

# Re: How to freeze the balls off a brass monkey

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> Britain is facing a cold spell, and possible gas shortages so "freeze  
> the balls off a brass monkey" is a commonly used phrase.  
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> Apparently this is where the phrase originated  
> [http://www2.gol.com/users/coynerhm/cold enough to freeze the balls .htm](http://www2.gol.com/users/coynerhm/cold%20enough%20to%20freeze%20the%20balls.htm)  
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Nice story, but BS. <http://www.snopes.com/language/stories/brass.htm> points out some of the many flaws. One more flaw they don't mention: where did all those "brass monkeys" go? How come you can't find any pictures of 'em, and they don't turn up in antique stores?

Sorry!

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