

# body expression

meaning/ synonyms

Example sentence with **body expression**

# back burner

temporary deferment, postponement, suspension

The bill is now on the **back burner**. We'll deal with it in the next session.



# back channel

hidden or secret route for the  
passage of information

Send everything through **back channels**.

# back country

sparsely populated rural area far away from any roads or towns

# back country

remote underdeveloped part of a large farm or ranch in Australia

## back court

(basketball) the part of the court where the basket which is being defended is located

## back court

(tennis or soccer) the area farthest from the net,  
between the base line and the line parallel to  
the net

## back door

something done in secret, under  
the table or in the dark

By anyone's definition this is  
a **back door** deal.

# back drop

(theater) the rear curtain of a stage setting,  
in British English called **back-cloth**

# backend

end of something from the farthest  
from the front i.e. the back  
end of the house

# backer

supporter, advocate, promoter, proponent,  
partisan

backer

(usually in the area of money)  
sponsor, patron, financier

# backer

(informal) partner, second, right hand, side  
kick, crony

# backer

(British) a person who bets on a horse

## back formation

a word which is formed from an already formed word, done by removing the suffix  
i.e. televise from television, edit from editor

# background

that which is behind the main scenery or area  
I love this photograph of the house; I really like  
the trees in the **background**.



# background

rear, horizon, skyline

# background

antecedents, ancestors, parentage

I am not ashamed of my background. Are you?



# background

one's history, education, class or upbringing

# background

grounding, work history, qualifications,  
credentials

# background

setting, stage, scene, environment

# background

the antecedents or causes of an event or condition  
Before closing the book on the Palestinian people,  
you must understand their **background**.



# backgrounder

background information given by a governmental official to the press to correct a misunderstanding

# backhand

a slap with the back of the hand which is done to both hurt and insult

He gave her a **backhand** in front of everyone.

# backhanded

oblique, indirect, unclear, ambiguous

Although his remark was **backhanded**, I understood what he meant.

# backhanded

awkward, gauche, clumsy, heavy-handed

# backer

inappropriate, inapt, poorly put,  
tactless, improper, ungracious

# backhanded

sly, cunning, deceitful, false, insidious  
He always acts in a **backhanded** way. He  
can not be trusted.

# backhanded

biting, spiteful, sardonic, insulting, scathing

# backhanded compliment

a remark that appears to be a compliment but in reality is an insult

She loves giving **backhanded compliments**.



# backhanded compliment

(informal) lefthanded or two-faced compliment  
She loves giving **backhanded compliments**.



# back home

from where one was previously  
I'll be **back home** as soon as I can.

# back in

in the past, in former times, before  
I lived in the U.S. **back in** the early 20s.

# backlash

boomerang, reversal, turn around, about-face  
Every social movement causes a **backlash**.

## back log

a great deal of undone work which  
should have been done a long time ago  
I have a **back log** of work waiting for me.

# back log

supply, stock, fund, reserve, reservoir

# backlot

land or lot behind the main building where  
supplies are stored

## back lot

land owned by a movie company where movies and television programs are made

The **back lot** of Universal Studios has become a popular tourist attraction.



# back number

a back issue of a magazine, newspaper  
or any publication

## back office

the work area of an institution which does not allow clients or customers, the work area for employees only

# back pack

a canvass bag or knapsack carried on one's back so that one's arms and hands are free

# back room

secret, hidden, under wraps, concealed, in  
the dark, cloaked

# back seat driver

one who offers unsolicited advice

# back scratcher

a person who exchanges a favor for a favor

# backscratching

doing mutual favor for one another  
There is too much **backscratching** in this  
organization.

## back side

(slang) bottom, derrière or rear end of the human being

# back slapping

effusive, unrestrained, hearty, ardent or gushy show of cordiality

## back slide

relapse, regression, reversion, reversal,  
degeneration, decline

## back slide

(informal) fall from grace, turn for the worse,  
about face

# backslider

(informal) fallen angel, lost soul, lost sheep, one who has fallen off the wagon

# backstairs

secret, hidden, concealed, clandestine  
It is not unusual that people have  
**backstairs** affairs.