

Hello guys, Please help answer the following questions. If there is a detached house like in the attached snapshot, does it have a vard, a court, or a courtyard where children play in a sandbox, play tags, or something? Thank you very much. I don't see a picture. A courtyard has buildings around it. If there's a dedicated area for children to play, I might say playground. In BrE, a yard needn't be paved over - this would be the garden in BrE. Cross-posted In Canada a detached house has a vard, often surrounded by a fence or hedge on the property line. Most recreational activities take place in the back yard which is more private. The front yard tends to be more decorative with flowers and landscaping. The yard usually consists mostly of lawn, but paved patios or wooden decks are also popular and most likely where you would have a barbecue. I understand a court yard is surrounded on three or four sides by a building or wall. Some apartment buildings and condominium complexes have courtyards. It's a very open 1970s design. They would build much denser now, with no green space. I don't see a picture. A courtyard has buildings around it. If there's a dedicated area that has been paved over. Sometimes, patio is also used. In AmE, a yard needn't be paved over - this would be the garden in BrE. Crossposted Have just managed to upload proper extension pictures. Please check the very first post. In the UK we use the word 'garden' - front garden and back garden. A detached house certainly would have a garden. Other houses usually have back gardens sometimes quite large ones. It all depends on the age of the house and how much it costs. Blocks of flats do not usually have play areas for children or any communal areas. Ok, the house has a small yard. With the big apartment block, it is impossible to tell. Typically very tall buildings don't have courtyards because they'd be mossy pits surrounded by canyon walls of concrete. The multi-story building in the picture does not look like it has a courtyard because it's a basically rectangular building. A courtyard is an open area that a building wraps around. This is a courtyard. I see you have added photos to your opening post now. I would talk about the grounds of a block of flats, and the garden of a (detached) house. A courtyard is less common in Western architecture, whereas it is an established traditional Chinese style, with courtyard houses. I sometimes hear the word court used in talk about open areas filled with tables inside of shopping malls: a food court = an open dining area in a shopping malls: a food court = an open dining area in a shopping mall that holds tables and is generally surrounded by fast-food outlets. Other than that, I hear and use the words courthouse (a building that contains courtrooms for trials and other judicial proceedings) and courtyard. I see you have added photos to your opening post now. I would talk about the grounds of a block of flats, and the garden of a (detached) house. A courtyard is less common in Western architecture, whereas it is an established traditional Chinese style, with courtyard houses. View attachment 45102 As I understood, a courtyard is an inner area surrounded by walls or buildings, isn't it? Only for a sovereign's residence! OK, sometimes it's used in the name of a large house or block of flats, but no one would say 'I live in a court'. According to this WR definition it can be used like courtyard, although my personal experience is it is far less common. court Architecture an open area surrounded by buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings, walls, etc.:[countable] Flowers and trees grew in the court of our buildings. house could be on a court. As I understood, a courtyard is an inner area surrounded by walls or buildings, isn't it? Yes, I would say 'walled garden'. As for the private house, now it is clear that it is called a yard, a back yard or a garden. As for the multi-story building, I have found some more photos on the Internet. Can this be called a courtyard if I want to say that my children are playing in the courtyard at the moment? Yes. The areas in the first two pictures look like something that you could reasonably call courtyards. In ordinary jabber about apartment buildings, people also use open spaces or common areas when they refer to little squares of grass, swing sets, sand boxes, etc. that aren't strictly surrounded by buildings on three or four sides. No for me. I would talk about the building grounds for the first picture, and the playground for the others (because of the presence of children's equipment). Playground is also an option in this case, as anyway it is a playground for playing. As for the "building grounds", would it sound something like "The children are having fun in the grounds"? I would tend to call these common areas or playgrounds. Not courtyards. I've tried looking on the internet but I haven't been able to find an answer for what 'yard boy' actually means. This is the context: "afraid that his materials would be stolen, by appointment if he got a watchman, by yard boys if not" This is happening in Ghana (Taiye Selasi, Ghana Must Go). I'm not from Ghana, so I'm not sure, but I'd take it to mean either 1) local boys who are hired to do menial jobs in the neighborhood, or 2) local boys who roam around looking for scrap or other things to sell. The OED has this definition: yard-boy n. a general labourer; a gardener or gardener or gardener or gardener or the neighborhood, or 2) local boys who roam around looking for scrap or other things to sell. The OED has this definition: yard-boy n. a general labourer; a gardener or gardener suggestion that yard boys are likely to be thieves. Yeah, well, I think anthox's second definition is what I'm looking for and the context is self-evident in this respect. It's not exactly thieves, it's on the borderline in a way. It's just people living off scraps. Of course they might take away pretious materials too while they're at it What does "muster yard" mean? It seems to be a term used in the countries of the former British Empire. I am not familiar with it from US English. It seems to denote an assembly area, but I am unclear about its relation to penal institutions / slaughter houses and what seems to be a more general usage. -- What originally motivated my question: "[Our politics was] observed from the muster yard and is regarded as an amusing blood sport that will always end badly. That it is followed avidly doesn't mean it is taken seriously." New York Times article by an Australian writer --- Other examples from the web: "Muster yard dog trial photos" "Loudspeaker in the muster yard of Concentration camp "photo "The muster-yard is a spacious quadrangle, 140 yards long by 35 yards wide; it is enclosed on three sides by the officers' quarters, cooking and baking-houses" from a book on penal discipline "[Boy Scout] Troop 1 Is Collecting for Fireman's Muster Yard Sale" "Twice yearly the central North Island feral horses are herded by helicopters into a muster yard before being auctioned off" New Zealand -- Thanks for any help The military meaning is a yard where soldiers would gather on parade. The more general meaning is a yard or place to gather. In the New York Times article it is being used figuratively since the population don't actually gather anywhere - well not usually. The term is not in the OED, or any dictionary I've got to hand, but I would take it mean an exercise/recreation yard or perhaps drill/parade ground. (The Scout troop is from West Groton, Massachusetts - they hold an annual Firemen's Muster yard sale). Cross-mustered. ... "[Boy Scout] Troop 1 Is Collecting for Fireman's Muster Yard Sale" ... This passage does not use the phrase "muster yard." It should be parsed as "... is collecting for (Fireman's Muster) (Yard Sale)." Their yard sale (one phrase) takes place together with the town's annual Fireman's Muster (the other phrase). It is a coincidence that those two words are together in this sentence. As I read this I remembered that a school I went to in Australia when I lived there as a child used to call the space outside where each morning we sang the National Anthem and saluted to look it up (but found nothing). What I did find was another occurrence in a book written by an Englishman who went to a Royal Navy School (link to Google Books here) which had an enclosed muster yard (English weather!). Looking at the article, it seems to be used as a direct contrast to the sentence which precedes it: "Your politics was shaped by its break from a regal tradition, and so is marked, mirrorlike, by its origins: a veneration of the forms, people and rituals of power. [American politics was shaped by the Revolution and the break from Britain.] "Ours was observed from the muster yard and is regarded as an amusing blood sport that will always end badly. That it is followed avidly doesn't mean it is taken seriously." [Australian politics was shaped by loyally gathering in the muster yard ready to answer the call to arms issued by Britain.] Re Egmont's "This passage does not use the phrase "muster yard." It should be parsed as "... is collecting for (Fireman's Muster) (Yard Sale). "Their yard sale (one phrase) takes place together with the town's annual Fireman's Muster (the other phrase). It is a coincidence that those two words are together with the town's annual Fireman's Muster (the other phrase) takes place together with the town's annual Fireman's Muster (the other phrase). are misread this way, especially if i do the misreading. So then what would a "Fireman's Muster Yard Sale" be? A yard sale sponsored by the Fire Department? Cómo dirían "play yard" en Español? Es un pequeño patio hecho para jugar? Patio infantil para jugar? Normalmente es algo que se puede poner y quitar facilmente. Si te refieres a esto, yo usaría la palabra parque: parque infantil parque para bebé parque de juego Me alegro de que hayas arrojado un poco de luz sobre el tema porque, cuando miré el hilo por primera vez, era incapaz de deducir el significado de "play yard". Siempre lo he llamado "playpen" en BrE. Hello Everybody! This is my first post in the English Only forum... I wanted to ask you a question referring to the usage of the terms "garden" and "yard". I have always used "garden" to describe a green area around my house, with a cobbled area, a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. Moreover, I saw on TV many animated children's songs entitled "In the garden", "I go down to the garden", "I go down to the garden", a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. Moreover, I saw on TV many animated children's songs entitled "In the garden", "I go down to the garden", a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. Moreover, I saw on TV many animated children's songs entitled "In the garden", "I go down to the garden", a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. Moreover, I saw on TV many animated children's songs entitled "In the garden", a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. Moreover, I saw on TV many animated children's songs entitled "In the garden", a lawn, many trees and lots of flowers around. 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But as a major part of the land EO, dianadc2103! > Is there maybe a difference between BE and AE? There may be, let's wait and see. I'm with you on gardens, and for me, a yard would need to paved over. (Cross-posted) Your childhood experience is similar to standard British usage. As a child, my house had a back yard (floored with bricks or stone slabs) and also a back garden (grass, flower-beds, trees). The AE usage where yard = flower garden seems quite alien; though I've grown used to hearing it on film, I would never use it. As for the vegetable area, in Britain this is a vegetable garden or (smaller) a kitchen ga www.duckswild.com/junk1.jpg for an example. Come round and see my next-door neighbours... unfortunately their yard is full of junk. I use the word yard as my back garden has no grass, flowers or anything growing at all. It is a small concrete area. Sometimes I call it a yard, sometimes a garden. If it had grass, I would not call it a yard. Come round and see my next-door neighbours... unfortunately their yard is full of junk. I use the word yard as my back garden has no grass, I would not call it a yard. I have bolded what I think is the key difference in usage in the AE BE forms. In AE and BE, there may be many things referred to, singly or in combination, as "garden" - formal, tea, vegetable, flower, rose etc. However, in BE there is only one thing that qualifies as a yard - paved, cobbled, gravel etc., but NO vegetation (except perhaps weeds between stones or pavers). This is a UK/US thing. I would say "I have a vegetable garden in my back yard" meaning there's a section of the yard behind my house where vegetables are grown, the rest can be covered with grass, trees, paving or whatever else. Thank you very much! You' have all been very kind and clear in your explanations. I really appreciate it! a "yard" might contain nothing but junk. (a condition encountered occasionally in the U.S., but something I never observed in the U.K.) You are, as always, the epitome of gallantry. Unfortunately, the phenomenon you describe is not unknown in this country. But it is still called a "garden", even if it is full of junk, or, as we say, "rubbish". Here's one vote from the American Midwest telling you to trust your mother and ignore your Connecticut friend, who is too much of a stickler. If my husband tells me he is going out to the garden, I will not be surprised if I look out the window later and see him standing on the grass in the yard, rather than in the vegetable plot or the flower border. Your childhood experience is similar to standard British usage. As a child, my house had a back yard (floored with bricks or stone slabs) and also a back garden (grass, flower-beds, trees). The AE usage where yard = flower garden seems quite alien; though I've grown used to hearing it on film, I would never use it. As an American, I also find "yard = flower garden" to be quite alien. A yard is mostly grass. A flower garden is mostly flowers. DianaDC, as a 14th-generation English-speaking American, I qualify as about as native an AE speaker as you are going to find. I'm again going to say "Trust your mother." You are correct about the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco or the Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama. Lots of grass and open space in both places. If a yard has absolutely no shrubbery, flowers, vegetables or anything other than grass and a driveway, I would be surprised to hear someone call it a garden, but I wouldn't consider their aspirational terminology to be an error. But very few yards are so unadorned. I also notice that the section of my local hardware store that is now filled up with seasonal lawn seed, lawn mowers, flowering plants, and vegetable seeds is called the "Garden Center." Here in New York, both are used to describe the same area. The ground is behind; there's none in front or between the buildings), which may contain flowers, trees, shrubs, and so on and may be partly paved is what is traditionally called a backyard. But the ground floor rear apartment". A garden may also exists on a terrace or rooftop (terrace garden or roof garden), typically in containers ("container gardening"). In the other boroughs of New York City there are one-family houses with the front, side, and back yards mentioned above. As an American, I also find "yard = flower garden" to be quite alien. A yard is mostly grass. A flower garden is mostly flowers. Hi! I agree. Here, at least where I am from, I would only use the word "garden" if I were referring to an area with plants, flowers, or vegetation. I would never tell my kids, nor have I heard anyone say, "Go play in the garden", because I would find IN one's yard. I would tell my kids "Go play in the (back / front) yard" which would refer to the outside of my house. Hi I'm a little bit confused regarding the difference between vegetable garden and yard. You'd also call an area full of grass a yard. Am I right? Hi, I'm a little bit confused regarding the difference between vegetable garden. It's in your house's yard that is fenced or paved. But you'd also call an area full of grass a yard. Am I right? Hi, I'm a little bit confused regarding the difference between vegetable garden. and yard. You'd call a garden where you grow and tend vegetable garden. It's in your house's yard that is fenced or paved. But you'd also call an area full of grass a yard. Am I right? To whom does "you" refer? (AE or BE speakers) A picture being worth a thousand words: This picture and this picture show what we call front yards in AE - large grassy areas in front of houses, which may or may not contain trees, bushes, flower beds, &c. The grassy area is the lawn; when we cut the grass, most people mow the lawn, though I have heard people say mow the yard. This picture and this picture show back yards - the area behind the house, whether paved or covered with vegetation. This picture and this picture show side yards - the bits of land on either side of the house, connecting the front and back yards. This picture and this picture show flower gardens (or flower beds) - portions of a yard (front, back or side) which have been specifically designated for growing flowers. This picture and this picture show vegetable gardens portions of a yard (usually a back yard) tilled and designated for growing vegetables. Thanks to everybody for your useful contributions! RM1 your pictures were really self-explaining. Just a last question for you: so in the USA (or at least in the Midwest) you would never use the word "garden", stand alone without further specifications (flower garden/vegetable garden), referring to a yard (as Prairiefire had suggested in post N.15?)? But it is ok referring to city parks, right? Well, I guess in AmE it is so: some "yard" (meaning the area around a house) is always a "yard". Correct - I would only use garden to refer to a flower bed or vegetable plot, not to a yard/lawn. In a park, I would be more likely to just say "the flowers," as opposed to "the grass." RM1 SS 's photos are absolutely clear -- for an American context. But in Britain, a yard is this or else this Last edited by a moderator: Oct 7, 2017 Well, thanks to you all, the theory now is perfectly clear .. in practice I'll just have to decide whether to use the word "garden" or "yard" with my kids. I think I'll make a Solomonic decision and ... teach them both! Well, thanks to you all, the theory now is perfectly clear .. in practice I'll just have to decide whether to use the word "garden" or "yard" with my kids. I think I'll make a Solomonic decision and ... teach them both! No Solomon required - just teach them to use the word that is appropriate for country of their reader/listener. Interesting thread. And despite the differences, it's the Garden of Eden or the Hanging Gardens of Babylon for all varieties of English. And we always talk about botanic(al) gardens. Strange, that nobody here was thinking about "vineyard"? Because nobody, in BE nor AE will speak about a vinegarden, isn't it? In Dutch the word Gaardenier refers more to a yard with threes or bushes, rather than to vegetables. Wether on trees, bushes or annual plants like strawberries, is not important. Conclusion is also that the origin of yard is much older, and rather dating from before people had vegetables nor flowers, but managed(cultivating, training, a.s.o.: fruit. < Non-English words removed. Cagey, moderator > Last edited by a moderator: Oct 5, 2017 I cannot think of any fruit other than vines growing in a 'yard'. In any case, a vineyard is not a yard in the sense used in this thread - which refers to the area of ground surrounding a house, known as a garden in BE. The word "yardberry" does not appear in the Oxford English Dictionary, nor have I been able to find it in any online dictionary - not even the Urban Dictionary (that must be a record). And people grew vegetables in their yards or gardens long before anybody spoke any form of English. Yes I have never heard of yardberries and I do have several types of berry shrubs in my yard/ garden.. In some of our cities there are apartments which do not have any (much) area around them and the area is often paved. Reading the previous posts there are some slight differences regionally. In my little corner of the world: the land around the house (often not paved) is a yard regardless of whether paved, just grass, trees, or a garden or in my case a very small orchard. A garden has to have some form of vegetation at all. Vineyard is used when appropriate. Landscape is also used but less frequently. The people who take care of several yards commercially are called landscapers. Hallo Andy, Yardbezen (Flemish) are strawberries. Are you only considering what is written in dictionaries or are you open to opinions you never heard? Try one moment to think about why vineyards are not called vinegardens. Ever heard about an olive yard? No? A fig yard? No? Since biblical times these exist. Any orchard is also rather a yard i.s.o. a garden. One exception in BE is an octopus's garden, there you are right. Gaardenier. This is an English forum. There is no English word "yardberry". The Flemish word for wingeard, which in modern English would be "wineyard"), nor is it about olive groves (not olive groves) nor fig orchards (not fig yards). You can call an olive grove or a fig orchard a yard if you wish, but if you do you will not be speaking English. Thanks for your warm welcome! Last edited by a moderator: Oct 6, 2017 Actually, "yard" and "garden" are etymologically the same word. "Yard" is the "genuine English" form, while "garden" is borrowed from Old French doublets, the French word is classier, the Saxon more down to earth. In Britain, certainly in Kent where is was first planted and also East Sussex imported in the 1500's. Welcome! Kent, the Garden of England (and Sussex is not to be sniffed at). Yes, a hop garden is (Wikipedia): (agriculture, Britain) A field, fields or farm where hops are grown. I have just discovered my old home in Sussex drawn on an estate map dated 1635, it was surrounded by 'Hop Gardens' and I was struck by how little had changed over the years. That New Zealand grew hops was a surprise although I don't really know why, they have been producing other tasty items dear to the British heart, like Anchor butter that I miss so much now it is made in the UK. Hi everyone again. Can you halp us pleaze. My husband tell me I is wrong saying "there is a bench on my backyard". He said it must be in only. There is not IN like a tree. There is a tree in my backyard. It is ok Is i correct? Can you pleaze halp me understand? If we cannt use "on" or we can and in what situation. Thank you Hi Trisha and welcome. Sorry, but no you are not right. Anything that is positioned anywhere within your backyard is 'in' your backyard. You may have: a tree in your backyard a bench in your backyard a car parked in your backyard children playing in your backyard grass in your backyard etc etc. You might have something: on your backyard on the grass in your backyard on the grass in your backyard on the your backyard is 'in' your backyard. 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Not a single one? A yard is generally an area defined by its borders - a fence, walls, the edge of the property. Things are inside the borders. It's not a surface that things are on. Aha, I understand. Thanks a lot. I right if I say there's no way we can use "on" backyard? Not a one way? I think I heard it from my cousin who is in Washington. He is america. Sorry for disturbing you sir. I appreciate your halp a lot. Really. My cousin Phil said "I gotta playground for your kids on my backyard" A front yard is an area in front of a house, and a backyard is an area in the back. But I don't completely understand what this means. There is a house facing south side of the house has a yard on the north and south side each, the south yard would be the front yard and the north would be the backyard. Then, there is this irregular house. The street is on the south side of the house. The front door is on the west side, and most of the windows are actually on the north side and south side. Could anyone tell me which I should call the front yard and which the backyard is? The front yard is where the main entrance to the house is (the front door). This is AE: we talk about front garden would be on the side facing the street. (I'm talking British English here). The back garden would be on the other side and probably would adjoin the back garden of the house on the next street in a common UK arrangement of streets and houses. Thank you! So the front yard (front garden) would be on the south side and the backyard (back garden) would be on the south houses have front yards, backyards and side yards. Some only have front and back or only front or back yards. I think the answer to your question is there isn't one answer. It will depend on the exact layout and relative sizes of the parts and how the people use them. Then, there is this irregular house. The street is on the south side of the house. The front door is on the west side, and most of the windows are actually on the north side. This house has identical-looking yards on both north side and south side. Could anyone tell me which I should call the front yard and which the backyard is? No. No-one could tell you that. This is language, not mathematics. There is no precise definition of "front yard" and "back yard". To fit every possible house and yard, that definition would be very long, and very complicated. But that definition does not exist anywhere. The people who live in your "irregular house" may have an area they call "the front yard". Could anyone tell me which I should call the front yard and which the backyard is? This is not sarcasm, but the good answers above show that the only reliable source is the people who live there. The front door). This is AE: we talk about front garden and back garden in BE (unless it really isn't a garden, of course). Wikipedia. As good a general seeing on which side the street is and the placement of their front and back door. To be sure, I will have to ask the residents how they call each yard or how they use their yards. Our front door is actually on the west side of the house and does not face the gate. Nobody, however, has had a problem about deciding about which bit is our front garden it's the garden on the north side where the gate is, and next to the road. (Before the house was renovated, the back door was on the east side, but our back garden was on the east side, but our back garden was on the south side.) Thanks! Probably the front garden should be the one next to the street most of the times. On parle de gars qui font de la taule, et sont de vrais durs. Geat locked up more often like a man and you learn how this shit works. Rule number one: show the yard dogs who's alpha. Rule number two: take that swagger and build. Je suppose qu'il y a un jeu de mot sur "dog" qui veut dire à la fois "man" dans l'argot Us, et "alpha" étant le mâle dominant. Pour moi, Yard dogs fait référence aux autres détenus, pas aux matons je me trompe? Bonsoir hirondelle "dog" has many meanings but I'd go for "maton." 1) dogs watch over something 2) the most important thing is to establish control over the people who nominally hold the most power (the guards) and 3) "take that swagger and build" wouldn't make sense if "dogs" referred to the other inmates. "take that swagger and build" wouldn't make sense if "dogs" referred to the other inmates. Merci tazzler mais je ne comprends pas le lien entre la règle 1 et la 2. Donc il voudrait dire: montre aux matons qui commande dans cette taule/qui est le mâle dominant ici. Mais quel rapport avec la suite... ? Maintenant je vais ajouter une réplique qui aidera peut-être à trancher. Après "take a swagger and build", il dit: pretty soon, you'll be the one runnig the joint. Le type dit ça en voix OFF dans un film, puis dans le plan suivant, il y a deux autres détenus qui s'approchent de sa cellule et l'un d'eux dit: I own this joint. Bow down and I may let you live. Quant à dog, je pensais plutôt à ce genre de définition (urban dictionary) Dog means a friend or a person that you hangout with. Not to be confused with an animal dog. For Example: What up dog? Donc "mon pote", et les potes seraient les "copains" de taule. Ca pourrait? Last edited: Oct 17, 2012 Pas de lien, ce sont deux raisons pour lesquelles je penche pour "maton." Cette définition trouvée dans un dico (dictionary.com ne laisse pas place au doute: Main Entry: yard dog 1 Part of Speech: nDefinition: a watchdog kept in the yard of a house or farm L'une des raisons principales (à l'origine) d'élever des chiens, c'était de surveiller d'autres animaux domestiques. En plus, il est aussi question de logique. Tu dois établir du contrôle (sur quelques personnes) immédiatement puis établir du contrôle (sur les mêmes) petit à petit? Last edited: Oct 17, 2012 D'accord, merci Tazzler. Il ne mreste plus qu'à comprendre la règle 2... dans une autre discussion. On parle de gars qui font de la taule, et sont de vrais durs. Rule number one: show the yard dogs who's alpha. Rule number two: take that swagger and build. Ah d'accord, voilà d'où sort ce post sur la règle numéro deux. Pour moi c'est clair que les dogs sont des prisonniers mais vu que je ne suis un convict américain, je ne peux pas l'assurer. hmmm... Règle numéro un: Montre à ces types que c'est toi le patron. un peu sec pas vrai? Que penses tu de: Règle numéro un: Montre à ces taulards que c'est toi le mâle alpha. Ah d'accord, voilà d'où sort ce post sur la règle numéro deux. Pour moi c'est clair que les dogs sont des prisonniers mais vu que je ne suis un convict américain, je ne peux pas l'assurer. hmmm... 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A yard bird is also someone (usu a soldier) assigned to a menial task dog or dawg: general way of speaking of your 'crew, your 'mates, your bros, also a derogatory way of referring to "these bitches" with reference to the Alpha dog (leader) C'est exactement à ce sens là que je pensais: dans 'argot noir américain (et j'en traduis souvent), les types s'appellent souvent "dog" (ou dowg") au lieu de "man" qui date plus, et qui est plus gentillet. Et chez les prisonniers, il y a très vite une hiérarchie qui s'installe: soit t'es le chef, soit tu te fais bouffer (et ça, c'est pour être polie). Je penche très fortement pour les autres taulards, du coup. Ca expliquerait pourquoi plus tard, un autre taulard vient le voir et lui dit: I own the joint. Mais pour garder l'idée de meute, et garder the edge of the yard and stand there, you can use "at": I'm at the yard now. It took me fifteen minutes to get here. If you need to emphasize the idea that you are on the surface of the yard, it's possible to use "on the yard": I'm rolling around on the front yard. However, the sentence is unusual, and it would be better to use "lawn" instead of "yard" in that sentence if that yard is covered with grass: I'm rolling around on the front lawn. For some reason, prisoners and guards often use "on the yard" when they refer to the exercise yard at a prison: Those two guys were on the 'at'. The pupils are at or in the backyard having a small party. "In" is normal in this sentence: ...are in the backyard having a small party. I found this sentence: The downstairs may have looked like Steptoe's yard Is this a way to say that the rooms downstairs are very untidy? Thanks There is Steptoe's (look here), a company specializing in demolition and salvage, that may be used here as an example of an untidy, disorganized room. It would seem that they operate in several countries. There is Steptoe's (look here), a company specializing in demolition and salvage, that may be used here as an example of an untidy, disorganized room. It would seem that they operate in several countries. Yes, that picture made me think of the possibility you give. Have you heard this expression before? Personally, I have not. It seems that Steptoe's is active in the UK and in Commonwealth countries. Is the book that you are translating British? Perhaps the reference is to a successful British BBC tv comedy of the 1970s entitled "Steptoe and Son" che trattava la vita quotidiana di un vecchio cenciaiuolo e suo figlio. Their "yard" was a veritable tip. Sorry about the language-switch! Sometimes I don't know whether I'm coming or going! virgilio Hi there, A British book mentioning Steptoe's vard! Then I am almost certain it can only be referring to one thing, (I cannot be absolutely sure as I don't know which book you found it in, and there is no real context). There was a programme on British IV quite some time ago about two rag and bone men (father and son) and they lived in a house filled with all the junk they collected and sold. The yard also was always filled with lots of stuff, and they even had a nuntidy home (even for the shortest time, as they had not got round to cleaning up) they referred to it as "this place looks like "Steptoes" or Steptoes yard!! In other words it's a real mess, I had better tidy up. By the way, it was the funniest programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme on the tv at the time. Link to the programme. Hi there, A British book mentioning Steptoe's yard! Then I am almost certain it can only be referring to one thing, (I cannot be absolutely sure as I don't know which book you found it in, and there is no real context). There was a programme on British TV quite some time ago about two rag and bone men (father and son) and they lived in a house filled with all the junk they collected and sold. The yard also was always filled with lots of stuff, and they even had a horse and cart! Ever since then, if anyone had an untidy home (even for the shortest time, as they had not got round to cleaning up) they referred to it as "this place looks like "Steptoes" or Steptoes yard!! In other words it's a real mess, I had better tidy up. By the way, it was the funniest programme on the ty at the time, Link to the programme, steptoeandson Regards Leo! Thank you a lot, I was wondering how I could have known it without this forum... You're great! And yes, the book is of an English author. It's an autobiography, so this expression refers to his untidy room when he was young. Hi there You are very welcome! You had guessed the meaning anyway, but I agree that this forum is excellent! I also know now thanks to Georgiadis that there was an American version, and the link mentions this too. Regards to all Leo

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