

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**
hotshot—**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 shotgun—**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**



S shoot for the moon—**set high goals**
shoot from the hip—**impulsive**
shoot me an email—**send me an email**
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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