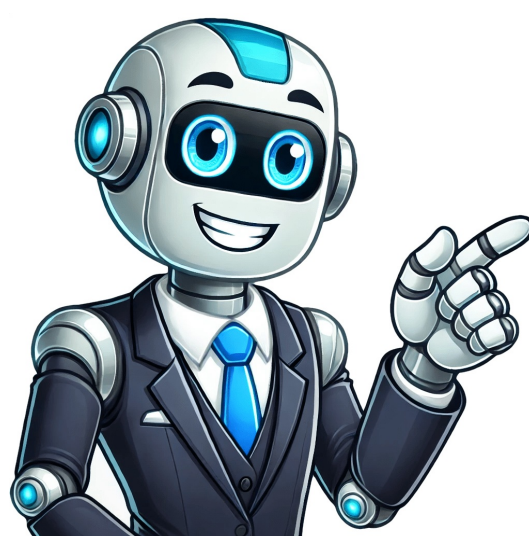


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Hi, I've always thought that my English is fine. Well, it seems I was wrong, since I have no idea, what this is supposed to mean: "Settlement my arse, let's slot floppies" I found it on a Rhodesian (former Zimbabwe) military T-shirt.Will some explain me what it means? Thanks! Regards,Csaba Do you have any idea as to what that may mean? I know it is something rude (sorry about that), but I cannot understand the meaning. I know arse mean ass, but what the hell is 'settlement my ass'? According to urban dictionary, floppies means teenager girls, and slot may mean vagina and to kill in British military slang, but I'm pretty sure they didn't want to kill teenage girls. Even searching 'slot floppies' on Google gives results that are in connection with this T-shirt or the Rhodesian army.Sorry again, I didn't mean to troll this forum, as you have already helped me a lot of times. Given the Rhodesian context, settlement my ass means 'No negotiated peace settlement with the blacks'. [Anything] my ass means 'I disagree with Anything'. "I think Anything's nonsense", "it's not a real Anything", etc. Again, in the Rhodesian military context, slot may well mean kill, but I'm not at all sure about that. Floppies probably refers to Rhodesian floppy hats.The bottom line is that the wearer is advertising that he disagrees with the negotiated handover of power in 1979 and is suggesting that "slotting floppies", whatever that may be, would be a better use of his time. Thanks a lot! Now everything's clear. Too bad I can't give positives on this site It makes sense now, the first line means exactly what you wrote. Since I wrote my first post, I found what floppy means. Well, in Rhodesian context its meaning is pretty similar to that of the N-word. They called those blacks floppies who were members of the Communist ZAPU/ZANU forces who wanted to get rid of the white minority rule. But it didn't cover all blacks in Rhodesia, as many were fighting against the Communists together with the white guys. But it's a bit off-topic Thanks again,WinG Some of the replies are close. Basically it means "No to the end of the war (and peaceful settlement), lets kill terrorists." I knew quite a few ex Rhodesian guys that came down to South Africa. The Rhodesian forces were some of the best in the worls - no exaggeration there, and could have kept the country indefinitely, but Britain and the international community wanted an end to the bush war. It was South Africa's nervousness at getting caught up in sanctions convinced the Rhodesians that the game was up. Was it the right thing to do? Well, if they had known that Zimbabwe would risen out of the Rhodesian ashes they would have thought twice! The Rhodesians were known as 'Whenwees' in SA as they always started a sentence with "When we were in Rhodesia...". Hope that helps! "slot floppies" was Rhodesian army slang for "shoot insurgents" although the term "floppies" referred more precisely to people of colour. Buddy of mine who spent a year in the Rhodesian armed forces back in the '70s told me that "floppies" were dead bodies. Cassell's Dictionary of Slang (Jonathon Green, 2005) has this entry:floppy n2 [1970s+] (S.Afr.) a derog. term for a Black person. [orig. Rhodesian milit. use, one who 'flops down dead' when hit by bullets; the targets of such bullets were invariably Black] This seems to be consistent with recently suggested meanings, post #7 and post #9. There were a large number of black members of the Rhodesian forces, including among the elite Selous Scouts. When the "transition" occurred, the SAS and Selous Scouts moved into the bush, and made regular runs into Harare and Bulawayo to rescue businessmen, diplomats and politicians whose lives were endangered by the new government, and smuggled them to the SA border. When they finally decided they could do no more good, they radioed South Africa with approximately, "We wish to defect and become a reconnaissance commando unit for you. Our black troops come with us. This is not subject to negotiation." Apartheid South Africa immediately said, "Yes."As far as "slotting floppies," by definition, the great majority of everyone in the neighboring nations were black. Race had nothing to do with with war. No actual people of any color were harmed. They only killed Communists. Hello there, could you tell me if I can use the word "time slot" when I want to arrange a meeting with somebody - for example "Do you have a free time slot?" or "What time slot would be convenient for you?" or "Wednesday morning from 8 to 10 is the perfect time slot for a meeting!" Actually, I've always heard the word in the context of the media but I wondered whether it was possible to use it in a professional context.Thank you very much for your advice on this I wouldn't, especially in your examples. I might use it in jest, however: Let me see if I can find a time slot for you. Hmm... no, sorry -- we're re-running Friends all week and you're not a friend. Say someone has a job like a teacher here in Poland, that is, they work with breaks. For example, a teacher needs to carry out two classes from 9 to 11, then they have no class for an hour between 11 and 12 and then another class from 1 to 2 p.m. Now, what do I call this free hour during which they can do whatever they want to? They can even leave the workplace for some coffee in town. Can I call it a 'time slot'? Or just a 'slot'? Or perhaps 'an opening'? For example A: Why don't we meet up for some coffee. Are you busy?B: Yeah, I'm very busy these days. However, I have a slot/opening tomorrow between 11 and 12. Would that suit you?A: Sure, great. See you tomorrow. I'd say "Yeah, I'm very busy these days, but I'm free tomorrow between 11 and 12." And if it is a regular, habitual thing? Still only 'free' works? No noun to name that? I'm asking because we have a name for that and was wondering if you too. "I'm free between 11 and 12 every Tuesday so we can meet up then" Say someone has a job like a teacher here in Poland, that is, they work with breaks. For example, a teacher needs to carry out two classes from 9 to 11, then they have no class for an hour between 11 and 12 and then another class from 1 to 2 p.m. Now, what do I call this free hour during which they can do whatever they want to? They can even leave the workplace for some coffee in town. Can I call it a 'time slot'? Or just a 'slot'? Or perhaps 'an opening'? For example A: Why don't we meet up for some coffee. Are you busy?B: Yeah, I'm very busy these days. However, I have a slot/opening tomorrow between 11 and 12. Would that suit you?A: Sure, great. See you tomorrow. I would call that in BE a "break" (i.e. an interval in the work day or school day when you have a period of free time). Talking about time slots or openings makes it sound like you're booking a business appointment. For a particular time on a particular day, I;d say 'free,'But I agree with DonnyB that for a time in a weekly or daily schedule when you're typically free, "I have a break on Tuesdays from 11 to 12" is better than "I'm free on Tuesdays from 11 to 12." Theoretically, you could occasionally have an appointment during your break (you could run into town and get a 20-minute haircut) but saying you're free on Tuesdays from 11 to 12 implies that you're always available then. You could see "I have a free hour from 11 to 12" (but isn't the teacher in your example free from 11 to 1?). I only know free period in the context of schools, where it means a period of time that is typically the length of a class period and during which students have no class. I only know free period in the context of schools, where it means a period of time that is typically the length of a class period and during which students have no class. So typically, is it the students that have a free period or the teachers? Or does the term refer to either? So typically, is it the students that have a free period or the teachers? Or does the term refer to either? When I was at school, it was both. However, it simply meant that wasn't a class timetabled for that particular period . The pupils were expected to do private study or revision, whereas the teachers generally did marking or lesson preparation. They were occasionally asked to cover a lesson for another teacher who was absent. But they wouldn't have been allowed to meet a friend for coffee.

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