

1920s Slang Expressions

<p>all wet wrong, mistaken</p>	<p>cake-eater a ladies' man</p>
<p>banana oil nonsense, insincere flattery</p>	<p>cat's meow something admirable or wonderful</p>
<p>bee's knees an excellent person or thing</p>	<p>cheaters eyeglasses</p>
<p>belly laugh a loud, deep laugh</p>	<p>copacetic first-rate, excellent</p>
<p>blind date a date between two people who do not know each other, usually arranged by a mutual friend</p>	<p>darb an excellent person or thing</p>
<p>big cheese an important person</p>	<p>dogs human feet</p>
<p>bull session an informal group discussion</p>	<p>drugstore cowboy a fashionable man who spends his time in public places trying to pick up women</p>
<p>bump off to murder</p>	<p>dumb dora an unintelligent female</p>

<p>fall guy someone who takes the blame for the crimes of others, a scapegoat</p>	<p>goofy silly</p>
<p>flapper a fashionable young woman of the 1920s, typically with short, bobbed hair, a short skirt, and stockings rolled to her knees</p>	<p>hard-boiled tough, unfeeling</p>
<p>flat tire a boring person</p>	<p>heebie-jeebies nervous jitters</p>
<p>frame to make someone appear guilty of a crime by giving false evidence or testimony</p>	<p>hep wise</p>
<p>gam a woman's leg</p>	<p>high-hat to coldly ignore, to snub</p>
<p>gatecrasher an uninvited guest, a person who attends an event without paying admission</p>	<p>hooch illegal, usually low-quality liquor</p>
<p>giggle water an alcoholic drink</p>	<p>hooper chorus girl, professional dancer</p>
<p>gold digger a woman who seduces a man for money or gifts</p>	<p>horsefeathers nonsense</p>

<p>hotsy-totsy pleasing</p>	<p>lousy terrible</p>
<p>jake okay, as in “everything’s jake”</p>	<p>main drag a city or town’s main street</p>
<p>jalopy old, run-down car</p>	<p>neck to kiss and touch intimately</p>
<p>keen appealing, attractive</p>	<p>ossified drunk</p>
<p>kiddo familiar form of address, meaning “pal”</p>	<p>pet to kiss and touch intimately</p>
<p>kisser the mouth</p>	<p>pinch to arrest</p>
<p>line insincere talk or flattery</p>	<p>pushover someone easy to overcome or take advantage of, something easily done</p>
<p>lounge lizard a pleasure-seeking man who hangs out in nightclubs where rich people gather</p>	<p>raspberry a loud noise to indicate contempt</p>

<p>ritzy elegant</p>	<p>spifflicated drunk</p>
<p>scram to leave in a hurry</p>	<p>struggle buggy a car, as a place in which boys try to seduce girls</p>
<p>sex appeal physical attractiveness</p>	<p>stuck on infatuated with, have a crush on</p>
<p>sheba a young woman with sex appeal</p>	<p>swanky elegant</p>
<p>sheik a loud, deep laugh</p>	<p>swell excellent, great</p>
<p>smeller the nose</p>	<p>torpedo a hired gunman</p>
<p>speak-easy a bar or club that sells illegal liquor</p>	<p>upchuck to vomit</p>
<p>spiffy elegant, fashionable</p>	<p>whoopee noisy, unrestrained fun</p>