Australian English is more than just an accent, and the Aussie vernacular can easily leave both English speakers and foreigners perplexed. Australian English is similar to British English, but many common words [differ from American English](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWu3LhfA3fw)—and there are many unique Aussie idiosyncrasies, slang terms, and expressions.

The term for Aussie slang and pronunciation is *strine*, and it is often characterized by making words as short as possible; the story goes it developed by speaking through clenched teeth to avoid *blowies* (blow flies) from getting into the mouth. So if you plan to visit the world’s smallest continent, this list of some of the most commonly used slang expressions is for you.

**Arvo:** afternoon

**Barbie:** barbeque

**Bogan:** redneck, an uncultured person. According to the Australian show *[Bogan Hunters](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgHGKRZAVBs" \t "_blank)*, a real bogan sports a flanno (flannel shirt), a mullet, missing teeth, homemade tattoos (preferably of the Australian Flag or the Southern Cross), and has an excess of Australia paraphernalia.

**Chockers:** very full

**Esky:** cooler, insulated food and drink container

**Fair Dinkum:** true, real, genuine

**Grommet:** young surfer

**Mozzie:** mosquito

**Ripper:** really great

**Roo:** kangaroo. A baby roo, still in the pouch, is known as a Joey

**Servo:** gas station. In Australia, a gas station is called a petrol station

**She’ll be right:** everything will be all right

**Sickie:** sick day. If you take a day off work when you are not actually sick it’s called chucking a sickie.

**Sook:** to sulk. If someone calls you a sook, it is because they think you are whinging

**Sweet as:** sweet, awesome. Aussies will often put ‘as’ at the end of adjectives to give it emphasis. Other examples include lazy as, lovely as, fast as and common as.

**Ta:** thank you

**Togs:** swim suit

**Tradie:** a tradesman. Most of the tradies have nicknames too, including brickie (bricklayer), truckie (truckdriver), sparky (electrician), garbo (garbage collector) and chippie (carpenter).

**Ute:** Utility vehicle, pickup truck

**Whinge:** whine

Good onya, mate! Understanding the Aussies should be easy as now.