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US History

**Slang of the 1920s**

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You slay me

Beat one's gums - idle chatter

Bee's Knees - An extraordinary person, thing, idea; the ultimate

Beef - a complaint or to complain

Big Cheese - The most important or influential person; boss. Same as big shot

Big six - a strong man; from auto advertising, for the new and powerful; six cylinder engines

Bimbo - a tough guy

Bird - general term for a man or woman, sometimes meaning "odd," i.e. "What a funny old bird."

Bump Off - To murder, To kill

Carry a Torch - To have a crush on someone

Cat's Meow - Something splendid or stylish; similar to bee's knees; The best or greatest, wonderful.

Clam - a dollar

Copacetic - Wonderful, fine, all right

Crush - An infatuation

Dolled up - dressed up

Don't take any wooden nickels - Don't do anything stupid

Ducky - very good

Fall Guy - Victim of a frame

Fire extinguisher - a chaperone

Flivver - a Model T; after 1928, could mean any old broken down car

Gams - A woman's legs

Glad rags - "going out on the town" clothes

Gold Digger - A woman who associates with or marries a man for his wealth

Goofy - in love

Handcuff - an engagement ring

Heebie-Jeebies - The jitters

Hooch - Bootleg liquor

Hood - hoodlum

Hoofer - Dancer

Jake - OK, as in , "Everything is Jake."

Jalopy - Old car

On the lam - fleeing from police

On the level - legitimate, honest

Ossified - a drunk person

Palooka (1) a below-average or average boxer (2) a social outsider, from the comic strip character Joe Palooka

Pinch - To arrest

Putting on the Ritz - after the Ritz hotel in Paris; doing something in high style

Rag-a-muffin - a dirty or disheveled individual

Razz- to make fun of

Real McCoy - The genuine article

Sap - a fool

Speakeasy - An illicit bar selling bootleg liquor

Spifflicated - Drunk. The same as canned, corked, tanked, primed, scrooched, jazzed, zozzled, plastered, owled, embalmed, lit, potted, ossified or fried to the hat

Stuck On - Having a crush on

Swanky - Ritzy

You slay me - that's funny