**15 Words interpreted differently in NORTHERN INDIANA/Middlebury**

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**Colts**

**What it means everywhere else:** A young male horse.   
**What it means in Indiana:** The only team that’s acceptable to cheer for come football Sunday.

**Patriots**

**What it means everywhere else:** A group of people bursting with pride in their nation.   
**What it means in Indiana:** The most evil professional football team in the country.

**Deer**

**What it means everywhere else:** An adorable animal. (See also: Bambi)   
**What it means in Indiana:** An obstacle that must be dodged on the roads.

**April**

**What it usually means:** Spring.  
**What it means in Indiana:** Spring… J/K STILL WINTER HAHAHAHA all your new flowers are now dead.

**Cornhole**

**What it means everywhere else:** Something people tell you to shut.  
**What it means in the Midwest:** The best game to play at family reunions, barbecues, tailgates, basically anywhere.

**Boilermaker**

**What it means everywhere else:** Someone who makes boilers.   
**What it means in Indiana:** Someone who attended Purdue University, the school that put a man on the moon, helped to commercialize popcorn, and produced Drew Brees.

**Hoosier**

**What it means everywhere else:** A quick pronunciation of the words “whose” and “your.”   
**What it means in Indiana:** Someone filled with state pride that lives in Indiana; also often used to describe someone who attended Indiana University.

**Time Zone**

**What it means everywhere else:** Imaginary lines causing the time to change after a long distance is travelled.   
**What it means in Indiana:** Imaginary lines causing the time to change after a short drive across town.

**The Region**

**What it means everywhere else:** An area of space on a map.   
**What it means in Indiana:** The area surrounding Chicago, often used by Hoosiers in the Northern part of the state to describe where they live; also see: Chicagoland.

**Ski**

**What it means everywhere else:** A sport that takes place in the mountains on huge amounts of snow.   
**What it means in Indiana:** A summer sport that takes place on local lakes and stripper pits (if from Southern Indiana).

**Pop**

**What it means everywhere else:** The noise a knuckle makes.   
**What it means in Indiana:** Anything that’s carbonated and filled with sugar, unless you’re in very Southern, Indiana where they tend to just call it all “coke.”

**Traffic Jam**

**What it means everywhere else:** When traffic gets backed up because of an accident or just too many cars on the road at once.   
**What it means in Ohio:** When you get stuck behind a horse and buggy while driving through Amish country.

**Fair**

**What it means everywhere else:** An adjective to describe something usually as being honorable or just.  
**What it means in the Midwest:** The best part of summer with corn dogs and the magic of Lemon Shake-Ups.

**Manners**

**What it means everywhere else:** If you make eye contact with someone and possibly smile, your manners are outta this world.   
**What it means in the Midwest:** People going out of their way to hold open doors, smile at you, and sometimes even \* gasp \* talk to you.

**Weather**

**What it means everywhere else:** A predictable natural occurrence resulting in things like sunshine, rain, and fog.   
**What it means in Indiana:** A risky game of chance that residents must play every day in which what falls from the sky seems to be determined by a roll of the dice each hour.