

Bug

Snug as a bug in a rug

“This idiom is mostly about the rhyme. Any small creature with a name that rhymed with 'snug' and 'rug' would have been just as likely.”

Bug

Cute as a bug's ear

“Do bugs even have ears? Are all small things cute?”

Bug

Bug out

“Don't flip out. If you do, you may be told to bug off.”

Pig

Road hog

“A really annoying driver, with a big vehicle, using too much gas and road.”

Pig

Hogwash

“This idiom once signified poor quality alcohol. Did pigs have a brush with alcoholism in the 18th century?”

Pig

Bleeding like a stuck pig

“Mankind has tried sticking a lot of things, and pigs have apparently stood out for the way they lose blood.”

Pig

Go whole hog

“To be extravagant. Hogs are known for their extravagance.”

Pig

Sweat like a pig

“Well obviously pigs have apocrine glands rather than eccrine glands, so the idiom makes perfect sense.”

Pig

Two pigs in a poke

“Since this meaning of 'poke' – a bag or sack – is not used much anymore, the metaphor is dying.”

Pig

Happy as a pig in shit

“There's no accounting for taste. Of course it's difficult to judge the happiness of a pig.”

Pig

Fat as a pig

“In the wild pigs exist mainly on a high-fiber, vegetarian diet, collecting roots and various bug treats. Gross fatness comes with captivity.”

Pigeon

Stool pigeon

“Better to be a stool pigeon than a pigeon stool, or chicken shit.”

Tortoise

Tortoise and the hare

“Slow and steady wins the race.”

Dodo

To go the way of the dodo

“A way traveled by the golden toad, the Yangtze River dolphin, the Hawaiian crow, the Pyrenean ibex, and the West African black rhino in the past decade, to name a few.”

Dodo

To be a dodo

“Not a very generous metaphor given that it was humans that drove the Dodo to extinction. Who's the dodo?”

Dodo

Dead as a dodo

“Not important or popular anymore.”

Pigeon

Pigeon toed

“People who are pigeon toed should have three toes facing forward and one facing back.”

Pigeon

Stool pigeon

“Criminals were once called pigeons. One theory has it that the stool pigeon was the seated accomplice in a street gambling operation, tapped by police to incriminate his partner.”

Tortoise

Slower than a three-legged tortoise

“The tortoise pictured here is even slower than a three-legged tortoise because it's now extinct.”

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Badger

Honey badger don't care

“It'll eat anything! This viral video idiom is a fairly recent arrival.”

Badger

To badger someone

“Although badgers may occasionally bother and annoy someone, it would seem that flies have a better claim on this reputation.”

