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GLOSSARY OF 1920S FLAPPER SLANG

ab-so-lute-ly: favorable

airtight: perfect

apple sauce: flattery

babes: women

bee's knees: an extraordinary person, thing, or idea

best berries: very appealing

bobbed: hair cut short

bubblehead: vapid or foolish person

bum's rush: to eject a person from a place

butter-and-egg man: the man with the money

buzz: great idea

cat's pajamas: new and cool, wonderful

chassis: the female body

copacetic: wonderful, agreeable, fine

creepers: unpleasant

cutting a rug: dancing

dodo: a simpleton
duck's quack: excellent, splendid
ducky: very good
dumb Dora: a foolish woman
fakeloo artist: a con man, a phony
Father Time: any man over thirty
fish fingers: great
flapper: modern, stylish young woman with short hair who wears short skirts
flat tire: a boring pest
Get a wiggle on: Hurry up!
giggle water: an alcoholic beverage
gink: a foolish person, one who is socially inept
goofy: in love, crazy
handcuffed: to be engaged to marry
heebie-jeebies: extreme anxiety, jitters
hip: informed, aware
hooper: a chorus girl/dancer
Hot diggity dog: Wow!
hot dog: how great
icy mitt: being rejected
Jane: any woman
Jeepers creepers: Wow!
jingle-brained: not very smart
kick the can: to put off till later
killjoy: a person who takes the fun out of things

kippy: good, nice
live wire: an energetic person
low lid: not classy
lucky pup: a fortunate person
Lulu: a gangster's sweetheart
mealy potato: not worth anything
the mitt: the wrong side of the hand, a slap, rejection
monkey's necktie/monkey's uncle: a unique person
nerfs: nonsense
nifty: great, excellent
oil can: unique
old fogies: old-fashioned people
old man: father
peep: see
peppy: energetic
piffle pill: nonsense
prune pit: old-fashioned
the real McCoy: authentic
ripe rube: a bumpkin, a sucker
sinker: a bad idea
snail's elbows: something unusual
snuggle pup's bow-how: terrific
spill you later: chat at another time
splosh: a dull or drab person

sucking balloons: wasting time

swanky: classy, ritzy

sweet cookie: a person who is nice

swell thing: fine, excellent

take the air: go away

tiger's spots: see *cat's pajamas*

tight: perfect

total nowhere: someone who knows nothing

wurp: a dull person

zoom: energy