



# Common slang words and phrases

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# Introduction

This booklet features a collection of slang words and phrases unique to various regions across Warwickshire and the UK, many of which you won't find in standard dictionaries, so are considered as impolite or rude. While the list isn't comprehensive, its purpose is to help new staff familiarise themselves with local slang and understand its meanings.



## Words referring to body parts

**Beak** – nose

**Bits** – genitals

**Blobbing** – menstruating

**Boobies** – breasts

**Boobs** – breasts

**Bush** – pubic hair

**Cake'ole** – mouth

**Choppers** – teeth

**Chuff** – vulva

**Conk** – nose

**Crown** – head

**Crown Jewels** – male genitals

**Dial** – face

**Dick** – penis or a rude name for a person

**Fanny** – vulva

**Gnashers** – teeth

**Grapes** – haemorrhoids

**Hooters** – breasts

**Ivories** – teeth

**Jug handles** – ears

**Knockers** – breasts

**Lips** – labia

**Lug holes** – ear holes

**Lugs** – ears

**Meat and two veg** – male genitals

**Mitts** – hands

**Mug** – face

**Mush** – mouth

**Naughty bits** – genitals

**Nobbies** – haemorrhoids

**Nut** – head

**Piss flaps\*** – labia

**Private parts** – genitals

**Pubes** – pubic hair

**Pussy** – vulva

**Six pack** – abdominal muscles

**Skin and bones** – very thin body

**Spare tyre** – a ring of fat around the midriff

**Tash** – moustache

**Trap** – mouth

**Undercarriage** – female genitals

**Wallies** – false teeth

**Willy** – penis

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## Words relating to clothes

**Cardie** – cardigan or sweater with buttons down the front like a shirt

**Cozzy** – swimming costume or bathing suit

**Daps** – pumps

**Frock** – dress

**Get your kit off** – take clothes off

**In the buff** – naked

**Jim jams** – pyjamas

**Jumper** – pullover or sweater

**Keep your hair on** – calm down

**Knickers** – women pants or underwear

**Pants** – trousers can also be used to mean something is not good

**Pinny** – apron worn when working or eating to protect clothes

**Polo neck** – jumper with turtleneck

**Pumps** – gym shoes, plimsols

**Undies** – underwear

**Vest** – worn under top clothes also known as undershirt

**Wellies** – wellington boots



## Words referring to death

**Cash in ones chips** – death

**Kick the bucket** – a person has died

**Pop ones clogs** – a person has died

**Pushing up the daisies** – a person is dead and buried

**Snuffed it** – a person has died

**Six feet under** – a person is dead and buried

**Wooden overcoat** – coffin



## Words referring to family members

**Ankle biter** – A toddler

**Bairn** – a baby

**Bird** – a term for a woman

**Bloke** – a man or male

**Doll** – a woman or girl often in an affectionate way

**Duck** – a person (not related to age or gender)

**Gaffer** – the boss, person in charge of a house

**Geezer** – typically a male, used in a friendly or informal manner

**Laddie** – young boy

**Lass** – young girl

**Mate** – a friend

**Sprog** – Baby



## Words referring to food or drink

**A pint of your best** – used in a pub asking for a pint of alcohol

**Afters** – dessert or pudding

**Apeth** – small amount of sweets

**Baggin** – packed lunch

**Bait box** – packed lunch, sandwich box or snack

**Bangers and mash** – sausages and mash potato

**Bap** – a small round bread to put food into to eat

**Barbie** – outside cooking appliance a grill or barbeque

**Barncake** – bread bun

**Batch** – small bread roll, a bacon batch is often a hot breakfast roll

**Beeroff** – off licence selling alcohol

**Bevvy** – alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink

**Bickie** – small, sweet biscuit

**Bites** – Small portion of food or snacks

**Bleggin** – forage for fruit

**Booze** – alcoholic drink

**Brecky** – breakfast

**Brew** – pot or cup of tea

**Brossen or brussen** – overeating

**Brunch** – eating late morning

**Bubble and squeak** – a fried meal made from left over vegetables

**Builders' tea** – strong cup of tea

**Buns** – a sweet cake with fruit

**Buttie** – sandwich

**Char** – a cup of tea

**Chippie** – fish and chip shop

**Chippy tea** – fish and chip meal

**Chow** – food or meal

**Chuddy** – chewing gum

**Clem or Clemmed** – very hungry

**Corporation pop** – water from the tap

**Cottage pie** – a meal made of mince, vegetables and potato topping

**Cow juice** – milk

**Cream tea** – afternoon light meal of cakes, sandwiches and drink of tea

**Crumpet** – a small round, flat bread with a distinctive spongy texture

**Cuppa** – cup of tea or coffee

**Dish up** – serve up a meal

**Doggie bag** – taking food not eaten at a restaurant home to eat later

**Drinking** – going for tea and biscuits

**Dripping** – beef lard

**Drunk** – consumed too much alcohol

**Eating irons** – knife and fork

**Eats** – food or meal

**Fairy cake** – small, sweet sponge cake

**Famished** – hungry

**Fare** – type or quality of food available

**Fishcake** – sliced potato with white fish filling and battered

**Elevenes** – morning break

**Full english** – traditional cooked breakfast

**Gaspin** – thirsty

**Gob spanners** – knife, fork and spoon

**Goosegogs** – gooseberries

**Growler** – pork pie

**Grub** – general term for food

**Guzzle** – eat greedily

**Hammered** – drank too much alcohol

**Have a sweet tooth** – eats lots of sweet food

**Hotpot** – a meal of meat and vegetables

**Jacket potato** – cooking a potato with its outside skin on

**Jam** – a sweet spread made from fruit

**Jockey's whips** – French fries or chips

**Kali** – sherbert

**Klept** – extremely hungry

**Legless** – drank too much alcohol and unable to walk or stand up

**Lowence or loances** – a snack while working

**Mash** – brew tea or mashing a tea bag

**Mucky dripping** – lard with browned meat

**Munch** – snack

**Neck your drink** – swallow a drink quickly

**Nosh** – food or to eat

**Parkin** – ginger cake with oatmeal

**Peckish** – feel a little hungry

**Pig out** – eat a lot of food in one go

**Pikelet** – crumpet

**Pogged out** – feel full from eating

**Pop** – fizzy soft drink

**Potted meat/beef** – meat pâté or sandwich spread

**Pub grub** – food available at a public house

**Put you on** – a snack until next meal

**Ratted** – very drunk

**Ravenous** – very hungry

**Sanger** – sandwich

**Sarnie** – sandwich

**Scoff** – eat food quickly

**Scran** – a hearty meal

**Scraps** – the bits of batter that fall off fish, usually from a fish and chip shop

**Skeel** – milk pail

**Slap up meal** – large, nice meal

**Snack** – something you eat between meals

**Snap** – packed lunch

**Snap box** – lunch box

**Soda** – cold drink

**Soldiers** – small slices of bread to dip into a boiled egg

**Spanish** – liquorice

**Spice** – sweets

**Spoggs** – sweets

**Starving** – very hungry

**Sup** – to take a drink

**Take away** – a meal from a restaurant or café taken to another place like home

**Tatie scrattin** – potato peels

**Tea** – evening meal or the drink

**Teacake, bap, barm, bun, bread cake** – variations on a small bread teacake

**Toastie** – a toasted sandwich

**Trollied** – very drunk

**Tucker** – food

**Watter** – water

**Veg** – vegetables



## Words referring to greetings

**Alright** – hello

**Aye up** – hello

**Cheerio** – goodbye or see you later

**Hi** – hello

**Hey** – hello

**Hiya** – hello



## Words connected with money

**Dosh** - money

**Dough** – money

**Fiver** – five-pound note

**Moneybags** – have a lot of money

**Quid** – a pound

**Quid's in** – well off

**Readies** – money

**Shrapnel** - coins

**Smackeroons** – money

**Tenner** – ten-pound note

**Wedge of money** – a lot of money

**Whip round** – when a group of people collect money together



## Words connected with sleep

**Catch some Z's** – going to sleep

**Counting sheep** – trying to go to sleep

**Dead to the world** – fast asleep

**Go up the wooden hill** – to go upstairs to bed

**Have a kip** – go to sleep

**Hit the sack** – go to bed

**Knackered** – very tired or exhausted

**Shattered** – very tired

**Shut eye** – sleep

**Sleep like a log** – to sleep heavily

**40 winks** – to have a short sleep



# Words related to the toilet or bodily functions

**Bog** – toilet

**Bog roll** – toilet paper

**Bottom burp** – flatulence

**Break wind** – flatulence

**Can** – toilet

**Chunder** – vomiting

**Dunny** – toilet

**Fart** – flatulence

**Floater** – faeces floating

**Gip** – to vomit

**Jacks** – toilet

**Jimmy riddle** – urination

**Khazi** – toilet

**Lav** – toilet

**Let off** – flatulence

**Log** – faeces

**Loo** – toilet

**Netty** – toilet

**Number one** – urination

**Number two** – faeces

**Piss\*** – urine

**Point Percy at the porcelain** – urination

**Privy** – toilet

**See a man about a dog** – urination or faeces

**Shits\*** – loose faeces

**Spill one's guts up** – vomit

**Spew up** – vomiting

**Spend a penny** – urination

**Thunder box** – toilet

**Throne** – toilet

**Tinkle** – urination

**Wazz** – urination

**Widdle** – urination

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# A to Z list of further slang words and phases



**Ace** – excellent or very good

**Adam and Eve** – believe

**Aggro** – trouble or aggressive behaviour

**Alfresco** – dining outside

**All ears** – listen intensely

**All mouth and no trousers** – a person who does a lot of talking but no development on actions

**All over the shop / gaff / place** – a person who is disorganised



**Bagsy** – to claim something

**Bants or banta** – joking with someone

**Beat around the bush** – not saying something clearly

**Beduth or Beduff** – a person from the town of Bedworth

**Bees knees** – something is excellent

**Bellend\*** – insulting term for a foolish or annoying person

**Bigger fish to fry** – have more important things to do or people to see

**Bite the bullet** – doing something you have put off doing

**Any road** – anyway

**Around the wrekin** – taking the long way around

**Arse over tits** – falling over

**As true as Coventry Blue** – loyal, solid friendship or views

**Away with the fairies** – eccentric or out of touch with reality

**Blimey** – expressing surprise

**Bloody** – used to express anger or emphasise a statement

**Bog off** – go away or leave

**Bonkers** – behaving strangely

**Boot** – trunk of a car

**Boot sale** – sale of second-hand items typically out of a car

**Bobs your uncle** – everything is okay

**Brass monkeys** – cold weather

**Brassed off** – annoyed

**Brilliant** – fantastic or very good

**Breviting** – trying to find or do something

**Brolly** – umbrella

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**Bostin** – excellent or fantastic  
**Bugger\*** – a term of annoyance  
**Buzzin** – slightly drunk or excited  
**Blessing in disguise** – something that appears bad or unlucky at first, but results in something good happening



**Caggy-handed or cag-handed** – handling something in a clumsy way

**Carry the can** – taking the blame for a situation

**Canny** – a likeable person

**Can't be assed** – do not want to do a task

**Chav** – a young person who is brash

**Cheeky** – someone being slightly rude or disrespectful, can be in an amusing way

**Chuffed or chuffed to bits** – really pleased, happy or satisfied

**Chin up** – encouragement or to stay positive

**Chinwag** – an informal or long conversation

**Clean bill of health** – confirmation that a person is healthy



**Daft** – a person or situation that is silly

**Dab hand** – a person that is skilled

**Burying your head in the sand** – not addressing a problem in the hope that it will resolve itself

**Cobblers** – something is not true, it is nonsense

**Cock up** – to make a mistake

**Cold Turkey** – to stop suddenly without assistance or reduction often alcohol or drugs

**Could ya mind the we'ans?** – look after or babysit young children

**Codswallop** – foolish talk

**Cross the bridge when we get to it** – avoid deciding until later

**Cross-ommocked** – grumpy

**Cut to the chase** – get directly to the meaning of what you're saying

**Cracking** – a person or situation is great

**Curry house** – restaurant that serves indian cuisine

**Down the town** – go out of the home often shopping

**Don't get your knickers in a twist** – do not get angry or emotional

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**Don't put all your eggs in one basket** – don't rely on one option only

**Don't teach grandma to suck eggs**  
– a youngster person is being disrespectful by thinking they can teach an older person something

**Dodgy** – suspicious or unreliable  
**Donkey's years** – a long time



**Ear bashing** – being told off  
**Easy peasy** – a situation is easy

**Entry** – path or passageway between houses



**Faff** – wasting time, taking a long time to do an easy task  
**Faffing around** – taking unnecessary time to do something that should be relatively quick or straightforward  
**Fluff** – making a mistake  
**Flog** – to sell something  
**Flogging a dead horse** – to try and find a solution to a problem that is unsolvable

**Fag** – a derogatory term, also a cigarette

**Full monty** – the full or complete thing

**Full of beans** – having a lot of energy or enthusiasm

**Fit as a fiddle** – a healthy person



**Gaff** – a house  
**Gander** – a look or brief inspection  
**Git** – expression of insult to describe an unpleasant person  
**Gutted** – sad, disappointed  
**Ganda** – have a look

**Gert lush** – very nice

**Ginnel** – a narrow passages between buildings - an alleyway

**Gobsmacked** – shocked or surprised

**Grafting** – hard working



**Hard** – a person that can look after themselves if they were challenged

**Half arsed** – not enthusiastic

**Have a butchers** – have a look

**Hacked off** – annoyed

**Have a go** – try-it-out or get argumentative with someone

**Having a mard** – getting annoyed or throwing a tantrum

**Hen night** – a party or night out for women before a wedding

**Hols** – holiday, vacations

**Horses for courses** – we all have different tastes from one another

**Hows't fettle?** – How are you?

**Hunky dory** – everything is fine



**It's black over Bill's mother** – a stormy sky

**I'm easy** – happy with any decision

**Innit** – instead of

**Intitot?** – Isn't it hot?

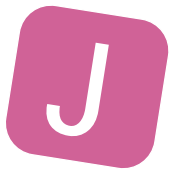
**It's brass monkeys outside** – it is cold outside

**It's raining cats and dogs** – it is raining heavily

**It's slingin' it dahn** – It's raining heavily

**I've come over all peculiar** – suddenly feeling unwell

**I am not being funny but I have not got all day** – hurry up, you're taking too long



**Jammy** – a person that is lucky

**Jolly** – very happy



**Kit** – clothing or equipment

**Kit and kerboodle** – all your belongings

**Klobber** – things that belong to you

**Kerfuffle** – a commotion

**Knob\*** – idiot

**Knob head\*** – idiot



**Ledge** – helpful person

**Leg it** – run away

**Lurgy** – a person that is ill

**Lippy** – a person is being cheeky

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**Like a cat on hot bricks** – cannot settle down, restless, on edge

**Lost the plot** – angry or irrational

**Lozick about** – lying around lazily doing nothing



**Mancunian** – person from Manchester

**Mardy** – a person in a bad mood

**Marlies** – marbles if they're small and gobbies if they're big

**Me bab** – a term of endearment meaning 'my love' or 'my dear'

**Minging** – the situation is not very nice

**Minted** – wealthy

**Mither** – when someone keeps asking for something usually a child

**Mug** – a person who falls for pranks

**Muppet** – a person who is ignorant

**My end** – neighbourhood



**Nae** – no

**Nesh** – uncomfortable in cold or wet conditions

**Nick** – to steal

**Nowt** – nothing



**Offie** – Short for off license also known as outdoor – a shop to buy alcohol

**Old Bill** – the police

**OMG** – an expression of surprise or disbelief

**On yer bike** – not happening

**On the mend** – recovering

**Out of shape** – unfit



**Pear shaped** – a situation has gone wrong or not to plan

**Pied off** – unhappy

**Play it by ear** – to make decisions as a situation progresses

**Pissing down\*** – raining heavily

**Prat** – an insult that implies someone is stupid

**Prick\*** – idiot

**Proper** – very good

**Pulled or copped off** – met someone with the intention of a romantic or sexual relationship

**Purveting** – have a look around

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**Put a sock in it** – to tell someone to be quiet or make less noise

**Put wood in't oyle** – Close the door

**Putting it off** – delaying something intentionally



**Queue jumping** – an individual does not wait in a queue



**Rabbit** – to talk a lot

**Right as rain** – a person is feeling healthy

**Ropey** – look unwell or feel unwell



**Simmer down** – calm down

**Skew wiff** – an item is not straight

**Skint** – a person has no money

**Slag off** – to make fun of a person

**Snog** – passionate kiss

**Sneeped** – to be slighted, made to feel small

**Sod** – refers to a person, 'you lucky sod!'

**Spitting** – light rain

**Stop ya nebbin'** – stop being so nosey

**Stuff** – items that belong to you

**Swilker** – liquid spilling over the edges of a container such as a bucket



**Take the piss\*** – mock a person

**Tazzing about** – dashing around

**The cut** – the canal

**Thingamyjig, oojamacallit or thingamybob** – when someone has forgotten the name for something or someone

**Throwing a wobbly** – being annoyed having a tantrum

**Tice** – to entice

**Tight arse** – a person is not generous

**To crack on** – to get started or continue with something

**To lob something** – to throw something

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**Tits up\*** – a situation has gone wrong

**Tosh** – nonsense

**Treacle town** – a name given to Nuneaton on account of the former treacle factory



**Unked** – dull, cold, damp weather

**Use your loaf** – use your brain



**Waggin' or bunking off** – not attending school

**We had a blinding time** – had a great time

**Wer ya born in a barn?** – Close the door, it's cold



**Yonks** – not for a long time



**Zebra crossing** – a place to cross a road safely



**24/7** - All the time - 24 hours a day, seven days a week

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#### **Additional resources**

##### **Urban dictionary**

<https://www.urbandictionary.com/>

##### **Talk to Frank – A to Z dictionary of drugs**

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drugs-a-z>

##### **Oxford International dictionary with slang**

<https://www.oxfordinternationalenglish.com/dictionary-of-british-slang/>

##### **Safeguarding Children – Understanding language of children**

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Slang-Dictionary-A5-Booklet.pdf>

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