

Gun Term — Alternative

- A** ammunition—**facts, evidence**
 armed with the facts—**well-prepared**
 aim for—**hope to achieve**
 ask point blank—**ask directly**
- B** bite the bullet—**just do it**
 bullet-points—**specifics, key points**
 bullet-proof—**invincible**
- C** caught in the crossfire—**caught in the middle**
 cheap shot—**unfair criticism**
- 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—**turbo speed**
 "Fire Away!"—**"Get Started!"**
 firing blanks—**not succeeding**
 fire back—**responding quickly**
- G** going great guns—**succeeding beyond expectations**
 gun it—**floor it**
 gun shy—**reticent**
 gunning for someone—**planning to harm**
- H** half-cocked—**reckless**
 high caliber—**exceptional**
 hired gun—**paid specialist**
 hold a gun to my head—**threaten**
 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**
 killer instinct—**ruthless**
- L** like shooting fish in a barrel—**too easy**
 lock, stock and barrel—**all inclusive**
 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**
- P** point blank—**direct, precise**
 point & shoot—**simple, camera reference**
 pot shots—**jabs**
 pull the trigger—**get going**
- Q** quick on the trigger—**rash, hasty**
- R** rapid fire—**quickly**
 "Ready, aim, fire!"—**"Go!"**
 riding shot gun—**occupying the passenger seat, 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**
 shoot for the moon—**set high goals**
 shoot from the hip—**impulsive**

S 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—**really worried**

T take aim—**focus**
 take a shot at—**give it a try**
 target market—**audience segment**
 top gun—**recognized expert**
 trigger a response—**elicit a response**
 trigger alerts—**heads up, warnings**
 trigger happy—**impulsive**
 trip your trigger—**make you happy**

U under fire—**being criticized**
 under the gun—**feeling time-pressured**

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

Y “You’re killing me!” —**“You’re too much!”**

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