

# Route 66 (song)

1  Listen to the song and fill in the text with the missing words from the box.

Chicago • forget • go • highway • make • miles • New • pretty • Saint • tip • trip • west

## Route 66'

Well, if you ever plan to **motor** (1) .....  
 Just take my way, that's the (2) ....., that's the best,  
**Get your kicks** on Route 66.  
 Well, it **winds** from (3) ..... to L.A.,  
 More than two thousand (4) ..... all the way,  
 Get your kicks on Route 66.  
 Now, you (5) ..... to Saint Louis, Joplin, Missouri,  
 Oklahoma City looks, oh so pretty.  
 You'll see Amarillo, Gallup, New Mexico, Flagstaff, Arizona,  
 Don't (6) ..... Winona, Kingman, Barstow,  
 San Bernardino.  
 Won't you **get hip to this timely tip**  
 When you (7) ..... that California trip Get your  
 kicks on Route 66.  
 (MUSIC)  
 Now, you go to (8) ..... Louis Joplin, Missouri,  
 Oklahoma City looks, oh so (9) .....  
 You'll see Amarillo, Gallup, (10) ..... Mexico,  
 Flagstaff, Arizona, Don't forget Winona, Kingman, Barstow,  
 San Bernardino.  
 Won't you get hip to this timely (11) .....  
 When you make that California (12) .....  
 Get your kicks on Route 66  
 Well, get your kicks on Route 66  
 Well, get your kicks on Route 66.



## The Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl was the name given to the Great Plains region devastated by **drought** in 1930s America. The large area, including parts of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, has little rainfall, light soil, and high winds, a potentially destructive combination. When drought struck from 1934 to 1937, the soil lacked the stronger root system of grass as an anchor, so the winds easily **swirled** it into dense dust clouds, called "black **blizzards**". Recurrent dust storms **choked** cattle and pasture lands and drove 60 percent of the population away from the region. Most of these people went to agricultural areas first and then to cities, especially on the West Coast.

**blizzard:** *tempesta*  
**to cease:** *cessare*  
**to choke:** *soffocare*  
**drought:** *siccità*  
**Dust Bowl:** *Conca di Polvere*  
**get hip to this timely tip:** *(slang) tieni presente questo opportuno consiglio*  
**get your kicks:** *divertiti*  
**to motor:** *andare in macchina*  
**road tripper:** *escursionista, turista*  
**to swirl:** *fare mulinelli*  
**truck:** *camion*  
**to wind:** *snodarsi*



1. Song performed by Gram Parson. *Route 66* has been recorded by many artists including Chuck Berry, The Rolling Stones, Them, Dr. Feelgood, Asleep at the Wheel, Depeche Mode and John Mayer (whose performance was recorded specifically for the credits of the Disney's film *Cars*, 2006) © MUSIC ASSET MANAGEMENT (MAM).