

GLOSSARY

“CONNECTED GUY” LINGO

A “Connected Guy” is vouched for by a “Made Guy” although he is not an official member of the family he is referred to as a “friend of mine” that can be trusted by other Wiseguys

1. A ‘101’
To get information on someone . Usually the information is not found in a library. Information can be obtained from bribes to breaking a knowledgeable person’s thumb.
2. Aceing
To top someone with an act or a story. Usually starts with “you think that shit is funny . . . listen to this!”
3. Agita
Means ‘upset stomach’ in Italian. Used in expression when some is upsetting you. “Hey stop that shit you’re giving me fuckin’ *agita*.”
4. Apache Indian Job
To set fire to a building and get rid of the ‘problem’ as

well. What's left?—An unidentifiable body and a well insured building.

5. Atso

Italian slang usually said as a surprise expression. “It’s going to cost five thousand dollars to remove the bullet from your shoulder. *Atso* leave the fuckin’ thing in!”

6. Away

Meaning the person is doing time. “Where’s Johnny Beef these days . . . he got pinched he’s *away*.”

7. Babania

Italian expression for heroin drug trafficking.

8. Baccala

Literal Italian translation is a type of salted dry fish, usually cod. The expression is used when describing a person who is acting like a fool. “When Joey dances he looks like a ‘*baccala*’ on roller-skates.”

9. Beef

To get into a fight or serious argument. “Do what I tell ya’ . . . I don’t need any ‘*beefs*’ with his crew.”

10. Black Bible

My black book where I wrote stories and then attached them to a real wise guys name. “At the end my ‘Black Bible’ was 100% certified bullshit!”

11. **Bobble Head Nodding**
What wiseguys do at clubs instead of dancing to the music. Advanced bobble head nodding incorporates a left to right motion as well. Approval of the music is sanctioned when their bottom lip extends towards their chin.
12. **Books**
Symbolic meaning for membership or “being made” in the Family. When there is availability the *books* are “opened.” When no one is “being made” the *books* are “closed.”
13. **Canary**
One who talks to the Feds about other wiseguys operations. Usually a *canary* starts talking after he gets pinched. Not like an informant who may be undercover from the beginning.
14. **“C” Note**
A hundred dollar bill... Derived from a “Century” or one hundred years.
15. **Chased**
That’s when someone is evicted from the Mafia and banded from associating or doing business with any made members. Guys kiss the floor when they are officially “chased” as the alternative is being whacked.
16. **Ché Bruta**
Literally means how ugly you are. However depending on which side of the street you grew up on the

meaning encompasses an ugly situation that most of the time was funny.

17. Contract

An agreement to kill someone for money or other remuneration. The Contractor is the one who obliges.

18. Consigliore

A person who is put in the position to advise the Family. Often but not necessary he is an attorney.

19. Capish

Means “do you understand.” Most often used as a final proclamation. “Enough is enough . . . do you fuckin capish?”

20. Capo

In the hierarchy of the crime family refers to a “Middle Boss” who is in charge of a crew.

21. Cafone

Has evolved to mean a low life person that takes advantage of people. Once labeled *cafone* you have lost respect from other family members.

22. Clocking

Keep an eye on or tracking someone’s movements and activities.

23. Clutter Fuck

Meaning a discombobulation of events or situations that is frustrating to untangle.

24. **Cogliones**
A guys balls- Stop breaking my *cogliones* here!
25. **Cumad**
It's a girlfriend on the side. Derived from Italian word "cumare" meaning girlfriend. A *cumad* can be derogatory or an honor depending on the woman's moral values.
26. **D'ja**
Short Translation for "Did You."
27. **Done Good**
Expression of appreciation for a job well done. "You fuckin' *done good*."
28. **Double Deck Coffin**
A two tiered coffin with the paying customer on the top and the wacked person on the bottom. Joe Smiley's specialty.
29. **Earner**
One who produces money and pays tribute to the higher-ups. The bigger the *earner*, the more the higher-ups protect his ass.
30. **Echoed**
Meaning "someone's listening" usually phone taps.
31. **Empty Suit**
Someone who looks the part however can't come through with the results. For attorneys they don't

have to worry about being an empty suit as they get paid on effort—not results.

32. Esk me abou'
Short translation for “Why don’t you ask me about it?”
33. Exploding
Orgasm ... need I say more?
34. Faakin'
How a Russian says Fuckin’. . . “Let’s get another faakin’ drink” . . . “Let’s get up and faakin’ dance.”
35. First Date
The first time meeting with a person who wiseguys intend to do business with. Words are chosen carefully as everyone is suspicious. “Hey Jimmy this is a first date . . . no fuckin’ names—capish?”
36. Finnochio
Expression used to describe a gay guy.
37. Fugazies
Refers to merchandise that is counterfeit or knockoffs.
38. Glassy Eye
Refers to a level of anger seen in one eyes. With wiseguys usually the last image you notice before you’re wacked.

39. Godfather'ish
Mimicking something that has happened in the movie "The Godfather." Too predictable and not original.
40. Goon
A low level gang member usually mammoth in stature that follows orders to a tee. Think of Luca Brasi in "The Godfather."
41. Goomba
When used by an Italian it refers to a close friend. "I like for you to meet Tony ... he's been my *goomba* for over twenty years." When used by an outsider especially by the Feds it is derogatory. "Let's take a trip downtown where you can meet your other goombas."
42. Going South
When a member of a crime family goes into hiding to avoid being captured by the Feds.
43. Guest of the State
Another way of saying the person is in jail.
44. Hot Place
A particular location or place that wiseguys believe to be the target of law enforcement or surveillance.
45. Iced
To be killed.

46. Iceberg
To be part of what's going to be killed.
47. Ice pick kill
A Gino "The Mute" Specialty. Shoving an ice pick in ones ear then scrambling their brains.
48. Jadrool
Translated means 'cucumber'. However if someone calls you a 'jadrool' you can rest assured you're a lazy piece of shit.
49. Jamok
One who is unsure of himself and acts like a big buffoon in order to cover up his insecurity.
50. Joint
Another name for "Prison."
51. Junkets
Casino would fill a plane with experienced gamblers who would commit to gamble a certain amount of hours a day. Everything was free; airfare, hotel, meals, and shows. The casinos knew the players would lose much more than their expenses to bring these losers in.
52. Laundering
Cycling cash from illegal operations to get it back into legal operations without paying taxes.

53. L'cheim
Jewish expression used when toasting meaning "Too Health." Now my Jewish buddies feel they are part of the mob lingo!
54. Look Right Ahead
To look straight ahead and NOT to your right.
55. Large
Expression for "One Thousand Dollars" Also "G" for a Grand.
56. No Fuckin' bode
Translated means "Nobody." However it symbolically means . . . "Don't you dare fuckin' talk to anybody. Sometimes used with expression "Die on the vine" meaning just forget about it and don't bring it up again.
57. MCC
Short for Manhattan Correction Center is a United States federal detention facility in New York City From John Gotti, to drug king Frank Lucas, to Ponzi scheme mastermind Bernard Madoff, have all visited the MCC on several occasions. Most prisoners who are held here have pending cases in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
58. Make a Marriage
Bringing together two families to do business.

59. **Made Guy**
A member of a crime family who has taken an “Oath” or “Omerta” has earned his trust and is now respected to the fullest by other wiseguys.
60. **Mamaluk**
Slang for someone who is big, and slow witted. Most of the times the expression is used in a funny manner describing the person’s antics “What a mamaluk he is ... He reads the same directions on the shampoo bottle every time he washes his hair.
61. **Marron**
Taking from “Holy Mother” or “Madonna.” The expression used when you find out something that is astonishing. “Marron I heard she was good ... but not that fuckin’ good.”
62. **Message /Pop/ Rubbed Out/Clip**
To kill someone. Differs from Message Job where you send a message to his friends why he was killed. “We all knew who did it ... there was a dollar bill stuffed in his mouth.”
63. **Minchia**
Italian slang for prick. Used in an exaggerated expression similar to “Holy Shit.”
64. **Mock Execution**
Carefully giving someone a message by scaring the shit out of them. Twenty percent of the time the message is so real that it scares them to death!

65. Mother Lode
An ample representation of the full amount from which a sample is taken. “Don’t take a sample unless you see the Mother Lode.”
66. Off the Record - On the Record
- ✓ Giving an order that has not been approved by the family.
 - ✓ Giving an order that has been approved by the family.
67. Orange Tux
Orange jumpsuit worn in prison.
68. Plastic
A credit card.
69. Pinched
To get arrested.
70. Program
Short version for “The Witness Protection Program.”
71. Rap Time Exposure
Getting some unexpected time in a club to perform in front of audiences.
72. Rat
One who gets caught by the Feds and gives up his connections and doings of the crime family. From that point on they enter a “Witness Protection Program.”

73. Respect
You are respected by wise guys because you earned it or because you're feared. "It is better to be feared than loved."
74. R.I.C.O.
A law that was passed in 1970 that allowed Federal prosecutors the ability to get indictments on criminals for "intentions" to collaborate on a crime. RICO stands for Racketeer Influenced and Criminal Organizations.
75. Royal Crap
Taking a long crap on the toilet until which time your legs get numb. It is usually followed with a wobble to the couch and a short wait while praying for the tingles to subside. Most of the times it is used as a substitute expression for "I don't give a shit."
76. a' Salute
A "toast" meaning to "good health" usually followed by another toast "cent' anni" which means a "hundred years." For some old timers that may only add up to be less than five years.
77. Sacrol
It means actual "cash" not credit cards or checks.
78. Sapore
It's the flavor, aroma or taste that is brought out in your cooking.

79. Sauces
- ✓ Gravy: The homemade tomato sauce that was slow simmered for pasta.
 - ✓ Ragu: The same sauce with various meats added to the sauce. Gravy and Ragu were indispensable Sunday first course entrées.
80. Sent for
Usually a one way trip when asked by the bosses.
81. Shirt
A codename for a key of Heroin.
82. Shill
An accomplice of a gambler, or swindler who acts as an enthusiastic customer to entice or encourage others.
83. Stronzo
Asshole in Italian.
84. Schmuck
Asshole in Jewish.
85. Skim
To take money off the top that is not reported to the IRS.
86. Stag
To come to a meeting by yourself.

87. Stand-up- guy
A trusted guy who is respected and loyal to his friends.
88. Stoops
Outside “steps” in front of brownstones. Expression was used in the Bronx and Brooklyn where we played “Stoop Ball.” Throwing a ball against a stoop we would aim for the corner of the step which inevitably winds up being a home run.
89. Stuttering Parrot
An expression used when a “rat” repeats himself without being resourceful to the Feds.
90. Suitcase
A large package that contains the “Mother Lode” of drugs.
91. Swag
Stolen Goods.
92. Take a Walk / Walk and Talk
Expression used when you felt eyes and ears were looking. It was difficult for Feds to listen if two people were walking and talking while covering their mouths.
93. Testa Dura
A Calabrese expression meaning “Hard Head” or “Your skull is so thick you don’t want to listen.”

94. Tilt
That's when the adrenaline in your body is overriding your logical reaction to a situation.
95. Tribute (aka) Kick-up
A certain percentage of money that is given to the bosses for earning. As you rise in the food chain tributes are then given to you.
96. Va Fangool
Is similar to the English phrase fuck you. Andate tutti a 'fanculo (Fangool)!
"You can all go fuck yourselves!"
97. Vehicles: Target, Trigger, and Layup
- ✓ The subject Feds would follow is called the "Target Vehicle."
 - ✓ The lead car that followed the Target car is called the "Trigger Vehicle."
 - ✓ The back-up car for the Trigger car is called a "Layup Vehicle."
98. Vig / Juice
The excessive interest that you had to pay loan sharks every week.
99. Woo-lee
An uncontrollable desire for something . Mostly related to a specific food "I had a woo-lee for home-made cannoli."

100. Whale

Term originated in Casino's for the "big gamblers."

101. Whacked

To be killed. The most common mob hit expression. Just using the expression "whacked" instead of die, expire, deceased, passed away or at peace, will earn you some respect as a "*wannabe connected guy*."

My 101 Starts Here

