

## Slang – Glossary

**afford** verb [transitive]

if you can afford something, you have enough money to be able to pay for it. This word usually follows ‘can’, ‘could’, or ‘be able to’.

*We need a bigger house, but we just can't afford the rent.*

**believe** verb [transitive]

to think that what someone has said is true  
*The police didn't believe her story.*

**chef** noun [countable]

someone who cooks food in a restaurant as their job

**club** noun [countable]

a place you go to in the evening for entertainment  
*A new comedy club has opened in Birmingham.*

**come round** phrasal verb [intransitive]

AUSTRALIAN/BRITISH to go to a place where someone is, especially their house, in order to visit them

*Why don't you come round after work?*

**cooker** noun [countable]

BRITISH a large piece of kitchen equipment that is used for cooking. The American word is *stove*.  
*a gas/electric cooker*

**fair** adjective

reasonable and morally right  
*It is not fair to attack his personal life in this way.*

**formal** adjective

correct or conservative in style, and suitable for official or serious situations or occasions  
*Business letters do not always have to be impersonal and formal.*

**hard** adjective

difficult to do (*harder* = more difficult)

**let me guess** verb phrase

SPOKEN used when you are going to say what you think is happening, instead of waiting for someone to tell you

*What are we having for dinner? No, let me guess ...*

**math** noun [uncountable]

AMERICAN mathematics. The British word is *maths*.

**pocket** noun [countable]

a small bag that forms part of a piece of clothing and is used for holding small objects

*The money had fallen out of a hole in my pocket.*

**practice** noun [countable/uncountable]

a way of doing something, especially as a result of habit, custom, or tradition

*It is good practice to check your work before handing it in.*

**situation** noun [countable]

the set of conditions that exist at a particular time in a particular place

*Social situations always make me nervous.*

**staff** noun [singular/uncountable]

the people who work for a particular company, organization, or institution: can be followed by a singular or plural verb

*The staff are not happy about the new arrangement.*

**test** verb [transitive]

to find out how much someone knows, or how well they can do something by giving them a set of questions to answer or an activity to perform

*The aim of the examination is to test your writing skills.*

**trust** verb [transitive]

to be confident that someone is honest, fair, and reliable

*Politicians just can't be trusted.*

**unusual** adjective

not normal, common, or ordinary  
*You're in a very unusual situation.*

**waitress** noun [countable]

a woman or girl who brings food and drink to your table in a restaurant or café

**wallet** noun [countable]

a small flat case that people keep money, bank cards, and small documents in and usually carry in their pocket or bag