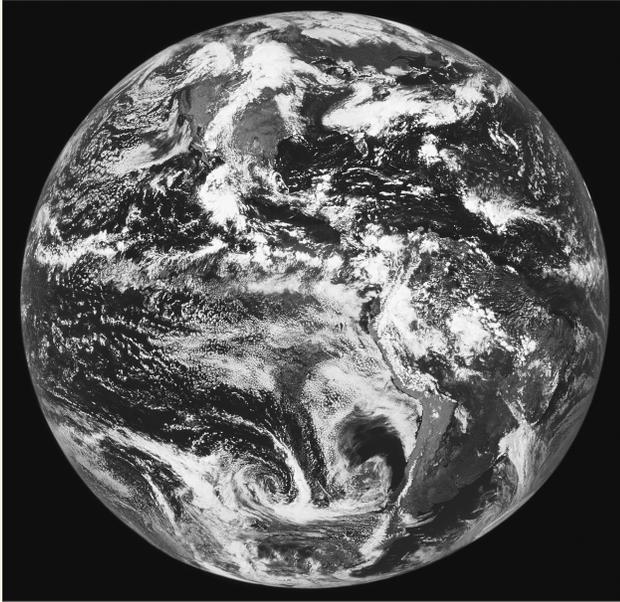


Earthy phrases



Now I know why I'm here.
Not for a closer look at the moon,
But to look back
At our home
The Earth.
Alfred Worden
Astronaut

Out of this world

wonderful, fantastic, unbelievable

This chocolate cake is out of this world.

Her new dress is out of this world.

Mother Earth

a literary expression for the name of the planet we live on

Mother Earth provides us with many roots and herbs used in producing medicines to heal us when we are injured or ill.

On top of the world

extremely happy and content, very successful

The young groom is feeling on top of the world today.

I just passed my English exam and I am feeling on top of the world!

As big as the equator

an exaggeration for extremely large in circumference, huge

Did you see that man's size? He's as big as the equator!

As big as the ocean

an exaggeration for extremely large in area or amount, huge

His empire is as big as the ocean.

Down to earth

realistic, a solid and calm personality

Fred is a down-to-earth kind of guy.

That idea for new investments is really down to earth.

Move heaven and earth to do something

to do everything possible to get something accomplished

"I would move heaven and earth to make you happy," said the young lover as he proposed to his future wife.

To the ends of the earth

as far or as long as possible

Sancho Panza was willing to follow Don Quixote to the ends of the earth.

The computer czar's influence stretched to the ends of the earth.

Carry the weight of the world on one's shoulders

to carry a large burden, guilt, or responsibility for something

I would hate to be president; he carries the weight of the world on his shoulders.

What's wrong with Eric? He acts as if he is carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders.

Not for anything in the world

without question the answer is no

When asked if he would be willing to live with his mother-in-law, the young man answered, "Not for anything in the world!"

Don't have a care in the world

a person doesn't (or acts as if he or she doesn't) have any responsibility, guilt, or worry

Look at the boss. The company is falling to pieces and she acts as if she doesn't have a care in the world. I wonder what she is hiding, or what she knows.

Move up in the world

improve one's personal or professional standing or relationships either economically speaking or in terms of position

That young senator is moving up in the world: He'll be president some day.

Marge just got a promotion at work; she's beginning to move up in the world.

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earthlike in terms of color or texture; an informal, solid, realist, and honest personality

That dress looks real earthy.

He's an earthy sort of guy.

Dead to the world

sleeping very soundly or concentrating so deeply that one is unaware of the immediate environment (sound, movement, etc.)

When Dad snores like that, he is dead to the world.

In a world of one's own

seeming to be unaffected by the immediate environment or activity

When the children play, they seem to be in a world of their own.

Grandfather often just sits in his chair and stares out into the yard—he seems to be in a world of his own.

Set the world on fire

to succeed, to make a name for one's self

The twins just graduated from college and they are ready to set the world on fire.

Not long for this world

close to being fired or kicked or thrown out, close to being beat up, close to dying

Those flowers are not long for this world—they are beginning to wilt.

If Alex starts any more fights, he won't be long for this world.

**Great wide, beautiful, wonderful world,
With the wonderful waters round you
curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your
breast,
World, you are wonderfully blessed.**

William Brighty Rands