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In the Appalachian Mountains, there were a lot of people living in the hills - up in the mountains - and were somewhat isolated, and so there began this tradition of seeing the people who lived in this area as being somewhat backward - as being not very modern. Another term - mostly a negative term - to describe people who live in the hills would be a hillbilly, "hillbilly." Not a common term any more, but it does describe the people - in a negative way - that live in the mountains and the ideas that they are very backward, especially in this Appalachian region of the United States.

So, moonshine also has a connection with that community - that culture. Though, of course, these are negative representations, not necessarily factually correct, but it is an association that most people would make with the word moonshine.

Our next question comes from someone whose name I don't know, and I don't know where they're from, but I have their question. Sometimes people email me but they don't give me their name or where they're from, and this is an example. So, this is what we would call anonymous, "anonymous." When you don't know the name of some author or someone who wrote something, you would say it's anonymous.

So, this is a question from anonymous, and the question is what does the expression to cut, "cut," someone off mean, if you say, "I was cut off on the freeway today." To cut someone off means to interrupt them if they're talking, or if you're in a car, to go into their lane - go into their space - in front of them, making them slow down. It, of course, is dangerous to do that when you are driving, though here in Los Angeles, people are often very angry when they're on the freeway because it's so crowded, and so you will get people who cut you off. That's part of living in Los Angeles, I'm afraid!

That's all we have time for on today's Café. Remember, if you have a question you can email us at [eslpod@eslpod.com](mailto:eslpod@eslpod.com).

From Los Angeles, California, I'm Jeff McQuillan. Thanks for listening. We'll see you next time on the English Café.

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