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1. [[u:t] n

1. 1) охота

the shoot is good here - здесь хорошая охота

2) охотничье угодье

3) право отстрела

4) группа охотников

2. соревнование по стрельбе

3. кино, фото съёмка

4. 1) стремительное движение; рывок, бросок

a shoot up [back, down, sideways, forward] - стремительное движение /рывок/ вверх [назад, вниз, в сторону, вперёд]

2) спорт. сильный удар, бросок

a shoot for goal - удар по воротам (футбол, хоккей)

3) амер. промежуток между ударами вёсел

5. приступ

a shoot of pain [of colic, of toothache] - приступ боли [колики, зубной боли]

6. запуск (ракеты, особ. экспериментальный)

7. луч

a shoot of sunlight - луч солнца

8. 1) стремнина; стремительный поток

2) водопад

9. текст.

1) прокидка челнока

2) уточина

10. тех.

1) жёлоб; лоток; наклонный сток

2) мусоропровод; мусоросброс

11. 1) канал для прохода через плотину

to take a shoot - поехать каналом [см. тж. ◇]

2) с.-х. раскол (для скота)

12. геол.

1) шток

2) рудное скопление

◇ to take a shoot - поехать или пойти напрямик [см. тж. 11, 1)]

to get the shoot - быть выгнанным /вылететь/ с работы

to give smb. the shoot - выгнать /выставить/ кого-л. с работы

the whole /the entire/ shoot - вся (честная) компания, вся братия

2. [[u:t] v (shot)

1. 1) стрелять; вести огонь

to shoot (off, with) a rifle [(off, with) a gun, (from) a bow] - стрелять из ружья [из винтовки, из лука]

to shoot well [badly, straight] - стрелять хорошо [плохо, прямо]

to shoot to kill - стрелять наверняка

2) выстреливать, производить выстрел (об оружии)

to shoot a bullet from a gun - стрелять из винтовки

to shoot an arrow from a bow - пускать стрелу из лука

to shoot a stone from a sling - метнуть камень из пращи

2. 1) попасть, поразить (из огнестрельного оружия)

to shoot and kill - застрелить

to shoot and wound - ранить выстрелом, нанести огнестрельную рану

to shoot smb. in /through/ the leg - ранить кого-л. /попасть кому-л./ в ногу

to shoot smb. through the head - убить кого-л. выстрелом в голову

to shoot smb. dead - убить кого-л. наповал, застрелить кого-л.

to shoot a bird flying - бить птицу на лету

to shoot in the eye - попасть в яблочко (мишени)

2) расстреливать (тж. shoot up)

to shoot smb. for a spy [for a deserter] - расстрелять кого-л. как шпиона [как дезертира]

3. 1) стрелять, охотиться

to shoot game - стрелять дичь

to shoot lions - охотиться на львов

to be out shooting - быть на охоте, охотиться

to shoot a tract of woodland - произвести отстрел дичи на лесном участке

he fishes but he doesn't shoot - он рыбачит, но охотой не занимается

2) (for, at) охотиться (за чем-л.); целиться (на что-л.)

he's shooting for a higher production level - он стремится к повышению уровня производства

4. 1) бросать, швырять, кидать

to be shot out of a car - быть выброшенным из машины (при аварии и т. п.)

to shoot an anchor - бросать якорь

to shoot a net - закинуть сеть

- to shoot a look /a glance/ - бросить быстрый взгляд
 to shoot spitballs - бросаться шариками из жеваной бумаги
 to shoot questions at smb. - забросать кого-л. вопросами; задавать вопросы один за другим
 the horse shot his rider - конь сбросил всадника
 he shot a smile at his wife - он коротко улыбнулся жене
 shoot a spotlight on the doorway - осветите прожектором вход
- 2) выбрасывать, извергать (*пламя, дым*); изрыгать (*лаву*)
- 3) пускать (*фейерверк, ракету*)
 a catapult shoots planes from a carrier - катапульта запускает самолёты с авианосца
- 4) *амер. прост.* передавать, давать
 shoot the salt to me - дай-ка мне соль
5. излучать
 to shoot fire - метать искры (*о глазах*)
 the sun shoots its beams through the mist - солнечные лучи пронизывают туман
 the searchlight shot a long ray across the sky - длинный луч прожектора прорезал небо
6. *спец.*
- 1) выбрасывать (*частицы*)
- 2) бомбардировать (*частицами*)
- 3) пронизывать, прорезать (*о лучах*)
7. пронестись, промчаться, промелькнуть (*тж. shoot along, shoot forth*)
 to shoot down /through/ a tunnel - промчаться через туннель
 to shoot (under) a bridge - пронестись под мостом
 a meteor shot along - промелькнул метеор
 an idea shot across my mind - у меня в голове мелькнула мысль
 an idea shot into her mind - внезапно ей в голову пришла мысль
 a flash shot across the sky - вспышка на мгновение озарила небо
8. пронизывать, дёргать, стрелять (*о боли*)
 the pain shoots up the back [the arm, the leg] - боль отдаёт в спину [в руку, в ногу]
 this tooth shoots - зуб болит /дёргает/
9. сбрасывать, сваливать, сгружать
 to shoot coal [ore, timber] - сгружать уголь [руды, лес]
 to shoot grain [gravel, earth] - ссыпать зерно [гравий, землю]
 to shoot rubbish - сваливать мусор
10. 1) задвигать *или* отодвигать (*засов и т. п.*)
 to shoot a bolt - задвинуть *или* отодвинуть задвижку
 to shoot a key - вставлять в замок *или* вытаскивать из замка ключ
- 2) задвигаться *или* отодвигаться (*о засове и т. п.*)
11. выдаваться, выступать
 the shore shoots forth into the sea - берег моря образует выступ
12. 1) *кино* снимать, производить съёмки
 to shoot a picture [a film, a scene] - снимать картину [фильм, кадр]
- 2) *амер. разг.* фотографировать
 to shoot a photo - делать снимок, фотографировать
13. 1) играть (*особ. в игры, связанные с бросками*)
 to shoot dice - играть в кости
 to shoot pool - *амер.* играть на бильярде
 to shoot a round of golf - сыграть раунд гольфа
- 2) *спорт.* с силой посылать (*мяч*); делать сильные удары (*по мячу*)
 to shoot a ball [a puck] - с силой посылать мяч [шайбу]
 to shoot at the goal - а) бить по воротам (*футбол, хоккей*); б) делать броски мячом (*в корзину - баскетбол*)
 to shoot a goal - забить гол
 he shot a basket - он попал в корзину (*баскетбол*)
- 3) набирать очки, выигрывать
 he shot 78 on the first 12 holes - на первых 12 лунках он набрал 78 очков, он загнал мяч в первые 12 лунок 78-ю ударами (*гольф*)
14. 1) делать ставку (*в азартной игре*)
 to shoot \$5 - поставить пять долларов
 to shoot the works - а) поставить всё на карту; б) делать всё, на что хватает сил; выкладываться
- 2) проиграть (*в кости и т. п.*)
 he shoot his whole wad on a shady deal - на этой сомнительной сделке он потерял всё, что у него было
15. *амер. разг.* отправлять быстро *или* со спешным поручением
16. *амер. сл.* оставлять, бросать
17. *горн.* отпаливать
18. *мор. разг.* брать высоту (*светила*)
 to shoot the sun [a star] - брать высоту солнца [звезды]
19. *сл.*
- 1) делать впрыскивание, вливание; делать укол (*кому-л.*)
- 2) впрыскивать наркотик (*себе*)
 ◇ to shoot an emergency landing - произвести вынужденную посадку

to shoot for guard - назначать в караул
 to shoot a match - участвовать в соревнованиях по стрельбе
 to have shot one's bolt - расстрелять все свои патроны /заряды/, исчерпать все возможности; сделать своё дело
 to shoot a mission - **воен.** выполнять огневую задачу, вести огонь по цели
 to shoot oneself clear - **ав. жарг.** катапультироваться из самолёта
 to shoot (out) one's cuffs /one's linen/ - показывать /проявлять/ себя с лучшей стороны
 to shoot (out) one's neck - хамить; вести себя нагло
 shot in the neck - **разг.** подвыпивший, навеселе
 to shoot Niagara /the gulf/ - отважиться /решиться/ на отчаянный шаг, идти на большой риск
 to shoot the moon - ночью съехать с квартиры, не заплатив (за неё)
 to shoot a line - хвастаться, «заливать»
 to shoot off one's mouth, to shoot at the mouth - трепать языком, трепаться
 to shoot the cat - **сл.** рвать, блевать
 to shoot at a pigeon and kill a crow - маскировать свою истинную цель
 to shoot the breeze - **мор. жарг.** болтать
 to shoot the sitting pheasant - погубить человека, воспользовавшись его беззащитностью /беспомощностью/
 to shoot one's star - **сл.** умереть
 to shoot smb. in the eye - ≅ оказать кому-л. медвежью услугу; подставить ножку кому-л.
 to shoot into the brown - дать маху
 to shoot from the hip - а) **воен.** стрелять с упором в бедро; б) стрелять с бедра, едва вынув пистолет из кармана; в) высказываться необдуманно, рубить сплеча; вносить скоропалительные предложения
 shoot! - **прост.** выкладывай!
 I'll be shot if ... - провалиться мне на этом месте, если ...
 shoot that! - заткнись!, брось!, не мели чепуху!
 my nerves are shot - у меня нервы не в порядке /расстроена нервная система/

II

1. [ʃu:t] *n*

1. рост; прорастание
2. 1) **бот.** побег; росток; веточка
 tender shoots in spring - нежные весенние побеги
 a deferred shoot - глухой побег
- 2) ответвление
 the shoots of the Andes [of the Alps, of the Himalayas] - отроги Анд [Альп, Гималаев]
- 3) **разг.** отпрыск, потомок
3. **бот.**, **зоол.** прирост
 an annual shoot on a deer's antler - ежегодный прирост оленьих рогов
 the shoot of wood - прирост древесины
 shoot of apex - **бот.** конус нарастания

2. [ʃu:t] *v (shot)*

прорастать, расти; распускаться; давать почки, ростки, побеги
 grass [moustache] shoots - пробивается трава [-ются усы]
 bushes shoot again after being cut - кусты снова разрастаются /дают побеги/ после подрезки
 leaves shoot (forth) - появляются /распускаются/ листья
 a tree shoots - дерево набирает почки
 buds shoot - почки распускаются
 a plant shoots (out) buds [sprouts] - растение даёт почки [побеги]

II

[ʃu:t] *int аруб.*

чёрт подери!; вот незадача!, вот это да! (*выражает досаду или удивление*)

shoot

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shoot [shoot shoots shot shooting] *verb, noun, exclamation* BrE [ʃu:ʃ] ¹ NAmE

[ʃu:ʃ] ¹

verb (shot, shot BrE [ʃɒt] ¹ ; NAmE [ʃɑ:ʃ] ¹)

WEAPON

1. **intransitive, transitive** to fire a gun or other weapon; to fire sth from a weapon

- Don't shoot— I surrender.
- ~ **(sth) (at sb/sth)** troops shooting at the enemy
- The police rarely **shoot to kill** (= try to kill the people they shoot at) .
- ~ **sth (from sth)** He shot an arrow from his bow.
- They shot the lock off (= removed it by shooting) .

2. **transitive** to kill or wound a person or an animal with a bullet, etc

- ~ **sb/sth/yourself** A man was shot in the leg.
- He shot himself during a fit of depression.
- The guards were ordered to **shoot on sight** anyone trying to escape.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** Three people were **shot dead** during the robbery.

3. **transitive, intransitive** ~ **(sth) (of a gun or other weapon)** to fire bullets, etc

- This is just a toy gun— it doesn't shoot real bullets.

FOR SPORT

4. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to hunt and kill birds and animals with a gun as a sport

- to shoot pheasants
- They **go shooting** in Scotland.

MOVE QUICKLY

5. **intransitive, transitive** to move suddenly or quickly in one direction; to make sb/sth move in this way

- **+ adv./prep.** A plane shot across the sky.
- His hand shot out to grab her.
- Flames were shooting up through the roof.
- (**figurative**) The band's last single shot straight to number one in the charts.
- **~ sth + adv./prep.** He shot out his hand to grab her.

OF PAIN

6. **intransitive** to move suddenly and quickly and be very sharp

- a shooting pain in the back
- **+ adv./prep.** The pain shot up her arm.

DIRECT AT SB

7. **transitive, no passive** to direct sth at sb suddenly or quickly

- **~ sth at sb** Journalists were shooting questions at the candidates.
- She shot an angry glance at him.
- **~ sb sth** She shot him an angry glance.

FILM/PHOTOGRAPH

8. **intransitive, transitive** to make a film/movie or photograph of sth

- Cameras ready? OK, shoot!
- **~ sth (+ adv./prep.)** Where was the movie shot?
- The movie was shot in black and white.

IN SPORTS

9. **intransitive, transitive (in football (↑soccer), ↑hockey, etc.)** to try to kick, hit or throw the ball into a goal or to score a point

- **~ (at sth)** He should have shot instead of passing.
- (**especially NAmE**) **~ sth** After school we'd be on the driveway **shooting baskets** (= playing ↑basketball).

10. **transitive ~ sth (informal)** (in ↑golf) to make a particular score in a complete ↑round or competition

- She shot a 75 in the first round.

PLAY GAME

11. **transitive ~ sth (especially NAmE)** to play particular games

- to shoot pool

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	shoot
	BrE /ˈʃuːt/
	NAmE /ˈʃuːt/
he / she /it	shoots
	BrE /ˈʃuːts/
	NAmE /ˈʃuːts/
past simple, past participle	shot
	BrE /ˈʃɒt/
	NAmE /ˈʃɑːt/
-ing form	shooting
	BrE /ˈʃuːtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈʃuːtɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

shoot verb

1. I, T

- Don't shoot— I surrender.

fire • • open fire • • launch •

shoot/fire **at** sb/sth

shoot/fire **blanks/bullets/arrows** sb

a **gun** shoots/fires

2. I, T (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- A cat shot out into the road in front of the car.

fly • flash • streak • hurtle • speed • especially BrE career • informal, especially BrE whizz •

informal, especially AmE whiz •

shoot/fly/flash/streak/hurtle/speed /career /zoom/whizz **down/across** (sth)

shoot/fly/flash/streak/hurtle/speed/zoom/whizz **past** (sb/sth)

shoot/fly/hurtle/speed/career/zoom **off**

Collocations:

War and peace

Starting a war

declare /make/wage war (on sb/sth)

go to war (against/with sb)

cause/spark/provoke/foment/quell unrest

incite/lead /crush/suppress a revolt/rebellion

launch/mount/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack

prevent/halt/represent an escalation of the conflict

be torn apart by/be on the brink of civil war

enter/invade /occupy sb's territory

lead /launch/resist/repel an invasion

Military operations

adopt/develop /implement /pursue a military strategy

carry out/execute /perform military operations/manoeuvres (*especially US*) maneuvers

send/deploy/station/pull back/withdraw troops

go on/fly/carry out a reconnaissance/rescue mission

train/equip/deploy army/military/combat units

lead /launch/conduct a raid/a surprise attack/an (air/airborne/amphibious) assault (on sb)

employ/use guerrilla tactics

conduct/wage biological/guerrilla warfare

fight/crush/defeat the rebels/the insurgency

suffer/inflict a crushing defeat

achieve /win a decisive victory

halt/stop the British/German/Russian advance

order/force a retreat

Fighting

join/serve in the army/navy/air force

be/go/remain /serve on active duty

serve/complete /return from a tour of duty

be sent to the front (line)

attack/strike/engage /defeat/kill/destroy the enemy

see/report/be engaged in heavy fighting

call for/be met with armed resistance

come under heavy/machine-gun/mortar fire

fire a machine-gun/mortar shells/rockets (at sb/sth)

shoot a rifle/a pistol/bullets/missiles

launch/fire a cruise/ballistic/anti-tank missile

use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons

inflict/suffer/sustain heavy losses/casualties

be hit/killed by enemy/friendly/artillery fire

become/be held as a prisoner of war

Civilians in war

harm/kill/target/protect innocent/unarmed civilians

cause/avoid/limit/minimize civilian casualties/collateral damage

impose/enforce/lift a curfew

engage in/be a victim of ethnic cleansing

be sent to an internment/a concentration camp

accept/house/resettle refugees fleeing from war

fear/threaten military/violent reprisals

commit/be accused of war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide

Making peace

make/bring/win/achieve /maintain /promote peace

call for/negotiate/broker/declare a ceasefire/a temporary truce

sign a ceasefire agreement

call for/bring/put an end to hostilities

demand /negotiate /accept the surrender of sb/sth

establish/send (in) a peacekeeping force

negotiate /conclude/ratify/sign/accept/reject/break/violate a peace treaty

Language Bank:

increase

Describing an increase

▪ Student numbers in English language schools in this country **increased** ▪ from 66 000 in 2008 to just over 84 000 in 2009.

- The number of students **increased** ▪ by almost 30% compared with the previous year.
- Student numbers **shot up** ▪ / **increased dramatically** ▪ in 2009.
- The proportion of Spanish students **rose sharply** ▪ from 5% in 2008 to 14% in 2009.
- There was a significant **rise** ▪ in student numbers in 2009.
- The 2009 figure was 84 000, **an increase of** ▪ 28% on the previous year.
- The 2009 figure was 84 000, 28 per cent **up** ▪ on the previous year.
- As the chart shows, this can partly be explained by **a dramatic increase** ▪ in students from Spain.

Language Banks at [↑expect](#), [↑fall](#), [↑illustrate](#), [↑proportion](#)

Example Bank:

- Any intruders will be shot on sight.
- Four policemen were fatally shot in the incident.
- Four protestors were shot and killed by police.
- He accidentally shot himself in the foot.
- He was shot in the back.
- I thought for a moment that he was going to shoot.
- If caught, the men could be summarily shot as spies.
- If they shoot, we shoot back.
- She practised for days until she could shoot straight.
- She was shot to death for a crime she did not commit.
- She was shot with a small automatic pistol.
- The airliner was shot down near Korea.
- The police shot him dead.
- The soldiers shot back at invading planes with rifles.
- The soldiers were shooting at a target.
- The soldiers were told to shoot to kill.
- Troops shot into the air to stop the rioting.
- a shoot-to-kill policy
- A cat shot out into the road in front of him.
- Does this gun actually shoot?
- Don't shoot— I surrender.
- Have you ever shot a gun before?
- He shot an arm out to stop her.
- He was involved in a serious shooting incident.
- I saw someone shooting past the window.
- The guards were ordered to shoot on sight anyone trying to escape.
- The police rarely shoot to kill.
- They began shooting at the enemy.
- This is just a toy gun — it doesn't shoot real bullets.

Idioms: [↑have shot your bolt](#) ▪ [↑like shooting fish in a barrel](#) ▪ [↑shoot from the hip](#) ▪ [↑shoot it out](#) ▪ [↑shoot the bull](#) ▪ [↑shoot the messenger](#) ▪ [↑shoot the rapids](#) ▪ [↑shoot your mouth off](#) ▪ [↑shoot yourself in the foot](#) ▪ shot of somebody

Derived [↑shoot for something](#) ▪ [↑shoot off](#) ▪ [↑shoot somebody down](#) ▪ [↑shoot something off](#) ▪ [↑shoot something up](#) ▪ [↑shoot through](#) ▪ [↑shoot up](#)

noun

PLANT

1. the part that grows up from the ground when a plant starts to grow; a new part that grows on plants or trees
 - new green shoots
 - bamboo shoots

FILM/PHOTOGRAPHS

2. an occasion when sb takes professional photographs for a particular purpose or makes a film/movie
 - a fashion shoot

see also [↑photo shoot](#)

FOR SPORT

3. (especially BrE) an occasion when a group of people hunt and shoot animals or birds for sport; the land where this happens

Word Origin:

Old English scēotan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch [scieten](#) and German [sciessen](#), also to [↑sheet](#), the noun [↑shot](#), and [↑shut](#).

Example Bank:

- He goes out on shoots with very little equipment.
- He was shot in the face while on a game shoot.
- Keep the bulbs in a cool dark place until shoots appear.
- These shrubs will need more light to produce flowering shoots.
- This plant has no shoots yet.

- This plant hasn't got any shoots yet.
- a cover shoot for the September issue of Cosmopolitan
- a five-day photo shoot in Cyprus

exclamation

1. (NAmE) used to show that you are annoyed when you do sth stupid or when sth goes wrong (to avoid saying 'shit')
 - Shoot! I've forgotten my book!
2. (especially NAmE) used to tell sb to say what they want to say
 - You want to tell me something? OK, shoot!

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shoot

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1. **shoot**¹ **S2 W2** /ʃuːt BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **shot** /ʃɒt \$ ʃɑːt)

[Language: Old English; Origin: sceotan]

1. **KILL/INJURE [transitive]** to deliberately kill or injure someone using a gun:

- Police shot one suspect when he pulled a gun on them.
- Smith killed his wife, and then shot himself.
- A woman was shot dead in an attempted robbery.

shoot somebody in the leg/head etc

- He had been shot in the back while trying to escape.
- The guards have orders to shoot intruders on sight (=shoot them as soon as they see them).

2. **FIRE A GUN ETC [intransitive and transitive]** to make a bullet or ↑**arrow** come from a weapon:

- Don't shoot! I'm coming out with my hands up.

shoot at

- Two guys walked in and started shooting at people.
- The soldiers had orders to shoot to kill (=shoot at someone with the intention of killing them).

shoot bullets/arrows

- They shot arrows from behind the thick bushes.

shoot a gun/rifle etc

- Tod's grandfather taught him to shoot a rifle.

3. **BIRDS/ANIMALS [intransitive and transitive]** to shoot and kill animals or birds as a sport:

- They spent the weekend in Scotland shooting grouse.

4. **MOVE QUICKLY [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition]** to move quickly in a particular direction, or to make something move in this way:

- She shot past me into the house.
- The cat shot across the garden.
- 'Where does cotton come from?' Ron's hand shot up. 'America, Miss!'
- The fountain shoots water 20 feet into the air.

5. **TRY TO SCORE [intransitive and transitive]** to kick or throw a ball in a sport such as football or ↑**basketball** towards the place where you can get a point:

- Giggs shot from the halfway line.

6. **LOOK AT SOMEBODY shoot somebody a look/glance** (also **shoot a glance at somebody**) to look at someone quickly, especially so that other people do not see, to show them how you feel

shoot somebody a quick/sharp/warning etc look/glance

- 'You're welcome to stay as long as you like.' Michelle shot him a furious glance.
- Jack shot an anxious look at his mother.

7. **PHOTOGRAPH/FILM [intransitive and transitive]** to take photographs or make a film of something **SYN film**:

- The movie was shot in New Zealand.

8. **PAIN [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]** if pain shoots through your body, you feel it going quickly through it

shoot through/along

- A sharp pain suddenly shot along his arm.

shooting pains (=continuous short pains passing through your body)

9. **shoot it out (with somebody)** if people shoot it out, they fight using guns, especially until one person or group is killed or defeated by the other:

- a scene in which the cops shoot it out with the drug dealers

10. **shoot yourself in the foot** to say or do something stupid that will cause you a lot of trouble:

- If he keeps talking, pretty soon he'll shoot himself in the foot.

11. **shoot questions at somebody** to ask someone a lot of questions very quickly:

- The prosecutor shot a series of rapid questions at Hendrickson.

12. **shoot your mouth off informal** to talk about something that you should not talk about or that you know nothing about:

- Don't go shooting your mouth off.

13. **shoot the bull/breeze American English informal** to have an informal conversation about unimportant things:

- Cal and I were sitting on the porch, shooting the breeze.

14. **shoot American English spoken** used to tell someone to start speaking:

- 'I have a few questions.' 'OK, shoot.'

15. **shoot from the hip** to say what you think in a direct way, or make a decision very quickly, without thinking about it first

16. **shoot to fame/stardom/prominence** to suddenly become very famous:

▪ Brian, an air steward, shot to fame on the television show 'Big Brother'.

17. **shoot to number one/to the top of the charts etc** to suddenly become very successful in the popular music **CHARTS** (=the list of records that have sold the most copies that week):

▪ Westlife's new album shot straight to the top of the charts.

18. **shoot hoops/baskets** *informal* to practise throwing ↑basketballs into the basket

19. **shoot the rapids** to sail a small boat along a river that is moving very fast over rocks, as a sport:

▪ He was shooting the rapids when his canoe capsized.

20. **shoot pool** *informal* to play the game of ↑pool

21. **shoot craps** *American English informal* to play the game of **CRAPS**

22. **PLANTS** [*intransitive*] if a plant shoots, a new part of it starts to grow, especially a new stem and leaves

23. **LOCK ON A DOOR** [*transitive*] to move the ↑bolt on a door so that it is in the locked or unlocked position

24. **have shot your bolt** *British English*, **have shot your wad** *American English informal* to have used all of your money, power, energy etc

25. **shoot your load** *informal* to ↑ejaculate

⇒ **blame/shoot the messenger** at ↑messenger¹⁽²⁾

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▪ **shoot** *verb* [*intransitive and transitive*] to use a gun to fire bullets, or to kill or injure someone using a gun: He ordered his men to stop shooting. | The guards shot the man as he was trying to escape. | President Kennedy was shot by a lone gunman.

▪ **fire** *verb* [*intransitive and transitive*] to shoot bullets from a gun, or send an explosive object towards someone or something: Soldiers fired into the crowd. | Helicopters fired rockets at several buildings. | He regained his balance, took aim, and fired. | The police fired into the air to make the crowd break up. | As soon as we crossed the border, enemy troops started firing at us. | Kendrick fired three shots at the President's car. | Suddenly the car stopped, and the passenger got out and fired a Kalashnikov rifle at the police car.

▪ **launch** *verb* [*transitive*] to send a large rocket or ↑missile into the air: American warships launched cruise missiles. | The guerrillas launched their rockets from densely populated towns.

▪ **open fire** to start shooting: Nineteen students were injured after a gunman opened fire. | Troops opened fire on a group of unarmed demonstrators. | The colonel gave the order for the soldiers to open fire.

▪ **shell** *verb* [*transitive*] to fire shells (=metal containers filled with an explosive substance) at enemy soldiers, cities etc in a war, using large guns: Border towns have been shelled by enemy aircraft for the past two months. | British warships began shelling German positions along the coast.

▪ **bombard** *verb* [*transitive*] to attack a place for a long time with shells or bombs: Allied forces bombarded the coast prior to the invasion. | Troops bombarded the area with shells. | The allied forces bombarded the enemy trenches for weeks. | Cromwell's men had been bombarding the fort with their artillery for several days.

▪ **take a potshot at somebody/something** to shoot at someone or something without aiming very carefully: Someone tried to take a potshot at him, but hit the man behind instead.

shoot somebody/something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

1. to make an enemy plane crash to the ground, by firing weapons at it:

▪ His plane was shot down over France in 1944.

2. to kill or seriously injure someone by shooting them, especially someone who cannot defend themselves:

▪ The army were accused of shooting down unarmed demonstrators.

3. *informal* to say or show that someone's ideas or opinions are wrong or stupid:

▪ I tried to help, but all my suggestions were shot down in flames, as usual.

shoot for/at something *phrasal verb especially American English informal*

to try to achieve a particular aim, especially one that is very difficult **SYN aim for**:

▪ We are shooting for a 50% increase in sales in the next financial year.

shoot off *phrasal verb British English informal*

to leave somewhere quickly or suddenly:

▪ Sorry, but I'll have to shoot off before the end of the meeting.

shoot through *phrasal verb*

Australian English informal to leave a place quickly, especially in order to avoid someone or something ⇒ **be shot through with something** at ↑shot²⁽³⁾

shoot up *phrasal verb*

1. to increase very quickly and suddenly **SYN rocket**:

▪ Demand for water has shot up by 70% over the last 30 years.

2. if a child shoots up, he or she grows taller very quickly and suddenly:

▪ I can't believe this is Joshua – he's shot up since we last saw him!

3. **shoot somebody/something** ↔ **up** to cause serious injury or damage to someone or something by shooting them with bullets:

▪ Then two men came in and shot up the entire lobby.

4. **shoot up (something)** *informal* to put illegal drugs into your blood, using a needle **SYN inject**:

▪ Kids as young as ten are shooting up heroin.

II. **shoot**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [*countable*]

1. the part of a plant that comes up above the ground when it is just beginning to grow, or a new part that grows on an existing plant:

▪ Tender green shoots will appear in February.

2. an occasion when someone takes photographs or makes a film:

▪ a photo shoot sponsored by Kodak

on a shoot

" She's out on a video shoot.

3. an occasion when people shoot birds or animals for sport, or the area of land where they do this

on a shoot

" The royal party was on a shoot when the incident occurred.

4. **green shoots (of recovery)** *British English* the first sign that a situation is improving, especially an economic situation

III. **shoot**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *interjection American English informal*

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: Used to avoid saying shit]

used to show that you are annoyed or disappointed about something:

" Oh, shoot! I forgot to buy milk.

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