

Digital Camouflage - How Addicts Use Slang to Hide Drugs in Plain Sight

Drug users of all kinds utilize a constantly evolving lexicon of code words and visual shorthand to discuss substance use, specifically designed to bypass adult surveillance. By substituting clinical terms with innocuous everyday words or ambiguous emojis, teens can negotiate transactions and discuss consumption openly on platforms like TikTok, WhatsApp, and text messages without triggering parental alarm bells or automated content filters. This linguistic camouflage serves a dual purpose: it fosters a sense of exclusive group identity while acting as a sophisticated security measure. This "hidden in plain sight" communication allows dangerous behaviors to thrive within what appears to be harmless, mundane digital chatter. The names frequently change and new ones are added as users and their dealers detect people - parents, police, caregivers - have become savvy to the ones being used.

Here's a basic list of the slang that refers to specific drugs and alcohol...

·	Abe	means	\$5 dollars worth of drugs
·	Abe's cabe		\$5 dollar bill
·	B		amount of marijuana to fill a matchbox
·	Bag		container for drugs
·	Big 8		1/8 kilogram of crack
·	Bindle		small package of drugs
·	Bing		enough drug for one injection
·	Biscuit		50 rocks of crack
·	Bizz		bag or portion of drugs
·	Bone		\$50 dollar piece of crack
·	Bolder		\$20 dollars worth of crack
·	Breakdown		a \$40 dollar rock sold for \$20 dollars
·	Brick		1 kilogram of marijuana
·	Cadillac		1 ounce

· Can	1 ounce
· Cartucho	package of marijuana cigarettes
· Check	personal supply of drugs
· Cod	large amount of money
· Coriander seeds	cash
· Cotton	currency
· Course note	bill larger than \$2 dollars
· Cube	1 ounce
· Deck	1-15 grams of heroin also known as a bag
· Demo	sample size of crack
· Deuce	\$2 dollars' worth of drugs
· Dews	\$10 dollars' worth of drugs
· Dime	\$10 dollars' worth of crack or other drugs
· Dime bag	\$10 dollars' worth of drugs
· Dime's worth	amount of heroin to cause death
· Dollar	\$100 dollars' worth of drugs
· Double	\$20 dollars' worth of crack rock
· Double up	\$20 dollar rock can be broken into 2 \$20 rocks
· Dove	\$35 dollar piece of crack
· 8 ball	1/8 ounce of drugs (often used all at once)
· 15 cents	\$15 dollars' worth of drugs
· 5-cent bag	\$5 dollars' worth of drugs
· 5C note	\$500 dollar bill
· \$5 bag	\$50 dollars' worth of drugs
· G	\$1,000 dollars or 1 gram of drugs
· G rock	1 gram of rock cocaine
· Grease	currency
· Green goods	paper currency
· Green stuff	paper currency
· Half	half ounce
· Half of a C	\$50 dollar bill
· Half of a football	50 rocks of crack
· Half of a G	\$500 dollars
· Half load	15 bags or decks of heroin

· Half piece	½ ounce of heroin or cocaine
· Honey	currency
· Kilo	2.2 pounds
· Lid	1 ounce of marijuana
· Load	25 bags of heroin
· Matchbox	¼ ounce of marijuana or 6 marijuana cigarettes
· Nichol bag	\$5 dollars' worth of drugs
· Nichol note	\$5 dollar bill
· 1 box tissue	1 ounce of crack
· Paper bag	container for drugs
· Peewee	\$5 dollars' worth of crack
· Piece	1 ounce
· Quarter	¼ ounce or \$25 dollars' worth of drugs
· Quarter bag	\$25 dollars' worth of drugs
· Quarter piece	¼ ounce
· Sandwich bag	\$40 dollar bag of marijuana
· Sixty-two	2 ½ ounces of crack
· Sniffer bag	\$5 dollar bag of heroin intended for inhalation
· Spoon	½ oz heroin used to prepare it for injection
· Tray	\$3 dollar bag of marijuana
· Twenties	\$20 dollar vials or bags of crack
· Two for nine	Two \$5 dollar vials or bags of crack for \$9
· Working 50	crack rock weighing ½ gram or more
· Working half	crack rock weighing ½ gram or more
· Z	1 ounce of heroin
· 4:20	not the time but a signal for marijuana use