

## Rationale for resource

Imagine arriving at a country where you don't speak the language, are unable to read the language or understand the culture and terms people are using!

This is what it can be like for people entering the prison both as a prisoner and as a new member of staff. Different words are used for common words and also a vast amount of acronyms.

This can be a *real challenge* especially if the person is neurodiverse and may not have the skills or confidence to ask what something means.

With **1 in 3** people in Prison being neurodiverse (having one or more Learning Difficulties or Disabilities) **Do-IT>** has decided to publish this **free, downloadable** resource that can be used in Reception, throughout the prison and for staff induction.



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This list is not exhaustive, but a starting point. If you are aware of any terms that are not included on this resource or you would like further information, please email: [Helen@doitprofiler.com](mailto:Helen@doitprofiler.com)

## Prison Terms

| Prison term          | What does this mean?  |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>1's</b>           | The ground floor landing  |
| <b>2's</b>           | The middle landing  |
| <b>3's</b>           | The top landing   |
| <b>5-0</b>           | The Police  |
| <b>Bang up</b>       | To be locked in your room   |
| <b>Bare</b>          | Lots of things. 'He has bought <b>bare</b> shower gels'   |
| <b>Baron</b>         | Someone who sells things in prison to make money  |
| <b>Boss</b>          | Prison Officer  |
| <b>Canteen</b>       | The prison shop were people in prison can but items food/greetings cards etc (it is not an actual shop, but a form that is filled in) |
| <b>CC</b>            | Cell Confinement- being locked in a cell as a punishment  |
| <b>CJSW</b>          | Criminal Justice Social Worker  |
| <b>Co-D</b>          | Someone who is on the same charge as someone  |
| <b>Co-pilot</b>      | Someone you share the cell with   |
| <b>Double Bubble</b> | When you buy something from another prisoner but pay it back at twice the price   |
| <b>EDA</b>           | Escorted Day Absence  |
| <b>Exercise</b>      | When the person in prison has time in the fresh air whilst still being in the prison.   |
| <b>Fam</b>           | A friend  |
| <b>FCO</b>           | Family Contact Officer  |
| <b>Fish/Spice</b>    | Words for drugs   |

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| <b>Going Ham</b>                          | Someone who is behaving angrily is 'Going Ham'  |
| <b>Grass /sell out</b>                    | Someone who tells on another person in prison   |
| <b>Gov</b>                                | Prison Officer or Governor  |
| <b>Key worker</b>                         | A Prison Officer who will work with you   |
| <b>Landing</b>                            | There may be different 'landings' on your wing. There may be the ground floor landing, a middle landing and a top landing. The rooms are on the landing which are on the wing |
| <b>Listener</b>                           | A person in prison who is trained by the Samaritans to support other people in prison and listen to any worries.  |
| <b>Lizzie</b>                             | Phone   |
| <b>My Man</b>                             | A greeting to a friend or when one person is referring to another.  |
| <b>Nonce/Bacon/Beast/Sex case/Fraggle</b> | Someone accused of being a sex offender that are likely to cause arguments or violence  |
| <b>On basic</b>                           | This is where someone's bad behaviour means they do not have any earned privileges  |
| <b>On road</b>                            | When the person isn't in prison. He/she may say 'when I was on road'  |
| <b>Pad</b>                                | The room you will be staying in   |
| <b>Peer Mentor</b>                        | A person in prison who supports other people in prison  |
| <b>Personal Officer</b>                   | A Prison Officer who will work with you   |
| <b>Peter</b>                              | The room you will be staying in   |
| <b>PIN</b>                                | An individual code that charges the person in prison for phone calls  |

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| <b>Plugged</b>           | Where things are hidden inside the person in prison's body   |
| <b>Po-Po</b>             | Police   |
| <b>Reception</b>         | Where all people are received into the prison, searched and items are stored   |
| <b>Red band/orderly</b>  | A trusted person in prison who are able to do more trusted jobs in prison like cleaning                                |
| <b>ROTL</b>              | Released on Temporary Licence- where you are able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison |
| <b>Screws</b>            | Prison officer   |
| <b>SEL</b>               | Special Escorted Leave- this is where you are able to leave the prison, but only with an officer                       |
| <b>Servery</b>           | Where the person in prison collects their food (lunch/dinner)  |
| <b>Shop</b>              | Prisoner who sells canteen to another prisoner   |
| <b>Social or 'So-sh'</b> | Association time with other prisoners, either on the landing or exercise yard  |
| <b>Spends</b>            | Money for the canteen  |
| <b>Sweat box</b>         | Prison transport (usually from court or to and from another establishment)   |
| <b>The Block</b>         | This is the word given to the Care and Protection Unit (CPU). It can also be known as the Segregation Unit             |
| <b>The Seg</b>           | This is the word given to the Care and Protection Unit (CPU)- it can also be known as the Segregation Unit             |
| <b>UDR</b>               | Unescorted Day Release- this is when you are able to leave the prison without an officer and return back to the prison |



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