

8 British Expressions



Episode #3

1. **bagsy** (*expression*)

(used to claim something or to show that you want to do something first)

Examples:

"I **bagsy** the front seat for the road trip! I called it first."

"We all wanted the last slice of pizza, but Jane **bagsied** it before anyone else could say anything."

"Even though we are all adults, Mark still **bagsied** the biggest piece of cake!"

"Let's go to the theme park this weekend—I **bagsy** going on the rollercoaster first!"



2. **bog-standard** (*adjective*)

(something ordinary or basic without any special features)

Examples:

"I just need a **bog-standard** haircut, nothing fancy this time."

"You don't need an expensive bike to start cycling; a **bog-standard** one will be fine."

"For her lunch, she usually has a **bog-standard** cheese sandwich."

"Despite all the hype, the movie turned out to be a **bog-standard** action film."

3. **waffle** (*verb*)

(to talk or write a lot without giving any useful information or any clear answers)

Examples:

"We were hoping for a truthful answer, but the politician just **waffled** through the entire interview."

"During the meeting, it felt like he just **waffled** on for hours without getting to the point."

"I asked her for directions, and she started to **waffle**, telling me all about the history of the street instead."

4. **chuffed** (*adjective*) (very pleased or happy)

Examples:

"He got a promotion at work and he's really **chuffed** about it!"

"I was absolutely **chuffed** when I passed my driving test on the first try."

"The writer was **chuffed** to see his book at the top of the bestseller list."

You can also say "chuffed to bits" for emphasis:

"She was **chuffed to bits** with the birthday present we got her."

5. **faff** (*verb / noun*)

(to spend time doing a lot of unimportant things before doing something important)

Examples:

"Let's stop **faffing** and get to the point during our meeting today."

"Cleaning out the fridge took forever because we **faffed** over which items to keep and which to throw away."

Note: You can also say "faff about" or "faff around":

"I don't have time to **faff around** with all these little details!"

"He's always **faffing about** with his phone when he should be working."



6. geezer (*noun*)

(an informal British term often used to refer to a man, especially one who is older or eccentric)

Examples:

"You should have seen the old **geezer** at the pub; he had a story for everyone who walked in!"

"My grandad is an amazing **geezer** who's lived through some crazy times."

"I ran into this friendly **geezer** at the shop, and he gave me the best advice about gardening."

7. **leg it** (*verb*)

(to run away quickly, often to escape trouble)

Examples:

"When the man at the pub started getting angry, we decided to **leg it** before things got messy."

"I forgot to pay for my parking, so I had to **leg it** back to the car before I got a fine."

"The last train was leaving, and we had to **leg it** to the station to catch it in time."

"When the dog escaped, we all **legged it** across the park trying to catch it."

8. **mint** (*adjective*) (really excellent or in perfect condition)

Examples:

(i) To mean really excellent:

"Did you catch the match last night? That goal in the last minute was absolutely **mint!**"

"I just heard the DJ's newest track, and it's **mint**; you've got to listen to it!"

(ii) To mean in perfect condition:

"I just got a second-hand bike for a bargain, and it's in **mint** condition."

"I bought a second-hand copy of Super Mario 64 and it's almost **mint!**"