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100 British Slang Phrases with 100 exercises

Book 1



Slang

Slang is defined as the words and phrases used informally in any language.

These expressions are usually formed and gain popularity locally before becoming accepted in informal speech all over.

A problem with keeping track of slangs is that new additions are being made to the slang language on a daily basis.

[Here is a list of 100 slangs that are commonly used today](#)

1. Airhead -

Definition: A foolish or dumb person

Example: She is such an **airhead** she keeps forgetting to get her books.

2. All-Nighter -

Definition: Studying all night usually before an exam or test

Example: They were wandering dazed in school after pulling an **all-nighter**.

3. To have a ball -

Definition: A good time

Example: The kids had a **ball** at the party.

4. **Bazillion** -

Definition: Used to indicate an uncountable number or a very big number

Example: She gets a **bazillion** friend requests everyday on Facebook.

5. **Beemer** -

Definition: A BMW car

Example: He kept driving around the block to show off his new **beemer**.

6. **Big Guns** -

Definition: People who have influence are powerful

Example: She knew it was time to call in the **big guns** when he refused to cooperate.

7. **To Bitch** -

Definition: Complain or moan or gossip about something

Example: Whenever the girls get together they find something **to bitch** about.

8. **Bonkers** -

Definition: Being mad or insane

Example: He has gone **bonkers** since he got to know about the test.

9. Break -

Definition: Opportunity or chance

Example: The band got a **break** when they performed on a T.V. show.

10. Bummed -

Definition: Sad or disappointed

Example: Everyone was super **bummed** when the concert was cancelled.

11. Cheesy -

Definition: Outdated or overused, sometimes cheap as well

Example: She was tired of hearing **cheesy** pick-up lines.

12. Chicken -

Definition: A name called to a coward

Example: "He's too much of a **chicken** to try that jump!" Tim said snidely. *(said rudely)*

13. Con -

Definition: Swindle (*to get money dishonestly from someone by deceiving or cheating them*)

Example: He was convinced the bank was trying to **con** him of his money.

14. Couch Potato -

Definition: Someone who does nothing but watch T.V. all day

Example: Ever since he lost his job, he's turned into a complete **couch potato**.

15. Crap -

Definition: Something that is worthless or a lie

Example: His promises to change were all **crap**.

16. Crash -

Definition: To sleep over at someone's house

Example: She was **crashing** at a friend's house after the party.

17. Crash -

Definition: Break into a place or attempt to get in somewhere

Example: The plan to **crash** the party was foiled by the heavy security.

18. Croak -

Definition: To die

Example: The old man **croaked** sometime in the night.

19. Cruising -

Definition: In a car, going at a high speed

Example: They were **cruising** around town when they spotted the ghost.

20. Cushy -

Definition: Comfortably easy

Example: She had a **cushy** job as the floor manager.

21. Deck -

Definition: Hit someone in the face

Example: He **decked** Tom a good one when he insulted him.

22. Deep Pockets -

Definition: Someone who has a lot of money; a good source of money

Example: His father has really **deep pockets** and spoils him terribly.

23. Dinosaur -

Definition: Something or someone who is very old

Example: Her computer is a total **dinosaur**.

24. Dough -

Definition: Money or cash

Example: "I lent her some **dough** last week!" He cried

25. Ditch -

Definition: Abandon something or leave

Example: She has a reputation for **ditching** plans at the last minute.

26. Dynamite -

Definition: Awesome or great

Example: That was a **dynamite** dinner at the new restaurant.

27. Earful -

Definition: Scolding or reprimanding

Example: They both got an **earful** from their mother.

28. Eyeball -

Definition: Look and admire

Example: All the girls were **eyeballing** the exchange student.

29. Eye Popper -

Definition: Astonishing or fantastic

Example: The display for the store was an **eye-popping** success.

30. Fender-Bender-

Definition: - A minor accident or collision between two vehicles.

Example: He had to give his car into repairs because of the **fender bender**.

31. Flicks -

Definition: Movies or films

Example: She went to the **flicks** with her best friends.

32. Freebie -

Definition: Something that you got for free

Example: The company was giving **freebies** to promote the product.

33. Gig -

Definition: Job or work

Example: She makes a bundle at her current **gig**.

34. Glitch -

Definition: Some kind of defect or problem

Example: There was a technical **glitch** with the sound system.

35. Go Bananas -

Definition: Go crazy

Example: The kids **went bananas** when school was cancelled because of the storm.

36. Goof Off -

Definition: Wasting time, not doing anything in particular

Example: He decided to stop **goofing off** and study in his final year.

37. Grand -

Definition: A thousand of any currency

Example: He made 20 **grand** at his old job.

38. Gross Out -

Definition: A very bad time

Example: The event was a **gross out**, nobody turned up!

39. Grub

Definition: Food

Example: They went to the diner to get some **grub** after the game.

40. Guts -

Definition: Courage or boldness

Example: He finally worked up the **guts** to ask her to the prom.

41. Hang out -

Definition: Frequently spend time together in a place

Example: The group usually **hung out** at the abandoned farm.

42. Heave -

Definition: Vomit

Example: "Uh-oh I need to **heave!**" She said before disappearing into the toilet.

43. Hot -

Definition: Attractive, popular or sexy

Example: The office was buzzing because of the **hot** new intern.

44. Hustle -

Definition: Leave hurriedly

Example: We need to **hustle** or we'll miss the train.

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45. Idiot Box -

Definition: The television

Example: He spends too much time indoors in front of the **idiot box**.

46. Icky -

Definition: Unpleasant or annoying

Example: She wrinkled her nose at the **icky** mess in the kitchen.

47. In -

Definition: Currently fashionable

Example: Stripes are **in** for summer this year.

48. Jam -

Definition: - Being in trouble or playing music together

Example: They got into a **jam** with the police while having a **jam** session.

49. Jock -

Definition: Someone who plays a sport

Example: He was a lifelong basketball **jock**.

50. John -

Definition: Toilet

Example: "Where's the **john**?" He asked

51. Joint

Definition: A bar or a pub

Example: It was the most happening **joint** in the city.

52. Junkie -

Definition: Someone who is a drug addict

Example: Liam became a **junkie** in college.

53. K -

Definition: A thousand of a currency

Example: The guide demanded **5K** before he'd take them back to the hotel.

54. Kegger -

Definition: A party where beer is the predominant drink

Example: Her parents grounded her when they found out about the **kegger**.

55. Kick Back -

Definition: Relax

Example: He needed a holiday to just **kick back** and unwind.

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56. Knuckle sandwich -

Definition: A punch aimed at the mouth

Example: Dina served him a **knuckle sandwich** for insulting her friend.

57. Lamé -

Definition: Something that is unconvincing and hard to believe

Example: That was such a **lamé** ghost story.

58. Line -

Definition: An untrue story or excuse

Example: I have heard that **line** one too many times.

59. Lip -

Definition: Talking disrespectfully

Example: The student was suspended for giving **lip** to the principal.

60. Meltdown -

Definition: The complete breaking down of something

Example: The politics of the country are in a state of complete **meltdown**.

61. Mickey Mouse -

Definition: Something that does not make sense

Example: The entire episode was a sort of **Mickey Mouse** for the authorities.

62. Neat -

Definition: Good or excellent

Example: "That was a really **neat** film." She said

63. Nuts

Definition: Crazy, mad

Example: You must be **nuts** to try that climb.

64. Oddball -

Definition: Unusual or weird person

Example: It was a good neighbourhood with the exception of a few **oddball** neighbours.

65. Pad -

Definition: A place where a person lives

Example: Aidan has an awesome bachelor **pad** in the city.

66. Peanuts -

Definition: Very little money

Example: She got that vintage jacket for **peanuts** from the garage sale.

67. Pissed off -

Definition: Very annoyed

Example: She was **pissed off** at him for being late.

68. Pit stop -

Definition: Stopping to use the bathroom while travelling by road

Example: They took a small **pit stop** before continuing along the road.

69. Plastic -

Definition: Any kind of card used for electronic transactions

Example: She only had **plastics**, all her cash was spent.

70. Poop

Definition: - Excrement

Example: They had to watch out for dog **poop** while jogging.

71. Quarterback -

Definition: Lead or initiative

Example: He decided to **quarterback** the meeting and got straight to the point.

72. Quick Buck -

Definition: Easy gotten money

Example: He is forever looking for ways to make a **quick buck**.

73. Raw -

Definition: New and inexperienced

Example: The interns were **raw** so they needed constant supervision.

74. Razz -

Definition: Annoy or tease

Example: He often **razzed** his younger brother.

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75. Repo

Definition: Repossess something due to non-payment of a loan

Example: The bank will **repo** his house unless he pays soon.

76. Rocking -

Definition: Great, awesome

Example: She had a **rocking** time at soccer camp.

77. Rug rat -

Definition: A small child or toddler

Example: They left the **rug-rats** at home with the baby-sitter.

78. Scarf down -

Definition: Eat quickly or hurriedly

Example: He just had enough time to **scarf down** a toast before the bus came.

79. Shades -

Definition: Sunglasses

Example: She was forever buying new **shades** from the mall.

80. Shot -

Definition: Try something

Example: "Here let me have a **shot** at that", he offered.

81. Smashed -

Definition: Highly inebriated (*really drunk*)

Example: They all got **smashed** at her birthday party.

82. Straight -

Definition: Honest or upfront

Example: Give it to me **straight**, doctor! What's wrong with me?

83. Sucks -

Definition: When something is awful or unacceptable

Example: The cafeteria price increase just **sucks**.

84. Threads -

Definition: Clothes

Example: He really needed to get some new **threads** before moving away.

85. Totalled -

Definition: For cars completely wrecked or crashed

Example: He has **totalled** 4 cars in as many years.

86. Umpteen -

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Definition: Incalculable (*number of times is so big you can't work it out*)

Example: "I've told you **umpteen** times to clean this room." His mother scolded.

87. Up -

Definition: Feeling cheerful or in good spirits

Example: I've been feeling **up** ever since the summer started.

88. Veg out -

Definition: Do absolutely nothing at all, relax

Example: She really needed to **veg out** with a good book this weekend.

89. Vibes -

Definition: General atmosphere or feelings

Example: He was getting some weird **vibes** from the room.

90. Wad -

Definition: An amount of money held together by a rubber band or staple

Example: He pulled out a **wad** of bills and placed them on the table.

91. Wheels -

Definition: A way to refer to a car

Example: He got some really nice **wheels** for his 18th birthday.

92. Whiz -

Definition: Being very talented at something

Example: She was a **whiz** at computer programming.

93. Wimp -

Definition: A cowardly person

Example: He was a **wimp** who was scared of his own shadow.

94. Yakety-yak -

Definition: Chatter about general things

Example: She was always **yakety-yakking** on the phone with someone or the other.

95. Yes-man -

Definition: Person who always agrees with those in authority

Example: He was tired of all the **yes-men** who surrounded him.

96. Yuck -

Definition: Disgusting or bad

Example: "**Yuck!** I hate that medicine." He cried angrily.

97. Zapped -

Definition: Exhausted or tired

Example: He was totally **zapped** from running around all day.

98. Zero -

Definition: An unimportant person

Example: In her eyes, he was a **zero**.

99. Zit -

Definition: Pimple

Example: She screamed when she saw the **zit** on her nose.

100. Zonked Out -

Definition: Fall asleep quickly and deeply

Example: He **zonked out** as soon as he hit the bed.

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