

# Common English Expressions

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# **1. Dare I say it**

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Used when you are going to say something that other people may not like it

**I am hungry but, dare I say it, the food is bland.**

## **2. Walk a tightrope**

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To deal with a difficult situation and something bad could happen if you make a mistake

**By taking this risk, you are walking a tightrope.**

# **3. Kiss of death**

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Something that makes another thing a fail or disaster

**Commercial projects are kiss of death for  
creativity.**

**Rain will be a kiss of death for my reception.**

# 4. Rough estimate

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An approximate estimate

**My rough estimate says it will cost \$2000.**

## **5. At the best of times**

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Something is difficult even in normal circumstances

**Sale of this product is slow even at the best of times.**

# 6. You never know

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You can never be certain

You never know, you might win the lottery.

# **7. Go a long way**

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to be very successful

**I am sure you will go a long way.**



# 8. Go a long way towards

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To be very helpful

1. This medicine will go a long way toward cancer treatments.
2. All your donations will go a long way toward providing food and medicine, and shelter for flood victims.

# 9. When all is said and done

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When you considered whole of the situation

Money can't buy you happiness, but when all is said and done, there is no free lunch.

# 10. Hard and fast

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Is it a hard and fast rule to have dinner at  
7:00p.m?

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