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Popular American Slang words and phrases

ACE - To succeed or to do well

BLOW or BOMB - to fail or to be unsuccessful

HAVE THE BLUES - to feel sad

BUCK - one dollar

CHILL OUT or CHILL - relax or calm down

COOL - agreeable; okay

COP - police officer

COUCH POTATO - a lazy person; one who sits and watches TV

CRAM - to study feverishly before an exam

CRASH - to go to sleep; or to show up without invitation

DOWN TO EARTH - practical, simple

DRIVE UP THE WALL - to irritate;

DUTCH or GO DUTCH - each person pays for his/her own meal

FREAKING OUT - to be very anxious

HANG OUT - to gather in a casual and social manner

HANG-OVER - the physical effects of heavy drinking (headache)

HIT THE ROAD - to leave

HIT THE BOOKS - study

HOLD YOUR HORSES - be calm!

JOCK - an athlete

THE 'LATE' MR. SMITH - a term used when the person is dead

LEMON - bad buy or purchase

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON - infrequent

OOPS! - said after a small mistake

PIECE OF CAKE - easy or effortless

PIG OUT - to overeat

POP QUIZ - an exam that is not announced

RIP OFF - overcharge or steal

R.S.V.P - the formal reply to an invitation, by phone or mail

SHOOT THE BREEZE, CHATting - talk

TAKE A RAIN CHECK - do at another time; postpone

TAKE FOR GRANTED - to assume

"WHAT'S UP?" - How are you?

DUDE - friend or man

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