

# Ethnic and place names are often used as derisive adjectives

*Most of these derisive adjectives reflect stereotypes about the ethnicity or the place. Most are pejorative and some are offensive.*

*The usage of ethnic or place-based adjectives can be sensitive and potentially offensive. It's important to use language respectfully and be aware of the connotations and historical context of such phrases.*

<b>African dominoes</b>	Dice
<b>African golf</b>	Craps
<b>Arizona cloudburst</b>	A sandstorm
<b>Arizona paint job</b>	An unpainted, weathered pine building
<b>Arkansas asphalt</b>	A road made of logs
<b>Arkansas fire extinguisher</b>	A chamberpot
<b>Arkansas toothpick</b>	A knife with an extra-legal blade
<b>Aztec hop</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea
<b>Baltimore beef steak</b>	Liver
<b>Boston strawberries</b>	Beans
<b>Bronx cheer</b>	to make a noise similar to <u>flatulence</u> that may signify derision, real or feigned. It is made by placing the tongue between the lips and blowing
<b>California bank notes</b>	Silver and hides used as money



<b>California Bible</b>	A deck of cards
<b>California breakfast</b>	A cigarette and an orange
<b>California prayer book</b>	A deck of cards
<b>California toothpick</b>	A knife with an extra-legal blade
<b>Canadian tuxedo</b>	An outfit consisting of denim jacket and jeans
<b>Cape Ann turkey</b>	Codfish
<b>Cape Cod turkey</b>	Codfish
<b>Chicago overcoat</b>	cement shoes or a coffin
<b>Chicago piano</b>	A Thompson submachine gun
<b>Chinaman's chance</b>	No chance at all
<b>Chinese B</b>	A grade inflated to compensate for a student's disadvantage
<b>Chinese checkers</b>	A board game not actually of Chinese origin
<b>Chinese dragon</b>	A mythical creature in Chinese culture
<b>Chinese fire drill</b>	A situation that is chaotic or confusing, possibly due to poor or misunderstood instructions
<b>Chinese junk</b>	A type of ancient Chinese sailing ship
<b>Chinese lantern</b>	A decorative paper lantern
<b>Chinese puzzle</b>	Something very complicated or difficult to understand
<b>Chinese tea</b>	Traditional tea varieties originating from China
<b>Chinese wall</b>	A strict separation between different parts of a company to avoid conflicts of interest

<b>Chinese whispers</b>	A game in which a message is passed along a line of people, becoming progressively distorted; used metaphorically to describe how information can become inaccurate as it is passed on
<b>Chinese zodiac</b>	The 12-year cycle of animals in Chinese astrology
<b>Cincinnati quail</b>	Fatty salt pork
<b>Colored peoples'/folks' time</b>	Late
<b>Confederate beef/mule</b>	Fatty salt pork
<b>Connecticut mile</b>	The distance traveled in one minute
<b>Curse of Montezuma</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea
<b>Dago red</b>	Cheap red wine
<b>Dallas special</b>	A knife with an extra-legal blade
<b>Danish pastry</b>	A sweet pastry of Danish origin
<b>Detroit iron</b>	An American car
<b>Detroit sled</b>	An American car
<b>Dutch act</b>	Suicide
<b>Dutch angle</b>	A tilted camera angle that creates a sense of unease or disorientation
<b>Dutch auction</b>	An auction where the price decreases until someone buys
<b>Dutch barn</b>	A barn with a curved roof
<b>Dutch cap</b>	A contraceptive diaphragm
<b>Dutch courage</b>	False bravery induced by alcohol consumption
<b>Dutch disease</b>	Economic harm from foreign currency influx



<b>Dutch door</b>	A door divided horizontally
<b>Dutch door</b>	A door divided into two parts horizontally
<b>Dutch leave</b>	Departure from a location or event without informing others or without seeking approval
<b>Dutch oven</b>	A heavy cooking pot with a tight-fitting lid
<b>Dutch oven</b>	A prank where someone traps another under bedcovers after passing gas
<b>Dutch rub</b>	A kind of torture between children
<b>Dutch treat</b>	An outing or event where each participant pays for themselves rather than one person covering the entire cost
<b>Dutch uncle</b>	A person who gives blunt or stern advice, often without regard for one's feelings
<b>Dutch wife</b>	A body pillow
<b>Ethiopian paradise</b>	The cheapest balcony seats in a theater
<b>French disease</b>	An old term for syphilis
<b>French dressing</b>	A salad dressing made with oil and vinegar
<b>French horn</b>	A brass musical instrument
<b>French inhale</b>	Exhaling smoke from the mouth and then inhaling it through the nose
<b>French kiss</b>	An amorous kiss in which the participants tongues extend to touch each other's lips or tongue
<b>French leave</b>	Leaving a place or event without saying goodbye or informing anyone
<b>French letter</b>	A condom
<b>French manicure</b>	A style of manicure with pale pink and white tips
<b>French press</b>	A coffee brewing device



<b>French seam</b>	A type of seam used in sewing
<b>French toast</b>	Bread soaked in beaten eggs and then fried
<b>French twist</b>	A hairstyle where the hair is twisted into a knot at the back of the head
<b>French windows</b>	all, narrow windows that open like doors
<b>Greek chorus</b>	A group of performers who comment on the main action of a play
<b>Greek gift</b>	A gift given with the intention of tricking or causing harm to the recipient, referencing the Trojan Horse
<b>Greek salad</b>	A salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, and feta cheese
<b>Greek yogurt</b>	A thick, strained yogurt
<b>Haight Street breakfast</b>	Muscatel and Wheaties
<b>Indian file</b>	A line of people walking one behind the other
<b>Indian giver</b>	Used to describe a person who gives a "gift" and later wants it back or who expects something of equivalent worth in return for the item
<b>Indian haircut</b>	A scalping
<b>Indian ink</b>	A black ink used for drawing and writing
<b>Indian summer</b>	A warm spell of weather in the autumn
<b>Irish banjo</b>	A shovel
<b>Irish coffee</b>	Coffee with whiskey and cream
<b>Irish confetti</b>	Bricks and cobblestones thrown during street fights
<b>Irish goodbye</b>	Leaving a party without telling anyone
<b>Irish pendants/pennants</b>	Rags or laundry hung up to dry on board ship



<b>Irish shift/switch</b>	Describes a politician talking to one person with his arm around another, smiling all the while at a third
<b>Irish stew</b>	A traditional Irish meat and vegetable stew
<b>Irish twins</b>	Siblings born within the same calendar year, or within twelve months of each other
<b>Irishman's buggy</b>	A wheelbarrow
<b>Irishman's turkey</b>	Corned beef and cabbage
<b>Italian ice</b>	A sweetened frozen dessert made with fruit
<b>Italian tune-up</b>	Running an engine hard to clear out carbon buildup
<b>Jew flag</b>	A dollar bill
<b>Jew shave</b>	An unshaven face covered with talcum powder
<b>Jewish lightning</b>	Arson for the point of insurance fraud
<b>Jewish overdrive</b>	Driving downhill in neutral
<b>Jewish side-walls</b>	Painted tires
<b>Jewish time</b>	Late.
<b>Jewish windbreaker</b>	A mink coat
<b>Jigaboo joy shop</b>	A store which sells chrome accessories for automobiles
<b>Kansas nigger</b>	An African-American who does not defer to whites
<b>Kentucky credit card</b>	A siphon for stealing gasoline
<b>Kentucky oysters</b>	A dish made of bull testicles
<b>Kentucky windage</b>	Compensating for wind or misaligned rifle sights by aiming off target



<b>Mahon soger</b>	A lazy and worthless sailor
<b>Mexican Bogner's</b>	Jeans worn as ski pants
<b>Mexican breakfast</b>	A cigarette and a glass of water
<b>Mexican car wash</b>	Leaving an automobile out in the rain
<b>Mexican cashmere</b>	A sweatshirt
<b>Mexican chrome</b>	Silver-color paint used to decorate a car
<b>Mexican credit card</b>	A siphon for stealing gasoline
<b>Mexican dragline</b>	A shovel
<b>Mexican filling station</b>	A siphon for stealing gasoline
<b>Mexican fox-trot</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea
<b>Mexican motor mount</b>	Inner tubing used instead of proper parts
<b>Mexican muffler</b>	A can stuffed with steel wool on an exhaust pipe
<b>Mexican nose guard</b>	Jockstrap
<b>Mexican overdrive</b>	Driving downhill in neutral
<b>Mexican promotion</b>	An increase in rank or title without a pay raise
<b>Mexican side-walls</b>	Painted tires
<b>Mexican standoff</b>	A situation in which no party can proceed or retreat without risking significant loss, often involving a deadlock
<b>Mexican straight</b>	In poker, any five cards and a sharp knife
<b>Mexican threads</b>	A stripped bolt forced into a hole to cut new threads



<b>Mexican toothache</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea
<b>Mexican two-step</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea
<b>Mexican valve job</b>	Cleaning a carburetor with kerosene
<b>Mexican wave</b>	A coordinated wave-like movement in a crowd
<b>Mexican window shade</b>	A Venetian blind mounted in the rear window of a car
<b>Milwaukee goiter</b>	A beer belly
<b>Mississippi marbles</b>	Dice
<b>Montezuma's revenge</b>	Dysentery or diarrhea.
<b>Mountain dew</b>	Moonshine
<b>Mountain oysters</b>	A dish made of bull testicles
<b>Nigger bait</b>	(Excess) chrome on an automobile.
<b>Nigger fishing</b>	Fishing for low-value fish with a pole and bobber
<b>Nigger heaven</b>	The cheapest balcony seats in a theater.
<b>Nigger rich</b>	Either rich and ostentatious or rich one day, poor the next.
<b>Oklahoma credit card</b>	A siphon for stealing gasoline
<b>Oklahoma guarantee</b>	No guarantee
<b>Oklahoma showup</b>	A falsified police line-up
<b>Oregon beef</b>	Deer killed out of season
<b>Pennsylvania salve</b>	Apple butter





<b>Philadelphia lawyer</b>	A crooked lawyer
<b>Polish air conditioning</b>	Driving with the windows down.
<b>Prairie coal</b>	Cow dung used as fuel
<b>Prairie oysters</b>	A dish made of bull testicles
<b>Puerto Rico Pendleton</b>	An old work shirt.
<b>Rocky Mountain canary</b>	A burro
<b>Rocky Mountain oysters</b>	A dish made of bull testicles
<b>Russian doll</b>	A set of wooden dolls of decreasing size placed one inside another
<b>Russian dressing</b>	A salad dressing made of mayonnaise and ketchup
<b>Russian roulette</b>	A player places a single round in a revolver, spins the cylinder, places the muzzle against the head or body (of the opponent or themselves), and pulls the trigger
<b>Scotch egg</b>	A boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat and breadcrumbs
<b>Scotch mist</b>	Something imaginary or elusive
<b>Scotch mist</b>	Dense mist-like rain
<b>Scotch woodcock</b>	A British savoury dish
<b>Scotsman's Zoo</b>	A viewpoint from which a zoo can be seen without paying
<b>Spanish flu</b>	The influenza pandemic of 1918, misnamed as it did not originate in Spain
<b>Spanish flu</b>	The 1918 pandemic flu. It was associated to Spain since, in other countries, the World War I censorship blocked local reports to preserve morale
<b>Spanish fly</b>	A purported aphrodisiac made from blister beetles



<b>Spanish guitar</b>	A type of acoustic guitar with nylon strings
<b>Spanish inquisition</b>	An excessively harsh or prolonged interrogation or questioning
<b>Spanish practices</b>	Irregular or restrictive labor practices, often implying inefficiency or corruption
<b>Spanish steps</b>	A famous staircase in Rome
<b>Spanish supper</b>	Tightening of the belt a notch instead of eating
<b>Swedish headache</b>	Pain from sexual arousal without sexual release
<b>Swiss army knife</b>	A multi-tool pocketknife
<b>Swiss bank</b>	A bank account known for its privacy and security
<b>Swiss roll</b>	A type of cake roll
<b>Texas butter</b>	Gravy made from bacon grease, flour, and water
<b>Texas oysters</b>	A dish made of bull testicles
<b>Texas squirrels</b>	Prairie dogs used as food
<b>Tijuana Bible</b>	Pornographic comic books.
<b>Turkish bath</b>	A type of steam bath or sauna
<b>Turkish delight</b>	A type of sweet confectionery
<b>Vatican roulette</b>	Calendar-based contraceptive methods
<b>Welsh rabbit</b>	is a dish of hot cheese sauce served on toasted bread
<b>West Indian Time</b>	Late.

Sources: Chat GPT and Wikipedia