

Street Language – Lab work

1. Use the internet to find out about **Cockney rhyming slang**. Be prepared to explain what it is.
2. Explain the meaning of the expressions in bold in the sentences that follow.

- a *Get up those **apples and pears** to bed!*
- b *The girl put the money in her **sky rocket**.*
- c *That guy was a **tea leaf** so he spent some time in prison.*
- d *He put the whole cake in his **north and south**.*
- e *When you have a minute to talk, just pick up the old **dog and bone**.*
- f *Can you **Adam and Eve** it?*
- g *If you're lucky, you'll get to meet the **baked bean**.*
- h *That dog worked really hard, but now he's **brown bread**.*
- i *It's nice and sunny. Put some cream on and brown your **bacon and eggs**.*
- j *Don't be so silly. Just use your **loaf of bread**.*

3. Now find some more examples of Cockney rhyming slang. Write them here with their definitions. At the end of the lesson, see if your classmates can guess the definitions:

4. If you have time, watch the scene from the film “*Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*” at the link below. As rhyming slang is sometimes difficult even for native English speakers to understand, some of the expressions have been “translated” into standard English subtitles! Listen carefully and try to note the original rhyming slang expressions.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu7aj1SCE8k>
