

THE MANCUNIAN DICTIONARY

The ultimate guide to the words
and phrases which make being from
Manchester proper sound.

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Aa

Absolute scenes

Unbelievable/funny event

Usage: 'Dave just ate 17 sausage rolls. Absolute scenes.'

Ave it

Exclamation about something exciting

Usage: 'Ave it!!!' usually when kicking/throwing something really hard, or 'Let's 'ave it!'

Angin

Hungover/rough/disgusting

Usage: 'Can't even get out of my pit. I feel 'angin'

Bb

Barm cake

Bun/bap

Usage: 'Do you want a chip barm?'

Bobbins

Nonsense, rubbish

Usage: 'You're talking bobbins'

Brew

Cup of tea

Usage: 'Make us a brew'

Butty

Sandwich

Usage: 'I'll have a corned beef butty, ta'

Buzzin'

Excited/extremely happy

Usage: 'I'm buzzin' about Saturday night'

Cc

Cadge

Freeloading/begging/scrounge. To get something without paying for it

Usage: 'Can I cadge a fag?'

Chuddy

Chewing gum

Usage: 'Gis us a stick of that chuddy'

Chuftly badge

Invisible badge of honour for doing something insignificant

Usage: 'What do yer want, a chuftly badge or summat?'

Chuffed

Happy

Usage: *'I'm dead chuffed, me'*

Cob on

Annoyed/angry/sulking.

Also strop on.

Usage: *'What's up with our Donna?*

She's got a right cob on'

Cock

Term of endearment

Usage: *'Ya'll right cock?'*

Dd

Daft apeth

Fool/silly person

Usage: *'Stop being such a daft apeth.'*

Dead

Extremely/very

Usage: *'Them trainers are dead good'*

Dibble

Police, law enforcement

Usage: *'The dibble got him yesterday.'*

Dinner

Midday meal

Usage: *'I'm going mam's for my Sunday dinner'*

Do one

Go away. Also, off you pop

Usage: *'Oh just do one will ya'*

Duds

Underpants

Usage: *'You seen me duds, mam?'*

Ff

Fettled

Fixed/repaired/mended

Usage: *"I'm taking my car to get fettled"*

Fit

Tasty/Attractive

Usage: *'That pie was well fit'*

Gg

Gaggin'

Thirsty

Usage: 'I'm gaggin' for a pint'

Give your 'ead a wobble

To have a rethink

Usage: "Fish, chips, peas with pea wet?
Give your 'ead a wobble!"

Give over

Stop it/expression of disbelief

Usage: 'Our Janet's won lottery'
'Give over, she never has'

Ginnel

Back alley

Usage: 'Look at Liam's legs, he couldn't stop a pig in a ginnel.'

li

Is it ecker's like

To strongly disagree with something

Usage: Mum: 'It's going to be sunny tomorrow'. You: 'Is it ecker's like'

Kk

Keks

Trousers

Usage: 'Those are some snazzy keks'

LI

Lash (on the)

To go out and get drunk.

Also, on the razz.

Usage: 'We off out on the lash tonight?'

Lamp

To hit someone

Usage: 'He was doing my 'ead in so I lamped him'

Mm

Mad fer it

Very excited about something

Usage: 'Mad fer it!!!' shouted before anything deemed exciting

Mardy

Moody/surly/moaning

Usage: 'He's being a right mardy get'

Me

Used at the end of any sentence about yourself

Usage: 'I love Corrie, me' 'I can't be bothered, me'

Mingin'

**Horrible/revolting/
unpleasant**

Usage: 'Those toilets are mingin''

Mint

Great, fantastic

Usage: 'That new song is mint'

Mither

Bother/trouble/aggravation

Usage: 'I can't be mithered with all this'

Mooch

To wander around aimlessly

Usage: 'We're going for a mooch round town'

Nn

Newtons

**Teeth (Mancunian rhyming
slang: Newton Heath = teeth)**

Usage: 'State of them Newtons on her'

Nowt

Nothing

Usage: 'I ain't done nowt wrong'

Oo

Our kid

**Term of affection for family
member/close friend**

Usage: 'Ya'll right our kid?'

Owt

Anything

Usage: 'You don't get owt for nowt'

Pp

Peg it

To run/Flee

Usage: 'Quick, peg it, the dibble's coming'

Proper

Really

Usage: 'It's proper spitting now'

Rr

Rank

Disgusting

Usage: 'That pie was well rank'

Ss

Salfords

Socks (Mancunian rhyming slang: **Salford Docks = socks**)

Usage: 'Pull your Salfords up'

Scrikin'

Crying

Usage: 'What's up with our kid? He won't stop scrikin'

Shut yer cake 'ole

Be quiet

Usage: 'The missus is doin' my head in. I wish she'd shut her cake 'ole.'

Scoops

Alcoholic drinks

Usage: 'You coming out for a couple of scoops?'

Scran

Food

Usage: 'Are we getting some scran?
Mi stomach think mi throat's been cut'

Scrotes

Unsavory collection of youths usually up to no good. Also scallies

Usage: 'Some little scrotes set fire to the bins again'

Snide

Tight/ungenerous

Usage: 'Give us a fag, don't be snide'

Sorted

Good, excellent

Usage: 'Our kid's getting a round in. Sorted!'

Sound

Good/decent

Usage: 'He's dead sound that bloke'

Soz

Sorry

Usage: 'I dropped your kebab, soz'

Swear down

To tell the truth

Usage: 'I swear down, I never touched it'

Tt

Tea

Evening meal

Usage: 'What's for tea, mam?'

Top one

Excellent. Also nice one

Usage: 'Top one our kid'

Town

Manchester

Usage: 'We going up town tonight?'

Uu

Us

Me

Usage: 'Make us a butty'

Ww

Well

Very

Usage: 'That bird is well fit'

What it is, right

Used at the beginning of any sort of explanation.

Also, the thing is, right.

Usage: 'What is it, right, me boiler's gone and the 'ouse is freezing'

Yy

Yer wot?

Pardon?

Usage: 'I'm not going town tonight'

'Yer wot?'

