

IT'S MY  
FAVE!

IT'S A  
KICK!

BETCHA!



# American Slang

## and Colloquialisms

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BIRDTURD

CALL GIRL

CHICK

JUNK MAIL

GET LAID

GIG

DUNNO

and

GIMME DINGO!

AIN'T

Yada-Yada-Yada

## Foreword

Escrever um glossário sobre gírias não é tarefa fácil. The subject seems endless and it changes almost everyday. Still, I took the challenge!

Estudantes de inglês de todos os tempos e lugares – including myself! - têm um grande interesse por aprender gírias e coloquialismos. It's only natural, since colloquial expressions make about half of the day by day conversation. Or even more, among certain groups!



Remember, though, that's not *cool* to use slang *left and right*. *Não é o que liga!* Tem *galera aí* que não sabe mais falar o próprio idioma – e acha que é *massa* aprender gírias em inglês. *Caramba! É um pé* quando tento ler comentários em alguns blogs brasileiros e os *Manés* não sabem mais escrever em português! And, it's not different in English, especially in social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter), chats, and some blogs. To economize on words by using abbreviations some times, it's *kinda* okay ... and colloquialisms and slang is *fine and dandy* with me. I use some, every now and then, too. But here is the trick: it's good to know what they mean; and it's even better to know where and when to use them.

Be especially cautious when using slang with words like *hell*, *butt*, *ass*, *shit*, *fuck*, etc. Many people don't like listening to those words, especially elderly and religious people. And you can ruin your conversation.

There is a fine line between slang and idioms. So fine that sometimes they blend together, and a word or phrase can be considered both slang and idiom. Like “deal”:

- “Deal! I'll get the pack tomorrow then!” (Ok, it's agreed!)
- “Wow! What a *deal*! How did you get this so cheap?” (a bargain)
- “Yes, this is a great *deal*, I know! (a transaction; business)
- “I don't like *to make a big deal* out of these things. (to make it a big event, to give too much importance to it)

Or, “heads up”:

- “This is a dangerous part of the trail. *Heads up!*” (look out, watch out, be careful)
- “This Foreword is to give you a quick *heads up* on what this book is about. (an anticipation of what's coming next).

During my researches and daily use of English I notice that new expressions are being created every day. They come from movies, newspapers stories, Internet, radio, and from anyone who “invents” a new form of expression. These expressions can be adopted only by a certain community group, or can spread around the country. That's how we have slang representing several regions and groups of people: country side folks; westerners; surfers; prisoners; junkies (drug addicts); weight lifters; teens; etc.

For now, we will zero in on some of the most popular and used slang. Later on we may have another publication with more meat, as the expressions continue coming to me. *Hang in there* and I hope you *have a ball* reading this collection!

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<p><b>24/7</b> (twenty-four-seven)</p> <p><i>I've been working 24/7 and I am pooped!</i></p>	<p>It expresses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It means “all the time, without a break”.</p>
<p><b>Ain't</b></p> <p><i>I ain't going no more.</i></p> <p><b>(ain't no good nohow = it's not good, anyway)</b></p>	<p>Is not/are not/ am not...</p> <p>Obs.: “ain't” is considered substandard language. Caution when using it.</p> <p><i>Don't say ain't Your mother your faint Your father will fall in a bucket of paint. So, don't say ain't!</i></p>
<p><b>Armpit</b></p> <p><i>People say that Detroit is the armpit of America.</i></p>	<p>Unpleasant place, usually a city or area.</p> <p>Obs.: armpit is the body part under the arm.</p>
<p><b>Average Joe</b></p> <p><i>Where would I meet a guy who is not one more Average Joe?</i></p>	<p>Someone who is like everyone; ordinary person; regular guy.</p> <p>Obs.: “ordinary” is not “ordinário” in the offensive sense the word is used in Portuguese. It means “common”.</p>
<p><b>Back burner</b></p> <p><i>This is not urgent right now. I'll put this project on the back burner and we can work on it later.</i></p>	<p>To put something on the back burner is to put it off, to deal with it later.</p>

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<p><b>Back seat driver</b></p> <p><i>Paul is definitely a back seat driver! He can't shut up when he is riding with me!</i></p> <p><i>Mary, from Human Resources, keeps telling Corporate what to do. She is such a back seat driver!</i></p>	<p>This can be used literally in a car, when someone riding in the back seat (or even in the passenger's seat) is giving unwanted advice to the driver (what can be extremely annoying); and can be used figuratively, describing someone who is giving unsolicited suggestions by trying to manage a situation without having enough knowledge or power for that.</p>
<p><b>Bad mouth</b></p> <p><i>Ok, I admit it, I am bad mouthing! Lisa is impolite and hypocritical, and I don't like her!</i></p>	<p>To say negative things about someone or something.</p>
<p><b>Basket case</b></p> <p><i>When her dog died, Susie was a basket case. She cried every day and lost 15 pounds in one week!</i></p>	<p>It's said about someone or something in a very bad shape, mentally or physically.</p> <p>Obs.: It seems to be a lingo (jargão) from the World War I, when all the soldiers who were so badly wounded had to be carried in a basket.</p>
<p><b>Betcha / You Betcha</b></p> <p><i>-Josie is pregnant! Betcha didn't know that!</i></p> <p><i>- Are you coming tomorrow?</i></p> <p><i>- You Betcha!</i></p>	<p>“I bet you”; “pode apostar!”, “quer valer?”, “e como!”</p>

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<p><b>Bingo!</b></p> <p><i>Bingo! I've got the answer!</i></p>	<p>Yes, that's right!</p>
<p><b>Blast</b></p> <p><i>That party was awesome! We just had a blast!</i></p>	<p>A great time; lots of fun.</p> <p>Obs.: "blast" means to explode, blow up, destroy. It's also a noun: explosion, strong current of air.</p>
<p><b>Blow it</b></p> <p><i>Everything was going fine, but he blew it with his stupidity.</i></p>	<p>To fail, lose or do something very poorly.</p>
<p><b>Blow off steam</b></p> <p><i>Sorry, but I need to blow off some steam. I am really fed up with everything here.</i></p> <p><i>Joe goes to the club everyday after work. He says it's a good way to blow off steam after a stressful day.</i></p>	<p>To release anger or stress, by speaking or doing some activity to liberate pressure. To vent. Also "let out steam".</p>
<p><b>Bodacious</b></p> <p><i>This is a bodacious plan!</i></p>	<p>Assertive, audacious.</p>
<p><b>Bonkers</b></p> <p><i>I am just bonkers about the whole story!</i></p>	<p>Crazy, insane, cuckoo, mad.</p>

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<b>Bonk</b> <i>I bonked my head on that shelf.</i>	To hit, strike.
<b>Buddy</b> <i>Hey, buddy! What about another beer?</i>	Friend, pal, guy, fellow.
<b>Burned out</b> <i>I'm completely burned out! This project is sucking all my energy!</i>	Extremely tired from working too much.
<b>Call girl</b> <i>Call girls available 24/7: 1-800-222-3344 – The best women in town!</i>	Prostitute who arranges to meet with men, through phone calls.
<b>Chick</b> <i>Oh, yeah, I know that chick!</i>	Girl, woman, lady.
<b>Chick-flick</b> <i>What? Don Juan de Marco? Again this chick-flick? I want to see a western featuring tough guys!</i>	Movie for <i>chicks</i> . Usually romance and romantic comedies. “Filme água com açúcar”.
<b>Chicken</b> <i>Don't be a chicken! C'mon, let's talk to them! They don't bite!</i>	Coward; a person who does not dare to take risks.

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<p><b>Couch potato</b></p> <p><i>I have a friend who is a perfect couch potato! No wonder he can't get a job!</i></p>	<p>One who sits in front of the television for hours and doesn't do physical activity or any other thing.</p>
<p><b>Crash</b></p> <p><i>My computer crashed right when I was going to save the work. I lost everything and I was so stressed that I crashed, too!</i></p>	<p>To fail, break or stop functioning. To collapse from exhaustion or fatigue.</p>
<p><b>Creep</b></p> <p><i>See that guy? He's such a creep! He was bothering the whole block yesterday!</i></p>	<p>A weird, disturbing or annoying person.</p>
<p><b>Cut and dry</b></p> <p><i>The guidelines are so cut and dry! You don't need to keep asking those silly questions!</i></p>	<p>Something that is very obvious, not needing further explanation.</p>
<p><b>Damn it!</b></p> <p><i>Damn it! This is not working!</i></p>	<p>Expression of anger, like “<i>Droga, não está funcionando!</i>”</p>
<p><b>Dig it</b></p> <p><i>We will have sushi tonight. Can you dig it?</i></p>	<p>Like it, in agreement.</p>

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<p><b>Ditch</b></p> <p><i>Carl ditched his job, his girlfriend, and his car and became a world traveler.</i></p>	<p>To get rid of someone or something</p>
<p><b>Doctor</b></p> <p><i>I buy frozen pizza, but I always doctor it: I add more mozzarella, more pepperoni, some olives, mushroom and red pepper!</i></p>	<p>When you doctor something, you alter it's original state.</p>
<p><b>Dunno</b> /də'nəu/</p> <p>- <i>Are you gonna be home tomorrow?</i> - <i>Dunno.</i></p>	<p>I don't know.</p>
<p><b>Fat cat</b></p> <p><i>All the fat cats in Washington eat at Purrs restaurant. That makes sense, don't you think?</i></p>	<p>A person who has great wealth and power; a tycoon.</p>
<p><b>Fave</b></p> <p><i>Italian cuisine? Oh, boy, my fave!</i></p>	<p>Favorite</p>
<p><b>Fine and dandy</b></p> <p><i>Blue on the walls is fine and dandy with me. Just don't paint them beige!</i></p>	<p>Ok, going well. Expression of approval.</p>

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<p><b>Five o'clock shadow</b></p> <p><i>Guys with a five o'clock shadow are sexy, don't you think Rita?</i></p>	<p>A man's beard that starts to appear at the end of the day, even if he shaved it in the morning.</p>
<p><b>Freak</b></p> <p><i>There were lots of freaks in that show!</i></p>	<p>A weird person, someone who does not quite fit the society and its standards.</p>
<p><b>Get cracking</b></p> <p><i>Break time is over! I'd better get cracking or I won't finish this book today!</i></p>	<p>Start working; hurry up; get going; get rolling.</p>
<p><b>Get laid</b></p> <p><i>Some girls complain that all guys want is to get laid! I don't understand why they complain!</i></p>	<p>To have sex.</p>
<p><b>Gig</b></p> <p><i>Kelly is starting a new gig on Monday, working for ABC.</i></p>	<p>Originally, gig was used to describe musician's paid performances. Nowadays it's used to describe any kind of paid contract/job.</p>
<p><b>Gimme</b></p> <p><i>Do you wanna gimme that thingy and lemme go home?</i></p>	<p>Give me</p> <p>Obs: This is common in spoken English (<i>wanna</i>,<i>want</i>; <i>gimme</i>/<i>give me</i>; <i>thingy</i>/<i>thing</i>; <i>lemme</i>/<i>let me</i>) but be cautious when writing those words. They are not a sign of high educational and social level.</p>

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<p><b>Go bananas</b></p> <p><i>Pat starts cleaning her basement and she goes bananas with so much junk in there!</i></p>	<p>To be wildly enthusiastic; to go crazy.</p>
<p><b>Goofy</b></p> <p><i>You are so goofy! Try to do something right for a change!</i></p>	<p>Silly, stupid, foolish.</p>
<p><b>Green thumb</b></p> <p><i>My husband has a green thumb! All he plants, grows!</i></p>	<p>To have a special talent for gardening.</p>
<p><b>Guts</b></p> <p><i>Jason had the guts to face those guys! They were many, and they were big!</i></p>	<p>To have the guts is to have the nerve (courage) to do something.</p>
<p><b>Hang in there!</b></p> <p><i>I know you have to wait and waiting is tough... but hang in there!</i></p>	<p>Be there, persevere, persist.</p>
<p><b>Hang out</b></p> <p><i>I love to hang out with Sue and Bob.</i></p>	<p>To pass time nicely.</p>

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<p><b>Have a ball</b></p> <p><i>The trip was fantastic! We had a ball with those guys!</i></p>	<p>To have lots of fun, great enjoyment.</p>
<p><b>Hillbilly</b></p> <p><i>I don't like going to the west side of town. It's full of hillbillies!</i></p>	<p>Hill-Billy – algo como o “<i>Mané do morro</i>”. Hillbilly is used to describe someone from the countryside, having crude manners, speech and taste. Depreciating term for an unsophisticated person.</p>
<p><b>Hit the spot</b></p> <p><i>I was so hungry! This omelet just hit the spot! Thank you!</i></p>	<p>Used when you just ate (or had) something that was good and you were really needing it.</p>
<p><b>Hoodie</b></p> <p><i>I don't like hoodies. I usually don't wear anything on my head.</i></p>	<p>A sweatshirt with a hood (capuz).</p>
<p><b>Icky</b></p> <p><i>That restaurant is so icky... I won't go back there!</i></p>	<p>Gross, disgusting.</p>
<p><b>In a bind</b></p> <p><i>Jane is in a bind since she lost her job.</i></p>	<p>In a bad situation.</p>
<p><b>Jerk</b></p> <p><i>Have you seen the movie The Jerk, with Steve Martin? He plays a real idiot so well!</i></p>	<p>Stupid person, worthless, idiot.</p>

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<p><b>Johnny-be-good</b></p> <p><i>Johnny-be-good approached and I had to pull over. He gave me a speed ticket.</i></p>	<p>A police officer.</p> <p>Obs: “pull over” means bring the vehicle to the side of the road. “Speed ticket” is “multa por excesso de velocidade”.</p>
<p><b>Jump ship</b></p> <p><i>When I read the bank was being sold to another bank, I jumped ship.</i></p>	<p>To abandon a situation that is not good anymore.</p>
<p><b>Junk food</b></p> <p><i>I don't care what they say, I love junk food! But it's not part of my daily diet.</i></p>	<p>Food, usually snacks, with no nutritional value and said to be bad for your health, like potato chips, fried stuff, sweets (chocolate, candies, ice cream).</p> <p>'Junk' means worthless.</p>
<p><b>Junk mail</b></p> <p><i>All what we've gotten today is junk mail. It went from the mail box straight to the garbage can.</i></p>	<p>Unwanted or annoying advertising mail.</p>
<p><b>Kaput</b></p> <p><i>The air conditioning in my car just went kaput/(is kaput)! (broke)</i></p> <p><i>John's career is kaput. (it's over; finished)</i></p>	<p>From German (Kaputt), it means broken, ruined, lost.</p>

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<p><b>Kick the bucket</b></p> <p><i>We all will kick the bucket someday, so we'd better have fun now!</i></p>	<p>To die</p>
<p><b>Kick your ass</b></p> <p><i>I am good in chess! I will kick your ass, you'll see!</i></p> <p><i>Paul is training Karate now. He kicks everybody's ass!</i></p>	<p>To win a game or fight. To bit the opponent decisively .</p>
<p><b>Kick-off meeting</b></p> <p><i>The kick-off meeting will start at 9am. Be there!</i></p>	<p>The first meeting to start a project, or workshop.</p>
<p><b>Kick</b></p> <p><i>This song gives me a kick! I really like it!</i></p> <p><i>This stuff really has a kick.</i></p>	<p>A good feeling, pleasure, or enjoyment from something.</p> <p>Also the jolt caused by a drug or strong drink.</p>
<p><b>Kinky</b></p> <p><i>We have kinky new neighbors in this street!</i></p> <p><i>She doesn't like doing it... she thinks it's too kinky.</i></p>	<p>Strange or weird.</p>

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<p><b>Kiss the porcelain god</b></p> <p><i>He run out of the room to kiss the porcelain god, I guess.</i></p>	<p>To vomit.</p>
<p><b>Klutz</b></p> <p><i>Watch out! Don't drop my glasses, you klutz!</i></p>	<p>Clumsy person.</p>
<p><b>Knocked up</b></p> <p><i>Susy got knocked up by her boyfriend, and he left her.</i></p>	<p>To become pregnant. Term usually used in a negative connotation.</p>
<p><b>Left and right</b></p> <p><i>I have work arriving to my desk left and right.</i></p>	<p>In and from all directions, “a torto e a direito”.</p>
<p><b>Loser</b></p> <p><i>Kent is a big loser. Stay away from him if you want to avoid trouble!</i></p>	<p>A person with bad habits, or a questionable life style. Someone who fails a lot; who is usually stupid and worthless.</p>
<p><b>Monkey around</b></p> <p><i>The old lady likes to monkey around her garden every morning.</i></p>	<p>To spend time idly or do unplanned activities or at random. Also <i>goof around/fool around/fart around/potter around.</i></p>
<p><b>Nailed</b></p> <p><i>Peter's father nailed him smoking a joint (marijuana cigarette).</i></p>	<p>To be caught, or catch someone in action, doing something supposedly wrong.</p>

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<p><b>No-brainer</b></p> <p><i>I am so tired today that I just want to watch a no-brainer movie.</i></p>	<p>Something that is easy and obvious, requiring no brain or efforts to assimilate.</p>
<p><b>Nutcase</b></p> <p><i>You are a nutcase, but I love you anyway!</i></p>	<p>Lunatic, mad and eccentric person.</p>
<p><b>Okey-dokey</b> /'ouki-'douki/ <i>Okey-dokey, I'll be there at 3pm.</i></p>	<p>Yes; okay.</p>
<p><b>Outta here</b></p> <p><i>I'm outta here! This movie sucks!</i></p>	<p>Contraction of “out of here”, to indicate you are leaving.</p>
<p><b>Pass out</b></p> <p><i>She was stressed and exhausted that she passed out!</i></p>	<p>To faint; or fall asleep from exhaustion or too much drinking.</p>
<p><b>Pig out</b></p> <p><i>I won't invite those folks anymore! They pig out and I can't stand that!</i></p>	<p>To eat large amount of food, fast and without good manners.</p>
<p><b>Pinkie / pinky</b></p> <p><i>Ouch! I smashed my pinky!</i></p>	<p>The littlest finger in each hand.</p>

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<p><b>Puke</b> /'piuk/ <i>This is so disgusting! I think I'll puke!</i></p>	<p>To vomit.</p>
<p><b>Pump iron</b> <i>Let's pump some iron! We need to work out these muscles!</i></p>	<p>To exercise with weights; “puxar ferro”.</p>
<p><b>Riffraff</b> <i>We have fewer riffraff in this town because of the severe winters. No one can live in sidewalks and under the bridges here!</i></p>	<p>People of very low social class.</p>
<p><b>Ring a bell</b> <i>Yeah, that voice rings a bell... I remember her now...</i></p>	<p>To stir something in someone's memory.</p>
<p><b>Rip-off</b> <i>I bought this skirt for \$150. Now I am thinking, I was ripped-off!</i></p>	<p>A theft, exploitation, deception. Obs.: “deception” is not “decepção”. It's deceit, fraud, misleading act.</p>
<p><b>Screw up</b> <i>He screwed up the whole deal when he told Mary what were the plans.</i></p>	<p>To make a major mistake.</p>
<p><b>Sissy</b> <i>Alan is such a sissy, how can you be attracted to him, Mary?</i></p>	<p>Coward, timid, lacking masculine qualities, effeminate.</p>

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<p><b>Slum</b></p> <p><i>If you were born and raised in a slum, chances are you had a very difficult upbringing.</i></p>	<p>Poor neighborhood; a densely populated and run-down part of the city; sordid and miserable residence that is unfit for human habitation (favela)</p>
<p><b>Snail mail</b></p> <p><i>We are so used to communicate through e-mail that sending letters through snail mail seems to be counter productive.</i></p>	<p>Mail sent through the Post Office, in opposition to the (fast) mail sent via electronic means (e-mail).</p>
<p><b>Space cadet</b></p> <p><i>Brian is a nice guy, but he's such a space cadet! It's hard to work with someone who is always so distracted.</i></p>	<p>Someone who is usually “out there”, not paying attention, and lost in space.</p>
<p><b>Stoned</b></p> <p><i>Not my business, but they were pretty stoned last night.</i></p>	<p>Being intoxicated, drunk, drugged.</p>
<p><b>Sugar daddy</b></p> <p><i>Look my new BMW! It's a present from my sugar daddy!</i></p>	<p>A man who gives a woman presents and money in exchange for a close relationship.</p>
<p><b>Sweet tooth</b></p> <p><i>I don't have a sweet tooth. I prefer steaks!</i></p>	<p>To have a sweet tooth is to love sweets.</p>

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<p><b>Tag along</b></p> <p><i>Don't you know how to get to Peter's office? Tag along with me!</i></p>	<p>To follow someone around, or to be be follower.</p>
<p><b>This sucks!</b></p> <p><i>This CD sucks! Don't you have anything better than that?</i></p>	<p>It's repulsive, disgusting or annoying.</p>
<p><b>Threesome</b></p> <p><i>Paul, Erika and Meg were having fun last night, in a threesome.</i></p>	<p>Three people engaged in the same sexual activity.</p>
<p><b>Throw up</b></p> <p><i>The work out was so intense today that I almost threw up!</i></p>	<p>To vomit.</p>
<p><b>To hell with it!</b></p> <p><i>To hell with it! I give up trying to fix this junk!</i></p>	<p>Expression of anger.</p> <p>Obs.: Caution when using “hell”. Some people are sensitive about that and don't take it well.</p>
<p><b>Turd</b></p> <p><i>He's such a turd!</i></p>	<p>An obnoxious person. Also <i>bird turd</i> as “<i>titica de galinha</i>”</p> <p>Be cautious when using “turd” - it means piece of feces; shit.</p>
<p><b>Up for grabs</b></p> <p><i>The cookies are up for grabs! Help yourself!</i></p>	<p>Free to take.</p>

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<p><b>Yada-yada-yada</b></p> <p><i>She had to tell me the whole story again, why she came home, the time she arrived, yada-yada-yada...</i></p>	<p>Similar to blah-blah-blah; excessive conversation, usually boring and repetitive.</p>
<p><b>You rock!</b></p> <p><i>You rock! I love what you're doing!</i></p>	<p>You're awesome! You're cool!</p>
<p><b>Zone out</b></p> <p><i>That workshop was so tedious that I zoned out in the first part.</i></p>	<p>To space out, to lose concentration.</p>

## ***About LEP***

*LEP* – originally *Live English Program*, started in 2006 as an online service providing e-lessons to English students, through e-mails and voice over Skype. In 2008 it gained a website – [www.liveenglishprogram.com](http://www.liveenglishprogram.com) and the demand increased so much that the Skype classes had to stop and the individual e-mail lessons became *LEP-Nuts* – distributed to subscribers and archived on the website.

Since 2008 *LEP* has been growing so much that it became necessary to find a new home for it: a new server and host, with more potential to handle its increasing traffic. For this transition and improvement, *LEP* is changing its name and website domain from *Live English Program* to *Learning English Process*. The short name *LEP* will remain, since we are all used to this acronym now!

The *Live English* core of *LEP* remains alive, and *LEP* still offers programs. Only that now it's more and better!

The new *LEP* website will be up and running soon. Meanwhile, *LEP-Nuts* keep going to your inbox, and your questions and suggestions keep coming to *LEP*'s inbox.

*LEP*'s main mission is **not** to teach English as it's done in regular classes. Neither Rosangela is a regular English teacher. *LEP* is an ESL Coaching Service, and Rosangela is the English as Second Language Coach. What does that mean?

It means that she is your trainer and *LEP* is the source where you find your tools, the guidance and the means to practice your English.

*LEP* is not a regular English course. It's a learning source.

*Learning English* is a *Process*, and ***LEP*** facilitates it for you.



### ***Who's the Girl Behind the Scenes?***

Rosangela Cricci Taylor is an English lover, having several other love-affairs: Spanish, Italian, German, French, and Portuguese, of course! She was Brazilian until she was 30 years old, then she became half American when married her American husband. Since she left Brazil she has lived in the British Virgin Islands, Italy, Germany, and USA. In college, Rosangela's major was English and Portuguese, with specialization in translation and interpretation. She doesn't like to translate, though – it's too boring for her dynamic personality. She prefers to create and share, so she became a writer. She writes non-fiction (all *LEP*'s material, website content, articles...); she writes poems; and she's trying her hand at fiction, writing a novel that is so far stuck in the second chapter.

Rosangela officially started her ESL business in 2008, providing free English language coaching through her *LEP* website, and she is now writing a *LEP* book. She has been an ESL student for so many years that she can help others succeed by avoiding the pitfalls she couldn't avoid when she was in their shoes. Many people ask why she does all this work for free, like answering questions, giving explanations, giving away e-lessons, e-books and so on. She does what she does for love. Of course she has to pay bills, too... and there are parts of her work that require compensation; but her motto is “do it with love, or don't do it at all”.

RCT has volunteered as English tutor at The Literacy Council, in Rockford, Illinois, tutoring American adults who don't know how to read and write in English; and she's also the editor and webmaster for The Rockford Writers' Guild.

She lives in Rockford, near Chicago, with her husband Andrew. She loves to dance, drink wine, eat, cook, and to have lots of fun! She loves challenges, roller coasters, Disney World, summer, and open-minded and happy people.

Now she is trying to learn how to play the drums... She says that's worse than learning German from Chinese... well, but she hasn't gotten to the Chinese yet. Maybe it will be her next challenge!

*Oh, yeah... I forgot to say, she is NUTs, too!*



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