

to be out on one's ears

(informally) to be thrown, forced or kicked out, to be ousted or jettisoned

to be pleasing to one's ears

to be sweet sounding, pretty,
tuneful, melodic or lyrical

to be unable to believe one's ears

to be astonished, startled, stunned
or shocked by what one has heard

I **was unable to believe my ears**
when she told me the truth.



to be unable to believe one's ears

to be bowled over, flabbergasted, taken
aback, jolted or left open mouthed

I was unable to believe my ears
when she told me the truth.



to be up to one's ears in

to be overcome, engulfed, immersed or deluged by
I am up to my ears in work.

to be up to one's ears in

(informal) to be steeped in, under an avalanche,
buried, blitzed or snowed under
I **am up to my ears** in work.

to be wet behind the ears

to be innocent, unsophisticated, naïve,
inexperienced, immature or credulous

He **is** so **wet behind the ears**.

to be wet behind the ears

(informal) to be a tenderfoot, easy mark, pup
or greenhorn, to be soft, raw or tender

He **is** so **wet behind the ears**.



to bend an ear

to listen attentively or carefully,
to be especially attentive

He needs you to **bend an ear** to his request.

to bend an ear

(informal) to lend an ear, to be all ears, to pay full attention, to listen hard

to bend one's ear

to talk to one to the point of boredom, weariness, exhaustion or fatigue

I have never met a person who can **bend your ear** as much as you can.



to bend one's ear

(informal) to beat a subject to death, to rant or rattle on, to beat a dead horse, to go on and on

to bend one's ear

(slang) to yak, to yap, to run off at the mouth, to run on at the mouth, to have diarrhea of the mouth

to box one's ear

to castigate, punish, chastise or discipline
by hitting or striking around the head

The teacher **boxed the student's ear**.

to box one's ear

(informal) to chide, to rake over the coals, to
slam, to let one have it

Because he was cheating, the teacher
boxed his ears.



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to buzz around one's ears

to have an object go very close to one's head
As soon as they stepped off the ship, bullets were
buzzing around their ears.

to chew one's ear off

to talk to someone to the point of boredom
She can **chew your ear off**.

to chew one's ear off

(informal) to bore someone to death, tax someone's patience, bore someone stiff or to tears by talking too much

She can **chew your ear off**.

to clip one's ears

to castigate, discipline or chastise by striking or hitting around the head

to clip one's ears

(more stylized) to chasten, to trounce, to rebuke,
to pommel, to flog

to close one's ears

to no longer be listening, to ignore, to disregard
You're wasting your breath; I've already **closed**
my ears.

to close one's ear to

to no longer be listening, to ignore or disregard
You're wasting your breath; I've already
closed my ears to all your pleads.



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to come crashing down about one's ears

to have everything fail, flounder or go wrong
When everyone found out, it all **came
crashing down about our ears.**



to fall on deaf ears

to no longer be listening, to ignore, to disregard
My pleads **fell on death ears.**

to fall on deaf ears

(informal) to close one's eyes to, to look right through, to brush aside

My pleas **fell on deaf ears**.

to find a sympathetic ear

to find someone who is sympathetic, caring or empathetic, to find someone who wants to listen
He has finally **found a sympathetic ear** to listen.



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to find few sympathetic ears

to not find persons who are in agreement,
sympathetic or empathetic to one's position

to fly around one's ears

to go very close to one's head, to be too close for comfort to one's head, to hiss, whiz, whistle or whirl very close or around one's head

to gain one's ears

to get or secure someone's attention
in order to influence or sway
I had to fight but I was finally able to
gain the president's ear.

to get an earful

to be given a sharp reproach, to be rebuked,
chastised, disciplined or admonished

to get an earful

(informal) to be taken to task, told a thing or two, given a piece of one's mind or dressed down

Last night, he **got an earful**.

to get one's ear

to be listened or paid attention to, to have one's full attention, to be heeded, to be given a sympathetic ear

to give an ear to

to listen or pay attention to, to heed, to give a sympathetic ear to

I'm surprised that he **gave an ear to** his pleas.

to give someone a thick ear

to strike or hit around the head

to give someone a thick ear

(informal) to wallop, bash, punch,
box or crown around the head

to go in one ear and out the other

to quickly forget or disregard information
that one has been given

My advice to him goes in one ear
and out the other.



to go in one ear and out the other

to not listen, to pay no heed or attention to
It's a waste of time. My words go in one ear
and out the other.

to grate on the ear

to irritate, to aggravate, to annoy, to exacerbate
Your music **grates on the ear**.

to grate on the ear

to vex, to anger, to irritate, to wear on, to
wear on the nerves, to tire, to tax

Your music **grates on the ear**.

to grin from ear to ear

to demonstrate one's happiness, joy, elation or contentment by smiling broadly

She's **grinning from ear to ear**; she must have won.



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to grin from ear to ear

(informal) to smile from ear to ear

She's **grinning from ear to ear**; she must have won.



to have a good ear

to be able to discern notes and tones that
most people can not

to have a good ear

to have an almost innate or natural ability to know what songs will or will not sell

to have a good ear

to have a keen, acute, sharp or sensitive
perception for

He **has a good ear** for languages. He can even
imitate accents.



to have a sharp ear for gossip

to be on the look out for the latest information
or scoop

to have an ear to the ground

to be well-informed, current or up-to-date, to know the most recent

So that I know what is happening, I need to have an ear to the ground.



to have nothing between one's ear

to not be very intelligent, to be non-observant,
oblivious or unthinking

He does not understand. He **has nothing between
his ears.**



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to have nothing between one's ears

(informal) to be blank, stupid, thick, slow or dumb
He does not understand. He **has nothing between his ears.**

to have nothing between one's ears

(slang) to be a sap, lamebrain or chump

to have nothing between one's ears

(vulgar) to be an asshole, dumbass,
punk or ass