



America's 250th Anniversary

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Vocabulary from the Era (Late 18th Century)

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G	O	S	S	I	P	G	S	A	L	G	Y	P	S	E	T	B	A

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Around 250 years ago (circa 1770s), English, particularly in the American colonies, featured a mix of formal colonial language and emerging, rustic slang.

Anon - Soon or immediately.

Barnish - Grow stout or plump

Betwixt - In between.

Bossloper - An inhabitant of the woods.

Cat's-paw - To be a dupe, to be used as a tool.

Chirk - In good spirits,

Circumbendibus - Roundabout

Courting - Dating with the intention of marriage.

Cozen - To trick or deceive.

Erelong - Before long; soon.

Fortnight - A period of two weeks.

Fribble - A frivolous thing or person.

Gallivant - To roam about in search of pleasure.

Gossip - Godparent.

Haberdasher - A seller of men's clothing and accessories.

Humbug - A hoax, fraud, or deceptive person.

Indentured - Contract where servants are legally bound to work for a set number of years.

Jollification - Celebration or merrymaking.

Lanthorn - An older spelling/form of lantern.

Macaroni - Fancy hat

Ordinary - A tavern or inn that serves a fixed-price meal.

Potation - A drink or beverage.

Prithee - Used for "please" or "I pray you."

Sabby - To know or understand.

Scurvy - Worthless, contemptible.

Shaver - A young or adolescent boy

Slangwhanger - A noisy, abusive speaker or writer (common in early American politics).

Spyglass - A small telescope.

Twistical - Unfair or immoral

Valise - A small traveling bag or suitcase.