

1920's Slang Dictionary

All Wet - Describes an erroneous idea or individual, as in, "he's all wet."

Bank's Closed - no kissing or making out

Applesauce - an expletive; same as horsefeathers, As in "Ah applesauce!"

Bee's Knees - An extraordinary person, thing, idea; the ultimate.

Berries - That which is attractive or pleasing; similar to bee's knees, As in "It's the berries."

Big Cheese - The most important or influential person; boss. Same as big shot.



Blind Date - going out with someone you do not know

Bluenose - An excessively puritanical person, a prude, Creator of "the Blue Nozzle Curse."

Bump Off - To murder, To kill.

Cake-Eater - An effete ladies' man, or someone who attends tea parties.

Carry a Torch - To have a crush on someone.

Cat's Meow - Something splendid or stylish; similar to bee's knees; The best or greatest, wonderful.

Cat's Pajamas - Same as cat's meow.

Cheaters - Eyeglasses.

Copacetic - wonderful, fine, all right

Crush - An infatuation.

Darb - An excellent person or thing (as in "the Darb" - a person with money who can be relied on to pay the check).

Dogs - feet.

Drugstore Cowboy - a guy that hangs around on a street corner trying to pick up girls

Dumb Dora - a stupid female.

Fall Guy - Victim of a frame.

Flapper - A stylish, brash, hedonistic young woman with short



skirts and shorter hair.

Flat Tire - A dull witted, insipid, disappointing date. Same as pill, pickle, drag, rag, oilcan.

Frame - To give false evidence, to set up someone.

Gams - A woman's legs.

Giggle Water - An intoxicating beverage; alcohol.



Gin Mill - An establishment where hard liquor is sold; bar.

Gold Digger - A woman who associates with or marries a man for his wealth

Hard Boiled - a tough, strong guy.

Heebie-Jeebies - The jitters.

High-Hat - To snub.

Hooch - Bootleg liquor

Hoofer - Dancer.

Horsefeathers - an expletive; same usage as applesauce.

Hotsy-Totsy - Pleasing.

Jake - OK, as in, "Everything is Jake."

Jalopy - Old car.

Joint - A club, usually selling alcohol.

Keen - Attractive or appealing.

Kisser - Mouth.

Line - Insincere flattery.

Lounge Lizard - a ladies man....same as a cake eater.

Middle Aisle - To marry

Moll - A gangster's girl.

Neck - Kissing with passion.

Ossified - a drunk person.

Pet - Same as neck, but more so.

Pinch - To arrest.

Pushover - A person easily convinced or seduced.

Ritzy - Elegant or real nice (from the hotel).

Scram - Ask someone to leave immediately.

Sheba - A woman with sex appeal (from the movie Queen of Sheba).

Sheik - A man with sex appeal

Speakeasy - An illegal bar selling bootleg liquor.

Spiffy - An elegant appearance.

Struggle Buggy - the backseat of a car. A parent's worst nightmare.

Stuck On - Having a crush on.

Swanky - Ritzy or real nice.

Swell - Wonderful. Also: a rich man.

Take for a Ride - To drive off with someone in order to bump them off.

Tomato - female

Torpedo - A hired gun.

Upchuck - To vomit when one has drunk too much.

Whoopee - To have a good time.



Directions:

This is a list of primarily 1920's slang terms. Some of these terms are still in common use today. As a matter of fact, you may use some of these terms in your everyday speech. Your assignment is to write a note to a friend about something fictional that will happen this weekend. Think about homecoming week. This can be hand written.....please write *clearly* though.

We are using **formal writing** not "idk, lol" etc...

Remember these guidelines:

1. Use the term properly
2. You will be graded according to the number of terms you incorporate into your writing
3. You must **underline** the term
4. Be creative and embellish your weekend story
5. Part of your grade will reflect your grammar and how well it is written

Grade:

20 slang terms (**double value = 40 points**)

This may seem like a difficult assignment, and it may be, but please keep in mind that it will go fast once you get flowing.

BONUS: You can earn five additional points for five more words in your story.