picture of Mildred (Cain, 15).

:ow headed. Having very light blond hair.

'hey're squat and tow-headed... (Yank, 245).

:o where. To the point, condition, position.

..workin; our way down to where we could use a bayonet (Yank, 124).

:o tow in. To enter bringing something by towing; to enter pulling something.

..barrage balloon that a destroyer towed in from the sea (Yank, 234).

:o within. To a point, position less than.

. few weeks ago, one of the Brooklyn headings reached to within fifteen feet of its opposite number... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).
'he Japs had crossed the clearing to within 35 yards of the opposite riverbank (Yank, 92).
e backed to within about five feet of it... (Pyle, 429).
s we caught up to within half a mile or so we could finally see the running lights of the other planes (Pyle, 323).

he town hall. The city hall; the building housing the city offices.

he public library was a brick building, like the Town Hall, but smaller (Marquand, 178).

own meeting. In a city, town, a public meeting of those qualified to vote and transact public business. (Most often found in the New England states.)

ll you needed were two characters and butter on the table, the town meeting, eggs for breakfast, the school bus, the church supper (Marquand, 430).

a town square. A block of land around which a small town is built.

..and hanged six of them the next morning in the town square (Yank, 49).

o track down. To trace; to follow and to find; to search for and to locate.

..that then, after Leeds had grown careless, he would track him down, and force an accounting (Gardner, 168).
..Edward finally tracked him down (Pyle, 412).

track star. A person who performs well in track events, foot racing.

is perfect conditioning dates back to West Point, where he was a track star and a 140-pound quarterback... (Yank, 130).

o trade for. To exchange in return for.

I wouldn't trade my job for any other in the Army (Pyle, 333).

to trade on. To use, utilize, for one's own advantage.

In fact, he sort of traded on it (Pyle, 218).

a trade school. A school where trades, vocational courses, specific jobs, are taught. (Also attributive.)

They are kiddingly called "trade-school graduates" by the other officers (Yank, 253).

traffic circle. A junction of several roads in the form of a circular street around which the traffic moves in a counter-clockwise direction.

...turn left at the traffic circle... (Cain, 248).

a traffic cop. A policeman who regulates, directs, automobile traffic.

As he crossed Lexington Avenue, he swore softly at the traffic cop (Marquand, 55).

a traffic jam. A congestion of autombiles in a street or at an intersection so arranged that seemingly no car can move.

...opening the door and jumping to the street just as the traffic jam ahead resolved itself, and Mason speeded up... (Gardner, 42).
Here, they're slowing down for that traffic jam (Gardner, 42).
There were almost no traffic jams or road blocking (Pyle, 28).

traffic light. A signal light with three colors to regulate traffic at intersections automatically.

..when they find themselves in a jungle and notice that it has no traffic lights or sewers (Yank, 96).

traffic signal. A light signal with three colors of light placed at intersections to regulate traffic automatically.

The officers ceased using the siren, worked their way through a traffic signal and parked in front of a reserved zone (Gardner, 42).

a traffic ticket. A summons to appear in court issued by a policeman because of a violation of a traffic law: such as, speeding, passing a stop sign, etc.

The bail clerk made a notation on the traffic ticket (Gardner, 15).
Here's a traffic ticket showing a violation of the parking law... (Gardner, 155).
Drake grinned and produced a photostatic copy of a traffic ticket (Gardner, 155).

to trail off. To dimish, decrease in volume, gradually.

As her voice trailed off into silence, Mason said, "Yes" (Gardner, 82).

to trail smoke. To leave a trail of smoke, as by a burning airplane.

...Sweeney and Tex saw the German catch fire and trail smoke (Yank, 16).

a trained nurse. A registered nurse; a nurse who has received a certain prescribed, rigid, hospital training as contrasted to a "practical nurse".

"Who was a trained nurse?" Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 47).
She was a trained nurse (Marquand, 47).
His first wife was a trained nurse named Nancy something... (Marquand, 20).

a train of thought. A course, direction, sequence of thinking.

Jeffrey was unable to follow Mr. Gorman's train of thought, but he knew that everything that Mr. Gorman said was true... (Marquand, 515).

train time. The time when a train arrives or departs.

It was half an hour before train time, but he knew that he might as well be going (Marquand, 411).

to tramp around. To walk here and there; to walk around heavily.

She stayed home, tramping around, tortured... (Cain, 196).

to transfer out. To transfer, be changed, to another, different, job, place, position.

Ralph Snavely was one of the first to transfer out (Yank, 243).

to transform into. To change into.

Mildred, suddenly transformed into something that looked like Topsy... (Cain, 162).
...to restore what had been a large but pleasant house to what it had been before it was transformed into a small but hideous mansion (Cain, 227).

to translate into. To cause to come into being; to realize.

...it certainly surprised her, the way he was able to translate her ideas into paint, wood, and plaster (Cain, 227).

to travel around. To travel here and there; to go to various places.

Two years is a long time overseas, even if a division did nothing but travel around and work hard (Pyle, 181).

travel prints. Pictures of places, things, people used to lure travelers, tourists.

...a few sets of travel prints of Aus tralia... (Yank, 235).

to treat --- like dirt. To misuse one; to treat one unfairly.

They treat me like dirt (Pyle, 187).

to treat --- like a king. To treat one very well; to show many kindnesses to one.

They opened up when I had known them for a while and treated me like a king (Pyle, 333).

a trench coat. A double-breasted overcoat of waterproof material, usually tan in color, with shoulder straps, and a belt, and often with a removable lining.

...young lieutenant, in a trench coat and wearing sun glasses came over to us... (Pyle, 399).
...rs. Gessler ordered Veda to get the trench coat she wore to school... (Cain, 162).
The regimental executive office hiked up from the valley, wearing a trench coat, his feet wet (Yank, 50).
He wore a long trench coat... (Pyle, 410).

a trench knife. A knife about eight inches long with a sharp edge on both sides used in hand to hand fighting.

...a private who was prying the caked mud from his instep with a trench knife (Yank, 196).

trial and error. A searching for a solution to a proble by trials, attempts, and the elimination from consideration of the means which failed.

Two years back there had been time for trial and error, but now Jim must work out what he wanted for himself (Marquand, 416).

a tribute to. An expression of approval in regard to.

That is why I have written this tribute to him (Yank, 137).

to be no trick at all. Not to be difficult; to be very easy. simple.

The beach head being so small, it was no trick at all to train every gun... on a single German target (Pyle, 255).

a trick name. An unreal name; a made-up name.

...often they are trick names such as "Bad Sack"... (Pyle, 379).

the trick of. The knack of; the finesse of.

But the trick of balancing half a dozen dishes at a time was beyond her (Cain, 48).

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tried and true. Faithful; trustworthy; proved.

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to trip off --- tongue. To be said quickly and without thought; to be said quickly and inadvertently.

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the trip over. The trip crossing something, usually the ocean.

All during the long trip over, I had a vague feeling that something bad was going to happen (Pyle, 92).

to trot around. To go hurriedly here and there, from one place to another.

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a truck driver. One who drives, operates, a truck.

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to try --- luck. To chance; to attempt.

So you try your luck at one of the half-dozen cinemas in town (Yank, 73).
The one who tried his luck on me was only about 15 yards away (Yank, 181).

a try out. A preliminary test to determine the wuality of something.

...that sort of hysterics which was always present at the try-out of a play that was likely to be a flop (Marquand, 169).

to try on. To put on, don clothing to see if it fits, if one likes the color, the fashion, etc.

...Bert saying the boots could be exchanged if they weren't the right fit, and Veda trying them on (Cain, 154).
...Veda tried it on a dozen times... (Cain, 237).
"I was just trying it on," she said, "and then I heard you coming" (Marquand, 205).
When he tried on the civilian clothes which he had left behind him, they fitted as badly... (Marquand, 254).

to try --- on --- piano. To attempt, try, it.

Let him try this on his piano (Gardner, 155).

to try out. To make an experimental test of something; to give something a try.

...the sound of the motors was familiar and he wished he could try one out -- but they would be too hot for him, those planes (Marquand, 473).
It was no place to try out a play or to work on one (Marquand, 555).
...some field medics tried out his book learning with a little debridement... cut away the surrounding dirty skin from a wound (Yank, 193).
They finally let him go on a few missions to try him out (Yank, 186).
They had tried it out in Bridgeport; they had tried it out in Baltimore; and it was not ready yet (Marquand, 553).
"Kids don't know about lipstick when they first try it out," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 538).
...I told Omar that his battle plan wouldn't work, but he insisted on trying it out... (Pyle, 313).

to try to make it. To attempt to be at a place as arranged, planned.

I'l try to make it, but if I'm not home by six don't wait for me (Cain, 3).

to tuck away. To place securely; to hide away.

Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe and their daughter...and safely tucked away in the gardener's cottage... (Marquand, 23).
Your New York home...tucked away from the wear and tear of the metropolis... (Marquand, 35).

to tuck in. To put to bed; to place in bed and draw the covers over someone.

But when he came back from the tucking in, put the belt on his trousers again... (Cain, 58).
...said it was time they both went to bed, and how would they like Daddy to tuck them in? (Cain, 57).

to tumble down. To fall; to fall down.

...the lieutenant came tumbling down on top of him (Pyle, 282).

to tumble out. To get out hurriedly.

Mike Bocuzzi, tumbling out whitefaced, yelled: "I'm through flying these things" (Yank, 86).

to tune in on. To adjust a radio in such a manner that one receives, hears, a program.

Ask a pipple tuned in on a Snack-O-Ham (Cain, 219).
I've tuned in on your program (Gardner, 20).

turkey dinner. A dinner of roast turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, pumpkin pie, coffee, and perhaps other foods.

He had a fine big turkey dinner in the mess hall... (Yank, 184).

a turn around. A place one may turn a vehicle in a 180° turn; a place where one may reverse directions of a car.

Linot Roberts parked the car at the edge of the turn-around at the front of the house... (Marquand, 261).

to turn around.

1. To face in the opposite direction; to make a 180° turn.

...he turned her around... (Cain, 164).
...footsteps behind him made him turn around (Yank, 229).
It pulled up at the end of the field, turned around and moved back... (Yank, 229).
...he stopped and turned around... (Cain, 231).
Then, as though walking to the electric chair, she turned around, headed for the kitchen (Cain, 45).
But when she reached for her dark blue woolen dress, she heard something and turned around (Cain, 28).
...the enemy's coastal guns had been turned around to fire inland (Yank, 133).
...he half turned around... (Cain, 185).
Without turning around, Mr. Treviso raised his hand (Cain, 239).
Then Goldstein turned around to find himself peering into the eyes of a colonel... (Yank, 182).

When she turned around he was gone... (Cain, 8).
"Well, we'd better turn around now," Madge said (Marquand, 92).
A few seconds later, he turned around -- casually (Gardner, 95).
We were just ready to turn around and go back... (Pyle, 452).
Wally, snapping his cigarette ashes into the fireplace, turned around and blinked (Cain, 76).
...a GI, who turned around and shouted back to his companions... (Yank, 129).
Lie in bed long enough and turn around often enough to get the sheets rumpled (Gardner, 80).
I think he's turned around at last (Yank, 138).
...the Japs tried to turn around... (Yank, 9).
When I got to the top of the first hill I turned around toward the convent... (Yank, 27).
When he turned around the corporal had disappeared (Yank, 226).
Everyone in the mess hall turned around... (Yank, 226).
Then it turned right around and flew straight back for five minutes (Pyle, 323).
Red Dog was half turned around, talking to me, when the first two flares split the sky ahead of us (Pyle, 323).
...I had the piano turned around and the little upholsterer brought back the two chairs (Marquand, 310).
So Driver Bill Hendrix turned their half-track around... (Pyle, 384).
It's all right, turn around, face front, but oh, no, they back out all the way to the door (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 23).

2. To cease a forward movement in following one's ambitions.

That summer of 1935 was one of the few times in his life that Jeffrey had felt free to relax and turn around (Marquand, 212).

to turn away. To turn aside; to move away; to face another direction.

She turned away quickly, thrust her hands into the dough... (Cain, 82).
Most of them turned away at the first near burst from one of our guns (Pyle, 382).
She turns away swiftly... (Yank, 189).
...as she turned away from him she could feel the wind in her hair (Cain, 89).
When he turned away from the telephone, I think he realized for the first time that I had heard... (Gardner, 6).

to turn back.

1. To face a direction one had previously faced but is not facing.

He turned back to face the two in the room (Gardner, 116).
...I ducked and turned back toward the strawstack... (Yank, 239).
He was smiling when Jim turned back to him (Marquand, 62).
He bowed to Phyllis, then turned back, and stiffened in surprise (Gardner, 36).

2. To go rearward; to go to the rear; to return.

One ship did have to turn back (Yank, 117).
...afraid the ship might have to turn back (Yank, 117).
...then you have to turn back (Yank, 206).
A force of ELAS soldiers turned them back (Yank, 219).
...it'll be a whole lot better to turn back (Cain, 163).

3. To return; to give back.

The outfit turned back around a hundred rifles a day... (Pyle, 421).
...paint it white like an elephant and turn it back to its rightful owners (Yank, 236).

4. To stop an action and to return to a former condition, place.

Now there was no turning back. We moved on into the enveloping night... (Pyle, 12).

to turn the clock back. To return to a past time; to go back to the past.

...Waldo was silent for a moment while they both tried to turn the clock back (Marquand, 34).
In leaving the room he knew that he was trying to leave himself...but it was not possible to turn the clock back, or possible to be younger (Marquand, 138).

to turn cold. To become colder; to get cold, as the weather.

Then it turned cold (Pyle, 371).

--- turn comes. One's opportunity, scheduled performance, comes, arrives, has its time.

...my turn came to go (Pyle, 402).
It was a thrilling thing to see an LST pull anchor when its turn came... (Pyle, 235).

to turn a corner.

1. To make a 90° turn usually at a street intersection.

They drove in silence for several blocks, then Drake turned a corner... (Gardner, 17).
...when he turned a corner he ran...into a Jerry (Yank, 124).
We turned a corner, and met a troup of British naval ensigns in from sea... (Pyle, 134).
...it turns a corner as its lip finishes a side cut (Yank, 172).

to turn the corner. To have an improved condition, situation. (Often used to mean financial improvement.)

...he now saw definite signs of improvement, and believed "we're due to turn the corner pretty soon" (Cain, 56).

to turn down. To refuse; to reject; to decline.

We had to...turn down another lane and go forward from there (Pyle, 428).
And you turned it down? (Cain, 40).
He had turned down two chances... (Pyle, 338).
They looked at another slope and turned it down because we'd seen some Italian children running across it a little while ago (Pyle, 188).
So he had been running around all over Algiers telling people what a wonderful person I was because I turned down $1,500 at home but did one for nothing over there (Pyle, 94).
...but a guy like that isn't going to turn down twenty-five bucks, and he isn't going to take a chance... (Gardner, 12).
You turned me down on a little job last week (Yank, 90).
And do you know why he turned them down? (Pyle, 411).

to be turned around. Not to be oriented; not to know directions, north, etc.

Either we were turned around or France is a funny country (Pyle, 425).

to turn green. To lose color; to become very pale. (Used to describe fright.)

Merle's face had turned a pasty green (Gardner, 201).

to turn in.

1. To turn over, to deliver to, to report to, to hand over to, a higher authority for a violation of rules, regulations.

Apparently the German medical officers didn't want to turn in the captain and the sergeant as regular prisoners... (Pyle, 153).
If a man's name was turned in twice he had to explain... (Pyle, 340).
They took his name and turned it in (Pyle, 340).
That evening the mayor's daughter turned in the name of a local Fascist... (Yank, 50).
...seven enlisted men...were turned in to their orderly room after a raid... (Yank, 231).

2. To go to bed; to retire.

Then someone would yawn deliberately and say he might as well be turning in if he had to be waked up at four... (Marquand, 219).
Well, guess I'll turn in (Yank, 207).
Most of the officers...had turned in... (Yank, 207).
"I suppose we ought to turn in," said one (Yank, 207).

3. To exchange for cash, money.

They left the States with around $52,000, and when they arrived in England and turned in their money for foreign exchange, they had $15,000 more than they started with (Pyle, 105).
One veteran told us he had turned in his bond because it was getting soiled and crinkly (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
...a large number of veterans who turned in their bonds...(New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 1e, 1947, 25).

4. To enter by turning.

They were turning in the gate (Marquand, 184).
She turned in through the pillars... (Cain, 163).

5. To use something as a part payment in place of cash.

About the same time she turned in the car, never quite recovered from the battering it took in the storm... (Cain, 174).

6. To deliver, hand over, to the proper person.

Before we sailed, all souvenir firearms were turned in and the ammunition thrown overboard (Pyle, 9).

a turning lathe. A lathe.

Come out and see my new turning lathe, Jeff (Marquand, 115).

a turning point. The point, position, condition at which a change is made.

He wished he could get it out of his mind that the reading of his play was dramatic in itself and represented a "turning point" (Marquand, 495).

to turn into. To transform into; to change into.

...but the old house beside it had been turned into an antique shop with a cradle...on its lawn (Marquand, 112).
Having Veda turn into Irving Berlin... (Cain, 139).
...I no sooner turn my back than you turn into some kind of yodler (Cain, 231).
There were fleets of luxury liners turned into troop transports (Pyle, 358).
...the other car turned into the detour too (Cain, 172).

to turn in --- toes. To arrange one's feet so that the toes are closer together than the heels; to be pineon toed.

She sat in the...chair...her toes absurdly turned in (Cain, 253).

to turn the knob. To open a door.

She turned the knob and went in (Cain, 252).

to turn loose.

1. To shoot; to fire; to throw.

...Alden turned loose his slingshot, and darned if he didn't hit the guy right on the leg (Gardner, 56).
...a lone Zero...zoomed away again as everything aboard and ashore turned turned loose at him (Yank, 146).

2. To release; to set free.

Then he turned another loose into thin air (Yank, 186).

to turn on the heat. To cause another to carry out one's demands by using one's influence unscrupulously.

I'll find out who's responsible for this and start turning on the heat (Gardner, 195).

a turn of events. An unexpected, unlooked for, development.

...this turn of events was badly interfering with it (Cain, 165).

to turn off.

1. To extinguish; to disconnect electrical appliances, lights.

Nobody ever turned a light on or off (Pyle, 208).
The fliers on the ground began acting out comically exaggerated scenes of how the ambulance drivers' faces would look as they's reach over in disgust and turn off their switches (Pyle, 175).
But they were afraid to go back and turn the motor off... (Pyle, 405).
You could turn the speaker off the way you turned a water tap (Marquand, 138).
"Turn the damn thing off," he shouted at Charley (Marquand, 532).
"Darling," Marianna said, "turn it off" (Marquand, 490).
"The little bastard," Jeffrey said, and he turned off the radio (Marquand, 387).
If he turned it off, he would not hear the news (Marquand, 387).
As she turned off the light, from force of long habit she looked over to the Gesslers'... (Cain, 17).

2. To leave; to go away from; to get off.

We turned off at a junction into a road (Yank, 106).
Then we turned off at an angle in the road (Pyle, 427).
Although he had been in California often, he had never turned off the road into any place like Rednow (Marquand, 481).
Now they had turned off the concrete of Route 7, there were no more roadside stands... (Marquand, 111).

3. To close a valve; to shut off; to stop.

...begged Mildred to have the gas turned off (Cain, 182).
When the whole place was damp and smelled like rain, he turned off the water, pulled the hose through his hand to drain it... (Cain, 1).
He turned off the gasoline... (Pyle, 220).

to turn on.

1. To connect electrical appliances to electricity.

Turning on the light he put four big cartons on their ends (Yank, 34).
Turn on the light (Marquand, 534).
"Jeff," she said, "turn on the light (Marquand, 534).
He turned on the light on the bedroom table, and there he was... (Marquand, 534).
Whenever he was at home he always turned it on at six o'clock (Marquand, 490).
"Every night," Serrano says, "we'd turn on the radio to listen to our code signal" (Yank, 26).
...if they weren't active in the party but just paid their dues or turned on the radio... (Yank, 26).
Then she went to the bedroom and turned on the light (Cain, 15).
Around ten minutes to seven she put the coat away and turned on one button of heat (Cain, 26).
Then she pulled down the shades and turned on several lamps (Cain, 26).
There was a thumping, grating sound in the corner of the room where Fred had turned on the radio (Marquand, 137).
...she turned on the light and sat down at the desk (Cain, 76).
It was one of those radios that could pick up Japan...and he finally saw where to turn it on (Marquand, 386).
The lights of Higgins Farm had been turned on and shafts of light... (Marquand, 122).
...the curtains should have been drawn and the lights turned on in order to conceal a day that was dying (Marquand, 385).

2. To show; to present.

Turn on the big smile, kid (Marquand, 486).
...the wan, stagy look that Veda turned on the audience... (Cain, 241).

3. To open a valve; to allow to flow in a pipe by opening a valve, or the like.

He turned off the gasoline, let the fire in the tin-bellied stove die out and cool, then turned on the gas again (Pyle, 220).
...stepped naked into the bathroom, where he turned on water for a bath (Cain, 2).

4. To speak to one harshly, roughly; to reprimand; to reprove.

Mildred turned on Wally (Cain, 201).

to turn out.

1. To prove; to be in reality.

...he turned out to be just eighteen (Pyle, 189).
His pillow had turned out to be a pile of horse manure (Pyle, 371).
...it turned out to be straight, and 19 of us got gigged for ignoring it (Yank, 181).
The bottle turned out to be Scotch... (Cain, 223).
When I asked him, it turned out he came from New Jersey (Pyle, 50).
It turned out that Correspondents were not the humdrum lads whom we used to know (Marquand, 27).
...and he quickly went to Bloomingdale, which turned out to be another heavy plunger in cardboard dummies... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
We suggested respectfully that Barney's was an odd place to have visions and dream dreams, and it turned out that Mr. Carroll does neither (New Yorker, XXII, Feb 15, 1947, 23).
When he arrived, he turned out to be a sailor (Pyle, 95).
When I went to write down his name it turned out he was a lieutenant (Pyle, 130).
He looked sort of ferocious but turned out to be pleasant and friendly (Pyle, 148).
It will turn out that they lived in a town I never heard of (Pyle, 344).
It turned out that his father...was for many years on the stage... (Pyle, 178).
...it turned out that four B-29's had been lost... (Yank, 119).
It turned out his box contained seven pairs of heavy wool socks... (Pyle, 265).
If it should turn out that witnesses are mistaken in their time, then you are mistaken in your time (Gardner, 132).
...it turned out that both mother and sister were away... (Cain, 130).
Having her leg felt, it turned out, was practically a daily hazard, and this she found best not to notice (Cain, 63).
...we turned out to be a bunch of service-club commandos (Yank, 217).
"The loud, tough guys in the States turn out to be the weak sisters over here," one said (Yank, 148).
Special dishes, it turned out, were needed desperately... (Cain, 182).
It turned out that what Miss Castle had actually said was... (Yank, 228).
It turned out to be just what Pallister needed (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

2. To become eventually, finally, to happen.

If he did it probably turned out to be his brother or something (Pyle, 318).
He turned out to be a second lieutenant... (Pyle, 452).
They said it would have to turn out to be the quietest night they ever had (Pyle, 388).
What a nice little pal you turned out to be... (Cain, 168).
...Mr. Simons turned out to be a friendly little man... (Cain, 203).
He had turned out to be one of the best (Pyle, 345).

He thought he saw trees and camels, but it turned out to be the old story book mirage (Pyle, 217).
Miss Turner...turned out to be a trim little person not much older than Mildred, and a little on the hardboiled side (Cain, 36).
...a house...turned out to be one gigantic studio... (Cain, 134).
...the fuel mixture's too rich...that's what it turned out to be... (Yank, 117).
When we drew closer, the icing turned out to be decks crammed solid with Army vehicles and khakiclad men (Pyle, 35).
As it turned out, the Germans didn't use their planes... (Pyle, 383).
His experience was a gruesome one, although it turned out fine (Pyle, 215).
...he was glad it had turned out this way (Cain, 139).
...several sailors dyed their hats blue. It was a fine idea except that they turned out a sort of sickly purple (Pyle, 13).
Jeffrey was old enough to know that nothing ever turned out quite the way one hoped... (Marquand, 542).
...beautifully built guys who in some cases treat their hair so that it turns out like a sienna nightmare (Yank, 76).
Her place of residence, it turned out, was Beverly... (Cain, 191).
As it turned out it didn't make any difference whether this Jap threw overhanded or not (Yank, 185).
But it turned out he wasn't interested in love (Cain, 233).

3. To extinguish as an electric light; to turn off.

Let's turn out the light and go to sleep (Marquand, 540).
When the last one went to bed he turned out the light...
I'm not certain but that some of them weren't just turned out and left off for good (Pyle, 22).
...when the air raiders came over, they turned out their fires... (Pyle, 245).
Quickly she turned out the lights, went to the bedroom, and waited (Cain, 60).
And as though to prove his contempt for all cheap tricks, he reached over and turned out the light (Cain, 29).
When she came in with the coffee, she found he had turned out the lights... (Cain, 28).
She put on her pajamas, turned out the light, but kept walking around the room, in the dark (Cain, 75).
Then she ran humming into the house, turned out the light, and undressed, in the dark (Cain, 62).

4. To produce; to manufacture; to make.

He had lived in the field for nearly two years, cooking in a truck... turning out excellent meals... (Pyle, 259).
...our beachhead had a big modern bakery, which had been working under fire for weeks, turning out luscious crisp loaves... (Pyle, 245).
The laundry could turn out three thousand pieces in ten hours work (Pyle, 283).

He turned out about seventy-five head of beef cattle a year... (Pyle, 221).
...a lumber camp that turns out more than seven miles of board a day (Yank, 231).
...an ice-cream plant that turns out 200 quarts a day... (Yank, 232).

5. To go outside; to assemble out of doors; to assemble.

Everybody turned out including all the big shots from the Embassy and the Army (Yank, 185).
All the men turned out to watch them take off (Yank, 202).
Every time a ship arrived, all the men turned out... (Yank, 202).

6. To print; to publish.

One of the Psychological Warfare Branch's major functions is publishing... weekly pint sized sheets turned out in German, French, Dutch and Flemish... (Yank, 129).
He runs a mimeograph machine, turns out a daily sheet about the post chapels... (Yank, 166).
It can turn out only one page a day, and by now the letters are so worn that... (Yank, 68).
Despite this, the staff manages to print other pamphlets when necessary, turn out a mimeographed news bulletin... (Yank, 68).

to turn over.

1. To transfer; to give over; to hand over.

The rest of our stuff would be turned over to the Army (Pyle, 352).
The idea was turned over to other ordnancy companies (Pyle, 422).
...he was waiting for his tip, which he would necessarily have to turn over to his sergeant, who watched him sharply from a distance (Marquand, 228).
We watched Frank Hague turn over the mayoralty of Jersey City... (New Yorker, June 28, 1947, 20).

2. To lose balance and to fall, perhaps on the side, perhaps completely.

On one move our gun turned over twice in a single night, when it skidded off the road (Pyle, 113).
When the battle ship was launched in Yokahama...it was top-heavy and turned right over (Marquand, 510).

3. To change; to have members, parts, leave and new members come.

The personnel of his platoon had turned over many times... (Pyle, 196).

4. To reverse the position so that what was top becomes the bottom and what was the bottom becomes the top.

When he came to the F...he raised his hand, and turned it over, palm outward (Cain, 234).

to turn over in --- grave. To be of a nature, kind, to cause anguish to a person who is dead if he were alive.

Such nautical sabotage as that would turn Admiral Dewey over in his grave (Pyle, 278).

to turn over in --- mind. To think about something carefully; to cogitate on something.

...I've been working on a play myself -- not physically, just turning it over in my mind (Marquand, 462).

to turn red. To blush.

...and when everyone began to laugh, he turned beet-red (Marquand, 17).

to turn a somersault. To go head over heels; to go end over end.

The driverless dozer continued to run and drove itself over a fifty-foot cliff, turning a somersault as it fell (Pyle, 65).

to turn thumbs down. To indicate displeasure, disapproval.

...the corporal and sergeant both turned thumbs down (Yank, 29).

to turn to.

1. To turn and to face toward.

Before sitting down, Mr. Levinson turned to Mr. Hobey (Cain, 237).
He...turned to her... (Cain, 146).
He...turned to Veda (Cain, 135).
...she hung up, turned to Mildred with a malicious smile (Cain, 207).
He turned now to Mildred (Cain, 137).

2. To go to work vigorously; to begin working hard.

When they arrived at a new position the whole crew turned to with shovels, dug a pit for the gun and brought up logs to keep the gun from kicking itself out of position (Pyle, 113).
Everybody turned to with such a mighty effort that they had everyone dry and under cover again (Pyle, 350).

to turn to go. To start toward the door, exit; to leave.

...I turned to go (Yank, 249).

to turn up.

1. To discover by chance; to find accidentally.

"I didn't get as many scorpions as I'd hoped," he said, with understandable bitterness, "but everything else turned up in splendid quantity" (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
But my regiment had gone sniffing into cellars in a depopulated town and turned up with all kinds of exotic liquors... (Pyle, 183).
Get your men working, Paul, and let's see what they can turn up (Gardner, 47).
Mason said, "Let me know if anything new turns up" (Gardner, 50).
Why not stall along until I can turn up something on this Colton woman? (Gardner, 128).
...acquaintances managed to turn up in the crowd (Yank, 236).

2. To be discovered; to be found.

They turned up in the Giants' dugout, from which the youngsters in the party emerged wearing baseball caps (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
Pullman cars and theaters, and faces often turned up against the wrong background (Marquand, 561).
They subsequently turned up safe (Pyle, 364).

3. To bring the bottom upward; to unfold upward; to raise upward.

He remembered the faces turned up toward him as he got off the train (Marquand, 526).
Alf still looked at Jeffrey and the corners of his lips turned up again and relaxed again, and his eyes narrowed... (Marquand, 487).
The corporal turned up the collar of his jacket (Yank, 225).

4. To go into; to turn into.

We turned up a gravel lane... (Pyle, 427).

5. To increase in volume, intensity.

...the radio they used to turn up loud so the screams wouldn't disturb... (Yank, 220).

6. To happen to be; to chance to be.

He had never thought of Walter Newcombe's turning up there (Marquand, 429).

to turn upside down. To become opposite, diametrically opposed, to what it had been.

The Prince was a soldier who had seen a world turn upside down and, as Minot said, knew how to... (Marquand, 372).

to turn warm. To become warmer as the weather; to get warm.

...it had turned warm for a change... (Pyle, 387).

to turn white. To lose the color in one's face; to turn pale.

Mom turned white, and sat bolt upright... (Cain, 98).

the Twenties. The period of time from 1920 through 1929.

He thought of that song in The Twenties about the professional jazzer who played at the Plaza (Marquand, 240).

twenty-four hours a day. All day long; around, round the clock.

...his knack for fixing things had given him a sort of haloed status that kept him working like a dog twenty-four hours a day... (Pyle, 410).
They waited table in the officers' mess and ran the wardroom pantry where hot coffee was on tap twenty four hours a day (Pyle, 40).

twin beds. Two single beds of the same design.

The only new things in it, Beckie always said, were the box spring mattresse on the twin beds (Marquand, 123).
There were wicker chairs, and you could cover up the twin beds in the daytime and use them for couches... (Marquand, 457).
Even with the twin beds and the new green carpet and the chair and the still life... (Marquand, 307).

a twisted grin. A grin, smile, with the lips turned down, which indicates that a person is not wholly enjoying himself.

...taking in the conviviality with a twisted grin that seemed strange and pathetic on her extremely plain face (Cain, 127).

a twist of the lips. A quick pulling of the lips sidewards or down without smiling.

Phyllis Leeds, seated within the bar, looking ill at ease, returned Mason's reassuring smile with a nervous twist of the lips (Gardner, 25).

to twist up. To wad up; to get out of shape.

You always leave it all twisted-up (Marquand, 4).

two bit(s). Twenty-five cent(s).

Drake said, "Well, a two-bit cigar would have been equally acceptable" (Gardner, 158).
A two-bit limit (Gardner, 22).

a two car garage. A garage capable of housing two cars side by side.

...its neat little two-car garage... (Cain, 207).

two cars in every garage. A political promise, slogan, of economic prosperity. (On Oct. 20, 1928, the Republican National Committee asserted Republican prosperity had made possible "a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage".)

...days of 1929 when Washington statesmen were speaking of two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot (Marquand, 397).

two chickens in every pot. See: two cars in every garage.

...days of 1929 when Washington statesmen were speaking of two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot (Marquand, 397).

to be two different things. To be entirely different; to be absolutely unlike.

...are two different things (Cain, 131).

two fisted. Virile; manly and vigorous.

You're a free-lance, happy-go-lucky, carefree, two-fisted fighter (Gardner, 70).

two is company and three is a crowd. (This means that a young man and a young woman wish to be together with no one else.)

...and Louella said but now it was company -- two made company and three made a crowd... (Marquand, 205).

a two ocean navy. A navy capable of fighting in both the Pacific and the Atlantic at the same time.

We were building a two-ocean navy (Marquand, 490).

two other fellows. Someone else.

...they were thinking of two other fellows (Pyle, 344).

to be two sides to the question. To be two or more possible opinions relating to something.

...seriously discussed the question of bombing Rome and the Montecassino Abbey as if there were two sides to the question (Yank, 71).

two star general. A major general. (The fourth from the highest general in rank: brigadier general, major general, lieutenant general, general, and general of the army.)

...there was so much brass we just bumped into two-star generals... (Pyle, 380).

to type out. To write on a typewriter, to type.

...while the girl is typing out the address for you... (Cain, 204).

to type up. To prepare by typing, on a typewriter.

Let's have these scores typed up and posted... (Yank, 224).

uh huh. Yes. (This is a sound or sounds indicating agreement, acknowledgement.)

"Seen the papers about Leeds, Perry?" "Uh huh" (Gardner, 124).
Uh huh (Gardner, 149).
"Anyone with her?" "Uh huh" (Gardner, 184).
Uh huh (Gardner, 58).
Uh huh, there was a couple of heavy rubber bands holding the curtains together in the bathroom (Gardner, 56).
Barkler said, "Uh huh," and walked across to the exit door (Gardner, 59).
"You knew Conway's business?" Kettering asked. "Uh huh" (Gardner, 145).
Uh huh--and her room rent's paid up until the first, and today's payday (Gardner, 95).
"Uh huh," Barkler agreed (Gardner, 55).

the umbilical cord. The cord attached to the navel of an unborn baby which connects the fetus, the baby, to the placenta, the structure inside the womb which encloses the child. The cord contains two arteries and two veins.

What it cost her to swallow back her sobs...draw a knife across an umbilical cord, God alone knows (Cain, 260).

an umbrella tree. The American magnolia. (Magnolia tripetala.)

...a warm golden light which fell on lawns and silver beeches, and on umbrella trees and weeping birches (Marquand, 360).

uncalled for. Unnecessary; not needed, or desired. (Often used to refer to a remark, statement.)

Jeffrey thought her remark completely uncalled for (Marquand, 248).
This is uncalled for (Gardner, 134).

under age. Not being as old as required. (Legally one is a minor, under age, until one is 21.)

...you were discharged because you were under age... (Yank, 172).
I enlisted in the Army while I was under age... (Yank, 172).

not under any circumstances. Absolutely not. (This is an intensive.)

...what was past was past, not to be brought up again under any circumstances (Cain, 52).
And don't, under any circumstances, mention the name of Milicant (Gardner, 79).

under --- arm. Between one's arm and one's body.

Another disconnected the field telephone and carried it under his arm (Pyle, 300).

under --- belt. Accomplished; done; finished.

He had more missions under his belt than any other crew member (Pyle, 336).
Brig. Gen. La Verne G. Saunders, wing commander of the XX, who has a lot of South Pacific B-17 combat flying time under his belt, was going to fly this mission... (Yank, 117).

under care. Being subjected to care and proper attention.

He should be placed under proper care and observation (Gardner, 30).
The man is in the custody of loving relatives, under medical care which is an urgent necessity (Gardner, 27).
...I am now under the care of a bunch of gill rollers... (Yank, 161).

under the circumstances. In the situation, condition; in view of the relating conditions.

Never once did he let Mildred...do any of the things that in her scheme of life a woman was expected to do under the circumstances (Cain, 142).
It was the best I could do for her under the circumstances (Gardner, 132).
"I don't suppose," Mason said, "that under the circumstances, you'd care to go on the witness stand and tell your story" (Gardner, 183).

under compulsion. Being compelled; being forced.

...still under some dazed compulsion to do something... (Cain, 132).

under construction. Being built; in the process of construction.

It has been under construction seven years now and it is just about half finished (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 27).

under control. Well in hand; controlled.

...she had herself under what she thought was perfect control (Cain, 215).
Everything's under control (Cain, 140).

under cover. Hidden; out of sight.

Just before dark the colonel assembled the battalion, keeping them under cover (Yank, 50).
...a sergeant behind a machine gun told me to keep well under cover "or get your goddam head blown off" (Yank, 197).
When they got him under cover quick, that shows they know what they're up against (Cain, 202).
When we get out, keep under cover, and write me at my office where you are and what name you're using (Gardner, 118).

under danger of. In danger of; apt to be subjected to.

...the most extensive road-building project that the U.S. Army engineers have tackled under constant danger of enemy attack (Yank, 12).

under the direction of. Directed by.

Under Bert's direction, they set up trusses near the window, arranged the casket, and stepped back to permit the guests to pass by (Cain, 108).
...a local performance of Traviata, given at the Philharmonic under the direction of Mr. Troviso (Cain, 184).

under false colors. Dishonestly; dishonorably.

...I enlisted under false colors (Yank, 172).

under fire. Being shot at.

When you're under fire, you've got to think... (Yank, 149).
The first mistake recruits make under fire... (Yank, 148).
...coming in under their fire which sometimes wasn't a foot and a half over our heads... (Yank, 135).
...retriever companies went up to pull out crippled tanks under fire (Ryle, 418).
The gun had been under fire... (Yank, 32).
Meanwhile the rest of the crew had landed under heavy enemy fire... (Yank, 32).
They were pretty veteran by then, and had been under fire a lot (Ryle, 318).
He's brave under fire (Yank, 36).
But at Anzio they had been under fire ever since the beachhead was established (Ryle, 100).
He has...a few Japanese invasion coins he picked up during some 80 days under fire on Guadalcanal (Yank, 32).
...and Pvt. James Tracy of Jamestown, member of the searchlight outfit, have been under fire in North Africa (Yank, 23).
Show me a man who says he isn't scared when he's under fire, and I'll show you a liar (Yank, 28).
...our battalion had a big modern battery which had been working under fire for weeks... (Ryle, 345).
Our pilots said the British were cooler under fire than we were (Ryle, 102).
They slept on the ground, worked ghastly hours, and were sometimes under fire, and handled a flow of wounded that would sicken and dishearten a person less immune to it (Ryle, 57).
"Boat rides" meant bringing in troops under fire (Yank, 116).

under glass. Within a glass cover.

On the mantel was an arrangement of wax flowers under glass (Margaret, 136).
On the mantel is a waxed flower piece, under glass (Margaret, 496).

to undergo a change. To be changed; to be altered.

And her figure had...undergone some elusive change... (Cain, 130).

under --- hat. Secret; confidential.

...and you can rest assured that I'll keep all of this under my hat (Gardner, 172).

under an illusion. Believing falsely, foolishly.

Nobody was under any illusion that the battle of Sicily was over (Pyle, 32).

under instruction. According to the terms of the instructions, orders.

You're acting under my instructions (Gardner, 69).

under a lease. According to the terms of the lease.

...the other three places wouldn't yield enough to pay rent under the lease... (Cain, 244).

under the name of. (See: to go under the name of.) Using the name of; using as a name. (This implies nom de plume, pseudonym.)

We used to write for the magazine story under the name Jean Temple (Pyle, 38).
Under what name did you know him? (Gardner, 132).
Under the name of John Lilicant, a brother of Emily Lilicant (Gardner, 133).
Under what name? (Gardner, 133).
"Under what name did your uncle address him?" Lettering asked triumphantly (Gardner, 133).
...under the name of Bill Hogarty, that it was under this name, he met and prospected with Leeds in the Yukon... (Gardner, 188).
Mason said, "I received a letter from her, stating that she was registered there under that name and would stay..." (Gardner, 174).
"You called on him where he'd had an apartment under the name of L.C. Conway." Mason said (Gardner, 107).
He married her under the name of Hogarty (Gardner, 168).
He married the girl under the name of Hogarty (Gardner, 213).
She's living under the name of Helen Reed at the Ellery Arms Apartment (Gardner, 175).
In the meantime, the implacable Hogarty, under the name of Conway, had built up a lottery business which he had sold to Serle (Gardner, 214).
I was traveling hard and fast, and I went under the name of Bill Hogarty (Gardner, 114).
...she could no longer do business under her own name (Cain, 256).

under the nose of. Very close, near to; within easy sight of.

Under the very nose of the Japs...the advance party sought out the safest beachhead (Yank, 191).
...a great many tables on wheels so that salads and crepes Suzettes could be prepared right under the noses of you and your companion (Marquand, 318).
...publishers, you know, never do know a good thing, even when it is right under their noses... (Marquand, 27).

under oath. Bound to speak the truth after having sworn to do so.

In the first place, she wasn't under oath (Gardner, 206).
Unfortunately, he was testifying under oath in a murder trial (Gardner, 163).
You're aware that you're under oath, and that this is a murder trial? (Gardner, 156).

under --- own power. Alone; with no help, assistance; by oneself.

Others got down under their own power, ironically (Pyle, 149).
Finally sickness and exhaustion overtook many of those who were left, so they were sent back down the mountain under their own power (Pyle, 144).

under a pretense. Pretending; feigning.

...she...slept with him under the pretense that she knew nothing whatever (Cain, 142).

not to understand a word. Not to understand, comprehend.

...while the daughter told the story, smiling and nodding and not understanding a word (Yank, 49).

under --- stare. Being stared at by one.

Under his stare she became haughtily indifferent, crossing one bored leg over the other... (Cain, 112).

under the sun. (An intensive.)

...tea, coke, fruit drinks--and at some places the worst coffee under the sun (Yank, 75).

under --- supervision. Being supervised; doing something while being criticized and watched by another who is in charge.

...Mildred stole Archie...and under his dour supervision installed the... charcoal broiler (Cain, 178).
...the alterations, which were under the supervision of Monty... (Cain, 227).

under surveillance. Under observation; surreptitiously.

Drake's Seattle correspondent is keeping him under surveillance (Gardner, 104).
Private detectives were keeping the place under surveillance (Gardner, 108).

under --- thumb. In one's control; doing as one wishes.

Freeman keeps him under his thumb, and won't let him have a car... (Gardner, 25).
...I'll bet one of those Southern belles has got you under her thumb (Yank, 130).

under way. Moving; going.

The moment the shooting began we got quickly under way... (Pyle, 33).
Once under way...there didn't seem to be the slightest tenseness or worry (Pyle, 11).
It could pack up and be under way in probably less than an hour (Pyle, 420).
It is always full house at Spiedel's when a raid is under way (Yank, 41).

unfamiliar to. Unknown to, by.

The music was unfamiliar to her... (Cain, 213).

unheard of.

1. Fabulous; great; immense.

Much of the butter...went to Paris for resale at unheard-of prices (Pyle, 415).

2. Unknown.

Charley had gone to a progressive school, something unheard-of in Jeffrey's youth (Marquand, 213).

Union Jack. The British flag.

He doesn't dash to the top of the rise among the bullets to wave a Union Jack in Jerry's face (Yank, 36).

until after. Until.

We got permission to postpone the homeward trip until after we had made the invasion (Pyle, 37).

(un)til God knows when. Indefinitely; for a long time; for nobody knows how long.

...he had a furlough Labor Day and would not get another until God knows when (Yank, 193).

until --- is (blue, red) in the face. (An intensive.)

You could ask that man until you were blue in the face, and still he would never close the pantry door... (Marquand, 37).
Jeffrey might have talked until he was blue in the face without ever convincing anyone like Minot that the work was hard (Marquand, 339).
I looked at thousands of pictures of wives and three-month-old babies, and said "Yes!" and "Ah, beautiful!" and...until I was red in the face (Pyle, 180).

until the last moment (minute). To the last possible moment; to the eleventh hour; for the longest possible time.

In Washington, huge staffs worked on it until the last minute, then moved boy and baggage over to Africa (Pyle, 16).
She had put off buying it until the last moment... (Cain, 153).

to be untrue to. Not to be faithful to one's spouse or fiance; to have sexual relations with one other than one's spouse.

...it wasn't at Monty that she leaped...the men who had been untrue to her (Cain, 154).

an unwritten rule. Tradition.

They were obeying the unwritten Army rule, not found in any manual... (Yank, 39).

up above. At a place higher than one is.

It wasn't the heavy flak up above or the medium flak or the way down that worried the pilots so much... (Pyle, 164).
Up above looks the wounded Patrick was living out here (Yank, 47).

up against. Next to and in contact with.

Then she pitched two napkins up against the water glasses (Gardner, 48).
They're all up against the wall (Marquand, 491).

to be up against. To be in opposition to, forced to deal with, a very difficult situation, condition.

You knew what you were up against, and the world didn't help to steady you (Gardner, 178).
...a Company began to move, not yet aware of what it was up against (Yank, 8).
And what they're up against is tough (Cain, 202).
...that shows they knew what they're up against (Cain, 202).
You see, here's what we're up against (Cain, 101).
And another thing, this way is quick, and the last I heard of you, you were up against it, and couldn't afford to waste much time (Cain, 35).

up ahead. Ahead; to the front.

...there was day heavy machine-gun fire up ahead (Yank, 251).
...the brow of a hill up ahead... (Yank, 244).
He crawled up ahead, "consistently exposed himself to murderous enemy... fire" (Yank, 244).
They could hear the gunfire up ahead, but that was not their problem (Marquand, 218).
He saw the first salvo leave the flagship up ahead (Yank, 43).
There was a terrific explosion up ahead (Yank, 44).

"It's up ahead about fifty feet," one soldier said (Pyle, 200).

to be up and at it. To get up from rest and begin work, attack, or the like.

They would go for days...snatching a few hours of weary sleep at night, and being up and at it again hours before daylight... (Pyle, 328).

up and back. Forward and return.

They made the trip up and back with the vessel... (Pyle, 279).
They could be up and back in less than three hours (Pyle, 143).

up and down.

1. Alternately upward and then downward. (Also attributive.)

Arms flailed up and down by the thousands (Pyle, 398).
Although he was a good soldier, Boisie went up and down in rank six or eight times before joining Stars and Stripes... (Pyle, 127).
...he bucked up and down (Yank, 6).
The performing larynx moved beautifully up and down (Yank, 29).
The chimes made him look at the cathedral and the people moving up and down the steps (Marquand, 593).
They ran all over, with arms and heads going up and down... (Pyle, 405).
The barrel went up and down... (Pyle, 391).
They came lying belly-down across the wooden packsaddles...bobbing up and down as the mules walked (Pyle, 154).
He kept bouncing up and down on the spongy tundra (Yank, 226).
...the women with their tightly knotted hair and the men with their bristly heads, walking conscientiously up and down the steps ready... (Marquand, 226).
...the men climbed up and down a rope net from one deck to another (Yank, 202).
This up-and-down business went till the record played four times (Pyle, 341).

2. From one end of something to the other.

He took little trips up and down the coast (Pyle, 35).
They laid down hundreds of yards of burlap and placed chicken wire on top of it, making a firm roadbed up and down the beach (Pyle, 28).
Small herds of gray cows that looked like Brahmans, except that they had no humps, wandered up and down the trails (Pyle, 98).
You could see far up and down the beach... (Pyle, 369).
Three officers worked up and down the dining room (Pyle, 40).
Our small assault craft were all up and down the beach, unloading and dashing off again (Pyle, 23).
...to find hundreds of jeeps and 2½ ton trucks rumbling placidly up and down lands where... (Yank, 39).
It made him think of all the places they had lived in up and down New York (Marquand, 303).
I squatted there...part of a thin line of other bewildered guys as far up and down the ditch as the eye could see (Pyle, 445).

...he has clocked 15,000 miles up and down the island... (Yank, 233).
...like half a dozen policemen running up and down the street... (Pyle, 142).
He...strode up and down the narrow passage... (Yank, 233).

3. Here and there; back and forth.

He got out, began tramping up and down beside the car (Cain, 198).
Then she went out in the corridor and started walking up and down, quietly, slowly (Cain, 101).
Canadians...had been marching up and down for four years (Pyle, 345).
...a colonel I had known a long time was walking up and down behind the farmhouse... (Pyle, 439).
Veda began dancing up and down, and Bert came in... (Cain, 125).
Mildred watched the preposterous little figure striding up and down... (Cain, 128).
He strode up and down for a few minutes... (Cain, 216).

up and over. Upward and over.

..."The Road to Folgro" twists up and over the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains... (Yank, 177).

up and up. Very high.

If he grew tired of the skating, Jim said he would not mind standing and staring up and up, watching the mass of building cut into the sky (Marquand, 324).
The freed silver bag would soar up and up until finally in the thin, high air it would burst and disappear from view (Pyle, 19).

up around. In altitude at approximately.

By this time we were up around four thousand feet (Pyle, 323).

up at.

1. Upward toward, in the direction of.

They threw the Fourth of July up at the cold grey sky... (Yank, 85).
The officer behind me yelled up at the deck... (Pyle, 355).
...running around and pointing up at the planes and cheering them on (Yank, 69).
...and soon a tongue of fire poked up at the sky from each of the enemy ships (Yank, 43).
Jeffrey looked up at the pointed Norman dovecote and wriggled his toes inside his shoes (Marquand, 118).
Walter pushed his glasses more firmly on his nose, looked up at the ceiling and snapped his fingers (Marquand, 460).
Dr. Londonberry, startled, glanced up at the judge, then suddenly became confused (Gardner, 33).

When Jeffrey heard the word, the war was back again and he stared up at the sky (Marquand, 551).
Her face as she leaned back on her elbows and looked up at the stars had a disturbing, unsettled quality (Marquand, 448).
...just below the stairs where a thin, tired-looking girl looked up at him from her memorandum pad (Marquand, 471).
The General looked up at him and he was an old man too (Marquand, 474).
Smiling up at the colonel from little more than arm's length away was a German... (Yank, 167).
There were snapshots staring up at you from the sand (Pyle, 367).
The adjutant... glanced up at the clock and noted the time (Yank, 168).

2. To the north at.

The warden up at San Quentin doesn't care particularly about capital punishment (Gardner, 179).
...You know, the couple Mildred visited over the weekend, up at the lake (Cain, 108).

3. Forward, ahead, at.

He knew it helped the soldiers' spirit to see their commanding general right up at the front... (Pyle, 395).
Up at the front someone en leaned that Hitlerers from corps headquarters... (Yank, 8).

4. Upward in.

She had a soft, childish neck that perked her head up at a pretty angle... (Cain, 17).

up by. Above where one is or next to.

"Up by my room, Burns," Minot said (Marquand, 257).

up close.

1. Nearby; near.

Up close, she could see the wan, stagy look that Veda turned on the audience... (Cain, 241).
The apprehensive Infantry begins to melt away...those up close milling around... (Yank, 204).

2. Forward and near.

General Bradley insisted on keeping his command post up close...behind the front lines (Pyle, 311).

to be up for. To be considered for; to be nominated for.

...I have recently rejected two CDDs but I am up for a third... (Yank, 170).

up from.

1. Upward and away from.

The regimental executive officer hiked up from the valley, wearing a trench coat, his feet wet (Yank, 10).
The sound of firing roared up from his own ship (Yank, 43).
Minot looked up from the fire (Marquand, 39[illegible]).
Walter looked up from his brief case (Marquand, 45[illegible]).
His bags had been brought up from the storeroom in the basement... (Marquand, 407).
Gertrude Lade looked up from the telephone as Mason approached (Gardner, 59).
He glanced up from his coffee and saw that she looked startled (Marquand, 322).
...the clerk looked up from arranging a bowl of white and violet flowers... (Marquand, 4[illegible]).

2. At a place north of and being out of, from.

Some of the correspondents up from Italy had no civilian clothes... (Pyle, 29[illegible]).
It was almost too much for soldiers up from Italy (Pyle, [illegible]43).

up front.

1. In the front lines of battle; at the place where the battle is taking place and where the soldiers are actually prepared to fight.

He said he felt better about the war, doing this job -- caring for the wounded -- than if he had to be up front killing people himself (Pyle, 48).
Some soldiers told about running onto another soldier stretched out in the back seat of a jeep, way up front... (Pyle, 241).
You ought to see up front when it gets hilly and muddy at the same time (Yank, 136).
One night up front a corporal...assailed censorship of mail (Yank, 136).
You must think it's a cold mine up front (Yank, 140).

2. At the front, here, or somewhere.

One night I went to a USO show given in a rest area and was put in the balcony, third row up front, next to a two-star general (Pyle, 130).
"We ought to be winning, brother," he said, "if you want a seat up front" (Marquand, 16[illegible]).
Up front a hole appeared in the middle of the battalion area... (Yank, 144).
A few mortar shells crash up front where our evil enemies are thickest (Yank, 136).
Learning is about the most dangerous part of flying, but it's the one operation I love most, especially when riding up front (Pyle, [illegible]).

up the front. In, on the front vertically.

...a black wool dress laced up the front... (Yank, [illegible]).

up here.

1. Here being farther north than the place where another is.

You can't bring the war in the Aleutians into a bull session up here without someone mentioning the Alaska Scouts (Yank, 190).
It might take the Army months to get another man up here (Yank, 200).
I located Allen Leeds up here (Gardner, 121).
A guy up here, a private, was in on the landing at Attu... (Yank, 173).

2. Here which is a higher place than the place at which another person is.

...in a few more seconds the shell will be up here (Ryle, 166).
If you'll come up here, I'll tell you (Marquand, 367).
Could you come up here for a minute? (Marquand, 367).

up high. Very high.

Jerry has one gun shootin' tracers up high (Yank, 148).

up in.

1. At a higher place, position, degree, in, at.

How much I don't exactly know, but it's well up in six figures (Cain, 100).
...his mind went back to his efforts with Diana of the Crossways up in the small bedroom where he lived in Cambridge during the week (Marquand, 178).
Up in the tree some of the lead knocked off Gum's canteen... (Yank, 95).
He was up in his room on the third story lookin' at himself... (Marquand, 183).
They jess float along up in the air and spit in everybody's eye (Yank, 100).
We were up in the country where shippin' and truckin' were unheard-of words... (Yank, 196).
...I've been fightin' with the Ayetie Partisans up in the hills (Yank, 95).
...a few are still up in the hills (Yank, 251).
Up in the gallery, workmen were taking down the show display, which invited you... (Marquand, 41).
It's up in my office, I tell you, just a small fire (Gardner, 42).
...Yedo planned along, talkin' figures that ended somewhere up in the thirtie notes (Cain, 136).
He...came from Hyden, Kentucky, up in the hills... (Ryle, 218).
Next up in the scale was the mess for full colonels and generals only (Ryle, 342).
...the crossin' would have to be made at a point 1,200 feet up in the mountains (Yank, 178).

2. At a place to the north in, at.

...and the captain's dorg is making love up in the village (Yank, 98).
Up in the Klondike some place (Gardner, 138).
You knew Leeds up in the Klondike, didn't you? (Gardner, 57).
A man that couldn't take care of himself had no business being up in that country (Gardner, 57).
She may have known Leeds up in the Klondike (Gardner, 47).
I wonder if he was ever up in the Klondike or the Yukon (Gardner, 55).
I believe Leeds made the bulk of his fortune from a gold strike up in the Yukon, did he not? (Gardner, 54).
Freeman Lee's said, "Alden had been up in the Klondike" (Gardner, 137).
We went up in the Banana district, and made a pretty good strike (Gardner, 112).
If you'd done that up in the Yukon, there'd have been two witnesses -- you and Emily (Gardner, 130).
He knew Uncle up in the Klondike years ago (Gardner, 4).

3. At a place forward, ahead, to the front, in.

It seems Arlie was driving a couple of colonels up in the front lines... (Pyle, 120).
The second night I spent on the dirty floor of a rickety French farmhouse, far up in the lines... (Pyle, 411).
The men up in the lines are our big shots (Yank, 197).
Red Dog stayed up in the nose during the landing... (Pyle, 325).

up into.

1. At a place to the north and into.

I went up into the Klondike as a dancer for the Grand A (Gardner, 112).

2. At a higher place and into.

They flew so close together that as many as twenty dive bombers could be seen in a dive all at once, making a straight line up into the sky like a gigantic stream of water (Pyle, 160).

up near. Forward, ahead, and near.

Two jack-hammer operators were working all alone up near "The point" (Yank, 178).

up north. In a place to the north, northward.

...the Jerries started sending the young Eyeties to work up north (Yank, 38).
Those who wished could go up north to continue... (Yank, 38).
The only thing in Italy I had really wanted to see was the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but that was up north (Pyle, 113).

up on.

1. At a higher place and on.

They told of a soldier who was standing in a ditch, with one foot up on the bank (Pyle, 256).
He was sitting on his front piazza with his feet up on the railing... (Marquand, 19).
Up on the fifteenth floor the corridor and the cocktail lounge were jammed with more members... (Marquand, 75).
...another house...high up on Mount Cairo... (Yank, 240).
...the supply men hiked their loads up on their shoulders... (Yank, 198).
And then they were up on the porch and Agnes took his hands in both of hers, and stared meaningly into his eyes (Marquand, 484).
...when I was back up on deck... (Yank, 274).

2. At a place forward, ahead, and on.

Came the day while we were up on the Cherbourg peninsula when I decided all of a sudden that I couldn't face C rations that evening (Pyle, 402).
Up on the left flank, a machine gun opened fire... (Yank, 147).
...the men up on the line... (Yank, 197).
...the supplies to the boys up on "The Point" still went through every day... (Yank, 179).
It was a round-the-clock job, seven days a week, up on "The Point" (Yank, 178).

3. Very near; adjacent; next to.

At times we were right up on the edge of the pale-green water, too shallow to go any closer (Pyle, 84).
...the tank was right up on him... (Yank, 184).

to be up on. To have much current information regarding; to know much about.

...although he's pretty well up on his British Isles and has a speaking acquaintance with the rest of the Empire, he knows less than a Brooklynite about the outside world (Yank, 36).

up one side and down the other. Very thoroughly, carefully, throughout.

"We've covered him up one side and down the other," Drake said (Gardner, 89).

upon receipt of. On receiving; on getting.

Upon receipt of the sewing kit, the soldier carefully took out the needles to sew up... (Yank, 141).

up onto. At, to, a higher place and onto.

We slushed behind him across the stump flat and up onto the fill of the Itie railroad... (Yank, 197).
...a big bar e was pulled up onto the beach... (Yank, 202).
We stepped up onto the porch... (Yank, 247).

upon orders. Orders being given; being ordered.

During battle, he was the head of a crew down in a magazine of big shells and upon orders passed more ammunition up to the gun batteries above (Pyle, 38).

to be up on --- toes. To be alert; to be watchful and ready for action.

"I couldn't," Frale admitted," unless I'd been up on my toes and played a hunch" (Gardner, 65).

up on top of. Above and on top of.

Up on top of the Notchkiss...over by Lexington Avenue (Farquend, 34).

up over. Upward and over.

...every man draped an army blanket around his shoulders, and sometimes up over his head (Pyle, 398).
Salt water rushed up over the windshield... (Pyle, 348).
...engineer regiments that hewed it out of solid rock-masses 100 yards long and carried it up over mountain ranges... (Yank, 177).

the upper lip.. The top lip.

Those things, the rule is to let them strictly alone, especially on the upper lip (Cain, 33).

upper plate. That part of dentures, false teeth which fit in the roof of the mouth and serve for the upper teeth.

This lovelorn type called home the next day for a new upper plate... (Yank, 140).

up the road. Ahead on and adjacent to, the street, road.

She's working in that potteery place, up the road about three miles... (Cain, 44).
The others had gone, he said, up the road they had gone (Yank, 11).

ups and downs. Rising and falling, increasing and diminishing in good fortune, luck, or the like.

His ups and downs destroyed all his regard for rank... (Pyle, 138).

upside down. Bottom side up; jersey versey; wrong side up. (Also attributive.)

But as he shot on past, the propeller blast caught the little ship, threw it upside down, and it dived to the ground--quite fatally (Pyle, 171).
...a shell that blew his motor upside down... (Yank, 124).
Jim was landed upside down in a tree (Pyle, 316).
He made the hot chocolate on an electric iron turned upside down (Pyle, 413).
There were LCI's turned completely upside down (Pyle, 368).
...which meant that half the time you must have been walking upside down, like a fly upon the ceiling... (Marquand, 305).
...there was nothing you could do about it--everyone else was walking upside down (Marquand, 304).
Near it was a German horse-drawn ammunition cart, upside down (Pyle, 448).
We rode to the wrecked British plane, lying there upside down... (Pyle, 405).
One said, "Think of hitting the beach tonight, seasick as hell, with your stomach upside down, and straight off you come face to face with an Italian with a big garlic breath (Pyle, 16).
A man lay on his back in the small space of the upside-down cockpit (Pyle, 458).

up --- sleeve. In reserve; hidden for possible use.

What did the enemy have up its sleeve? (Pyle, 32).
...whether Germany had some hidden Luftwaffe up her sleeve that she might whisk out to destroy us (Pyle, 8).

up there.

1. There at another place.

As I stood up there I noticed a group of prisoners standing nearby (Pyle, 269).
We couldn't go around then through the flat peaceful valleys, because the Germans were up there looking down upon us... (Pyle, 141).
A pilot sat up there and thought it out this way... (Pyle, 113).
...that looked like a castle sitting up there (Yank, 125).
...this girl...was up there...singing... (Cain, 213).
Yeah, it's kinda rough up there (Yank, 127).
...when I went up there (Yank, 227).
I'd like to go up there an' pick some (Yank, 226).
Now just explain to the court what happened when you took the food up there (Gardner, 144).
It was a hellish job for us to get up there, just carrying nothing (Yank, 128).
We've taught them to do only one thing up there...how to kill Krauts (Yank, 127).
...the Dragons are already up there waiting for them (Yank, 194).
...after a guy is up there for a couple of hours, something can go sheburg with an engine... (Yank, 206).

...someday I was going to be up there in a plane (Yank, 188).
Up there we had a tent hospital... (Pyle, 369).
God, how we admired those men up there... (Pyle, 436).
When I get up there I find that I can reach out and touch the flip... (Yank, 162).
"Oh," Jeffrey said, "have you got that up there?" (Marquand, 358).
There was a post up there (Yank, 345).
Who do you think you are, to stand up there and ask me, will I do this and will I do that? (Gardner, 76).
And...I went up there at quarter past ten (Gardner, 74).
I got up there at eight-ten on the dot (Gardner, 148).
It was fifteen minutes before my quitting time, so I beat it up there fast (Gardner, 148).

2. There at a place ahead, forward.

...the tiny percentage of our vast Army who are actually up there doing the dying (Pyle, 128).
The motors made less noise up there (Pyle, 324).
Then she was sitting beside Wally, and Mrs. Bessler was up there, corroborating everything she said... (Cain, 86).
...some utter stranger was then lying in sudden new anguish up there ahead in the illimitable darkness (Pyle, 428).
They're up there with tommy guns and grenades... (Yank, 144).
He's up there about 100 yards (Yank, 144).
There's some guys up there (Yank, 144).
The trucks get mired up there a piece, and they have to switch the stuff onto mules (Yank, 196).
This does not mean that it was not up there... (Yank, 32).
...for the men who are really up there, the war is a tough and dirty life... (Yank, 48).
And up there the city was built up enough so that the waiting riflemen had the protection of doorways (Pyle, 434).
If you could have been right up there between the Germans and the Americans you wouldn't have seen many men... (Pyle, 441).
...the Air Force was up there banging away ahead of us (Pyle, 439).
So we piled into several jeeps and drove up there (Pyle, 445).

3. There at a place to the north.

There were no trees or hillocks or anything up there for protection (Pyle, 251).
Up there in the front our men lay in shallow foxholes (Pyle, 251).
"Ever been up there?" the lawyer inquired (Gardner, 54).
Up there in the Yukon, Leeds took possession of the cabin and all of the grub (Gardner, 168).
He told me something about his adventures up there (Gardner, 157).
You know, it's light all night up there during the summer (Gardner, 113).

up to.

1. Upward and to; at a higher place and to.

"All right," Elliot called, "put it up to five" (Marquand, 378).
Let's get a taxi...and go up to my place (Marquand, 43).
When some friends invited me up to their cottage by the lake, I didn't see why... (Cain, 98).
...people who had stopped by Saturday and invited her up to the lake (Cain, 99).
He put his hand clear up to... (Cain, 81).
Frechome loaded it on his sled, went up to the cabin (Gardner, 182).
...the men, who had to make several yards up to the beach (Yank, 202).
...drawing water up to the field (Yank, 115).
Pace grabbed the end of a hose that was passed up to him and pulled on it but it was too heavy (Yank, 46).
"If we can only get up to A Company," I thought (Yank, 21).
...the three of us drove up to the foothills... (Pyle, 280).
One day old Mr. Jenks, who customarily wrote this head and sent it up to the composing room by five minutes of three... (Marquand, 197).
When you guys with hash marks up to the elbow get sentimental, you're the worst of all (Yank, 89).
When I brought meals up to him (Gardner, 140).
...she...headed up to the hills (Cain, 103).
He rode around...and then went up to her hotel room... (Yank, 209).
...she was to drive up to the hills... (Cain, 181).
...Veda walked up to the second floor... (Cain, 193).
...he led her through the first floor, then up to the second (Cain, 226).
He might have gone up to the Oak Room still holding it... (Marquand, 241).
"Sometime you ought to come up to the Waldorf Tower," she said (Marquand, 348).
...the tree is empty all the way up to the branch... (Yank, 163).
...I crawls on up to the branch to investigate (Yank, 163).
She came up to the claim as a young woman who wanted to throw in her lot with two prospectors... (Gardner, 180).
They...took chances dashing up to the top of the hill... (Yank, 136).
But Madge only put her hand over the transmitter and called up to him (Marquand, 567).
Everyone who took the elevator up to the sixth floor was clocked in and clocked out (Gardner, 77).
Have him check on that waiter who took the food up to Millicant's apartment (Gardner, 100).
They identify it as being the photograph of the man who went up to that apartment (Gardner, 86).
You, Leeds, went up to John Millicant's apartment last night (Gardner, 108).
...Conway -- Millicant -- might get some if I didn't get the rub up to him in time (Gardner, 147).
Everyone in the elevator was obviously going up to the Merrivells'... (Marquand, 340).
Gone up to the room (Marquand, 478).
"Take them up to 717, boy," he heard someone say, "and leave the key..." (Marquand, 556).
Infantrymen worked their way up to second-story windows... (Pyle, 407).

They...carried them swiftly out of town and up to the Partisan camp in the hills (Yank, 36).
Put your coat now, and -- then run over to Grandfather's and see if he minds taking me up to Mrs. Whitley's in his car (Cain, 11).
Let's take this up to his office (Gardner, 41).
Allen Leeds drove up to my house (Gardner, 140).
They have the habit of stopping in the soldiers...and inviting them up to Headquarters... (Yank, 201).
That's why it was better to call them up to the office instead of telling them by phone (Yank, 89).
...I made a forced march up to Fifth Avenue... (Yank, 328).
Walking smartly up to the major, he snapped to attention, saluted and said: "Sirs, I'm here" (Yank, 111).
...the power barges drew up to it and the supplies were unloaded on trucks (Yank, 202).
We run some ships up to the shore, we emptied others at ports, and we would unload big freighters by lightening their cargoes in hundreds of assault barges... (Pyle, 38).
The six-ton gun fires a shell so big it is all an ammunition carrier can do to lug one up to the gun pit (Pyle, 96).
Just at dawn, as the raid ended, he came running up to me...and yelled... (Pyle, 8).
...his same hut had a tiny little garden walk leading up to the door (Pyle, 358).
Some major came rushing up to the plane... (Pyle, 222).
The figure moved boldly up to him... (Yank, 13).
"They all come up to him afterwards," Mrs. Lercombe said, "these brittle... (Marquand, 191).
She came up to me afterwards... (Marquand, 191).
...two ammunition carriers brought new shells from a dump a few feet away up to the rim of the gun pit... (Pyle, 382).
...walk right up to that desk (Gardner, 16).
...like stepping on a banana peel, losing his balance and sliding on his behind up to the girl though of course there were infinite variations (Marquand, 222).
Drake said, "Let's go," and led the way up to the entrance of the apartment house (Gardner, 158).
"We're here," he said as I came up to him (Yank, 16).
The plane taxied up to the edge of the runway... (Yank, 208).
We rushed up to the trench... (Pyle, 377).
...Shorty...went up to a lieutenant and hit him (Yank, 117).
We walked up to the house (Yank, 247).
She found a house, a big mansion with a low hedge around it, went up to the door and rang (Cain, 47).

U. Until; till.

Fighting purely on air war -- as they had been built up to then -- was in some ways so routine... (Pyle, 328).
We'd been pretty lucky in some tight spots up to then... (Yank, 139).
Up to now, Veda had worn the quiet...to very... (Cain, 150).
They kept this process of correction open right up to the last minute (Pyle, 64).

Up to then, he said, the men had been wading waist deep...across the creek... (Yank, 198).
They had met Nit...but up to now they hadn't realized what he'd been through (Yank, 207).
...took half an hour to describe Hague's career up to 1920... (New Yorker, XIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
Up to that time he was a sergeant... (Pyle, 139).
Axis agents on shore had simply to look through binoculars to see the start of the greatest armada ever assembled up to that moment (Pyle, 12).
One of the few signs of civilization up to that time was the marine brig... (Yank, 89).
...Charlie Hannen, quite well known, up to a few years ago... (Cain, 164).
Up to this time there have been only four variations of the box-sending theme (Yank, 140).
Up to now, Veda had been coldly neutral, but when she heard about the swan's cottage by the lake... (Cain, 98).
Up to then, she had known there would be outlays... (Cain, 242).

4. Forward, ahead, and to, toward.

I left the two men behind and crawled up to the place where growth had been... (Yank, 9).
We had to take the chow up to the line... (Yank, 244).
Ammunition was carried up to it... (Pyle, 445).
As I rode up to the battlefront, just past Coffin Corners... (Yank, 82).
S/Sgt L.E. Harlan of Sioux City, Iowa, crept up to the nose to help... (Yank, 86).
The little advance groups worked their way up to the far ends of the hedgerows... (Pyle, 441).
...the 12th Command had started a program of sending pilots up to the front as liaison officers for a few days at a time (Pyle, 158).
One by one the platoon leaders felt their way up to the head of the column... (Pyle, 209).
...I...drove a couple of miles up to where two companies of his tanks were bivouacked... (Pyle, 364).
They carried mines and barbed wire up to the front... (Pyle, 265).
The night before an attack he and I marched up to the lines... (Pyle, 304).
...he moved up to a position behind a two-foot thick banyan tree... (Yank, 19).
...Col. Pate issued an order forbidding vehicles not needed for work from going up to "The Point" (Yank, 179).
...Gen. Wheeler -- who hadn't been up to "The Point" for several days -- chose that day to make an inspection (Yank, 179).
Our rear elements...were moving up to the front (Yank, 250).

5. To no more than: to as a maximum.

The fields were surrounded on all sides by the immense hedgerows...out of which grew weeds, bushes, and trees up to twenty feet high (Pyle, 440).
When we came to a central crossroads we could see anywhere up to a hundred signs.... (Pyle, 131).
...their speed in such a dive would ordinarily build up to around seven hundred miles an hour (Pyle, 160).

In the middle and latter days of Tunisia we were issued up to five or seven packs a week (Pyle, 126).
Smaller bombs, even up to 500-pound ones, were lifted by hand (Pyle, 210).
He was only twenty-two, yet from appearances he could have been any age up to forty (Pyle, 275).
But now and then they'd pick up a lulu of a spot which would take anywhere up to twenty-four hours to get around (Pyle, 58).
...Saturday-night fights...draw up to 14,000 yowling patrons (Yank, 133).
Soldiers of A Company did the drainage work, installing pipes up to six feet in diameter... (Yank, 176).

6. Northward and to.

One recent midweek afternoon, we sneaked out of our office and up to the Polo Grounds, where the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds were about to play... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
I took a trip up to the Midlands... (Pyle, 302).
Our hospital ships ran up to Anzio frequently... (Pyle, 287).
One...suggested getting a truck ride up to Tel Aviv... (Yank, 116).
I was nineteen when I went up to the Klondike in 1906 (Gardner, 112).
It took me a while to make a stake to get up to the Klondike, and then I found Hogarty and Leeds... (Gardner, 216).
Emily got my wire and flew up to San Francisco (Gardner, 217).

7. Upward in degree, rank, and to.

...the bills...footed up to more than $1,300 (Cain, 190).
...has gone beyond the realm of humanitarianism up to religion (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
From the basic two-man dugout, which was usually bare except for a shelf... and some pin-up girls, those underground homes ran on up to the fantastic in elaborateness (Pyle, 257).
Crockett went from a basic private up to first sergeant... (Yank, 245).

8. In depth to.

The mud was caked up to their belts... (Yank, 196).
Then I settled gradually in mud up to my knees (Pyle, 37).

to be up to ---.

1. To be one's responsibility, charge.

It's entirely up to you... (Cain, 100).
...that you were in love, and that it's up to us to give you a chance to come clean before we do anything drastic (Gardner, 161).
It's up to me to be somewhere else than (Pyle, 163).
...it's not up to me to give you any advice (Cain, 131).
...I'd say the next move was up to them (Cain, 202).
It's all up to fate, I think (Yank, 206).
If the suckers wanted to get trimmed, that was up to them (Gardner, 72).

It's up to them (Gardner, 22).
It's up to Jim to tell his mother what he wants (Marquand, 393).
I told him it was, and that it was up to him to square the rap (Gardner, 102).
It was up to him to say something, and he wished that he felt more in the mood for it (Marquand, 425).
Then it's up to the lawyer to go ahead and protect them anyway (Gardner, 179).
Yank, it's up to you now (Yank, 171).

2. To be doing; to be planning to do.

Every time you take your eye off him he's up to something (Cain, 67).
So that's what you was up to! (Cain, 67).
...I found out what you were up to... (Cain, 207).
Mrs. Gessler, when she heard what Mildred was up to, flew into a rage... (Cain, 176).
What's she up to now? (Cain, 151).

3. To be capable of it; to be able to do it.

...it had not been exactly what he had hoped, perhaps because he had not been up to it (Marquand, 191).

up to date. Current; according to the latest information, fashion, or the like.

Somebody put up a blackboard behind the lost-and-found department and kept it up to date (Yank, 185).
We got our inoculations up to date... (Pyle, 358).
...they are much bigger and much more up-to-date than I have supposed (Pyle, 284).

to be up to --- ears. To be deeply involved in.

The engineers were in it up to their ears (Pyle, 18).

to be up to --- elbows in. To have one's hands within something.

She started her pies early...but she was up to her elbows in dough when he walked in the kitchen door (Cain, 81).

up to par. All right; in good condition, shape.

The coast artilleries hit the deck and says he's up to par (Yank, 156).

up to a point. To a degree, time, and to but no further than.

It wasn't working very well up to that point, and the quota had been cut to half of one per cent (Pyle, 113).
Jeffrey had seen it that way once, and still could up to a certain point (Marquand, 335).

up under. Adjacent to; next to; very near to.

...being right up under Jerry's nose... (Pyle, 245).

up until. Until; till; to that time.

...a fairly secure lull that none of the German shells had found up until then (Yank, 138).
...the Germans did conduct themselves fairly properly up until the last few weeks... (Pyle, 462).
He had been in the army four years, and was a sergeant up until the time he got his commission a year before (Pyle, 174).

upward of. Approximately; in the neighborhood of; about. (This implies something more than rather than less.)

The tunnel could handle upwards of fifteen million vehicles... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 14, 1947, 27).
...it cost upwards of $5,000, and cleaned out her personal cash (Jain, 42).

up with.

1. forward, there, with.

He scorns the comfortable rear-echelon headquarters in New Delhi, preferring to stay up with his men (Yank, 1?6-1).
The battery had put an observer up with the infantry... (Yank, 38).
...our machine guns get pinned down when they stay up with us (Yank, 1?0).
The tank boys had shot it to pieces and then moved their tanks up over with it... (Pyle, 406).
...the men who run the supply truck up with the ammunition... (Yank, 3?).
Ernie mentioned for me to come up with him (Pyle, ???).

2. Contemporary with; in fashion with.

...she took pains to think...for not being up with the times (Jain, 149).

3. To a higher place and with.

"Okay, Jim," the leader said, "you go up with this bird; I'll stay here" (Garner, 4?).

4. [illegible] with.

I'll go up with you on Monday, but there's no use rewriting it any more (Morgan, 2??).

up within. Within; close within; inside of.

In the dense undergrowth it was impossible to locate the dugs unless you got up within a few feet of them (Yank, 17).

to urge on. To egg on; to persuade to continue.

...a shrill chorus of girl voices urging her on (Yank, 18c).

a used car. A second hand car; a car which has had one owner or more.

He was working in a garage then, towing used cars from Milwaukee to Jamestown (Yank, 22).

used to.

1. (This is a periphrastic past tense auxiliary indicating habitual action, or extended existence.)

Jeffrey used to be a newspaper man once himself... (Marquand, 36).
Yes...I used to know him (Marquand, 36).
She used to tell him that if he would get up at a quarter to eight... (Marquand, 4).
Do you know what Beckie used to do at school? (Marquand, 101).
...we used to see you out walking (Marquand, 2).
...what happened to that girl you used to go with? (Marquand, 52).
"I don't want to look like a contented cow," Madge used to say (Marquand, 3).
"The only thing I have left is my figure," Madge used to say (Marquand, 3).
"Try to find another word for it," he used to tell her (Marquand, 4).
Walter used to sit at the telegraph desk... (Marquand, 16).
You used to think I told you (Marquand, 302).
"You remind me of a girl I used to know," he said (Marquand, 332).
...and the bombs were dropped through a heavy fire of ack-ack -- Archies, as they used to call them in the other war... (Marquand, 343).
That was what Jeffrey used to hear them call (Marquand, 76).
Frankly, tools don't last the way they used to when we were kids...and I give 'em wear... (Marquand, 113).
"Jeff," he said, "what happened to that girl you used to go with?" (Marquand, 52).
...all the love and the light...are there for me in just the way they used to be... (Yank, 188).
...T/5 Donald M. Roberts, a machine gunner from Cashoctan, Ohio, who used to be a Pennsylvania Railroad trackworker... (Yank, 39).
It was what Captain Strike used to say when he pushed back his chair... (Marquand, 76).
I used to look at the statues of naked women in there when I was a kid (Yank, 188).
One used to be an actor, the second a theater director and the third was director of the opera in the city of Ljubljana (Yank, 71).
...SS men used to force their prisoners... (Yank, 220).
...he was born in Boston, where his father used to work... (Yank, 219).
He used to be in A Company... (Yank, 242).
He used to tell them he had to know... (Yank, 229).
He always used to come in and order a drink... (Yank, 205).
There used to be one fellow, a lieutenant (Yank, 205).
One of the former Jap hospitals used to stand near this warehouse... (Yank, 243).

...Jane and I used to walk all over it in the blackout (Yank, 187).
We used to sit in those doorways at midnight... (Yank, 187).
...he used to get out of the store around 10 minutes of 11 (Yank, 183).
Fanny used to be in the motor freight business (Pyle, 335).
The prisoners were much more talkative than they used to be (Pyle, 123).
He used to run the Taproom in Dallas... (Pyle, 341).
When they finished their allotted missions -- which used to give them an automatic trip to America... (Pyle, 329).
Sergeant Kenneth Hackett used to work at the Martin plant (Pyle, 334).
McClory used to be a prize fighter (Pyle, 346).
McClory used to work for the Cleveland Welding Company... (Pyle, 346).
He used to run a wool mill (Pyle, 345).
...he used to press his pants with it... (Pyle, 413).
He used to be a farmer... (Pyle, 104).
He said he used to do it for less, but since the Italians had raised the price on everything... (Pyle, 106).
He used to be a welder (Pyle, 278).
...he used to be a punch-press operator (Pyle, 278).
...e used to work in a brewery... (Pyle, 402).
Sergeant Toth used to work at the Westinghouse electric plant... (Pyle, 422).
There was a great field, he said, in ready pastries, since people no longer kept the servants the way they used to... (Cain, 85).
I used to sing Hannen's songs for him... (Cain, 231).
...he used to kid me about it... (Cain, 231).
She used to be a dance hall girl (Gardner, 47).
The famous Riker's Island rats, which used to be thought to outnumber the human population of Greater New York... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 18).
...Is not going in the red as fast as it used to (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept, 13, 1947, 28).

2. Accustomed to.

I was forcing myself to get used to it... (Pyle, 362).
You might as well get used to it now... (Pyle, 372).
...they had got used to it and no one wore cotton in his ears (Pyle, 388).
"After all," one of them said, "if you can get used to that old bastard's voice, you can get used to anything" (Yank, 111).
There is usually only one dish to a meal, but the staff is used to that (Yank, 69).
They are hardened to villent death but will never be used to it (Yank, 70).
"I'm just getting used to it," he said (Marquand, 208).
They rock back pretty quickly, if you're not used to them... (Marquand, 186).
If you were used to it, you did not sleep so badly, either (Marquand, 219).
He was so used to it that he entered a winter there much as a horse might enter a stable (Marquand, 325).
...Sam has always been used to a great deal of money (Cain, 194).
"I never get used to town cars," he said (Marquand, 73).
Nevertheless, he was so used to it that it always called him back (Marquand, 325).
There were wife and the children and things he was used to, but none of it had any sense or value any longer (Marquand, 450).

He wondered if it were because he was not used to that sort of thing that he felt it necessary to be logical with so many people (Marquand, 452).
Madge was used to it -- she had not asked to go (Marquand, 407).
Darling...it's only because she wants you to do something you're used to and they don't play bridge (Marquand, 6).
You may find she's been used to just as much as your boy has... (Cain, 194).
So we get used to working together, and don't commence bumping and stepping all over each other's feet? (Cain, 119).
I like it all right, but I'm really not used to it (Cain, 27).
...she couldn't get used to it that the rie Dragon was no longer hers... (Cain, 257).
He had become so used to crediting himself with vast acumen that he could not bring himself to admit... (Cain, 7).
...she couldn't get used to it that she cramped for small money (Cain, 257).

to use --- name. To state someone's name as an authority, reference.

But please don't use my name (Yank, 173).

to use --- noggin. To use one's intelligence; to think well.

I gathered from innuendo that in the pinches he used his noggin in spectacular ways... (Pyle, 184).

to use up.

1. To use something until it is exhausted, run out.

I'd keep shootin' until all my bullets was used up (Yank, 172).
...he didn't know how much of the forty five seconds had been used up before he made his discovery (Pyle, 319).
They used up all the ammunition... (Yank, 38).
Keep this as running until the money's used up or until I tell you to stop (Gardner, 120).
It seems to me we've about used up our luck (Pyle, 247).

2. To utilize completely; to use all of; to consume all of.

That's where I used up those six weeks of peace... (Pyle, 300).
She began to study it hard, noting the bookkeeping, the marketing, the methods of using up leftovers... (Cain, 79).

the usual run of. The average number and kind of; the normal amount of.

Of course I had the usual run of small jobs (Yank, 9).

utter faith. Complete, whole, absolute faith.

There wasn't a correspondent...who hadn't complete and utter faith in General Bradley (Pyle, 480).

utterly alone. All alone; alone; by oneself; with no one else.

The dying man was left utterly alone, just lying there on his litter on the ground...because the tent was full (Pyle, 51).

V-day. In World War II the day of victory over the Axis powers. (Later VE-day for victory in Europe and VJ-day for victory over Japan).

V-day must bring opportunity (Time, March 16, 1945, 11).

V-E day. Victory day in Europe in World War II.

James F. Byrnes...backstopped all agencies with an omnibus report to the President predicting 40 percent cutback in war production on 'V-E' (Victory day in Europe, as distinguished from 'V-J', Victory day in Japan) (Newsweek, Sept. 18, 1944, 72).

V-mail. Letters to and from soldiers overseas which are microfilmed and sent by airplane. The microfilm is then printed like a picture onto a letter and sent on to the person to whom it is written. (Also attributive.)

...the debris of war-torn GI raincoats, V-mail forms, bloody helmets, riddled rifle stocks and canteens (Yank, 133).

vacuum cleaner. An electrical cleaner for carpets, rugs, which sucks the dirt out by means of a vacuum into a dust chamber. (A very common implement in American homes.)

When he heard the vacuum cleaner he wondered how long since it had been oiled (Marquand, 327).
Joseph and Harriet, the new couple, seemed to be operating the vacuum cleaner and at the same time moving furniture... (Marquand, 327).

the valley of death. A nearness to death. (From Psalms xxiii.)

Even in fun you don't talk that way to an officer until you have been through that famous valley of death, and out again together (Pyle, 137).

to veer off. To change direction suddenly, sharply.

....ildred veered off in a new direction... (Cain, 147).

Venetian blinds. A blind, shade, for a window, which has many parallel slats whose angle may be varied to regulate the amount of light entering or leaving a room.

The electric fan was whirring and the Venetian blinds were drawn, and from... (Marquand, 287).
The Venetian blinds in the bedroom were drawn, except at one window which was open (Marquand, 406).

on the verge of. Very near to in degree, condition.

She was on the verge of hysteria, and she couldn't face Monty... (Cain, 148).

the very idea. (An intensive negative.)

Why the very idea, she said... (Cain, 131).

to be very much alive. To be alive when one is thought to be dead.

The OSS says that your wife...is very much alive... (Yank, 171).

the very same. The same; the identical.

...the very same L.T... (Pyle, 225).

very well. All right; it is agreed.

Mason said, "very well, Your Honor" (Gardner, 139).

vest pocket. Small; little.

His perfect conditioning dates back to West Point, where he was a track star and a 140-pound quarterback on the Army eleven when vest-pocket gridmen were all but unknown (Yank, 130).

vested interest. That which is considered as a complete, absolute, right, privilege.

...to argue that the United States as a nation had no vested interests in East Africa that were worth the shedding of a single drop of blood... (Marquand, 561).

V for victory. (A slogan during World War II among the Allies.)

...pulling their chestnuts out...Thumbs up...V for Victory... (Marquand, 464).

"Well, hi ho to you," Mrs. Newcombe said again, "and thumbs up and V for Victory with your fingers" (Marquand, 353).

via the grapevine. By means of, through, rumor.

When they heard via the grapevine of the Italian surrender in September 1943, they made a general break (Yank, 25).

vice-president. The one next in charge to the president; the one who is in charge in the absence of the president.

He was vice-president of the Hotel Goldshore... (Pyle, 340).

vice versa. With the order, arrangement, situation, or the like reversed.

It was the same sort of motivation that caused city girls on dude ranches to fall in love with cowboys, and vice versa... (Marquand, 386).

the victim of. The one injured, cheated, betrayed by.

...you might find yourself the victim of some ravening brute... (Cain, 223).

to be victimized by. To be cheated, deluded, by.

...Uncle Allen had been victimized by swindlers or blackmailers (Gardner, 6).

victory girl. Young women, girls, who during World War II indulged in sexual promiscuity with soldiers.

'They label themselves the victory girls,' she asserted. 'They think that the boys are here today but may be dead tomorrow, and they reason: "We'll give them all they want"' (San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Nov., 1, 1943, 2).

Vienna sausage. A small, canned, wiener.

Supper consists of a plateful of string beans with pieces of Vienna sausage (Yank, 69).

to visit around. To go here and there visiting.

So they visited around awhile (Pyle, 319).

--- voice breaks. One sobs as one talks.

At the end his voice almost broke... (Pyle, 433).

--- voice changes. An adolescent boy's soprano voice changes during puberty to a lower tone.

...when his voice changed it came out low, deep and throaty... (Yank, 14).

--- voice drops. One suddenly speaks more quietly, with less volume and on a lower tone.

Then her voice dropped, and she raised her hand to brush a wisp of hair... (Marquand, 113).

--- voice shakes. One's voice wavers in tone usually due to emotional, physical, distress.

Her voice shook as she spoke (Cain, 306).

to vote for. To vote in favor of.

...she...voted for him (Cain, 169).

to wade ashore. To wade in water to the shore.

Then he waded ashore and looked around and there right ahead of me was a white house... (Pyle, 26).

to wade in. To come to a shore, land, by wading.

...the 36th...division that has borne much of the bitter brunt of the Italian fight ever since it first waded in...at Salerna (Yank, 148).
Most of the men had to jump into waist-deep water and wade in (Pyle, 28).

to wade out. To go away from a shore, land, by wading.

...two of the fellows waded out and ...we pulled him out (Yank, 198).

a wad of dough. Much, a lot of, money.

...you owe the ODB a wad of dough (Yank, 171).

waffle iron. A device, utensil, for cooking waffles consisting of two equal, usually circular, parts which are hinged together. The inner surface of each part has raised cubes.

Mildred went back to the kitchen, lit the oven, and started the waffle irons to heat (Cain, 120).
She kept touching the waffle irons to see if they were hot (Cain, 120).

a wage slave. A wage earner; one who works for wages.

When Sinclair broke away from what he called being a wage slave and a yes man... (Marquand, 337).

to wage war. To engage, participate, in a war.

Are we not waging a war... (Yank, 213).

a wagon shed. A small barn, shed, used to store farm implements.

The nearest place was a wagon shed which formed one end of the stone house (Pyle, 437).

a wagon spoke. The spoke of a wagon wheel. (Also attributive.)

Several main roads...ran wagon-spoke fashion out through the beachhead area (Pyle, 236).

to wag --- tail. To wave, move, a tail sidewise rather rapidly.

...he will get up...and slowly wag his tail (Yank, 137).

to wag --- tongue. To talk idly; to converse; to gossip.

...they just roamed around with their tongues wagging--talking mostly about home (Pyle, 412).

waist deep. In depth to one's waist; about three and a half feed deep.

Up to then, he said, the men had been wading waist deep with their loads across the creek... (Yank, 198).
...when we got to him, after wading through swamp water waist deep, he was lying on his stomach--dead (Yank, 10).

waist high. In height to about one's waist; about three and a half feet high.

...a thick stone wall, waist high (Yank, 240).
The fields were surrounded on all sides by the immense hedgerows--ancient earthen banks, waist high... (Pyle, 440).

to wait around. To wait idly; to wait but not to do anything while waiting.

She waited around in the corridor for four or five minutes, calling John's name... (Gardner, 81).

to wait for. To stay, remain, until the arrival, coming, of.

...she went out front, where other children were waiting for her (Cain, 7).
...Monty was sitting on the steps waiting for her (Cain, 221).
...Mildred went to her own room, on the chance Veda had gone there to wait for her... (Cain, 252).
Fred wad downstairs waiting for them, wearing a velvet jacket... (Marquand, 126).
Who's waiting for me? (Cain, 4).
She's waitinf for you, so go on (Cain, 4).
And she would wait for him--they both knew that there were beliefs that you could try to kill but could never kill (Marquand, 424).
...I stopped in Washington and I won't tell you who told me, but they're just waiting for the Japanese... (Marquand, 388).
...we were told to...wait for landing orders (Yank, 202).
...Mildred didn't want for him to finish (Cain, 213).

a waiting room. A room, usually in a suite of offices, where a visitor may sit while waiting to see someone.

...he got up right away and walked to the undomfortable cubicle...known as "the waiting room" (Marquand, 279).
The waiting room was just off the elevators lighted by a single globe on the ceiling and without much ventilation (Marquand, 279).

wait a minute. (A term used for attention, delay, a pause.)

Wait a minute, if we're going to Fred's...have you read World Assignment? Wait a minute (Marquand, 14).
He said hey want a minute, until he got a pencil (Cain, 204).
I think they knew I was listening because theother guy said, "Wait a minute" (Gardner, 145).
No, but wait a minute (Cain, 140).
"Aw, wait a minute, ole man," he said (Yank, 99).
Why no...well, wait a minute (Gardner, 14).
Just wait a minute until I close the door (Marquand, 438).
Just wait a minute ...Jeff, Jim's in the army (Marquand, 438).
Tell her to wait a minute (Gardner, 48).
Wait a minute, Paul (Gardner, 49).
"Wait a minute, Jeffie," he said (Marquand, 573).
Wait here a minute, and I'll get them for you (Gardner, 59).
"Now wait a minute," Jeffrey said (Marquand, 513).
Mason said, "Now wait a minute, Paul" (Gardner, 161).
Leeds said, "Wait a minute" (Gardner, 166).
Hey wait a minute, wait a minute (Cain, 760).
Now wait a minute! (Yank, 237).
No, wait a minute (Cain, 140).
Mason said, "Now wait a minute, Paul" (Gardner, 160).
"Wait a minute," Jim called, "wait a minute" (Marquand, 442).
Wait a minute (Cain, 143).

to wait on. To serve; to attend one. (This implies the relationship of servant to master, or of one working for another as a waitress waits on a customer in a restaurant.").

At the Home Kitchen Cafe, they were waited on by the same waitress who had waited on Mason at lunch... (Gardner, 156).
Hazel Strickland waited on your table (Gardner, 201).
Hazel Strickland waited on them (Gardner, 198).
...that all I'm good for is putting on a uniform and waiting on other people (Cain, 51).
Anna, she gathered, was the girl who had waited on her, and the aggressor in the fight... (Cain, 45).
You mean you can't wait on them as rapidly when there's a crowd? (Gardner, 149).
She said she was so nervous she almost went to pieces every time she waited on him (Yank, 199).

to wait on the table. To serve food to the table and to carry out dishes from the table.

Lizzie, assisted by another maid about her age, was waiting on the table (Marquand, 98).

to wait --- turn. To stay, remain, until one's time in the order comes.

...the infantrymen were squatting alongside in a ditch, waiting their turn to advance (Pyle, 443).
The biggest ones lay far off, waiting their turns to come in (Pyle, 23).

to wait a spell. To wait for a long time.

Thanks to them, St. Peter will have to wait a spell before he hears the searchlight yarn (Pyle, 22).

to wait tables. To wait on tables; to carry food and dishes to and from the table.

...and the poor colored boys who waited tables were at it nearly every waking hour (Pyle, 11).
They waited table in the officers' mess, and ran the wardroom pantry... (Pyle, 40).

to wait up (for). Not to go to bed anticipating the arrival of someone.

If Mrs. Biederhof is waiting up for you, why don't you run along? (Cain, 110).
She's not waiting up (Cain, 110).

to wake up.

1. To awaken; to cause to awaken; to wake.

It woke me up (Marquand, 534).
We woke up one morning, and found Emily gone (Gardner, 113).
Don't wake him up, please don't, Jeffrey (Marquand, 5).
Mildred woke up... (Cain, 152).
...they found themselves lying in a puddle of water when they woke up (Yank, 203).
...he kept falling over into the water and waking up (Pyle, 253).
...I happened to wake up about three o'clock... (Pyle, 147).
...we would drop off to sleep, and wake up with them on in the morning ... (Pyle, 383).
"I had a dream the other night," she was whispering, "and I woke up in an awful fright" (Marquand, 164).
He started to read...quietly so as not to wake up those who weren't flying that day (Yank, 14).
...he might as well be turning in if he had to be waked up at four... (Marquand, 219).
...it angers the Kraut and he wakes up the men who are trying to sleep (Yank, 60).
I would much rather wake up in the morning... (Yank, 214).
...and we'll just say we can't wait until he wakes up (Marquand, 89).
...that he might wake up and find it was all a horrible nightmare (Gardner, 1650.

It was still early to wake up Madge, but suddenly he wanted to talk to someone (Marquand, 306).
...but Gwen was too big now for him to wake her up (Marquand, 306).
The sun was just setting when I worke up (Pyle, 294).
Men were killed each night, and yet I never even woke up (Pyle, 237).
But I didn't wake up (Pyle, 305).
It was hard for him to wake up (Pyle, 364).
But before he could eat the food or warm his feet, he woke up... (Pyle, 190).
When they woke up they could hear voices all around... (Pyle, 375).
...it's like waking up and finding a strange man in the bedroom... (Marquand, 7).
He also had waked up before he could get a mouthful of food (Pyle, 190).
...so now they shake me till I wake up so they can... (Pyle, 12).

2. To become aware of a situation; to become conscious of a problem, situation, condition.

You just wake up suddenly--something hits you (Marquand, 480).
It was not until the hostess appeared in an apron, and began serving orders, that she woke up to the fact that she... (Cain, 44).
If they lose it, we'll be fighting alone, really, and they will lose if we don't wake up (Marquand, 462).
"Sweet," Walter said, "something's got to wake up America" (Marquand, 462).
All you newsobys want to wake up America (Marquand, 462).
If they could see if right there it might wake them up (Marquand, 462).
All this finally succeeded in waking up the Japs or getting them sore (Yank, 53).
Wake up, Luckey (Yank, 211).
Wake up, America! (Marquand, 460).
I wake up with a start
And return to the earth and war again... (Yank, 157).
..,and they won't wake up until the score is about forty to nothing (Cain, 142).
...we were like France, that if we did not wake up, we woudl end just like France (Marquand, 343).

3. To regain consciousness; to come to.

...the next thing they woke up in a hospital (Pyle, 425).
He woke up at the aid station... (Yank, 19).

a waking hour. The time of day that one is not asleep; from early morning until late at night.

...boys who waited tables were at it nearly every waking hour (Pyle, 12).

to walk along. To stroll; to walk.

...then they would walk along up Fifth Avenue in the dark (Marquand, 286).

to walk around. To walk here and there from place to place.

He spent hours walking around the muddy stone street... (Pyle, 227).
He walked around, panting... (Cain, 169).
We walked around some more... (Yank, 209).
We lost about five minutes walking around in orchards looking for it (Pyle, 444).
So he walked around the front... (Pyle, 396).
He walked around a few moments (Cain, 136).
We were walking around the bivouac where the men of the company were sitting on the edges of their foxholes... (Pyle, 194).
...who not only rated him but was able to struggle to his feet and walk around (Yank, 43).

to walk away. To leave, go off, go away, walking.

"That's my salute to you," he said and walked away (Yank, 27).
As he walked away he said... (Yank, 182).
As I walked away he called out... (Pyle, 190).
As the general walked away the annoyed gunner turned to a fellow crewman... (Pyle, 318).
...then he got up and walked away... (Pyle, 156).
The talker repeated the message over the phone and the commander walked away (Yank, 45).
...early one morning they found the sentry asleep and just walked away (Pyle, 153).

to walk back. To return by walking.

...telegraphing your baby, who'd send ten or twenty maybe, so you wouldn't have to walk back home (Marquand, 163).
...Sergeant Petchal walked eight miles on a reconnaissance and then walked back (Pyle, 217).

to walk by. To go by, pass by, walking and not stop.

...Red Riding Hood...walked briskly by... (Yank, 155).
As she walked by... (Yank, 155).
A german soldier came walking by... (Yank, 219).
A sailor with a green fatigue jacket or GI shoes walked by with a red arm band, and you know why... (Yank, 76).

a walkie-talkie. A portable radio transmitter and receiver. (Also attributive.)

A walkie-talkie was going to the corner of the house... (Yank, 59).
Pung had a walkie-talkie with him (Yank, 91).
Smaller outfits carried by one soldier are known in Army slang as 'walkie-talkies' (Nat'l. Geog. Mag. July, 1941, p. 31).

to walk in. To enter walking.

...I walked in (Yank, 247).
...a tall, middle-aged man walked in (Yank, 205).
Another lieutenant walked in and asked for whiskey (Yank, 205).
Any minute, the law may walk in through the door (Gardner, 77).
When I walked in, they laughed and said, "This must be it..." (Pyle, 261).
...as long as a man was in unform all he had to do was to walk in and sit down (Pyle, 172).
The minute a man was carried in, or walked in, he was given coffee and a cigarette... (Pyle, 153).
Two young lieutenants...walked in (Pyle, 347).
I don't know whether the Army hired him or whether he just walked in and went to work (Pyle, 119).
Three other members of the S-2 staff walked in... (Yank, 205).
A staff sergeant walked in and out of the room... (Yank, 205).

a walking stick. A walking cane; a short stick used to assist one in walking.

He walked slowly to the door which led to the little paneled hall filled with antique colored prints and walking sticks and canes... (Marquand, 138).

to walk off. To exit; to go out.

Wlater would not know how to walk off, because amateurs never did (Marquand, 465).

to walk off with. To steal; to purloin.

...a head hunter is liable to pick it up and walk off with it (Yank, 96).

to walk on. To continue walking; to go on walking.

...we had a big breakfast and polished it off with a cigarette before walking on to the briefing (Yank, 14).
He walked on down the mountain without help... (Pyle, 151).

to walk on --- hands. To invert one's body so that one's hands are on the ground and one's feet in the air and thus "walk on" one's hands.

This youngster was adept at walking on his hands (Pyle, 227).
I finally figured out that he walked on his hands so much because it was easier than walking in those gigantic shoes (Pyle, 227).

to wakl out (of). To leave from; to exit from; to go from within.

...complaints he had received, and of the five people who had already walked out (Cain, 46).
...I turned and walked out (Yank, 164).

...he would walk out to the field... (Yank, 230).
She simply walked out and disappeared (Gardner, 125).
Then go down to jail, be booked, put up a cash bond, and walk right out (Gardner, 102).
...he...walked out (Yank, 224).
They walked out (Yank, 205).
The private walked out mopping his brow... (Yank, 201).
And now that he's left, he's walked right out of the middle of the picture (Gardner, 127).
He thought Louella would walk out first, but she wainted for him... (Marquand, 182).
Harvey shook his elbow free of Chief Williams' grip, then he turned and walked out (Yank, 90).
...and the officer said "Thanks" and walked out (Yank, 45).
...he would walk out to the runway... (Yank, 229).
He walked out for half a day (Pyle, 337).
A long...file of men...walked out of a mission hut (Yank, 207).
...sometimes there was a bitter taste of bile in your mouth as you walked out of the shack across the dusky field (Marquand, 220).
The sergeant walked out of the room... (Yank, 205).
She walks out of her apartment, tries to disguise her appearance, takes an assumed name (Gardner, 161).

to walk out on. To leave; to go away; to depart. (This implies a severing of all connections, relations.)

Walking out on her job that way indicated it (Gardner, 154).
He was thinking that they would walk out on you if you were to put an inartistic coincidence like that in a play (Marquand, 579).
Emily walked out on me (Gardner, 115).
You don't want the boys to walk out on us, do you? (Marquand, 434).
Get in there with them--if they haven't walked out on you (Cain, 48).
But this--say, Bert must be crazy if he walked out on you (Cain, 27).
Walked out on you, just like that? (Cain, 9).

to walk over. To walk from one place to another. (This intensifies a separation between.)

...he walked over and closed the piano... (Cain, 185).
Within five minutes after opening the letter I walked over and showed it to her husband (Pyle, 313).
Lots of times I've filled my mess kit and just walked over and dumped it in their buckets... (Pyle, 194).
Joe walked over to the pantry... (Yank, 230).
She walks over to me and takes hold of both my hands... (Yank, 188).

to walk past. To go by walking; to walk by and not to stop.

Or to go to an outdoor toilet and suddenly discover a bunch of Italian peasant women looking over the low canvas wall as they walked past (Pyle, 207).

Three boys walked past, carrying, respectively, a Chemcraft set, a small totem pole, and a silver trophy (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 22).
A guy walked past out in the street, and Alden turned loose his slingshot and... (Gardner, 56).

to walk through. To go through, throughout, walking.

We walked through on our way to work and idly stopped to listen... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
They walked right through our front lines (Yank, 148).

to walk up.

1. To apporach someone, something, by walking.

We saw an occasional cow deliberately walk up and stick her head in front of a rifle... (Pyle, 239).
This meant that sightseers could walk up almost to the scene of the fighting itself in comparatively safety (Yank, 52).
You could walk up and say "You're from the Midlands" (Yank, 36).
At the moment I walked up... (Pyle, 375).
One afternoon a nice looking young soldier walked up and sat down on the earthen ledge behind our gun pit (Pyle, 113).
...a rough-looking, oddly dressed character walked up to the entrance gate... (Yank, 25).
Sun-struck cats dozed...and we wouldn't have been surprised to see a rat walk up and smack one across the whiskers (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).
And when they got ready to leave, a veteran Fortress pilot walked up to them (Pyle, 319).
The general walked up to a plane... (Pyle, 318).

2. To ascend by walking.

It was seven o'clock in the morning,..when he walked up the ramp from the somnolent row of Pullmans... (Marquand, 302).

to walk up and down. To walk back and forth, here and there. (This implies nervousness.)

He keeps walking up and down trying to fight the war (Marquand, 566).

wall clock. A clock which is fastened to and hung on a wall.

There is always a large wall clock in this kind of parlor... (Yank, 188).

wall eyed. A condition of having one eye turned outward as opposed to crosseyed; or having a blank, staring expression.

...10 reals to the wall-eyed girl in the ticket cage (Yank, 73).

Wall Street. The financial center of New York City; also a symbol of business.

...Milton had told Jeffrey what a headache everything was on Wall Street (Marquand, 400).

to wall up. To enclose, cover, by means of a wall.

"I guess they walled them up because they took too much wood," Walter said (Marquand, 133).

to wander off. To leave unnoticed; to stray; to stray off.

Many times we completely lost the trail, and would wander off and bump into trees or fall into deep ditches (Pyle, 191).
They wandered off behind the sand dunes... (Yank, 182).

(not) to want (any, no) part of. Not to want, wish, desire, any connection, relation, with.

If this indicent is democracy, I don't want any part of it (Yank, 213).
Most of them wanted no part of Army routine (Yank, 190).

to want back. To desire something, someone, to return, to come back.

You want Veda back... (Cain, 219).

to want to say. To desire to tell. (This is a polite form of introducing one's remarks.)

I just wanted to say that Monty has told me about your plan to be married... (Cain, 226).

war breaks out. (Cf. to break out.) War begins, starts.

...the Spanish War broke out (Yank, 248).

war correspondent. A reporter, journalist, who writes about the war. He is usually attached to an army, division, corps, or the like.

...among the war correspondents was Major General Manton S. Eddy, commander of the Ninth Division (Pyle, 394).

to ward off. To guard against; to avert.

He...sleeps there with his clothes on...to ward off the clammy moisture of the Burma night (Yank, 130).
There is no GI equipment for warding off direct hits by big bombs... (Yank, 41).

a wardrobe trunk. A trunk hinged in the middle of the sides vertical-

ly, designed to stand on end, one side of which has drawers and the other side space for hanging clothes.

A battered wardrobe trunk and two new suitcases stood beside the tray (Marquand, 456).

to warm up.

1. To exercise before engaging in a contest.

...the Jap pitcher was warming up with an overhand delivery (Yank, 185).

2. To become interested, excited.

As she talked she warmed up to it, explaining that she was married before she was seventeen... (Cain, 37).
Warming up now, Mr. Treviso went on... (Cain, 217).

3. To allow a motor to run until it becomes as hot as it should be for normal operating.

Then you would hear the motors warming up on the field (Marquand, 219).
...the ground crew was warming up a grotesquely painted P-40... (Yank, 194).

a war of nerves. A cold war; a struggle between nations by means of propaganda, international incidents, etc.

...this echo from Germany had the effect, upon me at least, of a war of nerves (Pyle, 297).

war weary. Tired of war; worn out in war. (Also nominal.)

Thousands of once precious B-17's are now 'war wearies'. Not worth salvaging, they clutter up foreign and domestic airfields (Sat. Eve. Post., Mar. 17, 1945, 20).

to wash dirty linen (in public). To reveal one's family troubles publicly, usually in an argument, the court.

She hated to wash the dirty linen in front of any more people than she could help... (Cain, 20).

to wash down. To descend by means of water, or other liquid.

...quite a little rubble that washed down on the streets... (Cain, 160).
...a little rough from the stones that had washed down on it... (Cain, 161).

washed out. Pale, colorless; tired; insipid.

His second wife was Mildred Hughes...who used to do articles...sometimes about factory conditions and sometimes about washed-out farmers' wives... (Marquand, 20).

to be washed out. To be dismissed due to one's own failure.

...mere experts were washed out by the brutally rugged standards as the 509th Composite Group trained for A-day (Sat. Eve. Post, June 8, 1946, 18).

to be washed overboard. To be swept off a ship, boat, by a wave.

An Army officer had been washed overboard from one craft but had been picked up by another... (Pyle, 20).

to wash --- hands. (An invitation to wash one's hands is a polite way to ask a person if he wishes to use the toilet.)

There are cigars on my desk in the library, and the door to the right—in case you want to wash your hands (Marquand, 99).
Do you want to wash your hands? (Marquand, 95).
...are you sure you don't want to wash your hands? (Marquand, 97).

a washing machine. A mechanical device for washing clothes. (Also attributive.)

...a runabout made from...a washing-machine motor... (Yank, 234).
There would be no new automobiles next year, and no new washing machines or electric refrigerators or radios (Marquand, 510).
Ethel loved her electric sewing machine as much as she loved her washing machine that washed and dried everything in a twinkle... (Marquand, 357).

to wash off.

1. To remove, take off, with, by means of, water.

...but the rain water...kept washing it off (Yank, 196).

2. To clean with water.

He was one of the boys who wore celluloid collars which you could wash off in your room... (Marquand, 175).

to wash out. To remove, destroy, something by the force of a flood.

Vehicles bogged down and temporary bridges washed out (Pyle, 141).

to wash up.

1. To wash one's face and hands.

I can be all washed up in just a minute (Marquand, 504).
It was a sight to see a bunch of combat soldiers after they had shaved and washed up (Pyle, 150).
...perhaps they'd like to see their room, first, and wash up a little (Marquand, 115).

2. To float to shore; to drift on to a shore.

Wreckage was washed up on shore (Pyle, 235).

3. To wash the dishes after a meal.

Then he helped her wash up (Cain, 94).

to waste breath. To speak uselessly.

.....But we
Shall waste no breath, no pity on them (Yank, 153).

a waste of time. Useless, worthless, use of time.

It seemed like a waste of time (Marquand, 371).

to waste time (on). To spend time uselessly on, at.

There's no more after that, and no use your wasting my time, and me wasting yours (Cain, 37).
...confine his discussion to the present, and wishes to neglect the duties of his office, to waste time in idle speculation on the future
And another thing, this way is quick, and the last I heard of you, you were up against it, and couldn't afford to waste much time (Cain, 25).
And waste time explaining to a lot of cops (Gardner, 41).
There was not time to waste... (Yank, 8).
I didn't waste any time getting off the boat... (Pyle, 232).
Mildred noted Pancho's cream-colored suit, but wasted no time on it (Cain, 115).

to watch the crowds go by. To observe people on a street as they walk along.

Jim said that he would not mind standing all day on Sixth Avenue where they had the joke shops...just watching the crowds go by (Marquand, 324).

watchful waiting. Alertness; caution and close observation.

...it was mostly a matter of watchful waiting on both sides (Pyle, 252).

watch it! Look out; beware; attention!

"Watch it, please," they said as they carried the trays (Marquand, 35).

to watch --- like a hawk. To observe one carefully and closely; to keep an eye on one.

I was watching Bill like a hawk (Gardner, 113).

to watch out. To be careful, attentive, watchful; to beware.

If you don't watch out, I may call you one of these days (Cain, 5).
...the Germans have mobile ack-ack, and they can concentrate it overnight, so watch out (Pyle, 209).
He is slow to criticize and hard to anger, but once he is convinced of the wrong of something, brother, watch out (Pyle, 49).
...they had to watch out, for pockets sometimes held hand grenades (Pyle, 283).

to watch out for. To take care of; to care for someone's interests.

You got to take an interest in him, make him feel you're watching out for him (Cain, 88).

to watch over. To care for; to protect; to guard.

...they were also selected to watch over all three of the conference leaders... (Yank, 200).

a watch spring. A tiny hair-sized spring which furhished the power for the operation of a watch.

...eau de vie is a savage liquid made by boiling barbed wire, soapsuds, and watch springs (Pyle, 378).

to watch --- step. To be careful, attentive, watchful.

Watch your step getting out (Marquand, 56).
"A first degree murder rap if you don't watch your step," he warned (Gardner, 76).

a watering place. A spa; a hot, mineral spring or springs.

Madge had gone there once to some watering place with her Fraulein as a little girl... (Marquand, 224).

water level. The height to which the water has risen and remains.

Boys of Co. C of one outfit found the ground water level in their area of the front line was 20 feet down... (Yank, 41).

to be water over the dam. To be a thing of the past; to be no longer consequential.

And Madge said it was water over the dam, too, and that no business man could always be right... (Marquand, 399).
It was true that all the bonds defaulted, but as Milton, said, that was water over the dam, and if you had distribution, you could cut losses (Marquand, 399).

to water proof. To protect a motor's electrical circuit so that it may operate under water and to allow for intake and exhaust of air through tubes above the water.

On that occasion the men had barely water-proofed their vehicles... (Yank, 134).

the water's edge. The shore.

He stayed at the water's edge... (Pyle, 368).

a water system. A supply and distribution of water through pipes.

It was necessary, instead, to cultivate the illusion that there would be...the same electric water system, and the same schools for the children... (Marquand, 511).

a water tap. A valve at the end of a water pipe.

You could turn the speaker off the way you turned a water tap (Marquand, 138).

watery eyes. Eyeballs which seem to be wetter, have more moisture on them, than normal.

...her small size, mousy-blond hair, and watery blue eyes made her look considerably younger than she actually was... (Cain, 16).

to waive around. To wave, show, publicly, openly.

Stop waving them around (Cain, 224).

to wave back.

1. To wave one's hand in greeting to someone who has waved at one.

She...walked down toward Mrs. Gessler's flowers, waving back at Bert... (Cain, 213).
We waved back with a feeling of superiority which we all felt inside without expressing it... (Pyle, 11).
...the Sicilians all yelled and waved, and the general waved back (Pyle, 308).

2. To warn to stay, stop, go back, by a gesture, wave of the hand.

Finally he waved them back, and they crawled to the rear... (Yank, 8).

waved (wavy) hair. Slightly curly hair.

Her hair, waved the day before, was fluffed out softly... (Cain, 161).

to wave a flag. To cause a flag to move back and forth, side to side.

Through his binoculars I saw a Jerry waving a white flag (Yank, 107).

to wave goodbye. To indicate goodbye by waving a hand.

...past sailors and soldiers on land who weren't going along and who waved good-bye to us (Pyle, 11).
As she was waving good-bye to the disappearing Cord she heard her name called (Cain, 97).

to wave --- hand. To greet another by waving one's hand, a wave.

Mr. Hannen airly waved his hand (Cain, 138).

a wave of --- hand. A sidewise movement of one's hand and arm.

With an airy wave of her hand, she said: Well personally, I don't see why..." (Cain, 112).

to wave --- on. To indicate by a wave that one is to proceed, go on.

...finally he freed us and waved us on (Pyle, 456).

to wave --- to. To indicate where one is to go by a gesture, pointing.

...but he waved her to the piano and told her to play something... (Cain, 134).

way down. Deep down; far down.

Way down in the southern reaches of Germany near Frankfort the ruler stopped (Yank, 14).

the way --- figures. What one thinks; what one concludes.

The way I figger is those critics came up against a play that was so fine... (Yank, 132).

the way --- gets it. As one understand, comprehends, it.

Singing, the way I get it (Cain, 209).

the way it is. To be the condition, situation, position.

At least that's the way it was with one battalion of Infantry when it pushed ahead of the rest... (Yank, 48).
I don't believe one of us was afraid of dying. That isn't the way it is (Pyle, 5).
...but then, perhaps, that was the way it was when you suddenly became an old codger and thought of your children (Marquand, 132).

way off. Far away; far off.

You hear a door...softly close way off in a cool interminable distance (Yank, 188).
A golden flash would appear way off in the darkness (Pyle, 25).

a way of life. A method, manner, fashion, of living.

If you wanted to you could call it the way of life that everyone was leading--a way of life which... (Marquand, 139).
But this loafing wasn't a weakness, it was a way of life, and it had the same effect on her that Veda's nonsense had... (Cain, 95).
If you wanted to you could call it...a way of life which had no more depth than a painting on a screen... (Marquand, 139).
He was saying something about the little people and about our way of life (Marquand, 135).
But Ethel, the only question is how to keep our homes, and our way of life (Marquand, 362).
...the hose for your neighbor when his house is burning...way of life... social gains...democracy... (Marquand, 464).

to be no way of telling. To be no method, manner, possibility, of knowing.

...there was no way of telling whether he would have been better or worse for it (Marquand, 179).

the way --- sees it. As one understands, comprehends, it.

Is that the way you see it, Mr. Wilson? (Marquand, 345).
At least, that's the way I see it, so I'm sure I don't know whether The Book can make a play or not (Marquand, 345).

the way --- wants it. The fashion, manner, method, that one wishes.

Mr. Mintz was the producer and it had to be the way he wanted it -- but he had to... (Marquand, 419).

a way out. A method, manner, of becoming uninvolved, unentangled, disengaged.

The boys didn't especially hate the Germans...yet they understood that the only way out of the war was to fight our way out... (Pyle, 321).

It had been the best way out of it, although the most cowardly, never to have answered (Marquand, 218).
Spargo expects that the annual reports...will be even less consoling, but he sees no way out (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 28).

ways and means. Methods, manner, fashion, and resources, abilities.

The idea that generals are the only kind of Army personnel capable of figuring out ways and means and all that stuff is unsound (Yank, 137).

---way with. One's ability to handle, to get cooperation from, to be liked by.

...in general her "way" with children has become notable (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 17).

the way the world goes. The manners, morals, relationships, of the people of the world.

...nothing that Madge called security, perhaps because there had ceased to be security the way the world was going (Marquand, 589).
I've been thinking that I'm very pleased to be my age with the way the world's been going (Marquand, 97).
There might not be a war, but it was time to be ready for war, the way the world was going (Marquand, 510).

a weak sister. A weakling; one who is easily frightened, scared.

The loud, tough guys in the States turn out to be the weak sisters over here (Yank, 148).

we all. All of us; most of us.

He saw hundreds of similar holes later on; we all did (Yank, 250).
But we all made out okay (Yank, 203).
We all fell down on the ground (Yank, 203).
At least we all know we did not have to be forced to serve out country (Yank, 215).
We all stayed where we were, but finally no more came... (Yank, 58).
Don't we all? (Cain, 37).
We all wish you well (Cain, 248).
"You mean," Jeffrey said slowly, "that we all made a big mistake--is that your point if view?" (Marquand, 64).
"We all see you," he said, "we're right in there with you, Gwen" (Marquand, 66).
We all gathered around and listened (Pyle, 428).
We all peered closely at sentries in every open hedge gate... (Pyle, 427).
We all got kissed... (Pyle, 456).
...we all wanted to get in on the liberation of the city (Pyle, 461).
We all leaned against the wall of our gun pit... (Pyle, 390).

...we all felt a sense of relief (Pyle, 393).
We all dreaded flares (Pyle, 391).
After we had finished our buying we all got back in the car (Pyle, 379).
We all threw our seasickness medicine away... (Pyle, 358).
We all got up... (Pyle, 371).
...Collins...got out some cigarettes and we all lit up... (Pyle, 324).
My mother has--we all have (Cain, 143).
It sounded so funny we all had to laugh (Pyle, 201).
We left him there beside the road, that first one, and we all went back ... (Pyle, 155).
We all hope this is the way you like it (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 21).
We waved back with a feeling of superiority which we all felt inside without expressing it (Pyle, 11).
We all knew now that it was a full-fledged German assault on the main American lines (Yank, 21).
We all ducked (Pyle, 151).
We were all standing out waiting for our squadron to come back from a mission... (Pyle, 174).
...we're all entitled to our opinion... (Cain, 219).
We were all separated into groups... (Pyle, 354).
We were all glad to hear the news (Pyle, 430).
As we are all in the 'same transport', we must provide willing shoulders to cry upon... (Yank, 35).
We're all buying War Bonds and cutting down on meat and butter... (Yank, 84).
We're all going bike riding... (Yank, 160).
"Without the Red Cross food, we would have all been dead," they say (Yank, 219).
The next night the Japs came again...and we were all out to watch the show (Yank, 202).

a weapon's carrier. A three-quarter ton military truck with all four wheels having power and designed to carry personnel or loads.

The jeeps and weapons carriers
Do fifty-five around your Z-shaped curves (Yank, 189).
Hot Jeep was ordered to go to Oran with a weapons carrier... (Yank, 139).

wear and tear. The corrosion, wearing down, away, which comes from use.

It was the life he led, and that was what the doctors said, the emotional wear and tear and the nervous strain (Marquand, 276).
Your New York home...tucked away from the wear and tear of the metropolis ... (Marquand, 35).

to wear --- clothes. To carry oneself in one's clothing; to demean oneself in regard to clothes.

Minot wore his clothes carelessly, although they fited him as smoothly

as a Hollywood actor's (Marquand, 243).

to wear --- hair (long, short). To have one's hair long or short; to keep one's hair cut long or short.

He wore his hair rather long (Gardner, 38).

to wear off rough edges. To be no longer crude, uncultured, rude, unsophisticated.

...they were natural, surprisingly articulate, unassuming leaders with the rough edges somehow worn off by what they had undergone (Yank, 148).

to wear on. To drag in time; to pass, as time slowly.

The night wore on (Pyle, 393).
As the day wore on it grew progressively worse (Pyle, 18).

to wear out. To cause to become useless through use; to use until no longer fit for use; to cause complete depreciation through, by, use.

The pace is too fast forme. I'd be worn out in a year (Yank, 116).
He wished that he were Jeffrey Wilson's age and he would not be wearing out the seat of his pants in any office (Marquand, 203).
You don't want me to be wearing out shoes, for nothing (Cain, 34).
If the ole Brussels carpet had worn out, the new one looked just like it (Marquand, 171).
"What do you do for entertainment around here, besides wearing out that checkerboard over there?" I asked (Yank, 29).
Fred had once said that he hated to think how many pants seats had been worn out... (Marquand, 128).
Private Schneider had worn out two ducks and was on his third (Pyle, 276).

weather beaten. Very tanned; very brown. (This aplies to one's skin as it changes in color and texture from exposure to the sun.)

The platoon sergeant, a stocky, weather-beaten young Texan... (Yank, 148).
"He was wiry," the nurse said, "around fifty-five or sixty, I should judge, with gray eyes, and a weather-beaten face" (Gardner, 38).

weather bureau. A bureau in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture which assembles facts about weather and makes predictions about what the weather will be.

... of any weather bureau... (Cain, 173).

weather observer. A service man, soldier, whose duty is to make detailed observations about the weather.

Let's say he's a weather observer on special duty (Yank, 138).

to weather a storm. To undergo perilous, dangerous, situations and to be relatively unharmed.

...if Wally Burgan had been a little less brutal...she might have weathered the storm (Cain, 256).

a wedding ring. A ring, a band, of silver, gold, or platinum, often unadorned, which a man places on the third finger of a woman's left hand during the marriage ceremony. (Also worn by some men.) A symbol of marriage.

Gaines wore a plain wedding ring on his left hand (Pyle, 331).
I noticed that a lot of the married soldiers wore wedding rings (Pyle, 331).

week after week. For a very long time, a protracted time.

And I had the menu that they use week after week to prove I wasn't dreaming (Gardner, 211).
The mountain fighting went on week after dreary week (Pyle, 143).

a week end. The period of time from Friday afternoon or night until Monday morning.

"For the week end," Minot said (Marquand, 246).
...to tell him that in spite of the week end he was not seriously contemplating such a thing (Marquand, 247).
Once long afterward Madge had spoken of it, when he tried to tell her about that week end (Marquand, 256).
...wondering what may come of it, when you meet people at someone else's house on a week end (Marquand, 115).
"I'm all right now," she said, "and Jeff, all week end we'll have fun" (Marquand, 99).
Jesse was saying that he needed the car if he had to pass the week end with stage personalities (Marquand, 283).
...those boys will go out on the week ends... (Yank, 210).
Give the boy at least a weekend (Yank, 89).
We're going to Fred's...for a nice October week end (Marquand, 6).
...when Walter was speiding a weekend at Happy Rocks... (Marquand, 22).

weeks and weeks. For a very long time.

...it was recent dirt, not the basic grime that comes of going unwashed for weeks and weeks (Pyle, 151).

a weeping willow. One of the willow trees whose branches hang, droop, very low. (Sali babylonica.)

...such as "God Bless Our Home", and several more tombstone memorials of

weeping willows with the names of the deceased... (Marquand, 123).
...and a tavern table with a mirror over it decorated with a picture of a tombstone and a weeping willow (Marquand, 123).

to weep over. To mourn; to feel badly about.

...if it should be destroyed they would not weep over it... (Yank, 32).

to weight down.

1. To load heavily.

...I flew...in a cargo plan weighted down with more than a thousand pounds beyond the normal load (Pyle, 142).

2. To oppress; to lie heavily on one's mind.

...as a result of the war that had weighted her down... (Cain, 221).

well along in years. Old; aged.

...that's pretty well along in years to be a front-line infantryman (Pyle, 449).
...most of the audience were well along in years... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, 20).

well aware. Conscious; aware.

Monty, well aware by now that a situation of some sort existed with regard to Veda... (Cain, 229).

well enough. Fairly well; to a moderate degree, amount.

I knew him well enough to know he was keeping himself in the background ... (Gardner, 73).
It was all well enough, she said, for someone to publish a book of reading that he liked... (Marquand, 100).

well fed. Well nourished; given good and adequate food.

The boys were warm, clean, well fed... (Pyle, 327).

well fixed. Wealthy; rich; well to do; well off.

Well, he said, he was pretty well fixed (Gardner, 141).

well informed. Knowledgeable; knowing; educated; having information.

Charley's even features...assumed the patient look of a well-informed adolescent conversing with a poorly trained elder... (Marquand, 506).

well kept. Carefully,neatly, cared for, tended.

...modern homes with well-kept yards... (Yank, 242).
It was December 1919, and the parlor smelled of soap and wax as a well-kept parlor should... (Marquand, 289).

well known. Famous; widely known.

He's very well-known (Cain, 125).

well --- might. One might well; one should; one has a right.

We were prodigal with ammunition against these rocky crags, and well we might be, for a $50 shell could often save ten lives in country like that (Pyle, 142).

a well of water. A well.

There was a well of clear, clean water at one corner... (Yank, 240).

well oiled machine. A smoothly operating business, cooperating group, or the like.

The well-oiled machine was in high, now, humming smoothly, pulling its load (Cain, 122).

we'll see. It will be considered; we will think about something.

We'll see what can be done (Cain, 137).

well stocked. (A large supply, stock, inventory) Well supplied.

He managed to keep well-stocked by trading with boys... (Pyle, 345).

well turned out. Well dressed; dressed stylishly; fashionably.

It came as a shock to Jeffrey, because Alf had been well-turned-out when he had called at the Bronxbille... (Marquand, 481).

well, what do you know about that. That is hard, difficult to believe; it is astonishing. (An exclamation.)

Well, what do you know about that? (Cain, 9).

to wend --- way. To go; to move along.

...Shorty...began wending his way across the street... (Yank, 137).

the West Coast. The western coast states of the U.S.; California, Washington, and Oregon.

Jeffrey could have told him a good deal about the West Coast and Oregon (Marquand, 543).

West Point. The U.S. Military academy. (Also attrivutive.)

In the field...Stillwell is no collar-ad for what the well-dressed West Point man will wear this season (Yank, 129).
Nevertheless, he wanted to tell Jim that this apparent stupidity and this West Point conceit, which every civilian officer hated... (Marquand, 543).

wet eyed. Teary; having tears in one's eyes; emotional.

Mildred had a warm, wet-eyed feeling toward them both, and decided that Anna rated... (Cain, 66).

a wet nurse. A woman other than the mother who suckles a child, hence anyone who takes great care for another.

Are you a wet nurse or a chief petty officer? (Yank, 89).

to wet down. To sprinkle; to irrigate.

Uneasily he added: "Gave it a good wetting down" (Cain, 3).

what brings you here? Why are you here? Why did you come here?

...one of those obvious questions which had always annoyed him in play dialogue, "What brought you out here?" (Marquand, 141).

what --- can come to. The degree, rank, state one will descend to in necessity, adversity.

It was a very thick, sweetish substance--which shows what a Southerner can come to who's been without mint juleps for a year (Pyle, 96).

what can you do about it? The situation is hopeless; there is no need to worry about the situation, just accept it.

...but as long as it is worry about a war, what can you do about it? (Marquand, 272).

what the devil? What. (An exclamation and an intensive question.)

"What the devil's that?" he asked (Marquand, 531).

what --- doesn't know won't hurt ---. Ignorance is bliss.

What he don't know won't hurt him (Cain, 59).
...when it came to aboy Jim's age, maybe what you didn't know didn't hurt you (Marquand, 102).

what do you do with yourself? How do you pass your time? What are you doing?

Well, what do you do with yourself? (Cain, 21).

what do you know about that? (An exclamation of surprise, astonishment.)

What do you know about that? (Cain, 26).
And as Alf said, what did you know about that? (Marquand, 476).

what else? What other thing(s).

He didn't seem to know just what else to do (Yank, 12).
There were ME-210a and heaven only knows what else (Yank, 15).

what ever made you think? Why do you think?

Why, darling, what ever made you think of that? (Marquand, 588).

what for? Why?

But I said, "What for? I have been ashore for three months already" (Pyle, 226).

not to know what gets into ---. Not to know, understand, why one acts as one does.

...after Mr. Hannen died, I don't know what got into her (Cain, 211).

what goes for --- goes for the other. What, that which, one gets, the other gets; the privileges, rights are the same for both.

What goes for Gen. Stillwell goes for his men (Yank, 129).

what goes on? What is happening, occuring.

"What's going on?" he asked (Marquand, 199).
What's going on over there in Europe? (Marquand, 53).
McDuffie himself is...better informed about what's going on that G-2 (Yank, 34).
...for a while nobody knew exactly what was going on, least of all the Jap (Yank, 5).

what good is (that) to ---. What advantage will there be in that for me?

And what good will that do you? (Cain, 251).

what --- has to say for ---. What defense, reasons, one can give for one's actions.

We'll see what the patient has to say for himself (Gardner, 36).

not to know what --- sees in another. Not to understand the attraction another has for one.

He looked at her again, wondering what she had seen in it, trying to discover some taste that they might possess in common (Marquand, 322).
Stupid, don't you know what he sees in you? (Cain, 157).

what have you. And so forth; and so on.

And up he went into the air. Looped, rolled, what have you (Yank, 166).

what the hell? (An exclamation of annoyance.)

...well, what the hell... (Cain, 131).
What the hell (Pyle, 212).
What the hell (Cain, 150).
Or would you give up and say what the hell is the use...? (Yank, 221).
What the hell, they're not too bad looking... (Yank, 209).
Well what the hell? (Cain, 96).

what the hell. (An intensive)

What in the hell am I looking at that for? (Cain, 88).
What in the hell are you talking about? (Cain, 167).
"What the hell's eating you, man?" Cooper asked... (Yank, 206).
What the hell for? (Marquand, 43).
If it's a secret, what the hell are you coming to me about it for? (Yank, 137).
"What the hell does Alden and me want with Court?" he asked (Gardner, 57).
What the hell do you think she moved for? (Gardner, 10).
...I could see that they were wondering at first just what the hell I was doing in that room (Yank, 200).
...wondering what the hell all the shooting was about (Yank, 194).
One day some soldier wrote a nasty letter asking what the hell did Mauldin know about the front (Pyle, 130).
...then he caled police headquarters, wanted to know what the hell they meant by raiding his joint... (Yardner, 87).
What the hell do you mean... (Yank, 25).
"What the hell do you think they asked you for? Mrs. Newcombe said (Marquand, 122).

what is in it for ---? What advantage, gain, profit, is there in it for one?

What's in it for me? (Gardner, 99).

what is in the paper? What news is there? What is the interesting, important news?

She always asked him what was in the paper... (Marquand, 4).
What's in the paper? (Marquand, 4).

what is more. In addition; additionally.

What was more, Madge always depended on Milton, because Milton was what she described as a "man of business" (Marquand, 399).
...what's more, I don't believe you...has any right...to take what belongs to me... (Cain, 247).
What's more...they can gag you with a couple of pages yourslef (Yank, 173).
What's more, Inez Colton took a powder right after the murder (Gardner, 125).
What's more, you can't convict a man on a tip-off (Gardner, 97).
What's more, the waiter over at the restaurant remembers the occasion perfectly (Gardner, 85).
What's more, our artillery prevailed, and how! (Pyle, 142).

what is worse. That which is worse, harder, more difficult.

...they were always calling each other by their first names, or what was worse, by nicknames... (Marquand, 211).
...like everyone else, and what was worse, the thing he wanted was exactly the same as the thing desired by some little girl behind a drugstore lunch counter (Marquand, 378).

what --- is all about. What is really is, means, contains.

...I'm still wondering what the Army is all about (Yank, 215).
...they didn't tell us then what it was all about (Yank, 199).
...then a strange hysterical sort of crisis, then a leveling off in January, and then wondering in February what it was all about (Marquand, 326).
I was just wondering what it's all about (Marquand, 38).

a what not. A set of open shelves for holding small figurines, vases, miniatures, and the like.

...wonder what had become of them--of the engraving and the tall clock, and of the horsehair sofa and the what-not in the parlor... (Marquand, 156).

what on earth. (An intensive.)

They must have both wondered sometimes what on earth they were doing there, but in a second this was over (Marquand, 286).

what --- won't do to. (An implied threat of vengeance against someone.)

What we won't do to Japan! (Marquand, 388).

what is the matter? What is wrong?

"What's the matter," Jeffrey asked (Marquand, 59).
"What's the matter, dear old playmate?" Mrs. Newcombe said to him (Marquand, 129).

what a thing to say. That is not polite to say; it is not polite, fitting, to say such a thing.

"Jim", Madge cried, "what a thing to say to Gwen" (Marquand, 66).

what a time. Much fun, pleasure; good time.

His father, by now a lieutenant of equal rank, got a week's leave, and what a time the Drew family had! (Pyle, 166).

what's the use? What advantage, profit, is there?

What's the use of having a road if we can't use it? (Yank, 129).

what with. Among, between, various things.

What with the chest, the Dairy...she moved like some proud pedigreed pigeon (Cain, 133).
Meanwhile, what with the housing shortage and all, the Pallisters figure that they're a good deal better off than they'd be in a small apartment ashore (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).
What with the liquor...she began to feel so friendly... (Cain, 152).
What with the bar and one thing and another I couldn't get it (Cain, 155).
The expense, what with the water and the gardner, was high... (Cain, 178).

a wheel chair. A chair on wheels used by invalids, or the aged.

I'm not in a wheel-chair yet (Marquand, 581).
...it doesn't do any good to tell her that I'm not in a wheel-chair yet (Marquand, 579).
The idea was firmly in Fred's mind that he was not in a wheel-chair yet (Marquand, 579).
I'm not in a wheelchair yet, and I don't give a damn if Beckie thinks so (Marquandk 578).

when it comes to. Considering.

But there was no use worrying about Jim wondering what he was doing because when it came to a boy Jim's age, maybe... (Marquand, 102).

where --- comes in. The point, place, condition at which one can assist, do one's part, or the like.

In a thing like this, it's got to be bona fide, and that's where you come in (Cain, 90).
And, baby, right there is where I come in (Cain, 24).

where does —— leave ——. In what condition, situation, position, does that put one?

"Well," Mason said moodily, still with his chin on his chest, "let's see where that leaves us, Doctor" (Gardner, 32).

where does this put ——? In what condition, position, situation, does this place one?

"Where does that put us, Chief?" she asked (Gardner, 76).

where the dough is. The place, position, in which one gets much money.

But if...she had talent in her head, and began to write music, that was where the real dough was... (Cain, 139).

where the hell. Where. (the hell serves as an intensive.)

"Walt's back from Egypt," Mrs. Newcombe said, "or wherever the hell it was Walt went..." (Marquand, 347).
Where the hell have you been all this time? (Yank, 25).

where in hell. Where. (in hell is an intensive.)

But where in hell did you learn to speak English? (Yank, 12).

where in the world? Where? (in the world is an intensive.)

Where in the world have you been? (Cain, 97).

where to get off. The point, situation, condition, beyond which one cannot go. (This implies one bawls another out, reproves, reprimands him.)

It's time they learned where they get off (Gardner, 205).

where was I? What was I saying? What was I talking about?

"Let me see," Buchanan said, "where was I?" (Marquand, 145).
"OH, no," Walter said, "let me see, where was I?" (Marquand, 136).

whether or not. Whether; one way or the other.

He never seemed able to tell whether or not people were serious (Marquand, 18).

Home will always be with us, whether or not
We ever see it again, a picture in our brain... (Yank, 151).
"I don't know whether or not these are dangerous," Pallister said... (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to whip about. To toss, throw, cause to move violently, from one place to another, here and there.

That wind, whipping our barges about in the shallow water, delayed us more than the Italian soldiers did (Pyle, 32).

to whip in. To enter, come in, very rapidly and sharply.

As we stood there, a shell suddenly whipped in... (Pyle, 245).

to whip off. To remove, take off, very rapidly.

Then she whipped off her dress, changed into the little sports suit and floppy hat (Cain, 90).
...and MP stopped him and whipped him off to the station for a pro... (Yank, 201).
Then beside her was Ida, whipping off her hat, tucking it with her hand bag... (Cain, 123).

to whip out. To extract, draw out, very rapidly.

Walter had handed her a white Jade cigarette holder with a cigarette inserted in it, and whipped out his lighter (Marquand, 119).

to whip up.

1. To raise, lift, very rapidly.

...one of the sailors whipped up his .45 and fired (Yank, 255).

2. To create; to cause to come into being. (This implies rapidity and lack of vare.)

It was a nice warm day with a brisk African wind that started to whip up a sandstorm... (Yank, 31).

to whisk away. To take away, remove, take to another place, rapidly and secretly.

I was somewhat surreptitiously whisked away by air ten days ahead of time (Pyle, 1).

to whisk off. To kill; to cause to die.

...and since I was at the age where hardening of the arteries might whisk me off, at any moment... (Pyle, 136).

to whisk out. To extract, take out, rapidly.

...whether Germany had some hidden Luftwaffe up her sleeve that she might whisk out to destroy us (Pyle, 5).

to whisper in --- ear. To whisper very close to one's ear.

"I hope Spandau Alley is quiet tonight," a Kiwi whispered in my ear... (Yank, 58).

to whistle in the dark. To keep up, maintain, one's own courage by oneself.

But there was no reason for him to stay there indefinitely, building up uncertain egos and whistling in the dark, because his own work... (Marquand, 293).

a white collar worker. An office worker; one who works at a desk; a pencil pusher.

The editorial staff is composed of an ex-lawyer, and ex-professor, a white collar worker, and a poet (Yank, 68).

a white elephant. An expensive but useless, unwanted object.

The place, no more saleable...than a white elephant... (Cain, 220).

white faced. Pale; colorless.

Mike Bocuzzi, tumbling out white-faced, yelled: "I'm through flying..." (Yank, 86).

a white flag. A sign, signal, for surrender.

...the Germans came forward under a white flag to talk surrender... (Yank, 235).

to be white of (---). To be very decent, kind, thoughtful, on one's part, for one to do.

"That's mighty white of you, Mr. Mason," he said, "and you can rest assured that I'll keep all of this under my hat" (Gardner, 172).

the whites of --- eyes. The white part of one's eyeballs.

Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes! (Yank, 237).

to whittle down. To reduce by degrees, gradually.

Their strength was gradually whittled down by wounds... (Pyle, 443).
...battle whittled down the old ones and the replacement system brought

Originally the whole crew was from South Carolina and they were a close knit bunch, but transfers and illnesses over the months had whittled the Carolinains down to five (Pyle, 101).

to whiz around. To fly, move, go rapidly from one place to another, from here to there.

All they got to do in the woild is whiz around the air, eating woims (Yank, 101).
The officers didn't want stray bullets whizzing around in case of fire (Pyle, 9).

who does --- think --- is? One must think one has a very high position, rank.

Who do you think you are, to stand up there and ask me, will I do this and will I do that? (Gardner, 76).

who the hell? Who? (the hell is an intensive.)

...who the hell would expect a kid offourteen to be doing something about every cocktail party I dragged her to? (Cain, 168).
"Who the hell are you?" (he asked (Gardner, 106).
And who the hell put that girl where she is today? (Cain, 250).
Who the hell are you? (Yank, 19).

the whole business. Everything connected with it; all this.

In fact, I am a little bit disgusted with the whole business (Yank, 30).
The whole business was afire (Marquand, 230).

the whole point. The crux; the most important point.

"But that is the whole point of it," Mr. Mintz told him (Marquand, 421).
That's the whole point of it (Marquand, 394).

whoop-de-do. The excitement; the noise.

..,then, after the big whoop-de-do, their whole attitude changed, alas (Cain, 197).

why in hell. Why. (in hell is an intensive.)

Well, why in hell didn't you say so in the first place (Pyle, 317).

why the hell. Why. (the hell is an intensive.)

...for an hour he had been standing there looking down at the bomb--wondering why the hell he ever chose to be an engineer anyway (Pyle, 175).

why, if it isn't.---. (This expression is used to indicate surprise

at seeing one.)

"Why," Louella said, "if it isn't Jeffrey Wilson" (Marquand, 180).

why not? What is the reason it should not be? (Why?)

And why not? (Gardner, 73).
I asked him why not (Pyle, 448).

wide awake. Awake; very much awake.

He felt very definitely that he could not live forever, and then he was wide awake and listening to the rain outside (Marquand, 533).

wide eyed. Astonished; perplexed; surprised.

Russell...was wide-eyed during out training... (Yank, 245).

wide open.

1. Completely open; not at all closed; exposed.

The parasol, wide open and framing the bonnet... (Cain, 239).
The road from the OP advance section was wide open for snipers (Yank, 108).
...the door...swung slowly open, wide open (cain, 230).

2. Gambling, prostitution, and the like being allowed by the police.

It was all wide open at Las Vegas, not that evertyhing wasn't always wide open there (Marquand, 475).

to wiggle --- toes. To move one's toes rapidly, pleasurably.

Then she wiggled her toes (Cain, 29).

to be wild about. To be very fond of; to like very much; to be crazy about.

No one had seen anything like that paper, and Fred had known how wild she was about it (Marquand, 109).

wild country. Undeveloped, unexploited, land. (This also implies the probability of little police protection.)

"Must have been a wild country," Mason ventured (Gardner, 57).

--- wildest hopes. One's most extravagant hopes, dreams, plans.

...she found she had taken in $46, or $10 more than her wildest hopes (Cain, 126).

a wild gleam in --- eye. A look of intensity, ferocity, insanity on one's face.

"Listen," said Kent, a wild geam in his eye, "maybe I could be a fighter plane" (Yank, 166).

a wild man. An uncontrolled person; an uninhibited person.

Pilot Chief Collins was a wild man then, and nearly everybody was afraid to ride with him (Pyle, 332).

a wild ride. A very fast, heedless ride in an automobile.

It told of the wild ride to the sanitarium there... (Cain, 182).

Willow Run. A very large, huge manufacturing plant constructed by the Ford Motor Co. to produce airplanes in World War II. Hence, any large place where people work, or work is done.

Willow Run believed it was the lowest rate in the world (Pyle, 340). The mess was affectionately known as "Willow Run" (Pyle, 339).

will power. Self control; force of one's will on one's actions.

...one pilot who absolutely hated airplanes and kept going, if at all, only through sheer will power (Pyle, 178).

to wind about. To go incurves; to curve around.

...the road, winding about in the ...style of...mountain roads... (Yank, 341).

wind burned. Brown; tanned. (This refers to the color and texture of the skin after long exposure to wind and sun.)

He looked like a texan--wind-burned and unsmooth (Pyle, 336).

the wind is like a knife. The wind blows cold air and seems to cut one's body.

...and searched for hollows where the wind wasn't so much like a knife (Yank, 48).

window curtain. Window shades; blind.

When the fog rolls up, like a window curtain... (Yank, 180).

window dressing. That which is placed in a show window to attract customers.

"Well, customers make swell window dressing if that's what you mean,"

Baker said (Gardner, 150).

to wind up.

1. To end; to finish.

As a child she had gone to the Methodist Sunday School, but then her mother had begun to shop around, and finally wound up with the astrologers... (Cain, 106).
...a spell of recitations from the school pageant, which would up in a quarrel over textbook accuracyl... (Cain, 54).
The Dead End Kids would up in India for training instead of in the States (Yank, 91).
They were American boys who by mere chance of fate had wound up with guns in their hands... (Pyle, 401).
She finally wound up as chief nurse of the unit (Pyle, 350).
One day Buck went stalking a German officer in close combat, and they wound up with the German on one side of a farmhouse and Buck on the other (Pyle, 197).
You try to hush up anything like that, and you wind up in a lot hotter water than when you started (Gardner, 77).
"You're going to wind up in the bastille as sure as you're born," we said... (Yank, 102).
Somehow Petchal's plane got separated from the rest of the flight and wound up far out over the Sahara Desert... (Pyle, 217).
The pilots made it informal, and one of them who had had a rather tough mission wound up by saying... (Pyle, 179).
They talked to me of their plans and hopes...always winding up with the phrase, "If I get through this fracas alive" (Pyle, 5).
Half the time he wound up going to somebody's house for a meal (Pyle, 213).
I thought how ironic it would be to wind up this war by drifting alone... (Pyle, 357).
...it finally wound up that the planes never went out after all (Pyle, 212).
So they put me to bed on a cot, gave me paregoric and bismuth, aspirin and codeine, soup and tomato juice, and finally wound up with morphine and a handful of sulfaquanidine (Pyle, 45).
He sat listening intently while the colonel wound up his instructions (Pyle, 433).
He wound up his investigations by preparing the following concise report: (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 21).
It wound up that I stayed three days and three nights with those boys and got so I felt like acannnoneer myself (Pyle, 97).
...while winding up 3⅓ years in the Pacific... (Yank, 215).

2. To roll up; to cause to ascend by winding, turning.

and she wound up the window (Cain, 172).

3. To entangle; to involve.

He got that old B-26 wound up in a steep glide... (Pyle, 330).

to win friends and influence people. (Rather ironic meaning from the title of Dale Carnegie's book How to Win Friends and Influence People.)

I found myself equipped with a wonderful weapon for winning friends and influencing people (Pyle, 304).

to wink tears back. To attempt, try, not to cry, weep, by winking, forcibly closing one's eyes.

Hot tears started to her eyes, but she winked them back... (Cain, 146).

to wipe a look off --- face. To stop smiling, smirking, grinning, crying or the like.

...will you wipe that stupid look off your face... (Cain, 187).

to wipe off. To remove, take away, destroy, by wiping.

A few small beads of perspiration had formed just below his hairline, and he wiped these off with one fingertip (Yank, 90).

to wipe --- nose. To cleanse one's nose of mucccus; to dry one's nose.

He was enrhume and not possessing a handkerchief, he occasionally wiped his nose on his sleeve (Marquand, 228).

to wipe out.

1. To kill; to destroy.

He got a direct hit on a gun we've been trying to get for two weeks, wiped it out (Pyle, 206).
Lieutenant Shockley...explained to us just what his company was going to do to wipe out a strong point of pillboxes and machine-guns nests (Pyle, 400).
Nort formed a patrol to wipe them out... (Yank, 18).
...ran completely around the island and wiped out an enemy fleet in less than 50 minutes (Yank, 43).
...they were wiped out when they reached the beach (Yank, 252).
Two more Scouts...were given the swwet task of guiding 50 infantry men to wipe out a strong Jap machine-gun emplacement... (Yank, 191).

2. To ruin financially; to bankrupt.

If we hold the low hand, we're wiped out (Gardner, 175).
...lose her job, or that some shift in the pie situation would wipe her out completely, and leave her exactly where she was in the spring (Cain, 76).

wire tapping. Connecting a secret telephone set to another's telephone line so that one can listen to the other's conversations. (Illegal in the U.S.)

When the police walk into a trap by means of wire tapping and listening in on confidential conversations... (Gardner, 127).

a wise guy. A smart alec; one who thinks himself clever, funny.

One wise guy threw a box at my chest... (Yank, 171).
Well, brother, you're like a lot of these wise guys (Gardner, 42).
"Listen, wise guy," he said (Yank, 166).
It's wonderful to be a wise guy (Pyle, 398).

to wise up. To understand; to learn; to get to know. (This implies one to be ignorant of what is happening.)

By the time he wises up nothing is rife (Yank, 66).
Wise up, kid (Marquand, 156).

to wish --- all kinds of luck. To tell another that one wishes another well, that he has much good fortune.

All right, Mildred, you run along, and I wish you all kinds of luck with your little restaurant... (Cain, 89-90).

to wish --- the best in the world. To tell another that one hopes he will have good fortune, luck.

...she wished him the very best in the world... (Cain, 160).

to wish --- the best of luck. To tell another that one hopes he has very good fortune, luck.

...every one of them wrote such nice letters and wished my buddies and me the best of luck (Yank, 215).

to wish --- a merry Christmas. (A greeting on or before Christmas Day.) To hope that one enjoys oneself on Christmas.

...Veda was mothering her with kisses, wishing a merry Christmas... (Cain, 154).

to wish --- well. To tell another one hopes he has a good fortune, luck.

I want to thank you and wish you well (Yank, 174).
We all wish you well (Cain, 248).

to wish to God. To wish. (to God is an intensive.)

...I wish to God she'd never let him out of the house (Yank, 136).
He had heard Madge wish to God that he had never come there that afternoon... (Marquand, 263).
He knew that he could never fly in combat but he knew what it meant from A to Z and he wished to God that he were there (Marquand, 563).
Suddenly he wished to God that he were going (Marquand, 441).

to wish to heaven. To wish very greatly; (to heaven is an intensive.)

He wished to heaven that he had never brought her there (Marquand, 229).

a wisp of. Small streamers of; small strands of.

The girl pushed a wisp of damp hair off her forehead (Marquand, 262).
A wastebacket filled with charred papers was sending up wisps of smoke (Gardner, 43).

witch hunting. Political persecution in that a powerful vocal group objects to the political philosophy of another and attempts to force his resignation from office or position of prominence.

Political motives and witch-hunting (Nation, Jan. 20, 1940, 74.)

with an air. With a varefree manner, bearing.

...in spite of the stains on his trousers, he wore them with an air (Cain, 1).

with all the trimmings. With all that which normally goes with, accompanies something; with something special added.

On the fifth day occurred a series of events that were the beginning of a battle with all the trimmings (Yank, 5).

not to be able to --- with any degree of accuracy. Not to be able to do something accurately, with precision.

...Mildred...couldn't calculate, with any degree of accuracy, when destitution was likely to fall (Cain, 209).

with --- back to. Having something as a protection in the rear.

...Japs tried to turn around and fight with their backs to the water (Yank, 9).

with the best of them. As well as anyone.

I can use good English with the best of them he thought (Yank, 89).

with class. Having good quality.

"No, no," Alfred said, "you've got to have something with class to it" (Marquand, 154).

with --- compliments. With one's thanks, regards.

"Give him the check," he said, "with my compliments" (Gardner, 104).

to wither away. To cease to exist gradually; to diminish; to waste away.

Then they would all wither away to nothing from lack of sustenance... (Pyle, 417).

a withering fire. Murderous, fierce, ferocious, shooting.

...withering fire at Salerno (Yank, 148).

with a heart and soul. With feelings; with esprit de corps.

It was a company with a heart and a soul (Yank, 242).

to withhold from. Not to give, tell, relate, to.

...secrets that had been withheld from Mildred (Cain, 210).
...social equality that he withheld from Mildred... (Cain, 130).

with the idea of. Planning on; with plans for.

I entered the house with the idea of bringing up our 2nd Platoon... (Yank, 241).
...Pvt. Luckey better live up to his last name if her goes into combat with the idea of taking Jap prisoners alive! (Yank, 211).

within about. Within approximately; to about.

When I got within about fifty yards he looked up, let out a yell, and called out... (Pyle, 96).

within arm's length of. Very close to; very near to.

Twice, 88s hit within a couple of arm's length of him (Pyle, 448).

within arm's reach. Very close; very near; within two or three feet.

There on the ground within arm's reach was a dead German (Pyle, 372).

within a matter of. In a few; in not many.

It is usually the plan for units to be inland...within a matter of minutes after the first men hit the beach (Pyle, 362).

within range of. In the areas capable of being attacked by, hit by.

His combat headquarters is usually within artillery range of the enemy lines (Yank, 131).

within reach. Closely; near by.

...all U.S. troops working on the rew road keep their guns within reach at all times (Yank, 178).

within shouting distance. Not far away; rather near.

Tag Allumbaugh was lying within shouting distance of there Jack was pinned down... (Pyle, 186).

within sight and sound of. Being at a place where one can see and hear all; very close to.

Even though we were within sight and sound of their gunfire we knew nothing about how they were faring (Pyle, 41).

none within a thousand miles. Not anywhere near; nowhere near.

...as if there were no war within a thousand miles (Yank, 7).

with an iron hand. Rigidly within rules, prescriptions, regulations.

Lou rules his men with an iron hand (Yank, 111).

with a load on. Drunk; inebriated.

He usually showed up on Christmas with a load on (Yank, 183).

without batting an eye(lash). Showing, exhibiting, no emotion, feeling.

...with Alden Leeds sitting erect and dignified, without so much as batting an eyelash... (Gardner, 152).

without ever once. Without; not.

...he had revealed himself to us as the only important government figure we've seen or heard of who could chew and swallow peanuts without ever once seeming to open his mouth (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 19).

without hesitation. Immediately; at once.

Without a moment's hesitation, he divided his share among them (Yank, 43).

without in the least. Not at all; not.

...without in the least knowing why, he wished that he had not talked to Minot Roberts about Jim... (Marquand, 396).

without respite. Not having a rest, vacation, break; continuously.

Two correspondents...had been on the beachhead since D-Day, without a moment's respite (Pyle, 233).

without saying a word (to). Not speaking to someone; not advising; not revealing one's plans, ideas.

...he had closed the piano in front of me without saying a word... (Cain, 232).
...Monty had suffered some sort of fantastic reverses without saying a word to her (Cain, 141).
...without saying one word to her...I'd like you to send your bills to me... (Cain, 215).

without so much as. Without even; with not.

The one living thing she had loved...had left her without so much as a kiss or pleasant goodbye (Cain, 259).

with --- own eyes. Being an eye witness; seeing for oneself.

...with my own eyes I had read that circular... (Yank, 171).

with regard to. In relation to; in regard to; relating to.

Monty, well aware by now that a situation of some sort existed with regard to Veda... (Cain, 229).

with a start. Suddenly; quickly. (This implies a sudden tensing, jerking.)

Mildred...came to herself with a start... (Cain, 219).

the woman's page. The section of a newspaper devoted to those things interesting to women: cooking, care of children, care of the house, gardening, and the like.

New cartoonists came and went with new managing editors...and feature writers for the new women's page (Marquand, 24).

the wonder boy. A man who is very capable, able. (Often used ironically.)

The wonder boy, the news ace (Marquand, 458).

a wonderful time. A good time; much pleasure.

Everyone was talking, everyone was having a wonderful time, and Jeffrey began to feel... (Marquand, 341).
...he and Stan Rhett were always having a wonderful time (Marquand, 221).

to do wonders for. To help something greatly.

A little thing like a stripe can do wonders for morale (Pyle, 136).

the woods are full of. There are very many of.

"I'll tell you, Fred," Jeffrey said, "the woods are full of us" (Marquand, 578).

a wood chopper. One who cuts down, fells, trees; a wood cutter.

...an American platoon leader, was 4500 years outside our lines when he heard a wood-chopper... (Yank, 54).

a wood(ed) lot. A fairly small place where trees grow; a small woods.

...we'd parked our jeep in a wooded lot... (Yank, 196).

word comes. A message arrives, comes.

When the word came that it was on, the various battalion staffs of our regiment were called in... (Pyle, 432).
Word came back that they were doing fine... (Pyle, 202).

word for word. Literally; exactly.

...he did not need to read from it because he knew it, word for word (Marquand, 161).

word gets around. Rumor is passed from person to person; rumor becomes well known.

Hot Jeep was ordered...to pick up our rations before the word got around to the other out fits... (Yank, 139).
When the word got around that we'd had fried chicken...we were both the envy of the others... (Pyle, 262).

words and phrases. Idioms; expressions; jargon; slang.

"I pick up the new words and phrases," Jesse answered (Marquand, 275).

words pour out. One speaks rapidly, hurriedly.

...the words poured out as if he couldn't stop them... (Yank, 230).

words to this effect. Something similar but not exactly in these words.

"And as a matter of fact," Mason said, "didn't you say words to this effect" (Gardner, 142).

a word to the wise (is sufficient). A hint, indirect suggestion, is enough for one who understands.

"A word to the wise," he said (Gardner, 17).

to work around to. To get to talk about in conversation; to come to talk about.

Once in a while they work around to women... (Yank, 193).

to work at. To perform work in regard to, in relation to; to work on.

He worked at it several minutes, and when he got through he said... (Pyle, 121).
While other patients usually lay and waited for time to do the healing, Dick worked at it (Pyle, 121).
...the way she works at it (Cain, 132).
A purported American, Midge (nicknamed Olga by the boys), worked hard at her job (Pyle, 42).

to work away from. To move slowly and inconspicuously away from.

He began to work away from the orderly room... (Yank, 138).

to be worked up. To be excited, nervous. (Cf. to work --- up.)

...she laughed again at the way people got all worked up over nothing (Cain, 163).

to work --- fingers off. To work very, very strenuously, hard.

Least we can do is work our fingers off to five them the stuff (Pyle, 422).

to work for. To work in hopes of accomplishing, getting, obtaining.

It was the coming true of all she had dreamed for Veda...worked for... (Cain, 214).
She had lost everything she had worked for... (Cain, 259).

to work for a living. To earn the money on which one lives.

...anybody who worked for a living was as good as anybody else (Cain, 153).

to work in. To move slowly and inconspicuously inward, towards one.

...some Jap patrols were working in close to the CP (Yank, 181).

to work --- into a rage. To allow oneself to become very angry; to encourage one's own rage, anger.

...by the next morning she had worked herself into a rage (Cain, 202).

to work --- into a state. To allow, encourage, oneself to become very nervous, excited.

She worked herslef into such a state that presently she had to get up... (Cain, 152).

a working over. A beating, punishment.

...they pulled back to allow the artillery and mortars to give the place a thorough working over (Yank, 5).

to work like a dog. To work very hard; to labor.

...his knack for fixing things had given him a sort of ahloed status that kept him working like a dog... (Pyle, 410).
...they worked like dogs to keep them in good shape (Pyle, 170).

to work like a Trojan. To work very hard; to labor.

The sailors worked like Trojans (Pyle, 33).

to work nights. To work at night; to work a night shift.

After his graduation he took a job as a short-order cook working nights in a small cafe (Yank, 22).
...he became an accountant in Manhattan, working nights (Yank, 18).

a work of art. Piece of art; an artistic thing.

It was...a handsome work of art, made exactly as she had pictured it... (Cain, 96).

to work on. To apply oneself to; to concentrate on.

She worked on his romantic nature to the point where he suggested meeting her outside... (Cain, 76).
...they constantly worked on the enemy's military installations along the Channel coast (Pyle, 321).
In the last few years, Jesse Fineman had paid attention to his office and a decorator had gone to work on it... (Marquand, 267).
The Germans were dug into positions they had been working on for months ... (Pyle, 361).
Terry decided to work on Button (Yank, 19).

...for a week he worked on me, to get me to sing like a woman... (Cain, 232).
...I have to work on plays for a living (Marquand, 49).
Then one of the ships came back so badly damaged it had to be worked on for several days... (Pyle, 171).
I work on dees girl one week (Cain, 218).

a work out. Exercise.

We really gave them a work-out... (Yank, 195).

to work out.

1. To solve; to come to an explanation or understanding.

The schedule had all been worked out ahead of time (Pyle, 35).
It was all worked out like a railroad schedule (Pyle, 15).
Two years back there had been time for trial and error, but now Jim must work out when he wanted for himself (Marquand, 416).
Let him work it out for himself (Marquand, 395).
...she got out a piece of paper and worked out those numbers with the date and year of her own birth... (Marquand, 476).
...worked out some problem to his satisfaction when he was young, and kept workind it out again and again... (Marquand, 382).
He found it difficult to work out what a girl like Gloria ought to see in New York... (Marquand, 359).
I've worked it all out in my mind and I'm pretty sure I've thought of everything (Cain, 77).
Let's go into the house while I work it out (Marquand, 485).
He talked a lot about you while you and Agnes were working out your birth dates (Marquand, 489).
...we went there to ask questions, and get various problems worked out ... (Pyle, 302).
...I'm sure we're going to work out our little problem splendidly (Cain, 192).
Well, they were working the thing out all right without fragracks or interphones (Yank, 186).
The ingenuity with which she worked out the arrangements... (Cain, 178).
...all such questions can be worked out (Cain, 43).
He thought of that song...and working out the words he took his mind off the war (Marquand, 240).

2. To turn out; to end; to result.

It seemed to work out to everybody's satisfaction (Pyle, 343).
...quite so many first nights or have quite so many obligations, but it never worked out that way (Marquand, 356).
We feel that if everyone will only work hard, everything will work out as it should (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 29).
I hope it works out as well as everyone expects (Yank, 204).

3. To develop; to invent.

...Walter...had a secret weapon all worked out... (Yank, 127).
...in one great depot after another it was worked out... (Pyle, 419).
I'd worked out a sweepstakes proposition (Gardner, 100).
Leeds, finding himself in this position, had tried his best to work out some fair settlement with Hogarty (Gardner, 214).
The Dime-a-Dozeners worked out several new wrinkles in jungle fighting (Yank, 55).

4. To end well; to turn out well.

I'm sure things will work out in the long run (Yank, 164).
She'd left a note, saying that she saw it wouldn't work out, and she was on her way, that we weren't to try to follow (Gardner, 113).

5. To move outward slowly and cautiously.

Similar heavy beams were slowly and cautiously worked out from the bank until their tops rested on the uprights (Pyle, 69).

to work over.

1. To punish; to hit and hit again.

The 12th was composed of fighters, dive bombers, and light bombers, which worked over the front line... (Pyle, 157).
...the destroyers had worked over the point with their five-inch guns... (Yank, 144).

2. To work on; to work at.

...Sgt. Sapp worked furiously over computing charts... (Yank, 133).

work pants. Cotton trousers; pants, of heavy material.

Instead of wearing work pants and a khaki shirt or overalls, Mr. Gorman was wearing seersucker trousers... (Marquand, 511).

to work summers. To work during the summer.

"You can pay back part by working summers," his grandfather said (Marquand, 163).

to work to death. To belabor; to reiterate repeatedly.

Alf always took a song, no matter what it was, and worked the thing to death (Marquand, 277).
A perfectly good word has been worked to death in the last few years... the adjective "nostalgic" (Marquand, 196).

to work together. To cooperate.

The way they worked together was beautiful... (Pyle, 431).

to work under. To work for one; to work at what one says, directs.

They had dozens of people working under them (Pyle, 340).

to work up. To produce; to make; to develop.

Sergeant Charlie Bennett...had worked up a beautiful ash tray... (Pyle, 176).

to work --- up. To become excited, nervous.

Don't work yourself up, Doctor (Gardner, 33).

to work --- way. To move, go, proceed cautiously, carefully, slowly.

Infantrymen worked their way up to second-story windows... (Pyle, 407).
...I worked my way back along the line and got their names (Pyle, 402).
It took me half an hour to work my way up to the hospital... (Pyle, 404).
We came up on them...working our way down to there we could use a bayonet

to work --- way through. To penetrate, go through, by devious routes.

The officers ceased using the siren, worked their way through a traffic signal and parked in front of a reserved zone (Gardner, 42).

To work --- way through (college, school). To work to earn money while at the same time attending a college, school. (Sometimes the expression is used ironically, showind disbelief.)

Now don't you boys tell me you're working your way through college (Gardner, 17).

work weary. Weary, tired, worn out, from working.

...a grim determination of work-weary men to get that chaotic beach organized... (Pyle, 360).

to work with. To work in cooperation with; to assist.

But he grew on us just as he grew on everybody he worked with... (Pyle, 308).
...many Negro outfits working with us (Yank, 213).

to work with a vim. To work well and speedily, hard.

...everybody worked with a vim... (Pyle, 279).

world affairs. Current events; the doings in the world.

Jeffrey's knowledge of world affairs was not profound, but he could see that (Marquand, 561).

a world of dreams. A dream existence; a life of day dreams.

He lived in a world of dreams, lolling by the river, watching the clouds go by (Cain, 7).

the world over. Throughout the world; everywhere in the world.

...like human beings the world over... (Pyle, 337).

world wide. World; general; universal.

...American, British and Russian officials were discussing confidential matters of world-wide significance (Yank, 200).

the world's worst. The worst; very, very bad.

...he was the world's worst combat pilot (Pyle, 216).

to worm --- way. To pentrate slowly and deviously.

With them and with us correspondents it's the ceaselessness, the endlessness of everything that finally worms its way through us and gradually starts to devour us (Pyle, 85).

to be worn out. To be extremely tired.

The captain had time on his hands and played gin rummy with me when I was worn out with writing (Pyle, 44).

worn to a frazzle. Very, very tired.

...and in three days Lou had everybody in the camp worn to a frazzle (Yank, 110).

to be worried sick. To worry until one is ill; to have constant worries.

He was paid, but he was not like an employee paid for his time and worried sick about the renewals of a contract (Marquand, 426).

to worry about. To worry in regard to, in relation to.

Sometimes he worries about what will happen after the war... (Yank, 24).
And Private Cordes said he had nothing to worry about along those lines ... (Pyle, 267).
Their main worry was flak, and that was plenty to worry about (Pyle, 214).

The men had nothing to worry about... (Cain, 81).
But as soon as it's entered, that ends the community property, and that's all you've got to worry about (Cain, 81).
...we should call this a friary, not a monastery, but we have more important things to worry about (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 6, 1947, 20).

to worry to death. To worry very, very much. (to death is an intensive.)

You had me worried to death... (Yank, 226).

worse off. Poorer; in worse condition, situation, position.

In some ways, indeed, he was worse off than Bert, but Bert lived with his dreams... (Cain, 144).
On those other properties, even if they did get rid of one, the federal rulings leave them worse off than they were before (Cain, 79).

to worship at --- feet. To have a high regard for; to have great respect for.

Both were bright, understanding, likable fellows who worshipped at the general's feet and did a good job representing him... (Pyle, 309).

the worse of it is. The bad part is; the pitiful part is.

He was not the same person any longer, and the worst of it was, he could not tell how it had happened (Marquand, 260).
Yet the worst of it was that he knew he was not deeply sorry to be leaving (Marquand, 566).

to worst scare of --- life. A very bad fright, scare.

He said he wasn't so concerned about his wounds, but the thought that maybe the rope would break gave him the worst scare of his life (Pyle, 56).

to be worth every cent of it. To be that valuable.

Year before last, seventy-five flat--and it's worth every cent of it (Cain, 222).

to be worth looking into. To be worthy of investigation.

On his way there, he talked with an old jungle explorer who told him about a limestone cave in the Monzon River Valley that might be worth looking into (New Yorker, XXIII, Sept. 13, 1947, 26).

to be worth --- while. To be valuable, important.

It wouldn't be worth your while (Marquand, 582).

worthwhile. Valuable; worthy; worth using the time.

...there was a great deal else to think about--whether it would be worth-while to take a pistol to... (Marquand, 220).
Someone worth-while was always around at Happy Rocks (Marquand, 337).
..,you wonder--whether anything you've done has ever been worth-while (Marquand, 271).
...it must have meant that she thought he was doig worth-while things (Marquand, 186).
I mean worth-while things (Marquand, 186).
They sounded like those of an audience leaving a very worth-while lecture ... (Marquand, 351).
...to guarantee in return that you would meet interesting and worth-while people there (Marquand, 340).
...to have an invitation to their cocktail parties mean that youwere someone interesting and worth-while and ... (Marquand, 340).
"It don't seem worth while bothering you about itk" Mrs. Gorman said... (Marquand, 512).
...and could form her own judgment as to what was really worth while (Marquand, 100).
...by the time the Germans got through stealing everything worth while, it was poorer still (Yank, 26).

a wounded pride. A hurt ego.

...heaven...slightly spoiled by wounded pride... (Cain, 130).

to wrap up. To enclose, cover thoroughly, in cloth or paper.

...the boys wrapped up during long lulls in the shooting (Pyle, 389).
In the long lulls the gunners wrapped up in blankets... (Pyle, 390).
Gradually the boys wrapped up in their blankets... (Pyle, 392).
But fat as she is, she must like sweets, and--here, I'll wrap them up for her (Cain, 4).
He was wrapped up in a blanket (Yank, 192).

to wrench loose. To loosen and remove by jerking and twisting.

He wrenched loose the shattered rung of a ladder and used it to twist through the wire... (Yank, 47).

to wriggle out of.

1. To escape; to get out of by devious means.

If he was wriggling out of it the best way he could, there was no sense in blaming him for things... (Cain, 30).

2. To take off with sinuous movements of the body.

Then she wriggled out of both coats... (Cain, 173).

to wring off. To remove by twisting.

...there is a louse of a man...who should have his neck wrung off (Pyle, 126).

a wrist watch. A watch worn on one's wrist, usually the left one.

It was a wrist watch (Cain, 153).
A wrist watch (Cain, 155).
When she got to the wrist watch... (Cain, 154).
Mason looked at his wrist watch and said, "I'll bet Steve has a golf engagement this afternoon..." (Gardner, 92).
Mason glanced at his wrist watch (Gardner, 70).
Milicant was again regarding his wrist watch as Mason strode across the office... (Gardner, 23).
...crossed well-creased, gray tousers, consulted his wrist watch and said... (Gardner, 21).

to write about. To write a message, letter, document, regarding, concerning.

I'm going to write my congressman about this (Pyle, 201).

to write a check. To make a check out; to prepare a check.

...Mildred wrote her a check for $53.71 (Cain, 176).
Mildred wrote the check (Cain, 204).
Call for me in town tomorrow, and I'llwrite you out a check (Marquand, 301).
Without a thought of what twenty-five dollars would do to her little reserve, Mildred was writing the ckeck before he finished talking (Cain, 100).
Hell, I'll write you a check tonight (Cain, 69).

to write copy. To write magazine, newspaper, radiomaterial, or advertising.

I wrote copy forads (Yank, 95).

to write down. To write; to make a note; to reduce to writing.

Then you turned your back and, upon a clean sheet of paper, you wrote down all the objects... (Marquand, 191).
Madge would write down all those questions and Jeffrey would simply ask them... (Marquand, 503).
You thought and thought and you wrote the answers down in a blue copy-book which was waiting for you... (Marquand, 446).
I went to write down his name... (Pyle, 346).
I wrote it down myself on your engagement pad (Marquand, 6).
In Panama he learned Spanish, and in Italy he wrote down twenty new Italian words every night... (Pyle, 213).

But I want it all written down, with the right words, for what I mean, so it looks businesslike (Cain, 76).
...thinking it might be blackmail, they wrote down the numbers on the bills (Gardner, 203).
When I went down to write down his name it turned out he was a Lieutenant (Pyle, 30).

to write home. To write to one's family at one's home, home town, home state, or native country.

...we can't mention we're in Burma when we write letters home? (Yank, 130).
...his box contained several pairs of heavy wool socks which he had written home for... (Pyle, 266).
And another one who didn't fly at all wrote home that he had just shot down three Zeros (Pyle, 137).

to write in. To write to a center, a publishing house, or the like.

One soldier wrote in and said... (Pyle, 180).

to write off. To consider as a loss; to forget.

...if Elise didn't like La Cabana Blanca...why they could write it off and pull up stakes and try something else (Marquand, 431).

to write out. To write; to write in full.

If Jeffrey did not want to do it, Madge could write out the list herself (Marquand, 503).
All written out so you can read it and not stumble? (Marquand, 159).
Now then, after you left the sanitarium, you wrote out another twenty thousand dollar check... (Gardner, 117).
But if voting meant that soldiers would have to...fuss around with reading and writing out complicated lists... (Pyle, 137).
But thanks to your new system of writing out the "stories"...we now are able to... (New Yorker, XXIII, June 28, 1947, p. 22).

to write --- own ticket. To do as one wishes; likes.

Write your own ticket (Gardner, 42).

to write to. To write a letter, message, which is to be sent to.

I am writing to you in regard to the incident... (Yank, 213).
...I found myself writing letters to YANK on a regular basis... (Yank, 212).
It was written to a woman who lived in Austin, Tex. (Yank, 211).

a write up. A newspaper, magazine, story which emphasizes a person or event often for publicity.

...following the model of the write-ups about the movie stars, the press would flash a story...over the wires... (Yank, 175).

to write up.

1. To prepare in writing; to compose in writing.

Most of the correspondents based in London and worked out to the camps or airfields, on trips of a few days each, and then came back to write up their stuff... (Pyle, 301).

2. To compose a story about someone; to write about an indicent relating to someone, something.

He begged me not to make any wisecracks about his cussing and tobacco-chewing when I wrote him up (Pyle, 38).

a writing desk. A desk; a table or desk at which one can write.

...a writing desk with a table lamp... (Pyle, 258).

writing paper. Stationery; paper for writing.

Writing paper came second (Pyle, 368).
The most dominant item was writing paper (Pyle, 368).

a writ of habeas corpus. A document signed by a judge which requires the police to release a prisoner or to charge him with a specific crime.

That this is simply an application for a write of habeas corpus (Gardner, 27).
I'll get out a writ of habeas corpus and serve it on Jason Carrel (Gardner, 14).
As Drake left the office, Mason said to Della Street, "Get out a petition for a writ of habeas corpus" (Gardner, 14).
Della, when Phyllis Leeds calls, tell her Judge Treadwell has issued a writ of habeas corpus (Gardner, 16).

to be written by. To be composed in writing by.

...the letter...which had been written by a member of... (Yank, 210).

years and years. many years.

Jeffrey had not been on a picnic for years and years with Madge or with anyone (Marquand, 346).
It had been years and years since Jeffrey had left the paper and he was twenty pounds heavier... (Marquand, 194).
...as she had looked when he had first seen her there by the tennis court at her father's house, years and years ago when they had been so young (Marquand, 592-3).

ye gods. (An effeminate oath, exclamation.)

Yee gods! Yee... (Cain, 72).
Yee gods and little... (Cain, 117).
Yee gods -- what now? (Cain, 72).

ye gods and little fishes. (An effeminate oath, exclamation.)

Yee gods and little fishes hear my cynical laughter... (Cain, 157).
Mildred clipped her on the cheek, but she gave a short laugh, and brazenly finishes: -- "gods and little fishes!" (Cain, 72).

to yell out. To yell; to shout.

Then the Pfc. yells out:
"Squad halt! Slide it!" (Yank, 138).

yes and no. (A statement of indecision, agreement in part.)

"Yes," he said, "and no..." (Marquand, 45).
Yes and no (Yank, 95).

a yes man. A subordinate who always agrees with his superior.

When Sinclair broke away from what he called being a wage slave and a yes man in that old-line publishing company... (Marquand, 337).

yes sir. It is true. (This is used as an intensive.)

Yes sir, no one can say that the Old Company is not well represented... (Yank, 84).

yoo-hoo. A greeting; a call. (This is a representation of a sound.)

She was about to lie down when she heard a yoo-hoo and Mrs. Gessler joined her, in a somewhat dark humor (Cain, 50).

you all. All or most of you.

...I hope you all paid close attention to the critique of operatic acting... (Cain, 234).
ell, good luck to you all (Pyle, 197).

you are the doctor. You know what is best to be done.

Another, as he winced from the deep probing for a buried piece of shrapnel in his leg, said, "Go ahead, you're the doc" (Pyle, 49).

you bet. Certainly; it is agreed.

"You bet," the boy said (Marquand, 456).
"You bet," the boy said (Marquand, 468).
"You bet," the bellboy said (Marquand, 458).
"You bet they're working fast," Drake agreed (Gardner, 86).
Out there they always said "You bet" (Marquand, 455).

you ever saw. (An intensive.)

It was the damnedest melee in the sky you ever saw (Pyle, 174).

you know. Do you understand? (Used as an intensive.)

He's only got ten days' leave, you know (Marquand, 501).
"We haven't got all night, you know," Mason prodded (Gardner, 111).
"You know," said the sergeant, "I've been out here only three months..." (Yank, 30).
Not today, Junior -- this ain't Main Street back home, you know (Yank, 78).

you know and I know and we all know. It is well known and understood.

You know and I know and we all know... (Cain, 149).

you know the way it is. You understand this, don't you?

It -- you know the way it is (Marquand, 89).

you know what. (A method of referring to something without being specific. Used only when the main parties in the communication know what the something is.)

When I went down to the post office this morning, looking for you know what, whom should I meet but your father... (Marquand, 216).

you know what I think? Do you want to hear my idea, opinion?

"You know what I think?" Haliburton asked (Yank, 150).

you never can tell. One can never be sure, certain.

You never can tell (Yank, 206).
You never can tell (Yank, 14).
You never can tell about English weather... (Yank, 14).
Milton was always sure that nothing would come up, but then, you never could tell (Marquand, 403).

a young buck. A boy; a young man.

...the fencing school in the cloak-and-the-sword story -- two gay young bucks from London, Corinthians, perhaps... (Marquand, 373).
...a full-face picture of some mustacioed young buck in the uniform of the last war... (Pyle, 132).

the younger generation. The generation just younger than one is; the youth.

...observing that he didn't know what the younger generation was coming to anyway (Cain, 55).

young love. Love among young men and women; innocent love among young people.

Often when he read passages on the beauty of young love, Jeffrey wondered if it did not rather... (Marquand, 207).

young people. Youths.

We must arrange to meet sometime -- the old folks and the young people all together (Marquand, 131).

your honor. (The correct form of address to a judge, magistrate, within the court.)

Mason said, "Very well, Your Honor" (Gardner, 139).

your time will come. You will have a chance in time: sometime in the future you will have an opportunity.

Your time will come later, you and the young woman who was with you (Gardner, 201).

you see. You understand? (An intensive.)

because, you see, he was in the vacuum behind the battle... (Pyle, 454).
the idea being, you see, that it was all over for those prisoners... (Pyle, 244).

you tell (him, her, them). You are saying in reproof the proper thing to him and I agree with you.

"That's it," Minot said,"you tell him, Ma," and Minot put the dog back in the basket (Marquand, 258).

you win. You are right, and I am wrong; I admit you are right.

"All right, Walt, you win," she said (Marquand, 132).

zero hour. The hour, time, for beginning an attack.

The great attack began in the bright light of midday, not at the zero hour of a bleak and mysterious dawn... (Pyle, 432).

to zero in (on). To have a target perfectly spotted and guns, cannons, aimed so as to hit it squarely.

...never lingering long on the high points or crossroads because, he said, "they have those spots zeroed in" (Yank, 57).
...don't you know the Jerries have that road zeroed in? a phrase meaning the Germans had sighted their guns on the road and needed only to pull the triggers (Newsweek, Jan. 8, 1944, 45).
He knew those guns were still zeroed in on the area (Yank, 133).
Jerry has his mortars zeroed in on them (Yank, 150).
They're zeroed in on it (Pyle, 428).

to zip down. To hurry, move rapidly, down.

He would go whipping over a slight rise, then zip down the other side... (Pyle, 166).

to zip on. To fasten with a zipper.

They stood around outside zipping on their heavy flying clothes... (Pyle, 208).

to zip up.

1. To fasten, close, with a zipper.

The major smiled, zipped up the opening... (Yank, 19).

2. To approach hurriedly, fast.

...Veda's car zipped up the drive... (Cain, 196).

to zoom away. To leave hurriedly, rapidly

...a lone Zero flashed over and zoomed away again... (Yank, 146).

a zoot suit. A suit of clothing in exaggerated style with a very long coat, trousers full at the waist and very narrow, tight, at the ankles; hence any odd looking clothing.

Some of the Japs even wore our jungle "zoot suits" (Yank, 5).

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