

Braw Banter

Old Scots words and sayings your granny used!



Haud yer wheesht!

Be quiet

Ah dinnae ken

I don't know

Whit's fur ye'll no go by ye

What's meant to happen will

Lang may yer lum reek!

May you live long and stay well

Keep the heid!

Stay calm

Yer awfy crabbit

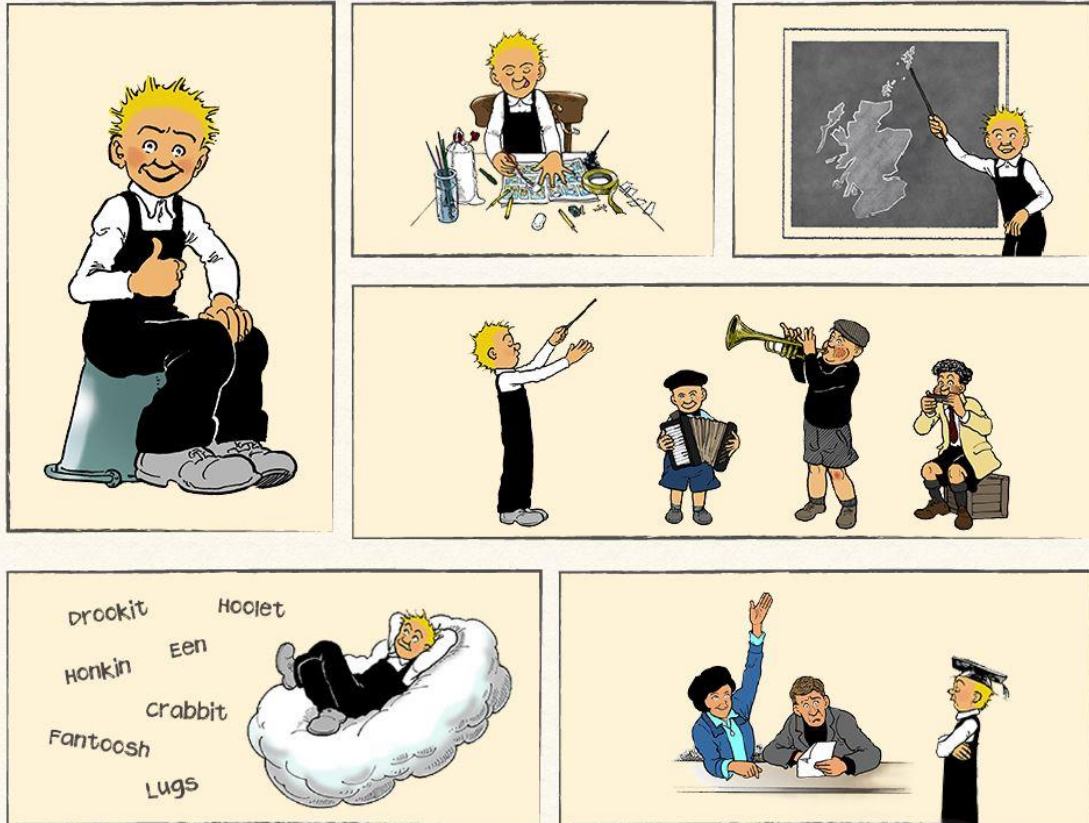
You're awfully grumpy

Mony a mickle maks a muckle!

Saving a small amount adds up

Oor Wullie

A guid fun wey tae lairn oor language



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Here's a few more brilliant words and phrases that you may know:

bahookie: [bottom](#)

bampot: [idiot](#)

bealin: [rotten / awful](#)

besom: [a broom](#)

birle: [to spin](#)

blether: [a chat](#)

blootered: [very drunk](#)

braw: [fine / good](#)

canny: [shrewd / nice](#)

clarty: [muddy](#)

cludgie: [toilet](#)

clype: [to tell tales](#)

coorie: snuggle / cuddle

crabbit: grumpy

drookit: drenched

eejit: idiot

fouter: an aimless person / to potter

glaikit: stupid

haiver: to chatter foolishly

mauchit: dirty

savvy: understanding

shoogle: shake

sleekit: smooth / deceitful

stramash: disturbance

couthie: friendly (person) cosy (place)

dreich: gloomy

drouth: drought / dry

fankle: a tangle

gallus: cheeky / daring

greet: to cry

gie it laldy: do it with gusto

numpty: idiot

scunnered: downtrodden

skelp: to slap / beat

stotter: stagger (also handsome / cute)

wabbit: tired / unwell

wheesht: be quiet

