

There are a few words which are so overused over a period of time by a particular generation, that they find it hard to outlive a decade and they soon get dated and replaced with new terms.

This is probably the case of Spanish “*guay*”, which doesn’t happen to be a word of English origin, though some people believe so (Arabic is more likely)

What follows is a list of English words which were just as popular in the past as “*guay*” in Spain. They were all used with the same meaning:



Most of them sound kind of oldish today, but you may need them to understand lots and lots of both written and recorded stuff in our libraries and archives.

<i>Pre-War</i>	<b>Top-hole!</b>
<i>40s</i>	<b>Wizard!</b>
<i>50s</i>	<b>Swell! / Super!</b>
<i>60s</i>	<b>Fab! / Groovy!</b>
<i>70s</i>	<b>Neat! / Ace! / Cosmic!</b>
<i>80s</i>	<b>Awesome! / Brill! / Wicked!</b>
<i>90s</i>	<b>Cool! / Class!</b>

Feel free to update the chart with new entries.