

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)

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<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Yard	Jamaica, West Indies
Bite	Arrest
Tèeth	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)

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<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 Tafari faith. To the rastaman, reports of Selassi's death have been greatly exaggerated.
Dreadlocks	Braids most Rastas wear, sometimes concealed under a hat.