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Regional Vocabulary

Dialects are defined not only by how words are pronounced but also by regional vocabulary (see, for example, www.popvssoda.com). Here is a sample:

ALLIGATOR PEAR An avocado in New Orleans.

BETTY A beauty in Los Angeles.

BUBBLER A drinking fountain in Wisconsin.

BUGGY A shopping cart in the South.

BULKIE A sandwich roll in Boston.

CABINET A milkshake in Rhode Island.

FRAPPE A milkshake in Boston.

GAPER'S BLOCK A traffic jam because of rubbernecking in Chicago.

GOOBER A peanut in the South.

HOT DISH A casserole in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

IRON DOG A snowmobile in Alaska.

JIMMIES Ice cream sprinkles in Boston.

KITTY-WAMPUS Cater-corner in Wisconsin.

NEB To nose into someone else's business in Pittsburgh.

PARTY BARN A drive-through liquor store in Texas.

POKE A bag in Pittsburgh.

ROTARY A traffic circle in New England.

SHOOTS O.K. in Hawaii.

SKROK To spit in Buffalo.

STAND ON LINE To stand in line in New York.

WALLERED Useless or wrecked in the Southwest.

WOOLIES Dustballs beneath your bed in Pennsylvania.