

**A Magnet** – Slang that is similar to “a lightning rod.” **Example:** John is a magnet for failure. He’s never successful. Bob is very popular with girls. He’s a chick magnet! Jane is a magnet for mosquitos.

**Pot luck** – A slang term for a type of party where everyone is asked to bring some food to share with everyone. **Example:** May 19<sup>th</sup> will be a pot luck lunch at ESL classes.

**TBA** – To Be Announced The decision about the meeting is TBA.

**TBD** – To Be Determined The time for the meeting to start is TBD.

**A sign-up sheet** – A piece of paper that people sign to say they are coming to an event. **Example:** There’s a sign-up sheet for the pot luck lunch on the table.

**Trad** – A slang abbreviation for traditional. **Example:** Betty is a trad wife. She takes care of the home and doesn’t have a job.

**Born and bred** - A term that means a person was born and raised in a certain place or with certain qualities. **Example:** John loves Texas. He was born and bred there. Jane is always helping other people. She was born and bred that way.

**Cradle** – A word used to describe a person’s very early history of something. Kind of like born and bred. **Example:** John is a cradle Texan and he’s lived there his whole life.

**A crap shoot** – Slang for doing something that has an unknown result. **Example:** When you apply for a passport or visa, it’s a crap shoot as to when you’ll get it.

**Hang my hat** – A term that refers to where a person identifies as their current home. **Example:** I was born in New York, but I hang my hat in Texas.

**No big deal** - A term that means that something is no problem or of little consequence. **Example:** It’s no big deal if you can’t come to the party tonight. Also “no biggie.”

**Oh Boy!** An expression someone says when they’re happy about something. **Example:** We’re going to the new movie tonight! Oh boy!! Can also be used as Sarcasm. It’s just said with a different tone. **Example:** We’re going to the new movie tonight. Oh boy....

**I got nothin’** - A term that means a person has no response or answer to a question or situation. **Example: Person 1** - What do you think is the solution to the homeless problem? **Person 2** - I don’t know. I got nothin’.

**easier said than done** - An idiom that means a task is easier to talk about than perform. **Example:** It's easier said than done when you try to convince people that something is true.

**‘splainin’** – A slang abbreviation for explaining. **Example:** When I get home late tonight, I’ll have a lot of ‘splainin’ to do to my wife!