



As I sat down to write an article which featured the catty Twitter brawl between Amanda Bynes and Rihanna, I found myself wording and re-wording several sentences. There were phrases in which I felt that you good readers would find confusing and so to avoid this from happening again, I decided to provide you with a guide to my lingo.

As you all may or may not know, drag queens speak their own language and the success of blogs and shows such as *RuPaul's Drag Race* have introduced the lingo to a whole new audience.

So let's get to it **hunty!**

**Shade (Throwing Shade)** - When a person is doing you wrong in some way.

*Ex: She told you that your hair was laid like Lil' Scrappy's mama. She is definitely throwing shade.*

**No T, No shade** - I don't mean any disrespect. I'm just telling you how it is.

## The Drag Queen Dictionary

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*Ex: Maybe a strapless dress isn't for you, girl. Your back fat looks like breasts; no t, no shade.*

**Come for you** - To offend you

*Ex: You embarrassed me in front of this whole party, I am definitely about to come for you.*

**Sickening** - Something that is amazing and fierce.

*Ex: That outfit is sickening. Where did you get it?!*

**Reading** - To insult or to criticize

*Ex: If I see her tonight I am going to read her from the Table of Contents to the Glossary because she was definitely sub-tweeting me in that tweet about scandalous women.*

**Beating your face/mug** - Putting on your makeup

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*Ex: I'm almost ready. My hair is done and my outfit is laid out; just give me thirty minutes to beat my mug!*

**Werk** - A congratulatory phrase: good job, bring it, etc.

*Ex: You better werrrrrrrk!*

**Hunty** - A term of endearment

*Ex: You better werk hunty!*

**Giving me life** - A phrase that shows how much you enjoy something

*Ex: I love that dress; it is giving me life!*