

# Words Matter Thesaurus

	<b><i>Gun Term</i></b>	<b><i>Alternative</i></b>
<b>A</b>	ammunition armed with the facts aim for ask point blank	facts, evidence well-informed hope to achieve, strive ask directly
<b>B</b>	bite the bullet bullet points bullet-proof bull's eye	just do it specifics, key points invincible exact spot
<b>C</b>	caught in the crossfire cheap shot	caught in the middle unfair criticism, low blow
<b>D</b>	dodged a bullet don't shoot the messenger	avoided trouble not responsible
<b>E</b>	even shot	50/50 chance
<b>F</b>	faster than a speeding bullet 'Fire Away!' firing blanks fire back	high speed 'Get started!' ineffective, not succeeding respond quickly
<b>G</b>	get shot going great guns gun it gun shy gunning for someone	get vaccinated exceeding expectations speed up reticent, hesitant planning to harm
<b>H</b>	half-cocked high-caliber hired gun held a gun to my head hotshot	reckless exceptional, first-rate paid specialist threatened show-off, braggart
<b>I</b>	in the crosshairs	scrutinized
<b>J</b>	jumped the gun 'Just shoot me!'	started too early 'I give up!'

<b>K</b>	killjoy killer instinct	spoil sport, cynic ruthless, relentless
<b>L</b>	like shooting fish in a barrel lock, stock and barrel locked-and-loaded	too easy all inclusive, entirety ready, prepared
<b>M</b>	magic bullet misfired missed the mark moving target	perfect solution erred imperfect, fell short hard to pin down
<b>O</b>	outgunned on target	outmatched accurate, so far/so good
<b>P</b>	point blank point & shoot pot shots pull the trigger	direct, precise simple jabs get going, start
<b>Q</b>	quick on the trigger	rash, hasty
<b>R</b>	rapid fire 'Ready, aim, fire!' riding shotgun rifle through files	quickly, speedy 'Go!' protecting a companion search
<b>S</b>	'She/he is a pistol!' shoot first, ask later shoot for shoot for the moon shoot from the hip shoot me an email shoot off your mouth shoot out shoot the breeze shot down my idea shot in the dark shot myself in the foot silver bullet	'She/he has spunk!' impetuous try, attempt set high goals impulsive send me an email talk recklessly confrontation chat, visit rejected wild guess made a mistake perfect solution

smoking gun  
'Son of a gun!'  
stick to my guns  
straight shooter  
sweating bullets

**T** take aim  
take a shot at  
target market  
top gun  
trigger a response  
trigger alerts  
trigger happy  
trip your trigger

**U** under fire  
under the gun  
**W** whole shooting match  
with guns blazing  
worth a shot

**Y** 'You're killing me!'

proof beyond doubt  
'Darn!'  
uncompromising  
frank & honest  
nervous, worried

focus  
speculate, try  
intended audience  
recognized expert  
cause a reaction  
heads-up, warnings  
impulsive, foolhardy  
make you happy

being criticized  
feeling pressure  
in total, the works  
all-out effort  
worth trying

'You're too much!'