



Street or Slang Names for Drugs

Emojis:



Emojis have opened up a new language for youth to communicate in code, including about drug use. Emojis are symbols and icons - including human faces, items, animals, and landmarks - that can be included in text or online messages.

There have been cases where police linked emojis to communication about drug deals. Some symbols are obvious: a pill or a syringe. Others are not as straightforward. A diamond could mean cocaine or crystal meth. A “dashing away” symbol, like a puff of air, could refer to vaping. A dancing woman in a fabulous red dress might signal that someone is ready to party. In one case, police found that a maple leaf was being used to represent drugs in general on a popular online application; a leaf may also represent marijuana.

To avoid getting in trouble with the law, at school and at home, teens often use slang or street names to talk about drugs in secret. If you hear your teen using any of these slang terms, it may indicate they're using. Visit <https://drugfree.org/article/talk-with-your-kids/> for resources, including a downloadable Parent Talk Kit.

Common and Brand Names	Street or Slang Names
Opioids	
Codeine Brands: various, often combined with acetaminophen and aspirin	Captain Cody, Cody, Lean, Schoolboy, Sizzurp, Purple Drank. With glutethimide: Doors & Fours, Loads, Pancakes and Syrup
Fentanyl Brands: Duragesic, Actiq, Sublimaze	Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Jackpot, Murder 8, Tango and Cash, TNT
Heroin	H, Smack, Dope, China White, Horse, Skag, Junk, Black Tar, Big H, Brown Sugar, Mud, Dragon, Boy, Mexican Brown, Thunder, Skunk
Hydrocodone or Dihydrocodeinone Brands: Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, others	Vike, Watsons, Watson-387, Vics, Vicos, Hydros, Lorris, Fluff, Scratch, Norco, Idiot Pills, Tabs, 357s
Hydromorphone Brands: Dilaudid	D, Dillies, Footballs, Juice, Smack
Kratom	Herbal Speedball, Biak-biak, Ketum Kahuam, Ithang, Thom
Meperidine Brands: Demerol	Demmies
Morphine Brands: Kadian, Avinza, MS Contin, Duramorph, Roxanol	M, Miss Emma, Monkey, White Stuff
Oxycodone Brands: OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, others	O.C., Oxycet, Oxycotton, Oxy, Hillbilly Heroin, Percs, O, Ox, Blue, 512s, Kickers, Killers
Oxymorphone Brands: Opana	Biscuits, Blue Heaven, Blues, Mrs. O, O Bomb, Octagone, Stop Signs
Stimulants	
Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine Brands: Adderall	Addys, Uppers, Beans, Black Beauties, Pep Pills, Speed, Dexies, Zing, Study Buddies, Smart Pills
Cocaine	Coke, Blow, Rock, Crack, Yayo, Snow, Sniff, Sneeze, White, Nose Candy, Bernice, Toot, Line, Dust, Flake
Ecstasy or MDMA	X, E, XTC, Molly, Rolls, Hug, Hug Drug, Love Drug, Lover's Speed, Beans, Adam, Eve, Clarity, Moon Rocks, Happy Pill, Dancing Shoes, Scooby Snacks, Candy, Peace, Uppers
Khat	Abyssinian Tea, African Salad, Catha, Chat, Kat, Oat
Methamphetamine Brands: Desoxyyn	Crystal, Meth, Cristy, Tina, Crank, Crissy, Tweak, Glass, Ice, Shards, Go, Whizz, Chalk, Speed
Methylphenidate Brands: Ritalin, Concerta	Vitamin R, R-ball, Rids, Rit, Diet Coke, Kiddie Cocaine, Kiddie Coke, Skippy, Pineapple, Kibbles and Bit, Skittles, Smarties, Poor Man's Cocaine
Synthetic Cathinones or Bath Salts Brands: various	Cloud 9, Vanilla Sky, White Lightning, Bloom, Scarface, Bliss, Drone, Energy-1, Meow Meow, Pure Ivory, Blue Silk, Stardust, Lunar Wave, Wicked X
Synthetic Marijuana	Spice, K2, K2 Drug, K3 Drug, Bliss, Black Mamba, Yucatan Fire, Skunk, Genie, Bombay Blue, Solar Flare, Zohai, Joker, Kush, Kronik

Popular Drug Slang

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Depressants	
Barbiturates Brands: Nembutal	Barbs, Phennies, Red Birds, Reds, Tooies, Yellow Jackets, Yellows
Benzodiazepines Brands: Xanax, Valium, Klonopin	Xannies, Bars, Z-Bars, Zanbars, Handlebars, Planks, Bricks, Benzos, Blue Footballs, Upjohn, School Bus, Bicycle Parts, Yellow Boys, White Boys, White Girls
Flunitrazepam Brands: Rohypnol	Circles, Data Rape Drug, Forget-Me Pill, La Rocha, Lunch Money, Mexican Valium, Mind Eraser, Pingus, R2, Reynolds, Rib, Roach/Roaches/Roachies, Roopies, Roofies, Rope, Row-Shay, Ruffies, Trip-and-Fall, Wolfies
GHB Brands: Xyrem	G, Georgia Home Boy, Goop, Grievous BodiY Harm, Liquid Ecstasy, Liquid X, Soap, Scoop
Hallucinogens and Dissociatives	
Ayahuasca	Aya, Yagé, Hoasca
Dextromethorphan (DXM) and Cough Syrups Brands: various	Dexies, Drex, Robo, Rojo, Red Devils, Poor Man's Ecstasy, Orange Crush, Tussin, Velvet, Triple C, Drank, Purple Drank, Sizzurp
DMT	DMT, Dimitri
Ketamine Brands: Ketalar	K, Ket, Special K, Vitamin K, Green K, Super C, Super Acid, Special La Coke, Jet, Purple, Kit Kat, Cat Valium, Honey Oil
LSD	Acid, L, Lucy, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, Cid, Tabs, Doses, Blotter, California Sunshine, Yellow Sunshine, Window Pane, Battery Acid, Dots, Looney Toons, Blue Heaven, Superman, Cubes
Mescaline or Peyote	Buttons, Cactus, Mesc
Mushrooms or Psilocybin	Magic Mushrooms, Shrooms, Boomers, Caps, Mushies, Buttons, Magics, Blue Meanies, Liberty Caps, Cubes, Liberties
PCP	Angel Dust, Ozone, Rocket Fuel, Love Boat, Embalming Fluid, Hog, Superweed, Wack, Wet (a marijuana joint dipped in PCP)
Salvia Brands: often sold as Salvia divinorum	Magic Mint, Maria Pastora, Sally-D, Shepherdess' Herb, Diviner's Sage
Additional Drugs	
Inhalants Brands: various. Can include common household products such as spray paints, markers, glues and cleaners	Huff, Poppers, Moon Gas, Snappers, Bold, Rush, Air Blast, Glad, Hippie Crack, Oz, Discorama, Whiteout, Poor Man's Pot
Nitrous oxide A popular inhalant that can be found in whipped cream dispensers, as well as other products	Whippets, Nitrous, Laughing Gas
Marijuana or Cannabis Brands: various	Weed, Pot, Hashish, Hash, Green, Bud, Grass, Trees, Reefer, Herb, Mary Jane, Ganja, Hemp, Dope, Chronic, Kush, Sinsemilla, Purple Haze, Skunk
Steroids (Anabolic) Brands: Oxandrin, Anadrol, Depotestosterone	Juice, Gym Candy, Pumpers, Roids

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