

55 Most Commonly Used British and American Slang Words and Their Meanings

UNREAL

Something that is unbelievably cool or brilliant

I love this party, it's just **unreal!**



2. PROPS

This means respect, recognition

I know he failed the test, but you've got to give him **props** for trying.



3. KUDOS

Another word for respect, recognition

Kudos for organizing this party. It's brilliant!

4. BOTTOM LINE

The main point

The bottom line is we just don't have enough money to make it work.

5. DISS

When a person disrespects someone else

Stop **dissing** her behind her back. Show some respect!



6. DIG

To really like something

Hey, I **dig** your new style. Where did you buy that T-shirt?

7. BOB'S YOUR UNCLE

This is a well-used phrase in the UK. It is added to the end of sentences, and means something like and that's it!



How did you make this cake? It's delicious!
Well, I just mixed in the batter thoroughly, poured it into a cake pan, baked it for 30 minutes and **Bob's your uncle!**

8. BUDGE UP

When you ask someone to move and make space for you

I want to sit down too, could you **budge up** a little please?



9. ACE

This has two meanings, something that is awesome, really cool. Or to achieve something with perfection, really easily

Ace! I just got a promotion at work!
Robert **aced** his physics exam!

10. ALL RIGHT?

This means 'hello, how are you?'

All right?

Good thanks, you **all right?**

11. FULL OF BEANS

This means to have loads of energy

All the children were **full of beans** at the party today. I couldn't get any of them to sit still!



12. BLATANT

Something that is really obvious

She's **blatantly** very annoyed, everyone can see it apart from you.

13. PEAR SHAPED

This means something has become a disaster

I was trying to organize a surprise birthday party for her, but it's all gone **pear-shaped!**



14. PIECE OF CAKE

When someone is boasting or they think something is extremely easy to do, they would use this

What did you think of the exam? I thought it was really difficult.

No, it was a **piece of cake!**



15. BLIMEY

This is an exclamation of surprise

Blimey, look at all this mess here! I'd only left the house for an hour, and look what you've done!

16. BOTCH

There are two ways of using this expression 'to botch something up' or 'to do a botch job'. They both mean that the work done was not of a high standard, or was clumsy workmanship

The builder did a terrible job on the roof. He just **botched** it up, and it still leaks every time it rains!

17. CHEERS

Used when drinking with friends to salute or make a toast (raise your glasses and clink them together)

Cheers everyone! Happy birthday to John!



18. SMASHING

This means something is terrific, brilliant

I had a **smashing** time on holiday, it was so much fun!

19. SOD'S LAW

*This is another name for Murphy's Law –
whatever can go wrong, will go wrong*

- I wore my pretty new dress, because it was a sunny day, but as soon as I stepped out of the house, it started raining, and I got completely soaked!

- **Sod's Law!**

- Girl-Minion

20. CHIN WAG

This means having a nice, long chat with someone. You can probably tell why!

I saw Mary after such a long time yesterday! We had a lovely **chin wag** together, like the good old days.

21. CHUFFED

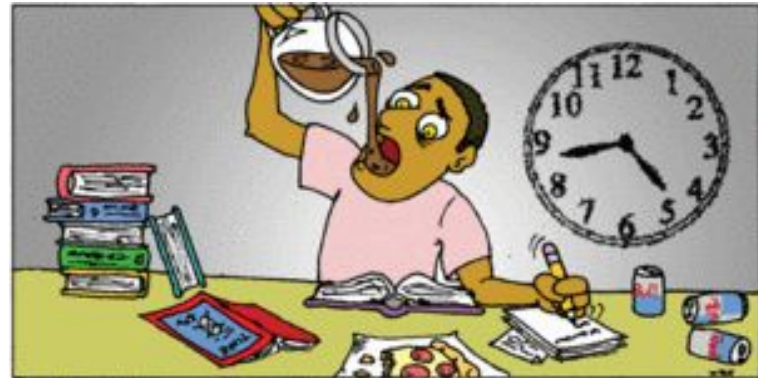
Used when someone is really pleased about something

My mum bought me a fantastic car when I passed my driving test. I was **chuffed** to bits!

22. CRAM

This means to study hard in a very short period of time

I was so busy with my family before the exam, that I only had three days to **cram** in all the revision work!



23. NICE ONE

Can be used when someone does something particularly impressive

- I published my first book last year, and I've already started working on the sequel!
- **Nice one!** You're doing really well.

24. CRIKEY

An exclamation of surprise

- I went shopping today! (comes in with lots of bags)
- **Crikey!** Have you spent all of our savings??!!

25. DEAR

Something that is expensive

I avoid going shopping into the town center nowadays, everything is so **dear**!



26. FAFF

This is when someone procrastinates, or wastes time wondering around

Come on we have to go now. Stop **faffing** around, we're going to be late!

27. DO

Another word for a party

Are you going to Lizzie's birthday **do** next week?

