

hell of a lot of woman. [...] You made me feel like a lot of woman, you know? **1980** in L. LAMOUR *Four Novels* 238: And that was a lot of woman, too. Slim, but graceful and very a lot of spirit and heart.

lotsa *n.* [pron. of SE *lots of* (orig. US) with many, a large number. **1927** *Flynn's Weekly* 1 Jan. 819/1: I never shot nobody. ...Lotsa times I don't carry a gun [OED]. **2000** *Ebonics Primer* at www.dolemite.com [Internet] **-iz** Definition: an extra syllable usually added to a word after the first consonant sound to add 'flow' and/or rhythm to a sentence, phrase, or word. Example: *Damn, nizigga! That bizitch ova there gives lotsa free hizead. Tzight!* **2000** *Guardian* Rev. 10 Mar. 27: Lotsa nasty-ass motherfuckers and bad, ig'nint, troublesome niggaz in this neighbourhood.

Lot's wife *n.* salt.

1921 *N&Q* 12 Ser. IX 425: *Lot's Wife*. Salt.

lotta *n.* [pron. of SE *a lot of* (orig. US) very many, a large number. **1916** J. LAIT 'Canada Kid' in *Beef, Iron and Wine* (1917) 151: A lotta judges is tryin' to copper the lowdown on the bad boy problem. **1923** T.A. DORGAN in *Zwilling TAD Lex.* (1993) 16: The noise of that egg ringin' up the boss to tell him how lonesome he is. That's a lotta bologne. **1938** G. KERSH *Night and the City* 35: Hold that tiger, hold that tiger, hold that tiger [...] a lotta crap. **1944** D. BURLEY *Orig. Hbk of Harlem Jive* 19: A lotta grays and some ungroovy spooks, for that matter, are going to get conked up. **1954** *Wild One* [film script] We had a lotta yaks, huh, Johnny? **1968** N. HEARD *Howard Street* 137: You got a lotta chick there [...] I know a lotta studs be in heaven if they could pull. **1979** E. TORRES *After Hours* 173: Lotta [hoodlum] buffs like that. Wops [...] scoop them up. **1980** E. FOLB *Runnin' Down Some Lines* 92: We don't play d' momma's dozen too much. That starts confusion. [...] A lotta confusion, a lotta fightin'. Don' shoot on d' moms less'n you fittin' to fight. **1999** W. MOSLEY *Walkin' the Dog* 193: A lotta men spend a whole lotta time tryin' to get what they want from you. But how many'a them gonna get off the dime and do for you? **2000** J.J. CONNOLLY *Layer Cake* 109: They just want the same as your very good self: lotta dollar, peace and quiet.

lottie *n.* (S.Afr. gay) the penis.

2003 K. CAGE *Gayle*.

lotties and totties *n.* [theatrical jargon *lotties* and *totties*, out of work young actresses, in turn f. common names] prostitutes as a group.

1885 *Referee* 15 Nov. in WARE (1909) 165/2: 171/2: If time and space permitted I should like to tell you all about the Lotties and the Totties and the other out-of-work pets who pervaded the stalls, and showed a liberal proportion of their backs – backs and bosoms, too – as bare as they were born.

lou *n.*¹ see LOO *n.*¹.

lou *n.*² see LOUIS *n.* (3).

loud and clear *adj.* [rhy. sl.] dear, expensive.

1998 R. PUXLEY *Fresh Rabbit*.

loudmouth *n.* [LOUDMOUTH *adj.*] (orig. US) **1** a braggart, a boaster.

1929 E. DAHLBERG *Bottom Dogs* 144: A lousy loudmouth, is what Mawx called him. **1935** (con. 1920s) J.T. FARRELL *Judgement Day* in *Studs Lonigan* (1936) 577: The order is not particularly concerned with accepting loud-mouths. **1947** I. SHULMAN *Amboy Dukes* 65: If only Kenny were smarter and not such a loud-mouth. **1953** J. THOMPSON *Criminal* (1993) 14: That big redfaced loudmouth. **1968** N. HEARD *Howard Street* 109: I didn't mean for that loudmouth to put it on the radio. **1976** CAB CALLOWAY *Of Minnie the Moocher and Me* 96: MIKE BEST, big-time bookmaker, built like Walter Pidgeon, loudmouth. **1981** J. ELLROY *Brown's Requiem* 33: I butted in. Jensen was a loudmouth and this could go on all day. **1991** D. JARMAN letter 17 Oct. *Smiling in Slow Motion* (2000) 58: I suppose I could have set myself up as the loudmouth he suggests I am. **2000** J.J. CONNOLLY *Layer Cake* 3: People [...] who have to be seen as players, the loud-mouths and braggers.

2 a lawyer.

1981 G.V. HIGGINS *Rat on Fire* (1982) 17: Every landlord in the city's gonna be in federal court with his own high-priced loud-mouth.

loudmouth *adj.* (also **loudmouthed**) **1** (orig. US) boastful, arrogant, vulgar.

1885 C.F. LUMMIS letter 10 Jan. in Byrkit *Letters from the Southwest* (1989) 240: Lockhard, who turned up again, more pig-headed and loud-mouthed and disagreeable than ever. **1914** M. GLASS *Potash and Perlmutter* 144: Sure I know him – a loudmouth feller, Mawruss; got a whole lot to say for himself. **1918** HALL & NILES *One Man's War* (1929) 306: One particularly loud-mouthed bozo [...] said, 'You're pretty foxxy, ain't you!' **1922** 'Brag And Boast' in T.W. TALLEY *Negro Folk Rhymes* 213: Dat big loud mouf Nigger. **1929** 'ELLERY QUEEN' *Roman Hat Mystery* 76: Best I could get for that loud-mouthed shrimp! **1935** C.G. FINNEY *Circus of Dr Lao* 14: Larry the infantryman, Larry the booze-fighter, Larry the whorechaser, Larry the loud-mouthed. **1945** (con. 1928) R. WESTERBY *Mad in Pursuit* 106: Steve Fenn and that bunch. Loud-mouthed fatheads. **1947** B. SCHULBERG

Harder They Fall (1971) 80: All these books [...] had given her a point of view from which to criticise Nick and his loudmouth friends. **1953** L. URIS *Battle Cry* (1964) 291: We got to take that loud-mouth bastard? **1959** E. DE ROO *Go, Man, Go!* 99–100: They didn't go out with other members' bams or anything as lousy as your rap. They was just cheesy and loud-mouthed. **1960** D. HAMILTON *Death of a Citizen* 28: By morning I could be in Texas. Normally I have a good New Mexican's aversion to that loudmouthed state and all its residents. **1969** C. HIMES *Blind Man with a Pistol* (1971) 179: The loudmouthed soul brother was sitting in the first cross seat facing toward the rear. **1969** 'ICEBERG SLIM' *Pimp* 214: A loud-mouth joker beside me was arguing with stud on his other side. **1973** G.V. HIGGINS *Digger's Game* (1981) 11: Give the loudmouth bastard what he wants. **1982** P. BARKER *Union Street* 199: He drinks, doesn't he? Loud-mouthed git. **1989** *Viz* June/July 4: I'm sick of loudmouth celebrities. **1993** M.B. 'CHOPPER' READ *How to Shoot Friends* 98: To me revenge is a holy duty. It is not something to be loudmouthed about in pubs. **1994** N. MCCALL *Makes Me Wanna Holler* (1995) 172: The hustlers, the thumpers, the loudmouth bluffs. **2001** A. SILLTOE *Birthday* 189: His loudmouthed humour was laced with cunning.

2 (US) ostentatious, showy.

1979 'ICEBERG SLIM' *Airtight Willie and Me* 46: My old man copped some loud mouth suits.

loudmouth *v.* [LOUDMOUTH *adj.*] **1** (orig. US) to brag, to boast.

1941 (con. 1938) A. LOMAX *Mister Jelly Roll* (1952) 235: 'Handy could afford to be charitable and slightly contemptuous of Morton, the old whorehouse pianist who seemed to be trying to loud-mouth his way back to big time [...] one critic observed. **1961** C. HIMES *Pinktoes* (1989) 24: More singing and dancing, more knife-toting and loud-mouthing.

2 (US *black*) to speak abusively.

1938 CHARLES 'COW COW' DAVENPORT [song title] Don't You Loud Mouth Me. **1964** MUHAMMED ALI in *Playboy* Oct. [Internet] Well, the big thing I did is that until then, I had just been loudmouthing mostly for the public to hear me, to build up gates for my fights.

loud one *n.* a gross lie.

1678 J. RAY *Proverbs* (2nd edn) 89: That was laid on with a trowel. That's a loud one.

loudspeaker *n.* (US) **1** a braggart, a boaster.

1934 WESEEN *Dict. Amer. Sl.* 188: [College] Loud speaker – A person who is regarded as important or one who regards himself as important.

2 one's wife.

1933 ERSINE *Und. and Prison Sl.* **1939** HOWSLEY *Argot: Dict. of Und. Sl.*

loudtalk *v.* (US *black*) to talk in a way that confronts or embarrasses one's hearers, that is deliberately antagonistic; thus *loud-talk n.*; *loud-talking n.*

1927 H. YENNE 'Prison Lingo' in *AS* II:6 281: *To loud talk a person*—To speak in a loud voice about the person within the hearing of a guard, for violation of rules. **1937** Z.N. HURSTON *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1998) 151: They can't come runnin' over nice people and loud-talk no place whilst Ah'm around. **1967** F. SALAS *Tattoo the Wicked Cross* (1981) 235: Whatever you do, *don't* let the dude loud-talk you into fighting until you got the blade. **1968** N. HEARD *Howard Street* 217: It was time for a loud-talk session. [Ibid.] 220: It was a poor pimp whose loud-talking backfired on him. **1972** MITCHELL-KERNAN 'Signifying, loud-talking and marking', in *Kochman Rappin' and Stylin' Out* 329: Loud-talking requires an audience and can only occur in a situation where there are potential hearers other than the interlocutors. **1985** T.R. HOUSER *Central Sl.* 34: **loud-talkin'** [...] 'That shit ain't rap, niggers be loud-talkin'.'. **1986** EBLE *Campus Sl.* Oct. 4: loud talk – tell someone's secrets. **2001** (con. 1975–6) E. LITTLE *Steel Toes* 18: If you're serious about violence you stay quiet, and Moppa's not loud-talking at all. [Ibid.] 118: Listen up, peckerwood, you are [...] loud-talkin' my friend, who out of the goodness of his heart offered to do this for you.

Louie *n.* [? Fr. coin, the pre-Revolutionary *louis d'or*, synon. for the *écu* of the 17C–18C] (orig. US) \$1, in pl. *louies*, money.

[**1890** *Sporting Times* 8 Feb. 3/2: When I wondered how many louis it was to be, only charged me, or I *should* say, Boxer, a single franc.]

1902 ADE *Forty Modern Fables* 189: A careful Perusal of our Book: 'How to stay Pretty.' It comes to Ten Louies.

louie *n.*¹ [the Mortein commercials of 1960s+ which featured *Louie the Fly*] (Aus.) a fly.

1967 F.J. HARDY *Billy Borker Yarns Again* 2: 'Who's Louis the Fly?' 'The ringkeeper at Tommo's Two-up School; had buck teeth like the fly in the T.V. commercials. His mates used to say to him: 'I hate Mortein. Louis hates Mortein.' **1980** PETER LUCK *This Fabulous Century* 347: The 'Louies' we see in television commercials are actually raised in science laboratories [GAW4]. **1986** *Bulletin* 23 Dec. 208: Samuel Taylor, manufacturer of Mortein, Aerogard and Pea-Beu, is