**Slang of the 1920s**

*Your mission: Use at least* ***10*** *of the common slang words from the 1920s to write a letter (or journal entry, etc) that summarizes things that you have learned about the 1920s. Be creative and have fun with your letter but make sure you’re using the words correctly and that you are correctly describing life in the 1920s.*

**And How-** I strongly agree!

**Applesauce-** an expletive same as horsefeathers, as in “Aw, applesauce!”

**Attaboy-** well done! ; also Attagirl!

**Balled Up-** confused, messed up

**Baloney-** nonsense!

**Bank’s Closed-** no kissing or making out- i.e. “Sorry Mac, the bank’s closed.”

**Beat it-** scram or get lost

**Bee’s Knees-** an extraordinary person, thing, idea- the ultimate

**Beeswax-** business i.e. “None of your beeswax.”

**Big Cheese-** the most important or influential person

**Bimbo-** a tough guy

**Bird-** a general term for a man or woman, sometimes meaning “odd”

**Bootleg-**illegal liquor

**Breezer-**convertible car

**Bull-**a policeman or law-enforcement officer including FBI

**Carry a Torch-** to have a crush on someone

**Cat’s Meow-** something splendid or stylish, similar to bee’s knees

**Cat’s Pajamas-** same as cat’s meow

**Cheaters-** eyeglasses

**Dapper-** a Flapper’s dad

**Doll-** an attractive woman

**Dolled Up-** dressed up

**Don’t take any wooden nickels-** don’t do anything stupid

**Drugstore Cowboy-** a guy that hangs around on a street corner trying to pick up girls

**Ducky-** very good

**Dumb Dora-** a stupid female

**Egg-** a person who lives the big life

**Fire Extnguisher-** a chaperone

**Flat Tire-** a dull witted, insipid, disappointing date

**Flapper-** a stylish, brash young woman with short skirts and shorter hair

**Gams-** a woman’s legs

**Gold Digger-** a woman who associates with or marries a man for his wealth

**Handcuff-** an engagement ring

**Heebie-Jeebies-** the jitters

**Hit on all sixes-** to perform 100%

**Horsefeathers-** an expletive, same usage as applesauce

**Hotsy-Totsy-** pleasing

**Jake-** ok, as in, “Everything in Jake.”

**Jalopy-** an old car

**Joint-** an establishment, often one that sold alcohol (also, a “Juice Joint”)

**Kisser-** mouth

**Line-** insincere flattery

**Nifty-** great, excellent

**On the lam-** fleeing from the police

**On the level-** legitimate, honest

**Pipe down-** stop talking

**Putting on the Ritz-** after the Ritz hotel in Paris, doing something in high style

**Razz-** to make fun of

**Real McCoy-** the genuine article

**Sap-** fool

**Sheba-**  an attractive woman

**Sheik-** an attractive man

**Speakeasy-** an illicit bar selling bootleg liquor

**Spiffy-** an elegant appearance

**Stuck On-** having a crush on

**Swanky-** ritzy

**Swell-** wonderful

**Take for a ride-** to drive off with someone in order to bump them off

**Torpedo-** a hired gun

**What’s eating you?-** what’s wrong?

**Whoopee-** to have a good time

**You slay me-** that’s funny