

## Minnesota Guide to Computer Lingo

LOG ON: making da vood stove hotter  
LOG OFF: don't add vood  
MONITOR: keep an eye on da vood stove  
MEGAHERTZ: when a big log drops on your barefoot in da morning  
FLOPPY DISK: vhat you get from piling too much vood  
RAM: da hydraulic thing dat makes da voodsplitter vork  
DRIVE: getting home during most of da vinter  
PROMPT: vhat ya vish da mail vas during da snow season  
ENTER: come on in  
WINDOWS: vhat ya shut when it gets 10 below  
SCREEN: vhat is a must during black fly season  
CHIP: vhat ya munch during Vikings games  
MICROCHIP: vhat's left in da bag when da chips are gone  
MODEM: vhat ya did to da hay fields last Yuly  
DOT MATRIX: Eino Matrix's wife  
LAPTOP: vhere da grandkids sit  
KEYBOARD: vhere ya suppose to put da keys so da Misses can find em  
SOFTWARE: da plastic picnic utensils, ya?  
MOUSE: vhat leaves dem little turds in da cupboard  
MAINFRAME: da part of da sauna that holds up da roof  
PORT: vhere da commercial fishin boats dock  
RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY: when ya can't remember how much ya spent on da  
new deer rifle when da wife asks about it

### You're from the West Coast when...

You make over \$250,000 & still can't afford to buy your own house.  
The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.  
The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.  
You know how to eat an artichoke.  
You drive to your neighborhood block party.

### You're from New York when...

You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.  
You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.  
You can get into a 4-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle  
to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.  
You think Central Park is "nature."  
You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-  
lingual.  
You've ever worn out a car horn.  
You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

### You're from Alaska when...

You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup & Tabasco.  
Halloween costumes fit over parkas.  
You have more than 1 recipe for moose.  
Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than 8 buttons.  
The 4 seasons are: almost winter, winter, still winter & construction.

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**You're from the South when...**

You get a movie & bait in the same store.  
After a year you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are ya?"  
"He needed killin' " is a valid defense.

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**You're from Colorado when...**

You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.  
You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home & he stops at  
the day care for her.  
A pass does not involve a football or dating.  
The top of your head is bald, but you still have a ponytail.  
Your bridal registry is at REI.

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**You're from the Midwest when...**

You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.  
Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.  
You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.  
You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?" or "If you go to  
the mall, I wanna go with."  
Your first job was de-tasseling.  
When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different."

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**Because of misunderstandings that frequently develop when Easterners & Californians cross states such as Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana or Missouri, those states Tourism Councils have adopted a new policy. In an effort to help outsiders understand the rural Midwesterner's mind, the following list will be handed to each person as they enter the State.**

That slope-shouldered farm boy did more work before breakfast than you do all week at the gym.  
It's called a "gravel road". No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Navigator. I have a 4-wheel drive because I need it. Drive it or get it out of the way.  
We all started hunting & fishing when we were 7. Yeah we saw Bambi. We got over it. Any references to *corn fed* when talking about our women will get you whipped – by our women.  
Go ahead - bring your \$600 Orvis Fly Rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead breaks it off at the handle. We've a name for those little 13-inch trout you fish for: bait.  
Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot!  
If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.  
That's right. Whiskey is only 2 bucks. We can buy a fifth for what you paid in the airport for 1 drink.  
No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or, you can order the Chef's Salad & pick off the 2 pounds of ham & turkey.  
Yeah, we have sweet tea. It comes in a glass with 2 packets of sugar & a long spoon. You bring Coke into my house - it better be brown, wet & served over ice.  
So you have a 60 thousand dollar car! We're real impressed. We have a quarter of a million dollar combine that we use 2 weeks a year.

Let's get this straight. We have 1 stoplight in town. We stop when it's red. We may even stop when it's yellow.

Our women hunt, fish & drive trucks - because they want to. So, you're a feminist! Isn't that cute!

Yeah, we eat catfish, carp too - & turtle. You really want sushi & caviar? It's available at the bait shop.

They are pigs. That's what they smell like. Get over it. Don't like it? Interstates 70 & 80 go 2 ways: Interstate 35 goes the other 2. Pick 1 & use it accordingly.

The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday. You can get breakfast at the church.

So every person in every pickup waves! It's called being friendly. Understand the concept?

Yeah, we have golf courses. Don't hit in the water hazards. It spooks the fish.

That Highway Patrol Officer that just pulled you over for driving like an idiot – his name is *Sir* - no matter how old he is.

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**You might be in a country church if . . .**

1. The doors are never locked.
2. The Call to Worship is "Y'all come on in!"
3. People grumble about Noah letting coyotes on the Ark.
4. The Preacher says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering" - and 5 guys stand up.
5. The restroom is outside.
6. Opening day of hunting season is recognized as an official church holiday.
7. A member requests to be buried in his four-wheel drive truck because, "I ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get me out of".
8. In the annual stewardship drive there's at least 1 pledge of "2 calves."
9. Never in its entire 100-year history has one of its pastors had to buy any meat or vegetables.
10. When it rains, everybody's smiling.
11. Prayers regarding the weather are a standard part of every worship service.
12. A singing group is known as "The O.K. Chorale."
13. The church directory doesn't have last names.
14. The pastor wears boots.
15. Four generations of one family sit together in worship every Sunday.
16. The only time people lock their cars in the parking lot is summer, and then, only so their neighbors can't leave them a bag of squash.
17. There is no such thing as a "secret" sin.
18. Baptism is referred to as "branding."
19. There is a special fund-raiser for a new septic tank.
20. Finding and returning lost sheep is not just a parable.
21. You miss worship one Sunday morning and by 2 o'clock that afternoon you have had a dozen phone calls inquiring about your health.
22. High notes on the organ set dogs in the parking lot to howling.
23. People wonder when Jesus fed the 5,000 whether the two fish were bass or catfish.
24. It's not heaven, but you can see heaven from there.

25. The final words of the benediction are: "Y'all come back now, ya hear!"

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**HOW YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

1. Your coworker has 8 body piercings & none are visible.
2. You make over \$250,000 and still can't afford a house.
3. You take a bus and are shocked at two people carrying on a conversation in English.
4. Your child's 3rd grade teacher has purple hair, a nose ring, and is named Breeze.
5. You can't remember...is pot illegal?
6. You've been to more than one baby shower that has two mothers and a sperm donor.
7. You have a very strong opinion about where your coffee beans are grown and can taste the difference between Sumatra and Ethiopian.
8. You also know which Brentwood restaurant serves the freshest arugula.
9. A really great parking space can move you to tears.
10. A low speed pursuit will interrupt ANY TV broadcast.
11. Gas cost 75 cents per gallon more than anywhere else in the U.S.
12. A man gets on the bus in full leather regalia & crotchless chaps. You don't even notice.
13. A woman gets on the bus with live poultry. You don't even notice.
14. Unlike back home, the guy at 8:30 am at Starbucks wearing the baseball cap and sunglasses who looks like George Clooney IS George Clooney.
15. Your car insurance costs as much as your house payment.
16. The gym is packed at 3 pm - on a work day.
17. Your hairdresser is straight, your plumber is gay, the woman who delivers your mail is into BDSM, and your Mary Kay rep is a guy in drag.
18. It's sprinkling and there's a report on every news station about "STORM WATCH 99".
19. You have to leave the big company meeting early because Billy Blanks himself is teaching the 4:00 Tae Bo class.
20. Your paperboy has a two-picture deal.
21. The three-hour traffic jam you just sat through wasn't caused by a horrific nine-car Freeway pileup, but by everyone slowing to rubberneck at a lost shoe laying on the shoulder.
22. The weatherman talks about the weather in other parts of the country, as if we really care.
23. You pass an elementary school and the children are all busy with their cell phones or pagers.
24. It's sprinkling outside, so you leave for work an hour or two early to avoid all the weather-related accidents.
25. You AND your dog have therapists.

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The Texan shook his head sadly & said: "I always thought that TEXAS was Paradise." St. Peter said: "Well, let me show you what we have to offer." He took the Texan to an area that had a beautiful river flowing through it with wildlife & flowers everywhere. "Isn't this beautiful?" said St. Peter.

The Texan replied, "Yes, but not as pretty as the area around SAN ANTONIO."

Somewhat ruffled, St. Peter took him to another area where there were rolling hills, whitetail deer & bluebonnets & Indian Paintbrush everywhere. "Now" said St. Peter: "Have you ever seen anything so wonderful?"

The Texan paused & said "Yes, it is beautiful but it doesn't hold a candle to the TEXAS HILL COUNTRY in the springtime."

Becoming more upset, St. Peter then took the Texan to a beautiful white beach, with gentle waves, & an azure sky. "Now have you seen anything this beautiful in Texas," said St. Peter.

The Texan smiled & said: "I guess you've never been to SOUTH PADRE ISLAND".

At this point, St. Peter took the Texan to a large rock. On the side of the rock was a huge iron door. St. Peter opened the door & they stepped into an elevator & started going down. As they descended, it grew more & more hot. When the elevator door opened, it revealed the fires of damnation-Hell. St. Peter said, "Now, have you got anything in Texas that can top that?"

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## TEXAS

**For those of you who have been in Texas in the summer for any length of time, you will be able to appreciate and relate to these. For those of you who have NOT been in Texas in the summer, realize how lucky you are!!!**

It's so HOT in Texas, birds use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground.

It's so HOT in Texas, the potatoes cook underground - all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

It's so HOT that farmers feed the chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard boiled eggs.

It's so DRY in Texas, the cows are giving evaporated milk.

It's so DRY in Texas, the trees are whistlin' for the dogs.

### YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN TEXAS WHEN . . .

You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water. . .

You can say 110 degrees without fainting. . .

You eat hot chili to cool your mouth off. . .

You can make sun tea instantly. . .

You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.

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### **Temperature Variations (Degrees Fahrenheit)**

- \* 60: California residents put on sweaters (if they can find one).
- \* 50: Miami residents turn on the heat.
- \* 45: Vermont residents go to outdoor concerts.
- \* 40: You can see your breath.
  - California residents shiver uncontrollably.
  - Minnesota residents go swimming.
- \* 35: Italian cars don't start.
- \* 32: Water freezes.
- \* 30: You plan your vacation to Australia.
- \* 25: Ohio water freezes.
  - California residents weep pitifully.
  - Minnesota residents eat ice cream.
  - Canadians go swimming.
- \* 20: Politicians begin to talk about the homeless.
  - New York City water freezes.
  - Miami residents plan vacation further south.
- \* 15: French cars don't start.
  - Cat insists on sleeping in your bed with you.
- \* 10: You need jumper cables to get the car going.
- \* 5: American cars don't start.
- \* 0: Alaska residents put on T- shirts.
- \* - 10: German cars don't start.
  - Eyes freeze shut when you blink.
- \* - 15: You can cut your breath and use it to build an igloo.
  - Arkansas residents stick tongue on metal objects.
  - Miami residents cease to exist.
- \* - 20: Cat insists on sleeping in pajamas with you.
  - Politicians actually do something about the homeless.
  - Minnesota residents shovel snow off roof.
  - Japanese cars don't start.
- \* - 25: Too cold to think.
  - You need jumper cables to get the driver going.
- \* - 30: You plan a two-week hot bath.
  - Swedish cars don't start.
- \* - 40: California residents disappear.
  - Minnesota residents button top button.
  - Canadians put on sweaters.
  - Your car helps you plan your trip south.
- \* - 50: Congressional hot air freezes.
  - Alaska residents close the bathroom window.
- \* - 80: Hell freezes over.
  - Polar bears move south.

Green Bay Packer fans order hot cocoa at the game.

**You might be from Chicago if ...**

- You don't pronounce the "s" at the end of Illinois.
- You become irate at people who do.
- You measure distance in minutes.
- You have no problem spelling or pronouncing "Des Plaines".
- Your school classes were canceled because of cold.
- Your school classes were canceled because of heat.
- You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
- Stores don't have sacks, they have bags.
- You end your sentences with an unnecessary preposition.  
Example: "Where's my coat at?" or "If you go to the mall I wanna go with."
- You can locate Illinois on the United States map.
- Your idea of a great tenderloin is when the meat is twice as big as the bun and accompanied only by ketchup and a dill pickle slice.
- When asked how your trip was to any foreign, exotic place, you say: "It was different."
- You carry jumper cables in your car.
- You drink "pop."
- You realize that I-290, I-90, I-94, and I-294 are all different roads.
- You refer to any interstate highway as "the toll way".
- You know the names of the interstates: Stevenson, Kennedy, Eisenhower.
- You refer to anything South of I-80 as "Southern Illinois".
- You refer to Lake Michigan as "The Lake".
- You refer to Chicago as "The City".
- No matter where you are, when you hear the term "Downtown" you immediately assume they're talking about Downtown Chicago. [or, if you're a priest, that they're talking about the Chancery Office!]
- You have 2 favorite football teams: The Bears & anyone who beats the Packers!
- You buy "The Trib".
- You think 30 degrees is great weather to wash your car!
- You know what goes on a Chicago Style Hot Dog.
- You know what Chicago Style Pizza REALLY is.
- You know why they call Chicago "The Windy City".
- You understand what *lake-effect* means.
- You know the difference between Amtrak & Metra + know which station they end up at.
- You have ridden the "L".
- You can distinguish between the following area codes:  
847, 630, 773, 708, 312, & 815
- You have used your furniture to guard your parking spot.
- You respond to the question *Where are you from* with "\_\_\_\_ side".  
[OR: you name a Catholic parish!]
- You know what the phone number is to Empire Carpet.

**If you're from a northern state & plan to visit or move to the South, here are a few things to help you adapt to the difference in lifestyles:**

### The North has

sun-dried toe-mah-toes  
coffee houses  
dating services  
switchblade knives  
double last names  
Ted Kennedy  
an ambulance  
Indy car races  
Cream of Wheat  
green salads  
lobsters  
the rust belt

### The South has

'mater samiches  
Waffle Houses  
family reunions  
Lee Press-on Nails  
double first names  
Jesse Helms  
an amalance  
stock car races  
grits  
collard greens  
crawdads  
the Bible Belt

Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store down south ... Do NOT buy food at this store.

Remember, "y'all" is singular, "all y'all" is plural, and "all y'all's" is plural possessive.

Get used to hearing "You ain't from round here, are ya?"

You may hear a Southerner say "Ought!" to a dog or child. This is short for "Y'all ought not do that!" and is the equivalent of saying "No!"

Don't be worried at not understanding what people are saying. They can't understand you either.

The first Southern expression to creep into a transplanted Northerner's vocabulary is the adjective "big'ol," truck or "big'ol" boy. Most Northerners begin their Southern-influenced dialect this way. All of them are in denial about it.

The proper pronunciation you learned in school is no longer proper.

Be advised that "He needed killin" is a valid defense here.

If you hear a Southerner exclaim, "Hey, y'all, watch this," you should stay out of the way. These are likely to be the last words he'll ever say.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the smallest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It doesn't matter whether you need anything or not. You just have to go there.

When you come up on a person driving 15 mph down the middle of the road, remember that most folks learn to drive on a John Deere, and that is the proper speed & position for that vehicle.

Do not be surprised to find that 10-year-olds own their own shotguns, they are proficient marksmen, and their mammas taught them how to aim.

In the South, we have found that the best way to grow a lush green lawn is to pour gravel on it and call it a driveway.

AND REMEMBER: If you do settle in the South and bear children, don't think we will accept them as Southerners. After all, if the cat had kittens in the oven, we wouldn't call 'em biscuits.

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**Da Lions - from a Detroit Resident**

Q. What's the difference between the Detroit Lions & the Taliban?

A. The Taliban has a running game

Q. How do the Detroit Lions count to 10?

A. 0-1, 0-2, 0-3, 0-4, 0-5, 0-6, 0-7, 0-8, 0-9, 0-10

Q. What do the Detroit Lions & Billy Graham have in common?

A. They both can make 60,000 people stand up & yell "Jesus Christ!"

Q. How do you keep a Detroit Lion out of your yard?

A. Put up goal posts

Q. Where do you go in Detroit in case of a tornado?

A. To the Silverdome - they never get a touchdown there!

Q. What do you call a Detroit Lion with a Superbowl ring?

A. A thief

Q. Why doesn't Flint MI have a professional football team?

A. Because then Detroit would want one

Q. Why was Marty Mornhinweg upset when the Detroit Lions playbook was stolen?

A. Because he hadn't finished coloring it.

Q. What's the difference between the Detroit Lions and a dollar bill?

A. You can still get four quarters out of a dollar

Q. How many Detroit Lions does it take to win a Superbowl?

A. Nobody knows and we may never find out!

Q. What do you call 47 people sitting around a TV watching the Superbowl?

A. The Detroit Lions

Q. What do the Detroit Lions and opossums have in common?

A. Both play dead at home and get killed on the road

Q. How can you tell when the Detroit Lions are going to run the football?

A. The back leaves the huddle with tears in his eyes.

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**You know you from Missouri if...**

1. You've never met any celebrities.
2. Everyone you know has been on a "Float Trip"
3. "Vacation" means driving to Silver Dollar City, Worlds of Fun or Six Flags.
4. You've seen all the biggest bands ten years AFTER they were popular.
5. You measure distance in minutes and hours, rather than miles.
6. Down south to you means Arkansas.
7. The phrase "I'm going to the Lake this weekend" only means one thing.
8. You know several people who have hit a deer.
9. You think Missouri is spelled with an "ah" at the end. (Kansas City only)
10. Your school classes were canceled because of cold.
11. You know what "party cove" is.
12. Your school classes were canceled because of heat.
13. You instinctively ask someone you've just met, "What High School'd you go to?"
14. You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
15. You think ethanol makes your truck "run a lot better."
16. You know what's knee-high by the Fourth of July.
17. You see people wear bib overalls at funerals.
18. You see a car running in the parking lot at the store with no one in it – no matter what time of the year.
19. You know in your heart that Mizzou can beat Nebraska in football.
20. You end sentences with a needless preposition. (Example: "Where's my coat at?")
21. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, or grain.
22. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
23. You think of the major four food groups as beer, jell-o salad with marshmallows, corn on the cob, barbecue.
24. You carry jumper cables in your car and know that everyone else should.
25. You went to skating parties as a kid.
26. You only own 3 spices: salt, pepper & ketchup.
27. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
28. You think sexy lingerie is tube socks & a flannel nightie.
29. The local paper covers national & international headlines on 1 page but requires 6 pages for sports.
30. You think I-44 is spelled "eye-farty-far." (St. Louis Only)
31. You'll pay for your kids to go to college unless they want to go to KU.
32. You think that deer season is a national holiday.
33. You know that Concordia is halfway between Kansas City & Columbia; and Columbia is halfway between St. Louis & Kansas City; and the Warrenton outlet mall is halfway between Columbia & St. Louis.
34. You can't think of anything better than sitting on the porch in the middle of the summer during a thunderstorm.
35. You know which leaves make good toilet paper. You also remember that corncobs can be used - *and not* to use slick magazine paper.
36. You've ever said, "it's not the heat, it's the humidity."
37. You know all 4 seasons: Almost Summer, Summer, Still Summer & Construction.
38. You can tell if another Missourian is from the boot heel, Ozarks, eastern,

middle or western Missouri soon as they open their mouth.

39. You know that Harry S. Truman, Walt Disney & Mark Twain all came from Missouri.

40. You failed world geography in school because you thought Cuba, Versailles, California, Nevada, Houston, Cabool, Louisiana, Springfield & Mexico were cities in Missouri. (And they are!)

41. You think a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.

42. You know what "HOME OF THROWEED ROLLS" means! (Lambert's Café – Sikeston MO)

### **You know you're from St. Louis IF...**

- \*You love toasted ravioli with Budweiser beer.
- \*"Vacation" is a choice between Silver Dollar City & Lake of the Ozarks.
- \*You can find Pestalozzi Street by aroma alone.
- \*You can get anywhere in 20 minutes.
- \*You've seen all the biggest bands ten years AFTER they were popular.
- \*You can debate for 30 minutes whether Missouri Baking or Marge Amighetti makes the best Italian bread. (it's Amighetti's!)
- \*You know what "Party Cove" is.
- \*You still can't believe the Arena is gone.
- \*Your non-St. Louisan friends always ask if you're aware there is no "r" in "wash."
- \*You know at least one person who's gotten hurt at Johnson Shut-ins.
- \*You know in your heart that Mizzou can beat Nebraska in football.
- \*You end your sentences with an unnecessary preposition. Example: "Where's my coat at?"
- \*You think the four major food groups are Beef, Pork, Budweiser and Imo's.
- \*You've had to switch from heat to AC in the same day.
- \*You know there are really only 3 salad dressings: Imo's, Zia's & Rich & Charlie's.
- \*You'll pay for your kid to go to college unless they want to go to KU.
- \*You can't think of anything better than sitting on the porch, in the summer, during a thunderstorm.
- \*It just doesn't seem like a wedding without mostaciolli. AND YOU PRONOUNCE IT *MUSKACHOLLI*
- \*You know, within a 3-mile radius, where another St. Louisan grew up as soon as he opens his mouth.
- \*You know what a Pork Steak is - and what kind of sauce to put on it!
- \*You have to know what high school everyone went to.
- \*Everyone in your family has floated the Meramec River at least once.
- \*A hoosier is someone who lives just south of Chouteau, not a person from Indiana.
- \*You've ever said *it's not the heat, it's the humidity*.
- \*Your favorite summer treat is handed to you upside-down (Ted Drewe's – YUM!).
- \*You bleed Blue between September & May! (The rest of the time it's Red, of course!)

### **HOW TO IDENTIFY WHERE A DRIVER IS FROM**

1. 1 hand on wheel, 1 hand on horn: CHICAGO
2. 1 hand on wheel, 1 finger out window: NEW YORK
3. 1 hand on wheel, 1 finger out window, cutting across all lanes of traffic: NEW JERSEY
4. 1 hand on wheel, 1 hand on newspaper, foot solidly on accelerator: BOSTON

5. 1 hand on wheel, 1 hand on nonfat double decaf cappuccino, cradling cell phone, brick on accelerator, gun in lap: LOS ANGELES
6. Both hands on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: OHIO, but driving in CALIFORNIA
7. Both hands in air, gesturing, both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat: ITALY
8. 1 hand on 12oz double shot latte, 1 knee on wheel, cradling cell phone, foot on brake, mind on radio game, banging head on steering wheel while stuck in traffic: SEATTLE
9. 1 hand on wheel, 1 hand on hunting rifle, alternating between both feet being on the accelerator & both feet on brake, throwing McDonald's bag out the window: TEXAS
10. 4-wheel drive pick-up truck, shotgun mounted in rear window, beer cans on floor, squirrel tails attached to antenna: OKLAHOMA
11. 2 hands gripping wheel, blue hair barely visible above windshield, driving 35 on the Interstate in the left lane with the left blinker on: FLORIDA
12. 1 hand on the wheel, the other on his sister: ARKANSAS

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Two guys are driving through Texas when they get pulled over by a state trooper. The trooper walks up, taps on the window with his nightstick, the driver rolls down the window, and the trooper smacks him in the head with the stick.

The driver says, "Why'd you do that?"

The trooper says, "You're in Texas, son. When I pull you over, you have your license ready."

Driver says, "I'm sorry, officer, I'm not from around here."

The trooper runs a check on the guy's license, and he's clean. He gives the guy his license back and walks around to the passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger rolls his window down, and the trooper smacks him with the nightstick.

The passenger says, "What'd you do that for?"

The cop says, "Just making your wishes come true."

The passenger says, "Huh?"

The cop says, "I know that two miles down the road you're gonna say, 'I wish that guy would've tried that crap with me!'"

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A West-Coaster walks into a hardware store and asks for a chain saw that will cut 6 trees in an hour. The salesman recommends the top of the line model. The West-Coaster is suitably impressed, and buys it. The next day he brings it back, complaining that it would only cut down 1 tree and it took ALL DAY! The salesman takes the chain saw, starts it up to see what's wrong, and the West-Coaster says: "What's that noise?"

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A Texan farmer goes to Australia on vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets to talking. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice that size!"

They walk around the ranch a little, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately replies, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows."

The conversation has died down when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks the Aussie, "What are those?"

The Aussie replies with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"

3 travelers, an American, a Russian & an Egyptian, were circumnavigating the globe a la Jules Verne (in a balloon). The Russian man put his hand out & reached down into the clouds.

"Aaah!" he said. "We're right over my homeland."

"How can you tell?" asked the American.

"I can feel the cold air." he replied.

A few days later the African man put his hand through the clouds.

"Aah, we're right over my homeland." he said.

"How do you know that?" asked the Russian.

"I can feel the heat of the desert."

Several more days later the American put his hand through the clouds.

"Aah, we're right over New York." The Russian and the African were amazed.

"How do you know all of that?" they exclaimed.

The American pulled his hand in for them to see. "My watch is missing."

### Chicago & Illinois

Don't order steak or pasta primavera at Denny's. It's a diner. They serve breakfast 24 hours a day. Let them cook something they know. If you upset the cooks in the kitchen they will kick your ass.

Don't laugh at the names of our little towns (Sandwich, St. Elmo, Gays, Reddick, Dongola, Dupo, Boody, Farmer City, Posey, Huey, etc.) or we'll just have to kick your ass.

Don't order a can or bottle of soda here. It is called pop. Accept it. Doing otherwise can lead to an ass kicking.

We know our heritage. Most of us are more literate than you are. We are also better educated & generally a lot nicer. Don't refer to us as Midwesterners. We are from Illinois and we can kick your ass.

We have plenty of business sense. We have to make a living here. We admit to small lapses in judgment from time to time, but we're not dumb enough to let someone move to our state just to run for the senate. If someone tried to do that we would kick her ass.

Don't laugh at our cornfields or our Lincoln Log home. Anything that inspires tourists to buy 50,000 post cards can't be bad. And in Chicago don't point & laugh at the sculptures or we'll kick your ass.

We are fully aware of how cold it gets here in the winter; so shut the hell up. Just spend your money and get the hell out of here or we will kick your ass.

Don't order the fruit plate for dessert. Order a steak and a potato or pizza for dinner and then have cheesecake or we will kick your ass.

Don't try to fake a Chicago accent. We don't have an accent. If you say we do then we will kick your ass.

Don't talk to us about how much better things are where you came from because we know better. Many of us have visited big city hellholes like Detroit, Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles. If you don't like it here, O'Hare is ready when you are. Move your ass on home before it gets kicked.

Don't complain that Illinois is flat and that there are not enough (tall) trees. If you whine about our scenic beauty we'll kick your ass all the way back to San Francisco. Pronouncing the s at the end of Illinois isn't funny. Doing it will get your ass kicked!

Last, but not least, DO NOT DARE to come here & tell us Chicago is full of gangsters. This will get your ass shot (right after it is kicked). Just mention this & you will be wearing cement shoes in the bottom of the Chicago River.

Now then - welcome, enjoy your visit, spend your money & then go home.

**Learn Chinese**

*Say them out loud they make more sense*

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| 1) That's not right              | Sum Ting Wong     |
| 2) Are you harboring a fugitive? | Hu Yu Hai Ding    |
| 3) See me ASAP                   | Kum Hia Nao       |
| 4) Stupid Man                    | Dum Gai           |
| 5) Small Horse                   | Tai Ni Po Ni      |
| 6) Did you go to the beach?      | Wai Yu So Tan     |
| 7) I bumped into a coffee table  | Ai Bang Mai Ni    |
| 8) I think you need a face lift  | Chin Tu Fat       |
| 9) It's very dark in here        | Wao So Dim        |
| 10) I thought you were on a diet | Wai Yu Mun Ching? |
| 11) This is a tow away zone      | No Pah King       |
| 12) Our meeting's next week      | Wai Yu Kum Nao?   |
| 13) Staying out of sight         | Lei Ying Lo       |
| 14) He's cleaning his automobile | Wa Shing Ka       |
| 15) Your body odor is offensive  | Yu Stin Ki Pu     |

A man walked into the produce section of his local supermarket & asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man insisted that the boy ask his manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, "Some asshole wants to buy a half a head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, "& this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half." The manager approved the deal & the man went on his way.

Later the manager found the boy & said "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?"

"Canada, sir," the boy replied. "Well, why did you leave Canada," the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but whores & hockey players up there."

"Really!" said the manager. "My wife is from Canada!"

The boy replied, "No shit? Who'd she play for?"