

# LIST OF IDIOMS WITH THE PREPOSITION AROUND

idiom	meaning	example
around the corner	what will happen in the near future or very near	Philip dropped dead at work. You never know what is around the corner.
beat around the bush	avoid a difficult/unpleasant issue	Top eating around the bush. Do you want to get married or not?
circle around	move in a circular motion around something (particularly a victim)	The thugs circled around the frightened schoolboy.
green around the gills	look ill/pale	The children looked green around the gills as they stepped off the rollercoaster.
kick something around	discuss ideas	The meeting went on forever. We were kicking around ideas but couldn't agree on anything.
loaf around	do nothing/be lazy/waste time	I've loafed around all weekend. I think I'll go for a stroll and get some air.
mope around	act depressed or dejected because of boredom/unhappiness	Jack moped around all weekend as his car was being repaired.
rally around/round	unite to support someone/something	Becca's son was killed in a car accident. We all need to rally round and show our support.
run rings around	outclass/a lot better than someone at particular activity	Grandad is old now, we run rings around him.
skirt around	avoid something	Don't let him ask too many questions about waste disposal. Skirt around the topic.
swan around	walk around thinking you're the best	I wish someone would punch Cara. She's always swanning around like she's the queen.
wrap around one's little finger	have complete control over somebody	I caught my teacher doing something wrong. Now, he's wrapped around my little finger.

