THE SLANG DICTIONARY

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This slang dictionary seeks to support parents, carers and professionals to better understand the language young people may be using and support them to safeguard young people.

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 support 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 inputted into the resource. As there are regional differences in the language that young people use, this resource is tailored to those from Birmingham and surrounding areas. However, it can be used to inform parents, carers and professionals from different areas as well.

DRUGS

All White Bricks/Nose Whiskey/ White Chalk

Cocaine.

Bagging

Used to describe someone packaging drugs for distribution.

Bando

A trap house (short for abandoned house).

Bottle

To insert something into your rectum or vagina for later retrieval eg drugs.

Box

Large quantity of drugs (usually costing thousands of pounds).

Bust

To do lines of cocaine.

Cunch - Country

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

Cunch

Out-of-town locations where drugs can be sold.

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 final product, making it much easier to turn a profit.

Going Country/Going Long

Going to a faraway area to sell drugs.



Holding

Possessing drugs.

Hot Heroin

Poisoned to give to a police informant.

Hustle

Attempt to obtain drug customers.

Joey

A person employed by gang to sell to customers.

Kester Plant

Drugs hidden in the rectum.

Light Tan Bricks

A brick of heroin.

Link

A contact or source for drugs.

Longline

A long line of cocaine.

Lucy

Another name for acid or LSD.

Make Up

The need to find more drugs.

Man

A source of supply or drug dealer.

Mule

A carrier or supplier of drugs.

OT

Out trapping/Out there.

Pass

A transfer of drugs or drugs money.

Pebs

Class A drugs broken down for distribution.

Pebs/Pebbles

Pellets of heroin, crack or steroids.

Pranging out

Paranoia coming from a drug induced state.

Pusher

Seller of drugs.

DRUGS

Rails

Lines of cocaine.

Scene

A place where drugs are used.

Score

To buy drugs.

Serving/Slanging/Flipping

The act of selling drugs.

Stuff/Plug

To insert something into your rectum or vagina for later retrieval eg drugs.

Trap

The area where drug deals are carried out.

Trap House

Area or house usually and frequently occupied by drug dealers/drug users.

Trapping

Selling drugs on the street.

Woolies

A marijuana cigarette laced with cocaine.

Wrap

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

WEAPONS



April

A weapon.

Bells

Bullets.

Chete

Machete.

Bora/Borer/Ching/Dipper/ Rams/Ramsay

Knife.

Burner/Iron/Machine/Mash/ Matic/Scram/Spinner/Stick/ Strally/Strap/Tum-Tum/Wap

Gun.

Corn

Ammunition.

Dottie/Dumpy

Shotgun.

Hand Ting/Trey

Pistol.

Mac(k)

Automatic firearm.

Mop

Large gun.

Ox

Razor or blade.

Rambo

Large knife or machete.

Shank/Sword

A knife or blade weapon.

Spinner

Revolver.

Stones

Bullets or pellets of crack.

Strapping

Carrying a gun or firearm.

Tec

Handgun.

VIOLENCE

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Stabbing in the lower body.

Beef Tings

To start a conflict or fight.

Burst/Woosh

Shoot.

Cheffing/Dipping

Stabbing.

Dipped/Swimming

Stabbed.

Driller

Shooter or gang member.

Drilling

Attacking, aggressing or invading.

Duppying

Killing.

Finessed/Stained/Sucked

When an individual has been robbed for his possessions eg drugs.

Frying/Wooshing

Shooting.

Got

Attacked or robbed.

Hitter

Gunman.

Ketchup

Blood.

Kwef

Violence.

Kweff

Kill with gun or knife.

Kweng

Cut or stabbed.



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To shoot someone down.

Nank

Knife or stab

No Face

Masked or with identity concealed.

Ooters

Shooters.

Op(ps)

Enemy.

Opp-block

Enemy territory.

Queff

Kill with gun or knife.

Score

Kill or injure an enemy.

Scoreboard/Scorecard

A list of enemies killed, injured or defeated.

Smoke

Kill.

Snitch

Informer.

Splash/Splash up/Splash down

Stab.

Squirt

Spray acid over someone.

Sticky

Dangerous.

PRISON



Bird/Stretch

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

Box

Prison.

Can

Someone serving time in prison.

POLICE



Canned/Nailed/Bagged

To be arrested.

Feds

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.

ADDITIONAL SLANG



24s

All day.

Active

Dependable associate.

Bait

Obvious.

Bare

Many.

Breeze Off

Leave town/Disappear.

Certy

An individual who has gained respect from his peers.

Cunther

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

Dinger

Stolen car used on a ride out or glide.

Drawn Out

Involved in gang culture or under pressure from street crime.

Fishing

Looking for victims.

Glide

Drive into enemy territory.

Gliding

Entering enemy territory.

Heeled

Possession of drugs or a weapon.

OJ/One Job

An individual who is proactive in drugs supply or raining havoc on his enemies

Pave

Streets.

Riding dirty

Going out armed and/or in possession of drugs.

Road

A person that makes money illegitimately on the streets ie selling drugs, cultivation etc

ADDITIONAL SLANG

Scratch/Lizzies/Gwop/P's

Money

Skate/Skeet/Leggin/ Ten Toes/Dasheen

Run away or escape.

Touring

Entering enemy territory.

Twanged

To coerce someone into doing something or believing a story.

Washed

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

Zanged

A term used for individuals who have been deceived.

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