

**Blow out** (common), an entertainment or feast.

"She sent me a card for a *blow out*," said Mowbray, "and so I am resolved to go."—*Sir Walter Scott: St. Ronan's Well.*

Synonyms are "spread," "flare up."

**Blow up** (common), so universally used as to have almost ceased to be slang; to vehemently scold, reprimand.

The other day some poor fellow married a somewhat faded beauty, and one of his former acquaintances inquired how the newly-wedded pair were getting on. "Very indifferent," was the reply. "She's always *blowing him up*." "I'm not surprised at that," said the first. "Look at the amount of powder she carries about her."—*Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.*

To give a *blowing up* is synonymous.

(Workmen), to *blow up* (i.e., to sound the whistle), is to call the men to work; used by foremen and gaugers.

**Blowsy** (common), wild, disordered, dishevelled, generally applied to the hair of a woman when unkempt, disarranged, and streaming over her forehead and face. "Blowsabella" is the name given to a personage in an ancient mock heroic poem.

**Blub** (popular), an abbreviation of to "blubber," to cry like a child with noise and slaving.

Don't be a fool and *blub*, Jim, it's a darned good thing for you, You'll find a mate as can carry and I'll play the music too.

—*George K. Sims: Ballads of Babylon.*

**Blubber** (popular), the mouth; to "sport *blubber*" is said of a large coarse woman who exposes her bosom; *blubber* and guts, obesity; *blubber-belly*, a fat person; *blubber-head*, a stupid person. (Nautical), *blubber* boiler, a whaling vessel. (Common). *blubber* cheeks, large flaccid cheeks hanging like the fat or *blubber* of a whale. The term has ceased to be slang.

**Bluchers** (Winchester), college prefects with only "half" power, which means they can only "fag" men in "hall" or "chambers."

The remaining eight college prefects (called in Winchester tongue *bluchers*) have a more limited authority, confined to chambers and the quadrangle.—*Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine.*

**Bludgers** (thieves), fellows who do not hesitate to use the bludgeon.

**Bludget**, a low female thief who decoys her victims into alleyways, &c., to rob them (New York Slang Dictionary). *Bludger* (English slang), a man who uses violence in robbery; it has possibly some connection with the old Dutch slang word *bolletje*, a man or master. "Volmaakt, bolletje, volmaakt!"

**Blue** (common). This word enters into several slang phrases, not only English but of other nationalities.

To be in "the *blues*," to have a "fit of the *blues*" (in French *broyer du noir*), to be afflicted with