

**key vocabulary**


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- » accent
- » bright
- » dialect
- » glossary
- » intelligible
- » intentional
- » lexicon
- » linguistics
- » obvious
- » regional
- » self-conscious
- » slang
- » standard
- » stereotype
- » translate
- » understand

**key idioms  
and slang**


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- » code-switching
- » cross the line
- » fit in with
- » get hung up about
- » make a big deal about
- » stick up for yourself
- » talk is cheap
- » word up

**key structure**


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**Modals of ability and possibility**

In the country, I could spend more time with my family.

**conversation starters**


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- » Is there a type of American slang you don't understand? If so, what is it?
- » How do you think American slang has changed over the years?
- » Do you use different vocabulary depending on who you're talking to? What is an example?
- » What kind of qualities do Americans associate with a British accent? Are these ideas accurate?
- » How do you think a foreign student can improve their English pronunciation?

**learning tools**


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**Song**

*Language*

Suzanne Vega

**Movie**

*O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

Starring George Clooney and John Goodman

**Website**

*Historical Dictionary of American Slang*

<http://www.alphadictionary.com/slang>

