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**Slang**

**Ace** - If something is ace it is **awesome**. I used to hear it a lot in Liverpool. Kids thought all cool stuff was ace, or *brill*.

**All right?** - This is used a lot around London and the south to mean, **"Hello, how are you"**? You would say it to a complete stranger or someone you knew. The normal response would be for them to say "All right"? back to you. It is said as a question. Sometimes it might get expanded to "all right mate"? Mostly used by blue collar workers but also common among younger people.

**Any road** - Up north (where they talk funny!!) instead of saying **anyway**, they say "any road"! Weird huh?

**Arse about face** - This means you are doing something **back to front**.

**As well** - You chaps say **also** when we would say "too" or "as well". For instance if my friend ordered a Miller Lite, I would say "I'll have one as well". I often heard people saying something like "I'll have one also". You'd be more likely to hear someone in England ordering a pint of *lager*!

**Au fait** - Another one of those French expressions that have slipped into the English language. This one means to be **familiar** with something. I'd say at the end of reading all this you'd be au fait with the differences between American and English!

**Baccy** - **Tobacco**. The sort you use to roll your own.

**Bang** - Nothing to do with your hair - this is a rather unattractive way of describing having **sex**. Always gets a smile from Brits in American hair dressers when they are asked about their bangs.

**Barmy** - If someone tells you that you're barmy they mean you have gone **mad** or **crazy**. For example you'd have to be barmy to visit England without trying *black pudding*!

**Beastly** - You would call something or somebody beastly if they were really **nasty** or **unpleasant**. Most people would consider you a snob or an upper class *git* if you used this word. People like Fergie can get away with it though.

**Dishy** - If someone is a bit of a dish or a bit dishy it means they are **attractive** or **good looking**.

**DIY** - This is short for **do it yourself** and applies not just to the DIY stores but also to anything that you need to do yourself. For example, if we get really bad service in a restaurant (oh, you noticed!) then we might ask the waiter if it is a DIY restaurant - just to wind them up.

**Do** - A **party**. You would go to a do if you were going to a party in the UK.

**Do** - If you go into a shop and say "do you do batteries?" it means "do you **sell** batteries".