

Prison Terms Resource

Rationale for resource

Imagine arriving at a country where you don't speak the language or are unable to read the language or understand the culture and terms people are using!

This is what it can be like for people entering the prison both as a prisoner and as a new member of staff. Different words are used for common words and also a vast amount of acronyms.

This can be a **real challenge** especially if the person is neurodiverse and may not have the skills or confidence to ask what something means.

With **1 in 3** people in Prison being neurodiverse (having one or more Learning Difficulties or Disabilities). Do-IT has decided to publish this **free, downloadable** resource that can be used in Reception, throughout the prison and for staff induction.



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This list is not exhaustive, but a starting point. If you are aware of any terms that are not included on this resource or you would like further information, please email: Helen@doitprofiler.com

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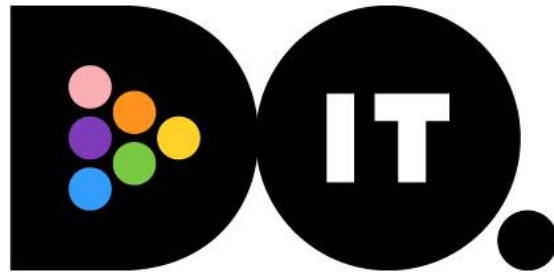
Prison term	What does this mean?
1's	The ground floor landing
2's	The middle landing
3's	The top landing
5-0	The Police
Bang up	To be locked in your room
Bare	Lots of things. 'He has bought bare shower gels'
Baron	Someone who sells things in prison to make money
Boss	Prison Officer
Canteen	The prison shop were people in prison can buy items food/greetings cards etc (it is not an actual shop, but a form that is filled in.)
CC	Cell Confinement- being locked in a cell as a punishment
CJSW	Criminal Justice Social Worker
Co-D	Someone who is on the same charge as someone
Co-pilot	Someone you share the cell with
Double Bubble	When you buy something from another prisoner but pay it back at twice the price
EDA	Escorted Day Absence
Exercise	When the person in prison has time in the fresh air whilst still being in the prison.
Fam	A friend
FCO	Family Contact Officer
Fish/Spice	Words for drugs

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Going Ham	Someone who is behaving angrily is 'Going Ham'
Grass /sell out	Someone who tells on another person in prison
Gov	Prison Officer or Governor
Key worker	A Prison Officer who will work with you
Landing	There may be different 'landings' on your wing. There may be the ground floor landing, a middle landing and a top landing. The rooms are on the landing which are on the wing.
Listener	A person in prison who is trained by the Samaritans to support other people in prison and listen to any worries.
Lizzie	Phone
My Man	A greeting to a friend or when one person is referring to another.
Nonce/Bacon/Beast/Sex case/Fraggle	Someone accused of being a sex offender that are likely to cause arguments or violence.
On basic	This is where someone's bad behaviour means they do not have any earned privileges
On road	When the person isn't in prison. He/she may say 'when I was on road'.
Pad	The room you will be staying in
Peer mentor	A person in prison who supports other people in prison
Personal Officer	A Prison Officer who will work with you
Peter	The room you will be staying in
PIN	An individual code that charges the person in prison for phone calls

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Prison term	What does this mean?
Plugged	Where things are hidden inside the person in prison's body.
Po-Po	Police
Reception	Where all people are received into the prison, searched and items are stored
Red band/orderly	A trusted person in prison who are able to do more trusted jobs in prison like cleaning.
ROTL	Released on Temporary Licence- where you are able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison
Screws	Prison officer
SEL	Special Escorted Leave- this is where you are able to leave the prison, but only with an officer
Servery	Where the person in prison collects their food (lunch/dinner)
Shop	Prisoner who sells canteen to another prisoner
Social or 'So-sh'	Association time with other prisoners, either on the landing or exercise yard.
Spends	Money for the canteen
Sweat box	Prison transport (usually from court or to and from another establishment)
The Block	This is the word given to the Care and Protection Unit (CPU). It can also be known as the Segregation Unit.
The Seg	This is the word given to the Care and Protection Unit (CPU). It can also be known as the Segregation Unit.
UDR	Unescorted Day Release- this is when you are able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison



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