

# **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
Teeth	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 Tafarian 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

### MEANING

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

Higgler

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

Druggler

Drug dealer

Licky Licky

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

Mama Man

Homosexual

Mad Man

A person that is mentally deficient.

Shanking

Dancing

## STREET DRUG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
A Blast or Hit	Smoking crack; taking a drag from the crack-filled stem.
Basuco	Off-white paste; pre-processed form of cocaine; smoked.
Beamer	Crack smoker
Bomb Squad	Name of a crack-selling crew.
Bottles	Crack vials
Break Night	Staying up all night and seeing day break.
Bridge & Tunnel People	People living outside the City who use bridges and tunnels to reach drug coping locations in Manhattan.
Buck        =	To shoot someone in the head.
Carburetor	Crack stem attachment used when stem is broken or too short.
Carpet Patrol	Crack smokers searching on the floor for crumbs of crack.
Chasing the Dragon	Smoking heroin and crack together; also smoking heroin or morphine on aluminum foil.
Chicken Scratch	Searching on hands and knees for bits of crack.
Cocoa Puff	Smoking marijuana and cocaine in a joint.
Cracker Jacks	Crack smokers
Credit Card	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

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
'T-CAPS"	Small crack vials with 'T' engraved on its caps.
Thirst Monsters	Heavy crack smokers.
24/7	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
White Cloud	Smoke that collects in the bottom of the crack pipe.
Yeyo	Cocaine (Spanish term)

## STREET GANG TERMINOLOGY

### TERM

Righteous

### MEANING

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.
Yo 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

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Rotten	You did a stupid thing.
Serve him	Assault him bad.
Going On	Everything is all about me.
Crazy Bad	Talking or Acting stupid.
Sweet Bad	Talking or Acting intelligent.
Lampin	Collin Out
Ninja's	Drug cops in the area.
Callin me out	Do you want to fight me.
Yo Cuzz	What's happening Crip!
Yo Blood	What's happening Blood!
I'm Swoll	I'm mad or upset.
Down and dirty	Informant for the cops or selling drugs on the side.
Bart Simpson	Having a new type of drug.
187	To kill someone (Usually in Graffiti).
9 Mike, Mike	9 MM handgun (Automatic)
Benzo	Mercedes Benz Automobile
Book	Run, get away, leave.
Jet	Run, get away, leave.
Break	Run, get away, leave.
Breakdown	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

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Rushed	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).
Feria	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

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
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

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Rolas	Records
Ruka, Ruca	Lady, old lady, gang chick
{Sabes que ese?	You know what man?
Sancho, Jody	Wife's Boyfriend
Siempre	Always, Forever
Simon	Yes
Snizzle	Snitch, Turncoat
Squentar	Leave-Split
Sur	Southern California
Talco	Cocaine, Powder
Terenes	Blacks'
Tinto	Black
Tip	Gang
Tonto	Dummy
Toricda	Locked up, CYA, prison, juvenile hall, etc.
Torcido	Twisted, to be arrested, busted.
Toghes	Whites
Total	All the way.
Trece	Thirteen
Tres	Three

## HISPANIC GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Trucha	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
Varrrio 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

### MEANING

A term used by the Disciples.

All is well

A term used by the Vice Lords.

Book

Run, get away, leave.

Check it out

Listen to what I have to say.

Colors

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

Crank

A mentally unstable person.

Demonstration

Gang fight

Donuts

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

Drop a dime

Snitch or tell on someone.

Dropping the flag

Leaving the gang.

Everything is everything

It's alright.

Flowers

Female Cobra Stones

Flying your colors

Representing gang colors.

Folks

Disciples and their affiliates

Gang Banger

Gang member

Gang Banging

Gang activity

Get down

Fight

Gump

A homosexual

Gun-Up

Getting ready to fight, usually "boxing".

## PRISON GANG TERMINOLOGY

<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Holding it down	Gang members controlling their area, turf, wing, dorm, etc.
Home Boy	Someone from the same gang. A friend.
Hooch	An alcoholic beverage made by fermenting a sugary syrup or liquid and bread.
Hood	Neighborhood
Jiving	Attempting to fool someone.
Kicking back	Relaxing, killing time
Kite	A letter
Kite in the wind	A letter in the mail.
Koot =	It's all right.
Lady	Girl friend
Main Man	Best friend, back-up
Packing	Gang member has a weapon on him, usually a gun.
People	Vice Lords and their affiliates
Player	Individual interested mainly in women.
Police	A correctional officer
Popped a cap	Shot at someone.
Ride	A car
Rocks	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.