

UK

Slang used in the UK. Note that some things have multiple names depending on where you are in the country. Also many words can be insulting, but also used in a friendly manner.

As an additional note, some of these words can be considered Chavy or uneducated, I will mark these with a C.

Chinwag

Noun – A (usually long) chat.

Example: We had a good chinwag over a bottle of wine.

Knackered

Adjective – Broken, very tired.

Example: "My bike is knackered."
"I'm knackered, I've been awake since 6am"

Naff

Adjective – Not stylish or fashionable.

Example: "His haircut was a bit naff."

Banger

Noun – A sausage, an old car, good.

Example: "every single song on the album is a banger"
"My favourite breakfast is bangers and mash."
"He drove around in an old banger."

Chav

Noun - An anti-social lower-class person dressed in sportswear, a delinquent.

Example: "Most of the shops were derelict and there seemed to be chavs everywhere"

Dodgy

Adjective – dishonest, dangerous, of low quality, suspicious.

"a dodgy second-hand car salesman"
"activities like these could be dodgy for your heart"
"The brakes are dodgy"

Arse

Noun – A buttocks or anus, a stupid, irritating, or unsavoury person.

Example: “I fell on my arse”
“Don’t be such an arse”

Mate

Noun – A friend, a companion.

Example: “We’ve been mates since our school days.”

Quid

Noun – A pound, £.

Example: “We paid him four hundred quid”

Brolly

Noun – An umbrella.

Example: “It’s raining, and I left my brolly at home.”

Blimey

Exclamation – An expression of surprise.

Example: “Blimey, what a lot of food!”

Cuppa

Noun – A cup of tea.

Example: “Let’s have another cuppa”

Chuffed

Adjective – Very pleased, displeased.

Example: “He was chuffed with his gift.”

“She’ll be chuffed when she notices I’ve forgotten it.”

Gobsmacked

Adjective – Astonished, very surprised or shocked.

Example: “He was completely gobsmacked when he saw her in that dress.”

Bevvy

Noun – A drink (Generally alcoholic)

Example: “We popped to the pub for a few bevvy’s.”

Twollop

Noun – A stupid person.

Example: “Be careful you twollop!”

Fuming/steaming

Adjective – Very angry.

Example: “mum was fuming when she found out.”

Can't be asked/arsed

Phrase - If you say that you can't be arsed to do something, you mean that you are not going to do it because you think it is unnecessary or because you are too lazy

Bog/ loo

Noun - Toilet.

Example: "I really need to go to the loo".
"I dropped my phone in the bog"

Git

Noun – An unpleasant person.

Example: "He's a mean old git"
"You cheeky git!"

Sod

Noun – An unpleasant person, a person of a specified kind.

Example: "He's a grumpy sod." "Poor sod"

Pants

Adjective – Bad.

Example: "This music is pants."

Prat

Noun – An incompetent or stupid person.

Example: "Don't be such a prat."

Nosh

Noun / Verb – Food, To eat food.

Example: "Filling the freezer with all kinds of nosh."
"You can nosh to your heart's content."

Lush

Adjective – Pleasing to the senses.

Example: “This ice cream is lush.”

Kerfuffle

Phrase – Noise, commotion, fuss

Example: “There was a kerfuffle over the chairmanship.”

Minging

Adjective – Ugly, disgusting, smelly

Example: “You’re minging, mate! Go and take a shower.”

Bonkers

Adjective – Crazy, mad

Example: “you’re stark raving bonkers!”
“The man is completely bonkers!”

Dosh

Noun – Money

Example: “Anything is possible if you try, and have the dosh.”

Daft

Adjective – Silly, foolish, infatuated with.

Example: “Don't ask such daft questions”
“I was daft about him”

To leg it

Phrase – To run away, usually from some trouble.

Example: “I legged it from the building.”

Banter/Bants

Noun – the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks.

Example: “The men bantered with the waitresses”

Blud

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Noun – Friend, mate

Example: “What you doin’ blud?”

Bruv

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Noun – Friend, mate

Example: “We had a good time, didn't we bruv?”

Jammy

Adjective – Lucky.

Example: “you always were a jammy beggar when it came to women”

Proper

Adjective – Very

Example: “That's a proper good cup of tea.”

Bits'n bobs

Phrase - An odd selection of things.

Example: "I have a few bits'n bobs in the fridge. I'll see what I can make".

Donkey's years

Phrase – A long time, ages

Example: "I haven't seen you in donkey's years"

Gobby

Adjective – Talking too much or saying things that should not be said.

Example: "They didn't like him - they thought he was opinionated and gobby."

Faff around

Phrase – Doing things in a disorganized way and not achieving much, wasting time.

Example: "It was annoying to watch them faffing around when a more direct response was required."

Fit

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Adjective – Good looking, attractive, sexy.

Example: "She was fit though."

Beggar

Adjective – A person of a specified type, especially one to be envied or pitied.

Example: "poor little beggars"

BREAD DEBATE



TEACAKE
WEST YORKSHIRE



COB
EAST MIDLANDS



BARMCAKE
NORTH WEST



BARA
WALES



BAP
ENGLAND / WALES



BREADCAKE
YORKSHIRE



SOFTIE
ABERDEEN



BARM
NORTH WEST



MUFFIN
OLDHAM



BUN
THE NORTH



MORNING ROLL
SCOTLAND



STOTTY
YORKSHIRE



BATCH
WARWICKSHIRE



OVEN BOTTOM
LANCASHIRE



ROLL
THE SOUTH



SCUFFLER
YORKSHIRE

The Bread Debate:

Depending on where you are in the UK you will hear different words to refer to a bread roll.

USA

Slang used in the USA. Note that these are worth learning even if US English isn't your target dialect, as due to TV and social media many of these are used elsewhere in the English speaking world as well as online.

Boujee

Adjective - Rich, luxurious, special, fancy.

Example: *“She’s so boujee with that Louis Vuitton bag.”*

Bussin’

Adjective - Amazing, really good.

Example: *“Those potato chips are bussin’.”*

Drip

Adjective - Stylish, sophisticated clothes or appearance.

Example: *“Li’s shoes and belt are dripping today.”*
“Look at his drip.”

Extra

Adjective - Dramatic, attention-grabbing, too much.

Example: *“You don’t have to be so extra about it!”*

Rent-free

Adverb - To become an obsession, to dominate someone’s thoughts.

Example: *“Since I saw Zootopia, Shakira is living rent-free inside my head.”*

Amped

Adjective – Very excited

Example: *“I’m so amped for tonight’s basketball game!”*

Basic

Adjective - An insult that means something or someone is boring or uncool.

Example: *"Let's get out of here. This party is basic."*

Curve ball'

Noun - Something tricky or unexpected, like trying to hit a curve ball in baseball.

Example: *"I wasn't expecting that assignment to be so hard."* *"Yeah, it was a real curve ball."*

Hit the books

Verb Phrase - To study. Can also mean to do homework (or assignments meant to be done outside of class).

Example: *"The big test is coming up. Time to hit the books."*

GOAT

Noun - An acronym indicating the Greatest Of All Time.

Example: *"In football, Pelé was the GOAT!"*

For real

Phrase - To agree with someone, emphasize a statement, or ask if someone is serious.

Example: *"This is my favorite class so far!"* *"For real?"*

Period

Phrase – Finished, all done.

Example: *"I don't want to hear another word from you, period."*