

British Vernacular – Glossary

advert – an advertisement

bloody – a swear word originally meaning “by God’s blood”

borough – a town or neighborhood

common – a park

dead keen – very enthusiastic

dishrag – someone who is sleazy

fag – a cigarette

favourite – favorite

kerb – a curb

lilo – an inflatable mattress

lot – a group

lump it – forget about it

mate – friend

mobile – cell phone

palaver – tedious discussion

post – mail

queue – a waiting line

queueing – lining up

quid – currency, specifically a British pound

rubbish – garbage

Shreddie – a piece of shredded wheat

skive – skip school

straight away – right away

trousers – pants

tube – subway