

Prison Terms Resource

Rationale for resource

Imagine arriving at a country where you don't speak the language, 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 for the first time as a resident or 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 visit our website: www.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	This means 'Lots of things'. For example 'He has bought bare shower gels'
Baron	A person in prison who sells things in prison to make money
Blower	Phone
Bobbies	The Police
Boss	A Prison Officer
Bro	A friend
Bus	Prison transport (usually from court or to and from another establishment)
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
Cell	The room where people in prison stay
CJSW	Criminal Justice Social Worker
CM	Custodial Manager
Co-D	A person in prison who is on the same charge as someone else in prison
Comp 1/1a/2	Complaints forms

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Co-pilot	A person in prison who shares a cell with someone else in prison
DART	Drug and Alcohol Recovery Team
Double Bubble	When a person in prison buys something from another person in prison but it is paid back at twice the price
Dudes	Drugs
EDA	Escorted Day Absence
Exercise	Time in the fresh air whilst still being in the prison.
Exercise yard	The outside space where exercise takes place in the prison
Fam	A friend
FCO	Family Contact Officer
Fish/Spice	Words for drugs
Going Ham	A person in prison who is behaving angrily is 'Going Ham'
Grass /sell out	A person in prison who tells on another person in prison
Gov	Prison Officer or Governor
Key worker	A Prison Officer who supports a person in prison
Kiosk	Where the person in prison can order canteen and submit their applications

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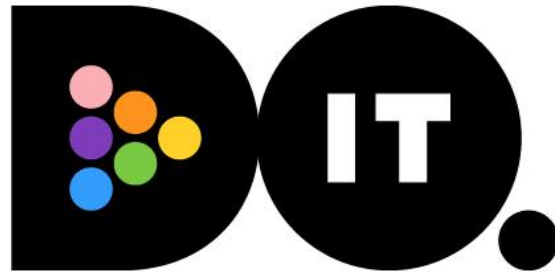
Prison term	What does this mean?
Lizzie	Phone
Monkey Dust	Drugs
My Man	A greeting to a friend or when one person is referring to another.
Nonce/Bacon/Beast/Sex case/Fraggle/wrong un/numbers	Someone accused of being a sex offender that are likely to cause arguments or violence.
On basic	This is where 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'.
On the out	When the person isn't in prison.
Pad	The room where the person in prison stays. Can also be called a cell.
Pad mate	The person someone shares a room (pad/cell) with
Padded up with	The term used to say who they are sharing a room with. For example 'I'm padded up with Johnny'
Paper	Drugs
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 where the person in prison stays. Can also be called a cell.
PIDS	Prisoner Information Desk
Pigs	The Police
PIN	An individual code that charges the person in prison for phone calls

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Plugged	Where things are hidden inside the person in prison's body.
Po-Po	The Police
Prison pocket	Where things are hidden inside the person in prison's body.
Prop/ Prop box	Where the person in prison's property is stored when they come into prison and get back on release
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 a person in prison is able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison
Scooby	Drugs
Screws	Prison Officer
SEL	Special Escorted Leave- this is where a person in prison is able to leave the prison, but only with an officer
Servery	Where the person in prison collects their food (lunch/dinner)
Shop	A person in prison who sells canteen to another person in prison
S O	Senior Officer
Social or 'So-sh'	Association time with other people in prison, either on the landing or exercise yard.
Spends	Money to spend on the canteen
Stacking	Buying lots of things. For example 'He is stacking'.
Subaru	Drugs

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Prison term	What does this mean?
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 a person in prison is able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison



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