

AUSSIE LINGO

If you are new to the **land down under** (Australia), the way some **Aussies** (Australians) speak may be a challenge, especially if they speak **Strine** (Australian) with a broad **Ocker** (truly Australian) accent.



Here are some **tips** to help you cope with the **lingo** (language) that **dinky di** (real) Aussies and **sandgroppers** (West Australians) speak.

Aussies like to be relaxed and laid-back. There are plenty of **beaut** things about living in Australia. In fact, most of us **wouldn't be dead for dollars**.

If it gets **red hot** (very hot) during the day, why not head down to the beach, **veg out** (relax) and eat some **tucker** (food) with your **mates** (friends). Make sure you wear a hat and sunscreen though. You might even **catch a wave** if you're lucky.



In Summer, in the afternoon, the **Freo Doctor** (sea breeze) usually comes in and cools us down.

Colourful phrases

There are hundreds of Australian phrases to confuse newcomers. Here are a few.

- I'm **flat out** (very busy).
- **Rattle your dags** (trousers) (get a move on).
- They're **as scarce as hen's teeth** (very rare).
- Don't **act the goat** (be foolish).
- Don't **get you knickers in a knot** (get agitated/upset).
- **Better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick** (better than nothing).
- It's **as clear as mud** (not clear).
- **Don't give yourself tickets** (don't be big-headed).
- **As slow as a wet week** (very slow).
- **Hold onto your horses** (wait a sec/second).
- **Rough as guts** (not good/not well/very rough).
- **Bonza mate** (great).

Common Aussie expressions

Barbie	Barbeque (BBQ)
Beaut	Very good
BYO	Bring your own drink to a party/restaurant
Crook or I'm crook	A criminal or I'm sick
Fair dinkum Fair dinkum?	The truth or as a question 'Is it really true?'
No probs	No problems
She'll be right	Don't worry
Snag	Sausage cooked at a BBQ

Aussies tend to shorten words

They often end words with 'ie' or 'y' or with 'o'. See below for some examples.

Baddie	Bad person
Boardies	Board shorts
Chrissie	Christmas
Comfy	Comfortable
Druggie	Drug addict
Footie	Football
Freebie	Something free
Goodie-goodie	Overly good person
Grotty	Dirty
Iffy	Questionable
Lackie	Elastic band
Loo	Toilet
Mosie	Mosquito
Oldie	Old person
Pressie	Gift
Rellies	Relatives
Shonky	Fraudulent
Sickie	Day off sick from work
Sunnies	Sunglasses
Telly	Television
Truckie	Truck driver
U-ie	U-turn in a vehicle

Aggro	Aggressive
Arvo	Afternoon
Bottle-o	Bottle shop
Demo	Demonstration
Freo	Fremantle
Gastro	Gastroenteritis
Hypo	Hyperactive
Info	Information
Intro	Introduction
Rego	Vehicle registration
Sicko	Disturbed/sick person
Thingo	Person whose name you can't remember
Weirdo	Weird person
Yobbo	Rough person



Students cooking snags at a barbie (BBQ)

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