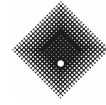


AUSTRALIAN SLANG

This list of slang is a small introduction to some of the words you might hear spoken in Australia.

A–E

- Ace! – excellent!
- Ankle biter – small child
- Apples, she'll be – it'll be all right
- Arvo – afternoon
- Aussie (pronounced 'Ozzie') –Australian
- Aussie salute – brushing away flies with the hand
- Back of Bourke – a very long way away
- Barbie or BBQ – barbecue (noun)
- Big smoke – a big city, especially Sydney or Melbourne
- Bikkie – biscuit
- Billabong – an oxbow lake cut off by a change in the river
- Bloke – man, guy
- Bloody – very (bloody hard yakka)
- Bloody oath! – that's certainly true
- Blowie – blow fly
- Bludger – lazy person,
- Bog in – commence eating
- Bonzer – great, ripper
- Bottler – something excellent
- Bush telly – campfire
- BYO: refers to Bring Your Own – often wine at a restaurant or food to an event
- Cactus – dead, not functioning
- Corker – something excellent.
- Cozzie – swimming costume
- Cranky – in a bad mood, angry
- Crook – sick, or badly made
- Cut lunch – sandwiches
- Dag – a funny person
- Daks – trousers
- Dinkum, fair dinkum – true, real, genuine
- Dipstick – a loser, idiot
- Down Under – Australia and New Zealand
- Dunny – outside toilet
- Earbashing – nagging
- Esky – insulated food/drink container for picnics, barbecues etc.



F–J

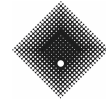
- Fair dinkum – true, genuine
- Fair go – a chance
- Footy – Australian Rules football
- Full – drunk
- Furphy – false or unreliable rumour
- G'Day – hello!
- Galah – fool, silly person (also the proper name for a type of bird)
- Give it a burl – try it, have a go
- Good onya – good for you, well done
- Grouse (adjective) – great, terrific, very good
- Heaps – a lot
- Joey – baby kangaroo
- Jug – electric kettle
- Jumbuck – sheep

K–O

- Knock – to criticise
- Knock back – refusal
- Larrikin – a person who is always enjoying himself, harmless prankster
- Lollies – sweets, candy
- Matilda – swagman's bedding
- Moolah – money
- Mozzie – mosquito
- No drama – same as 'no worries'
- No worries! – expression of forgiveness or reassurance
- Outback – interior of Australia
- Oz – Australia!

P–T

- Pash – a long passionate kiss
- Postie – postman, mailman
- Pozzy – position
- Prezzy – present, gift
- Quid (make a quid) – money (earn a living)
- Rack off – push off! Get lost!
- Rapt – pleased, delighted
- Ratbag – mild insult
- Reckon! – you bet! Absolutely!
- Rip snorter – great, fantastic, "it was a rip snorter of a party"
- Ripper – great, fantastic
- Rock up – to turn up
- Roo – kangaroo
- Salute (Aussie salute) – brushing flies away



- Sanger – a sandwich
- She'll be right – it'll turn out okay
- Sheila – a woman
- Shoot through – to leave
- Shout – turn to buy, a round of drinks usually
- Sickie – day off sick
- Smoko – smoke or coffee break
- Snag – a sausage
- Spit the dummy – get very upset at something
- Sprung – caught doing something wrong
- Sunbake – sunbathe
- Sunnies – sunglasses
- Surfies – people who go surfing - usually more often than they go to work!
- Swag – rolled up bedding etc. carried by a swagman
- Swaggie – swagman
- Tall poppies – successful people
- Tea – supper
- Tee-up – to set up
- Thongs – cheap rubber backless sandals
- Togs – swim suit
- Too right! – definitely!
- True blue – patriotic
- Tucker – food

U-Z

- Ugg boots – Australian sheepskin boots
- Uni – university
- Veggies – vegetables
- Veg out – relax (perhaps in front of the TV)
- Walkabout (it's gone walkabout) – it's lost, can't be found
- Whacker, whacka – idiot
- Whinge – complain
- Yakka – work (noun)