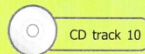


# DICTIONARY OF SLANG



Here we've got some examples of how to say things in different situations.

Situation	Formal	Relaxed	Informal
<i>You threaten someone with physical violence:</i>	My dear friend, I am afraid that I will have to commence an assault upon you	I'm going to beat you up	You've had it; I'm gonna bash your brains in; I'm gonna do you in; you're dead meat; I'm gonna smash your face in
<i>You want someone to explain a situation to you:</i>	Please enlighten me vis-à-vis the situation	Tell me about it	Put me in the picture; give me the low-down on it; fill me in; put (get/bring) me up-to-speed
<i>A friend knows nothing about nuclear physics:</i>	He has a poor understanding of nuclear physics	He knows nothing about nuclear physics	He hasn't got a clue about nuclear physics; he's a fuckwit when it comes to nuclear physics; he's got no idea about nuclear physics
<i>You went to a concert last night:</i>	I went to a performance by a popular musical group last night	I went to a concert last night	I went to a gig last night
<i>An event you organised was not successful:</i>	It was highly unsuccessful	It didn't go very well	It was a washout; it was a flop; it was shit/shite
<i>A friend wants to buy your car: They promise to pay you next month. However, you want your friend to prove he/she can pay before you give them the car:</i>	Please be so kind as to exhibit the necessary funds for me to see	Let's see your money first	Let's see the colour of your money
<i>A salesperson wants you to buy some life insurance. You explain that you don't have the necessary money:</i>	I do not have sufficient funds to purchase your life insurance	I don't have enough money	Things are tight; I'm low on dosh; I'm tight for cash; I'm skint; I haven't got any readies

## GLOSSARY

Please note that some of the words in this glossary box are literal translations of parts of idiomatic expressions.

**to threaten** *vb*  
to promise to hurt someone  
**gonna** *abbr*  
going to

**to smash in** *phr vb*  
to destroy something by breaking it into little pieces  
**vis-à-vis** *exp*  
with regard to

**to fill in** *phr vb*  
to complete, to inform  
**a clue** *n*  
a piece of information that helps you discover the answer to something

**to purchase** *vb*  
to buy  
**tight** *adj*  
clothes that are "tight" and too small for you