

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

May 3, 2018

**Courtenay Saphra**  
**via the FOI website**

Dear Courtenay Saphra,

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

The word twat is widely used as a derogatory epithet, especially in British English, referring to a person considered obnoxious or stupid. It is also used informally as a verb in British English to mean "to hit or punch a person". In British English and Commonwealth English, it is pronounced to rhyme with that, or sometimes , to rhyme with hot. In North American English, it is pronounced , to rhyme with squat. Twat is also used in British English as vulgar slang for the vulva or female genitals in general.

Sincerely,

John Smith  
**FOI Manager**