



# Talk the Talk: 90s Lingo You Gotta Know

*Drop these fly phrases and vocab into your convo and you'll be the raddest in the room!*

Yo, welcome to the ultimate guide to 1990s and Y2K slang! From Friends to MTV, teen dramas, and the rise of the internet, this era was packed with iconic phrases and slang that defined a generation. Whether you were hangin' at the mall, quoting Clueless, or waiting for your AOL dial-up to connect, the way people talked had serious style and attitude. This glossary is your go-to for all the best 90s and Y2K slang, helping you speak like it's the era of boy bands, Tamagotchis, and the Y2K craze. Perfect for anyone looking to capture that retro vibe or understand the language of the late 90s and early 2000s. Let's get into it!

## The 90s Phrase Craze Guide

Here are 5 words or phrases that no pirate can live without.

- "As if!"** Popularized by \*Clueless\*, it's the perfect way to show disdain.
- "Whatever!"** Another \*Clueless\* classic, complete with a hand gesture forming a 'W.'
- "All that and a bag of chips"** A way to describe something as really good.
- "Bling Bling"** A term for flashy jewelry, popularized in the late 90s and early 2000s.
- "What's the 411?"** Ask this when you want to know what's going on.
- "Talk to the hand"** The ultimate way to dismiss someone, with your hand up as a stop sign.
- "Da Bomb"** A way to say something is really cool or awesome.
- "Fo' shizzle"** A fun way to say "for sure," made famous by Snoop Dogg.

## How to Act at a 90s/Y2K Party

It's not just about looking the part—you've got to act the part too! Here are some tips to get into character:

**Check Your Pager:** In the 90s, everyone who was anyone had a pager. Make it a point to check yours often, acting as if you're getting important messages (even if it's just your friend sending you "143"—that's pager code for "I love you").

**Carry a Discman or Walkman:** Walk around the party with a pair of headphones on, jamming out to your favorite 90s or Y2K tunes. Bonus points if you're listening to a burned CD or mixtape.

**Strike a Pose:** The 90s were the height of supermodel fame. Channel your inner Naomi Campbell or Kate Moss and give your best runway walk.

**Play Video Games:** If there's a gaming setup, challenge someone to a game of Super Mario or Tony Hawk's Pro Skater. Just make sure to blow on the cartridge first!





## Y2K Buzzwords

### A

- Aight** - Meaning "alright" or "okay." A common slang term used to express agreement or acceptance.
- All that and a bag of chips** - Something exceptionally good or impressive.
- All That** - Used to describe someone or something that's impressive or awesome.
- As If** - A sarcastic way to say "yeah right" or "no way," popularized by the movie \*Clueless\*.

### B

- Bae** - Before anyone else (used as a term of endearment).
- Bada-bing, bada-boom** - A quick, easy, or obvious action.
- Baggy** - Refers to oversized clothing, particularly jeans, that was fashionable in the 90s.
- Baller** - A lavishly successful person. It can also describe someone or something as "excellent," especially in some spectacular way.
- Bangin'** - Describes something as extremely good or impressive, often used for music or food.
- Beeotch** - A playful or more emphasized way of saying "b\*tch" that originates from the cult-classic, Clueless.
- Big Whoop** - Yet another phrase that stems from the classic film, Clueless, "big whoop" is used to indicate that something is not important or impressive.
- Bite Me** - Used to express defiance or tell someone to leave you alone.
- Bling** - Flashy jewelry or accessories, especially those made of gold or diamonds.
- Blow Up** - To become very successful or popular quickly.
- Bodacious** - Used to describe something as remarkable or impressive.
- Booyah** - An exclamation used to express excitement or triumph.
- Bounce (Let's Bounce)** - To leave or exit a place, often used to suggest leaving a party or event.
- Buffy Speak** - This phrase was coined to refer to a unique, witty way of speaking with quirky slang and pop culture references.
- Buggin'** - Slang for acting crazy or overreacting.
- Busted** - This '90s word is what you say to call someone out who's been caught in the act.
- Butt-Head** - A derogatory term for someone considered stupid or annoying from the show Beavis and Butt-head.
- Butt-Munch** - A '90s insult for someone who is annoying or contemptible that was popularised by the show Beavis and Butt-Head.

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**Buzz Kill** - This '90s term refers to someone or something that ruins the excitement or enjoyment of an event or situation. Often used to describe a person who dampens the mood with negativity or bad news.

## C

**Can You Dig It?** - A phrase used to ask if someone understands or agrees. It was initially popularised in the '70s and then later revived and used in the '90s.

**Catch You on the Flip Side** - A way of saying goodbye, implying that you'll see the person again later. Popularised by the pop-culture film, Pulp Fiction.

**Cha-Ching** - Popularized by the show Friends, this term is used to indicate the making or earning of money.

**Chill/Chill Out** - Relax, calm down, or take it easy.

**Chillax** - Combination of "chill" and "relax," to calm down and take it easy.

**Clutch** - The "clutch" slang word originated in the '80s and '90s, describing something that happens exactly when it's needed. The meaning eventually lead to its broader use to describe anything "excellent" or "highly effective."

**Cowabunga** - This term was popularized by the television show, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and was used as an exclamation of excitement or approval.

**Cool Beans** - Used to express approval or agreement.

**Crib** - Slang for someone's home or living space.

**Crunk** - State of high energy and excitement, often associated with partying and having a wild time.

**Crusty** - Particular group of people who dressed and behaved in a certain way.

## D

**Da Bomb** - Something that is considered excellent or the best.

**Dibs** - If you want to claim something is yours, the fastest way to do it would be just saying "dibs!"

**Dip (Let's Dip)** - Another term for leaving or exiting, similar to "bounce."

**Diss** - A '90s slang term for "disrespect" or "insult," used when someone is rude or dismissive towards another person.

**Ditto** - A way of saying "same here" or expressing agreement.

**Dope** - Used to describe something cool or awesome.

**Doofus** - A playful or mildly insulting '90s term for someone who is acting foolish or silly, implying a lack of intelligence or common sense.

**Don't Have a Cow** - A phrase from the '90s used to tell someone not to overreact or get upset.

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**Duh (No Duh)** - Used to imply that something is obvious.

**Dude** - A casual term of address for a friend or acquaintance.

**Dweeb** - An insulting term for someone who is socially awkward or nerdy.

## E

**Eat My Shorts** - Rebellious catchphrase used to express defiance.

**Ex-Squeeze Me** - A playful way of saying “excuse me” from the show Wayne’s World.

## F

**Fly** - Describes someone who is stylish or attractive.

**Fresh** - Another way to say something is cool or new, often used to describe fashion or style.

**For real** - Seriously, truly, or indeed.

**Foopah** - Refers to a social blunder or faux pas. This ‘90s slang word was popularised by the show Seinfeld.

**Funky Fresh** - This phrase was popularized in the show Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and is used to describe something as cool and stylish, often in a unique or original way.

## G

**“G”** - Short for “gangster” but often used as a term of respect or to describe a friend.

**Gag Me With a Spoon** - An expression of disgust or annoyance.

**Get Over It** - This ‘90s phrase is used to dismiss someone’s concerns or emotions, urging them to move on from a problem or issue.

**Gig** - Refers to a job, especially one in entertainment or music.

**Gnarly** - Used to describe something extreme, whether good or bad.

**Grunge** - A style or genre of music and fashion that was popular in the early ‘90s.

**Gucci** - this slang word refers to the Italian luxury brand Gucci. It also was used in place of saying “good.”

## H

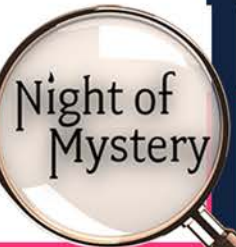
**Hasta La Vista, Baby** - A catchphrase meaning “goodbye” or “see you later”

**Hella** - An intensifier meaning “very” or “a lot.”

**Homeboy/Homegirl/Homie** - Refers to a close friend, typically someone from the same neighborhood.

**Home Skillet** - A term of endearment for a friend, similar to “homey” or “buddy.”

**Hoochie Mama** - A derogatory term used to describe a woman who dresses provocatively.



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## I

**I Know You Are But What Am I?** - One of the ultimate '90s insults. This phrase used to deflect an insult or criticism by turning it back on the speaker, often used humorously or childishly.

**I'm Outtie** - I'm leaving or going.

**I Pity the Fool** - A catchphrase used to express disdain or lack of sympathy

**It's All Good** - A phrase used to reassure someone that everything is fine

## J

**Jiggy** - Means getting into the groove or having fun, popularized by Will Smith's song \*Gettin' Jiggy Wit It\*.

**Jinkies** - An exclamation of surprise or discovery

## K

**Keepin' It Real** - A phrase meaning to stay true to oneself or one's roots.

**Kickin' It** - Hanging out or relaxing with friends.

## L

**Lame** - Something or someone as boring, uncool, or inadequate.

**Let's Bounce** - A phrase meaning "let's leave" or "let's get out of here."

**L&r** - Later (a text message abbreviation).

## M

**Mad** - Used to emphasize something, as in "mad cool" or "mad skills."

**Major** - Used to emphasise something, often combined with an adjective.

**Mint** - Describes something in excellent condition, like new.

**Mondo** - Something huge or extreme.

## N

**No Diggity** - An expression of agreement or approval, made popular by the Blackstreet song "No Diggity."

**No Soup for You!** - A '90s catchphrase that picked up popularity as a way to deny someone something they want. It originates from the popular "Soup Nazi" episode of the hit sitcom show, Seinfeld.

**Not!** - A sarcastic way to negate something that was just said, popularized by \*Wayne's World\*.

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## O

**OMG** - Oh my God (an expression of surprise or excitement).

**Off the Hook** - Describes something as extremely good, exciting, or impressive.

## P

**Phat** - Slang for something excellent, cool, or hot. It stands for “Pretty Hot And Tempting.”

**Props** - Short for “proper respects,” used to give recognition or credit.

**Puh-lease** - A dramatic, dismissive, or sarcastic way of saying “please,” often used to express disbelief.

## R

**Rad** - Short for “radical.” This word is 90s slang for cool or excellent.

**Righteous** - Describes something as extremely good or excellent.

**Rock On** - An expression of support or encouragement, often used in the context of music or achieving something cool.

## S

**Say What?** - This ‘90s term used to express surprise or ask for clarification was a popular catchphrase from the show Kenan & Kel.

**Scrub** - A derogatory term for someone who is perceived as lazy or unsuccessful, popularized by TLC’s song \*No Scrubs\*.

**Schwing** - Slang for excitement, first coined by Mike Myers in his “Wayne’s World” Saturday Night Live sketch and movie spin-offs.

**Serilla** - Slang for money or cash.

**Shady** - Describes someone who is suspicious, untrustworthy, or sneaky.

**Shut Up** - Contrary to its literal meaning of “stop talking,” which is what Julie Andrews’ character mistakenly interprets it for in the film, The Princess Diaries, this phrase is actually used to express surprise or disbelief.

**Sick** - Cool, great, or awesome.

**Slammin’** - Describes something as excellent or impressive.

**Smokin’** - A phrase used to describe someone or something as extremely attractive or impressive, popularised by the movie The Mask.

**So Not Cool** - Used to describe something that is unpleasant or undesirable.

**Spiffy** - Used to describe something that is stylish or neat.

**Sup** - What’s up (a casual greeting).

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**Supersize It** - Refers to upgrading to a larger size, especially in the context of fast food meals. This '90s phrase stems from an old McDonald's slogan.

**Sweet** - Nice, good, or excellent.

## T

**Talk to the Hand** - A dismissive phrase meaning "I'm not listening," often accompanied by a hand gesture.

**Take a Chill Pill** - A phrase telling someone to calm down or relax.

**Tight** - Used to describe something cool or impressive, or to indicate a close friendship.

**The Bomb Diggity** - An even more enthusiastic version of "the bomb," meaning something is extremely excellent.

**Totally** - Absolutely, completely, or entirely.

**Totally Tubular** - This catch-phrase stems from the '90s show, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. It's used to describe something as fantastic or excellent.

**Trippin'** - Acting crazy or irrational, often used to describe someone overreacting.

## V

**Veg Out** - To relax and do nothing, often watching TV.

## W

**Wack** - Describes something as bad, weird, or of poor quality.

**Wassup** - A casual greeting, short for "what's up?"

**What's the 411?** - A phrase asking for information or the latest news

**What's the Dillio?** - This '90s phrase originates from the film Clueless, asking "what's the dillio?" is asking for information or clarification.

**Wicked** - Cool, great, or awesome.

**Wiggin' Out** - Acting crazy or irrational, often used when someone is stressed or panicked.

**Word** - A term of agreement, used to show you understand or agree with what someone is saying.

## Y

**Yo** - A common greeting or way to get someone's attention.

**You Go, Girl!** - A phrase used to encourage or praise a woman for something she has done well.

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