

# AUSSIE ENGLISH

G'DAY, Australia



# COMMON EVERYDAY WORDS/ SLANG EXPRESSIONS

Firstly, let me say that Australians don't speak [British English](#). In Aussie English (Aussie- Australian), there are hundreds of slang expressions and different sayings that it would be impossible to explain them all in this post. Since living away from Australia, I have noticed many other foreigners, especially Americans, find some of the common words I use different, and in some cases funny.

Here are some of the common everyday Australian words and sayings.

## Mate/ G'day mate

In Australia everyone is your mate.

"Mate" is a way to say friend or colleague in Australian English. It has become a iconic expression for Australia and is used with people you don't even know.



"G'day mate!" = "Good day mate" *\*can be used to greet someone at any time of the day.*

Mate is a synonym for partner, or someone you share something with. Other terms with mate include; workmate, schoolmate, classmate, housemate

## What do you reckon? / Whaddaya reckon?

This expression means "What do you think?" *reckon = think*

Although this phrase is used in other types of English, Australians tend to use this term on a frequent basis.

- "Whaddaya reckon of my new car?"

- "I reckon she's a beauty!!"

## **Youse**

Youse is one of the biggest grammar mistakes made by Australians on a daily basis. This word is used so commonly that most people don't even know that it's incorrect.

In Australian English "youse" is used as the plural form of "you." The correct plural of you is you. In other places people have a tendency to say you guys or you all/ya'll.

"What are youse looking at?"

"I haven't seen youse around, are you lost or something?"



## **No worries**

This one is also big in British English, but I believe the Australians definitely use it more often.

No worries is a way to say you're welcome or no problem.

"Hey thanks for helping me out mate." "No worries!"

## **Cheers**

I know you're probably thinking that people say cheers all over the world as a way of celebrating before you drink a beer, but in Australian English it

is used to say thank you. It's also used when you say goodbye to someone in an informal way.

"Here are those TPS reports you asked for Bob."

"-Ahh, cheers mate!"



## Are you keen?

The word keen means to be eager, excited or interested in something.

In Australia we use this to ask friends to join us in doing something or to get people excited about something.

"Hey there's going to be a John Butler show tonight, are youse keen?"

## Heaps / Heaps good

Heaps is used as a quantifier just like a lot of. *A lot of people / Heaps of people*

In Australian informal English, we use the expression "heaps good" to say that something is or was really good.

"How was the show last night?" "It was heaps good!"

"Were there many people there?" "Yeah, heaps!"

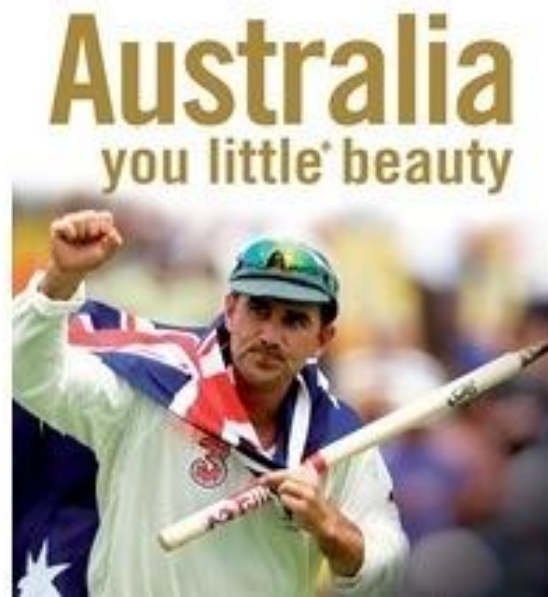
## You little beauty / you little ripper (*You little ripper*)

Both of these terms are used in the same way to celebrate or to show excitement about something. Even though we use the word beauty, these expressions are never used to express beauty.

-"The Wallabies just beat the All blacks!" "You little ripperrrrr!!!"

- "You little beauty!! There's going to be a holiday next Friday, that means we get a long weekend."

*\*The Wallabies are the Australian Rugby team, the Allblacks are from New Zealand (Australia's rival).*



# An **AUSSIE GENTLEMAN**

**G'day mate**

Pleased to make  
your acquaintance.

**He's Blotto**

Inebriated beyond the  
capacity to stand up.

**You little ripper!**

Words of praise  
fail me.

**Rack off**

Your presence is  
no longer  
required.

**Fair dinkum**

Of course I'm  
telling the truth.

**Pull ya head in**

You may be  
correct in your  
assertion  
but shut up.

**Wanna Roge?**

Would you like to  
drink vast amounts  
of alcohol with me  
until we both drop?

**You Drongo**

A rather  
dimwitted  
person.



**Your shout**

If you value your  
well being you  
should buy the  
next drink.

**Go on**

I'm not entirely  
convinced you know  
what you're talking  
about.

**Whadayawant?**

Might I enquire  
about your needs?

**Have a Chunder**

The delicate act  
of regurgitation.

**You pong**

Dear me, we do  
smell don't we.

**Bloody oath!**

I'm in total  
agreement with you.

**Howya going?**

May I enquire about  
your welfare?

**Give it a go ya mug!**

Are you perhaps  
incapable of  
performing this act?

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# An AUSSIE SHEILA

Wanna cuppa?  
Would you care  
for some tea?

Go and tart  
yourself up.  
Please dress  
in your best  
clothes.

Wanna come  
to our piss up?  
You are invited  
to our party

How ya goin'  
luv?  
I hope you are  
feeling well

Don't get your  
knickers in  
a knot  
Don't upset  
yourself

What's the latest goss?  
any juicy news

The old man's  
shot through  
My husband's  
left town

Get stuffed bitch  
Leave whenever  
you like

Shut  
ya gob!  
Tell someone  
who cares

Don't  
crap on  
Aren't you  
exaggerating?

Could I bot a  
fag?  
May I have  
one of your  
cigarettes?

Grouse lippy  
What a  
nice shade  
of lipstick



## Conclusion

Like most other styles of English, whether it be American or British, to perfect the language you need to have a lot of contact with that accent and be exposed to that culture.

If you would like to work on your Australian accent and pick up some common Australian terms, I suggest you look for Australian media online and spend a couple of months watching Australian movies, T.V. series, listen to Australian music.

To learn more about Australian expressions, both the common ones and the older stereotypical ones, take a look at this website and start practicing your Aussie lingo (lingo- colloquial language). <http://www.goingrank.com.au/glossary.html>

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for  
attention!

