



CHOW

- 1) I'm starving! Let's get some chow.
- 2) Dinner is served. Let's chow!

Definition:

Food, a meal (noun); to eat (verb).

Etymology:

This word dates back to the 1800s, and may come from the Chinese-American phrase 'chow-chow', which refers to a mixture of foods.



COLD FEET

- 1) Lisa wanted to jump off the high diving board, but she got cold feet once she got up there.
- 2) The investors got cold feet and called the deal

Definition:

Loss of courage; fear.

Etymology:

If your 'feet' are 'cold', you can't walk or move forward very well - you are frozen in one place.



COUCH POTATO

1) My roommate is such a couch potato - last weekend he watched television for 14 hours straight!

Definition:

One who sits in front of the television for long periods of time, with little or no physical activity.

Etymology:

A 'potato' is a vegetable that just sits there, doing nothing.



DINOSAUR

1) That cell phone you're using is a real dinosaur. When did you get it, 1983?

2) Svet loves the Rolling Stones and all of those other dinosaur rock bands.

Definition:

Very old; out of date; obsolete.

Etymology:

A 'dinosaur' is an ancient animal that no longer exists. As slang, it refers to anything that is outdated and no longer desirable.

doormat



Slang of the Day

DOORMAT

1) Ned will never get anywhere until he stops being such a doormat.

2) I wish people would stop treating my brother like a doormat.

Definition:

A weak individual who is regularly abused by others.

Etymology:

A 'doormat' is where people wipe their feet before entering a house, so someone who is called a 'doormat' is someone who gets 'stepped on' or abused by other people.

early bird



Slang of the Day

EARLY BIRD

1) Tom's a real early bird--he's always the first person at the office in the morning.

Definition:

Someone who wakes up and starts working very early in the day; someone who arrives before an event begins.

Etymology:

This phrase comes from the proverb, "The early bird catches the worm."