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Get something straight

(spoken) to understand the facts of a situation and be able to tell them correctly

- I wanted to get the facts straight.
- Let me get this straight Tom sold the car and gave you the money?

Keep a straight face

to manage to stop yourself from smiling or laughing:

 She tried to keep a straight face but, unable to contain herself, burst into laughter.

Put something straight

(tidy up) [house, room, papers]

- It took us all weekend to put the garden straight.
- There are a few details in this contract we need to put straight before I'm ready to sign it.

Put/Set someone straight **Put/Set the record straight**

to tell someone the true facts about a situation that the person had not understood:

- I had to set him straight about what really happened.
- The article about the trial really set the record straight.

Straight from the shoulder

(informal) to say things in a very direct way, without trying to be polite.

- If they had complaints, he wanted to hear them straight from the shoulder.
- Don't try to spare my feelings. give it to me straight from the shoulder.

The straight and narrow

the right and moral way to behave or to do something

Keep/get back/stray from

- The threat of a good beating should keep him on the straight and narrow.
- He's making an effort to get back on the straight and narrow.
- He has once or twice strayed from the straight and narrow.

Think/see straight

if you cannot think or see straight, you cannot think or see clearly

- Turn the radio down I can't think straight.
- She was too tired to think straight

Give it to somebody straight

(informal) to tell someone something in a clear direct way

There's no point in beating about the bush, so I'll give it to you straight.

Straight away (straightaway): immediately; without delay

- I knew straight away it was a bad injury.
- The clerk recognized her straight away.