

## Gun Term — Alternative

- A** ammunition—**facts, evidence**  
armed with the facts—**well-informed**  
aim for—**hope to achieve, strive**  
ask point blank—**ask directly**
- B** bite the bullet—**just do it**  
bullet-points—**specifics, key points**  
bullet-proof—**invincible**  
bull's eye—**exact spot**
- C** caught in the crossfire—**caught in the middle**  
cheap shot—**unfair criticism, low blow**
- D** dodged a bullet—**avoided trouble**  
don't shoot the messenger—**not responsible**
- E** even shot—**50/50 chance**
- F** faster than a speeding bullet—**high speed**  
"Fire Away!"—**"Get Started!"**  
firing blanks—**ineffective, not succeeding**  
fire back—**responding quickly**
- G** get shot—**get vaccinated**  
going great guns—**exceeding expectations**  
gun it—**speed up**  
gun shy—**reticent, hesitant**  
gunning for someone—**planning to harm**
- H** half-cocked—**reckless**  
high caliber—**exceptional, first-rate**  
hired gun—**paid specialist**  
held a gun to my head—**threatened**  
hot shot—**show-off, braggart**
- I** in the crosshairs—**scrutinized**
- J** jumped the gun—**started too early**  
'Just shoot me!'—**'I give up!'**
- K** kill joy—**spoil sport, cynic**  
killer instinct—**ruthless, relentless**
- L** like shooting fish in a barrel—**too easy**  
lock, stock and barrel—**all inclusive, entirety**  
locked-and-loaded—**ready, prepared**
- M** magic bullet—**perfect solution**  
misfired—**erred**  
missed the mark—**imperfect, fell short**  
moving target—**hard to pin down**
- O** outgunned—**outmatched**  
on target—**accurate, so far/so good**
- P** point blank—**direct, precise**  
point & shoot—**simple**  
pot shots—**jabs**  
pull the trigger—**get going, start**
- Q** quick on the trigger—**rash, hasty**
- R** rapid fire—**quickly, speedy**  
'Ready, aim, fire!'—**'Go!'**  
riding shot gun—**protecting a companion**  
rifle through files—**search**
- S** 'She/he is a pistol!'—**'She/he has spunk!'**  
shoot first, ask later—**impetuous**  
shoot for—**try, attempt**  
shoot for the moon—**set high goals**  
shoot from the hip—**impulsive**  
shoot me an email—**send me an email**



**S** shoot off your mouth—**talk recklessly**  
shoot out—**confrontation**  
shoot the breeze—**chat, visit**  
shot down my idea—**rejected**  
shot in the dark—**wild guess**  
shot myself in the foot—**made a mistake**  
silver bullet—**perfect solution**  
smoking gun—**proof beyond doubt**  
'Son of a gun!'—**'Darn!'**  
stick to my guns—**uncompromising**  
straight shooter—**frank & honest**  
sweating bullets—**nervous, worried**

**T** take aim—**focus**  
take a shot at—**speculate, try**  
target market—**intended audience**  
top gun—**recognized expert**  
trigger a response—**cause a reaction**  
trigger alerts—**heads up, warnings**  
trigger happy—**impulsive, foolhardy**  
trip your trigger—**make you happy**

**U** under fire—**being criticized**  
under the gun—**feeling pressure**

**W** whole shooting match—**in total, the works**  
with guns blazing—**all-out effort**  
worth a shot—**worth trying**

**Y** 'You're killing me!' —**'You're too much!'**

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