

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

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?

fair noun [countable]

an outdoor event with rides, games, and competitions for the best farm animals, best pies, etc.

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.

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.

pretend verb [intransitive/transitive]

to behave in a particular way because you want someone to believe that something is true when it is not

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 is 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 bar

wallet noun [countable]

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

wonder verb [intransitive/transitive]

to think about something because you want to know more facts or details about it

“How did they find out?” she wondered.