

## British Terms/Slang in *Lord of the Flies*

### Chapter 1

#### ***Home Counties***

the counties nearest London.

#### ***sucks to your auntie***

a British slang expression of derision or contempt; here, “forget your auntie” or “your auntie be damned.”

#### ***head boy***

an honorary title given to a student who has made the best all-around contribution to student life and maintains exemplary conduct.

#### ***wacco***

excellent.

#### ***wizard***

[Brit. Informal] excellent.

#### ***smashing***

outstandingly good; extraordinary.

### Chapter 2

#### ***Treasure Island***

Robert Louis Stevenson’s 1883 novel about a heroic boy’s search for buried gold and his encounter with pirates.

#### ***Swallows and Amazons***

the first (1930) of a series of adventure books by Arthur Ransome, about a group of children on vacation.

#### ***Coral Island***

Robert Ballantyne’s 1857 adventure tale about three boys shipwrecked on a wasting time; puttering around.

#### ***sod you***

a vulgar British slang phrase showing extreme contempt.

#### ***nuts***

a slang exclamation of disgust, scorn, disappointment, refusal, etc.

#### ***bollocks***

a vulgar slang exclamation expressing anger, disbelief, etc.

### Chapter 3

#### ***batty***

crazy or eccentric.

#### ***crackers***

crazy; insane.

#### ***queer***

differing from what is usual or ordinary; odd; singular; strange.

### Chapter 4

#### ***dazzle paint***

British term for camouflage; the disguising of troops, ships, guns, etc. to conceal them from the enemy, as by the use of paint, nets, or leaves in patterns merging with the background.

#### ***bloody***

cursed; damned.

#### ***Ha’porth***

contraction of “a halfpenny’s worth,” meaning a very small amount.

#### ***One for his nob***

a hit on his head.

#### ***Give him a fourpenny one***

hit him on the jaw.

### Chapter 5

#### ***lavatory***

a flush toilet.

#### ***taken short***

informal phrase for having diarrhea.

**jolly**  
very; altogether.

**bogie**  
an imaginary evil being or spirit; goblin.

**mucking about**  
wasting time; puttering around.

**sod you**  
a vulgar British slang phrase showing extreme contempt.

## Chapter 6

**waxy**  
enraged.

## Chapter 7

**do us**  
kill us.

**bum**  
the buttocks.

**rugger**  
Informal] rugby.

## Chapter 8

**prefect**  
in some private schools, esp. in England, an older student with disciplinary authority.

**cracked**  
mentally unbalanced; crazy.

## Chapter 10

**barmy**  
crazy.

**round the bend**  
crazy; insane.

**bomb happy**  
crazy; insane.

**lamp standard**  
lamppost.

## Chapter 11

**pinch**  
to steal.

## Chapter 12

**pax**  
peace, here meant as a call for a truce.

**diddle**  
to move back and forth jerkily or rapidly; juggle.

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