

Talk like an Aussie

In one, simple lesson.

You might know that “G'day” means “hello” and “no worries” means “it's ok/no problem.” But did you know that a “snag” is a sausage? Or that “it's your shout,” means “your turn to buy”? Here's more lingo to help you chin wag.

Arvo Afternoon

Awning Over the Toy Shop A male beer belly

Billabong A place to drink

Bonzer Great, something excellent

Budgie Smugglers A man's bathing suit

Catch Me Kiss Me A reference to soccer

Crack a Tinnie Open a can of beer

Dog and Bone Rhyming slang for “telephone”

Drop Your Bundle Have a nervous breakdown

Dunny Toilet

Good Onya Good for you, well done

Kangaroos Loose in the Top Paddock Not too bright

Liquid Laugh Vomit

Plates of Meat Rhyming slang for “feet”

Pig's Bum That's wrong, I don't agree

Seppo An American

Sniff Bum Rugby League

Spit the Dummy Get very upset at something

Wanker Loser

Wobbly Boots What you wear after a few too many



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Footy lingo 101

Sharpen your pencils, there will be a test.

In the Footy world, players wear jumpers, not jerseys. A “mark” means “catch.” And when teammates yell “you’re hot!” it doesn’t mean they think a player’s good looking. Here are a few more terms to keep in mind.

Barrack To “cheer” for your team. Australians never say they’re “rooting” for sports teams. Ask one why some time (we’re trying to keep this a family show here).

Banana Kick When a player has a tight-angle shot at goal or is about to get creamed, he/she will kick the ball sideways with backspin to give it a curling effect.

Specy A spectacular mark (catch), often used when a player skies and snatches a ball from the heavens. Also referred to as a “screamer.”

Hospital Pass A ball delivered with too much hang time, giving the opposition time to contest it. Tends to end up badly for the intended recipient of said pass.

Hot A player in danger of getting cleaned up by another player. Teammates yell “you’re hot” hopefully in enough time to avoid a ride in the ambo.

White Maggot An “affectionate” term for umpires, traditionally dressed in white.

Mongrel Punt Any kick, usually ugly and wobbly, that strays from its intended target.

Sausage roll Australian rhyming slang for “goal.”

Barry Crocker Another rhyming slang for “shocker,” referring to any wildly misdirected kick or hand pass.

Torpedo Or “torp.” A spiral kick resembling that of an American football punter. Great for distance. Not so great for accuracy.

Got a Paddock to Run In You might hear this when an unmarked player with the ball has some space to roam free.

The “G” The Melbourne Cricket Grounds (widely considered the home of footy), is fondly referred to as the “G.”



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