

# Miscellaneous common idioms

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**for good** adv. permanently

If he doesn't get a raise, he'll leave the company for good.

**pretty** adv. To a moderate degree.

The movie was pretty good. It wasn't great, but it wasn't bad.

The tickets were pretty expensive.

**about to** v. on the verge of. Refers to something which will happen in the immediate future.

Watch out! The balloon is about to burst.

**A good bit. Quite a bit.** N. A moderate to large amount.

That's a nice house. I'll bet it cost quite a bit.

**Bound to** adj. Certain to

This is bound to be the right address.

**Draw a blank** v. forget totally

When the teacher asked me the question, I drew a blank.

**Broke or flat broke.** adj. To have no money

I'd love to go to the concert with you, but I'm flat broke.

(Do not confuse broke with broken, which is the past participle of break.)

**Pass the buck** v. evade responsibility by referring a problem to someone else.

Bill didn't even try to solve the problem. He just passed the buck to Jim.

**Bug** v. Bother, annoy, upset.

You seem to be upset. What's bugging you?

**Mean business** v. to be serious.

I want you kids to clean your room right now, and I mean business!