

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**Page Albertina**  
**via the FOI website**

Dear Page Albertina,

regarding your Freedom of Information request titled "shit" we collected the following information:

Shit is a word considered vulgar and profane in Modern English. As a noun, it refers to fecal matter, and as a verb it means to defecate; in the plural ("the shits"), it means diarrhoea. Shite is a common variant in British and Irish English. As a slang term, it has many meanings, including: nonsense, foolishness, something of little value or quality, trivial and usually boastful or inaccurate talk or a contemptible person. It could also be used to refer to any other noun in general or as an expression of annoyance, surprise or anger.

Sincerely,

John Smith  
**FOI Manager**