

GANG SLANG

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JAMAICAN POSSE TERMINOLOGY

The following glossary is an illustration of some of the terminology and slang used by various Jamaicans.

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Gate	House, apartment, etc. In some areas, gate house refers to drug house.
Steep	Hot
You no see	You don't understand, or do you understand.
Mash it up	Handle it, or could mean destruction.
Yus or Yatsy	Clothes
Dread	Also refers to "Rasta", i.e., all dread up in court.
Trans =	Car
Check you out	Going to visit someone in person.
Check it out	Look a score over to see if it is worth doing, and the risk of getting caught.
Brother	Fellow Jamaican
Clap	Shot
Yellow paper	Counterfeit money
Juke	Holdup, rob or rip someone off.
Step	Move on something.
Manifest	Plan a score.
York	New York (City or State)

JAMAICAN POSSE TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Yard	Jamaica, West Indies
Bite	Arrest
Tèeth	Bullets
Beasts	Police
Irie	It's okay, its first class, or that is excellent.
Yeng	Gun
Puppy or Dog	Gun
Tool	Gun
Gong	Gun
Shooty	Shotgun
Machine	Machine gun
Rings	Guns and bullets.
Ily	Marijuana
Corn	Marijuana
Food	Marijuana
Ganja	Marijuana
Fire	Police approaching.
P.N.P.	People's National Party
J.L.P.	Jamaican Labour Party
W.P.J.	Worker's Party of Jamaica (Communist Party)

JAMAICAN POSSE TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Labourites	Supporters of the J.L.P.
J.D.F.	Jamaica's Defense Force.
Brigade	Cuban trained guerrillas.
Brigadistas	Cuban trained guerrillas.
Front Liners	Cuban trained guerrillas.
Hot Steppers	Cuban trained guerrillas.
Baldheads	Straights; undesirable, as in "chase those baldheads out of town".
Babylon	The world outside of the Rasta's world; the power structure, the police.
Bloodclot	"Offensive Term" (Blood Cloth) Feminine sanitary napkin.
Bumbaclot	"Offensive Term"
Pussyclot	"Offensive Term" Same as Bloodclot.
Ras clot	"Offensive Term" Worse than Bloodclot.
Rass	Ass, as in "You ole rass You."
Ras Tafari	Haile Selassi, the Lion of Judah and head of the Ras Tafari faith. To the rastaman, reports of Selassi's death have been greatly exaggerated.
Dreadlocks	Braids most Rastas wear, sometimes concealed under a hat.

JAMAICAN POSSE TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
I and I	I, we, you and me. When a Rastaman speaks, he speaks for all Rastamen and even for Ras Tafari himself.
Jah	God. The old bible name for Jehovah and most often used by Rastafarians.
Mon	Man; often added to other words, Herb-man, I-man, Rasta-man.
Roots	"Pure" reggae; the most spiritual music.
Rudeboys	"Badboys"
Seen	Do you see? Do you understand.
Shit Stem	Society, the system.
Spliff	Pronounced spleef. Joint, one ounce of ganja makes approximately four (4) spliffs.
Don	Boss
Rankin	High ranking member of the posse.
Drug/Ganja Baron	Major drug smuggler.
Jointed	Dismembered or beheaded.
Concrete Jungle	Housing scheme in Kingston, JM, called Arnett Gardens. Name came from the late Bob Marley song, Concrete Jungle.
Junglelites	Jamaicans that lives or is from the Concrete Jungle.

JAMAICAN POSSE TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Raga Muffin

Higgler

Druggler

Licky Licky

Mama Man

Mad Man

Shanking

MEANING

An untidy person. Could also mean someone who is tough and bad.

Vendor. (Informal Commercial Importation). Most higgleres are females.

Drug dealer

A person who has excessive desire, as in "Licky Licky Policeman" a policeman on the take.

Homosexual

A person that is mentally deficient.

Dancing

STREET DRUG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

A Blast or Hit

Basuco

Beamer

Bomb Squad

Bottles

Break Night

Bridge & Tunnel People

Buck =

Carburetor

Carpet Patrol

Chasing the Dragon

Chicken Scratch

Cocoa Puff

Cracker Jacks

Credit Card

MEANING

Smoking crack; taking a drag from the crack-filled stem.

Off-white paste; pre-processed form of cocaine; smoked.

Crack smoker

Name of a crack-selling crew.

Crack vials

Staying up all night and seeing day break.

People living outside the City who use bridges and tunnels to reach drug copping locations in Manhattan.

To shoot someone in the head.

Crack stem attachment used when stem is broken or too short.

Crack smokers searching on the floor for crumbs of crack.

Smoking heroin and crack together; also smoking heroin or morphine on aluminum foil.

Searching on hands and knees for bits of crack.

Smoking marijuana and cocaine in a joint.

Crack smokers

Crack stem

STREET DRUG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Demo	Crack stem
Jag	Keeping the high going.
Kibbles & Bits	Small crumbs of crack.
On a Mission	Looking for crack; trying to buy crack; high on crack.
Pimp your Pipe	Lending or renting your crack pipe or stem.
Power Puller	Rubber piece sometimes attached to crack stem; also called a carburetor.
Pusher	Metal hanger or umbrella rod used to scrape crack stems of residue that has collected.
Ringer =	Good hit of crack; users hears bells.
Rocket Caps	Dome-shaped caps on crack vials.
Shaker/Baker/Water	Materials needed to freebase cocaine, i.e., shaker bottle, baking soda, water.
Shoot the Breeze	Term used by nitrous oxide users; "let's go inhale nitrous oxide".
Space Basing	Smoking a combination of crack and angel dust.
Squirrel	Combination of angel dust and marijuana, sprinkled with cocaine and smoked in a joint, cigarette, or pipe.
Stem	Cylinder used to smoke crack.

STREET DRUG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

'T-CAPS"

Thirst Monsters

24/7

White Cloud

Yeyo

MEANING

Small crack vials with "T" engraved on its caps.

Heavy crack smokers.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Smoke that collects in the bottom of the crack pipe.

Cocaine (Spanish term)

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Righteous	A person who is a God or Five Percenter.
Word is Bond	My word is bond, I'm telling you the truth. Take my life if I'm lying (person may still be lying).
Living Large	A person with lots of money or gold.
Out of the Box	No longer gets into trouble, doesn't do certain things any more.
Just Say No	Undercover Police in the area.
Five "O"	Police
Diss	One who disrespects another.
Wad	Lots of Money.
The Best	Very good at what you do.
Building	A person who is studying to be a Five Percenter. (5%)
Fresh	Real cool
Put me deep	Tell me what I need to know. Give me the truth.
Three, Fourth	A woman in the Five Percenters who wears a dress 3/4 long.
Jet	Leave the area quickly, run.
Swell	To be very upset at someone to express anger.
Peace	Saying good bye or until we meet again. Term often used by 5%'ers.

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Dope	Something that is real cool. Nice, beautiful.
Yo Black	Calling a person of color.
Girlfriend	A friendly greeting for females.
Picture that	Do you really believe what you are saying, because I don't.
Smokin	Lying
Riffin	Lying
Frontin	Lying
What are you speaking on	What are you talking about.
Yo	Calling to someone.
You better work-	I'm not doing it.
Are you dirty	Do you have drugs?
CC	Cop on the corner/in the area to make an arrest.
Com on down with that	You have a doubt to pay.
Dirty	Drugs
Down with Five-O	Informant for the Police.
I'm Strapped	I have a gun.
IGB	I get busy.
Kill that noise	Stop talking.
Locked	Used a lot of cocaine.

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Rotten

Serve him

Going On

Crazy Bad

Sweet Bad

Lampin

Ninja's

Callin me out

Yo Cuzz

Yo Blood

I'm Swoll =

Down and dirty

Bart Simpson

187

9 Mike, Mike

Benzo

Book

Jet

Break

Breakdown

MEANING

You did a stupid thing.

Assault him bad.

Everything is all about me.

Talking or Acting stupid.

Talking or Acting intelligent.

Collin Out

Drug cops in the area.

Do you want to fight me.

What's happening Crip!

What's happening Blood!

I'm mad or upset.

Informant for the cops or selling drugs on the side.

Having a new type of drug.

To kill someone (Usually in Graffiti).

9 MM handgun (Automatic)

Mercedes Benz Automobile

Run, get away, leave.

Run, get away, leave.

Run, get away, leave.

Shotgun

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Bumper Kit	Girls Butt
Buster	Young guy trying to be a gang member or a fake gang member.
Chillin	Hanging Out
Chill Out	Stop it, Don't do that, calm down.
Deuce & Half	.25 Automatic handgun
Doing a Jack	Committing a Robbery.
Tree	A woman
Jump a tree	Tried to rape a woman.
Tree Jumper	A Raper
Doing a Rambo	Attacked a person (Armed).
Double O.G.	Second Generation of gang members.
O.G.	Original Gang Member.
Frog	Jump in anybody's car.
Freak	A good looking Girl.
G-ride	Gangster ride or stolen car.
Gang Banger	Gang Member/Gang Activity
Gauge	Shotgun
Get Down	Fight
Lemon	A yellow car, or scared person.
Head Hunter	Female who does sexual acts.

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Head Up	Fight
High Roller	Making good money/Drug Dealer
Holding Down	Controlling Turf or area
Home Boy	Fellow Gang Member
Money	One of the boys from the neighborhood.
Come to my Cifi	Come into my circle.
Plant a seed	Make love
Star	A black baby.
Juice	Liar
Lady	Girlfriend
Don't get brand new	Don't show off in front of your girlfriends.
Lizard Butt	Ugly girl
Maricon	Homosexual
Mud Duck	Ugly girl
Nut Up	Angry, mad at someone.
One Time	Police Officer/Pig/Cop
The Gambler	The Sheriff or Dirty Cop
Rock House	A house where Rock Cocaine is sold.
Rosco	Small Gun/Saturday Night Special

STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM
Rushed

MEANING
Attacked

Tray Eight

.38 caliber handgun

Trip

Too much, Something Else.

Twenty Cents

\$20.00 worth of Cocaine.

UBN

United Blood Nation

Up on it

Have knowledge of drugs a person who is a successful drug dealer.

Blazing

Looking Good. Like get next to you.

Show me your back

Leave

You got it like that

You got it made, nothing to worry about.

Diesel

Big

Stuin

Two or more guys making love to the same girl at the same time and place.

Mack

A guy or girl who tells someone a lie and they believe it.

You all right

A term used by drug dealers, when asking someone if they need drugs.

You want anything

Term used by drug dealers who sell drugs.

Skunk Bitch

A low life woman.

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

Some of the words listed herein are not only slang used by Hispanic gangs, but are words in the Spanish language. They are included to assist in interpreting graffiti.

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Aqui	Here
Awetado	Mad, furious, upset.
Aztlan	Occupied Mexico (California, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Treaty of Guadalupe) South Western U.S.
Bale	Not worth anything.
Baile	Dance, but used to mean fight.
Barrio	Neighborhood (not slang) synonymous with gang most of the time.
Birria, Pisto	Beer, Drink (Referring to Alcohol).
Blanca	White (Female Reference)
Blanco	White (Male Reference)
Borrego	Small bag
Caca	Drugs, Shit
Camarada	Friend, associate
Califas	California
Calmate Culo (Culero)	Calm down asshole.
Canton	Home, house
Carcancha	Car (Junker)
Carnala	Sister

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Carnal	Brother
Carcel, Bote, Tanque	Jail
Carcos	Shoes
Carrucha	Car
Catorce	Fourteen
Cuarto	Room
Culo	Hind-End
Dedo	Finger, to finger someone.
Despensa	Excuse me.
Dimed	Informed to the Man (Police).
Disco	Non-Gang member, one into the disco scene.
¿Donde?	Where are you from?
El	The
El Condado	The county (Jail)
El Jale	The job
EME	Phonetic writing of the letter "M" in Spanish.
EME	EME (Mexican Mafia)
ENE	Written to mean "Norte" Northern California.
ENE EFE	Spanish for the "NF" meaning "Nuestra Familia".

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
¡Ese!	Hey! Hey Man!
Ese's	Chicanos
¡Ese Vato!	Hey Dude! Hey Man! That individual!
Farmero	Member of Nuestra Familia (Prison Gang).
Ferria	Money, Change
Firme	Good, straight person, fine.
Frajar	To light a cigarette.
Frajos	Cigarettes
Fila	Knife
Filego =	Knife
La Raza	The Race (Referring to Chicano Race).
La Trola	The match
Leva	Silent Treatment
Mano	Hand
Maricon	Homosexual
Marrano, (a)	Pig, Police Officer
Married	Joined (Joined a Gang/Group)
Mayate, Tinto, Chanate, Pina	Black Person
Mecha	Match

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

MEANING

Menso

Idiot

MM

Mexican Mafia (Caution - It can mean Mariana Maravilla Neighborhood Gang).

Mono

Movie

Mosa, Mosca

Pest (Fly)

Mota

Marijuana

Mota, Dura, Concentrada Ache (H)

Hashish

Movida's

Rules and regulations of the Chicanos.

- N -

North (Norte Califas)

Nada

Nothing

Negros

Blacks

Nel

No

Orale

Okay, stop fooling around.

¡Orale!

Hey! Okay! Right On!

Pachuco

Contemporary Zuite/Zoot

Pece

PC (Protective Custody)

Relaje

Snitch, Turncoat

Riata, Pisiola

Outfit

Rifa

Rule, reign, "We Control", We Are The Best.

Rafa, Rifan, Rifamos

Rule, we rule, reign, control

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Rolas

Ruka, Ruca

¿Sabes que ese?

Sancho, Jody

Siempre

Simon

Snizzle

Squentar

Sur

Talco

Terones

Tinto

Tip

Tonto

Toricda

Torcido

Toghes

Total

Trece

Tres

MEANING

Records

Lady, old lady, gang chick

You know what man?

Wife's Boyfriend

Always, Forever

Yes

Snitch, Turncoat

Leave-Split

Southern California

Cocaine, Powder

Blacks^o

Black

Gang

Dummy

Locked up, CYA, prison, juvenile hall, etc.

Twisted, to be arrested, busted.

Whites

All the way.

Thirteen

Three

HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Trucha

MEANING

Watch Out! Get With It! Look Out! Be on the Look-Out for The Man, be cautious.

14-

Norte (Northern California)

14-Norte

Norte Califas (Northern California)

SRIW

Super Race Is White

Varrío or Barrio

Meaning the neighborhood or vicinity of a particular gang.

Vatos

Spanish slang meaning guys.

Where You From?

A way of asking an individual if he's a member of any gang.

PRISON GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

All is one

All is well

Book

Check it out

Colors

Crank

Demonstration

Donuts

Drop a dime

Dropping the flag

Everything is everything

Flowers

Flying your colors

Folks

Gang Banger

Gang Banging

Get down

Gump

Gun-Up

MEANING

A term used by the Disciples.

A term used by the Vice Lords.

Run, get away, leave.

Listen to what I have to say.

Gang colors. This could be a handkerchief, gymshoes/laces, etc.

A mentally unstable person.

Gang fight

Vice Lord term used to "put-down" the Disciples.

Snitch or tell on someone.

Leaving the gang.

It's alright.

Female Cobra Stones

Representing gang colors.

Disciples and their affiliates

Gang member

Gang activity

Fight

A homosexual

Getting ready to fight, usually "boxing".

PRISON GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Holding it down

Home Boy

Hooch

Hood

Jiving

Kicking back

Kite

Kite in the wind

Koot =

Lady

Main Man

Packing

People

Player

Police

Popped a cap

Ride

Rocks

MEANING

Gang members controlling their area, turf, wing, dorm, etc.

Someone from the same gang. A friend.

An alcoholic beverage made by fermenting a sugary syrup or liquid and bread.

Neighborhood

Attempting to fool someone.

Relaxing, killing time

A letter

A letter in the mail.

It's all right.

Girl friend

Best friend, back-up

Gang member has a weapon on him, usually a gun.

Vice Lords and their affiliates

Individual interested mainly in women.

A correctional officer

Shot at someone.

A car

Cobra Stones

PRISON GANG TERMINOLOGY

TERM

Poor Box

MEANING

A box or container full of items collected by a gang from other inmates on the wing, either by intimidation or as payment for protection. These items are passed or loaned out amongst members of the gang. The poor boy is usually, but not always, kept in the wing leader's cell.

Ride On/Rode On

Go to another rival neighborhood or area to attack the other gang -- usually in vehicles.

Roll

A cigarette

Shank

Jail or prison knife. Any item made in jail or prison to stab someone.

Square =

A cigarette

Stinger

A device used to heat water. Usually made of two (2) pieces of metal, separated by toothbrush handles or spoon handles, with a piece of wire attached to each piece of metal. Wire is attached to "live" wires from a light fixture or "plugged" into a socket on the wall.

Store

Commissary

Take Him Out Of The Box

To kill someone. (i.e. a rival gang member).

Violation

To break a rule or law. Usually referring to gang rules, etc.

Vicky Lous

Disciple term used as a put-down to the Vice Lords.