



Slang Expressions

- airhead The person I work with is a real **airhead**.

- all-nighter I almost fell asleep during the test after **an all-nighter**.

- beat After working all day I am really **beat**.

- beemer He just bought a brand new **beemer**. It's fun to drive it!

- bent out of shape Don't **get so bent out of shape**.

- blade The thief had an eleven **blade** with him.

- blown away I was **blown away** by the declarations he made.

- booze Don't forget to bring two bottles of **booze** to the party.

- bread I need some **bread** to pay for my house.

- buck Do you have a **buck** I can borrow?

- bummed I was really **bummed** after I heard the bad news.

- call The weatherman made a good **call** about when the storm would come.

- catch some Z's I need to **catch some Z's** before I go to the theatre tonight.

- cool down Things should **cool down** in a day or two.



cop	The cop showed me his badge. _____
couch potato	He is a couch potato . _____
flip out	He flipped out when he heard the bad news. _____
get it	I listened to the joke twice, but I still don't get it . _____
grand	He makes fifty grand a year. _____
gross	Picking your nose is really a gross habit. _____
gut	He got shot in the gut . _____
guts	It takes a lot of guts to jump out of an airplane, even with a parachute. _____
I.D.	Can you show me some I.D. please? _____
john	I really need to go to the john . _____
love handles	I exercise every day, but I can't get rid of these love handles . _____
nut	I think that he is a nut . _____
nuts	You are completely nuts if you think I will jump out of a plane. _____
pain in the neck	My neighbour is a pain in the neck . _____
rocks	Would you like your scotch on the rocks ? _____
screw up	My boss fired me because I screwed up too often. _____
shot	I'll give the puzzle another shot . _____
totaled	My small car was totaled in the accident the big truck. _____



Instructions for the teacher:

When I do this activity, I usually separate my groups in teams of 3 or 4 students. I give them time to go over each expression. I ask them to write the meaning if they know it and if they don't, I ask them to invent something that could make sense.

Then, I correct the answers with them. To make the class more fun, I ask them to tell me what they thought it was if they didn't guess right.

Have fun!

Answers:

airhead: Nothing between the ears

all-nighter: to study all night long

beat: to be exhausted

beemer: BMW

bent out of shape: become upset

blade: knife

blown away: very impressed

booze: alcohol

bread: money

buck: one dollar

bummed: depressed

call: prediction

catch some Z's: get some sleep

cool down: go back to normal

cop: police officer

couch potato: lazy person

flip out: lose control

get it: understand

grand: thousand

gross: disgusting

gut: stomach

guts: courage

I.D.: identification

John: bathroom

love handles: excess of fat around the waist

nut: crazy

nuts: crazy

pain in the neck: annoying

rocks: ice cubes

screw up: make mistakes

shot: another try, another chance

totaled: destroyed