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**Truancy**



## Slang expressions [ edit ]

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There are a number of expressions in most languages which refer to truancy.

- [South Africa](#) — *bunking, mulling, skipping or jippo*
- [Jamaica](#) — *skulling*.
- [Guyana](#) — *skulking*.
- [Antigua and Barbuda](#) — *skudding*.
- [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) — *escaping or eluding*.
- [Trinidad and Tobago](#) — *breaking biche*.
- [Singapore and Malaysia](#) — *pon, short for ponteng*.
- [Pakistan and India](#) — *bunking*.
- [Philippines](#) — *skipping or cutting class*.
- [United Kingdom](#) — *bunking (off), skiving, wagging, kipping, mitching, twagging, or on the knock*.
  - [Liverpool](#) — *cutting class, doggin, playing tickie or puggin*.
  - [Greater Manchester](#) — *legging*.
  - [Wales](#) — *sagging*.
  - [Scotland](#) — *on the hop, doggin it, beaking or on the beak*.
- [Ireland](#) — *mitching*.
- [New Zealand and Australia](#) — *wagging, jigging, ditching, bludging, or skipping school*.
- [Netherlands and Belgium \(Flanders\)](#) *spijbelen*.
- [United States and Canada](#) — *(playing) hooky, ditching, dipping, skipping, cutting (class)*.
  - [Newfoundland and Labrador](#) — *piping off, on the pip*.
  - [Utah](#) — a *sluff* commonly refers to a truancy.



The engine of family

He has the same terrified eyes as I do - He does not know what it is yet. He works hard and still waits for the respect we kind would from his fellow work mates or perhaps the reward of a few euros more for the dirty job he does. It will never come and there will be no rewards. He does not understand what is happening to him - this feeling of culpability for no crime. I know this feeling because I am human. But there is nothing human about these people around him. They are indifferent to outsiders. The whole multi-cultural industry here is only a front. A sham and delusion. I have not meet one foreigner in a position of power, influence in 5 years. I feel so terrified here because it is clearly a fake. These people hate each other well, but outsiders call for a sneaky cruelty. Foreigners are still rebuilding their country - They will let you build a home and take it from you. They see it as their right to do so. Everything is just a favour, a talkonism. They make you beg, they are sadists and cowards.

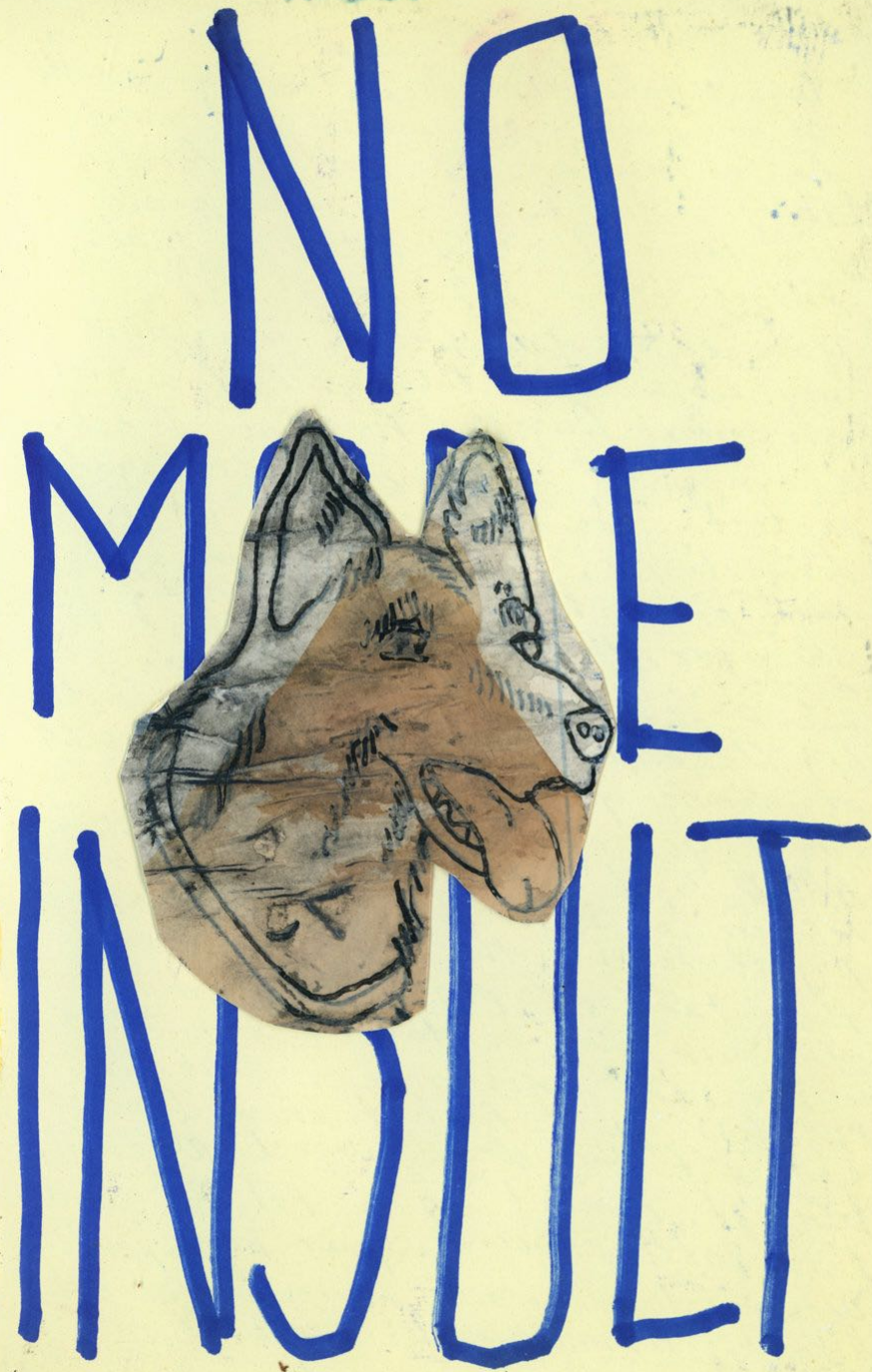
Credit where credit is due, these  
 men would have <sup>you really did actually love that woman</sup> walked. But you  
 loved her, Val, Val May, Nanna  
 my grandmother. I hope she gives  
 you a tender kiss on the cheek  
 and a soft whispered hello now  
 you are reunited side by side  
 (ironically - still in separate room -  
 the fate of all long, successful  
 marriages.) I hope she lets you  
 play Shifty Bussy as often and  
 as loud as you wish, I hope  
 she lets you keep the boats, <sup>pages</sup> keens  
 as <sup>the</sup> much as you desire Tortuga. And although  
 an atheist I <sup>think</sup> heaven is  
 far more beautiful than Kutchmudlo  
 island. I am <sup>sure</sup> Kutchmudlow is  
 aboriginal for "Morton Bugs <sup>anus.</sup> ~~donny~~"  
~~that~~ I hope <sup>born and</sup>  
 whitening  
 and the black <sup>easy</sup> like the devil  
 himself have been tossed out of heaven  
 to curse the mortal. May all the  
 crustations be made and their  
 claws be wrapped safely in the golden  
 threads of an angel's golden pubic  
 hair.



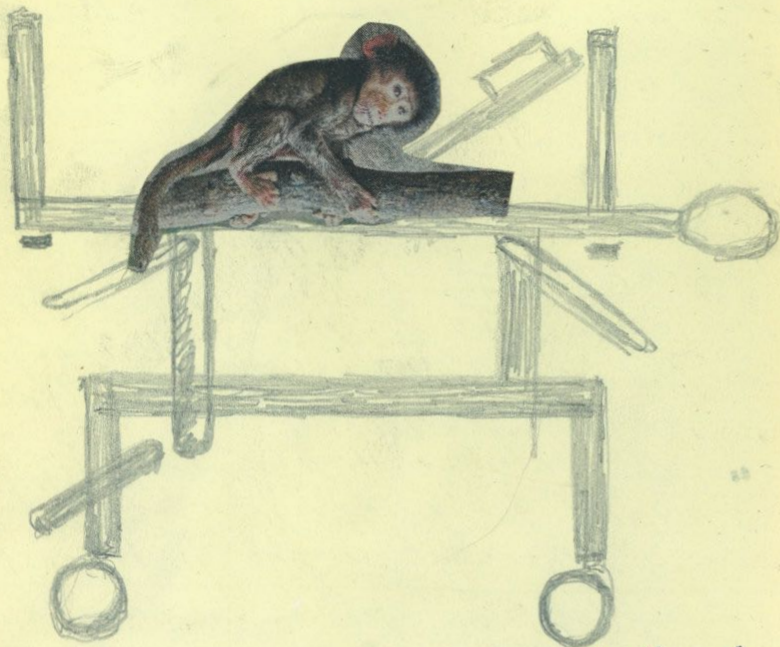
Japan - all tomorrow partye."



Baby - I'm tired of fighting for a lost cause (Becky)



# Erdgeschoss



On the outer fringe of our sheltered free enterprise lagoon I chanced upon a little library and picked up, for only two euros - Philip Larkin Collected poems. Second hand - on its inner sleeve someone has written "November 2003 - Dearest (illegible) all my love Hanna."

A small painting hangs in our group meeting room - of an aerial view of a beach with white impasto waves breaking onto a sandy beach. A toy octopus has been glued on as well as a watchtower, made from doctors tongue sticks - a fishing rod. Myself and

Gary make usefull additions to the scene. Used syringes, condoms, babies nappies, vodka and broken beer bottles, ~~and~~ and a bondi cigar or two, on the beach lies a bottle with an illegible message of help within - if it were ever found nobody would be able to understand it.

"Is the man I love protected from the animas"  
Cemetery - Bullet riddled graves - photos. I am writing on the back of a lazy youths slack shouldered, eyelids heavy and dull. with the time it took to shine his complexion. Chill out in the games room. In the corner sits the game of great and quiet intellects. It lies flat out and stupitied on medication. Rock takes Queen - oh - Fuck it! - pawn. This has become chinese checkers, snakes and ladders. The new townhouses look down from their dissipated and dimmed tempered interiors. A 1000 puzzle, A 500 puzzle. Trivial Pursuit (Genius edition). Love hearts on cheesecake which fall off. The Blondinen. (Bovine) Quiz, Tabu (R Rated), Tabu (Junior), Domino and THERAPY!  
SCAPEL - a novel, International bestseller, step off the edge into terror.

Once I understood what was making America such a dangerous, unhappy place of people who had nothing to do with real life, ~~every person would~~ I resolved to shun story telling. I would write about life. Every person would be exactly as important as any other. All facts would also be given equal weightiness. Nothing would be left out. Let others bring order to chaos. I would bring chaos to order, instead, which I think I have done. Kurt Vonnegut.

Draggin my feet when I could have been flying. Dead can dance.

In the ecco chamber of morning birds and mothers snoring.

A recurrent theme in these early poems is the effect of "family ghosts": Auden's term for the powerful, unseen psychological effects of preceding generations on any individual life. W.H. AUDEN.

Botanical Art.

Hitler's Furies: German women in the Nazi killing fields  
by Wendy Lower.

"Ruinenwert" - ruin value or buildings that decayed well.  
(self portrait as failed state)

"German abstractionism and English pragmatism go their very separate ways"  
"Gleichschaltung" - forcing individuals and organisations into line.

Autodidact. - ~~the substitute knowledge~~  
His intimate acquaintance with a large number of individual trees did not make him an expert on the forest as a whole.

Alpine German provincials showed the hated Prussian intellectuals the door.

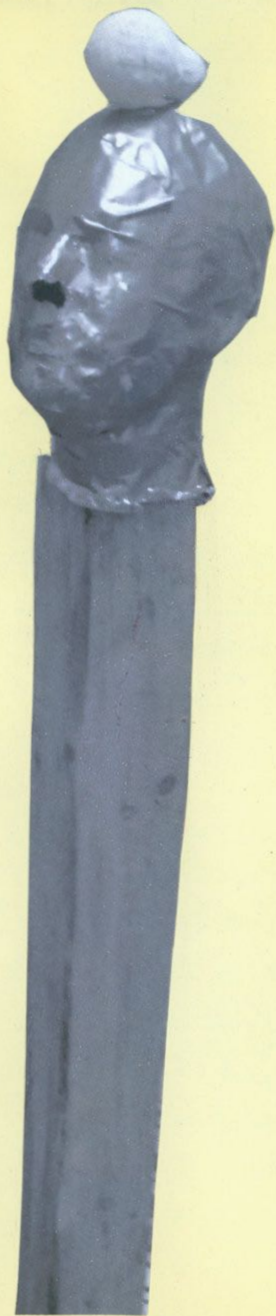
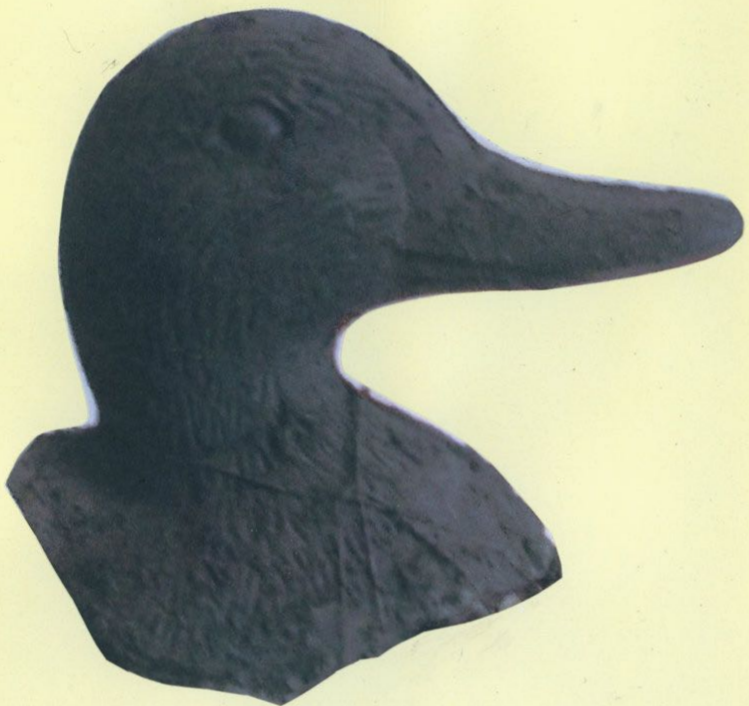
"Tschapperl" Austrian dialect for dimwit.  
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Winston Churchill sits in Hitler's chair during a visit to his Berlin bunker in 1945

Many others had a vested interest in fostering amnesia.

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**Opening event: Friday night, 14 July from 6pm**

**Exhibition dates: 11 July – 22 July 2023**

**Venue: Woolloongabba Art Gallery**