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# Guidance to use

Slang words and terminology are used in a criminal context and can often be indicators of involvement in gangs and criminal activity. Many children and young people who are criminally exploited will use terms they’ve picked up from specific involvement within gangs, serious violence, drug trafficking and other forms of illicit activity. As professionals, understanding these colloquialisms - and knowing how to decipher and contextualise them - can be beneficial when identifying those at risk, contextually safeguarding service users and implementing cultural competency in professional practice.

St Giles’ SOS+ Service has produced this Slang Dictionary containing a comprehensive list of words, terminology and phrases, with examples of how they’re used in sentences. This is not an alphabetical glossary but a dictionary which compartmentalises words/phrases within subcategories as there are multiple ways of saying the same thing in slang e.g. in this dictionary there are 20 different words and/or terms used to refer to a knife or bladed article. If you’re searching for the meaning of a specific word, you have overheard or come across, we recommend pressing ‘CTRL-F’ to access the navigation function and type the word in the navigation bar. However, it is worth bearing in mind that there is no general consensus on the correct spelling of slang terminology and you may need to try various forms of the word. This information has been compiled and quality assured by a dedicated team of practitioners with lived experience in the criminal justice system - former perpetrators and/or survivors of gangs, exploitation and violence - utilising their first-hand knowledge of gang culture and the esoteric nuances within the criminal world to ensure this resource is accurate, authentic and credible.

When referring to this dictionary it is of paramount significance that discretion is applied to avoid inadvertently demonising and criminalising young people. A young person’s lexis and word choice does not definitively determine that they are at risk - or already being - exploited. Generally speaking, the vernacular in our national youth culture incorporates slang. Even slang terms that originally derive from criminal code - meaning they were made by and used by criminals - have undergone a semantic shift and are used by pro-social, law-abiding citizens in everyday speech e.g. The word ‘trap’ as a verb means to sell drugs; however the meaning has transitioned into popular mainstream youth culture and now means to ‘work’, therefore someone can say they’re ‘trapping’ and imply that they are simply just working hard at their legitimate job as a construction worker. Many young people will also use slang to sound cool, feel accepted within their friendship circles or due to cultural influence. Modern day slang in the UK is an amalgamation of criminal code combined with cockney rhyming slang, American rap influences, environmental influences, Caribbean patois, and key phrases from other cultures. It’s also important to understand that one slang term can have multiple meanings depending on the context; making it even more ambiguous and harder to decode. For example, the letter ‘G’ can mean ‘friend/peer’, ‘fellow gang-member’, ‘grand’ as in £1000, or ‘gram’ referring to the measurement of a drug.

When hearing a young person refer to specific measurements, detailed drug transactions, engaging in conversations describing serious violence, or using key phrases within cyber-crime; you could infer that what they’re saying goes beyond trying to sound ‘cool’ or simply reciting ‘lyrics’ from music where illicit activity is being glamourised. Nevertheless, we recommend that this is weighed up against other intelligence, evidence, signs and indicators to avoid criminalisation. It is important to acknowledge that criminal slang is always being updated and modified and therefore we recommend using the latest version of this resource which will be updated on a semi-annual basis.

We hope you find this being the first edition useful.

# Drugs

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| Term | Slang | Context | Notes | | NoNotes | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Drugs | | Slate | *“I’ve got the pengest slate in the ends”* | Refers to heroin | |  | |
|  | | Pebs | *“I’ve got 50 pebs of each plugged“* | Wraps of heroin and crack cocaine usually in cling film or a piece of a plastic bag ready for sale | |  | |
|  | | Rocks | *“These rocks are meedi”* | Crack rocks | |  | |
|  | | Balls | *“I’ve got pebs of dubs and slate ballsed off”, “I’ve got a ball of nose (cocaine) ballsed”.* | To conceal it in underwear in an effort to hide from police. A ‘ball’ can also be 3.5 grams of a drug or simply a £20 bag of weed, in many areas. This is derived from 3.5g being an 8th of an ounce and people calling 8ths ‘8 balls’, which can be shortened to simply ‘ball’ | |  | |
|  | | Dots/ Shots | *“I’ve only been dotting weed this week”, “I broke the Z (ounce) down into shots/dots”, “she’s my favourite shot, she comes correct with the ps (money) every time)”* | ‘Dots’ and ‘shots’ can be used interchangeably. They both carry exactly the same meaning. To dot or shot means to sell something, often drugs –. A shot can also be simply a ‘peb’ or ‘wrap’ –. A shot can also be a customer/client/drug user. | |  | |
|  | | Wraps | *“I’ve got 29 wraps of white and 22 of B left”* | Crack and heroin in ‘pebs’, ready for sale | |  | |
| Crack  Cocaine | | Dubs | *“I’ve got bare of the dubs left, no B though”* | Crack cocaine | |  | |
| White | *“That cat wanted 2 dark, 3 light”* | These words are all interchangeable, all  meaning crack, though ‘grease’ implies a  better quality crack. ‘White’ can also mean cocaine | |  | |
|  | | Light |  |  | |
|  | | Grease |  |  | |
|  | | Lizzy |  | ‘Lizzy’ and ‘liz’ both come from the term ‘light’. ‘Lizzy’ can also refer to money shortening Queen Elizabeth’s name to Lizzy as her face is on banknotes. | |  | |
|  | | Liz |  |  | |
|  | | Whitney |  | Often paired with ‘Bobby’ when talking about heroin, as in Whitney and Bobby Brown. | |  | |
|  | | Straight (drop) | *“You know I’m gonna have to charge you extra for the straight drop”* | Crack cocaine of a very high purity. Very clean as not a lot of baking soda or other cutting agent has been used in the cooking process and the method is slightly different, resulting in very high quality crack cocaine. | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Cocaine | | Flake |  | These terms are used when talking about cocaine of high purity. It is called fishscale because it has a sparkle to it, just like the scales of a fish may have. These terms can be used interchangeably | |  | |
|  | | Fish |  |  | |
|  | | Fishscale |  |  | |
|  | | Shine | *“I’ve got the pengest shine in South right now”.* |  | |
|  | | Nose | *“I’ve got some raw nose right now. Shout me.”* | Colloquialisms/street names for cocaine. | |  | |
|  | | Sniff |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Snow |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Tops |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Gear |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bash | *“It’s bash so you might wanna wait til I’ve got the press back in. You can get this for the low though”* | ‘Bash’ is cocaine that has been stretched, or cut, using cutting agents such as novocaine or benzocaine, in order to make the product stretch further and thus yielding more profit. This negatively affects the purity of the product. | |  | |
|  | | Press |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Premium | *“Yeah I’ve got premium packet in right now, proper yayo, this yola will make you feel like superman, I’m telling you”.* | Very good quality cocaine. Costs double what low quality cocaine may cost, ie £100 per gram as opposed to £50. | |  | |
|  | | Packet |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Yay(o) |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Yola |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Heroin | | Booj | *“I just licked a 4 and a half of booj”* | All of these words can be used interchangeably and all mean heroin. | |  | |
|  | | Brown |  |  | |
|  | | Dark |  |  | |
|  | | B | *“6 for 50 on the B”* |  | |
|  | | Bobby |  |  | |
|  | | Bottoms |  |  | |
|  | | Dirty |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Coffee  Caffeine |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Buju  Snowball |  | Snowballing is the practice of injecting Heroin and Crack cocaine together | |  | |
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| Cannabis | | Cali | *“Yeah man’s (I’ve) got cali all day bro, 3.5s, big bits (larger quantities), what were you after?”* | Cannabis that has supposedly been shipped in from California, though people often grow “exotic”, highly potent strains of cannabis in the UK and claim it’s from California because they can charge around 3 times the price for it. | |  | |
|  | | Loud | *“Man was so waved off that Cali last night, was proper loud”* | Cannabis that is very potent. The ‘louder’ it is, the stronger it smells and the stronger the effect. | |  | |
|  | | Piff | *“That weed is piff”, “I’ve got piff”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Crow | *“I’ve got the crow and chip, I just need some riz/sheets”* | Short for “chronic”. Used when referring to green skunk, which is the most readily available and commonly smoked cannabis. | |  | |
|  | | Dank | *“That smells dank”* | Strong/’good’ weed | |  | |
|  | | Gas | *“This is some GAS!”* | Strong weed | |  | |
|  | | Flavours | *“Bro it’s flavours so it’s £50 (as opposed to the normal price of £30) for a 3.5 (grams)”* | Cannabis that is ‘exotic’ or ‘premium’, not regular. Often costs more and is often sold as ‘Cali’ | |  | |
|  | | Arne |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bud | *“I’m smoking bud”* | Generic name for pretty much any type of cannabis | |  | |
|  | | Pack | *“I’ve got that gas pack”* | A pack/packet of weed of varying quantities. Usually (but not solely) used when referring to quantities under an ounce | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Strains  of  Cannabis | | Gelato | *“I’m smoking some loud Gelato right now, it’s frying me”* | These last names are all strains of cannabis. “Dog” is just a shortened version of “star dawg”. Strains such as Gelato, Biscotti and Skittles are often sold as very high quality/potency ‘Cali’. Cookies is also allegedly a ‘good’ strain. Star Dawg is renowned for being quite potent but headache inducing and giving quite an intense high as opposed to a clean, comfortable, relaxing one. Amnesia Haze, or simply Amnesia, or Ami, was very popular throughout the UK a few years ago but has lost popularity due to ‘Cali’ strains and ‘flavours’ becoming more sought after by users. Please note there are hundreds of strains, these are a handful of some of the more well known strains used in the UK. | |  | |
| Biscotti |  |  | |
| Amnesia/Ami |  |  | |
| Star Dawg |  |  | |
| Dog |  |  | |
| Cookie(s) |  |  | |
|  | | Guava dog |  |  | |
|  | | Skittles  Sour Diesel  Wedding Cake  Zushi |  |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| MDMA | | Molly |  | All of these terms are interchangeable and refer to MDMA (pure version of Ecstasy). | |  | |
|  | | Mandy |  |  | |
|  | | Dizzle |  |  | |
|  | | Diz | *“I’m going out tonight, got a gram of diz so I’m gonna be up all night, gonna be a mad one”* |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Codeine  (and other liquid pharmaceuticals) | | Lean | *“I sipped so much lean last night I didn’t wake up til 5pm today, was in a lean coma (extremely sedated). I was moving so slowly and leaning so hard last night”.* | These are all colloquialisms for ‘Lean’ which is Codeine and Promethazine cough syrup mixed in a fizzy drink, traditionally Sprite. Sweets and ice may be added to taste/preference. It is called Lean because it produces a slowing, relaxing, sedative effect, causing users to ‘lean’ to the side. The more Codeine and Promethazine syrup in the sprite, the ‘dirtier’ it is. Very ‘dirty’ sprite is referred to as ‘mud’. Sizzurp is just another way of saying syrup. This concoction was popularised in the southern states of the US and has spread worldwide over the past decade, with its popularity increasing dramatically, especially among young people. People often smoke cannabis and may use other pharmaceuticals, such as Xanax, while drinking lean. Codeine is physically addictive due to it being an opiate, affecting the same opioid receptors as heroin. | |  | |
| Dirty Spite  Sizzurp |  |  | |
| Syrup |  |  | |
| Dirty Diana |  |  | |
| Drug  users | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  |  |  | |  | |
| Nitties | ***“I just linked one nitty and they try short me £5, I had to stick it on her”*** | These are all interchangeable words for drug users and all carry exactly the same meaning. These terms are pretty much exclusively used when referring to users on hard drugs, namely crack cocaine and heroin. | |  | |
| Crackheads |  |  | |
| Fiends |  |  | |
| Cats | ***“I’m on my way to a next cat now then I’m going back to that same fiends house we were with the other day”.*** |  | |
| Bis heads |  |  | |
|  | | Bitties |  |  | |
|  | | Ritties |  |  | |
|  | | Clientele |  |  | |
|  | | Kitties |  |  | |
|  | | Zombies |  |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Prepare | | Bagging up | *“I’ve just got the pack am bagging up”* | **Packaging/**  **Manufacturing** | |  | |
| drugs | | Cook | *“If I give you it raw can you cook it”* |  | |
|  | | Whip |  |  | |
|  | | Bruck down |  |  | |
|  | | Break into pebs/pebz | *“Take this corner (1/4 kilo) an break it into pebbz”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Press | *“I’ve got the box but I need a press”* | Cutting Agents | |  | |
|  | | Bash | *“Don’t be using to much bash”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Magic | *“Mix it with the magic instead”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Selling | | Trapping | *“I make my money trapping”* | Trapping/Grinding can also generally mean to ‘work hard’ | |  | |
| Drugs | | Jugging (Jooging) |  |  | |  | |
| Shotting | *“Am just out here shotting up the place”* |  | |  | |
| Flipping | *“Just flipping these packs”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Peddling | *“Out here peddling these rocks”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Grinding | *“24/7 Grinding”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Licking | *“Out here licking shot”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Hitting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Beating shots/dots | *“Out on the strip beating dots”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Dotting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Moving food/weight | *“I don’t do pebbz I’m moving food”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Pushing | *“I heard my man is pushing big food”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Benching |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Slanging | *“I get my p’s slanging rock”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Supplier | | Plug | *“Am going to link the plug”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Pluggy |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Trappy |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Connect | *“I’ve just got a new connect”* | **Well connected, wholesalers** | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| County Line | | OT | *“I need some YG’s to go OT”* | OT: Acronym for ‘out of town’,  ‘out there’ | |  | |
|  | | O | *“I’m going O”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Out-of-town |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Upsah | *“I’ve just got back from upsah”* | **To go far up** | |  | |
|  | | Downsah | *“I’m goin downsah”* | **To go far down** | |  | |
|  | | Country |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Cunch | *“I’m broke I need to fly cunch”* | **Short for country** | |  | |
|  | | Go to the town |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Hit town |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Kway | *“Dem man av gone kway“* | **To go far away** | |  | |
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| Place where drugs are sold  From | | Trap house | *“Don’t bait up the trap house”* |  | |  | |
| Bando | *“Link me at the bando”* |  | |  | |
| Zando |  |  | |  | |
| T-house/T | *“Making racks in the T”* |  | |  | |
| Cunch spot | *“The man dem are at the cunch spot”* | Cunch is short for Country as in countryside | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Place where  drugs  are  grown | | Grow house | *“I heard that spot there is a grow house”* |  | |  | |
| Grows |  |  | |  | |
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|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Conceal | | Plug | *“Don’t have it on you plug it”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bank | *“Make sure you bank it”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Cheeks | *“Cheeks the pack”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Balls | *“Balls it”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Cling | *“Wrap it in the cling”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Phone used | | Trap phone | *“What is that trap phone hitting”* |  | |  | |
| for  dealing | | Line | *“I will let you work the line”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Tech |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Tizzy | *“Hit me on the tizzy”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Mash | *“They found the mash”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Brick phone  Encro  PGP |  | Encrypted phone mostly used by owner of line or mid/top tier suppliers as opposed to frontline drug runners | |  | |
| Units of  measurement | |  |  |  | |  | |
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|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Kilo | | Key | *“I need a key”* | **36oz, 1000g** | |  | |
|  | | Brick | *“What you saying on the brick”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Square |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Box |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Block |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Whole thing | *“What’s the damage on the whole”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bird  Chicken |  | ‘Bird’ will be used more commonly for a kilo of powdered cocaine whereas ‘Chicken’ will conventionally refer to a kilo of Crack Cocaine. However, these terms are more Americanised so ‘Brick’, ‘Box’ and ‘Key’ will be used more often in the UK. | |  | |
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|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Half a | | Half a Key | *“I just hit a lick for half a key”* |  | |  | |
| Kilo | | Brick |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Box |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bird |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| Quarter | | 9 bar |  |  | |  | |
| of a | | Nine |  |  | |  | |
| Kilo | | Nina | *“What is the best price you can do on a nina?”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Corner | ***“Lets break this corner down into pebbz”*** | **A corner makes up ¼ of a square(kilo)** | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| 4 ½ | | 4 and a baby |  |  | |  | |
| ounces | | 4 and a midge/midget |  |  | |  | |
|  | | 4 and a half | *“I’m going to get a 4 and half”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| 2 ¼ ounces | | 2 and a Q/shoe/ blue/ | *“How much is a 2 and a q?”* |  | |  | |
|  | | **quarter/ daughter** |  |  | |  | |
| Ounce | | **O** |  |  | |  | |
| (28g) | | **Oz** |  |  | |  | |
|  | | **O-zee** |  |  | |  | |
|  | | **Z (zed)** | *“I only have a z left”* |  | |  | |
|  | | **Zino** |  |  | |  | |
| ½ Ounce | | **Half** | *“Just copped a half”* |  | |  | |
| (14g) | | **Half a O/Oz/O-zee** |  |  | |  | |
|  | | **/Z zed)/Zino** |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| ¼ Ounce | | **Q** | *“How much is a q”* |  | |  | |
| (7g) | | **Quarter** |  |  | |  | |
|  | | **Daughter** |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| 1/8 Ounce | | **Eighth** |  |  | |  | |
| (3.5g) | | **3.5 (three-five)** | *“I need a three five”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| 1 gram | | **G** | *“Tickets are a G”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| ½ gram | | **Half a G** | *“Tickets are half a G”* |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| 0.2 gram | | **Point-two** | *“Let me get a point-two”* |  | |  | |
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| Sales | | **Three for twenty** |  | This is usually done in a conversation with | |  | |
| (Bundles) | | **Six for fifty** |  | a drug user on the phone when telling | |  | |
|  | | **Three for twenty-five** |  | them the price | |  | |
|  | | **Two/Three for a tonne** |  | Two/Three grams for £100 | |  | |
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|  | |  |  | Violence | |  | |
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| Term | | Slang | *Context* | Notes | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| **Knife** | | Nank | *“I swear I’m gonna NANK this yout”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Shank | *“Where is my shank?”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Yank |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Borer |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Wetter |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Rambo |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Rambizzy |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Ting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Flicky | *“Good thing I brought my flicky”* | **Flicky knife** | |  | |
|  | | Cutter |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Ying |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Sammy |  | **Samurai** | |  | |
|  | | Chetty |  | **Machete** | |  | |
|  | | Kitchen/Kitch |  | **Kitchen Knife** | |  | |
|  | | Zombie |  |  | |  | |
|  | | ZK |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Flizz |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Flizzy  3 x 5 (Three by Five) |  | 3 x 5 is another way of  saying a 15” blade | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| **Gun** | | Skeng |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Strap |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Wap | *“Hold my wap”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Ting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Mash |  |  | |  | |
|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Spinner | *“Spinner is local”* | **Revolver** | |  | |
|  | | Shottie |  | Shotgun | |  | |
|  | | Dottie |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Dots |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Dot Dot |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Pumpy | *“Rise the pumpy”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Rusty |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Nina |  | **9mm** | |  | |
|  | | Hamma |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Blamma |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Handting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Burner |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Pole |  |  | |  | |
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|  | |  |  |  | |  | |
| **Stab** | | Dip | *“I’m going to dip him up”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Poke | *“I poked his brother”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Chef | *“I’m going to chef him up”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Nank | *“I’m going to nank this yout”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Shank | *“I keep my shank on me”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bore | *“He got bored up differently”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Yank | *“Man got yanked in his face”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Ching | *“He chinged him yesterday”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Ying | *“I will ying him everytime I see him”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Shaved | *“I have done numerous shavings”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Diced | *“He got diced the other day”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Sliced | *“Talk to me wrong and get sliced up”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Juice | *“Juice be spilled if you look at me sideways”* |  | |  | |
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| **Shooting** | | Burst | *“I burst one in the opp block”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Pepper | *“Pepper be flying for family”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Wig |  | Wig/Headtop specifically  refers to a headshot | |  | |
|  | | Headtop | *“Catch one in your headtop”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Hit up | *“Man hit up the opp block strip”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Touch | *“Opps (enemies) get touched everyday”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Lay |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Put something down |  |  | |  | |
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| **Bullets** | | Teeth | *“Got all the teeth to hit them man”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Corn | *“Just got reup for the corn”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Shells | *“Shells flying to cause a crime scene”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bells | *“Bro buss me the bells”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Slugs | *“Slugs come in different round these side”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Whistle  Coins |  | **Silencer** | |  | |
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| **Kill** | | Body | *“I bodied that youte “* |  | |  | |
|  | | Put down | *“Put down anyone that disrespect me”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Drop | *“He got dropped for talking slick”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Pack(ed) |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Off |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Smoke | *“He got smoked off”* | To ‘Smoke’ someone means to kill them. When someone is put in a spliff/rizz (Rizla rolling papers), turned into a loud pack, these are all terms referring to killing someone and comparing the act to smoking cannabis. | |  | |
|  | | Put in a riz/spliff | *“My guy got put in a spliff”* |  | |
|  | | Bill him/her up | *“Bill up that opp”* |  | |
|  | | Turn to a loud pack | *“My man got turned to a loud pack”* |  | |  | |
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| **Going out**  **to commit** | | Riding out | *“Riding out on them is the least of my worries”* |  | |  | |
| **violence** | | Riding | *“Riding out on them man”* |  | |  | |
| Lurk(ing) |  |  | |  | |
| Skate |  |  | |  | |
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| Slide | *“Slide on opp block”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Booting (shooting) | *“Been out doing bootings from time”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Slappins | *“I’m ready to get slappings”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Gliding | *“All we need to do is glide on them”* |  | |  | |
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| **Hunting** | | Lurkin | *“Catch all these yutes lurking”* |  | |  | |
| **down** | | Fishing | *“I be fishing round the opp block”* |  | |  | |
| **enemies** | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **Money** | | Ps |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Do/Dough |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Scrilla |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Liz |  | Liz/Lizzy is short for Queen Elizabeth referring to money as Queen Elizabeth’s face is printed on the four denominations of British (GBP) bank notes. | |  | |
|  | | Lizzy |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bread |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Reddies |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Cake |  |  | |  | |
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| **£1** | | Quid |  | Quid is also used to refer to £1000 | |  | |
|  | | Nugget |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Quid |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Nudge |  |  | |  | |
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| **£5** | | Fiva |  |  | |  | |
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| **£10** | | Tenner |  |  | |  | |
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| **£20** | | Score |  |  | |  | |
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| **£25** | | Pony |  |  | |  | |
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| **£50** | | Pinky  Bullseye |  |  | |  | |
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| **£500** | | Monkey |  |  | |  | |
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| **£1000** | | Bag |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Band(s) | *“I brought all my bands with me”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bag of sand | *“I sold that car for a bag of sand”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Quid | *“This Chain cost me 3 quid”* |  | |  | |
| **Types of cards** | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Natty |  | **Natwest** | |  | |
|  | | Black horses |  | **Lloyds TSB** | |  | |
|  | | Santans |  | **Santander** | |  | |
|  | | Hallys  Square |  | **Halifax**  **Square refers to a physical debit/credit card from any bank/building society** | |  | |
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| **Card fraud** | | Job |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Banging F |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Swipes |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Laundry | *“We are doing this laundry job”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Washing |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Wash up | *“We got this money to wash up”* |  | |  | |
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| **Details** | | Deets | *“I need your deets “* |  | |  | |
|  | | Numbers | *“We need your numbers or deets for this job”* |  | |  | |
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| **Card** | | Square | *“I need your square”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Swiper | *“I need to use your swiper”* |  | |  | |
| **Amount criminal**  **wants victim**  **to hold in** | |  |  |  | |  | |
| **their account** | | K drop | *10K drop* | £10,000 worth | |  | |
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| **Girls** | | Tings | *“We meeting them tings today”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Pum/Pum Pum/Nani/Tun Tun | *“I want to meet that pum tonight”* | Pum/Nani also means  vagina in its literal sense | |  | |
|  | | Yats |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Baddies | *“Yo, you see them baddies over there”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Badeens |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Beanies |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Gyaldem | *“When we linking the gyaldem”* | **Group of girls** | | Gyaldem | |
|  | | Panash | *“That girl is some serious panash”* |  | |  | |
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| **Sex** | | Pipe |  |  | |  | |
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| **Police** | | Porkies |  | **Also someone telling lies** | |  | |
|  | | Pigs |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Jakes | *“The jakes are on my case”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Federalies/Ralies |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Askar |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Undies |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Plain clothes | *“Those police are in plain clothes”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Feds | *“I just saw the Feds”* |  | |  | |
|  | | CIDs |  | **Undercover Police** | |  | |
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| **Promiscuous** | | Sket | *“That girl is a sket”* |  | |  | |
| **female** | | Hoe | *“That girl is a hoe”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Hooker | *“She is working as hooker”* |  | |  | |
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|  | | Jezz(ie) | *“She has turned into a jezzie”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Gag |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Slore  Slag |  |  | |  | |
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| **Rivals** | | Pagans | *“Yo, them boys are pagons”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Opps | *“Them boys are my opps”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Opp block | *“We just drove through the opp block”* |  | |  | |
|  | | The other side | *“We looked for them boys on the other side”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Other boys | *“Them boys are looking for us”* |  | |  | |
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|  | | Older(s) | *“I’m gonna link the Olders now”* | **Older gang member** | |  | |
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| **Working** | | Puttin in work | *“I’ve been puttin in work all day”* |  | |  | |
| **hard** | | Grinding | *“We’ve been grinding hard all day”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Doing up mileage |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Grafting | *“I’ve been grafting all day”* |  | |  | |
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| **Blood** | | Sauce |  |  | |  | |
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| **Jail/** | | Can |  |  | |  | |
| **Prison** | | Wok-house |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Jail-house |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Box |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Dog-pound |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Inside |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Slammer |  |  | |  | |
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| **Manoeuvring** | | Cuttin-tru | *“Man had to cut-tru the opp block”* |  | |  | |
| **through** | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **To be on**  **foot** | | Ten toes |  |  | |  | |
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| **On job** | | OJ |  | **Diligent, hardworking, efficient person** | |  | |
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| **Loss** | | L |  |  | |  | |
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| **Win** | | W |  |  | |  | |
| **Matching** | | Twinning | *“Rambo Twinning”* | **Two Rambo knives matching one another** | |  | |
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| **Violation** | | Vio |  |  | |  | |
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| **Lying/** | | Wassin |  |  | |  | |
| **oversharing** | | Talking wass |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Gassin |  |  | |  | |
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|  | | Wafflin |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Doing up verbal |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Singin |  | **Snitching** | |  | |
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| **Vehicles** | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Dinga | *“Man needs a dinga asap”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Ding-dong | *“Bring the ding dong around, so we can get round there”* | **Stolen vehicle** | |  | |
|  | | Ped | *“I just bought a ped to get trappy”* | **Moped** | |  | |
|  | | Whip | *“Can I borrow the whip to go buss it”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Wizz | *“I just copped a new wizz to get me about”* | **Car** | |  | |
|  | | Bully van | *“I just spotted a bully van at the top of the road”* | **Police van** | |  | |
|  | | Serco | *“I ain’t going back, serco aint seeing me again”* | **Prison van** | |  | |
|  | | 4 x 4/44 | *“We need a 4x4 so all the mandem can get in the ride”* |  | |  | |
|  | | 125 | *“I need nothing less than a 125 to get about on”* | **125 cc bike** | |  | |
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| **Scared/** | | Crumbled | *“When I G checked that youth he crumbled”* |  | |  | |
| **frozen** | | Melted |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Prang  Shook |  | **Paranoid** | |  | |
|  | | Fell-back | *“It got On tops so we fell back”* | **Chickened out** | |  | |
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|  | | Beef is frying | *“The Beef is frying so make sure you don’t lack”* |  | |  | |
| **Caught**  **off** | | Slipping | *“They caught my man slipping after the club and done him in”* |  | |  | |
| **guard** | | Caught lacking | *“I can never get caught lacking like my man, now he’s in a spliff”* |  | |  | |
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| **Big/** | | Hench | *“Bro he lives in the gym he’s hench”* |  | |  | |
| **muscular** | | Henny |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Wench/Dench | *“How often do you work out you’re wench”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Wam | *“She’s wam I wonder how much she can bench”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Blam | *“He just came out of jail that’s why hes so blam”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Diesel |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Brolic |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bolo | *“Man’s looking bolo”* |  | |  | |
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| **Madness/**  **Something Crazy** | | Mazza | *“I’m gonna do a mazza”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Mazalene | *“Come we do a mazzalene”* |  | |  | |
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| **Stare/** | | Pree | *“I hate when they pree me”* |  | |  | |
| **look** | | Bog  Scope |  |  | |  | |
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| **To supply in advance/on credit** | | Tick | *“I don’t do ticks”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Conny | *“Can you conny me”* | **Short for Consignment** | |  | |
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| **Offences** | |  |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Nappin | *“I’m on a nappin case”* | Kidnapping | |  | |
|  | | M | *“Bro just buss a M he’s gassed!”* | Murder | |  | |
|  | | M-charge | *“I’m fighting that m charge”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Creepers |  | Burgularies | |  | |
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|  | | AM | *“If they get caught for that stabbing it’s nothing less than a AM”* | Attempted Murder | |  | |
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| **Confront** | | Bad-up | *“Don’t make me bad -up your friend”* |  | |  | |
| **someone** | | Stick it on | *“Don’t make me stick it on you”* |  | |  | |
| **aggressively** | | Set pace | *“I beg you set pace”* |  | |  | |
|  | | G-check/Check | *“Come we g check him”* |  | |  | |
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| **Running/** | | Dashing | *“We had my man dashing”* |  | |  | |
| **Getting** | | Doing the dash | *“I saw you doing the dash”* |  | |  | |
| **away/** | | Cutting | *“I had you cutting out”* |  | |  | |
| **Escaping** | | S’ing | *“I’m letting you know from now if I see jakes (police) I’m S’ing out”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Jettin | *“I had you jettin”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Zatting |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Got ducked down | *“You got ducked down”* | To be chased | |  | |
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| **Salutations** | | What you sayin? | *“What you saying for them man”* |  | |  | |
|  | | What you tellin me? | *“What you telling me fam”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Wagwan  Yo | *“Wagwan my guy”*  *“Yo my bro, you good?”* | Means what’s going on? | |  | |
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| **Terms** | | Bro | *“What you telling me bro”* |  | |  | |
| of | | Sis | *“What you telling me sis”* |  | |  | |
| endearment | | Brudda | *“What you telling me brudda”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Broskie | *“My broski”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Brodie | *“My brodie”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Killy | *“My killy”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Bro-der |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Bro-bro | *“My lil bro-bro”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Slime | *“My slime”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Day-One | *“My day-one”* | Someone you grew up with since childhood i.e. They were there from ‘day one’ | |  | |
|  | | Cuz | *“My cuz”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Cuzzy | *“My cuzzy”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Cousin | *“My cousin”* |  | |  | |
|  | | G | *“My G”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Gee-Gee | *“You good my gee-gee?”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Akh | *“My akh”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Akhee | *“My akhee”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Apna |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Arr-kid |  | Commonly used in the North West | |  | |
|  | | Fam | *“My fam”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Family | *“My family”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Mush | *“You good mush”* |  | |  | |
|  | | Chavvy |  |  | |  | |
|  | | Matey | *“You good matey”* | Commonly used in Kent/Essex | |  | |
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# Acronyms

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| Acronym | | Meaning | |
| MOB | Money Over Bitches |
| MOE | Money Over Everything |
| DBD | Death Before Dishonour |
| GABOS | The Game Aint Based On Sympathy |
| MIAMI | Money Is A Major Issue |
| YG | Young G/Young Gunner |
| OG  GBG | Original/Older gang member  Get Back Gang |