

# 100 Famous Mixed Metaphor Examples

- “We cannot let the terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostage.”
- “It’s time to step up to the plate and lay your cards on the table.”
- “Until the cows come home to roost.”
- “It’s like comparing apples with oranges in a fish bowl.”
- “She’s burning the midnight oil at both ends.”
- “Wake up and smell the coffee burning.”
- “He’s the sharpest bulb in the box.”
- “We’ll burn that bridge when we come to it.”
- “You’ve hit the nail on the head of the iceberg.”
- “We’ll cross that bridge when we burn it.”
- “The ball’s in your camp now.”
- “You can’t have your cake and eat the cookie too.”
- “Let’s get the ball out of the fire.”
- “He’s got a chip up his sleeve.”
- “She’s got an axe to grind against the grain.”
- “It’s not rocket surgery.”
- “They’ve put all their eggs in one basket case.”
- “She’s a wolf in cheap clothing.”
- “He’s the cream of the crop circle.”
- “It’s like trying to nail jelly to a shadow.”
- “Keep your ear to the grindstone.”

- “That’s the way the cookie bounces.”
- “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it sink.”
- “He’s climbing the corporate ladder with two left feet.”
- “He’s not the brightest cookie in the jar.”
- “It’s the tip of the cake.”
- “Don’t bite the bullet that feeds you.”
- “The apple doesn’t fall far from the gravy train.”
- “She’s got bigger fish to fry in her bonnet.”
- “He’s stuck between a rock and a hard place to find.”
- “Let’s not put the horse before the cart.”
- “They’re barking up the wrong neck of the woods.”
- “He’s skating on thin eggs.”
- “The early bird catches the worm, but it’s the second mouse that gets the cheese.”
- “He’s thrown a monkey in the spanner.”
- “She’s all bark and no trousers.”
- “It’s a storm in a cake tin.”
- “He’s like a bull in a candy store.”
- “She’s biting the hand that rocks the cradle.”
- “It’s water over the bridge now.”
- “Let’s not kick a gift horse in the teeth.”
- “The world is your calm.”
- “They’ve let the cat out of the bag and now it’s running wild.”
- “He’s got his ducks in a twist.”
- “That’s a different kettle of fish altogether under the bridge.”
- “She’s mixing her metaphors like there’s no tomorrow.”
- “They’re trying to have their pie and beat it too.”

- “He’s shooting from the seat of his pants.”
- “It’s the straw that broke the camel’s back in two.”
- “They’re walking on eggshells in a minefield.”
- “She’s put all her cards on the table and spilled the beans.”
- “Let’s not count our blessings before they’re hatched.”
- “He’s like a lost ball in high weeds.”
- “They’ve stirred up a hornet’s nest with a stick.”
- “It’s the best thing since the cat got out of the bag.”
- “Let’s not jump off the deep end of the bridge.”
- “She’s making a mountain out of a molehill in a teacup.”
- “He’s up the creek without a paddle of a hope.”
- “They’re like fish out of water in a foreign land.”
- “It’s an arm and a leg in the coffin.”
- “He’s barking up the wrong beanstalk.”
- “She’s sold down the river without a paddle.”
- “He’s walking a tightrope on thin ice.”
- “Let’s throw in the sponge and call it a day.”
- “They’re opening a can of worms and now the genie’s out of the bottle.”
- “He’s gone off the rails at the deep end.”
- “It’s a hot potato in the pan.”
- “She’s the bee’s knees in a china shop.”
- “The gloves are off, and the ball is in their court.”
- “You can’t make an omelette without cracking a few boats.”
- “He’s thrown the baby out with the kitchen sink.”
- “She’s like a chicken running with its head cut off in the wind.”
- “It’s not my first time at the merry-go-round.”
- “They’re threading on thin waters.”

- “It’s a slippery slope down a rabbit hole.”
- “You can’t teach a new dog old leaps.”
- “He’s got his foot in the door, but his head in the clouds.”
- “Let’s pull up our socks and get the ball rolling in the mud.”
- “She’s swimming against the tide with one hand tied behind her back.”
- “He’s making a mountain out of a storm in a teacup.”
- “They’re cutting corners with a double-edged sword.”
- “He’s burning the boat at both ends.”
- “Let’s not put all our chickens in one basket case.”
- “She’s got bigger skeletons in her closet to fry.”
- “They’re mixing apples and oranges in the same pot.”
- “He’s like a kid in a headlight store.”
- “She’s gone to the dogs with all guns blazing.”
- “It’s the elephant in the room with the silver lining.”
- “Let’s not throw the baby out with the dishwater.”
- “He’s running around like a headless turkey chasing its tail.”
- “She’s been thrown to the wolves in the deep end.”
- “It’s the pot calling the kettle the apple of its eye.”
- “They’re putting all their eggs in a melting pot.”
- “He’s fishing in muddy waters with a blindfold on.”
- “It’s a drop in the ocean in a haystack.”
- “They’re trying to square a circle in a round hole.”
- “He’s biting off more than he can chew the fat with.”
- “She’s gone from the frying pan into the fire with a bang.”
- “They’re taking a bull by the horns in a china shop.”
- “It’s like finding a needle in the haystack of a silver lining.”

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