

## A LITTLE BOW PEEP

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Even non-toxophilites (look it up!) out there must realize that archery, now a sport for a few, was a business and a necessary skill for many in days gone by when the yeomen who were bowmen were the military strength of a nation. You can see how many of our ancestors were connected with archery in peace and war when you reflect on the surnames that have come down to us such as **Arrowsmith, Fletcher, Bowman, Archer, Stringer** and even **Abbott** ("at the butts"). Here is a peep or little look at the once-big business of archery, once so entrenched in our lives that it not only gave us those surnames (and more) but also a number of words and expressions that remain in use even though few of us today have ever drawn a bow or taken aim at a target. In the same way, expressions such as dial a number and around the clock survive in these days of push-button telephones and digital watches. Try thinking of some more expressions such as those - and see what you can do to provide the words taken from archery for the following 20 expressions.

1. exhausted your strength
2. have a secondary occupation or talent
3. morally upright
4. be the victim of jokes
5. lose one's temper
6. nervous or tense
7. without taking aim
8. establish as a goal
9. reach the crux of the matter
10. achieve complete success
11. exercise influence
12. arc en ciel
13. people to be reached
14. take careful aim at
15. become unable to cope
16. curved window
17. hunch-backed
18. passionate weapons
19. take a chance
20. emulate a hero's achievements

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