

gangster['gæŋstə] *n*

1. гангстер, бандит
2. *амер. сл.* сигарета с марихуаной

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gang·ster [gangster gangsters] *BrE* ['gæŋstə(r)] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['gæŋstər] ^ˈ **noun**

a member of a group of violent criminals

- Chicago gangsters

Culture:**gangs**

In US history gangs are often associated with the Wild West, the western part of the US during the period when people were beginning to move there. People like Jesse **James** became famous for leading gangs which committed crimes like robbing banks. People involved in organized crime, particularly during the 1920s and 1930s, were called **gangsters**. The word **gang** is no longer used to refer to the group known as the **Mafia**, though members of the Mafia are often involved in **gangland killings**. Gangs involved in organized criminal activity were less of a problem in Britain, though in the 1960s the **Kray twins** ran a gang in the **East End** of London and **triads**, gangs similar to the Mafia, operate in some Chinese communities in Britain. Criminal gangs involved in **human trafficking**, bringing people to the UK illegally and making them work for very little pay are an increasing problem.

In Britain and the US **gang** now usually means a **street gang**, a group of young people in an **inner city** area. Gangs have their own parts of the city and keep other gangs out of them. They may show which parts of the city they control by **tagging**, spraying paint in particular designs on the walls in the area. People who belong to such gangs are called **gang members**. Crimes commonly associated with street gangs include selling **drugs** and, in the US, **drive-by shootings**, when they shoot a member of another gang while driving past, often injuring other people at the same time. In Britain gun crime related to rival gangs is increasing. In Britain in the 1960s and 1970s gangs of **skinheads** caused fear among ethnic minority groups, and in recent years Asian and West Indian gangs have been established in places such as Birmingham and Manchester. Many of these gangs were formed originally to defend the local community, but then became involved in criminal activity. There are also football gangs, groups of supporters who attack rival **fans** at big matches.

Example Bank:

- We watched a movie about Chicago gangsters.

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