

International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Guess That Slang

Read each slang statement, discuss the possible meanings, and choose the one your group thinks is right. Check your answers listed on the other side. See if you can complete the sentences on the back side with the correct slang.

1. John Hancock

- a. Your best friend
- b. A corrupt politician
- c. Your signature
- d. Your fake identity

3. Riding Shotgun

- a. Taking risks
- b. Sitting next to the driver
- c. Shoot a gun
- d. Getting married quickly

5. Hold your horses

- a. Discipline your kids
- b. Take responsibility
- c. Wait
- d. Being secretive

7. The whole nine yards

- a. Someone having a lot of experience
- b. The worst punishment
- c. Run out of patience
- d. Everything possible

9. By the skin of my teeth

- a. Your gums
- b. Something unnecessary
- c. Doing something painful
- d. Barely

11. Podunk

- a. A small isolated town
- b. Gangster, thug or criminal
- c. Dirty water
- d. Really cool

2. Spill the beans

- a. Lose all your money
- b. Reveal a secret
- c. Making a child cry
- d. A messy kitchen

4. Off the grid

- a. Talking off topic
- b. Going insane
- c. Power outage
- d. Living isolated

6. Shoot the breeze

- a. Casually talking
- b. Call for help when not needed
- c. Shoot a gun
- d. Interrupting a meeting

8. Cat got your tongue

- a. Inexperienced
- b. Speechless
- c. Run out of patience
- d. Missed an opportunity

10. Spring chicken

- a. Young and inexperienced
- b. Unexpected victory
- c. Overly anxious
- d. First flower blooming

12. Jump on the bandwagon

- a. Almost missing a train/flight
- b. Follow a music artist
- c. Going with the popular choice
- d. Go dancing

13. Nosebleed seats

- a. Best seats
- b. High seats
- c. Crowded seats
- d. Sitting in a rowdy crowd

15. Cattywampus

- a. Name of an American rapper
- b. Going insane
- c. Chaotic or unorganized
- d. Not lined up or arranged correctly

14. Take a rain check

- a. Reschedule
- b. Paid for overtime work
- c. Look at a weather forecast
- d. Test water temperature

16. Cut a rug

- a. Renovate a house
- b. Make a deal
- c. To fire an employee
- d. Go dancing

Answer Key

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| 1. c | 9. d |
| 2. b | 10. a |
| 3. b | 11. a |
| 4. d | 12. c |
| 5. c | 13. b |
| 6. a | 14. a |
| 7. d | 15. d |
| 8. b | 16. d |

What do you think?

1. I passed that class_____.
2. I think you should hire her. She is not a _____.
3. He saw the advertisements and _____.
4. I bought a car and _____.
5. The whole sloppy experience was _____.
6. My isolated town could be described as _____.
7. I'm sorry I can not go tonight. Can I _____?
8. Here is the document. Sign your _____.

