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| **Slang of the 1920's** |

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| **Ab-so-lute-ly** - affirmative http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **All Wet** - describes an erroneous idea or individual, as in, "he's all wet." |
| **And How** - I strongly agree! http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Applesauce**- an expletive same as horsefeathers, As in "Ah applesauce!"  |
| **Attaboy** - well done!; also Attagirl! http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Baby** - sweetheart. Also denotes something of high value or respect.http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Balled** **Up** - confused, messed up http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Baloney** - nonsense!  |
| **Bank's** **Closed** - no kissing or making out - i.e. - "Sorry, Mac, the bank's closed." http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bearcat** - a hot-blooded or fiery girl http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Beat** **it** - scam or get lost http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Beat** **one's** **gums** - idle chatter http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bee's Knees** **-** An extraordinary person, thing, idea; the ultimate  |
| **Beef** - a complaint or to complain http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Beeswax** - business, i.e. *None of your beeswax."* http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bell bottom** -a sailor |   |   |   | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Berries** - That which is attractive or pleasing; similar to bee's knees, As in "It's the berries."  |
| **Bible Belt** -Area in the South and Midwest where Fundamentalism flourishes |
| **Big Cheese** - The most important or influential person; boss. Same as big shot |
| **Big six** - a strong man; from auto advertising, for the new and powerful; six cylinder engines http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bimbo** - a tough guy http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bird** - general termfor a man or woman, sometimes meaning "odd," *i.e. "What a* funny *old bird."* http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/flapper12.gif**http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/shim.gifBlind Date** - going out with someone you do not know **http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/shim.gifBluenose** - An excessively puritanical person, a prude, Creator of "the Blue Nozzle Curse." **http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/shim.gifBootleg** - illegal liquor http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Breezer** - an convertible car http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bronx Cheer** - A loud splutteringnoise, used to indicate disapproval. Same as raspberry | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Bull** - (1) a policeman or law-enforcement officer including FBI (2) nonsense (3) to chat idly, to exaggerate http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bull** Session - Male talkfest, gossip, stories of sexual exploits  |
| **Bum's rush** - ejection by force **from** an establishment http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Bump Off** - To murder,To kill |
| **Butt me** - I'll take a cigarette http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Caper** - a criminal act or robbery http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Carry a Torch** - To have acrush on someone |
| **Cash** - a kisshttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Cash or check?** - Do you kiss now or later? http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **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 |
| **Chassis** - the female body http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Cheaters** - Eyeglasses  |
| **Check** - kiss me later http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Ciggy** - cigarette http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |   |
| **Clam** - a dollar http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Copacetic** - Wonderful, fine, all right |
| **Crush** - An infatuation |
| **Daddy** - a youngwoman's boyfriend or lover, especially if he's rich http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dame** - a female http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dapper** - a Flapper's dad http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Darb** - An excellent person or thing (as in "the Darb" - a person with money who can be relied on to pay the check) |
| **Dead soldier** - an empty bear bottle http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Deb** - an debutant **http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif** |
| **Dick** - a private investigator http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dogs** - feet |
| **Doll** - an attractive woman http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dolled up** **-** dressed up http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Don't know from nothing** - don't have any information http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Don't take any wooden nickels** - Don't do anything stupid |
| **Double-cross** - to cheat, stab in the back http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dough** - money http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Drugstore Cowboy** - a guy that hangs around on a street corner trying to pick up girls | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Dry up** - shut up, get lost **http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif** |
| **Ducky** - very good http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Dumb Dora** - a stupid female |
| **Earful** - **enough** http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Edge** - **intoxication**, a buzz. *i.e. "I've got an edge."* http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Egg** - a **person** who lives the big life http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
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| **Fall Guy** -Victim of a frame |
| **Fire extinguisher** - a chaperone http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/flapper.gif**Fish** -(1) a college freshman(2) a first timer in prison http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Flat Tire** - A dull witted, insipid, disappointing date. Same as pill, pickle, drag, rag, oilcan **Flivver** - a Model T; after 1928, could mean any old broken down car http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Flapper** - A stylish, brash, hedonistic young woman with short skirts & shorter hair **Fly boy** - a glamorous term for an aviator http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Frame** - To give false evidence , to set up someone  |
| **Gams** - A woman's legs  |
| **Get a wiggle** on - get a move on, get going http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Giggle Water** - An intoxicating beverage; alcohol  |
| **Gin Mill** - An establishment where hard liquor is sold; bar |
| **Glad rags** - "going out on the town" clothes http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Gold Digger** - A woman who associates with or marries a man for his wealth |
| **Goofy -** in love http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Hair of the Dog** - a shot of alcohol http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Handcuff** - an engagement ring http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Hard Boiled** -a tough, strong guy  |
| **Hayburner** - (1) a gas guzzling car (2) a horse one loses money on http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Heebie-Jeebies** - The jitters |
| **High-Hat** - To snub |
| **Hit on all sixes** - to perform 100 per cent; as "hitting on all six cyclinders"http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Hooch** - Bootleg liquor |
| **Hood** - hoodlum http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Hoofer** - Dancer |
| **Horsefeathers** - an expletive ; same usage as applesauce |
| **Hotsy - Totsy** - Pleasing  |
| **It** - Sexappeal |
| **Iron** - a motorcycle http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Jack** - money http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Jake** - OK, as in , **"**Everything is Jake."  |
| **Jalopy** - Oldcar |
| **Jane** - any female http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Java** - coffee http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Jitney** - a car employed as a private bus. Fare was usually five cents; also called a "nickel" http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Joe** - coffee http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **John** **-** a toilethttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif  |
| **Joint** - an establishmenthttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Juice Joint** - a speakeasyhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Joint** - A club, usually selling alcohol  |
| **Keen** - Attractive or appealing |
| **Kisser** - Mouth  |
| http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/flapper22.gif | **Left holding the bag** - (1) to be cheated out of one's fair share (2) to be blamed for something http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Level with me** - be honest http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif**Line** - Insincere flattery **Live** wire - a lively person http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Middle** Aisle - To marry |
| **Mrs. Grundy** - A priggish or extremely tight-laced person |
| **Moll** - A gangster's girl      |
| **Neck** - Kissing with passion | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Nifty** **-** great, excellenthttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **"Now you're on the trolley!"** - Now you've got it, now you're right!**http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif** |
| **Nobody Home** - Describes some one who is dumb |
| **On the lam** - fleeing from policehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **On the leve**l - legitimate, honesthttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **On the up and up** - on the levelhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Orchid** - an expensive itemhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Ossified** - a drunk person |
| **Owl** - a person who's outlatehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Palooka** (1) a below-average or average boxer (2) a social outsider, from the comic strip character Joe Palookahttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Pet** - Same as neck, but more so |
| **Piker** - (1) a cheapskate (2) a coward**http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif** |
| **Pill** - (1) a teacher (2**)** an unlikable personhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Pinch** - To arrest |
| **Pipe down** - stop talkinghttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Pushover** - A person easily convinced or seduced |   |
| **Putting on the** Ritz- after the Ritz hotel in Paris; doing something in high stylehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Rag-a-muffin** - a dirty or disheveled individualhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Razz**- to make fun ofhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |   |   |   | http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/flapper32.gif |
| **Real McCoy** - The genuine article |
| **Ritzy** - Elegant (from the hotel) |
| **Rubes** - money or dollarshttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Sap** - afoolhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Says you** - a reactionof disbeliefhttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Scram** - Ask someone to leave immediately |
| **Sheba** - A woman with sex appeal (from the move Queen of Sheba) or (e.g. Clara Bow) |
| **Sheik** - A man with sex appeal (from the Valentino movies) |
| **Shiv** - a knifehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Sinker** - a doughnuthttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Speakeasy** - An illicit bar selling bootleg liquor |
| **Spifflicated** - Drunk. The same as canned, corked, tanked, primed, scrooched, jazzed, zozzled, plastered, owled, embalmed, lit, potted, ossified or fried to the hat |
| **Spiffy** - An elegant appearance | [**[up]**](http://local.aaca.org/bntc/slang/slang.htm#up) |
| **Spoon** - to neck, or at least talk of lovehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Struggle Buggy** - the backseat of a car. A parent's worst nightmare |
| **Stuck On** - Having a crush on |
| **Swanky** - Ritzy |
| **Swell** - Wonderful. Also: a rich man |
| **Take for a Ride** - To drive off with someone in order to bump them off |
| **Tin** **Pan** **Alley** - the music industry in New York, located between 48th and 52nd streethttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Tomato** - a femalehttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Torpedo** - A hired gun |
| **Upchuck** - To vomit when one has drunk too much |
| **Wet** **Blanket** - a solemn person, a killjoy**http://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif** |
| **What's** **eating** **you**? - What's wronghttp://local.aaca.org/bntc/images/clipart/new.gif |
| **Whoopee** - To have a good time |
| **You** **slay** **me** - that's funny |