

FOOD SLANG LISTENING EXERCISE

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'Jack and the Beanstalk,' Told With Food-Related Slang
Celebrating Thanksgiving Day with David "Slangman" Burke

Put on the headphones and listen to the story and read along. Look up any words you do not know.

Then, listen to the story again and this time try to focus on the meaning of the food slang that is introduced.

Next, listen and/or read the article and complete the meaning of the following food slang phrases:

1. Big Apple
I love to visit the Big Apple.
2. Apple of my eye
You are the apple of my eye
3. Cut the mustard
He can't cut the mustard
4. A couch potato
My brother is a couch potato
5. Bring home the bacon
Dad works hard to bring home the bacon.
6. Bread and butter
That model's looks are her bread and butter.
7. A lemon
That old car is a lemon
8. In a pickle
Without a car, we were in a pickle.
9. Sugar-coat
Don't sugar-coat the truth.