



# The slang dictionary

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**This slang dictionary seeks to support parents, carers, and professionals to better understand language young people may be using that could be associated with exploitation.**

It is important to recognise that if a young person uses this language, it does not necessarily mean they are being exploited. This resource aims to help parents, carers and professionals to start conversations with young people and raise awareness around this language.

Young people from the Birmingham Disrupting Exploitation programme have been consulted and their feedback has been incorporated into the resource. We have also consulted with staff and programmes nationally to inform this resource.

We recognise there are regional differences in the language young people use. We ask you to remain open minded and to communicate with young people to determine what these terms mean to them. For clarification, these terms are relevant at the time of publication, but language is constantly evolving. This resource can be used to inform parents, carers, and professionals from different areas.

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# Drugs

## **All white, bagging, bricks, cocaine, crack, nose whiskey, snow, white chalk**

All these terms can be used to mean cocaine.

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## **Bagging**

Used to describe someone packaging drugs for distribution.

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## **Bando**

Often used as a shortened term meaning abandoned house.

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## **Billing**

Making or rolling a marijuana cigarette or joint.

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## **Blockers**

Running or operating in a particular area or block.

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## **Bottle, stuff, plug**

This is known as forced or coerced internal concealment (for example, of drugs).

## **Box**

Large quantity of drugs with a large street value.

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## **B, brown, dark**

Used to refer to heroin.

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## **Bust**

Caught doing or about to do lines of cocaine.

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## **Cunch – country, going country**

Used to denote going to a faraway area to sell drugs (county lines).

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## **Door, key**

A kilo of drugs

## Flippin' chickens

A 'chicken' is another word for a kilo of cocaine. In some cities, the word is reserved specifically for a kilo of crack and a 'bird' would be used for a kilo of raw powder cocaine. The act of 'flippin' chickens' can simply mean selling kilos of cocaine or crack for a higher price than they were purchased for. In some cities, 'flippin' chickens' is the act of buying a kilo or more of cocaine and cooking it and transforming it into crack cocaine; this process actually adds weight and volume to the final product, making it much easier to turn a profit.

## Food

Term used for drugs and also money.

## Holding

Possessing drugs or being made to look after drugs.

## Hot heroin

Poisoned heroin to give to a police informant.

## Hustle

Attempt to obtain drug customers.

## Joey, clean skin, bic

A person used by a gang to sell to customers, often someone with no criminal record, making them a target by exploiters.

## Kester plant

Drugs hidden in the rectum.

## Light tan bricks

Heroin in the shape of a brick.

## Link, linking

A contact or source for drugs or meeting with friend or partner.

## Longline

A long line of cocaine.

## Looms, balloons

Nitrous oxide, laughing gas cannisters.

# Drugs

## Lucy

Another name for acid or LSD.

## Make up

The need to find more drugs.

## Mule

A carrier or supplier of drugs.

## Nitty

Term used to describe dirty or cheap drugs or someone who is addicted to drugs.

## OT

Out trapping, out there.  
See 'Trapping' for context.

## Pass

A transfer of drugs or drug money.

## Pebbs, pebbles

Pellets of heroin, crack, or steroids.

## Pranging out

Paranoia coming from a drug-induced state.

## Pusher

Seller of drugs.

## Rails

Lines of cocaine.

## Scene

A place where drugs are used.

## Score

To buy drugs.

## Serving, slanging, flipping

The act of selling drugs.

## Trap

The area where drug deals are carried out.

## Trap House

Area or home frequently used for distribution of drugs or other illegal activity (money, weapons).

## Trapping

Selling drugs on the street.

**Woolies**

A marijuana cigarette laced with cocaine.

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**Stones**

Bullets or pellets of crack.

**Wrap**

Street quantity of heroin or cocaine sold in small, folded paper bag or foil packets.

# Weapons

## April

A weapon.

## Bells

Bullets.

## Bora, borer, ching, dipper, rams, ramsay, shank, sword

Knife.

## Burner, iron, machine, mash, matic, scram, spinner, stick, strally, strap sig, cig, tum-tum, wap

Gun.

## ZK

Term used for zombie knives.

## Chete

Machete.

## Corn

Ammunition.

## Dottie, dumpy

Shot gun.

## Gearstick

Bat.

## Hand ting, troy

Pistol.

## Mac(k)

Automatic firearm.

## Mop

Large gun.

## Ox

Razor or blade.

## Rambo

Large knife or machete.

## Spinner

Revolver.

## Strapping

Carrying a gun or firearm.

## Tec

Handgun.



# Violence

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## **Bagging**

Stabbing in the lower body.

## **Beef tings**

To start a conflict or fight.

## **Burst, woosh, frying, wooshing, leng**

Shoot, shooting.

## **Cheffing, dipping, nank, shank, splash, splash-up, splash-down**

Terms used interchangeably for stabbing or knifing.

## **Chef, chinged, yinged, dipped, swimming, kweng, shanked, wet**

To be cut or stabbed.

## **Driller**

Someone who is perceived to be in a gang.

## **Drilling**

Attacking, aggressing, or invading.

## **Duppying, done up, slapped, smoked, score, merk**

Used interchangeably for killing.

## **Finessed, stained, sucked**

When an individual has been robbed for his possessions (for example, drugs).

## **Got**

Attacked or robbed.

## **Hitter**

Gunman.

## **Ketchup**

Blood.

## **Kweff, queff**

Violence or to kill with gun or knife.

## **Lacking**

Being caught outside alone or caught off guard.

## **No face**

Masked or identity concealed.

# Violence

## **Ooters**

Shooters.

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## **Op(ps), paigon(s)**

Someone's rival or rival group.

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## **Opp-block**

Perceived enemy territory.

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## **Scoreboard, scorecard**

A list of enemies killed, injured, or defeated.

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## **Slipping**

Someone who is caught off guard or lacking.

## **Snitch**

Someone who is believed to be an informer, to speak to the police.

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## **Squirt**

Spray acid over someone.

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## **Sticky**

A dangerous situation.

# Prison

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## **Bird, stretch**

A term used to describe an individual serving a long prison sentence.

## **Can**

Someone serving time in prison.

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## **Box, can**

Another term for prison.

# Police

## **Canned, nailed, bagged**

To be arrested.

## **Bull, feds, jakes, jaykes**

Police.

## **Matrixed**

Placed on the London Met Police gang database.

## **Ride out for (someone)**

To defend, even if guilty.

## **Turn a drum over**

Police search of a house.

## 24s

All day.

## Active

Someone who is willing to carry out an action.

## Air, ghosted

To ignore someone.

## Bait

Obvious.

## Bare

Many.

## Breeze off

Leave town or disappear.

## Certy

An individual who has gained respect from his peers.

## Cunther

Used by gangs to describe woman who is inferior to dogs.

## Cut, dip

Leave

## Deets

Could mean bank details or phone details. Using someone's bank card to process illegal money.

## Dinger

Stolen car used on a ride out or glide.

## Drawn out

Involved in gang culture or under pressure from street crime.

## Ends

Your home area.

## Fishing

Looking for victims.

## Garms

A term for clothing.

## Glide

Drive into perceived rival territory.

### **Gliding, gourcing**

Entering perceived rival territory.

### **Heeled**

Possession of drugs or a weapon.

### **Lips, lipsing**

Kissing someone.

### **OJ, one job**

A person involved in drug supply or involved in an ongoing conflict or violence.

### **Pave**

Streets.

### **Riding dirty**

Someone armed and/or in possession of drugs.

### **Roadman**

A person that makes money illegitimately on the streets (for example, by selling drugs, cultivation, and so on).

### **Road**

The illegal lifestyle of a 'roadman'.

### **Scratch, lizzies, gwop, Ps**

Money.

### **Skate, skeet, leggin, ten toes, dasheen**

Run away or escape.

### **Square**

Another term for a bank card.

### **Stigger**

A good driver.

### **Stiggin'**

A type of driving, reckless but seen as good.

### **Twanged**

To coerce someone into doing something or believing a story.

## Washed

A term used to describe someone who isn't held in high regard.

## Zanged

A term used for individuals who have been deceived.

## Whip

Car.

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