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Kicking the Bucket at the Drop of a Hat The Meaning and Origins of Popular Expressions

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Don't be **down in the dumps** if you can't **cut the mustard** when asked the definition of certain phrases – this **down-to-earth** guide is **just the ticket**.

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- Explains the meaning of terms such as 'as happy as Larry', 'chew the fat', 'eat humble pie' and countless others, and how and where these bizarre phrases originated
- Written by *Sunday Times* bestselling author Caroline Taggart, this is popular reference at its most fascinating

Author Biography

Caroline Taggart worked in publishing as an editor of popular non-fiction for thirty years before being asked by Michael O'Mara Books to write *I Used to Know That*, which became a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Following that she was co-author of *My Grammar and I (or should that be 'Me'?)*, and wrote a number of other books about words and English usage. She has appeared frequently on television and on national and regional radio, talking about language, grammar and whether or not Druids Cross should have an apostrophe.

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