

CANNABIS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES: Glossary of Terms
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Slang terms for cannabis and cannabis products

There are hundreds of slang terms for cannabis and concentrated cannabis products. Below are some of the most popular. Slang terms can be unique to specific groups or locations, or even to specific strains or brands of the substance.

BHO		
Bubble hash	Green	
Bud	Hash	Shatter
Budder	Hashish	Spliff
Catnip	Herb	Wax
Crumble	J	Weed
Dank	Joint	
Doobie	Kief	
Dope	Magic brownie	
Flower	Marijuana	
Ganja	Mary Jane	
Grass	Pot	
	Reefer	
	Rosin	

TERM	DEFINITION
420 (also 4:20 or 4/20)	An unofficial holiday (April 20 th) in celebration of cannabis. There are several versions of the origin of this 'holiday.' The most popular relates to a 1971 group of California high school students who would meet every day at exactly 4:20pm when school ended to smoke cannabis.
710 (also 7:10 or 7/10)	An unofficial holiday in celebration of cannabis concentrates, such as butane hash oil. Note that the number '710' looks like the word 'oil' upside down.
Blunt	A blunt is a cigar that has been emptied of tobacco and refilled with dried cannabis material. Blunts are rolled with tobacco-leaf wraps or other wraps that are not rolling paper. Note: the tobacco in the wrap exposes the user to nicotine and other harmful particles.
Bong	A bong is a special type of pipe used to smoke dried cannabis material. It filters the smoke through water and sometimes ice. This cools the smoke and makes it less harsh. It does not make it safer. Breathing smoke of any kind can cause damage to the respiratory system, even when filtered through water. Most bongs are made out of heat-resistant glass, ceramic, acrylic, or silicone.
Buds	Buds are the unfertilized flowers of female cannabis plants. They are the most commonly used part of the cannabis plant because buds contain the highest amount of cannabinoids and terpenes. Once buds have been dried and cured, they can be smoked, vaped, or crumbled into food. "Bud" and "flower" are slang terms for dried cannabis plant material, and are used interchangeably.
Budder	A very potent cannabis concentrate with a smooth, creamy yellow texture similar to butter. It's made by extracting cannabis oil from the plant, and then whipping it until it has the consistency of butter. Budder is often used for dabbing or mixing into other products.

Butane hash oil or BHO	A very potent oily cannabis concentrate. It is produced using butane, a flammable solvent, to extract chemical compounds like THC or CBD from the cannabis plant. During the process, butane gas spreads into the air and can be easily ignited through static electricity or other flame source. There have been many explosions/fires attributed to illicit cannabis BHO production. BHO is usually golden to brown in color.
Cannabidiol or CBD	Cannabidiol (CBD) is a chemical compound found in the cannabis plant. It is non-impairing, meaning it does not have psychoactive properties and does not cause a “high.” CBD is typically extracted from hemp, a variety of cannabis with a very low amount of THC. It is available in various forms including oil, capsules, edibles, and topicals.
Cannabinoid	A chemical compound found naturally in cannabis plants which causes drug-like effects all through the body, including on the central nervous system. The main psychoactive cannabinoid in cannabis is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, also called delta-9 THC or THC. Cannabinoids are found in some other plants too, though not as commonly or in the same concentrations as in cannabis plants.
Cannabis	Short for <i>Cannabis sativa</i> , a plant. Cannabis is also used to describe products made from the plant.
Cannabis sativa	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> is the scientific name of a plant. Today, people often use ‘Cannabis’ to mean both the plant and all products made from it.
Cannabis use disorder	A mental health condition in which someone is not able to stop using cannabis even though it's causing health and social problems in their lives. It is a form of substance use disorder (SUD).
Concentrates	Products made by isolating and concentrating cannabinoids, particularly THC, from the cannabis plant. The cannabinoids may be removed by mechanical or chemical means. Cannabis concentrates come in many forms. They can be dry and crumbly, oily, waxy, creamy, or hard and brittle. They are generally very potent, meaning the concentration of THC can be as high as 50–95%.

Dab Dabbing Dab rig	A dab rig (also called an oil rig, glass rig, or an E rig) is a type of water pipe, similar to a bong, but designed specifically for vaporizing cannabis concentrates such as shatter, wax, live resin, or rosin. The concentrate ("dab") must be heated to a very high temperature—between 315-450°F. Some dab rigs are electric, others require the use of a hand-held butane torch to heat up the surface on which the dab is placed.
Delta-8 Tetrahydrocannabinol Also Delta-8 THC	A cannabinoid (chemical compound) found naturally in cannabis plants. Delta 8 THC's chemical structure is almost identical to delta 9 THC, and it causes similar drug-like effects. However, the amount of delta 8 THC in cannabis plants is very low. Therefore, delta 8 THC must be extracted and concentrated through a chemical process. It is often extracted from hemp, because hemp is legal to grow.
Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol Also Delta-9 THC or THC	The primary cannabinoid responsible for cannabis' psychoactive properties. Usually when people use the term <i>THC</i> , this is usually the particular cannabinoid to which they are referring.
Dispensary	A place that sells cannabis and cannabis products. A <i>medical dispensary</i> only sells products to people with a legal prescription for cannabis.
Edibles	Candies, baked goods, beverages, and other foods laced with cannabis, usually in the form of cannabis concentrates. Eating or drinking edibles causes the same effects as smoking or vaping, but the effects are often delayed by up to 2 hours and last much longer.
Extracts	A broad range of products containing cannabinoids like THC which were removed from the plant using a chemical process. This extraction process often involves a solvent. Extracts are generally very potent, meaning the concentration of THC is very high.

Flower	The flowering part of the female cannabis plant. It is the consumable part of the plant and the primary location of the trichomes which produce and store cannabinoids. “Bud” and “flower” are also both slang terms for dried cannabis plant material, and are used interchangeably.
Gardening	A slang term for using cannabis. It is particularly used by teens on social media apps like TikTok.
Hashish Also hash, hash oil	A particular type of potent cannabis concentrate. Hash (or hashish) is a dense green or brown paste made from resin, which is a gummy substance excreted by cannabis plants. It is typically smoked in a pipe or bong. Hash can also be eaten or rolled into a joint, often combined with tobacco to help it burn better. Hash oil is an oily product extracted from hash.
Hemp	Hemp is a <i>Cannabis sativa</i> plant which naturally contains less than 0.3% delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive compound in cannabis. Smoking, vaping, or eating hemp does not cause any euphoric effects (feeling “high”). Hemp has many agricultural uses including making fabric, rope, animal feed, and more. It is also a source of cannabidiol (CBD). It has been legal to farm hemp since 2018.
Joint Also ‘J’	A cannabis cigarette typically made by hand-rolling dried cannabis plant material into commercial rolling paper.
Kief Also Keef	A form of cannabis concentrate. Kief is the dried trichomes which have either fallen off or been removed from cannabis flower. It looks like a powdery, crystalline substance and is high in THC.
Marijuana	A slang term for cannabis or products made from cannabis.
Oil rig	Another name for a dab rig (a device used for vaporizing cannabis).
Potency	Strength or concentration.
Pre-roll	A cannabis cigarette (joint) already rolled for buyers.

Psychoactive	Affects how the brain works and causes changes in mood, awareness, thoughts, feelings, or behavior.
Resin Also Rosin	A gummy substance excreted by cannabis plants. It can be consumed by itself, or used to make hashish.
Rolling paper	Special paper used to make hand-rolled cigarettes or joints. Some varieties are flavored.
Schedule 1 drug	According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Schedule 1 drugs are “drugs, substances, or chemicals that have no currently accepted medical use and have a high potential for abuse.” The federal government considers cannabis a schedule 1 drug.
Shatter	A highly potent cannabis concentrate. Shatter is made by using a solvent like butane to extract psychoactive compounds from cannabis and forming them into a solid, brittle, amber-colored substance. It is commonly dabbed or vaped.
Solvent	A chemical substance (usually liquid) that dissolves other substances to form a solution.
Spliff	A mixture of cannabis and loose tobacco leaves rolled into a joint for smoking.
Synthetic cannabis Also Synthetics	Lab-made substances that are chemically similar to compounds found in the cannabis plant, though they often produce very different health effects. Most are illegally manufactured and sold.
Terpenes	Chemicals in the cannabis flower which determine its scent and taste. Terpenes are primarily produced and stored in the trichomes.
Tetrahydrocannabinol Also THC	A specific chemical compound found naturally in cannabis plants which causes drug-like effects all through the body, including the central nervous system. THC is in a class of compounds called cannabinoids. The primary cannabinoid responsible for cannabis’ psychoactive properties is delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, also called delta-9 THC or just THC.
Tincture	A type of liquid cannabis concentrate. Tinctures are cannabis-infused alcohols or oils that are typically used by placing a drop under the tongue. The cannabis is absorbed directly into the bloodstream through the mucous membranes of the mouth without going through the stomach or lungs first.

Topicals	Cannabinoid-infused oils, creams and lotions that are intended for application directly to the skin, hair or nails.
Torch also butane torch or dab torch)	A handheld tool that burns butane to produce an intense flame. It can be used to sear meats, caramelize sugar, melt cheese, solder jewelry, or other kitchen or craft projects. Cannabis users use a torch to heat a dab (cannabis concentrate) in a dab rig and inhale the resulting vapor.
Trichomes	Tiny, hair-like glands that cover the leaves and buds of cannabis plants. They appear as white crystals or dust-like particles, and are the primary site of cannabinoid production and storage. They also contain the plant's terpenes.
Vape	As a noun, it is another word for a vaporizer or vaping device. As a verb, it is the act of inhaling and exhaling vapor from a vaping device.
Vaporizer Also Vaping Device	A battery-powered tool which turns chemical-infused liquid into an aerosol which can be inhaled. Vaping devices can be used to consume nicotine or cannabis. Some vaping devices are specially designed to burn other cannabis substances including dried plant material or hashish.
Water pipe	Another name for a bong.