



A very short dictionary of Australian slang

People

Meaning

a guy, a bloke*	a man; a male
a dude	male or female
a chick, a sheila*	a girl, a female
a bogan	a person who is not very smart or stylish
a dag	a person who is a bit of a 'character' or unusual
a rager	a person who loves going out very late at night to clubs and discos etc. and having a 'good time'
a whinger, a sook	a person who complains about everything.
a sleaze	a person who is unpleasant, or makes unwanted sexual advances (usually male)
a slime (bag/ball)	a person who tries excessively to please and is probably untrustworthy.
a wimp	a weak person unwilling to take a risk or get involved.
a chicken	a person lacking courage to do something

Adjectives

cool	Describes something very fashionable, up to the minute. Can also signal approval/agreement. <i>A. Is that OK? B. Cool.</i>
unreal, ace, sweet	Describes something highly enjoyable/attractive. <i>It was an ace film.</i>
slack	Describes someone who is lazy. <i>He's incredibly slack.</i>
suss	Short for suspicious. Describes something not reliable, or questionable in value. <i>I think the whole idea's a bit suss.</i>
gross	Describes something unpleasant, awful or bad. <i>This tastes gross - ugh!</i>
pissed off	Describes someone who is angry or upset about something. <i>I'm feeling really pissed off about what you did last night!</i>
awesome, mad, crazy,	really good
sick, fully sick	good, really good, the best
crap	worthless, no good
gutted, maggoted, para, blind, slaughtered, pissed, off his/her head	drunk
off your rocker	crazy, abnormal behaviour
hyper	over-stimulated, nervous (hyperactive)

Expressions

No worries; no problems	There is nothing to worry about; it's okay.
She'll be right	It will be all right or We can fix it.
Good on ya	Well done.
No kidding?	Is that true? Is that right?
You're joking!	Do you really mean what you say?
Get real!	Don't be so naive (unrealistic).
Give me a break!	I don't believe you or Leave me alone.
No way!	That's not true! or I won't do it.
What's happening?	What have you been doing? or What are you going to do?
It stinks.	I really don't like it. I think it's very bad.
Hey, you guys, yo...	Hey, you (males and/or females).
Hang on	Can you wait a minute?
Pull your head in	Mind your own business
See ya	Goodbye
Chill	Calm down!

Leisure

pub	A bar; a hotel.
booze, grog, piss	Alcohol; beer; wine.
stubbie	Small bottle of beer
esky	Portable cooler box filled with ice to keep drinks chilled
footy	Football, especially Australian Rules
barbie, BBQ	Barbeque
BYO	'Bring your own' usually drinks, sometimes food, too
Bring a plate	Bring a plate of food

Other useful references

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