

# Finish the Common Phrase

Read the first part of the phrase and have your partner finish them. Easy peasy!

A game of cat and *(mouse)*

Tongue in *(cheek)*

Burning the candle at *(both ends)*

First come, first *(served)*

Put him out to *(pasture)*

Beauty is only skin *(deep)*

I wasn't born *(yesterday)*

The problem was swept under *(the rug)*

The pot calling the kettle *(black)*

Give them a piece of my *(mind)*

I never met a man I didn't *(like)*

Thick as *(thieves)*

Find a penny, pick it up and all day long you'll  
*(have good luck)*

Start with a clean *(slate)*

Everything but the kitchen *(sink)*

The bigger they are, the harder *(they fall)*

Paint the town *(red)*

Turn the other *(cheek)*

Half a loaf is better than *(none)*

When in Rome, do as *(the Romans do)*

He has a good head on his *(shoulders)*

Straight as an *(arrow)*

Bet your bottom *(dollar)*

Two's company, three's a *(crowd)*

He bled like a stuck *(pig)*

A fly in the *(ointment)*

Take it at face *(value)*

Hope springs *(eternal)*

Move heaven and *(earth)*

Signed, sealed, and *(delivered)*

Practice what you *(preach)*

A little knowledge is a dangerous *(thing)*

Play your cards close to your *(chest/vest)*

The milk of human *(kindness)*

Music charms the savage *(beast)*

He read them the riot *(act)*

Tempest in a *(teapot)*

Everything from soup to *(nuts)*

A shot in the *(arm)*

Better late than *(never)*

She shed crocodile *(tears)*

We'll have to start from *(scratch)*

Blessed are the poor in *(spirit)*

I'm not feeling up to *(snuff/par)*

When the cat's away, the mice *(will play)*

He's as hard as *(nails)*

Wake up and smell *(the coffee/the roses)*

Can't see past the end of *(his nose)*

Don't desert a sinking *(ship)*

A picture is worth a thousand *(words)*

Turn over a new *(leaf)*

Throw caution to *(the wind)*

None the worse *(for wear)*

Measure twice, cut *(once)*

Jump on the *(bandwagon)*

Memory like an (*elephant*)  
Give us this day our (*daily bread*)  
Baby needs a new pair (*of shoes*)  
Once in a blue (*moon*)  
Nothing ventured, nothing (*gained*)  
Belle of the (*ball*)  
You can't teach an old dog (*new tricks*)  
Sit up and take (*notice*)  
Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man (*healthy  
wealthy and wise*)  
He put his foot in his (*mouth*)  
Catch as catch (*can*)  
Burn the midnight (*oil*)  
A bird in the hand is worth (*two in the bush*)  
Shape up or (*ship out*)  
Give them a taste of their own (*medicine*)  
Year in, year (*out*)  
Put your money where your mouth (*is*)  
The early bird gets the (*worm*)  
She has eyes in the back (*of her head*)  
Live and let (*live*)  
As comfortable as an old (*shoe*)  
It was all over but the (*shouting*)  
Give it a lick and a (*promise*)  
Live each day to (*the fullest*)  
There's more than one fish in the (*sea*)  
He who lives by the sword, (*dies by the sword*)  
Scraping the bottom of the (*barrel*)  
Six of one, half a dozen (*of the other*)  
Eyes like a (*hawk*)

You can't judge a book (*by its cover*)  
He knows every trick in (*the book*)  
Don't air your dirty linens (*in public*)  
Cleanliness is next to (*godliness*)  
Knee high by the Fourth (*of July*)  
Don't speak unless (*spoken to*)  
A tough act to (*follow*)  
Don't just sit on your (*hands*)  
His eyes are bigger than (*his stomach*)  
Easier said than (*done*)  
I don't want to set the world (*on fire*)  
The love of money is the root of all (*evil*)  
Don't count your chickens before (*they hatch*)  
By the skin of your (*teeth*)  
Everyone is safe and (*sound*)  
All good things must come (*to an end*)  
Hey diddle diddle, the cat and (*the fiddle*)  
Give them the benefit of (*the doubt*)  
Time is (*money*)  
The short end of the (*stick*)  
Birds of a feather (*flock together*)  
Last but not (*least*)  
Lay your cards on (*the table*)  
He's in seventh (*heaven*)  
Finders keepers, losers (*weepers*)  
Loose lips sink (*ships*)  
Caught between a rock and (*a hard place*)  
Pick on someone your own (*size*)  
Bury your head in the (*sand*)  
Don't throw the baby out with (*the bathwater*)

A penny saved is a penny (*earned*)  
Don't try my (*patience*)  
The long arm of (*the law*)  
Don't gild the (*lily*)  
Busy as a (*bee*)  
Necessity is the mother (*of invention*)  
Read between the (*lines*)  
Light as (*a feather*)  
Skating on thin (*ice*)  
The handwriting on the (*wall*)  
Just beginning to scratch (*the surface*)  
Adding insult to (*injury*)  
Left holding the (*bag*)  
Ring in the new (*year*)  
Haste makes (*waste*)  
Above and beyond the call (*of duty*)  
To each (*his own*)  
They raked him over the (*coals*)  
Honesty is the best (*policy*)  
All's well that (*ends well*)  
Get into the swing (*of things*)  
Too good to be (*true*)  
My hands are (*tied*)  
More than one way to skin (*a cat*)  
He laid down the (*law*)  
Great oaks from tiny acorns (*grow*)  
Good things come to those (*who wait*)  
Walk softly and carry a big (*stick*)  
Cat got your (*tongue*)  
Vanish into thin (*air*)

He looked like the cat that swallowed (*the canary*)  
You could hear a pin (*drop*)  
Out with the old, in with (*the new*)  
Absence makes the heart (*grow fonder*)  
Put your nose to (*the grindstone*)  
If at first you don't succeed, (*try try again*)  
Take it with a grain (*of salt*)  
Making a mountain out of (*a molehill*)  
Speak of the (*devil*)  
The word is on the tip of (*my tongue*)  
Sitting on top of the (*world*)  
A new lease on (*life*)  
Soft as a baby's (*bottom*)  
Toss your hat into (*the ring*)  
It's always darkest before (*the dawn*)  
Plain as the nose on (*your face*)  
Two shakes of a lamb's (*tail*)  
Boys will be (*boys*)  
What goes on behind closed (*doors*)  
Bite off more than you can (*chew*)  
Bury the (*hatchet*)  
Strike a happy (*medium*)  
A dillar, a dollar, a ten o'clock (*scholar*)  
Run around like a chicken with (*its head cut off*)  
Familiarity breeds (*contempt*)  
What's good for the goose is good (*for the gander*)  
Bringing up the (*rear*)  
X marks (*the spot*)  
Better safe than (*sorry*)