



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.

Bagging

Used to describe someone packaging drugs for distribution.

Bando

Often used as a shortened term meaning abandoned house.

Billing

Making or rolling a marijuana cigarette or joint.

Blockers

Running or operating in a particular area or block.

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.

B, brown, dark

Used to refer to heroin.

Bust

Caught doing or about to do lines of cocaine.

Cunch – country, going country

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

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.

Pebs, 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.

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, trey

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.

Op(ps), paigon(s)

Someone's rival or rival group.

Opp-block

Perceived enemy territory.

Scoreboard, scorecard

A list of enemies killed, injured, or defeated.

Slipping

Someone who is caught off guard or lacking.

Snitch

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

Squirt

Spray acid over someone.

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.

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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