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On reading the book

The order of the counties was determined by their placement on the **www.slang.ie** leader-board on the 18th Feb 2008. Counties that appear earlier have more entries, in proportion to the number of slang terms submitted over d'Internet.

Entries are arranged in alphabetical order under each county and are defined as follows:

Word (class, e.g. n. for noun)

Explanation of word

“Sample Usage”

e.g.

Hole (n.)

The posterior opening of the alimentary canal, through which the excrements are expelled.

“When I get home I’m going to tear me wife’s knickers off...”

...’cos they’re cuttin’ de feekin’ hole off me!!!”

Word Classes:

n. Noun
v. Verb
adj. Adjective
adv. Adverb
exp. Expression

Cavan: The Breffni

As Gaeilge:	Cabhán (The Hollow)
Province:	Ulster
County Town:	Cavan
Known as:	The Breffni County
Nickname:	The Breffni men, Cute Hoors
Colours:	Blue & White
Song:	Cavan Girl, Ballyjamesduff
Funny Places:	Fartan Upper / Lower, Killywilly, Legwee



Cavan, or Keeyavan as pronounced by the locals, makes up most of the border between Ulster and Connacht / Leinster. The longest river in the British Isles originates from a small pool in the mountains called the

Shannon Pot. Cavan is steeped in Irish history, 6,000 years of it in fact. For example, in a small 5 square mile area, within the plain of Magh Slecht, there are 10 megalithic tombs, 9 standing stones, 8 raths, 7 barrows, 6 crannogs, 5 cute hoors, 4 stone circles, 3 early churches, 2 medieval castles, and a partridge in a pear tree. People in Cavan have been unfairly accused of being mean. Just because they eat their dinner from drawers under the table, in case visitors call around, does not make them mean.

From the Cork section...

Boodawn (n.)

The male appendage. Usually this term is used to describe it in an excited state.

“I only have to look at the aul doll an’ I get such a boodawn you could bate an ass out of a bog with it!”

From the Mayo section...

Annaconya (n.)

A very large poo resembling a large South-American snake.

“Run sham, I’m after layvin’ a mawsive annaconya in the jawx an’ ‘tis blocked up!”

From the Sligo section...

Mink(er) (n.)

A disreputable person.

“I caught de dirty minker robbing knickerses off the nun’s line again! Ah now!”

For Focal Sake!

From the Waterford section...

Wilnots (n.)

An entanglement in the “barse” region i.e. the area between one’s balls and arse.

“Dem wilnots just will not come loose!”

From the Tipperary section...

Up the Mayor’s hole in Cashel

A sarcastic response to someone requesting the geographic co-ordinates of another.

Mickey: *“Johnny, where’s teacher?”*

Johnny: *“Up de Mayor’s hole in Cashel!”*

From the Dublin section...

Daniel Day (n.)

Rhyming slang for the Luas Transport system, after the famous two-time Oscar winning actor.

“Ah deadly, I thought we missed de Daniel Day Luas there for a minneh!”

From the Kilkenny section...

May (adj.).

Used to suggest definite action.

“You forgot me bahhered sausage? You may go back in to Mullinavegas an’ get it!!!”