

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.

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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-0

- 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

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- 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)