

# Dirty 30s!

**Include some 30s slang in your work.**

<i>Abercrombie</i>	A know-it-all
<i>Abyssinia</i>	I'll be seeing you
<i>All wet</i>	No good
<i>Ameche, horn, blower</i>	Telephone
<i>Apple</i>	Any big town or city
<i>Babe, dame, doll, frail, twist, muffin, kitten</i>	Woman
<i>Baby</i>	Glass of milk
<i>Bean shooter, gat, rod, roscoe, heater, convincer</i>	Gun
<i>Beat</i>	Broke
<i>Behind the grind</i>	Behind in one's studies
<i>Big house, hoosegow</i>	Prison
<i>Bleed</i>	to extort or blackmail
<i>Blinkers, lamps, pies, shutters, peepers</i>	Eyes
<i>Blow your wig</i>	Become very excited
<i>Hatchetmen, torpedoes, trigger men</i>	Hired gunmen and other tough guys
<i>Bumping gums, booshwash</i>	Talk about nothing useful
<i>Butter and egg man</i>	The money man, the man with the bankroll
<i>Buzzer</i>	Police badge
<i>Cabbage, lettuce, kale, folding green</i>	color of money
<i>Canary</i>	A female vocalist

<i>Cave</i>	One's house or apartment
<i>Check or checker</i>	A dollar
<i>Chisel</i>	Swindle, cheat, work an angle
<i>City juice, dog soup</i>	Glass of water
<i>Copper</i>	Police officer
<i>Crust</i>	To insult
<i>Curve</i>	Disappointment
<i>Cute as a bug's ear</i>	Very cute
<i>Dead hooper or cement mixer</i>	Bad dancer
<i>Dizzy with a dame</i>	Very much in love with a woman, sometimes at great risk to themselves, especially if she's someone else's girlfriend
<i>Dog house</i>	String bass
<i>Doggy</i>	Well dressed but in a self conscious way
<i>Dollface</i>	Name for a woman when a man is pleading his case or apologizing
<i>Drumsticks, pins, pillars, stems, uprights, get away sticks, gams</i>	Legs
<i>Dukes, paws, grabbers, meat hooks</i>	hands
<i>Eggs in coffee</i>	Run smoothly
<i>Evil</i>	In a bad mood
<i>Five spot, a Lincoln</i>	\$5 bill
<i>Genius</i>	An extremely, unbelievably, dumb persons
<i>Gin mill</i>	Place that serves liquor, sometimes illegally
<i>G-man</i>	Federal agent, term coined by <i>Machine Gun Kelly</i>
<i>Gobble-pipe</i>	Saxophone

<i>Grifter</i>	A con man or woman
<i>Gumming the works</i>	To cause something to run less smoothly
<i>Hard boiled</i>	Tough
<i>Honey cooler</i>	A kiss
<i>Hop, rag, jolly up, romp, wingding</i>	Dance or party
<i>Hotsquat</i>	Electric chair
<i>House peeper</i>	House detective (private security person)
<i>Joe</i>	A average guy
<i>Keen</i>	Very good
<i>Kibosh</i>	Squelch, prevent
<i>Low down</i>	All the information
<i>Lunger</i>	Someone with tuberculosis
<i>Make tracks, dangle</i>	Leave in a hurry, leave quickly
<i>Meat wagon</i>	Ambulance
<i>Micky, Micky Finn</i>	Drink spiked with a knock out drugs
<i>Mitt me kid!</i>	Congratulate me
<i>Nuts!</i>	Telling someone they are full of nonsense
<i>Packing heat, wearing iron</i>	Carrying a gun
<i>Pally</i>	Friend, chum, sometimes used sarcastically
<i>Patsy</i>	Innocent man framed for a criminal charge
<i>Pill</i>	Disagreeable person
<i>Pip</i>	Attractive person
<i>Platter</i>	A record
<i>Rot gut, bathtub gin</i>	Prohibition alcohol usually made in back rooms
<i>Sawbuck</i>	\$10 bill
<i>Scat singer</i>	Vocalist improvising lyrics w/nonsense words
<i>Scrub</i>	Poor student

<i>Shake a leg</i>	Hurry up
<i>Skin tickler</i>	A drummer
<i>Slugburger</i>	Adding day-old bread to ground beef.
<i>Slip me five</i>	Shake my hand
<i>Smooth</i>	Well dressed without qualification
<i>Speakeasy</i>	Bar disguised as something else or hidden behind an unmarked door
<i>Squat</i>	Nothing
<i>Take a powder, blow, split, scam, drift</i>	Leave
<i>Taking the rap, taking the fall</i>	Taking responsibility for someone else's crime or crimes
<i>The high hat</i>	A response in which one excludes another with irreverence and intent to offend
<i>The kiss off</i>	The final goodbye as in exile or death
<i>Tin</i>	Small change
<i>Tin can, flivver</i>	A car
<i>Tin ear</i>	Someone who did not like popular music
<i>Togged to the bricks</i>	Dressed up
<i>Trip for biscuits</i>	A task that yields nothing
<i>What's your story, morning glory?</i>	What do you mean by that?
<i>Wheat</i>	Person unused to city ways
<i>Yo!</i>	Yes
<i>You and me both</i>	I agree
<i>"You shred it, wheat"</i>	You said it