



# The RealLife English Pronunciation Podcast

## *Podcast #51 – Using Slang Expressions*

### Intro

*Hey there, citizens of the world! Welcome to the Real Life Podcast, where our mission is to inspire, connect and empower the world to learn English the fun, natural and real life way.*

*We believe that English should not be a dry and boring school subject, but an inspiring, enriching lifestyle that you can practice and enjoy whenever and wherever you want.*

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*So sit back, relax, and let's get on with the show.*

**Dark red for pronunciation - Blue for general vocabulary**  
**Green for grammar - Purple for verb phrases**

CHAD: Awww yeah, **what's going on?**<sup>1</sup>

This is Chad from RealLife English where we believe that listening to

1. **what's going on?** *What's-goin'-on*

2. **badass:** badass is an adjective (or noun) used to describe something that

podcasts is a fun, natural, effective, and a **badass<sup>2</sup>** way to learn English. So download this podcast now and listen to us while you are... stuck in traffic

JUSTIN: **Hang gliding<sup>3</sup>**

CHAD: Celebrating Carnival

JUSTIN: **Cliff jumping<sup>4</sup>**

CHAD: Or **grooming your cat<sup>5</sup>**... so let me introduce you to my co-host, the man who once performed **mouth to mouth resuscitation<sup>6</sup>** on his cat, Justin Murray.

JUSTIN: Hey, how's it **going**? Nice to be here, and that story's not true. I would though.

CHAD: You would perform **mouth to mouth resuscitation<sup>6</sup>** on the cat?

JUSTIN: Yeah, I love my cat.

CHAD: What is **mouth to mouth resuscitation<sup>6</sup>**?

JUSTIN: It's when somebody needs air, they're dying, and you **bring them back to life**.

CHAD: Yeah, like a **lifesaver**.

JUSTIN: Yeah

CHAD: Yeah. Would you give **your cat<sup>9</sup>**

is awesome, but the connotation here is a bit more positive. Learn more about using the word "ass" at [34 Ways to Use the Word Ass](#)

### 3. hang gliding



### 4. cliff jumping



### 5. grooming your cat



### 6. mouth to mouth resuscitation



7. **bring back to life**: to resuscitate

8. **lifesaver**: The person who saves people's lives at the beach (Australia). This is called *lifeguard* in the USA. A *lifesaver* in the USA is the inflatable tube used to save drowning people.

### 9. Justin's Cat, Meru

## mouth to mouth resuscitation<sup>6</sup>?

JUSTIN: If it worked.

CHAD: Cool. Nice. But what's new with you, Justin? **What's all the news<sup>10</sup>?**

JUSTIN: Nothing man, just **chilling<sup>11</sup>**.

CHAD: I believe you celebrated a birthday recently.

JUSTIN: Yeah. Today actually.

CHAD: Today, the day that we're recording this.

JUSTIN: **Yep<sup>11</sup>**

CHAD: **How are you feeling<sup>12</sup>?**

JUSTIN: **Feeling<sup>13</sup>** pretty good.

CHAD: Yeah?

JUSTIN: Yeah, it's another year, another adventure, right?

CHAD: **Are you going to be celebrating<sup>14</sup>?**

JUSTIN: Yeah, I'm not really sure. It kind of **snuck up on me<sup>15</sup>**.

CHAD: What does **snuck up** mean?

JUSTIN: To **sneak up on you<sup>15</sup>** means to come behind you like in a surprised way,



Read [more about Meru](#) and 13 Cat Expressions You Should Know

**10. what's all the news?** Chad isn't sure if this his own personal expression or if it's Australian.

### 11. Chillin'



Chilling (pronounced *chillin'*) is to relax and do nothing in particular

**11. yep:** a relaxed way to say "yes."

**12. how are you feeling?:** *how-ya-feelin'?* (chad totally removes the "are"; this is colloquial usage of language.)

**13. ~~I~~ feeling pretty good:** colloquial omission of the subject pronoun.

**14. are you going to be celebrating:** are you-gonna-be celebra-ding?

**15. sneak up on someone:** (past tense is *snuck*) arriving without you noticing it. An unexpected, surprise event.

in a surprising way, so you're not expecting it.

CHAD: Why did it **sneak up** on you?

JUSTIN: There are two reasons. First of all there was Carnival this year, and then February has 28 days, so I'm always looking at February, like I'm expecting 31 days, and so March **hits**<sup>16</sup> really **quick**<sup>17</sup>.

CHAD: Ahh okay, **got you**<sup>18</sup>. Yeah, you're right. 28 days except for when it's a **leap year**<sup>19</sup>.

JUSTIN: Yeah. What's a **leap year**?

CHAD: A **leap year**<sup>19</sup> is every 4 years, when February has 29 days.

JUSTIN: Okay, when was **the last one**<sup>20</sup>?

CHAD: I have no idea. Do you know?

JUSTIN: No

CHAD: You should know... **because**<sup>21</sup> your birthday's in March.

JUSTIN: Yeah **but I** never pay attention to February.

CHAD: Okay, enough **dilly dallying**<sup>22</sup>, like always. It's time to **move on**<sup>23</sup> and start this awesome show. **We've got**<sup>24</sup> a **lot of**<sup>25</sup> really cool stuff to talk about



**16. hit:** in this case hit means that march arrives really quickly.

**17. quick:** it should be "quickly." This is a common mistake natives make all the time.

**18. got you:** *got-cha* (I got you: I understand).

**19. leap year:** Every 4 years when the year has 366 days instead of 365. This extra day is added to February.

**20. note:** the last leap year was in 2012

**21. because:** *'cause*

**22. dilly dallying:** to waste time.

**23. move on (to):** to stop talking about something, and start discussion the next topic.

**24. We've got:** we often say "we got," removing have in colloquial English.

**25. a lot of:** *a-lah-duv*

today. Let's **start off**<sup>26</sup> with the shoutouts.



[shout out music] *You know you make me **want to**<sup>1</sup> shout, kick my heels up and shout, **throw my hands up**<sup>2</sup> and shout, throw my hands back and shout.....*

JUSTIN: Okay, today's **shout out**<sup>3</sup>, we've decided to give another shout out to this member, this podcast listener, who- we haven't **given him**<sup>4</sup> a **shout out** in a long time, but he's a really great member, he's from Argentina, Max Ahumada.

CHAD: Oh, **you're talking about**<sup>5</sup> Max, man?

JUSTIN: Max, yeah, Maximilian.

CHAD: Oh man, Max, yeah—

JUSTIN: Some people call him Magic Max.

MAX: **What are you talking about**<sup>6</sup>, Willis? I'm here guys!

CHAD: Ohhhh

26. **start off**: star-doff

Let's say hi to a special RealLife member!!

1. **want to**: wanna

2. **throw my hands up**



3. **shout out**: colloquial expression to say hello to people - *shou-dout*

4. **given him**: *given-im*

5. **you're talking about**: *ya-talking-bout*

**Argentina is on the Southern tip of South America**



6. **what are you talking about**: *what-you-talkin-about Willis*

MAX: What's up, guys?

JUSTIN: Wow

CHAD: **Check this out**<sup>7</sup>. Special **guest**<sup>8</sup>, in the studio today. This is not just a sh—this is more like a **shout IN**<sup>9</sup>, isn't it?

JUSTIN: **It is**<sup>10</sup>.

MAX: Uh, yeah man, I'm here in Brazil and I'm having a **heck of a time**<sup>11</sup> **so far**<sup>12</sup>.

JUSTIN: We spent Carnival **with him**<sup>13</sup>.

CHAD: Yeah

MAX: Yeah, that's one of the **highlights**<sup>14</sup> here in Brazil.

CHAD: So like coming **here to visit**<sup>15</sup> us was the highlight of your trip, or the carnival?

MAX: I mean, my whole trip, I would say that the highlight would be Carnival for one part, and then **what about**<sup>16</sup> the English- the **RealLife English Party**<sup>17</sup> that was another highlight?

CHAD: Yeah.

JUSTIN: Yeah, that was awesome. We did a picnic and a party.

MAX: Ahh, that was cool too.

CHAD: So tell us a **little bit about**<sup>18</sup>

**7. check out:** pay attention to something.

**8. guest:** a person who's invited to somebody else's house or to participate in something.

**9. shout in:** Chad was playing with the words here.

**10. it is:** *idis*

**11. heck of a time:** a great time. "heck" is a replacement for the more vulgar "hell."

**12. so far:** up to this moment.

**13. with him:** *with-im*

**14. highlight:** the most important, exciting moment of a certain period of time or an event.

**15. here to:** *here-duh visit*

**16. what about:** *wha-dabout*

### 17. RealLife English Party in Belo Horizonte, Brazil



*Left to Right:*

Justin (USA), Max (Argentina), Fahar-(Pakistan), Tyler (Malaysia), Lucas (Brazil), Leandro (Brazil)

your—your whole- your trip. **First of all**<sup>19</sup>, where are you from? People who listen **probably** don't know where you're from?

MAX: Well, some people know that I am from Argentina. But where in Argentina? I am from- that's **Catamarca**.

CHAD: Catamarca?

MAX: It's a Northwest city. Yeah. It took me 4 full days to get from Catamarca to Rio (Portuguese Pronunciation). So...

JUSTIN: To Rio? (in English)

MAX: So it was a long **ride**<sup>20</sup>. To Rio, yeah.

JUSTIN: Ahh, you're speaking Portuguese. Yeah.

MAX: Yeah, so I've been to two cities. "Bee-aga," as they call it here, which is BH in English- Belo Horizonte. And the other one is Rio (Portuguese Pronunciation), or maybe Rio. Yeah. [See map of Brazil](#)<sup>21</sup>

JUSTIN: Yeah

MAX: I don't speak any Portuguese.

JUSTIN: Ahh, **you're doing**<sup>22</sup> okay.

MAX: Yes, yeah.

CHAD: Rio de Janeiro. And why did it take you **four days to**<sup>23</sup> get here?

**18. little bit about:** *li-dull-bid-about*

**19. first of all:** before anything else.

## Catamarca, Argentina



**20. ride:** as a noun, ride refers to the road trip made on a bus, car, motorcycle, etc.

## 21. Map of Brazil



**22. you're doing:** *yir-doin'*

**23. Four days to get here:** *four days-tuh get here*

MAX: **Because**<sup>24</sup> I came by bus...

CHAD: By bus.

MAX: Yeah

CHAD: **There you go**<sup>25</sup>.

MAX: Yeah, so it was a long ride. I **could have**<sup>26</sup> come by plane, but **the thing is**<sup>27</sup> I had a free ride from my city, well actually Cordoba, to Camboriu **because** my **brother-in-law**<sup>28</sup> owns a bus company so he didn't charge me a thing.

CHAD: Oh, perfect

MAX: so it was for free

CHAD: perfect. What's a brother-in-law, by the way.

MAX: Brother-in-law would be the brother of my girlfriend.

CHAD: Oh, so it's your girlfriend's brother. Oh, so in English we don't actually really call that a brother-in-law until you're actually married. **see common mistake**<sup>29</sup>

MAX: Oh, okay, well. Actually in Argentina we just say **brother-in-law**<sup>28</sup> even though you're not married.

JUSTIN: And so Max has been here **helping us out**<sup>30</sup> as well with RealLife English. He's been working with us,

**24. Because:** *CUZ*

**25. There you go:** used here to confirm/acknowledge new information.

**26. could have:** *could-ave*

**27. the thing is:** used to introduce an explanation or clarification.

**28. brother-in-law:** the brother of your wife. Also "mother-in-law," and all other family members.



**29. Common Confusion:** For Spanish & Portuguese speakers, the equivalent term (*cuñado/ cunhado*) applies to your girlfriend's family.

**30. help someone out:** *to help* with the only difference that the word "out" makes it sound more like a

working for us a **little**<sup>31</sup> bit, and we're combining his trip, his adventure with a **little** bit of business so **when he**<sup>32</sup> goes back he's **going to** be **continuing to**<sup>33</sup> work for us a **little** bit. So it's been **pretty** awesome.

CHAD: **And** it's also great to have him on the podcast because not only is he a **long-time**<sup>34</sup> podcast listener, right?

MAX: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

CHAD: He's also, **you know**<sup>35</sup>, a quite a model language learner... English learner because he's actually really incorporated the whole real life English about connecting his life to English and as we can see just talking to him he speaks English really well, he has **a lot of**<sup>36</sup> **insight**<sup>37</sup> into the language. Really good expressions as well.

MAX: Thanks, thanks. **The thing is** to bring English **into**<sup>38</sup> your life. To make it a part of your life, **you know**<sup>39</sup>. English does not necessarily have to take a **part of**<sup>40</sup> your day, **you can**<sup>41</sup> do another... other activities while learning English, listening to podcasts. That's where the RealLife English Podcast is very useful.

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31. **little:** *li-dull*

32. **when he:** *when-e*

33. **continuing to:** *continuing-duh*

34. **long-time:** this is an adjective and therefore it precedes a noun. It means an activity has been done during an extended period of time.

35. **you know:** *ya know*

36. **a lot of:** *a-lah-duv*

37. **insight:** deep understanding

38. **into:** *in-tuh*

39. **you know:** *ya-know*

40. **part of:** *par-duv*

41. **you can:** *you kin*

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