

SLANG TERMS THROUGH THE DECADES

TEACHER NOTE FOR CHAIN NOTES ACTIVITY: Place each of the slang words (bolded) at the top of one piece of blank notebook paper. You should have six pieces of notebook paper prepared for the Chain Notes activity.

1. **Boffo**—A slang term used in the 1930s to describe something that was funny or hilarious. Example: “Kevin Hart is a comedian whose movies are always so boffo.”
2. **Cheesed**—A slang term used in the 1940s to describe something that made a person angry. Example: “The waitress was really cheesed off at the customer’s bad attitude.”
3. **Boonies**—A slang term used in the 1950s to describe a location that no one could find or was in the middle of nowhere. Example: “She lived way, way out in the boonies. Even her grandmother got lost trying to find it.” (Short for boondocks.)
4. **Hot Dog**—A slang term used in the 1960s to describe someone (usually male) who is trying to show off. Example: “When he’s riding his motorcycle, he’s a real hot dog!”
5. **Bounce**—A slang term used in the 1980s to refer to the time to leave or leaving. Example: “Let’s bounce outta here and go grab a burger.”
6. **Peeps**—A slang term used in the 2000s to describe your best friends. Example: “After school, I am going to hang with my peeps.” (Derivative of people.)

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