

# 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

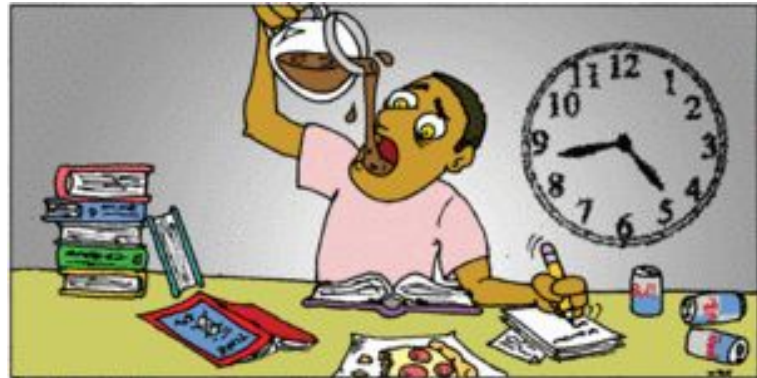
*Used when someone is really pleased about something*

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?

