

AMERICAN SLANG

Read the sentences and deduce the meaning of the slang words from the context. Then, match each slang word to its definition below. Write the letter of the correct answer in the box to the left of the number.

- 1) Tom looks awfully upset about the joke we played on him. I hope he doesn't **go postal** and kill us all!
- 2) In the USA, a lot of stores and fast-food restaurants are open **24/7**.
- 3) As soon as the new *Top Gun* movie started, Holly was **glued to** her seat.
- 4) Paul has **had a few screws loose** ever since his girlfriend, Angela, left him.
- 5) Maura's pet turtle escaped last week and I'm afraid it's probably **street pizza** by now.
- 6) I really needed to **catch some z's** after staying up very late studying for my English exam in Mr. Gipson's class. Maybe I'll do that in my science class.
- 7) I'm going on vacation to Tahiti for three weeks -- I am so **psyched**!
- 8) At night, after a long day at work on my summer internship, I usually just **veg out** in front of the TV.
- 9) **Peace out**, guys. It's late, and I'm going home.
- 10) It's the summer time and Stephanie's parents are away on vacation, so we're going **to raise the roof** at Stephanie's party tonight!

ANSWERS

	1. go postal	a) To be extremely interested in something; to be so involved with something that you cannot move.
	2. 24/7	b) To have fun and make a lot of noise
	3. glued to	c) To lose control and act violently; to be filled with rage and fury; to break under pressure and harm others.
	4. have a screw loose	d) To get some sleep; to nap
	5. street pizza	e) A friendly way to say goodbye
	6. catch some z's	f) All the time; always available; without a break.
	7. psyched	g) An animal that has been run over and killed by a car; any disgusting substance that is on the ground
	8. veg out	h) To be a little bit crazy, or not acting normally.
	9. peace out	i) Very excited and ready to go; in high spirits.
	10. to raise the roof	j) To spend time relaxing, doing nothing at all.