

## Appendix 25 – Cockney Rhyming Slang

### Fun with Cockney Slang

Cockney is a dialect in London. As far as we know, it is the only dialect that creates slang by rhyming words.

What would you think if someone said, "I have some bees and honey in my Lucy"?

It means "I have a pocket full of money."

How does it mean that?

In the Cockney dialect, a word is rhymed with a phrase and then either the phrase or one of the words from the phrase is used instead of the "real" word.

Bees and honey = money

Lucy Locket = pocket

How about this one - I got a new kitten. Would you like a butcher's?

It means "I got a new kitten. Would you like a look?"

Butcher's hook = look

Here are some others:

Why not get 'im on the dog? (Dog and bone = phone)

I need a pair of winter turtles. (Turtle dove = glove)

He wore his new whistle to church. (Whistle and flute = suit)

Americans have adopted at least one of these rhyme terms. When you say you "gave someone the raspberries," you're actually using Cockney slang. Can you figure out what it is?

Raspberry tart =

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