

## Hickphonics

The Mississippi School Board has decided to pursue some of the endless taxpayer money pipeline through Washington by designating Southern slang, or “Hickphonics,” as a language to be taught in all Southern schools. Here are excerpts from the Hickphonics/English dictionary:

HEIDI — noun. Greeting.

HIRE YEW — complete sentence. Remainder of greeting. Usage: “Heidi. Hire yew.”

BARD — verb. Past tense of the infinitive “to borrow.” Usage: “My brother bard my pickup truck.”

JAWJUH — noun. A state just north of Florida. Capital is Hot-lanta. Usage: “My brother from Jawjuh bard my pickup truck.”

MUNTS — noun. A calendar division. Usage: “My brother from Jawjuh bard my pickup truck, and I ain’t heerd from him in munts.”

KIN — verb. Able to do. Usage: “Kin ya swallar?”

IGNERT — adjective. Not smart. Usage: “Them boys sure are ignert.”

RANCH — noun. A tool used for tightnin’ bolts. Usage: “I think I left my ranch in the back of that pickup truck my brother from Jawjuh bard a few munts ago.”

ALL — noun. A petroleum-based lubricant. Usage: “I sure hope my brother from Jawjuh puts all in my pickup truck.”

FAR — noun. A conflagration. Usage: “If my brother from Jawjuh don’t change the all in my pickup truck, that things gonna catch far.”

BAHS — noun. A supervisor. Usage: “If you don’t stop reading these Southern words and get back to work, your bahs is gonna far you!”

TAR — noun. A rubber wheel. Usage: “Gee, I hope that brother of mine from Jawjuh don’t git a flat tar in my pickup truck.”

TIRE — noun. A tall monument. Usage: “Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise, I sure do hope to see that Eiffel Tire in Paris sometime.”

RETARD — verb. Stopped working. Usage: “My grampaw retard at age 65.”

TARRED — adverb. Exhausted. Usage: “I just flew in from Hot-lanta, and boy are my arms tarred.”

FAT — noun, verb. 1. a battle or combat. 2. to engage in battle or combat. Usage: “Don’t make me fat you, now.”

ARE — pronoun. Possessive case of “we” used as a predicate adjective. Usage: “Y’all are always welcome in are house.”

RATS — noun. Entitled power or privilege. Usage: “We Southerners are willin’ to fat for are rats.”

FARN — adjective. Not local. Usage: “I cuddint unnerstand a wurd he sed ... must be from some farn country.”

DID — adjective. Not alive. Usage: “He’s did, Jim.”

EAR — noun. A colorless, odorless gas (unless you are in LA). Usage: “He cain’t breathe ... give ‘im some ear!”

BOB WAR — noun. A sharp, twisted cable. Usage: “Boy, stay away from that bob war fence.”

JEW HERE — noun and verb contraction. Usage: “Jew here that my brother from Jawjuh got a job with that bob war fence cump’ny?”

HAZE — a contraction. Usage: “Is Bubba smart?” “Nah ... haze ignert.”

SEED — verb, past tense. Usage: “I’d heerd of that thar ‘Hind Lick Maneuver’, but I ain’t never seed nobody do it.”

VIEW — contraction: verb and pronoun. Usage: “I ain’t never seed New York City ... view?”

HEAVY DEW — phrase. A request for action. Usage: “Kin I heavy dew me a favor?”

GUMMIT — noun. A bureaucratic institution. Usage: “Them gummit boys shore are ignert.”