

## Trinidadian Idiosyncracies

Trinidadians are a unique breed of people who can be spotted a mile off. They can be identified by their body language, speech, decorum, taste, and even their judgment of time and space. They are very defensive when mistaken for any islander other than a Trini.

A Trini's choice of words to describe a breadfruit falling from a tree, willfully describe the state of the ripeness of the fruit, and where it fell. A ripe fruit falling to the ground will fall BLAF, whereas a ripe fruit falling on a galvanized roof will fall BLANG.

A green fruit on the other hand will fall to the ground BUDUFF, and that same fruit falling on the same roof will fall BLANG-A-DANG.

A door will open if its hinges need oiling KREEKES and will close BADAM or CLIT-TICKS depending on the force used to close it.

The Trini describes a horse galloping as BROOGOODOOK BROOGOODOOK. His expression of surprise AHA, O GAWD, BON JAY, OUI FOUTE.

His expression of disgust is AH CHUT usually accompanied with a stamping of the feet. His expression of joy CHEEZAN AGES. His salutations WOY, MAN, CHILE, BREDS, and even STRANGER.

Trini women call each other CHILE, the men call each other BOY and the boys call each other MAN. If you think that is confusing they refer to any older person of the male gender as UNCLE and the female gender as TANTIE.

When Trinis hangout they LYMING. When you are a Trini of mixed race you are a DOUGLAH.

A Trini will CUFF YOU DOWN and KICK YOU UP. Trinis have an interesting list of body parts you won't find in any biology book. TOT TOTS, BAM BAM, BUMSEE and NABLE. A physically challenged person to a Trini is a BROKOFOOT, a fat woman is a BOOBOOLOOPS, a giddy head is called BAZODEE, and if you should fall into a fit of convulsion you are considered to have caught MALKADEE

A Trini's punctuality is atrocious. NOW is LATER, LATER is sometime TOMORROW, and YESTERDAY well that propels an attack of amnesia.

And as Trini will say IF AH LIE, AH DIE