

WHEN IN RHOME (TX)....

**Thank you for coming to the
2013 GRCA National Specialty!**



**We want everyone to feel at home and
become acclimated to the culture.**

**Below is some helpful information
to help you fit in easily...**

ENJOY!

How to Talk Texan

To start with, if you're going to be in Texas, you have to be able to communicate. Here are a few pointers that should help.

These first two are the most common and if you don't use them in Texas, you're liable to be run out of town on a rail. At the very least, you'll really stick out like a sore thumb...

Fix'in – this is the ultimate in Texan speak. Fix'in, which is not said fixing but is sometimes pronounced as "fiddin", is a way to indicate that at some yet to be determined time some action is going to be taken. An example of this would be "I'm fix'in to go to the store". Notice this doesn't indicate when and can be also used to indicate you are thinking about possibility doing something sometime.

Y'all – y'all, which is often pronounced yaaaaaallllllllll, is a way of referring to at least one other person. In general if you are talking to more than a handful of people the correct Texas address would be "all y'all". This is sometimes a bit confusing but just go with the flow.

He's all hat and no cattle. – this is probably pretty obvious, but it is someone that likes to put on a good front or appearance but really has no credentials, real world skills or any knowledge on whatever he is spouting off about. In other areas this individual is the know it all, blowhard or the poser.

Toad choker – this is also referred to as a frog strangler or a turd floater, and means a heavy torrential downpour. Since most of Texas is pretty flat, heavy rains pose a true flash flooding hazard as well as lots of issues with closed roads.

Do wut? – this is the standard response if you weren't paying attention or didn't hear what the speaker said for some reason. In other cultures the way this is often expressed is "excuse me" or "pardon me" or even "could you please repeat that?" Sometimes this phrase is expanded to "Do wut now?"

Greeze and Earl – despite what you might think, these are actually components to your car. Greeze, otherwise known as grease, and earl or oil, often cause stains on your hands or clothes. These stains are considered to be greezy, and are really problematic in hot weather. Of course you also have to constantly keep checking the pressure in your tiyures (tires) because the hot temperatures cause problems there as well.

Uh huh – when you say "thank you" often you were hear the response "uh huh". This should be interpreted in this situation as you're welcome. It can also be a sign of agreement with the last statement made.

Bowed up – when someone is really angry and is taking on an aggressive body stance, they are said to be all bowed up. Kids that are talking back to their parents will often be told not to get all bowed up or they will get a "whippin'".

Jaw Jackin – just talking to hear yourself or talking smack to someone. Jaw jacking is often combined with getting bowed up.

Hitched but not churched – this is a way of saying that a couple is living together without being married. In the Bible belt this is still a taboo, and there are many sayings that relate to heathens, sin and immoral behavior.

Broke bad – basically this refers to anyone that seems to come from a good family but he or she has gone over to the dark side. It can refer to horses that are incorrectly "broke" or trained, resulting in mean and unfriendly animals but in Texas it typically refers to people.

They are proud of that – being proud of something means that you place an unusually or unreasonably high value on some item that is really not worth near that amount. This is a subjective statement but it is commonly heard at auctions, swap meets, garage sales and farmer's markets.

Chunk – Ok, this one is really weird. If you are throwing something a short distance they say they are chunking it. Don't know why Texans don't say chucking it like the rest of the world but there ya go!

Neighbor – neighbors are the people in your community, someone you talked to once at the Dairy Queen that lives up (or down) the road, someone you are distantly related to through marriage or someone that lives in the same county as you do. It really doesn't have anything with physical address locations and can be really misleading.

Coke – anything that is called soda or pop anywhere else is called Coke in Texas. For example, Coke can be Pepsi, Sprite, Dr. Pepper or almost anything else that fizzes and comes in a can or bottle.

Tea – tea is always iced tea and is always sweet iced tea unless you specifically ask for unsweetened. If you have never had southern sweet tea, you may want to try a small taste before ordering a whole glass. Let's just say it is sort of like drinking icing!

Not plum but pert near – this is a highly descriptive and phonetic way to say everything isn't exactly perfect but it is close enough to be workable. If someone asks you how you are doing you can always answer "fair to midlin", which is the equivalent of not plum but pert near!

More How to Talk Texan

1. **Aggravated** - Describes Everything from Mild Annoyance to Dangerous, Murderous Rage. Usually Pronounced "Agger-vated."
2. **All Choked Up** - Upset, Overcome with Emotions (Other than Aggravation). A Person Is Usually "All Choked Up" When They Are Deeply Moved by Sadness or by the Thoughtfulness of Others.
3. **All Worked Up** - in a State of Agger-vation, Arousal of Some Type, Deeply Offended, Agitated.
4. **Ball** - Usually Means Football.
5. **Blinky** - Adjective Used to Describe Milk That Has Begun to Sour.
6. **Blue Norther** - Storm That Comes up as a Giant, Blue-black Cloud of Cold Air Comes over the Warm Gulf Air and "Freezes Us to Death!" Rain and Wind May Accompany the Black Cloud.
7. **Catty Whompus** - Used to Describe Something That Doesn't Fit Properly or Is out of Line.
8. **Clabber Milk** - Butter Milk
9. **Come Hell or High Water** - Determination to Proceed, Regardless of the Problems or Obstacles.
10. **Connptions** - To Have Connptions Is to Get Upset and Raise a Ruckus.
11. **Crusty** - Tough And/or Bad Tempered Man, Woman or Horse.
12. **Dad Blame It, Dad Gum It, Dag Nab it** - Allows Expressive Speech Without Swearing.
13. **Dinner** - This Can Be the Noontime Meal or the Evening Meal.
14. **Fess up** - Admit.
15. **Fit to Be Tied** - Really Upset.
16. **Fixins** - Food; the Rest of the Meal, Excluding the Main Dish.
17. **Fixin' Ta** - Getting Ready to Do Something.
18. **Frog-strangler** - An Extraordinary Amount of Rain.
19. **Galoot** - An Old Cowboy Term Meaning "Old Rascal." It's Generally Meant Affably.
20. **Gully-washer** - An Extraordinary Amount of Rain.

21. **Hissy Fit** - This is a State of Extreme Agitation and Not a Pretty Thing to See.
22. **Howdy** - How Do You Do?
23. **I'll Swan** - Used Instead of "I Swear."
24. **Larrupin'** - A Few Fingers Tastier than Finger-lickin' Good.
25. **Lit out** - Took Off, Started Out, or Absconded Across Some Terrain.
26. **Looker** - A Pretty Girl.
27. **Maverick** - A Loner, an Independent Cuss, Wild. First Used to Describe Cattle Owned by Sam Maverick of Galveston Island. His Cattle Were "Wild-like" and He'd Swim Them Across West Bay and Join up with the Herd Going North. When Cattle Broke from the Herd, the Wranglers Would Say, "That's One of Maverick's."
28. **Norther** - A Storm; Not as Bad as a Blue Norther.
29. **Nu-uh** - No.
30. **Ole Cuss** - An Old Rascal (Or Galoot) Who Is Tough And/or Bad-tempered.
31. **Over Yonder** - A Directional Phrase Meaning "Over There."
32. **Over in Through There, Also: You Go up in Through There.** - Directional Phrase; One I'm Told Foreigners (Anybody Except a Texan) Have Trouble Understanding.
33. **Place** - An Individual's Farm or Ranch.
34. **Plug** - Common Mutt Horse.
35. **Plug-ugly** - This Is Definitely Not a Compliment, and Should Not Be Treated as Such.
36. **Ridin' High - Doin' Aw'right;** Probably a Reference to the Quality of Horse You Are Riding. If You're Poor, You Ride a Burro (Short) or a Plug. If You're Wealthy, You Might Ride a Thoroughbred or Tennessee Walker; Therefore, You're Ridin' High.
37. **Shoot** - An Expletive (Should Be Used with an Exclamation Point).
38. **Sorry** - A Particularly Important Texas Adjective Meaning Worthless, No-count, Useless, Bad.
39. **Squaddies** (Or Is That Quaddies?) - Cowboys. This Was a Common Term in the 19th Century.
40. **Supper** - Once Again, this Can Be Either the Noon or the Evening Meal.
41. **Sweet Milk** - Milk That Tastes Good; milk that isn't buttermilk
42. **Trd-floater** - A Very Heavy Downpour.

- 43. **Tank** - Pond
- 44. **Tump** - To Spill or Dump
- 45. **Walkin' in Tall Cotton** - Doin' Aw'right (See Ridin' High)
- 46. **Whole Nuther Thing** - Something Else Entirely
- 47. **Wore out** - Fatigued, Exhausted; Also Sometimes Used for "Worn Out" Machinery, Etc.
- 48. **Ya-ont-some** - One Word, Meaning "Do You Want Some".

"Out of the Mouths of Texans."

A Group of Descriptive Phrases, Many of Them Similes.

You Don't Want to Hear a Texan Say You're...

Crooked as a Barrel of Snakes
Crooked as a Dog's Hind Leg
Dumb as a Box of Hammers
Tighter than Bark on a Tree
Dumb as a Box of Rocks
Ugly as Homemade Soap
Ugly as Homemade Sin
Older than Two Trees
All Hat and No Cattle
Ugly as a Mud Fence
Like Ugly on an Ape
Dumber than Dirt
Plug-ugly

If a Texan Says Any of the Following, It's a Compliment (Honest!)

You're Big Enough to Hunt Bear (Bar) with a Switch. (This Means You're Very Big.)

You'll Do to Run the River With. (This Means You're Reliable.)

You're As Handy as Hip Pockets on a Hog

You're Happy as a Gopher in Soft Dirt.

Texas Sayings

What's a Texas Saying? Why, It's Something They Say in Texas, a Course! Some of These "Sayings" Might Be Considered Adages, and Some Are Just ... Well, Sayings, I Guess. Judge for Yourself:

- "Never Ask a Man If He's from Texas. If He Is, He'll Tell You on His Own. If He Ain't, No Need to Embarrass Him."
- "The Lord Never Closes One Door Without Opening Another One."
- "Tend to Your Own Knittin'/rat Killin'." (Mind Your Own Business!)
- " You're Good Enough to Make a Rabbit Spit in a Bulldog's Face."
- "You Can Always Tell a Texan, but You Can't Tell Him Much."
- "Evil Thoughts Are like Chickens--they Come Home to Roost."
- "You Done Stopped Preachin' and Gone to Meddlin'."
- (You're Sticking Your Nose into My Business, Here, Pal.)
- "That's Tellin' Him How the Cow Ate the Cabbage."
- "I Want You to Jump When I Say Frog."
- "If You've Done It, it Ain't Braggin'."

Pronunciations

Now, If You're Gonna Say Things Texans Say,
You've Got to Be Sure to Get the Pronunciations Right. Here Are a Few Tips:

- **Rench:** the Process of Laving with Water, Possibly to Remove Soap or Shampoo. You Can Also "Rench Out" Socks, If You've a Mind To.
- **Warsh:** the Process One Engages in Before Renching.
- **Chester Drawers** Is That Piece of Furniture You Put Your Socks In.
- **Sure'nuff:** (One Word). Used as a Superfluous Question in Place of "Really?" or "Is That Right?" Also Used as an Adverb in Sentences.
- **Hairyew:** a Greeting Used When One Wants to Discern the Physical and Emotional Wellbeing of His/her Companion.
- In Texas, the "G" in the Suffix "Ing" Is Silent. Thus, "Fixing To" Becomes "Fixin' To."
- **Nuther Thing** Means Another Thing

You're Quick as a Hiccup.

You're Cute as a Possum.

You're Tough as a Boot.

You're Wolverine Mean.

You Just Don't Know What He Might Do.

(This, I'm Told Is the Safest Reputation to Have
Around Potentially Violent Fellow Texans.)

Emotional States in the State of Texas:

- Look at Somebody/Something like a Calf Looks at a New Gate. With Either Confusion or Dismay
- Having a Fit (Or a Hissy Fit) and Stepping in It. (Sounds like a Tantrum of Major Proportions.)
- Like a Long-tailed Cat in a Room Full of Rocking Chairs. (Nervous. Very, Very Nervous.)
- Like a One-legged Man at a Butt-kicking Contest. (This Would Mean You're Extremely
- Frustrated, or Perhaps a little out of Place, or Dumb as a Box of Hammers.
- Somebody Who Looks like they "Have Been Rode Hard and Put up Wet" is (A Tired Individual Who Looks Somewhat the Worse for Wear.)
- Like a Gnat in a Hail Storm. Evokes Quite a Picture, Doesn't It?
- Happy as a Gopher in Soft Dirt.

Other LoneStar Similes:

Like the Dogs Was after Him. (In a Big Hurry.)

Hidden in the Basement like a Crazy Aunt.

He Beat Him like a Rented Mule. (Ouch!)

Blacker than Midnight under a Skillet.

Fine as Frog's Hair.

Only in Texas

This is a must read for all Texans, used-to-be Texans, adopted Texans, or wanna-be Texans....
or even people just visiting Texas!

Just Texas?

Pep, Texas 79353

Smiley, Texas 78159

Paradise, Texas 76073

Rainbow, Texas 76077

Sweet Home, Texas 77987

Comfort , Texas 78013

Friendship, Texas 76530

Love the sun?

Sun City, Texas 78628

Sunrise, Texas 76661

Sunset, Texas 76270

Sundown, Texas 79372

Sunray, Texas 79086

Sunny Side, Texas 77423

Want something to eat?

Bacon, Texas 76301

Noodle, Texas 79536

Oatmeal, Texas 78605

Turkey, Texas 79261

Trout, Texas 75789

Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Salty, Texas 76567

Rice, Texas 75155

Pearland, Texas 77581

Orange, Texas 77630

And top it off with:

Sweetwater, Texas 79556

Why travel to other States? Texas has them all!

Detroit, Texas 75436
Cleveland, Texas 75436
Colorado City, Texas 79512
Denver City, Texas 79323
Klondike, Texas 75448
Pittsburg, Texas 75686
Newark, Texas 76071
Nevada, Texas 75173
Memphis, Texas 79245
Miami, Texas 79059
Boston, Texas 75570
Santa Fe, Texas 77517
Tennessee Colony, Texas 75861
Reno, Texas 75462
Pasadena, Texas 77506
Columbus, Texas 78934

Feel like traveling outside the country?

Athens, Texas 75751
Canadian, Texas 79014
China , Texas 77613
Dublin, Texas 76446
Egypt, Texas 77436
Ireland, Texas 76538
Italy, Texas 76538
Turkey, Texas 79261
London, Texas 76854
New London, Texas 75682
Paris, Texas 75460
Palestine, Texas 75801
Rhome, Texas 76078
No need to travel to Washington DC
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

We even have a city named after our planet!

Earth, Texas 79031

We have a city named after our state:

Texas City, Texas 77590

Exhausted?

Energy, Texas 76452

Cold?

Blanket, Texas 76432
Winters, Texas 79567

Like to read about History?

Santa Anna, Texas 76878
Goliad, Texas 77963
Alamo, Texas 78516
Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156
Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Need Office Supplies?

Staples, Texas 78670

Want to go into outer space?

Venus, Texas 76084
Mars, Texas 79062

You guessed it. It's on the state line.

Texline, Texas 79087

For the kids...

Kermit, Texas 79745
Elmo, Texas 75118
Nemo, Texas 76070
Tarzan, Texas 79783
Winnie, Texas 77665
Sylvester, Texas 79560

Other city names in Texas to make you smile

Frognot, Texas 75424
Bigfoot, Texas 78005
Hogeye, Texas 75423
Cactus, Texas 79013
Notrees, Texas 79759
Best, Texas 76932
Veribest, Texas 76886
Kickapoo, Texas 75763
Dime Box, Texas 77853
Old Dime Box, Texas 77853
Telephone, Texas 75488
Telegraph, Texas 76883
Whiteface, Texas 79379
Twitty, Texas 79079

The Anti-Al Gore City
Kilgore, Texas 75662

And our favorites...

Cut and Shoot, Texas 77303
Gun Barrel City, Texas 75147
Ding Dong, Texas
West, Texas (it's in Central Texas)

And of course,
Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Here is what Jeff Foxworthy has to say about folks from Texas.

- If someone in a Lowe's store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you may live in Texas;
- If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you may live in Texas;
- If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you may live in Texas;
- If 'Vacation' means going anywhere south of Dallas for the weekend, you may live in Texas;
- If you measure distance in hours, you may live in Texas;
- If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you may live in Texas;
- If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked, you may live in Texas;
- If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you may live in Texas;
- If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph -- you're going 80 and everybody's passing you, you may live in Texas;
- If you find 60 degrees 'a little chilly,' you may live in Texas;
- If you actually understand these jokes, and share them with all your Texas friends, you definitely live in Texas.

Here Are Some Little Known, Very Interesting Facts About Texas:

1. Beaumont to El Paso: 742 miles
2. Beaumont to Chicago: 770 miles
3. El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas
4. World's first rodeo was in Pecos, July 4,1883.
5. The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water. Destroyed by Hurricane Ike - 2008!
6. The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full-time coach at Rice University in Houston .
7. Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America
8. Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America 's only remaining flock of whooping cranes.
9. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.
10. The worst natural disaster in US history was in 1900, caused by a hurricane in which over 8,000 lives were lost on Galveston Island .
11. The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was " Houston ," the Space Center was actually in Clear Lake City at the time.
12. King Ranch in South Texas is larger than Rhode Island .
13. Tropical Storm Claudette brought a US rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July of 1979.
14. Texas is the only state to enter the US by TREATY, (known as the Constitution of 1845 by the Republic of Texas to enter the Union) instead of by annexation. This allows the Texas Flag to fly at the same height as the US Flag, and Texas may choose to divide into 5 states.
15. A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.
16. Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state.
17. Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period in Dr Pepper.

18. Texas has had six capital cities: Washington-on-the Brazos, Harrisburg, Galveston, Velasco, West Columbia, and Austin.
19. The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the US which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington , DC (by 7 feet).
20. The San Jacinto Monument is the tallest free standing monument in the world and it is taller than the Washington Monument.
21. The name 'Texas ' comes from the Hasini Indian word 'tejas' meaning friends. Tejas is not Spanish for Texas.
22. The State Mascot is the Armadillo. An interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies. They have one egg, which splits into four, and they either have four males or four females.
23. The first domed stadium in the US was the Astrodome in Houston .

**Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at
Cross Trails Church in Farlie, Texas:**

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'.
- (5) Put nothin' before God.
- (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- (7) No killin'.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don't take what ain't yers.
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

Y'all git all that?

Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth.